

LEGAL EAGLE

The Office of Alumni Relations and Development

January 2003

CNN'S "CROSSFIRE"

GET CAUGHT UP IN THE "CROSSFIRE"

Nasty winter weather caused us to cancel our GOLD Holiday Happy Hour in December, but mark your calendars for an exciting event on March 13!

WCL will be attending a live taping of CNN's political debate program, "Crossfire" at George Washington University.

Crossfire's co-hosts debate the hottest issues of the day with the nation's top newsmakers and political figures. The co-hosts are James Carville and Paul Begala, debating "from the left" and Tucker Carlson and Bob Novak debating "from the right."

We will be mailing invitations with details for this event, but please keep in mind seating will be limited. Please contact Mary Catherine Somerset at msomerset@wcl.american.edu if you are interested in attending.

NEW YORK STATE OF MIND...

In celebration of the 2003 New York State Bar Annual Meeting, WCL will be hosting a reception at the Ritz-Carlton Battery Park on January 23 from 6:30-8:30pm. Please come by and join Dean Grossman and faculty members if you are in town for the meeting.

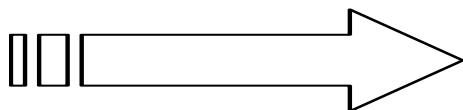
Special thanks are extended to committee members Allison Gray, 1999; Anthony Crowell, 1997; David Berman, 1997; David Brill, 1996; Douglas Kahan, 1987; James Williams, 1993; Leza Di Bella, 1997; Lisa Sier, 1990; and Roger Goldman, 1969 and for their hard work in recruiting classmates and fellow alumni to attend this event.



"Crossfire" Co-hosts, left to right: James Carville, Paul Begala, Tucker Carlson and Bob Novak

UPCOMING REUNION FOR CLASSES ENDING IN 3s and 8s

Reunion is just months away! Dates have been set for the weekend of October 3&4, so make plans to join your classmates back in Washington, DC for a weekend filled with exciting events and new memories to be made. All alumni celebrating a 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th or 25th reunion will be receiving a formal letter to be a part of their class's reunion committee and the planning process.



The Manhattan Skyline at dusk

If you are interested in helping plan the weekend's activities, contact Bree Myers at bhmyers@wcl.american.edu.

NYC ALUMNI RECEPTION

PLEASE REFER TO OUR WEBSITE AT WWW.WCL.AMERICAN.EDU/ALUMNI

AWARDING POTENTIAL

On February 4, 2003 the Annual Named Scholarships and Awards Reception will be held at the Washington College of Law to honor current law students who have demonstrated potential for academic and professional success.

Scholarships and Awards represent a full range of criteria from “first year, female law student” to “a student who has shown interest in public interest law through community, work experience or participation in WCL’s clinical programs.” WCL seeks to serve its students through financial aid and acknowledgement of academic achievement.

WCL wishes to thank the scholarship donors for their generosity and efforts in creating opportunities for students to be a part of the WCL experience. Our wish is that students who receive scholarships today, will remember the chances afforded to them and reciprocate that generosity to future WCL students.

If you are interested in becoming a part of this tradition of giving, please contact David McMullen in the Office of Development at dcmullen@wcl.american.edu.

THE BEST OF THE BEST

Tom Goldstein, a 1995 graduate of the Washington College of Law, has been named as one of the Top 45 Lawyers under the age of 45 by *The American Lawyer*.

This list is compiled of prodigies who have already notched a major trial win or complex deal, those who have established remarkable records of professional development, those who can point to an independent book of business and those who might have overcome adversity. This list represents the elite of young lawyers who have already earned high achievements in their careers.

Tom is the founder of Goldstein & Howe, a leading Supreme Court litigation firm, in Washington, DC. The firm frequently serves as lead counsel in cases involving large corporate conglomerates as well as small businesses.

