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2007 WCL Commencement

Please click on the following link to be directed to the Commencement page:

<http://www.wcl.american.edu/commencement.cfm>

JDs who are concerned that their name might be mispronounced should see Associate Dean Jaffe in the Office of Student Affairs (suite 300); LLMS should contact the International Legal Studies Program in Room 338.

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

E-mail: registrar@wcl.american.edu

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER 2007 SEMESTER: Began on Monday, March 26 and students may continue to add/drop classes throughout the first week of classes (May 29 – June 5) There is no lottery or priority system for summer pre-registration. Schedules for summer course listings and information may be found on-line at http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/coursesapp/searchcourse2.cfm?time=summer_2007. and in the Registrar's office (suite 304). Students who have stops of any kind will be unable to register unless they clear these stops.

WCL students may register for any of the Human Rights Academy, International Arbitration and Environmental Law seminars on-line, as well as the other summer courses (the only exception are the classes taught in Spanish). Instructions for on-line registration for the summer are listed below.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ON-LINE REGISTRATION SUMMER 2007 SEMESTER

PREPARE...

The web portal is <http://my.american.edu> (no "www"). You must know your EagleNet ID and password to gain access to the registration process. Be aware that your password will expire every 60 days, so you may need to renew it to proceed. If you cannot

remember your password or your password has expired, you can reset your password through the web or contact the Help Desk at 202-885-2550.

You must clear any stops on your account before registering. You may check these stops on your snapshot on <http://my.american.edu> (**View STOPS**). These include financial, parking, library, immunization, billing address, visa, etc. You should check with appropriate offices to clear these stops.

All international students must check with the International Student Services Office on the main campus (Butler Pavilion 410 – Tel: 202-885-3350) to be cleared for registration. Non-degree, SJD, transfer students and students who have taken a semester off should check with the registrar’s office for registration.

SELECT CLASSES...

Check the course schedule carefully before you begin:

http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/coursesapp/searchcourse2.cfm?time=summer_2007. and prepare a conflict-free schedule of courses. Take the time to make your course selection prior to logging on to the web site. The portal will time out after 10 minutes, so it will help to have all the course numbers of your classes prior to logging on. The web registration will allow conflicting classes; however, students cannot receive credit for any class that overlaps with another. It is essential that you change one of these classes to avoid conflicts. Permission is required for registration for externship, clinic and independent studies. Instructor permission may also be required for some other courses.

Students may register for no more than 7 credits for the summer semester.

REGISTER...

Go to <http://my.american.edu> and log on using your Eaglenet ID and password. If you need help, click on the link provided.

Go to “Course Registration” in the listing on the right-hand side. Then, under “Personalized Links”, log onto “WCL Course Registration”.

You will be asked to AGREE or DISAGREE with the initial statement of Student Responsibility, and then another statement on Parking Policy. If you AGREE, you may proceed to registration; if you DISAGREE, you will be unable to register.

Proceed to the section in green on the left – REGISTER/ADD COURSES.

Carefully enter data for each block. You must enter “Law” in the first block, then the course number (three digits), then course section (usually “001” or “002”) in the next block, then choose the semester (Summer 2007) and, finally, the grade type. Graded courses may not be taken Pass/Fail. You must enter this information for EACH COURSE you choose.

Once you have entered all course information, **click on SUBMIT one-time only.**
Warning: clicking on SUBMIT more than once may cause you to be thrown out of the queuing process and you will have to begin again. You are strongly urged to print out your schedule once you have completed the process to be absolutely certain of your class schedule.

FALL 2007 PRE-REGISTRATION: Pre-registration for fall 2007 will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 9 and will be by priority and lottery. Further information on details of the lottery and priority order will be in next week's Docket and available in our office. The fall 2007 schedule of classes will also be available next week.

ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE MAY 2007 GRADUATES: Applications to graduate in May are now overdue. If you plan to graduate in May and have not applied, you **MUST COMPLETE** an Application to Graduate immediately. Applications are available in the Registrar's office, and on-line at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/gradapp.pdf>.

Attention Maryland Bar Applicants: You must submit your Pre-Legal Certificate to your undergraduate institution. **WCL Registrar's Office does not certify the 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. (in 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 www.barexam.org to find your state's exam instructions, requirements, deadlines, and fees.

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.

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Jennifer de Laurentiis, Special Assistant to the Dean, is seeking a Dean's Fellow for the summer. The position involves 10-20 hours per week of legal research and writing, as well as administrative tasks. Knowledge or better of Spanish is helpful, but not

required. Interested students should submit a cover letter and resume via e-mail to jdelautentiis@wcl.american.edu.

OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

Lunch with the Dean!

The Spring series of lunch meetings with Dean Claudio Grossman continues on Tuesday, April 3 at 12:30pm. 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

A reminder that WCL Commencement information is available at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/commencement.cfm>

WCL Business Cards

The Office of Student Services is pleased to extend to the student community an opportunity to order business cards with the AU and WCL imprint.

Students may find these cards useful during networking sessions and other opportunities when outside the law school.

The law school receives no income through purchase of the business cards. Please use the link provided to order yours today!

<http://www.wcl.american.edu/studentaffairs/businesscards.pdf>

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY SERVICES

Sherry A. Weaver, Director – (202) 274-4032 – Suite 300 – sweaver@wcl.american.edu

Hours: 9:30 am-5:30 pm

April 11-5:00 PM: “Promoting Access: Diversity Among Judicial Clerks and Interns” --

Diversity Services and the Office of Career and Professional Development have collaborated on this important event. Judge Gerald Bruce Lee will lead a panel of state and federal judges, including Judge Ricardo Urbina and Judge Jeannie Hong, who will discuss access issues. The panel will be followed by straight-talk workshops led by alumni clerks and interns. We'll end with a reception. Please join us. More information is available in OCPD or DS.

ADMITTED STUDENTS ACTIVITIES

To get involved:

April 13 -- Admitted Students' Day for Full & Part-time Programs (9-4pm)

Volunteer as tour guide, greeter, table host during lunch, session panelist, and host at a reception. On or after April 2, get in touch with Brooke Sandoval at sandoval@wcl.american.edu or 202-274-4103 or submit the on-line Student Ambassador Volunteer Form: http://www.wcl.american.edu/admiss/volunteer_form.cfm.

April 14—10:00-4:00 11th Annual Sylvania Woods Conference on African Americans and the Law: “The Future of the Black Lawyer” -- Conference participants—the majority of whom are alumni--will assess the realities of the current status of the black lawyer, discuss the implications thereof for law students embarking on their careers, and engage in critical dialogues about the prospects for entry into and advancement in the profession. Other conference activities include a salute to BLSA, awards presentations, and a silent auction that benefits the Rising Star student award, and entertainment by Loide Jorge ('06). See the Diversity Services webpage (follow link from “Prospective Students” then “Student Services” on WCL website) for more information. Registration is required.

