

RUSLEF Newsletter

Russia-United States Legal Education Foundation

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RUSLEF Thanks its Donors ! and Seeks Further Donations in 2003 . . .

RUSLEF began public fundraising in 2000 and since then has received gifts in cash, in services, and in goods, from a variety of sources. All donations come from the private sector. Contributions have come in the United States from donors in Ohio, New York, New Jersey, Nevada, Florida, the Washington, D.C. area, and California. Most contributions from outside the United States have come from Russia (most from Russian citizens). Many thanks to our donors!

Cash donations to RUSLEF totaled \$5,300 in 2000, and \$29,017 in 2001. Nationwide, philanthropy saw a downturn in 2002 and RUSLEF was no exception: Cash contributions totaled \$23,475 in 2002, down 19% from 2001, Now going into RUSLEF's 2003 Fundraising Campaign, contributions to date total \$12,575.

RUSLEF has been most fortunate in receiving gifts in services and goods, as well as in cash. Tax advice, fundraising expenses, and administrative and secretarial services have all been donated to the organization by its friends and Trustees. Again, a big thank you! These gifts permit RUSLEF to use its cash donations solely for program expenses.

It costs RUSLEF approximately \$13,000 to provide travel, insurance, housing, food, and books for each Russian student to spend nine-months in an American law school.. RUSLEF hopes, with the help of its donors, to provide scholarships to at least two students during the 2004-2005 academic year.

Please send donations to Joel Levin or the Pickers. (See addresses on page 2 of this Newsletter.) Donations are tax-deductible under the Internal Revenue Code to the extent allowable by law.

RUSLEF Brings Russian Law Students to the United States for the 2003-2004 Academic Year

Students Selected to Attend U. of Maine and Cleveland-Marshall College of Law



Congratulations, Marina & Sergei

Thanks to full tuition waivers offered by the University of Maine School of Law and by the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law of Cleveland State University, Marina Trebukhina and Sergei Lomakin are spending the 2003-2004 academic year in the United States. RUSLEF grants are providing travel and all non-tuition expenses for the students' nine months' stay in the United States. Both students were selected after a competition that included TOEFL testing of applicants' English language skills, a review of their academic records, and interviews of finalists in St. Petersburg by a panel of three RUSLEF Trustees and several American law professors. Marina graduated from the law faculty of St. Petersburg State University in June 2003. During

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A Word about Next Year's Competition

American law schools interested in hosting one (or more) Russian law students, and willing to waive tuition, should contact RUSLEF. RUSLEF hopes once again to be able to bring at least two Russian law students to study in American law schools for the 2004-2005 academic year. A competition will be held to select the winning students with final interviews being held in Russia in June 2004. American law schools are also encouraged to nominate student candidates for RUSLEF's scholarship program.

Novgorod State University Receives Small Grant to Field Jessup Team

A RUSLEF grant enabled Novgorod State University's faculty of law to field a team in the 2003 Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition in Moscow

Who Are RUSLEF's Trustees?

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Russian Law Students Study at Maine and CSU . . .

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her student years, Marina volunteered at a non-profit organization in St. Petersburg that provides help to women in abusive relationships and women being trafficked abroad. While at the U. of Maine Law School, in addition to taking classes,, Marina will be able to continue to pursue her interest in this area at the university's federally-funded assistance center. She plans to continue to work in the nonprofit area after her return to Russia. Sergei has completed his fourth year of undergraduate law study in Novgorod State University's law faculty, Sergei attended the St. Petersburg Summer Law Institute this summer, a program sponsored by Cleveland State University's Cleveland-Marshall College of Law in St. Petersburg, Russia. He will return home next summer to complete the fifth and final year of his undergraduate law degree program where he hopes to participate in Novgorod's Jessup International Moot Court Competition in the spring of 2005. Both Marina and Sergei are doing well in their law school programs at Maine and CSU.

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