Before founding Goldstein & Howe, Tom was one of the original attorneys of Boies & Schiller, LLP, where he practiced both Supreme Court matters and international commercial litigation. He was also an attorney in the appellate section of Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue and a law clerk to Judge Patricia M. Wald of the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

Most recently, Goldstein & Howe has represented The New York Times Co. and LEXIS/NEXIS in a suit under the Copyright Act (*New York Times Co. v. Tasini*); a national food conglomerate in a First Amendment dispute (*United States v. United Foods*); a satellite contractor in a tortious interference suit (*Semtek Int’l v. Lockheed Martin*) and a farming company in a suit against the federal government (*Central Green Co. v. United States*). The firm has twice successfully represented municipalities in cases before the Supreme Court in First Amendment matters (*LAPD v. United Reporting Publishing Corp.* and *City News & Novelty v. Waukesha, WI*).

PROGRAM ON LAW & GOVERNMENT

Friday, February 14

Covering the War on Terrorism in an Information Age: News Media Access Versus Government Secrecy

In the nearly 18 months since the September 11 terrorist attack, the government and the news media have battled over access to information, from the battlefield to the deportation hearing room. This program will bring together several prominent national experts to evaluate the conflict between information and secrecy.

The program is sponsored by the Freedom Forum First Amendment Center in conjunction with the Washington College of Law Moot Court Board's annual Burton Wechsler First Amendment competition. For more information, contact Professor Steve Wermiel at swermiel@wcl.american.edu or 202-274-4263.

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY SERVICES

The Office of Diversity Services will be presenting the:

*Fourth Annual
Martin Luther King, Jr.
Birthday Commemoration*

*Wednesday, January 15, 2003
4:00 - 6:00 pm
Room 603
American University
Washington College of Law*

*Keynote Speaker
Professor Mark C. Niles*

*Collaborative Reading led by
Mrs. Barbara J. Williams,
Office of Financial Aid*

ANNUAL FUND

What Can You Do To Support WCL In 2003?

Make a gift to the law school! Your contribution in the New Year will help to cover the most pressing needs of the operating budget, and will help to improve the law school's alumni participation rate, which furthers our reputation and will increase the value of your law degree. Donations may be designated to the Annual Fund or to the program of your choice. Your gift, no matter the size, makes a difference! To donate, you may mail payment, call us or give online (contact information listed below).

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OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

An Urgent Call for Alumni Mentors!

One of the best ways for students and alumni to get the inside scoop about employment trends, opportunities, and information about what it is like to practice a particular area of law, or with a particular employer, is by asking alumni who have "been there" and "done that."

WCL Alumni Mentors play an integral role in affording students and fellow alumni the opportunity to conduct networking and informational interviews. In a competitive marketplace, the need for such valuable contacts and opportunities cannot be overstated. **Statistically speaking, more lawyers get jobs through networking than from any other job search method!**

The Office of Career Services encourages you to **enroll today to be a Mentor** by either calling Acting Director Matthew Pascoello (202-274-4092) or by visiting us at: <http://cryobase.wcl.american.edu/ocs/Mform.cfm> to fill out a form online.

Thanks in advance for your participation!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY

- 15** * *Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Commemoration*
4:00 - 6:00pm
Room 603

- 23** *NY Bar Meeting Alumni Reception*
6:30 - 8:30pm
Ritz-Carlton Battery Park

- 24** * *The New Glass Ceiling: Litigating Bias Against Mothers at Work*
1:00 - 5:30pm
Room 528

- 31** * *Securities Regulation and Corporate Responsibility*
10:30am - 4:30pm
Room 603

FEBRUARY

- 14** * *Freedom Forum First Amendment Center Symposium*
9:00am - 6:00pm
Room 603

- 27** * *Equal Justice Foundation Auction*
5:00 - 11:00pm
Cafeteria/International Student Lounge/6th Floor

**For more information, contact the Office of Special Events at 202-274-4077*

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