Stuff on the Table

- NCLR-Patton Boggs Public Interest Fellowships – **DEADLINE MARCH 30**
- Rolls-Royce internship—**DEADLINE APRIL 6**
- 14th Annual Dupont Minority Job Fair—**DEADLINE APRIL 10**

Events:

March 29-31

The State of Environmental Justice in America 2007
Conference, Howard University

Various dates

Breaking Common Barriers: Fourth Tuesday Brown Bag
Roundtable Discussions for women attorneys from diverse
backgrounds, Weil Gotshal & Manges

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

Prospective Graduates

Exit Counseling Sessions will be held ~

April 3, 2007 11:00 – 1:00 pm

April 18, 2007 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Bar Study Loans

Loans up to \$15,000 are available through private lenders. Apply directly to the lender of your choice using the Alternative Loan information sheet on our website or in the office.

Loan Consolidation

A consolidation session is scheduled for April 11, 2007, 11:00am - 1:00pm - 6th Fl Lounge. Industry experts will be available to answer your questions. Don't miss this opportunity!

Summer Financial Aid – Application Deadline – May 1

Forms are available on line and in the office.

Summer Research Assistants

If you are considering work as a summer Research Assistant, be sure to file your FAFSA right away. Federal Work-Study funds will be used to fund as many positions as possible

and eligibility to receive federal aid will be a consideration for appointment. Contact the office for additional information.

Outside Scholarships

Information regarding the following outside scholarship opportunities has been received.

- Alabama Law Foundation Cabaniss, Johnston Scholarship for Alabama residents. Apply at www.alfinc.org. **Deadline:** June 1, 2007.
- **Key Bank Take 5 Scholarship for \$5000** awarded each month through June 2007. Register online at www.Key.com/Take5.
- **Robert A. Shuker Scholarship**. **Deadline:** April 20, 2007. Apply at www.shukerscholarship.com
- **Supreme Court of Oklahoma Sovereignty Symposium Scholarships**
 - Susan J. Ferrell Scholarship - **Deadline:** April 1, 2007
 - Ed Edmondson Scholarship – **Deadline:** May 5, 2007
- **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.
- **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:

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST SEEKS SUMMER DEAN'S FELLOW

The Office of Public Interest is seeking a Summer Dean's Fellow to work 20 hours/week on a number of projects including: outreach to public interest employers and WCL alumni, writing the *Public Interest Wire* newsletter, development of pro bono initiatives and the Public Interest Loan Repayment Assistance Program (PILRAP). The Dean's Fellow will also provide some assistance to the Assistant Director, Public Interest Specialist in the Office of Career Services. This is a great opportunity for a student taking summer classes. Sense of humor, excellent writing, computer and interpersonal skills are required. Interested candidates should submit a current resume and brief cover letter to Charlene Gomes, Public Interest Coordinator at cegomes@wcl.american.edu. Resumes will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE CICCHINO PUBLIC SERVICE

AWARDS DINNER, Thursday, April 12: The Public Interest Committee will host the annual Cicchino Public Service Awards dinner on Thursday, April 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the 6th floor dining area. This year's keynote speaker is Karen Lash, National Pro Bono Coordinator for the Mississippi Center for Justice. Karen also served formerly as the Vice President of Programs at Equal Justice Works, and before that as an associate dean at USC Law School.

The Cicchino Awards Dinner is the academy awards of student public interest and pro bono work. In addition to recognizing the three Cicchino awardees, students receive certificates of achievement at a sumptuous dinner before their peers, faculty and staff for a variety of additional awards and accomplishments, including: completion of the Pro Bono Honors Pledge Program, the WCL Community Service Award, external pro bono and public service awards, and receipt of post-graduate public interest fellowships. **The dinner is free and open to all students but you must RSVP no later than Wednesday, April 4 to cegomes@wcl.american.edu.**

RSVP NOW for the FINAL 1L ROUNDTABLE, APRIL 4, 12:30 – 1:20 in room 504: Please join Professor Susan Bennett and WCL Alumna Antonia Fasanelli for a roundtable discussion on housing and homelessness. **Participation is limited to encourage interactive discussion. Please RSVP to michla97@yahoo.com.** Pizza will be provided.

PRO BONO HONORS PLEDGE PROGRAM:

ATTENTION 3Ls – Final Pro Bono Hours due Friday, March 30: Members of the class of 2007 should submit any unreported Pro Bono Honors Pledge hours no later than Friday, March 30th. The total hours reported will determine the level of honors acknowledged during the April 12 Cicchino Public Service Awards Dinner, and will be used to report completion of the Pledge for inclusion in the graduation bulletin. The levels of honors are:

- Pro Bono Service Honors (75-124 hours)
- Outstanding Pro Bono Service Honors (125-174 hours)
- Exceptional Pro Bono Service Honors (175+ hours).

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!

The Eighth Annual National High School Moot Court Competition

Date: March 31st and April 2nd

9am-5pm

District of Columbia Court of Appeals Oral Arguments

Date: 4/2/07

Time: 9am-3pm

Room 603

Second Annual Modern American Diversity Symposium

Date: 4/04/07

Time 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Room 603

Navajo Nation Supreme Court Oral Arguments

Date: 4/5/07

Time: 9:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Room 603

Save the Dates:

Spring 2007

[April 9](#) (CLE)

The New UN Disability Rights Convention: Building Support in the United States for Ratification and Implementation

[April 10](#)

WCL Connections

[April 10](#)

User Generated Content and Copyright

[April 11](#)

Promoting Access: Diversity Among Judicial Clerks and Interns

[April 12](#) (CLE)

A Conversation on Comparative Family Law

[April 12](#)

8th Annual Peter M. Cicchino Awards

[April 14](#)

11th Annual Sylvania Woods Conference on African Americans and the Law

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

ACADEMY ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

SUMMER PROGRAM

Three Intensive Weeks: May 29 – June 15, 2007

The Summer Program offers a unique opportunity for current LLM students since you can apply up to seven credits of the Summer Program towards their degree in this three-week program.

The Summer Program offers courses in English and Spanish to students, scholars and activists of human rights law, offering them the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and to network with other experts in the field. The Academy offers a broad spectrum of important courses spanning the field of human rights law, a unique blend of theory and practical experience, and is taught by renowned experts in this critical area.

For additional information please visit our website at

<http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/hracademy/> or contact us at hracademy@wcl.american.edu.

UPCOMING EVENT

Munching on Human Rights: Current Issues of the Inter-American Human Rights System featuring Diego Rodriguez-Pinzon, one of the Academy's co-directors.

April 4, 12:00 – 1:00 pm, Room 602

Join us for a discussion about the differences and similarities between regional human rights systems with an in-depth exploration of the Inter-American human rights system. Interested in human rights but trapped studying property and torts? Munching on Human Rights is an introductory program designed to educate and engage students, especially

1Ls, about basic issues in international human rights and humanitarian law. Held once a month, Munching gives you a great opportunity to informally interact with WCL's internationally-known faculty and get a "taste" of international law and human rights. All are welcome.

