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Re: State Bar of New Mexico: "Know the Law Before the Law Knows You"

Attention: New Mexico High Schools

The **State Bar of New Mexico** proudly brings to New Mexico high school students -- *Know the Law Before the Law Knows You: for teens and young adults*. This exciting new program informs New Mexico high school students, who are about to make adult decisions, about their new responsibilities and liabilities.

The program will be presented to students in three phases:

Phase 1 - The introduction to the project, along with *Know the Law Before the Law Knows You: for teens and young adults* DVD which briefly explores the following issues: Drinking, Money Matters, Surfing the Internet, Sex and the Law, Driving and Domestic Violence. Please show this DVD in your classrooms at your earliest opportunity. Business cards have been provided to direct students to the website.

Phase 2 - The *Know the Law Before the Law Knows You: for teens and young adults* website will launch www.nmbar.org/knowthelaw.html. The site will be available Monday August 18, 2008. The site is geared to young adults, with legal terms that high school students will be able to understand. The website will provide the most frequently asked questions with answers. It will explore a large variety of legal issues facing young adults.

Phase 3 - The final phase of *Know the Law Before the Law Knows You: for teens and young adults* will be a live presentation by an attorney at the school on a legal issue that you choose. More information on the legal presentations and a sign up form will be mailed to every school along with a list of subjects to choose from. We will begin offering sessions starting October 1, 2008.

We are excited to bring this project to all New Mexico high schools! We believe that it will help inform our youth about the law in preparation for their adult lives. Thank you for helping us reach your students.

Sincerely,

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