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OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

E-mail: registrar@wcl.american.edu

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE HOURS FOR SPRING 2007 SEMESTER

Monday	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

To make other arrangements or schedule appointments outside regular office hours, please call 202-274-4080.

ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE MAY 2007 GRADUATES: If you plan to graduate in May 2007, please complete an Application to Graduate **NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 16, 2007 in order to graduate. August 2007 graduates should also complete an application if they wish to participate in the May ceremony.**

Applications are available in the Registrar's Office, Suite 304, or on-line at www.wcl.american.edu, under Office of the Registrar.

ANONYMOUS GRADING NUMBERS: All students must use anonymous grading numbers, and not names, on all school examinations. These are available on my.american.edu under Personal Links at the bottom (WCL Anonymous Grading Number). Students may also find previous semesters' grading numbers here.

FALL 2006 EXAMS READY FOR PICK-UP: Many exams from the fall 2006 semester are now available for pick-up in room 304. If we do not yet have the exams for your class, you may contact the instructor directly.

Attention Maryland Bar Applicants: You must submit your Pre-Legal Certificate to your undergraduate institution. WCL Registrar's Office does not certify pre-legal

education. Please read all instructions carefully. You are responsible for requesting a final transcript to be sent to the MD Bar.

Attention Bar Exam Applicants: Anyone needing certification to submit with your bar exam application, please request as soon as possible. (for most states, applying early means avoiding late fees) Please be sure to carefully read **all** instructions before filing your bar exam applications. Each state has different requirements and procedures. Go to barexam.org to find your state's exam instructions, requirements, deadlines, and fees.

INCLEMENT WEATHER AND EMERGENCY CLOSING OF THE UNIVERSITY:

The decision to close the university or have a delayed opening is made by the Provost in consultation with the Assistant Vice President for Facilities Management. In case of overnight snow and ice, the decision is made by 6:00 am. In cases of snow during the day, the decision to close fir evening classes will be made by 3:00 pm. Decisions to change a delayed opening to a closing will be made by 8:30 am. Decisions are made as early as possible, but often are affected by rapidly changing conditions. Circumstances considered in taking such decisions are: (1) conditions of campus, (2) conditions of roads and public transportation, and (3) predicted weather. All major TV and Radio stations will be notified as soon as decisions are made. The University Hotline number for information on closing is 202-885-1100. For individual cancellations of law classes please call 202-274-4400.

OFFICE OF THE DEAN
UN CAT PROJECT (Fall 2007)

Dean Grossman, Vice Chair of the United Nations Committee against Torture (UN CAT), is seeking approximately six rising upper level J.D. students to assist him in preparing for the official UN CAT meetings in Geneva, Switzerland.

WCL's UN CAT Project includes a for-credit seminar on the prohibition of torture, co-taught by Dean Grossman and Project Coordinator Jennifer de Laurentiis, as well as a field component: attending the Committee's official meetings in Geneva for one week in November. The countries currently scheduled to appear before the Committee are Australia, Portugal, Latvia, Estonia, Uzbekistan, Norway, and Benin.

Interested WCL students should submit a one-page cover letter and resume by Monday, March 5, 2007, via email to jdelaurentiis@wcl.american.edu. Applications should specifically address experience in international human rights law. Decisions will be made by April 2007. For more information about the UN CAT Project, please visit <http://www.wcl.american.edu/ilp/uncat.cfm>.

Do not miss this unique experiential learning opportunity involving the universal human rights system and the Committee against Torture!

OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

Lunch with the Dean!

The series of lunch meetings with Dean Claudio Grossman continues on **Wednesday, March 7, at 12:30 p.m.** Learn about plans for the semester, speak your mind about issues that affect you, and enjoy a free lunch courtesy of the Office of the Dean. The lunch is limited to 14 students on a first-reply, first-invited basis. Requests to be included are addressed to fpolo@wcl.american.edu and must contain your name, telephone number, and e-mail address. Your space will be confirmed by return e-mail.

May 2007 Commencement Discounts:

Continental Airlines: 800-468-7022 Agreement Code: A186QL Z Code: ZVES
American Airlines: 800-433-1790 Agreement Code: A5657AR
Savoy Suites Georgetown: 202-337-9700 Mention: WCL Commencement

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY SERVICES

Sherry A. Weaver, Director – (202) 274-4032 – Suite 300 – sweaver@wcl.american.edu
Hours: 9:30 am-5:30 pm

Need to Hear From You ASAP

1. February 24 11:00 AM Rhonda VanLowe Roundup Brunch (Pt. 2)

The next brunch meeting with Ms. VanLowe will be on Saturday, February 24, 11:00-2:00, in the Admissions Office conference room (enter room 507). Bring your exams and other first-semester issues you might want to discuss. A light brunch will be served. Please RSVP to diversity@wcl.american.edu and put “BRUNCH” in the subject line. All are welcome.

2. February 27 - 4:00 PM Womble Carlyle Black History Month Event

Judge Gerald Bruce Lee will be speaking, and transportation will be provided FROM WCL to the Womble Carlyle office in Tysons Corner. A reception will follow the speech. Send your RSVP by Monday, February 19, to diversity@wcl.american.edu, and put “Womble Carlyle” in the subject line. Everyone is welcome to attend.

3. March 1 - 12:00 noon Clinical Programs Diversity Luncheon

Clinical faculty members and students representing all nine clinics will talk candidly about the application process, as well as the rewards and requirements of clinical work. Lunch is on us, but we must have your RSVP as soon as possible, at sfitts@wcl.american.edu, to enable us to order enough food.

NSALSA/NSABA PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIP

The North American South Asian Law Students Association (NASALSA) and the North American South Asian Bar Association (NASABA) are announcing their first joint Public Interest Fellowship. They will be awarding \$5,000 to one student pursuing summer public interest work that benefits the South Asian community in North America. More information is available in the Office of Diversity Services. **Completed applications are due by March 9, 2007**, and a winner will be announced around April 16, 2007.

STUFF ON THE TABLE

March 7— 3:30-9:00

10th Annual Hispanic Law Conference

February 21

Hispanic National Bar Association/National Council of LaRaza/Patton Boggs Reception to kick off their joint public interest fellowships for summer 2007

SAVE THESE DATES

March 15-17

March 24-all day

April 11-5:00 PM

April 14—10:00-4:00

South Asian Summit

Robert E. Wone Annual Judicial Clerkship & Internship Conference, Howard University

“Promoting Access: Diversity Among Judicial Clerks and Interns,” WCL

11th Annual Sylvania Woods Conference on African Americans and the Law, featuring a special recognition of BLSA

FOUNDERS CELEBRATION: Watch the public announcement spaces for the many interesting, timely, and relevant events. Frequently they offer networking opportunities, but they always teach you something.

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

Special Notice to 2007-2008 Need-Based Grant Applicants

The online Need Access system is being upgraded and will be unavailable from 8:00am Thursday, February 15 through Monday, February 19 at 10:00pm.

2007-2008 Application Deadline - March 1, 2007

Apply now. Complete the FAFSA application at www.fafsa.ed.gov and the Need Access application at www.needaccess.org. The FAFSA must be on file for summer aid to be processed.

Summer Financial Aid

Loan assistance is available for summer study. A minimum of six credits is required to qualify for aid. A 2007 – 2008 FAFSA must be on file for aid to be processed. Details are available in the office.

Income Tax Information

Form **1098-T** has been mailed to enrolled students by the Office of Student Accounts. This information is used to claim the Hope Scholarship or Lifetime Learning Tax Credit on your federal return. Form **1098-E** (Student Loan Interest Statement) is provided by your lender for the Student Loan Interest Deduction. An information sheet on educational tax benefits is available in the office. Detailed information can be found at www.irs.ustreas.gov.

Outside Scholarships

Information regarding the following outside scholarship opportunities has been received.

- NJ Department of Health and Senior Services – Leigh Cook Fellowship and John H. Rutledge Fellowship for NJ residents. **Deadline:** March 30, 2007
- **Supreme Court of Oklahoma Sovereignty Symposium Scholarships**

Susan J. Ferrell Scholarship - **Deadline:** April 1, 2007
Chief Justice Doolin Writing Competition – **Deadline:** March 15, 2007
Ed Edmondson Scholarship – **Deadline:** May 5, 2007

- **Roscoe Pound Institute Awards** *Roscoe Hogan Environmental Law Essay Contest and Elaine Osborne Jacobson Award for Women in Health Care Law* **Deadline:** March 9, 2007. Details at www.poundinstitute.org
- **Jan Jancin Competition and Sidney B. Williams Diversity Scholarships** are available. Information can be found at www.aiplef.org.
- **Attorney – CPA Foundation** Essay Contest. **Deadline:** June 4, 2007. Details and application information is available at www.attorneycpa.com.
- **Essex County (NJ) Bar Association Biunno Scholarship for Law Students with Disabilities.** **Deadline:** May 11, 2007.
- **Hispanic Business Magazine's Woman of the Year Awards.** **Deadline:** March 19, 2007.
- **Federal Circuit Bar Association Scholarships** – Howard T. Markey Memorial Scholarship, Giles Sutherland Scholarship and William Bullinger Scholarship. **Deadline:** April 30, 2007.