12th Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition

May 20 – May 25

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.

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:

In order to participate in an externship this summer, you must register for one of the Externship Seminars offered (courses begin with "LAW-769"). Please see courses and descriptions on the course information page.

Many employers are currently looking for summer externs. In the past few weeks, the following employers have contacted us. Please view the Externship database for details on these, and hundreds of other organizations.

- International Intellectual Property Institute
- National Center for Victims of Crime
- World Organization for Human Rights—USA: Trafficking Asylum Project
- Institute for Justice
- Maryland Office of the Attorney General
- Civilian Board of Contract Appeals
- Arlington Office of the Public Defender
- United States Department of Commerce
- Law Office of Donna Wulkan
- Department of Justice Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section
- Pro Bono Institute

LONG DISTANCE EXTERNSHIPS: Extern outside of Washington DC:

Summer 2007 Long-Distance Seminar: Students planning on participating in a long-distance externship this summer must enroll in the long-distance externship seminar. This seminar, taught by Professor Amy Young of the U.S. Department of Justice, will take place for three days in May, and three days in August. The May dates are: Monday, May 14: 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 15: 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Wednesday May 16: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. In August, the seminar will meet for three additional days (Tuesday, August 14 through Thursday, August 16) at the same times. Students can register for the seminar through the my.american.edu portal.

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. If you are planning on doing a **long-distance externship** over the summer, please contact the Externship office. When summer registration opens, you will need to register for the three credit, graded, long-distance seminar.

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. Interested students should contact the Externship Program ASAP in order to begin the approval process for international externships.

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.

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.

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 and cell phone use disturbs everyone! 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.**

**Reminder – No food is allowed in the collection and study areas of the Library.
Thank you for your cooperation!**

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 5 pm, Saturday from noon to 5 pm and Sunday from noon to 6 pm. Don't miss out on a very valuable resource!

Carrels are available! The Library has a few carrels available for reservation for upperclass students and LLM's who are writing a paper or journal article. Stop by the Circulation Desk for further information or email John Smith, Access Services Librarian at jasmith@wcl.american.edu.

Database tip of the week: Are you researching issues relating to Foreign or International Law? The Library has grouped its International and Foreign Law databases together in a list posted at http://library.wcl.american.edu/resources/resources.cfm?parm_val=All&local_attribute_id=18 These sources cover everything from UN documents to full text databases of UK and Irish Law in our newly acquired JUSTIS database. Questions? Contact Bill Ryan, Foreign and International Law Librarian at wryan@wcl.american.edu.

PROGRAM ON INFORMATION JUSTICE AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

User Generated Content and Copyright

April 10, 2007 | 4:00 pm — 6:00 pm | Room 603In collaboration with the Center for Social Media at the AU School of Communications, this event will discuss the implications of copyright law on the growing use of participatory media platforms, such as YouTube, to facilitate user generated content. Panelists will include representatives of major online media companies as well as legal scholars in the forefront of copyright reform.

Brownbag Lunch Speaker Series

April 19th | 12:30 pm — 1:30 pm | 6th Floor ~ ILSP Lounge

Professor Shamnad Basheer (visiting at George Washington) will speak on India's new Patent Regime: TRIPS Implications. Professor Basheer completed a bachelor of civil law degree with distinction at Oxford as a Shell Centenary scholar, where his thesis dealing with biotechnology and patent law in India was awarded the second prize in a writing contest held by the Stanford Technology Law Review. He is currently an associate with the Oxford Intellectual Property Research Centre and is a Wellcome Trust scholar in the doctoral program at

Oxford. His research interests include patents and developing countries and the interface between patents and antitrust. He is currently authoring a book on Indian patent law.

Copyright, Fair Use and Access to Library Holdings

June 22, 2007 | 2:00 pm — 6:00 pm | Room 603

This conference will focus on the balance between user and owner rights and interpretations of copyright law that can usefully support the media librarian's role as a facilitator for the public's access to audio-visual media. Co-sponsored by the American Library Association.

PROGRAM ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT

Panel Discussion: **The Supreme Court and the Seattle and Louisville Cases – Looking Ahead**

Friday, March 30 Room 603, 10 AM – noon

The Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project and the Program on Law and Government invite you to learn about the future of affirmative action in public, K-12 schools. Panelists will examine two pending Supreme Court cases that will test the ability of elementary and secondary schools to promote diversity in the classroom by using race as a factor in school assignments. The conference will examine these cases, and explore the implications for the future of affirmative action in America's public schools. Panelists include Francisco Negron, General Counsel of the National School Boards Association; Derek Black, Assistant Professor at Howard University Law School; Richard D. Kahlenberg, Senior Fellow at The Century Foundation.

To RSVP to attend, contact the Office of Special Events and Continuing Legal Education at 202-274-4075 or register online by visiting www.wcl.american.edu/secle and clicking "registration."

Exploring the Value of a Post-JD Degree Wednesday, April 25 Room 600, 5-7 PM

Please join the Program on Law and Government for a panel discussion about the value of a post-JD degree. LLM and SJD alumni Allen Loughry, Juria Jones, Marcela Matamoros, and Ben Firschein will share their thoughts on how their experiences at WCL allowed them to develop professionally and personally. The discussion will take place in the Faculty Dining Room (600) from 5-6:30 PM with a reception to follow. Please RSVP to Amelia Duroska at aduroska@wcl.american.edu if you plan to attend.

General Upcoming Events

Persian New Year (Norooz) Celebration Wednesday, April 4, 2007 6th Floor Student Lounge, 12-2 PM (light lunch will be provided)

Please join members of the WCL faculty, staff, and student body, the Program on Law and Government, the Office of Diversity Services, the International Legal Studies Program, and the International Legal Studies and Law and Government LLM Boards, in commemorating Norooz, which is celebrated in many countries around the world, including Iran, Iraq, India, Turkey, Syria, Afghanistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, and Kyrgyzstan.

The program will include an introduction and explanation of Norooz and the Haft-Seen, a screening of Persepolis, lunch and a slide presentation, and musical performance by WCL student Pargol Partovi.

WAR CRIMES RESEARCH OFFICE

The WCRO serves as a source of expertise in humanitarian and international criminal law for selected international organizations. In the past year, for example, the office undertook international law research projects for the International Criminal Court and the Special Court for Sierra Leone. We also speak at conferences on international criminal and humanitarian law issues, and publish regularly on the development of international criminal jurisprudence.

Friday, March 30 11:00 am

Former U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes David Scheffer

On Friday, March 30th, **David Scheffer**, who served as the United States' first-ever Ambassador-at-Large for War Crimes Issues, will speak at Washington College of Law. His talk, **“Possibilities for Ratification of the Rome Statute by the United States”** will examine the U.S. position on the International Criminal Court in the context of recent developments. This event will be held at 11:00am in room 601. A light lunch will be served.

