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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

FALL 2007 PRE-REGISTRATION

INSTRUCTIONS:

On Monday, April 9, at 10:00 a.m., pre-registration for fall 2007 courses will begin. There will be an initial window of 2 hours for each lottery group.

Each group will begin based upon the last digit in the student ID, beginning with those ending in "5". The priority order is: (1) 4th-year part-time, 3rd-year full-time, and LLM students; (2) 3rd-year part-time, 2nd-year full-time; and (3) 2nd-year part-time. The first group will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, April 9, with new groups being added at 2 hour intervals, i.e., 12:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. A new group will begin the next morning, Tuesday April 10, at 9:00 a.m. and new groups will be added at 2 hour intervals through 5:00 p.m. (a schedule is attached and lists each lottery group, within priority).

Pre-registration for the second priority group will begin on Wednesday, April 11th and run at 2 hour intervals from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and continues on Thursday, April 12, at 2 hour intervals from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please check the attached schedule to be certain of the time of your registration based upon the last digit of your 7 digit AU ID

number. The final group will register at two hour intervals from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 13.

Students may continue to make course changes and add/drop courses throughout the registration period and through the first week of classes. (August 20-26). All second year students must take Criminal Procedure (LAW-508) and may choose any section. Part-time second-year students must also register for section 5 of Civil Procedure.

Sufficient spaces will be held in evening sections for part-time students through June 8 (part-time students WILL get into evening sections of their required courses). If a class closes, it will remain closed to all except students graduating in May. That class will remain reserved for these students through June 8.

All students who have been admitted to clinics must register on-line for their clinics. Clinics and clinic seminar course numbers are listed on the fall schedule on the web. Permission is required for clinics, but students who have been admitted will already have permission and be able to register on-line.

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:

<http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/coursesapp/searchcourse.html> (click on ‘Fall 2007’ at the top) 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.

If you are a full-time student and wish to register for more than 16 credits, you will need prior approval from the registrar's office. Part-time students may take a maximum of 11 credits.

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". If the portal has a large number of users, you will receive a message asking you to wait and remain in the "queue". You will also be reminded not to click on "SUBMIT" more than once.

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 (Fall 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 SEMESTER

PRIORITY AND LOTTERY GROUPS

(by class status as of fall 2007)

Priority Group #1 – 4th-year part-time, 3rd-year full-time, LLM

Monday, April 9	10:00 a.m.	(ID numbers ending in 5)
	12:00 p.m.	(ID numbers ending in 4)
	2:00 p.m.	(ID numbers ending in 2)
	4:00 p.m.	(ID numbers ending in 9)
	6:00 p.m.	(ID numbers ending in 0)
Tuesday, April 10	9:00 a.m.	(ID numbers ending in 3)
	11:00 a.m.	(ID numbers ending in 8)
	1:00 p.m.	(ID numbers ending in 1)

3:00 p.m. (ID numbers ending in 6)
5:00 p.m. (ID numbers ending in 7)

Priority Group #2 - 3rd-year part-time, 2nd-year full-time

Wed., April 11 9:00 a.m. (ID numbers ending in 5)
11:00 a.m. (ID numbers ending in 4)
1:00 p.m. (ID numbers ending in 2)
3:00 p.m. (ID numbers ending in 9)
5:00 p.m. (ID numbers ending in 0)

Thursday, April 12 9:00 a.m. (ID numbers ending in 3)
11:00 a.m. (ID numbers ending in 8)
1:00 p.m. (ID numbers ending in 1)
3:00 p.m. (ID numbers ending in 6)
5:00 p.m. (ID numbers ending in 7)

Priority Group #3 - 2nd-year part-time

Friday, April 13 9:00 a.m. (ID numbers ending in 5 and 4)
11:00 a.m. (ID numbers ending in 2 and 9)
1:00 p.m. (ID numbers ending in 0 and 3)
3:00 p.m. (ID numbers ending in 8 and 1)
5:00 p.m. (ID numbers ending in 6 and 7)

NOTES ON THE WAITLIST PROCESS:

A Wait List process will again be utilized for the fall 2007 pre-registration period. It will begin during pre-registration once a class closes and will be available through June 1, 2007, at which point all classes will be opened up for students to register on a first come basis, throughout the summer and until the end of the first week of classes in August 2007.