Feel free to check the Outside Scholarship Binder for other scholarship opportunities.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST

Suite 515 - Phone: 202-274-4099 - Email: publicinterest@wcl.american.edu

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DON'T MISS OUT ON OPPORTUNITIES! JOIN THE PUBLIC INTEREST ANNOUNCEMENTS LISTSERV

An interactive listserv for all students interested in posting or receiving emails from student groups regarding public interest programming and events. To subscribe to the listserv, send an email to listserv@listserv.american.edu. Leave the subject line blank, and in the body of the message, type "subscribe pi_wcl" without the quotes.

DEADLINE EXTENDED TO FEBRUARY 23! NOMINATE A CURRENT STUDENT OR WCL ALUM FOR THE 2007 PETER M. CICCHINO PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD: The awards are given annually in honor of former WCL Professor Peter M. Cicchino, who passed away in 2000. Prof. Cicchino was a brilliant scholar and teacher, and a brave and creative public interest lawyer, who among many other accomplishments founded the Lesbian and Gay Youth Project at the Urban Justice Center in New York City. Three awards will be given to recognize the accomplishments of one WCL student and two alumni who exemplify the highest level of dedication to working with marginalized and underserved communities in the U.S. and abroad. Award recipients will be recognized at the Cicchino Public Service Awards Dinner later this spring with the presentation of a plaque and a cash award. **Nomination forms are due February 9 and may be picked up in the display rack outside the Office of Public Interest in Suite 122 or can be printed from the web at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/publicinterest/cicchino.cfm>.**

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Celebrating the 5th Anniversary of the Office of Public Interest: A Luncheon Symposium on the Role of Sports in Advancing Civil Rights, February 20th at Noon in room 603

Join us in celebrating the fifth anniversary of the Office of Public Interest by exploring the role athletics and Title IX in advancing the rights of women, people with disabilities, racial and sexual minorities in the U.S. An open discussion will follow. Panelists include:

- Prof. Perry Wallace, American University Washington College of Law and the first Black varsity basketball player in the Southeastern Conference;
- Prof. Pat Griffin, University of Massachusetts, Amherst and director of *It Takes A Team! Education Campaign for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Issues in Sports*;
- Lauren Young, Esq., Director of Litigation for the Maryland Disability Law Center; and
- Kristen Galles, Esq., Equity Legal, handling Title IX and other discrimination in education cases.

The program is co-sponsored by the Women's Law Association, the Sports Law Association and the Public Interest Student Coalition. **Please RSVP to secle@wcl.american.edu.**

1L Public Interest Roundtable Continues on February 28 at 12:30 in Room 500:

Professor Rick Wilson discusses "Why I dropped out of law school, then went back for love of public interest work - the long strange trip of my happy career, with lots of time devoted to public defense, legal aid and clinical legal education, both here and abroad." **Participation is limited to encourage interactive discussion. Please RSVP to nuraqua786@yahoo.com.** Pizza will be provided.

PRO BONO HONORS PLEDGE PROGRAM:

IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR THE PRO BONO PLEDGE!

Through the program, students pledge to complete a minimum of 75 hours of pro bono and community service projects at organizations working on behalf of low-income and underrepresented populations. At least 50 hours of the pro bono work completed must be with an organization engaged primarily in law-related or legal work. However, students may complete up to 25 of their 75 hours in non-legal community service work.

What Counts Toward the Pledge?

- ✓ For community service placements (up to 25 hours), volunteer work with a nonprofit on behalf of a low-income or underrepresented population (First year students only).
- ✓ For pro bono placements, (50 or more hours), work with a nonprofit organization, government agency or WCL program engaged primarily in law-related work on behalf of low-income or underrepresented populations that is not for pay or academic credit.

To learn about the Pro Bono Honors Pledge Program, stop by the Office of Public Interest in Suite 122 and pick up a copy of the pledge materials.

Did you know? The Office of Public Interest maintains a list of over 100 suggested Pro Bono Placements in the DC Metro area. In addition, pro bono hours may be accrued through a variety of on-campus activities, including but not limited to:

- LINK
- Genocide Teaching Project
- Marshall-Brennan
- Students United
- Election Protection
- Clinical Program Translators

**OFFICE OF SPECIAL EVENTS AND CONTINUING LEGAL
EDUCATION**

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Upcoming Events!

A North American Legal System: Is it Possible? Desirable?

Date: 2/16/07

Time: 9:00 am -5:30 pm

Room 603

The Future of Military Commissions: 2007 and Beyond

Date 2/19/07 - Time 12:00pm- 1:30pm

Room 603

**Celebrating the 5th Anniversary of the Office of Public Interest:
A Symposium on the Role of Sports in Advancing Civil Rights**

Date: 2/20/07

Time: 12:00pm-3:00pm

Room 603

U.S. Education Law and its Human Rights Impact on Racial Minorities

Date: 2/22/07

Time: 9:00am-3:00pm

Room 603

**Zealous Prosecution and the Right to Legal Representation: Paying When
Corporate Employees are Charged with White Collar Crime**

Date: 2/22/07

Time: 4:00 pm -6:00 pm

Room 603

EJF Annual Public Interest Auction

Date: 2/22/07

Time: 7:00 pm -10:30 pm

Room 603

**The Janet Spragens Memorial Symposium on
Low Income Earners and the Federal Tax System**

Date: 2/23/07

Time: 9:00 am -5:30 pm

Room 603

Save the Dates:

Spring 2007

FEBRUARY 26

Celebration of Public Service and Leadership to honor Four Distinguished Law Professors in Elected Office

FEBRUARY 27

Pathways To Employment In International Law

**FOR THE FULL LISTING OF FALL PROGRAMS PLEASE VISIT
WWW.WCL.AMERICAN.EDU/SECLE**

ACADEMY ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

LUNCH WITH OUR SUMMER PROGRAM FACULTY

If you are interested in this unique opportunity then do not miss the Equal Justice Foundation auction on February 22, in WCL Dinning Room starting at 7 pm. The Academy donated two lunches with our Summer Program faculty. If you are the lucky bidder then you will be able to have lunch with some world renowned experts in Human Rights. For a complete listing of our 2007 faculty, please visit our website at: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/hracademy/>

DID YOU KNOW?

You can apply up to seven credits of the Summer Program towards your LLM degree in three weeks through our Summer Program. For additional information please email us at hracademy@wcl.american.edu.

FOCUS ON A COURSE

Please read more about one of the courses of this year's Summer Program and the faculty member who will teach it:

Right to Political Participation

This course will deal with the evolution of the right to political participation. We will examine, in depth, the various human rights instruments that have emerged since 1948 and selected decisions and declarations of national courts and international human rights bodies. Classes will cover key concepts associated with: voting rights; consideration of rules governing party formation, registration; adjudication of electoral disputes; collective right to democratic governance; evolution of international electoral observation; evaluating the quality of elections; and the special case of post-conflict elections. There also will be discussions of individual country cases. Reading assignments will provide background for the specific topics that will be discussed in class.

Larry Garber

Since July 2004, Larry Garber has served as CEO/Executive Director of the New Israel Fund (NIF), which seeks to strengthen Israel's democracy by supporting programs that safeguard civil and human rights, bridge social and economic gaps, foster tolerance for all inhabitants, and enable different forms of religious practice to thrive. Before joining NIF, Garber served as a senior policymaker with United States Agency for International Development (USAID) from 1993-99 and as Director of USAID's West Bank and Gaza Mission from 1999-2004. Between 1982 and 1993, Garber worked with the National Democratic Institute, the International Human Rights Law Group, and Steptoe and Johnson law firm. He has served as a consultant on election-related matters for the Organization of American States, United Nations, and Organization of Security and Cooperation in Europe, and has taught at the Washington College of Law, and has written extensively on issues relating to human rights, democratization, election monitoring, and Palestinian political and economic development. Garber was born and raised in New York City. He graduated from Queens College with a bachelor's degree in 1976 and received a joint master's degree in international affairs and a law degree from Columbia University in 1980.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Second Annual Meeting on Human Rights Law

March 9-10, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Room 603

The Annual Meeting enables us to continue our commitment to provide a venue where different sectors can openly discuss core issues concerning the development, sustainability, and effectiveness of the Inter-American Human Rights System as well as, current issues regarding human rights in the Americas. We are proud that this year's meeting includes participation of representatives from the Inter-American Commission, Inter-American Court on Human Rights, member states of the Organization of American States (OAS), civil society organizations and academic institutions. For more information contact the Academy at hracademy@wcl.american.edu or 202-274-4070.

