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### **EVENTS IN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF LAW**

#### **IS AMERICA READY FOR A WOMAN PRESIDENT? PATHWAYS AND ROADBLOCKS FOR WOMEN SEEKING HIGH POLITICAL OFFICES IN THE UNITED STATES**

Date: Tuesday, February 24

Time: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Venue: Room 603

Sponsor: Women's Law Association Presents Kim Gandy, President of National Organization for Women (NOW)

Description: Kim Gandy, President of NOW and graduate of Loyola University School of Law, will be discussing women's ability to access high political offices. Why has there never been a woman president? Why are there so few women Senators and Congresswomen? Why are there so few women in the Cabinet? And how would a woman in the White House affect many women's issues including a woman's right to reproductive choice, equal pay, violence against women, LGBT rights, and welfare legislation? Ms. Gandy previously served as Executive Vice President for NOW and was responsible for NOW's legislative agenda and litigation docket, including NOW v. Scheidler, the landmark racketeering case against anti-abortion terrorists. In 1991 she directed the WomenElect 2000 Project, a nine-month grassroots organizing and recruiting effort in Louisiana which tripled the number of women in the legislature, and turned

out the women's vote to elect the first woman Lieutenant Governor and to defeat former Klan leader David Duke for governor. In the legislative arena, Gandy served on the drafting committees for two groundbreaking federal laws: the Civil Rights Act of 1991, which gave women the right to a jury trial and monetary damages in cases of sex discrimination and sexual harassment, and the Freedom of Access to Clinics (FACE) Act which has dramatically decreased the daily violence at abortion clinics. Carol Moseley Braun, former United States Senator and Democratic Primary Candidate for president, has been invited to give comments about her political campaign. This event is sponsored by the Women's Law Association

Registration: This event is free and all are welcome. Registration is a must! To download the brochure and registration form please visit [http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/founders/20\\_04/woman.pdf](http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/founders/20_04/woman.pdf). For more information contact Melissa Davis at [melissalynndavis@hotmail.com](mailto:melissalynndavis@hotmail.com).

### **HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDER SPEAKER SERIES SPECIAL PANEL: PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS FROM THE GOVERNMENT SIDE**

Date: Wednesday, February 25

Time: 12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Venue: Room 602

Sponsor: Center for Human Rights & Humanitarian Law

Speakers: Gaston Mwenelupembe, Ministry of Justice, Malawi

Ahmad Warraich, Ministry of Law, Justice & Human Rights, Pakistan

Judge Alaa el Shimy, Egypt

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Descriptions: The HRDSS is a new series where the WCL community will have the opportunity to meet and talk with Human Rights Defenders from around the world. These practitioners will discuss their work and their personal journey into the world of human rights advocacy. We will be joined by Human Rights Defenders from Tanzania, Cameroon, Egypt, Malawi, Pakistan, and Rwanda over the course of the semester.

Registration: Send an email to [humlaw@wcl.american.edu](mailto:humlaw@wcl.american.edu) or call to 202-274 4180

### **REDEVELOPING THE WORLD TRADE CENTER: A STUDY IN LAND USE PLANNING AND REAL ESTATE DEVELOPMENT**

Date: Thursday, February 26

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Venue: Room 602

Sponsor: This conference is organized by Professor Mary Clark.

Description: A roundtable discussion with representatives from the major stakeholders in the World Trade Center redevelopment decision-making process, including the relevant city and state planning authorities, the private interest holders, and the public. Issues to be addressed include: the role of the public in the WTC redevelopment decision making, the rights and responsibilities of the long-term leaseholder to the twin towers in the aftermath of the 9/11 attack, the WTC redevelopment process as a model for land use planning, and the new realities confronting major real estate development in the post-9/11 world. This program will be of particular interest to WCL faculty and students, and to the local land use planning and real estate development communities.

Registration: General admission is \$10.00 and free for students. Registration is required for both.