Upcoming

On Wednesday, April 10th at noon, **Richard Dicker**, Director of the International Justice Program at Human Rights Watch, will speak about the **Iraqi High Tribunal**. Stay tuned for event details.

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

Members of the Class of 2007---as graduation quickly approaches, please consider contributing to the Graduating Class Gift Campaign. This is a wonderful way to ensure that the programs and activities that have made your time at WCL so rewarding will be available for future generations of WCL students. Please contribute on-line at www.wcl.american.edu/alumni/classgift.cfm or by returning the pledge cards that were mailed to your home by April 30. All contributors to the campaign will receive a special gift as a sign of appreciation. If you have any questions, please contact Jamie Jennings, Assistant Director of Annual Giving at, 202-274-4056. Thank you!

The next SBA Senate meeting will be on Tuesday, April 3 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 April 2. 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.

A reminder that Fall 2007 Budgets for every SBA funded organization are due on Friday, April 6, 2007 at 10:00 am to sbafinance@wcl.american.edu. The budgets must be submitted electronically like the Sample Book and Sample Memo on the SBA TWEN page and SBA Finance web page (<http://www.wcl.american.edu/sba/finance.cfm>). Two **question and answer sessions will be held on Monday, April 2 at 12 pm and 10:15 pm in the SBA 5th Floor Lounge** by the SBA Finance Chair. Please submit reimbursement requests within three weeks of the event.

Christian Legal Society

CLS Career Panel Tuesday, April 3rd 12-1pm Room 500

Lunch will be provided!

Criminal Law Brief

The Criminal Law Brief is soliciting staff applications. All students with a strong interest in criminal law and related issues are invited to submit applications. Please download the staff application off the Criminal Law Brief website

<https://www.wcl.american.edu/journal/clb/>. The application form, resume, and a 3-5 page essay on criminal law should be placed in the Criminal Law Brief office #615 on the 6th Floor, in the box labeled "CLB Staff Applications". The deadline for applications is March 30th at 5pm. If you have any questions please email us at

CrimLawBrief@wcl.american.edu

Health Law & Justice Initiative (HLJI) and Law Students for Choice

Could A Vaccine For Cancer Be Bad? The Public Policy Debate Over The HPV Vaccine On Wednesday, April 4, 2007 from 12 to 1 p.m. in Room TBD, the Health Law & Justice Initiative (HLJI) and Law Students for Choice (LSFC) will present a program on the controversial HPV Vaccine and the relevant public policy issues surrounding recent state efforts to make the vaccine mandatory for girls entering the sixth grade. Such efforts have already had some success in Texas and Virginia. Last summer the CDC approved the vaccine, called Gardasil, and recommended that teenage girls receive the vaccine because it has been shown to be nearly 100 percent effective in preventing the HPV strains known to cause 70 percent of cervical cancers and 90 percent of genital warts. While different interest groups disagree on whether the vaccine should be mandated by the government, there is general consensus that the HPV vaccine could significantly reduce rates of cervical cancer if young people are vaccinated. Speakers will include Deven McGraw, *J.D./MPH, Chief Operating Officer for National Partnership for Women & Families* and Natane Singleton, *Public Policy Analyst for Planned Parenthood Federation of America*. HLJI and LSFC have also invited a DC City Council Member who is advocating to make the vaccine mandatory in the District and Dan Bruey, Director of the Student Health Center at American University to come and address why AU student health insurance will not cover the HPV testing or vaccination. Empanadas will be served. (This event was rescheduled from last Wednesday).

Human Rights Brief

The Human Rights Brief is seeking Senior Editors for its 2007-2008 academic year staff. In particular, the Brief is looking for two Senior Articles Editors, a Managing Editor and a Senior Editor for its blog. (The Blog Editor position will also include responsibilities related to the print publication). Each position is approximately a ten hour per week commitment and is paid as a Dean's Fellowship. Applications will be posted on the door to the Brief office (room 630) today (Thursday, March 29) by 5:00 p.m. and will be due early the next week. All members of the WCL community are welcome to apply. Questions may be directed to chief_hrb@wcl.american.edu.

JLSA

JLSA's Passover Seder! Tuesday 4/3 at 7pm in the faculty dining room. Tickets \$5 on sale through Friday. Please email jenny.segal@american.edu with questions.

LL.M. Board

April 3rd, 2007 12-2PM, International Student Lounge, The LL.M. Board/PMBR information session and raffle. All students are welcome.
Contact: llmboard@wcl.american.edu .

Modern American

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN CUTTING EDGE LEGAL ISSUES AFFECTING RACE, GENDER, CLASS, RELIGION, AND/OR SEXUALITY?

Do you want to be a part of one of WCL's fastest growing publications? Then come join our staff! *The Modern American* is WCL's student-run publication dedicated to diversity and the law. Our mission is to provide a forum for a frank, yet healthy discourse of issues facing minority groups within the United States today. Specifically, the publication discusses the legal system's treatment of racial, sexual, ethnic and other underrepresented people. We will be accepting applications for Junior Staff, Articles Editors, Marketing Editors, Publications Editors, and Staff Writers starting **March 22, 2007**. To apply, please email a cover letter explaining why you are interested in joining *The Modern American* and what positions you are applying for, resume, and writing sample to tma@wcl.american.edu. The application packet, including instructions, is currently available on *The Modern American* website. Apply soon, the deadline is **April 20, 2007**. Feel free to check out our past issues on the stands in the lobby by the elevators or on the web at <http://wcl.american.edu/modernamerican/>.

Call for Class Papers- *The Modern American*, WCL's publication dedicated to diversity and the law, is expanding to promote publication opportunities for WCL students. Many law professors now require class papers instead of exams in complex theory courses. The paper length requirements (10-45 pages double spaced including footnotes) as well as the conversational tone and reader-friendly citations conform easily to our publication standards.

We believe that issues of race, gender, class, religion, and sexuality are pervasive throughout all legal fields and we welcome class papers from all classes so long as the scope of the paper includes an aspect of diversity. We also welcome and encourage diversity in ideology and politics. Submissions will be considered for publication in the Summer 2007 or Fall 2007 issues.

For more information, please see our publication on the stands and check out our website at <http://wcl.american.edu/modernamerican/>. Submissions should be emailed in Word format to tma@wcl.american.edu.

**THE MODERN AMERICAN, SECOND ANNUAL DIVERSITY SYMPOSIUM:
RETAINING THE TWO-FERS: THE OPPORTUNITIES AND LIMITATIONS FACING THOSE
WITHIN THE LEGAL FIELD WHO IDENTIFY WITH MULTIPLE MINORITY GROUPS**

Wednesday, April 4, 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. – Room 603

What are the current benefits and limitations of addressing diversity in the workplace? What is it like for those who fall within those minority groups? What happens when individuals fall within more than one group? How are organizations working towards addressing these complex issues? How should they be addressing these issues and what effect does this have on our legal field?