12th Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition

May 20 – May 25, 2007

Every year the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law welcomes students from all over the world to participate in one of the only trilingual (English, Spanish, Portuguese) moot court competitions based on the Inter-American human rights legal system. This year, students will argue the merits of a hypothetical case based on the topic of torture. During the week-long event, over 150 students will participate in oral round sessions judged by local and international attorneys. All events are open to the public. For more information contact Kristin Viken at 202-274-4215 or iamoot@wcl.american.edu, or visit us on the web: wcl.american.edu/hracademy/mcourt/

GET INVOLVED WITH THE ACADEMY

There are different ways you can get involved with the Academy. Please see the In Search Of section for our current volunteer opportunities.

CLINICAL PROGRAMS

APPLYING TO CLINIC
ACADEMIC YEAR 2007-2008

GO TO WWW.WCL.AMERICAN.EDU/CLINICAL
or stop by Room 417 with questions.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION MEETINGS

*Learn about all the clinics WCL offers, eligibility requirements
and the on-line application process.*

ALL INTERESTED STUDENTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

4:00 - 5:50 PM

ROOM 602

PART-TIME STUDENTS

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

6:00 - 7:00 PM

ROOM 602

OR

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:00 - 9:00 PM

ROOM 415

SMALL SESSIONS FOR SPECIFIC CLINICS

Tuesday, February 27 - Thursday, March 8

We encourage you to attend these sessions to learn more about a specific clinic.

Dates and times for these meetings are available on the clinic website and sign up sheets will be available at the Monday, February 26 meeting and outside Room 415 after February 26.

**SUBMITTING AN APPLICATION
DUE FRIDAY, MARCH 9 AT 5:00 PM**

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE BEGINNING
FEBRUARY 26 AT 6:00 PM
at WWW.WCL.AMERICAN.EDU/CLINICAL

EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Room 413 (202) 274-4200 www.wcl.american.edu/externship
M, W 9:00 am-5:30pm; T, Th. 9:30 am-6:00pm; F 9:00 am-3:00pm
externship@wcl.american.edu

SUMMER EXTERNSHIPS:

Visit our website database (<https://www.wcl.american.edu/externship/externshipapp/>).

Students interested in meeting with the Director or the Externship Program should review the Summer 2007 Student Manual *Nuts 'n Bolts* available on the wall rack outside of the Externship Office prior to meeting.

INTERNATIONAL EXTERNSHIPS!

The Externship Program has developed an exciting and impressive International Database. Students interesting in externing abroad should review the database and make an appointment to meet with Avis Sanders, Externship Director. Go to our website (<https://www.wcl.american.edu/externship/externshipapp/>) and select *International Database* from the top left-hand menu. New international externships and international contacts include:

EarthTrain (a U.S. based NGO in Panama) Fluent Spanish required. Students will assist attorneys with 1) forming a domesticated corporation (where a 501 (c) (3) from the US is legally recognized as a foreign corporation doing business in Panama with a qualified tax exempt status), 2) researching environmental law and answering the question how we can achieve an environmental easement in the area of Panama we are planning on reforesting, and 3) developing a standard legally binding contract (for our division of Earth Train that works on non profit community development) with local farmers to provide financial and legal assistance with reforestation and agricultural development of their land. Also assisting the President of Earth Train and our General Manager with land purchase negotiations.

The South African Human Rights Commission (see database for more information).

Center for Research-Action on Race Relations, Montreal, Canada. A well-regarded civil rights organization which deals with a wide variety of race related human rights. They handle cases before Canadian tribunals and courts, including some criminal cases.

No language requirement, although some French is helpful. They will assist students in obtaining housing for the summer. More information will be available shortly. For other Canadian organizations working on hate crimes, contact the Externship Office.

INTERESTED IN EXTERNING IN ANOTHER STATE THIS SUMMER?

The **National Externship Program** makes it possible for students to extern in another state by participating in the Long-Distance Externship Seminar. For more information, visit our website at www.wcl.american.edu/externship/national.cfm. Please inform the Externship Office if you are considering externing in another state.

INDIVIDUAL EXTERNSHIP COUNSELING

Avis Sanders, Director of the Externship Program, is available for one-on-one counseling. Email externship@wcl.american.edu or call (202) 274-4200 for an appointment .

For more information, contact Meadow Wirick, Program Assistant, at (202) 274-4200 or externship@wcl.american.edu.

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION PROGRAM

INTERESTED IN INVESTMENT ARBITRATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS?

SAVE THE DATE!

March 21, 2007, Washington, D.C.

INVESTMENT ARBITRATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

The conference will address issues surrounding the Arbitration of Investment Disputes and Human Rights and is co-sponsored by the Center for International Environmental Law (CIEL) and the WCL International Arbitration Program. Speakers include: **Yoram Dinstein**, *Tel Aviv University*; **Zachary Douglas**, *University College London and Matrix Chambers*; **Gonzalo Biggs**, *Figueroa Valenzuela & Cia Abogados*; **Rudolf Dolzer**, *University of Bonn*; and **Margrete Stevens**, *former ICSID lead counsel*.

Limited space available. Please register by March 7, 2007.

For more information please email arbitration@wcl.american.edu or call 202.274.4321.

STAYING IN DC FOR THE SUMMER?

INTERESTED IN EARNING UP TO FIVE CREDITS IN THREE WEEKS?

The International Arbitration Summer Session is offering five 1 credit courses that begin on May 29, 2007 and end June 14, 2007. The course material will range from a general overview of international commercial arbitration, to the theoretical and practical aspects of arbitral process. All courses are taught by seasoned arbitration practitioners. Each course can be taken on its own, however, if students choose to take more than one course, they will find that the courses complement each other, rather than overlap.

This is an excellent way to gain both a greater understanding of international arbitration, earn up to five credits, and meet with leading practitioners in the field of arbitration.

Additionally, since three of the five courses will be held in the evening, you can supplement your summer working experience with the experience you will gain from the Arbitration Summer Session.

No special application is required. Just register as you would for any other class at WCL. For more information please email arbitration@wcl.american.edu or call 202.274.4321.

PENCE LAW LIBRARY

<http://library.wcl.american.edu>

Monday – Thursday	8:00 am – 12:00 am*
Friday	8:00 am – 10:00 pm*
Saturday	9:00 am – 10:00 pm*
Sunday	9:00 am - 12:00 am*

The Library is open two additional hours beyond the posted closing times for registered WCL students with law school IDs. Only security personnel are available in the Library and there are no Library services during extended hours. Current WCL students with IDs may also use the Library beginning at 6:00 am, but must first register with the Facilities Office in Room 383, 202-274-4008.

Do you want to suggest something to add to the Library’s collection or make a comment suggesting an improvement to our services? Fill out the form at <http://library.wcl.american.edu/suggestions.cfm> and a Library staff member will review and respond to your concern.

Need Help Researching Your Paper? Are You Positive You Used The BEST Sources and Research Techniques? Are You Behind In Beginning Your Research? Come to the Reference Desk! An experienced professional librarian is available to assist you from 10 am to 9 pm Monday through Thursday, Friday from 10 am to pm, Saturday from noon to 5 pm and Sunday from noon to 6 pm. Don’t miss out on a very valuable resource!

Database Tip of the Week: Did you know that the Library subscribes to many full-text sources for legal and non-legal periodicals? You can find a comprehensive list on the library’s website at <http://library.wcl.american.edu/databases.php> . Among the most important are LegalTrac, HeinOnline, JStor and ProQuest. You can access these databases from home using the same user ID and password that you use to access the law school network and my.american.edu. Stop by the Reference Desk or email us at reflib@wcl.american.edu to learn more.

Want to Help Save Paper? Duplex Print! Library printers Yoda, Dilbert, Rocky and Researchtoo printers now have duplexers installed. To set this utility up on your laptop follow these instructions: To check to make sure that your printer driver is configured for duplexing click on your ‘Start’ button, then choose (depending on your start menu setup) ‘Printers and Faxes’ OR ‘Settings’, then ‘Control Panel’ then ‘Printers and Faxes’. You should see a list of installed printers. Right click on the printer you wish to print to and choose ‘Properties’ from the right click menu. Then click on the ‘Device Settings’ tab. Towards the bottom of the list of available settings you will see ‘Duplex Unit’ this should be set to “Installed” then click ‘OK’.