When a class closes and you try to register on <https://my.american.edu>, you will be given the WAITLIST option. If you click on this, you will automatically be placed on the wait list. An email will be sent to your AU email address should your name come up on the wait list once a student has dropped, and you will have 48 hours to register for the course before the spot is made available to the next student on the wait list. Emails will be sent out twice a week, and not on weekends.

You will now be able to check course availability directly on our web site on the course schedule at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/coursesapp/searchcourse.html> to see how many students are registered for each class. Once a class that has closed and has generated a wait list shows open spaces again, you will see a notice on this site that this is a wait-listed class. If you are not already on the wait list for the course and wish to put yourself on the wait list, you may then attempt to register for the course on <https://my.american.edu> site to put yourself on the wait list.

Students will be able to wait list for a maximum of 3 courses throughout the wait list process, which closes on June 1st.

REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER 2007 SEMESTER continues 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/searchcourse.html> 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.

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. (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 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 one-page cover letter and resume via e-mail to jdelaurentiis@wcl.american.edu.

OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

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 ANNUAL GIVING.

Looking for a JOB?

Interested in speaking with WCL Alumni Leaders in the local hiring community about how they hire, what they look for, and who may be hiring? (Hint: If you're not, then you're not going about this the right way.)

Members of WCL's prestigious Myers Society would like to outreach to job-seeking students to help inform them about hiring trends and guide them in their job search. Please join them in their inaugural networking event:

Hiring Dynamics, Networking and the Practice

Tuesday, April 17, 6:00-8:00 PM, WCL Student Lounge

Mingle in a casual business setting with WCL alumni partners and decision makers from private firms, the US government, private sector businesses, the judiciary and public interest sectors who want to help you in your job search and can give you practical advice about their practices.

This is an RSVP event ONLY (sign up under the "Events" section of eCampusRecruiter). Accepted registrants are expected to attend. Dress is business casual. More information is available on eCampus.

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY SERVICES

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

TIME TO REGISTER FOR:

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. Registration required through the Office of Special Events & Continuing Legal Education at www.wcl.american.edu/secle; phone 202.274.4075; or e-mail secle@wcl.american.edu.

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). Registration required through the Office of Special Events & Continuing Legal Education at www.wcl.american.edu/secle; phone 202.274.4075; or e-mail secle@wcl.american.edu.

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS ARE ALSO NEEDED FOR THE WOODS CONFERENCE. CONTACT THE OFFICE OF DIVERSITY SERVICES IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO BE A HOST/GREETER, ASSIST WITH BOOK SALES, OR ASSIST IN GENERAL.

<p style="text-align: center;">CONGRATULATIONS TO SAM BROWN ('07) WINNER OF THE 2007 RISING STAR AWARD</p>

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.

Stuff on the Table

- Rolls-Royce internship—**DEADLINE APRIL 6**
- 14th Annual Dupont Minority Job Fair—**DEADLINE APRIL 10**
- Application for AEF Community Service Fellowship & Anheuser-Busch Norman Y. Mineta Fellowship – **DEADLINE APRIL 20**
- Invitation to HBA/DC Foundation’s **Pasos 2007 – MAY 18**

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

GRADUATING STUDENTS NOTE: EXIT INTERVIEW SESSION

Stafford Loan Borrowers – must complete Exit Counseling requirements prior to graduation. The next session is scheduled for:

Wednesday, April 18, 2007 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm – 6th floor lounge

Please make every effort to attend; if you cannot, contact the office.

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!

Dean's Fellows - Last Day to Work

Employment for the school year ends as of the last day of classes – April 23.

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**
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 GRANT ADMINISTRATION AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

In search of a Dean's Fellow with an interest in Turkey or Japan

The Washington Seminar Program is seeking to hire a Dean's Fellow this summer (10-20 hours per week) to help us prepare for and implement the Yeditepe and Ritsumeikan Washington Seminars. Faculty and students from Turkey and Japan will come to WCL this summer to learn about the American legal system. Interested students should apply by Monday, April 23, submitting a résumé, photocopy of law school transcript, and writing sample to the Office of Grant Administration and Program Development mailbox in Room 465 or by e-mail to grants-programs@wcl.american.edu. Questions can be directed to Hilary Lappin, International Exchange Coordinator at hlappin@wcl.american.edu or (202) 274-4317. Prior office experience is preferred.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Office of Public Interest Congratulates This Year's Peter M. Cicchino Public Service Awards Recipients:

- **Layli Miller-Muro**, WCL Class of 1996, Alum whose work is primarily abroad or international in scope;
- **Naznin Saifi**, WCL Class of 1992, Alum whose work is primarily in the United States; and
- **Lauren Bartlett**, WCL Class of 2007, Current Student

THE OFFICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST CONGRATULATES THE 2007 STUDENT PUBLIC SERVICE AWARDS RECIPIENTS

Eighty members of the WCL class of 2007 have completed the Pro Bono Honors Pledge. Collectively, these students have performed over 18,292 hours of pro bono work. This is the greatest amount of pro bono work of any WCL class to date.