To download the brochure and registration form please visit [http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/founders/20\\_04/world.pdf](http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/founders/20_04/world.pdf). Contact name: Professor Mary Clark. Contact phone: 202-274-4367. For more information please contact called at

## **THE PROFITABLE AND THE POWERLESS: INTERNATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY OF MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS**

- Date: Friday, February 27
- Time: 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Venue: American University Washington School of Law, Room 602.
- Sponsor: American Society of International Law and American University International Law Review.
- Speakers: Opening and Keynote Speaker Congressman Frank Wolf.  
Remarks: Claudio Grossman, Dean, American University Washington College of Law.
- There will be three panels:
  - a) Panel One: International Organizations' Role in Regulation Multinational Corporations.  
Speakers: Isabella Bunn, Associate Director, Centre for Christianity and Culture, University of Oxford.  
Edward Potter, McGuinness Norris & Williams LL.P.  
Andres Rigo Sureda, Fulbright & Jaworski LL.P.
  - b) Panel Two: Multinational Corporations and Corruption in the Developing World.  
Speakers: Motoko Aizawa, Corporate Policy, International Finance Corporation.  
Padideh Ala'i, Professor of Law, American University Washington College of Law.  
Tom Devine, Legal Director, Government Accountability Project.  
Philip Nichols, Associate Professor of Legal Studies, Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania.
  - c) Panel Three: Labor Rights and Multinational Corporations.  
Speakers: Jim Gunderson, Corporate Governance Advisor.  
Scott Nova, Workers Rights Consortium. Natacha Thys, Associate General Council International Labor Rights Fund
  - d) Panel Four: Multinational Corporations and Human Rights.  
Speakers: Reuven Avi-Yonah, Irwin I. Cohn Professor of Law, University of Michigan Law School.  
Melissa Crow, Practitioner-in-Residence, American University Washington College of Law.  
Beth Stephens, Professor of Law, Rutgers-Camden Law School. Morton Winston, Professor of Philosophy, The College of New Jersey.
- Description: This conference will look at the power and influence MNCs have in today's globalized marketplace. Many argue that MNCs are greedy, corrupt machines that wish only to make money, no matter what the cost or the harm. They point to the pollution and human rights abuses that sometimes occur when a MNCs enters a developing country. Others highlight the important and worthwhile contributions MNCs have made in the developing world, such as improvements on infrastructure and roads and employment opportunities to hundreds of thousands of jobless persons in developing countries. While examining all sides of the debate, this conference will focus on MNCs and their policies regarding human rights, labor rights, corruption and how international organizations play a part in monitoring these corporate giants.
- Notes: Catered breaks and lunch will be provided, there also will be a keynote address and a networking reception will take place at 4:00 p.m. in the Dining Room.
- Registration: This event is free for students, but registration is required. To register for this event go to [www.wcl.american.edu/secle](http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle) and click on event registration or email [secle@wcl.american.edu](mailto:secle@wcl.american.edu)

### **EVENTS IN WASHINGTON, D.C. METROPOLITAN AREA**

#### **SUCCESSFULLY MANAGING YOUR CAREER IN TURBULENT PART 2: REINVENTING & MANAGING YOURSELF TO A NEW CENTER**

- Date: Saturday, February 21, 2004

- Time: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Venue: McDonough MBA Graduate Center (at Car Barn), 3520 Prospect Street, N.W. (at 36<sup>th</sup> St), Washington, D.C.
- Sponsor: Wharton School Club of D.C.
- Speakers: Andrea Wistar and Nancy Falk
- Time: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- Registration: \$49. Includes continental breakfast and materials. For on-line registration visit <http://www.acteva.com/go/whartonD.C.>  
For more information email the Wharton Club at mailto: [WhartonClubD.C.@aol.com](mailto:WhartonClubD.C.@aol.com); or call 301- 365- 8999

### **NANJING BUSINESS MATCHMAKER FORUM**

- Date: Monday, February 23, 2004
- Time: 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Venue: Uncle Lee's Restaurant, 44 South Street, Baltimore, MD 21202
- Sponsor: The Maryland Center China and the Maryland China Business Council
- Speakers: Twelve officials and business executives representing government agencies and companies from Nanjing City (Jiangsu Province) will meet with Maryland counterparts to discuss mutual business opportunities.
- Description: The event will include a brief overview of Nanjing, introduction of delegation companies and participating U.S. companies, and one-on-one meetings.
- Registration: There is no charge, but an advance registration is required. There is a limit of 20 Maryland participants. For more information and to register visit [http://www.mcabc.net/04-02\\_Nanjing\\_Matchmaker.htm](http://www.mcabc.net/04-02_Nanjing_Matchmaker.htm), or call 410-451-4150.