To Print: Click on **'File'** then choose the **'Print'** option. Click on the **'Properties'** button near the top right. Under the **'Layout'** tab there will be options for **'Print on Both Sides'** just choose the style you want either flip on long or short edge. Click on the **'OK'** button to set your choice and click **'OK'** again to send your print job to the printer. Questions? Stop by the Student Computer Help Desk on the 2nd floor or email them at comptech@wcl.american.edu .

Please be a good library citizen and keep your personal conversations in the library to a minimum and do not use your cell phone in the library. Your fellow students are studying! Use one of our group study rooms for collaborative learning and conversations; you can sign up for one at the Circulation Desk. **Do not leave your laptop or any valuable personal item unattended on a library table or carrel for any period of time.**

PROGRAM ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT

TIME TO APPLY!! The Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project is now well into the process of choosing Marshall-Brennan Fellows for the 2007-2008 academic year. Fellows are WCL law students who teach courses in constitutional law and/or juvenile justice in public or public charter high schools in Washington, D.C. and in one Montgomery County, Maryland school. Fellows teach in teams for the entire academic year and are typically in class two or three times each week. In addition to the core curriculum, Fellows help their students prepare for a moot court competition, counsel them about college applications and the job market, and work with them on civic participation issues such as voter registration.

The application process involves several steps, leading to a competitive selection of approximately 50 WCL students. First-year students are eligible to apply as long as they will complete constitutional law before they start teaching in September, 2007. To apply, students will need to fill out an information form, then complete an application packet, visit a school and guest-teach a class for at least 30 minutes, and finally have an interview with Steve Wermiel who is associate director of the Marshall-Brennan Project. Most or all of this process must take place between now and Spring Break.

To find out more about what Marshall-Brennan is and how it works, and to learn more about the application process, you can visit Steve Wermiel in Room 515C, or send him questions at swermiel@wcl.american.edu or call him at 202-274-4263.

To request application materials and instructions, e-mail marshallbrennan@gmail.com and request an application packet or other details.

Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) dissertation defense

All members of the WCL community (students, staff and faculty) are invited to attend the dissertation defense of WCL SJD candidate Hesham Nasr. Mr. Nasr's dissertation defense will take place on **Monday, February 19 at 2 PM in room 528**. The doctoral dissertation is entitled, "Legal Reform and the Arab Quest for Modernization: The Effect

of the Islamic and European Legal and Judicial Systems on the Development of the Modern Arab State.” Since dissertation defenses occur approximately once per academic year, this event will provide the WCL community with a rare opportunity to learn more about the SJD program.

Please RSVP by Friday, February 16 to Amelia at aduroska@wcl.american.edu.

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

The SBA Senate meeting scheduled for February 13, 2007 was canceled due to inclement weather. In order to make up for this, the next SBA Senate meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at 10:10 PM in room 101**. Any student or student organization that wishes to be on the agenda must e-mail Senate President Pro-Tempore Sum Mehrnama at smehrnama@yahoo.com no later than 6:30 PM on February 19. The email must include what you wish to address as well as a copy of any documents you wish to present at the meeting. SBA Senate meetings are open to the public, and all students are encouraged to attend.

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS ARE COMING UP SOON!

All WCL students are eligible to vote in these elections and to run for an office!

The SBA Executive elections will be held during the week of March 5th. All students interested in running for SBA President or Executive Vice-President for the 2007-2008 school year **MUST ATTEND the candidate interest meeting on February 26th at 10:10pm in the 5th Floor SBA Lounge**.

Elections by-laws and candidate petitions will be distributed at the meeting. Candidates for president and executive vice-president must run together as a ticket, and should be prepared to declare which office they seek at the meeting. If you have any questions, or wish to learn more about what the positions entail, please contact SBA Director of Elections, Frank Gerratana, at sba-elections@dgne.com.

In addition, the Student Bar Association Senate elections will be held during the week of April 2nd. A similar meeting for interested Senate candidates will be held on March 19th. If you would like to learn more about the position of SBA Senator, don't hesitate to email Frank Gerratana, at sba-elections@dgne.com.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Society

On February 23, 24, and 25, American University's Mediation Services will be offering a mediation training. This free, interactive weekend-long (20 hour) training is open to students, staff, and faculty. Participants will learn to resolve interpersonal, inter-group, and organizational conflicts by identifying sources of conflict, developing active listening skills, and other tools to assist people in conflict. Participants will also participate in extensive role-plays and exercises. Once completed, participants will be certified to be an AUMS Peer Mediator. If interested, please complete the attached application, or you may download an application at http://www.american.edu/ocl/jams/mediation_services/mediation.html (under Mediation Training Application), or contact the American University's Mediation Services office at x1313. If you are interested, please submit your application as soon as possible since space is limited.

American University Law Revue

PRESENTS: "A Mid-Semester's Day Dreame" March 1-3 in Room 603, WCL.

Showtimes:

Thursday-8pm, Friday-8pm and Saturday-2pm and 8pm. Ticket prices are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. For more information, please contact Marian Antony at

marianpantony@yahoo.com.****

Business Law Society

The current BLS Executive Board is soliciting applications to serve on the 2007-2008 BLS Executive Board. Having a position on the Executive Board is a great way to get more involved in BLS, network with employers and professors, and also give your resume a boost!

We highly encourage everyone who is interested to run for an Executive Board position even if you were not selected for the 1L Advisory Board or you chose not to run for a 1L position. The available positions are: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Director of Special Events. Please contact annafavour@yahoo.com for more information and an application form.

Christian Legal Society

What does the Bible say about immigration?

Tuesday, February 20th 12-1pm Room 627

All are invited. Bring your lunch and bring a friend!

Criminal Law Society:

Criminal Law Externship and Opportunities Panel, Part 2, Thursday March 1st, 12 p.m. in Room 602. Come here 2Ls and 3Ls speak about their experience doing Criminal Law Externships, Research Deans Fellowships, and clinic. If you came to Part 1, this past fall, there will be all new speakers!!! These current students will talk about their experiences, give information about how to get the externships/deans fellow positions at their office, as well as answer any questions. Any questions, please contact Julie at Julie.Finocchiaro@american.edu.

Equal Justice Foundation

EJF Auction Ticket Sales – Only 7 Days Left!

Tickets for the 14th Annual EJF Public Interest Auction are currently for sale in the lobby and are available for \$7 each until 12 pm on Thursday, February 22. Sales will resume on Feb. 22 at 7 pm at the auction entrance for \$10 each.

Deadline For Volunteer Hours Extended

The deadline to earn EJF hours has been extended from February 22 to March 22. EJF grant applicants and 2006 grantees now have until March 22 to complete their hourly requirements by volunteering to help with the Date Auction and other EJF fundraising events.

Volunteer Opportunities

Donation Solicitation

Although the donation form says that all donations are due by February 2, EJF will accept donations up until the following date. So please, continue with all donation solicitation efforts. This is the home stretch and every little bit counts!

Monday, Feb. 19 - late deadline for addendum printing

If you still need your faculty solicitation volunteer hours signed, please leave your form in Alice Riener's mailbox in the Gender Journal Office on the 6th floor. You can contact her at aliceriener@gmail.com.

For more information, check out our web site at: www.wcl.american.edu/org/ejf

Israel & Law Society and the Media & Law Society

Thursday, February 22nd, 12-1:20pm, Room 401 "Free Press in Israel: An Arab Perspective" with Khaled Abu Toameh. Mr. Abu Toameh is a correspondent for U.S. News & World Report and the Jerusalem Post, and the Palestinian affairs producer for NBC News. Come hear a deeply honest and objective appraisal of free press rights in Israel and the Palestinian Authority. Schwarma and Falafel lunch will be served. Co-sponsored by Israel & Law Society and the Media & Law Society

Law and Government Society*

Who is the Decider? Congressional Oversight of Presidential War Powers.

Thursday, February 22, 12pm – 1:20pm Room 100 Lunch will be provided

This panel discussion will address the President's exercise of his war powers against the background of the war in Iraq. The panel will focus on Congress' authority to control or place limits on the President's conduct of the Iraq War and will explore the tension between the President's constitutional responsibilities as Commander in Chief and Congress' legislative, budget, and oversight prerogatives. The panelists will further touch on some of the changes brought about by the Democratic Party's takeover of the House and the Senate.