The Modern American, the WCL student-run publication dedicated to diversity and the law, hopes to provide answers to these questions while provoking new ones at our second annual diversity symposium. The event includes a diversified panel of speakers who will delve into the journeys of their own achievement in the legal field and discuss what role their identity played. Register online at http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle_form.cfm.

IN SEARCH OF

Prof. Walter Effross invites applications for the position of his summer research assistant (20 hours per week for ten weeks; \$2,200 total for the summer), on projects in corporate and commercial law, cyberlaw, and intellectual property law. If you are interested, please submit your resume, transcript, and statement of your other anticipated obligations for the summer to Professor Effross's administrative assistant, Rosalena Thompson, in Room 475 by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 6.

Prof. Ann Shalleck seeks a summer research assistant to work up to 20 hours per week on issues of narrative theory, jurisprudence, feminist theory (particularly the history and theory of marriage), clinical theory and the lawyer-client relationship. Please bring a resume and cover letter to Melissa Manning in room 417 or send an email to mmanning@wcl.american.edu <mailto:jjwama@wcl.american.edu> by Monday, April 9, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

The Women & the Law Clinic seeks summer dean's fellows to work, under the supervision of clinic faculty, on ongoing clinic cases during the summer months. Work involves all aspects of client representation in a wide range of cases, including family law matters, including domestic violence, commercial litigation, public benefits, and immigration. Positions are available for 10-30 hours per week and hours are flexible. Please submit a resume and cover letter to Professor Ann Shalleck or Melissa Manning, the administrative assistant for the Women & the Law Clinic, in room 417 or at mmanning@wcl.american.edu by Friday, April 13, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.

The Domestic Violence Clinic seeks summer Dean's Fellows to work, under the supervision of clinic faculty, on ongoing clinic cases during the summer months. Work involves all aspects of client representation in domestic violence, immigration, and

family law matters. Positions are available for 10-30 hours per week and hours are flexible. Please submit a cover letter and resume to Jane Stoever, Director of the Domestic Violence Clinic, by e-mail to jstoever@wcl.american.edu by Friday, April 13, 2007, at 5:00 p.m.

Jane Stoever, Director of the Domestic Violence Clinic, seeks a summer research assistant to work up to 20 hours per week on issues related to domestic violence, family law, and clinical teaching. A background in domestic violence issues, feminist theory, women's studies, education, or psychology is preferred, but not necessary. Please e-mail a cover letter and resume to jstoever@wcl.american.edu by Monday, April 16, 2007, at 5:00 p.m.

The Clinical Program is seeking a Dean's Fellow who speaks Spanish and/or French (but primarily a Spanish speaker is needed) to work with student attorneys in the program performing interpretation and translation duties for the remainder of the Spring 2007 semester. You will work with the student attorneys and perform such duties as making phone calls to clients, assisting at client meetings and working on documents as necessary. You will be required to fill out an interpreter screening form to assess your level of language expertise. The position is for 10 hours a week. You will be required to be in the program office during your Dean's Fellow hours. For more details, and to submit your letter of interest and qualifications and resume, please contact Maribel Yamat at 274-4147 or myamat@wcl.american.edu. Full time first year students are not eligible. Full time 2Ls or 3Ls who have an outside job of 20 hours are also not eligible to apply.

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.

Prof. Jonathan Baker is seeking one or more Dean's Fellows to work during the summer, primarily on a book project involving U.S. competition policy (not just antitrust law, but also history, politics and economics). The position could be filled by one student working 20 hours per week, or more than one working five or ten hours per week. If you would like to be considered for this position, please submit a letter describing briefly your interest and availability during the summer along with a resume to Professor Baker's assistant, Jeff Barsky, in Room 384. Please make sure these materials include both your e-mail address and telephone number.

Summer Dean's Fellow Wanted- The Community and Economic Development Law Clinic is seeking dean's fellows to assist with case management this summer. Duties will involve maintaining contact with clients, attending community meetings, researching community economic development and affordable housing programs and law, and collecting resource materials for clinic class. Position will be available for from three to

five days a week. Current second year students are preferred, but we will consider any student with legal or non-legal experience with non-profits, clients or organizations engaged in housing, community development or poverty law, or business management. Interested applicants should leave a cover letter describing their interests, a resume, and a short writing sample in Professor Susan Bennett's box in the mail room; or you may e-mail these documents as attachments to <sbennet@wcl.american.edu>. DEADLINE: April 6, 2007 or when filled.

Prof. Susan Bennett needs a dean's fellow for 10-20 hours per week, ten weeks (negotiable) during summer, 2007, for research on issues relating to community development, affordable housing, fair housing protections for immigrants and persons with limited English proficiency, and the representation of community-based groups. Please leave a resume and cover letter in her box in room 465, with a brief writing sample. Position will close April 6, 2007, or when filled.

Guantanamo Litigation Summer Fellowship: The International Human Rights Law Clinic announces the availability of two newly created positions as Guantanamo Litigation Fellows for the summer of 2007. The Fellowships are paid, full-time positions that provide the opportunity for law students to engage in litigation and advocacy on behalf of a detainee at Guantanamo Bay, including support of litigation in military commission proceedings. Applicants should have excellent research and writing skills and a strong academic record. Prior knowledge of the legal issues around Guantanamo Bay is helpful but not required. Applicants should submit a resume and cover letter as soon as possible, but no later than Friday, April 6, to Professor Muneer Ahmad at mahmad@wcl.american.edu.

Prof. Muneer Ahmad seeks dean's fellows to work with him this summer for 10 hours/week. The dean's fellows will assist with research on immigrants' rights, as well as legal issues regarding the rights of detainees held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Please submit a resume and cover letter via email to mahmad@wcl.american.edu.

The Glushko-Samuelson Intellectual Property Law Clinic is seeking Deans Fellows for the summer of 2007 and the academic year 2007-2008. Summer Deans Fellows will be expected to perform significant research and memoranda writing and otherwise assist with pending IP Clinic matters. They will also assist with the preparation of materials for next year's IP Clinic seminar. The IP Clinic also is looking for Deans Fellows to support IP Clinic activities during the academic year, and we would like to review applications from students interested in those positions. Individuals willing to commit to a full year Deans Fellowship will get preference for the summer Deans Fellow positions. Academic-year Deans Fellows would principally provide support for the IP Clinic seminar simulation, including playing the roles of clients and witnesses. If you are interested in a Deans Fellow position this summer or for next year, send no later than April 11th your resume and a cover note explaining your interest and any relevant IP (and for the academic year acting) to Professor Vicki Phillips vfphillips@wcl.american.edu and Professor Josh Sarnoff jsarnoff@wcl.american.edu.