### **THE BYRD AMENDMENT: BAD U.S. POLICY, WORSE WTO DECISION?**

- Date: Monday, February 23, 2004
- Time: 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Venue: American Enterprise Institute (AEI)  
Wohlstetter Conference Center, twelfth floor, 1150  
17<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.
- Sponsor: American Enterprise Institute
- Speakers: William Barringer (Willkie, Farr, and Gallagher);  
Steven Charnovitz (Wilmer, Cutler, and Pickering);  
Devin Dempsey (Dewey, Ballantine);  
Dan Ikenson (Cato Institute);  
Claude Barfield (AEI).
- For more information contact Jessica Browning at 202- 862- 5853, or email <mailto:jbrowning@aei.org>.

### **RECEPTION IN HONOR OF THE VISITOR PROJECT FROM ECUADOR**

- Date: Monday, February 23
- Time: 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Venue: In the Lobby of the U.S. District Court, 6500 Cherry Wood Lane Greenbelt, Maryland, 20770.
- Sponsor: Reception hosted by the honorable Peter Messitte and the Maryland Hispanic Bar Association.
- Speakers: The guests of honor will be several senior officials from Ecuador who are leading the judicial reform effort in that country. The Ecuadorian delegation will be represented by various high-level jurists, diplomats and law enforcement officials.

- Reservations: To RSVP call Mariana Cordier at 240-268-0230 or Linda Rosenthal at 301-344-3223. For direction go to [www.mdd.uscourts.gov](http://www.mdd.uscourts.gov).

### **CITBA WINTER LUNCHEON AND SEMINAR**

- Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2004
- Time: 12:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Venue: Willard Inter-Continental, 1401 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.
- Sponsors: Customs and International Trade Bar Association and the American Bar Association, Customs Committee
- Speakers: Commissioner Robert Bonner (Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, invited);
- Afternoon Seminar: "U.S.-China Trade Policy, Exchange Rates and WTO Accession."  
  - Panelists: Charles Freeman (U.S.T.R.);
  - Henry Levine (U.S. Commerce Department);
  - Mark Sobel (U.S. Treasury Department.);
  - Timothy Reif (House Ways and Means Committee);
  - Moderator James Cannon (Williams Mullen).
- Registration: Luncheon and Seminar: Members: \$75; Non-Members: \$85.  
  - Seminar Only: Members: \$40; Non-Members: \$50; Government Attorneys (\$10 reduction). To register send check payable to "CITBA" by February 21 to: Beth Ring, Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, P.A., 551 Fifth Avenue, 6th Floor, New York, NY 10176.
- For more information call 212- 883- 1300.

### **LATIN AMERICA: POLITICAL & ECONOMIC CHALLENGES FROM THE CENTER FOR STRATEGIC AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (CSIS)**

- Date: Wednesday, February 25, 2004
- Time: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Venue: Thai Chef Restaurant (1712 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. – Dupont Metro).
- Sponsor: The United Nations Association of the National Capital Area (UNA-NCA)
- Registration: There will be a fee of \$14 for UNA & YPIC members and \$15 for guests.  
  - Please register by sending an email to [rsvp@unanca.org](mailto:rsvp@unanca.org) with "Lunch and Learn Diaz" in the subject heading.
- For more information log onto [www.unanca.org](http://www.unanca.org).

### **THE ROLE OF ECUADOR IN THE PRESENT STRUGGLE AGAINST TERRORISM AND NARCOTRAFFIC**

- Date: Friday, February 27, 2004
- Time: Luncheon: 12:00 p.m.
- Venue: Verandah Restaurant in the Wyndham Washington, Hotel  
  - 1400 M Street, N.W.
  - Washington, D.C. 20005
- Sponsor: The Inter-American Bar Association
- Speaker: Dr. Raul Gangotena, Ambassador of Ecuador to the White House.
- Description: Dr. Raul Gangotena is Ecuador's Ambassador to the United States. A chemical engineer by original training, Dr. Gangotena achieved success in both academia and business early in his career. He subsequently entered the world of journalism, serving as a columnist for the Ecuadorian newspapers *El Comercio* and *Hoy*. Currently, as Ambassador, he has been focusing on the problems of narcotics and terrorism - the topic of his presentation at the Inter-American Bar Association luncheon this month.

- Registration: Reservations are required and must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 26, 2004 by calling main office at 202-466-5944. Feel free to invite a friend. Non-members are welcome.
- Fees: Members and law students \$21.00, non-members \$25.00.

**RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN EUROPEAN  
COMMUNITY COMPETITION LAW AND POLICY:  
Modernization and Mergers (In celebration and memory of Joseph P. Griffin)**

- Date: Thursday, March 4, 2004
- Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.
- Venue: Morgan Lewis & Bockius.  
1111 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.
- Sponsor: The American Bar Association, Section of International Law and Practice and the International and the Foreign Antitrust Committee of the American Bar Association Section of Antitrust Law
- Speakers: Professor Emeritus of Competition Law, Fordham University Law School,  
Valentine Korah; Counsel for European Affairs, Federal Trade Commission  
John J. Parisi, Esq.
- Description: Enforcement under Articles 81 & 82 and the Merger Regulation, Judicial Review of Commission Decisions, Modernization and Merger Reform, International Enforcement and Policy Cooperation.
- Registration Fees: \$35 Antitrust & International Law Sections Members; \$10 Academic/Students/Government; \$40 Others. Payment must be received prior to the program. For registration called Jessica Elliot, phone number: 202-662-1727, or email her: [Elliot@staff.AmericanBarAssociation.net](mailto:Elliot@staff.AmericanBarAssociation.net)

**A CELEBRATION OF ART AND WINE**

- Date: Thursday, March 4, 2004
- Time: 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Venue: P&C Art Gallery, 3108 M. Street, N.W., Washington, D.C
- Sponsors: Wharton Club of D.C. and the Washington, Wine Academy
- Speakers: Jim Barker, Washington, Wine Academy
- Registration: Through February 26: \$35; After February 26: \$40. Includes wines from around the wine and food. To register visit <http://www.acteva.com/go/whartonD.C.>
- For more information contact the Wharton Club at mailto:[WhartonClubD.C.@aol.com](mailto:WhartonClubD.C.@aol.com); or call 301- 365-8999.

**TAX TIPS: COMMON MISTAKES, OVERLOOKED DEDUCTIONS, AND MORE**

- Date: Monday, March 8, 2004
- Time: 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- Venue: Lei Garden  
629 H Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. (Metro Gallery Place/Chinatown)
- Sponsor: Asian Pacific American Bar Association (APABA-D.C.)
- Speaker: Elina Hum Pratt, is the Managing Member of Pratt Law Group, PLLC, in Alexandria, Virginia, where she practices in income, estate, and gift taxation; trusts and estates; probate; international taxation; and business taxation.

- Description: The speaker, Ms. Pratt received her A.B. from Cornell University, her J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center, and her LL.M. in Taxation from New York University School of Law. She is a former law clerk to Judge William M. Fay of the United States Tax Court. Ms. Pratt is admitted to practice in Virginia, the District of Columbia, Maryland and New York.
- Registration: Please RSVP by Thursday, March 4, to Jayesh Rathod at [jayesh\\_rathod@hotmail.com](mailto:jayesh_rathod@hotmail.com) or Jovana Bello at [jb11252003@yahoo.com](mailto:jb11252003@yahoo.com). Admission: \$ 3 for members; \$ 5 for non-members.

**PHOTO EXHIBIT BY WOMEN: "WAR BY WOMEN PHOTOGRAPHERS"**

- Date: March 8, 2004
- Time: 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- Venue: Mott House  
122 Maryland Avenue, N.E.,  
Washington, D.C.
- Sponsor: UNIFEM U.S.A
- Description: Join UNIFEM U.S.A for a photo exhibit by women: "War by Women Photographers" to celebrate International Women's Day, followed by a wine and cheese reception.
- Questions contact: Shari Gruber  
President  
National Capital Area Chapter  
UNIFEM U.S.A  
[sgruber@aol.com](mailto:sgruber@aol.com)  
(202)-483-8122

**THE BATTLE FOR THE JUDICIARY AN EXPERT LOOK  
AT THE CRITICAL FIGHT OVER JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS**

- Date: March 10, 2004
- Time: 7:00 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.
- Venue: To Be Announced
- Sponsor: NJD.C. Young Leadership - Panelists include:  
Nan Aron, President of the Alliance for Justice and nominations advocate;  
Ron Klain, Former Counsel to President Clinton on Judicial nominations;  
Jonathan Meyer, Lead Counsel to Senator Biden on Judicial nominations.