Speakers:

- Moderator: Daniel Marcus - Professor, WCL; former Assoc. AG (1999-2001) and Senior Counsel, White House Counsel's Office (1998-99)
- Patrick Philbin - Partner, Kirkland & Ellis; former Assoc. Dep. AG for National Security (2003-05) and Assistant AG, DOJ Office of Legal Counsel (2001-03)
- Martin Lederman - Professor, Georgetown Law; former Attorney Advisor at DOJ Office of Legal Counsel (1994-2002); frequent contributor to SCOTUSblog & Balkinization
- Counsel (Dem.) - Senate Judiciary or Foreign Relations Committee, or House Committee on Foreign Affairs

Please direct any questions to lgociety@wcl.american.edu

Poverty Law Society

Mark your calendars! The Poverty Law Society (PLS) will have its annual general meeting on **March 21st to elect officers for the coming year! (Room and time TBA)**. All those interested-- whether you're a member currently or not-- are welcome to attend and run for office! We're looking for dedicated, passionate, nice folks who believe in the

goals of the PLS, and who have an appreciation for the importance of the field of poverty law and for the role of lawyers helping to solve the struggles of poverty. If you're interested in running for office or in learning more, please contact Mary Ashby Brown (mashbybrown@yahoo.com), Amy Engstrom (ae3350a@american.edu) or Renee Gerni (rgerni@gmail.com) to let us know. Thank you!

IN SEARCH OF

SUMMER JOB -- Prof. Ira Robbins seeks to hire one or more Dean's Fellows/Research Assistants to work this summer (and perhaps into next academic year) in one or more of the following areas: criminal law, prisoners' rights, habeas corpus, death penalty, judicial process, and philosophy. Interested students should apply by putting a cover letter, résumé, photocopy of unofficial law school transcript/grade report, and writing sample in Professor Robbins' mailbox in Room 467 (or slip it under his office door, Room 322). In addition, please indicate the nature of your other commitments for the summer and coming year. The work will be substantially full time in the summer and 15-20 hours a week during the school year.

The Clinical Program is seeking volunteers to assist student attorneys with interpretation/translation and simulation role playing. If you would like to be available as a volunteer in the clinic, please see Maribel Yamat in Room 417 to fill out the appropriate forms. If you have questions, you can contact her at myamat@wcl.american.edu or stop by Room 417. You may be able to receive credit for pro bono service with the public interest program.

Volunteer Jurors Wanted- The Glushko-Samuels Intellectual Property Law Clinic is seeking volunteer jurors for our annual trial simulation. The trial will take place from 9:00 am to noon on Thursday, February 15th and 9:00 am to 4:30 pm on Friday, February 16th. We would prefer volunteers that can participate for the entire duration of the trial. The clinic will provide breakfast on Thursday, as well as breakfast and lunch on Friday. Please contact Steve Roberts (sdrobert@wcl.american.edu or 202-274-4148) if you would like to volunteer or have additional questions.

Dean's Fellows One Position Available with the Summer Program
The Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law is looking for a Dean's Fellow to work 15 hours a week, assisting in the preparations for the Academy's Summer Program, Annual Meeting on Human Rights Law, and other special projects. This position will provide administrative support to the Summer Program staff, conduct legal research on international human rights law, and work with special projects as needed. Interested students with a background in international law are especially encouraged to apply. Knowledge of Spanish is a plus. Please submit your cover letter and resume to hracademy@wcl.american.edu. On the subject line please write "Dean's Fellow Spring 2007".

Volunteer Opportunities 12th Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition As one of the only trilingual (English, Spanish & Portuguese) moot court

competitions in the world, WCL's Competition brings together nearly 200 students from all over the world for a week of tough competition (and great fun) at WCL in late May. The Competition is dedicated to the advancement of the Inter-American human rights legal system and involves a large number of prominent attorneys and volunteer judges, experts from the Inter-American Commission and Court of Human Rights and more. During the week, participants attend receptions and other events, participate in training opportunities, and visit international organizations such as the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. We also host an awesome Salsa-dancing party!

- Volunteers are needed to communicate with participants, recruit judges, and plan the various events of the Competition. The Competition particularly seeks Spanish and Portuguese speaking volunteers (but not exclusively!). If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email to Kristin Viken, Competition Coordinator, at iamoot@wcl.american.edu or at 202-274-4215. For more on the Competition, visit our website at www.wcl.american.edu/hracademy/mcourt.

Oxford University Press Project The Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law is looking for self-motivated WCL students, interested in collaborating with an exciting project with Oxford University Press. The project entails drafting summaries in English of the Inter-American Court and Inter-American Commission on Human Rights decisions from their Spanish or English original versions. Thus we are seeking two types of volunteers: those who will summarize and translate from *Spanish to English* and those who will summarize from *English to English*. This is a great opportunity for students with excellent writing skills to contribute to widen the international recognition of the Inter-American Human Rights System. The Academy seeks 1Ls, 2Ls, 3Ls, and LL.M.s who can dedicate between 5-10 hours/week to the project. This project is eligible to fulfill your Pro Bono Honors Pledge. If you are interested in applying, please send your cover letter and résumé to hracademy@wcl.american.edu indicating "Oxford Volunteer Spring 2007" in the subject line.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAREER PANEL – LIFE AS A PUBLIC DEFENDER *Wednesday, February 21, from 11-12:30 in room 445* The WCL Criminal Justice Clinic has invited the hiring coordinators from 3 local public defenders' offices (Alexandria, the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, and the State of Maryland) to the law school to talk about the role of public defenders and employment opportunities in their offices. The event is co-sponsored by the Office of Career Services. All are welcome.

LEARN LAW IN LATIN AMERICA SUMMER LAW PROGRAM IN CHILE AND ARGENTINA June 4-July 4, 2007

COURSES:

- Legal Aspects of Trade and Investment in Latin America
- Comparative Legal Perspectives on Social Problems

All classes taught in English by Chilean and Argentine law professors and experts in the field of study

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES:

- Site visits to the Supreme Court, Congress, Government House, law firms in Chile and Argentina,
- Networking luncheons and dinners with Chilean and Argentine practitioners and policy makers.
- Meetings with Chilean judges.

TIME TO HAVE FUN:

- One week in Buenos Aires, Argentina
- Weekend in the beach resort of Viña del Mar in Chile
- Ski trip to the Andes Mountains
- Time to learn or practice Spanish

More information in <http://wcl.american.edu/chile/> or contact Macarena Sáez at (202) 274-4388 or at msaez@wcl.american.edu

NOT TOO SOON TO BE THINKING ABOUT HOW TO SPEND YOUR SUMMER...

SUMMER SESSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

Taught by leading practitioners from government, business and non-governmental organizations, the summer session provides law students and practitioners with a three-week intensive environmental law training.

Course offerings include:

- Trade & the Environment in the Americas (1 credit) *Available in Spanish only.*
- International Business and the Environment (1 credit)
- Environmental Law & the U.S. Congress (1 credit)
- International Law of Biodiversity (2 credit)
- International Institutions and Environmental Protection (2 credit)
- Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (1 credit)
- Alternatives to Environmental regulations (1 credit)

No special application is required. Just register as you would for any other class at WCL. For more information please email: summerenvironment@wcl.american.edu or call 202.274.4321.

Notary Service is available in the clinical program office, room 417. Please stop by during business hours (9-5, Mon-Fri) or call 274-4142 to make an appointment with the notary. The fee is \$2 per transaction.

Honor Those Who Serve- Become involved with an important area of the law that serves those who serve our country. Join the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims Bar Association. Student Membership is only \$25.

Members are encouraged to attend bar events including a "Meet the Judges" series, a law clerk symposium, and a bi-annual judicial conference.

For more information and an application to join go to: <http://www.cavcbar.net>

GUEST LECTURER ON PERSONAL VALUES AND PROFESSIONAL

CHARACTER: Next Tuesday, Professor Scott Brewer of Harvard Law School will be visiting WCL and guest teaching a legal ethics class which all are welcome to attend. Brewer, who teaches in the area of law and philosophy, will be drawing on a course he

teaches entitled “Personal Values and Professional Character.” The reading for the class is an essay by philosopher Thomas Nagel entitled “The Absurd,” which is available on JSTOR. The class will meet on **Tuesday, Feb. 20, at 9 am in Room 524**: all are welcome to attend.

Only TWO WEEKS LEFT to Apply for the Public International Law & Policy Program!

A team of five students sits around a table at American University on a Wednesday evening. They are attempting to devise a negotiating strategy for an autonomous region seeking independence. These students are not engaging in a simulation for a class, they are participants in the Public International Law & Policy Program (PILPP) and are preparing a negotiating platform and strategy for clients of the Public International Law & Policy Group.