The China Rule of Law Project seeks to hire a Dean's Fellow (10-20 hours per week) to assist with a rule of law grant for work with China. The University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law and American University Washington College of Law have formed a partnership with three Chinese law schools to train law professors there to be both advocacy skills teachers and clinical legal educators. American University will offer clinical education workshops to be held at one of the Chinese partner institutions, and will coordinate joint U.S.-China research projects on clinical education and a scholarly conference. WCL faculty contributing to this project include: Professors Elliott Milstein, Robert Dinerstein, and Susan Bennett. If you are interested in contributing to this project, please send cover letter and resume to chinarol@wcl.american.edu.

The Impact Litigation Project is looking for two Dean's Fellows for the SUMMER to work on international human rights cases. The Project receives grant funding to promote the rule of law and democracy within the Latin American region through international litigation of pivotal cases selected by experts for maximum ability to shape and change policy and legislation within the region, and to advance debate and changes to human rights standards. Candidates must be fluent in both English and Spanish, have excellent writing skills and have a proved interest in human rights issues. This is an excellent opportunity for 2Ls, 3Ls and LL.M.s to work with Dean Grossman and our Impact Litigation partners in the region; gain experience in human rights international litigation; and get an inside look at impact litigation strategy-drafting. The Dean's Fellows will be required to work at least 10 hours per week researching and drafting legal memoranda as well as providing administrative support for the office. If you are interested in applying to this position please send an email with a cover letter, resume and short writing sample (10 pages max.) to Agustina Del Campo at delcampo@wcl.american.edu indicating "Dean's Fellow Summer" in the subject line.

12th Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition Volunteer Opportunities

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 digest1@wcl.american.edu indicating "Oxford Volunteer Spring 2007" in the subject line.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Honor Code Violation Settlement: An LL.M student was sanctioned for an admitted Honor Code Violation. The publication of this announcement is part of a settlement reached after investigation by the Honor Code Prosecution Team. This matter was referred to the Prosecution Team by WCL students, which had reason to believe that the student had used unauthorized materials during a final examination. The Honor Code Prosecution Team was composed of Faculty Prosecutor, Professor Richard Ugelow, and Student Prosecutor, Peter Estacio. The student admitted to a violation of Article 8Bvi of the Honor Code. A note was placed in the student's official file for a period of two years summarizing the Honor Code violation and the outcome.

The D.C. Court of Appeals will hold oral arguments at WCL on Monday, April 2nd from 9:30 - 12:30, Room 603. The D.C. Court of Appeals is D.C.'s highest court (the equivalent of a state supreme court). The court will hear argument in 3 cases. The first is a disciplinary matter and the attorneys are representing themselves. The second is a criminal case involving a Batson challenge (Batson is the case which held that lawyers may not strike a juror based on his/her race). The third is a civil case involving a number of procedural issues.

There will also be an **informal session with students at 2:00pm in room 603**. This will be a rare opportunity for students to meet the judges and ask questions about a variety of issues. Don't miss this historic event!

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.

Electives Overview: See What The Other Electives Are Doing? The Integrated Curriculum would like to invite the first year students to attend a commons with their elective professors. Come learn about the other elective courses. These commons will be free discussions among the professors of the elective courses about how the elective

course each teaches is related to the courses the other professors teach. Please attend one of the following sections: **April 2nd at 3:30, April 11th at 12:30.**

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

ATTENTION STUDENTS:

Are you still seeking a summer or post-graduate position?

If so, the Office of Career & Professional Development strongly encourages you to make an appointment with an OCPD career counselor as soon as possible. Career counselors are available to assist students with resume and cover letter reviews, job search strategies, mock interviews, and more. A career counselor may also be able to alert you to employment opportunities with organizations that match your interests. Please stop by Suite 122 or call the OCPD front desk at (202) 274-4090 to schedule an individual counseling appointment.

Fall Recruitment Information Session (Two Sessions): If you have a particular interest in learning more about Fall Recruitment (an overview of which was provided during the Second Year Job Search program) please attend one of these sessions:

- Monday, April 2nd from 12-1:30pm in Room 528
- Thursday, April 5th from 12-1:30pm in Room 401

The sessions will provide information about deadlines and application procedures, and will include specifics about **the on-campus interview process and regional interview programs in Atlanta, Boston, New York and the West Coast.** If you have an interest in applying to the large law firms, government agencies, public interest organizations, corporations and judicial employers that typically participate in the program, please attend this information session. You only need to attend one. Register for either session on eCampusRecruiter.

If you have a class that ends or begins during these sessions, we encourage you to still attend as your schedule permits. The handout will be available on the eCampusRecruiter Document Library following the sessions and will be available on podcast.

***Attention Evening Students:** The Office of Career & Professional Development will conduct an information session about preparing for the second year job search and the upcoming Fall Recruitment Program, deadlines which will start this summer; *date and time of program to be determined*. This program may be of particular interest to 1L and 2L evening students. Please check the eCampusRecruiter “Events” page for updates. Registration will take place on eCampus.

WCL CONNECTIONS The Office of Career & Professional Development invites students to WCL Connections, a reception for students and employers participating in the upcoming Fall Recruitment program.

When: Tuesday, April 10, 5:30-7:30pm
Where: WCL, 6th Floor Dining Room

WCL Connections is an opportunity for a select group of current 1L and 2L students to informally meet with employers participating in the upcoming 2007 Fall Recruitment Program. Students will be able to meet representatives from various organizations including: Mintz Levin Cohn Ferris Glovsky & Popeo, Sidley Austin, Powell Goldstein, White & Case, and Akin Gump.

Please register on eCampus for this event. Space is limited, and registrations will be processed on a first come, first served basis only. WCL Connections is open to students in the 2008 and 2009 graduating classes only. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Bridget Beirne in the Office of Career & Professional Development at (202) 274-4095, or bbeirne@wcl.american.edu.

IMPORTANT eCampusRecruiter INFORMATION FOR 1Ls!!

If you have not logged on to eCampusRecruiter recently, you have missed out on a number of informative career-related programs this year. In order to attend upcoming OCPD programs geared toward the 1L class, please take a moment to log on now. Visit www.ecampusrecruiter.com/auwcl.

Please note: You have been pre-registered in the system.
Log in instructions are as follows:

- Your **USERNAME** is your full **@american.edu** email address
- Your **PASSWORD** is **1LStudent2006** (Case Sensitive)

At the log in screen, enter your username (example: rf3223a@american.edu) and password (1LStudent2006) in the fields provided. Once you have logged in, you will see the eCampusRecruiter student homepage. Please select the “My Profile” tab

and the “Edit” button in order to update your personal information. For more information about eCampusRecruiter, see the “General Information” section in this Docket or visit the OCPD website at www.wcl.american.edu/career.

Questions can be directed to Robin Fulton at rfulton@wcl.american.edu.