Peter M. Cicchino Public Service Award for a Current Student:

Lauren Bartlett

Postgraduate Public Interest Fellowships:

Mariam Ahmendani, Equal Justice Works Fellow, Gulfcoast Legal Services, Florida

Community Service Awards:

Sarah Rempel
Craig Hickein
Anna Stimmel

The Pro Bono Excellence Award Recognizing the Student who Performed the Greatest Number of Pro Bono Hours:

Theresa Harris

Pro Bono Service Honors Recipients - Each Awardee Performed at Least 75 Hours of Pro Bono:

Emily Balogh
JR Biondi
Andrea Comfort
Erica Contini
Brian Eiler
Jennifer Farer
Anjanette Hamilton
Meg Hobbins
Laura Merritt
Zehra Nagvi
Tracy Quinlan
Telesforo Ramirez III
Selma Shelton
Nisha Thakker

Outstanding Pro Bono Service Honors Recipients - Awardee Performed at Least 125 Hours of Pro Bono:

Jennifer Bibby-Gerth
Ashley Bollinger
Stephanie A. Casey
Astraea Bobbie Douglas
Jacqueline Ferrand
Takisha Folkes
Jennifer E. Jones
Alice Koethe
Suthima Malayaman
Sarah Rempel
Whitney Robinson
Karin Seubert
Matthew Wright

Exceptional Pro Bono Service Honors Recipients - Each Awardee Performed at Least 175 Hours of Pro Bono:

Frank Andrejasich
Marian Antony
Lauren Bartlett
Emily Betsill
Amy Bivins
Mary Ashby Brown
Samuel Brown
Tara Eliza Castillo
Timothy Curry
Christian De Vos
Samantha Dillon
Jon Feldon
Tatiana Fernandes
Elizabeth Flesher
Danielle A. Flores
Lauryn Fraas
Lisa Fuccione
Laura Gagliuso
Rebecca Geller
Sarah Gentry
Allison Harris
Theresa Harris
Janine Hazeleger
Craig Hickein
Matthew Hill
Hanan Idilbi
Laura Israel
Elizabeth Janelle
Lauretta Jirak
Maurissa Jones
Naoki Kaneko
Anna Chaplain Karkoon
Katie Kiernan
Yekyung Kim
Kathleen Machado
Amanda E. Martinez
Meryl Murtagh
Jeff Nicolai
Emily Anne Nugent
Abigail Okrent
M. Lucero Ortiz
Marco Palmieri
Bhumika Patel
Benjamin B. Peterson
Veronica Puente-Duany
Kenneth Rice

Alice Riener
Jonathan Roberts
Jennifer B. Segal
Karyn Seidel
Melissa Starry
Anna Stimmel
Karen Welch

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

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Upcoming Events!

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

**Date: 4/9/07
8am-6pm
Dining Room**

WCL Connections

**Date: 4/10/07
Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm
Student Lounges**

User Generated Content and Copyright

**Date: 4/10/07
Time 4:00pm to 6:00pm
Room 603**

Promoting Access: Diversity Among Judicial Clerks and Interns

**Date: 4/11/07
Time: 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Room 603**

A Conversation on Comparative Family Law

**Date: 4/12/07
Time: 9:30 am - 5:30 pm
Room 603**

8th Annual Peter M. Cicchino Awards

Date: 4/12/07

Time: 6:30pm - 9:30pm

Dining Room

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

Date: 4/14/07

Time: 10:00am - 2:30 pm

Room 603

Save the Dates:

Spring 2007

April 18

Women and the Law Leadership Presents Penny Wakefield '79

April 19

The 1st International Trade Law Society Distinguished Alumni Dinner

April 20

Washington Area Legal History Roundtable: Slavery

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 Raquel Salinas, Program Coordinator at hracademy@wcl.american.edu or 202-274-4070.