The Public International Law & Policy Group (PILPG) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, operating as a global pro bono law firm providing legal assistance to developing states and sub-state entities involved in conflicts. In cooperation with Professor Paul Williams, students have the opportunity to complete practical and substantive work on issues of international law and policy for PILPG's clients. Through participation in PILPP, students collaborate with some of the top professionals in the field, including AU alumni and former State Department officials. Over the past decade, American University students have worked on over a dozen negotiations and have advised fifteen countries in Europe, Asia and Africa concerning fundamental questions of public international law. Clients have included Somalia, Montenegro, Armenia, Kosovo, Afghanistan, Georgia, Estonia, East Timor, Bosnia, Sudan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Liberia and the San Bushman tribe in Botswana. Students have also contributed to a report on constitutional issues in the new Iraq, written diplomatic simulation exercises for the conflicts in Kashmir, Kosovo and the Democratic Republic of Congo, and participated in roundtables on Somalia and Sudan. As part of its more general work to produce resources for practitioners, students have prepared a web-based Drafters' Handbook for lawyers writing peace agreements, and drafting post-conflict constitutions.

If you would like to apply for PILPP, please complete an application and return it to Room 400 in the Washington College of Law by 5:00 pm on March 2, 2007. You can find the application outside Room 400 or at: www.pilpg.org/2007pilppapplication.doc

Get creative for a good cause! **Submit designs for the 2007 In My Backyard(IMBY) Volunteer Day T-shirt Logo.** Each year, incoming students, upper level students, faculty and staff at WCL get together for IMBY and participate in a day of community service in designated sites throughout the DC area. Last year more than 150 incoming students and staff participated, and each one got their own IMBY t-shirt for participating. Designs should be in digital form (scanned files are fine) a maximum of three colors, and should try to capture that IMBY volunteer spirit. All designs should be submitted to wcl_imby2007@yahoo.com no later than 5:00 PM on March 2nd. The winning design will be announced shortly thereafter. Any questions, please contact wcl_imby2007@yahoo.com. Looking forward to your logos!

ATTENTION MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF 2007 Wondering how this place will survive without you? Leave your mark on WCL by contributing to the Graduating Class Gift Campaign! This is a great way to support those activities and programs that have made your WCL experience so rewarding. If you are interested in volunteering on the Graduating Class Gift Committee, please contact Jamie Jennings, Assistant Director of Annual Giving at 202-274-4056 , jamiej@wcl.american.edu, or visit <http://www.wcl.american.edu/alumni/classgift.cfm>.

EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Due to the time required to obtain a security clearance for students working at an externship with the SEC, CFTC and Department of State the closing date for students wishing to participate at an externship at those agencies during the Fall 2007 Semester is April 1, 2007 by 5:00p.m. However, the agencies have indicated that they will be reviewing applications on a running time from February 1, 2007 through April 9, 2007. Please apply as soon as possible. It is likely that applications received after March 31st may find that all positions have been filled.

C.F.T.C. Field Component-Law 785

Students who will have completed Business Associations and Securities Regulation by the end of the Spring semester of 2007 or who, having completed Business Associations by the end of the Spring semester 2007 and will be enrolling in Securities Regulations for the Fall 2007 Semester, are eligible to participate in a Field Component at the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Students will have also to enroll in the Seminar on **Derivatives**. Please submit your resume, a copy of your transcript, a list of subjects you intent to take in the Fall 2007 Semester, a writing sample and a cover letter by 5:30 p.m. February 1 thru March 31st 2007 to Professor Guttman's mailbox in room 465 or to Carolyn Wright, his Sr. Legal Assistant in room 325. Two hundred and ten (210) hours of working with a staff attorney or Administrative Law Judge at the Commission will earn three credits. There will also be a meeting with Professor Guttman on Tuesday of every second week, between 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. (Exact time to be arranged)

S.E.C. Student Observers Program (Field Component)-Law 784

I would like to draw the attention of students who have completed Securities Regulation or are going to complete this course by the end of the Spring Semester 2007, that students so qualified can apply for participation for a **minimum of three credits in the Field Component- S.E.C. Student Observers Program** at the Securities and Exchange Commission for the Fall 2007 semester. [Law-784] Students will be expected to work a minimum of two hundred and ten hours (210) with an attorney on the staff of the Commission and will have to attend approximately nine seminars given by Commissioners, staff and outside counsel. (These meeting usually take place on a Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.) Students participating in this Student Observers Program also will have to enroll in an advanced securities law seminar, such as Regulation of Securities Markets, Mergers and Acquisitions, Seminar on Derivatives, etc. which enables students to earn additional credits.

Students should submit their resume, a copy of their transcript, a writing sample and a cover letter by 5:30 p.m. February 1 thru March 31st 2007. Please submit your

applications promptly as the SEC will consider admissions to the Student Observers Program as soon as received. Interested applicants should submit this information to Professor Guttman's mailbox in room 465 or to Carolyn Wright his Sr. Legal Assistant in room 325. During the semester students will be meeting with Professor Guttman to discuss recent developments in securities law every other week on Tuesdays between 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.(Exact time to be arranged)

U.S. Department of State Office of the Legal Adviser

Applications are invited for a student internship at the Department of State Office of the Legal Adviser. The work involves 210 to 280 hours over the Fall 2007 semester and enables a student to earn up to six credits. (At seventy hours of work per credit). Areas under consideration by the Department include subjects in the fields of Diplomatic Law, Law Enforcement, Human Rights & Refugees Laws, Economic & Business Laws, etc. Students having an interest in these areas, as shown by the courses and seminars they have taken or intend to take by the end of the Spring 2007 semester should submit a resume, a copy of their transcript, a writing sample and a cover letter by 5:30 p.m. February 1 thru March 31st 2007. Interested applicants should submit this information to Professor Guttman's mailbox in room 465 or to Carolyn Wright his Sr. Legal Assistant in room 325. Students in this externship will be meeting with Professor Guttman every other week for one hour.

Fri 2/23/07 MBB vs. Lafayette @ 9PM, RE-PHIL BENDER!

ESPNU National TV Broadcast

Order Tickets to AU Women's and Men's Basketball Online at www.AUEagles.com or by calling (202) 885-TIXX

WCL Students: Help us RE-PHIL BENDER as part of **WCL Student Night!** Grab your blue face paint and craziest signs this coming Friday, February 23rd at AU's final home game of the regular season. The Men's basketball game vs. Lafayette now tips off at 9PM, LIVE for the Nation to see American University on ESPNU! If you haven't been to a game this season, this is your last chance!

Everyone who made it to Phil Bender earlier this year had such a fun time (if for some reason you weren't there just ask anyone who was to attest) that we're going to do it again, this time on national television.

In addition to the excitement and fever on the court, YOU could drive home from the game in a brand new Pontiac G5 or jam-out with one of two new iPods to be given away! Also, students will enjoy awesome giveaways such as FREE food, rally towels and t-shirts and can partake in the body and face painting station and win a chance to sit courtside in director chairs. As always admission is FREE to AU students with your AU ID!

Grab your WCL friends and grab your BLUE one final time for a complete BENDER BLUE-OUT! We'll see you there!

The Florida Bar Foundation announces 2006-07 grant awards

ORLANDO—At its December quarterly meeting, the Board of Directors of The Florida Bar Foundation announced its chief 2006-07 grant awards:

- **Legal Assistance for the Poor General Support Grants:** \$13,307,633

The Foundation is the largest statewide funder of civil legal assistance programs. LAP General Support Grants provide funding to a network of organizations providing free civil legal services to the poor. Together, this network provides at least basic access to the justice system for low-income individuals and families residing in every county in Florida.

- Equal Justice Works Fellowships:** \$187,500*
 The Board of Directors announced the selection of the Class of 2007-09 Equal Justice Works Fellows. Since 1999, the Foundation and its Florida funding partners have provided matching funds for 52 Florida Equal Justice Works Fellows. Fellows have designed and led legal assistance projects in affordable housing, welfare to work, domestic violence special education for disabled children, homelessness, immigration, prisoner rights, environmental practice and family preservation.

Fellowships		Project
Fellow/Law School	Legal Aid Program	
Steckley Lee University of Florida Levin College of Law	Florida Institutional Legal Services Gainesville, FL	Ex-Offender Project Advocate and litigate on behalf of ex-offenders re-entering society by challenging complicated local and state rules placing restrictions on where they may live, work and travel
Mariam Ahmedani American University Washington College of Law	Gulfcoast Legal Services St. Petersburg, FL	ABUSED UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANT CHILDREN PROJECT Provide specialized legal services, education and advocacy on behalf of undocumented immigrant children victims of abuse.
Ariel Patterson Boston University School of Law	Jacksonville Area Legal Aid Jacksonville, FL	CONSUMER PROJECT Provide comprehensive, unbiased, and legal-minded credit counseling to often targeted low income consumers in the greater Jacksonville Area.