Making the Most of Your Summer Internship: A Program for 1Ls and 2Ls

What do you want to gain from your summer experience? This session will discuss setting goals and managing your expectations as you embark on your summer adventure. ***Tuesday, April 10th from 12-1:30pm in Room 526.***

Please register on eCampusRecruiter, as space is limited for this program. Pizza will be provided. Any handouts will be available in the eCampusRecruiter Document Library, and the program will be podcast.

Preparing for your Law Firm Summer Associate Position Join us for an informal discussion with a firm recruiting manager and a 3L student to learn about the summer associate experience and the strategies for securing a post- graduate offer.

Date and Time To Be Announced – Please check the eCampusRecruiter “Events” page for program updates. RSVPs will be collected on eCampus. Pizza will be provided.

**THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BAR presents a Brown Bag Program
MENTORING: Lawyer Professional Advancement**

sponsored by:

Law Practice Management Section; Administrative Law and Agency Practice Section; Corporation Finance and Securities Law Section; Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Section; Real Estate, Housing and Land Use Section Labor and Employment Law Section; Intellectual Property Law Section; Antitrust and Consumer Law Section; International Law Section; Health Law Section; Litigation Section; Taxation Section; University of Baltimore School of Law; American University, Washington College of Law; The George Washington University Law School; University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law

Effective mentoring plays a critical role in lawyer professional advancement. Get practical guidance on how to develop strong workplace relationships, well designed mentoring programs, and training in mentoring skills. Attendees will gain valuable insight and learn from the experts on the following topics:

- The connection between mentoring and retention of talented professionals
- The keys to developing a successful mentor program
- The roles and responsibilities of mentors and mentees
- Building a network of mentors
- How employers can develop a mentoring culture

Speakers: Ida Abbott, Esq.
Consultant and Author,
Ida Abbott Consulting

Caren Stacy
Director of Professional Development
Arnold & Porter, Washington DC

Rena Cervoni & Jeanne Svihart

Assistant Directors
Office of Attorney Recruitment and Management
U.S. Department of Justice

Moderator: James Sandman, Esq.
D.C. Bar President and Senior Partner
Arnold & Porter, Washington D.C.

Date /Time: Tuesday, April 10, 2007 / 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Location: D.C. Bar Conference Center, 1250 H Street NW (Metro Center)
Cost: \$10.00 Law Students (Please bring your lunch.)

GREAT EMPLOYMENT OPPORUNITY FOR EVENING STUDENTS!!

The *Office of General Counsel of the U.S. House of Representatives* is currently accepting applications for a paid, full-time, permanent Law Clerk position. This position is ideal for law students enrolled in the evening program who wish to gain substantive legal experience before graduation, and former law clerks from this office have gone on to federal clerkships and positions in large law firms. Due to the nature of this position, individuals near or in their last year of law school or in LLM programs, those seeking only summer positions, and law graduates will not be considered. *We are particularly interested for this position in hiring an evening student who will graduate spring 2010.*

Description of the Office of General Counsel

The Office of General Counsel (“OGC”) is a non-partisan office that provides legal assistance and representation to the House of Representatives as an institution and to the Members, officers and employees of the House on matters related to their official duties and responsibilities. OGC handles litigation for the House and provides legal advice on diverse legal issues such as constitutional law, interpretation and application of federal statutes, questions regarding the construction and application of House rules, contracts, torts etc.

Position Description

The Law Clerk will often serve as the first point of contact with Member, committee and other offices, and will be responsible for gathering preliminary facts and helping to identify legal issues. The position involves legal research and assisting in the preparation of briefs and other pleadings for filing. The Law Clerk position also involves cataloguing/indexing both current and archived cases and matters, and preparing closed case files for archival. The position requires excellent organizational skills and strong computer skills, including Westlaw, WordPerfect and database management.

Contact Information

Candidates will be considered as soon as their applications are received, so candidates are encouraged to apply as soon as possible, preferably by April 17. Please fax a resume

with cover letter, and indicate the date you are available to start work. The resume and cover letter should be faxed to:

David Plotinsky, Assistant Counsel
Facsimile: (202) 226-1360; Telephone: (202) 225-9700

PUBLIC INTEREST & GOVERNMENT

Attention 3Ls Seeking Public Interest Employment: The Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia has just received funding from the D.C. Bar Foundation for two very exciting projects: 1) to staff an office in the Superior Court that will provide representation to low-income tenants and 2) to staff three satellite offices in Wards 7 and 8. Practice areas include domestic violence, housing, and public benefits. Legal Aid is looking for several attorneys to staff these projects and seeks to hire both entry level and experienced practitioners. Please see eCampus Recruiter for the complete posting and application requirements.

Volunteers of America Seeking Summer Law Clerk for Paid Internship: VOA is one of the nation's largest and most comprehensive nonprofit social services organizations with a consolidated annual budget of almost \$800 million. The interns will work in the Office of General Counsel and research a wide range of issues including nonprofit law, tax-exempt, employment, fundraising, copyright and trademark liability, and contract issues. Part-time work during following academic year is a possibility. **Application Deadline: April 15, 2007.** Please visit www.voa.org and eCampus Recruiter for the complete posting.

Ovarian Cancer National Alliance Seeks 1L Summer Intern: The position would entail federal work including federal appropriations lobbying, maintaining relationships with key federal offices and helping to organize a large grassroots lobbying effort. Large scale communications will be a part of the intern's responsibilities, through both the website and a quarterly newsletter. Position is unpaid. Please see www.ovariancancer.org for more information. See eCampus Recruiter for complete posting.

The Institute for Governance & Sustainable Development Seeks Summer Interns: The Institute's chief activity is the International Network for Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (INECE), a global network of officials from governmental institutions and agencies and international organizations focused on issues relating to compliance with and enforcement of laws that protect the environment and promote sustainable development. The internships are unpaid. **Application Deadline: April 20, 2007.** For more information visit www.igsd.org and see eCampus Recruiter.

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS & INTERNSHIPS

District of Columbia Court of Appeals – Oral Argument & Open Dialogue
Monday, April 2nd from 9:30 – 12:30 (arguments) and 2:00 – 3:00 (Dialogue
Between Judges and Students re the court, clerkships, and the practice of law)
Room 603

Watch these oral arguments taking place right here at WCL and then have the rare opportunity to meet the judges and ask questions. Please register at: www.wcl.american.edu/secle.

Promoting Access: Diversity Among Judicial Clerks and Interns
Wednesday, April 11th from 5:30 to 8:00, Room 603

Hear federal and state judges discuss what they look for in clerk/intern candidates and the role of clerks/interns in chambers. Participate in small group discussions with alumni clerks about application steps and strategies. Attend a reception at the end of the event. Please register at: www.wcl.american.edu/secle or through the Events sections of eCampusRecruiter.

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 spring?

Some judges on the Maryland Court of Appeals, Maryland Court of Special Appeals, Virginia Supreme Court, Virginia Court of Appeals, Oregon Supreme Court, and Oregon Court of 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).

Planning to apply for judicial clerkships for the 2008 term?