* includes funding from The Florida Bar and Greenberg Traurig

- Law School Civil Clinic Grants:** \$ 221,000
 The Florida Bar Foundation funds for the Law School Civil Clinic Program at Florida law schools are provided to support law school civil clinics which (1) involve law students in the provision of civil legal assistance to the poor; (2) provide an in-depth educational experience in representing the poor and working with individual clients and client groups in civil matters; and (3) encourage law students to pursue public interest careers representing the poor and/or promote a commitment to pro bono representation of the poor.
- Law School Loan Repayment Assistance:** \$239,893
 The Foundation's Law School Loan Repayment Assistance Program pays legal aid attorneys up to 75% of the annual payments on their need-based law school debt for up to five years. Annual payments are capped at \$6,000 and are in the form of one-year loans forgiven annually for attorneys who remain employed full-time at a Foundation legal assistance grantee for the full 12-month period.

The Foundation also awarded the following Legal Assistance for the Poor grants:

Statewide Special Needs Grants:	\$1,000,000
Small Program Special Needs Grants:	\$120,000
Disaster Relief Grants:	\$62,000

The Florida Bar Foundation is a statewide charitable organization established in 1956 to foster law-related public service programs on behalf of Florida's legal profession. The Foundation is the only statewide funder of civil legal services for the poor. Other Foundation programs include grants to improve the justice system, public service fellowships and loan repayment assistance for law students. Principal support for the Foundation's charitable activities comes from the Interest on Trust Accounts (IOTA) Program implemented by the Florida Supreme Court in 1981. Additional support for the Foundation comes from gifts by Florida attorneys, law firms, corporations, foundations and from other individuals. For more information, please call Jane Elizabeth Curran, at (407) 843-0045 extension 107, or refer to our Web site at www.flabarfndn.org.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE February 15, 2007 Contact: Camille Murawski,
Communications Manager (800) 541-2195 ext. 103 cmurawski@flabarfndn.org

OFFICE OF CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Suite 122

Hours

Monday and Thursday: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Tuesday and Wednesday: 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

1st Saturday of the month: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

<http://www.wcl.american.edu/career>

UPCOMING PROGRAMS, DATES & DEADLINES & IMPORTANT REMINDERS

3L/4L Career Workshop Series (a Four-Part Program)

If you are currently seeking post-graduation employment, please join the Office of Career & Professional Development for our *3L/4L Career Workshop Series*—a four-part program dedicated to bringing you timely information and advice about how to plan and execute an effective job-search campaign during your graduating year.

Session 1: *Legal Job Market Trends, Perspectives & Common Mistakes* (THURSDAY, February 15; Room 524; 12:00-1:00 pm). Pizza Provided.

Subsequent Workshops Include:

Session 2: *Public Sector Employment Opportunities* (March 1; Room TBA; 12:00-1:00 pm). Pizza Provided.

Session 3: *Long Distance Job Search & Attorney Search Firms* (March 29; Room TBA; 12:00-1:00 pm). Pizza Provided.

Session 4: Contract Lawyering (April 12; Room TBA; 12:00-1:00 pm). Pizza Provided.

Please sign up using eCampusRecruiter (www.ecampusrecruiter.com/wcl) so that appropriate accommodations can be made. We look forward to your participation.

ATTENTION SECOND YEAR STUDENTS!

The Office of Career Services is sponsoring

2L Counseling Week

February 26 – March 2, 2007

A number of individual counseling appointments have been reserved **on a first come, first served basis** for students in the 2008 graduating class. Career Counselors will be available to discuss job search strategies and other career development issues, as well as assist with resume and cover letter review. Please stop by the front desk in Suite 122 or call 202-274-4090 to schedule an appointment.

District of Columbia Bar Presents:
An Off-the-Record Brown Bag Program
Putting Passion Back Into the Practice of Law

Many lawyers find that at some point in their career, the reasons for going to law school and becoming a lawyer are eclipsed by the practical realities of law practice. Billing and specialization pressures, client demands, law firm culture and partnership issues can, over time, sap a lawyer's enthusiasm for law practice. Lawyer dissatisfaction affects law firms as well when talented lawyers leave in search of something different. This program brings together a panel of professionals who deal with lawyer dissatisfaction issues and lawyers who have confronted these issues. Together, they will discuss what lawyers can do to put passion back into the practice of law.

Speakers: **Barry Coburn**, Trout Cacheris, PLLC;
Edward Honnold, Transitions Counseling;
Lisa B. Horowitz, Sr. Manager of Professional Development,
McDermott Will & Emery LLP;
Christopher C.S. Manning, Manning & Sossamon PLLC

Date/Time: *Thursday, February 22, 2007 from 12:00-1:30pm*

Location: *DC Bar Conference Center, 1250 H Street, NW (Metro Center)*

Cost: *\$15 (Law Students)*

To attend, please stop by Suite 122 to pick up a registration form, or email careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu.

→ **CHANGE TO DROP-IN HOURS on Wednesday, February 21st**

Please note that due to an off-site program, drop-in hours on Wednesday, February 21st will be offered from 2-3:00pm. Contact the OCPD front desk with any questions.

NEW! Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP: Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson LLP's Washington, DC and New York Offices cordially invite ALL First-Year AU law students for cocktails & hors d'oeuvres on **Tuesday, February 27, from 6:00-7:30pm** at Fried Frank - 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, (11th Street Entrance), The Main Conference Room on the 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20004. We look forward to meeting you! Please RSVP to Megan by **February 23** via email to Megan.Lesser@friedfrank.com.

PUBLIC INTEREST & GOVERNMENT

Career Panel - Life as a Public Defender: *Wednesday, February 21, from 11-12:30 in room 445.* The WCL Criminal Justice Clinic has invited the hiring coordinators from 3 local public defenders' offices (Alexandria, the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia, and the State of Maryland) to the law school to talk about the role of public defenders and employment opportunities in their offices. The event is co-sponsored by the Office of Career & Professional Development. All are welcome. Please register for this event through eCampusRecruiter.

The National Science Foundation Now Accepting Summer Internship Applications: The National Science Foundation (NSF), Office of Inspector General (OIG) is an independent federal agency created by Congress to promote the progress of science and to advance the national health, prosperity and welfare. The intern will work with the Senior Counsel to the Associate Inspector General for Investigations, providing legal and practical assistance on civil, criminal and administrative investigations and related special projects. The position pays between \$14-15 per hour. For more information, please visit www.nsf.gov and www.oig.nsf.gov. Please see eCampus for complete posting.

Attn 3Ls: Fellowship Opportunities Are Still Available! The Natural Resources Law Center at the University of Colorado School of Law invites applications for its 2007-08 Research Fellowship Program. The Center's research fellow works with the Director on ongoing research projects and Center activities. In addition, the fellow is encouraged to develop and carry out an independent research project that will lead to publication. Additional information and an application form are available at www.colorado.edu/law/centers/nrlc/. Please see eCampus for the complete posting.

Please visit the “Fellowship Corner” of PSLawnet, www.pslawnet.org for this and other fellowship opportunities.

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS & INTERNSHIPS

ATTENTION 3Ls/4Ls:

It’s not too late to apply for some state court clerkships! If you have not met with Shelley Rudge, Judicial Clerkship Coordinator:

- Call (202-274-4251) or email (serudge@wcl.american.edu) to schedule an individual appointment; and
- Remember that judge-specific hiring information for many states is listed within the “Judicial Clerkship” section of eCampus. Postings have recently been updated through direct calls to chambers, so be sure to check this resource.

ATTENTION 2Ls:

Do you want to finish your post-graduate job search this year?

Some judges on the Maryland Court of Appeals and Maryland Court of Special Appeals are now accepting applications for the 2008 term. Check the "Judicial Clerkship" section of eCampusRecruiter for more information (you will see "**2008 position**" in the job title line).

KEY RESOURCES:

Check out the Judicial Clerkship Alumni Survey Database! Link to this database from the main page of the judicial clerkship website. Use this database to locate and review feedback from alumni who clerked with federal judges, state judges/justices, and administrative law judges around the country. The alumni surveys include information about:

- Clerkship experience (role in chambers, main duties, and judge’s demeanor)
- Interview process (format, length, and even specific questions asked)
- Application advice specific to the judge or court
- Alumni contact information so you can call or e-mail with further questions

To subscribe to the Judicial Clerkships Listserv:

- (1) From your eCampus home page, select “myProfile” at the top of the page.
- (2) Select “Edit”.
- (3) Make sure your “Primary Email Address” is one that you check regularly (this is the address used for e-mails).
- (4) Double-check that your “Graduation Date” is correct.
- (5) Under “Listservs,” select “Judicial.”