Be sure to attend one of OCPD's remaining judicial clerkship Nuts & Bolts Workshops this spring to get critical updates and deadlines you need to know! Register on eCampus to attend.

Wednesday, April 4 (12-1 p.m.) – Room 501

Tuesday, April 10 (5-6 p.m.) – Room 501

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

DuPont Legal Minority Job Fairs: DuPont is proud to announce the Fourteenth Annual DuPont Legal Minority Job Fairs. For 13 years DuPont has led the effort to attract talented law students, with an interest in increasing the number of lawyers of color represented in participating law firms and primary legal service companies.

WCL has been selected as a participating law school. We urge you to consider applying for an invitation to one of DuPont’s Minority Job Fairs. When you submit an application for an invitation, you are, in effect, submitting an application to all of the legal employers participating in the program. Students have the option of choosing from three job fair sites:

Houston, TX	Saturday, August 11, 2007
Los Angeles, CA	Saturday, August 11, 2007
Wilmington, DE	Saturday, August 11, 2007

Registration for the Houston, Los Angeles, and Wilmington sites will be completed electronically. You may login to a password-protected site, complete the Registration Form, attach your resume and transcript and click “Submit.” It’s that easy! The deadline for the receipt of your registration for any of the Job Fairs is **Tuesday, April 10, 2007.**

For more details about the Job Fair and to obtain the username and password for online registration, please email Kelli Johnson by 12pm NOON on **Friday, April 6** at kjohnson@wcl.american.edu with “DuPont Job Fair” in the subject line.

GWAC's 21st Annual Ruth R. Banks Green Legal Intern Placement Program (LIPP): The Greater Washington Area Chapter, Women Lawyers Division of the National Bar Association (GWAC) instituted the Legal Intern Placement Program (LIPP) in order to procure challenging summer employment opportunities for minority law students. GWAC places law students entering their second or third year of law school in legal internships with various cooperating employers in the District of Columbia

metropolitan area. LIPP employers include solo practitioners, law firms, not-for-profit corporations, government agencies, trade associations and unions. The usual term of employment is ten (10) forty (40) hour weeks. The beginning and ending dates are mutually agreed upon between the employer and the intern. If you are interested in applying for the LIPP, please see eCampusRecruiter for information on how to apply.

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.

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.

APABA – AEF Annual Benefit Dinner: The Asian Pacific American Bar Association Educational Fund invites you to it's 2007 Annual Benefit Dinner on **Tuesday, March 20, 2007** at The Omni Shoreham Hotel, 2500 Calvert Street, NW (at Connecticut Avenue), Washington, DC 20008 (Woodley Park Metro - Red Line). Cocktail Reception & Silent Auction at 6:00pm; Dinner & Live Auction at 7:00pm. **Please RSVP by March 10, 2007** by contacting Alexander Nguyen at (202) 879-5216 or alexander.nguyen@gmail.com. For more information on AEF, please visit www.aefdc.org. Please check eCampusRecruiter for more details.

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

What if a software could draft your resume for you?

OCPD invites all LL.M. students to try Optimal Resume – a software that will build a professional and stylish resume for you! LL.M. students will be the first to have access to this great free tool!

The Office of Career & Professional Development has recently acquired a new resume software called OptimalResume©. The software is available at <http://wcl.optimalresume.com> and can also be accessed through the hyperlink on the eCampusRecruiter homepage. OptimalResume is a user-friendly system that will help you create a great resume quickly and easily. Start today by creating an account, and work on your customized resume at your leisure. It's easy! This service is sponsored by

OCPD and is free to you as an LL.M. student at the Washington College of Law. OptimalResume will allow you to access your resume via the web and to keep it updated on an as-needed basis. There are numerous examples and wording to help you throughout the process and plenty of resume output formats to choose from. Spell check and format assistance is also provided. OptimalResume does the hard work; all you have to concentrate on is content. To begin using OptimalResume, select the "Get Started" function on the OptimalResume homepage and create an account. As a WCL LL.M. student, you are pre-registered in the system so just enter your full @american.edu email address and create a personal password. If you have any questions or comments regarding this software, please email careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu

Welcome to the new edition of the ILSP Career Connection!

Attention ILSP - LL.M. Students:

Do you already have an internship arranged for next summer? Do you already know where you will be working during your OPT time? If you answered no to these questions, it is about time you find out about the ILSP Career Connection. What is it?

The ILSP Career Connection is a newsletter for LL.M. students containing jobs and internship opportunities in the USA and abroad. In every edition, a large variety of employers is represented, including law firms, government agencies, NGOs and international organizations. The ILSP Career Connection is available for LL.M. students and alumni from WCL only (please do not share this document outside the AU community!). To access our current edition (posted this week!) please click on: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/career/llmforeign.cfm#connection>

If you experience any difficulties accessing this week's edition of the ILSP Career Connection, please feel free to email me at avito@wcl.american.edu

Please note: The ILSP Career Connection focuses on ads for LL.M. students and LL.M. alumni ONLY. If you are a JD student, please browse through ads and postings using our eCampus Recruiter system. If you are a JD student and need assistance to access eCampus Recruiter, please email careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu for help.

As always, I wish you success in your job and internship search!

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.

***Have a great weekend! ***

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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General counseling, domestic LL.M.s and second career JDs

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Shelley Rudge

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Kelli Johnson

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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 April 2**Monday, April 2**

12-1:30, Rm 528, Fall Recruitment Information Session

12 pm, 5th Flr Lnge, SBA Fall 2007 Budget Q&A session

3:30pm, es8524a@american.edu, the Integrated Curriculum Electives Overview

10:15 pm, 5th Flr Lnge SBA Fall 2007 Budget Q&A session

Tuesday, April 3

9:30-12:30, Rm 603, The D.C. Court of Appeals oral arguments

12-2pm, Intl Stu Lnge, PMBR information session

12-1pm, Rm 500, Christian Legal Society Career Panel

2pm, Rm 603, The D.C. Court of Appeals informal session with students

7pm, faculty dining room, JLSA's Passover Seder

10:10 pm, Rm 101, SBA Senate meeting

Wednesday, April 4

12-2pm, 6th Floor Stu Lnge, Persian New Year (Norooz) Celebration

12-1pm, Rm 602, Current Issues of the Inter-American Human Rights System

12-1pm, Rm 501, How to Secure a Judicial Clerkship for the 2008 Term: Nuts & Bolts Workshop

12-1pm, aurorahartwig@yahoo.com, Could A Vaccine For Cancer Be Bad? The Public Policy Debate Over The HPV Vaccine

12:30-1:20, michla97@yahoo.com, IL Public Interest Roundtable w/Prof. Susan Bennett

6pm-9pm, Rm 603, Second Annual Modern American Diversity Symposium

Thursday, April 5

9am-5pm, Rm 603, Navajo Nation Supreme Court Oral Arguments

12-1:30pm, Rm 401, Fall Recruitment Information Session

Friday,