DIVERSITY INITIATIVES

Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC Black History Month Event: Celebrate Black History Month with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC and the Washington College of Law Offices of Diversity Services and Career & Professional Development! The Black Law Students Association (BLSA) and Friends are invited to attend a Black History Event at Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice (8065 Leesburg Pike, Fourth Floor Tysons Corner, VA 22182) on **February 27, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.** The Keynote speaker for the evening will be **The Honorable Gerald Bruce Lee, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia.** *Please RSVP by February 19, 2007 to Sherry Weaver, Director of Diversity Services at diversity@wcl.american.edu* [Put "Womble Carlyle" in the subject line.]

**Beverages and heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. Bus transportation will be provided to and from the event.

SAVE THE DATE: Robert E. Wone Annual Judicial Clerkship & Internship Conference: Saturday, March 24, 2007 at Howard University Law School (2900 Van Ness Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008). Please check eCampusRecruiter for more details.

*****ATTENTION 1Ls*****

TODAY! Akin Gump 1L Diversity Reception: will now be held on **Thursday, February 15, 2007** from 6:00 – 8:00pm at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP (1333 New Hampshire Avenue, NW, 10th Floor, Washington, DC 20036). Please RSVP to Emily Rietz at erietz@akingump.com or 202.887.4344.

DEADLINE TODAY!! Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, LLP Diversity Scholarship - Summer 2007: Finnegan Henderson will award a **\$12,000** toward second year full-time (or third year part-time) education costs provided candidate accepts offer to join the 2008 Finnegan Henderson summer associate program. Please apply online at www.finnegan.com. Completed applications must be received by **February 15, 2007**. Please check eCampusRecruiter for a more detailed description of this scholarship.

Miller & Chevalier Minority Fellowship: The Miller & Chevalier Minority Fellowship will be awarded to one or two Fellows hired for the **fall semester of 2007**. Fellows will work at the Firm on substantive legal matters (similar to summer associate projects) in one of the Firm's three main practice areas. Fellows will work approximately **15 hours per week**, and will be paid at the rate of **\$50 per hour**. The purpose of the Fellowship is to supplement the Firm's summer associate program by allowing additional minority students at local law schools an opportunity to work at Miller & Chevalier. The Firm anticipates that Fellows whose work meets the Firm's standards will be offered positions as summer associates or permanent associates. The online application must be completed by **Saturday, April 7, 2007**. Please see eCampusRecruiter for more details.

For more information on Diversity Initiatives, please visit www.ecampusrecruiter.com/auwcl and search under “Job Search”/ “Summer Full-Time” for **fellowships and scholarships**; or search under “Interviews & Events” for **job fairs, receptions and other networking opportunities**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR LL.M. STUDENTS
FROM ADRIANA VITO, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL CAREER
PROGRAMS

Attention Foreign Students: OPT Workshop this Friday, February 16

1:00pm- 2:00pm, room 501

If you are a foreign student holding a F1 (student) visa and you are interested in applying for the Optional Practical Training (OPT) program, you must attend this session featuring Ms. Lori Cardosa, Immigration Specialist. Ms. Cardosa will give you all the information needed to apply to OPT and answer your immigration related questions. Students graduating in May 2007 are encouraged to attend, since you must apply for OPT before your graduation. Pizza and refreshments will be served. No registration necessary. Please be on time, this session will start promptly at 1:00pm.

JD Student Needed to Work as a Dean’s Fellow – Interest in International Programs and Foreign Languages a Plus!

The Office of Career and Professional Development seeks a **JD student** to work as a Dean’s Fellow for the Assistant Director for International Career Programs during the spring 2007 semester (10 hours a week). Foreign languages and an interest in international programs and foreign cultures is a plus. Requirements also include excellent organizational and drafting skills, professionalism and creativity/ initiative. If you are interested in applying for this position, please email your cover letter and resume to Adriana Vito at avito@wcl.american.edu . Position open until filled.

General Reminders for Foreign LL.M. Students:

I am available to meet with you for resume and cover letter review and to answer your job search questions. **You are required to attend a Basic Resume and Cover Letter Writing Workshop before meeting with me** for an individual counseling appointment. To schedule an appointment, please contact the OCPD front desk at (202) 274-4090 or stop by Suite 122. After obtaining an appointment with our front desk, please make sure you send me an email with your resume and/ or cover letter at least 48 hours prior to your appointment. My email address is avito@wcl.american.edu . Also, you may include information about your career goals in your email message. This information will help me better evaluate your needs and help you in a personalized manner.

Drop-in Hours for Foreign LL.M. Students:

I am also available to meet with you during my drop-in hours. Drop-in hours are designed for questions that require short discussion, usually 10 minutes or less. If you have a quick question to ask regarding your career development, job applications or resume and cover letter, please stop by our office in suite 122 during the following hours:

Tuesdays: from 3:00pm to 4:00pm

Thursdays: from 11:00am to 12:00pm

Students don't need an appointment to stop by during drop-in hours. Please keep in mind that issues that take longer than 10 minutes to resolve deserve a full counseling session by appointment and cannot be addressed during drop-in hours.

GENERAL REMINDERS FOR STUDENTS

Student eCampusRecruiter Profiles

Please take a moment to update your **eCampusRecruiter** profile. Student profiles should be updated on a regular basis to note changes in contact information and areas of interest. Periodically, the Office of Career & Professional Development will email important information concerning job postings and events to students based on what they have indicated on their profiles. Therefore, keeping your profile current is necessary if you wish to receive such information. To obtain a username and password go to www.ecampusrecruiter.com/auwcl.

Please refer to the following Job Search categories for locating postings relevant to your job search:

Permanent/Full Time – Post Graduate Positions for 3Ls & Lateral Positions for Alumni

Permanent/Part Time – Part Time Post Graduate Positions for 3Ls & Lateral Positions for Alumni

Judicial Clerkship – Post Graduate Positions

Summer/Full Time – Full Time Summer Internships, Summer Associate, Law Clerk & Judicial Internships

Summer/Part Time – Part Time Summer Internships (including Judicial) & Law Clerk Positions

Temporary/Full Time – Fellowships, Contract Attorney Positions, Full Time Law Clerk Positions & Internships (including Judicial)

Temporary/Part Time – Academic year Part Time Law Clerk Positions & Internships (including Judicial)

Did you know that you can use your eCampusRecruiter student profile to sign up for listservs in the area(s) of your interest(s)? OCPD uses the information provided on the student profile to send targeted emails to students who express interest in a particular practice area or specialty. To enroll in a listserv, simply use the "Edit" option on your student profile and select any number of options under "Listservs."

OCPD Website: Some portions of the OCPD website are protected by password for use by Washington College of Law students and alumni. A login ID and password will be provided once the **eCampusRecruiter** registration process has been completed.

OCPD Counseling Services:

OCPD has seven career counselors to assist you with the career planning process.

Counseling services include:

- resume and cover letter review
- conducting mock interviews
- creating job search strategies

Counselors also specialize in judicial clerkships, public interest, private practice and government as noted below. To schedule an appointment, call 202-274-4090 or by stop by Suite 122.

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DROP IN HOURS:

A counselor is available every Monday – Thursday from 11:30am to 12:30pm to answer quick questions regarding resumes, cover letters and issues relating to the job search process. To speak with a counselor regarding in-depth resume or cover letter review or regarding individual career or job search strategies, please schedule an appointment by speaking with one of our front desk staff members.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF February

Monday, February 19

12- 1:30pm, Rm 603, The Future of Military Commissions: 2007 and Beyond

2 PM, Rm 528, Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) dissertation defense

Tuesday, February 20

9am, Rm 524, Personal Values and Professional Character

12-1pm, Rm 627, What does the Bible say about immigration?

12-3pm, Rm 603, A Symposium on the Role of Sports in Advancing Civil Rights

10:10PM, Rm 101, SBA Senate meeting

Wednesday, February 21

11-12:30pm, Rm 445, Career Panel – Life As A Public Defender

Thursday, February 22

9am-3pm, Rm 603, U.S. Education Law and its Human Rights Impact on Racial Minorities

12-1:20pm, Rm 401, Free Press in Israel: An Arab Perspective

12–1:20pm, Rm 100, Who is the Decider? Congressional Oversight of Presidential War Powers

4-6pm, Rm 603, Zealous Prosecution and the Right to Legal Representation: Paying When Corporate Employees are Charged with White Collar Crime

7pm-10:30pm, Rm 603, EJF Annual Public Interest Auction

Friday, February 23

9am-5:30pm, Rm 603, The Janet Spragens Memorial Symposium on Low Income Earners and the Federal Tax System