LEARN ABOUT ONE OF OUR SUMMER FACULTY MEMBERS

Prof. Manfred Nowak co-teaches the **United Nations Human Rights System** course. He is Professor of Constitutional Law and Human Rights at the University of Vienna and

Director of the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights (BIM). Since 1996, he has served as Judge at the Human Rights Chamber for Bosnia and Herzegovina, and, since 2000, as Chairperson of the European Master Programme on Human Rights and Democratization (EMA) in Venice. From 1987 to 1989, he was Director of the Netherlands Institute of Human Rights (SIM) at the University of Utrecht, and from 2002 to 2003 Olof Palme Visiting Professor at the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (RWI) at the University of Lund. Prof. Nowak was a member of the Austrian delegation to the UN Commission on Human Rights for many years, before he was appointed in 1993 as expert member of the UN Working Group on Enforced and Involuntary Disappearances. During this term he also served as UN expert on missing persons in the former Yugoslavia, and in 2001 he was appointed UN expert on legal issues relating to the drafting of a binding instrument on enforced disappearances. In December 2004, he was appointed UN Special Rapporteur on Torture. Prof. Nowak was appointed in 2000 chairperson of a Human Rights Commission at the Austrian Ministry of Interior with the task of monitoring the police. In 1994, he was awarded a UNESCO prize for the teaching of human rights. He has published more than 350 books and articles in the fields of human rights, public law and politics. Prof. Nowak holds an LLM from Columbia University in New York and a PhD from Vienna University.

UPCOMING EVENT

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.

CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO STAFF CONFERENCE ON UN DISABILITY RIGHTS CONVENTION

On Monday, April 9, 2007, the Center will co-sponsor a major conference on the new UN Disability Rights Convention and bring together key players in the disability, human rights, and international development communities for a day-long discussion of the

Convention, its guarantees, and its implications for US law and foreign policy. Numerous attendees of this conference will require various accommodations. Therefore, the Center seeks volunteers to help throughout the day with logistical matters. If you are able to volunteer for any amount of time between 7:30am-6:30am on Monday, please contact Erin Scheick (emscheick@gmail.com) by this Friday, April 6th at 5pm.

**FINAL CALL FOR APPLICANTS TO CENTER'S
SUMMER DEAN'S FELLOW POSITIONS!**

*****Deadline: April 9, 2007*****

The Center is looking for two enthusiastic individuals to join our team this summer with the opportunity to continue into the Fall. The Dean's Fellows will provide support to our many fun events and interesting projects, including the Center Summer Picnic, the annual Human Rights Film Series, and other upcoming projects for the Fall. The Fellows will also assist with marketing Center events, managing the Center listserv, and helping to create innovative new programming. This is a great opportunity to get involved in human rights work at WCL. Attention to detail, organizational skills, familiarity with Microsoft Office programs and proven interest in human rights issues are essential. A 20hr/wk commitment is preferred, but not required. We are a fast-paced office, but we always have fun! **To apply, please send a resume and cover letter to Amelia Parker at aparker@wcl.american.edu by April 9, 2007.**

Note: Current 1L's are eligible to apply for the Summer 2007 position.

SIGN UP FOR THE CENTER'S LISTSERV!

For those of you that have not already signed up for the Center's list serve, please see instructions on how to join by visiting the Center's website at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/listserv.cfm>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Missed one of the Center's recent events?

Check the Center's website for a list of podcasts/webcasts - available at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/> - so you don't miss a thing!

**THE NEW UN DISABILITY RIGHTS CONVENTION: BUILDING SUPPORT IN
THE UNITED STATES FOR RATIFICATION AND IMPLEMENTATION**

Mon., April 9, 8am-6pm, Live Interactive Webcast:

www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/

On March 30, 2007, the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities opened for signature and ratification. Historically, the United States has been a world leader in the recognition of disability rights. On April 9, 2007, the disability, human rights, and international development communities will come together to examine the Convention, its guarantees, and its implications for U.S. law and foreign policy. We will consider strategies for encouraging U.S. government and public support for the Convention and examine how we can ensure continued U.S. leadership in the international protection of disability rights. The conference panels will consist of disability rights advocates from leading NGOs and governmental agencies, along with

distinguished WCL law professors. Among the speakers are: **Aryeh Neier**, *President of the Open Society Institute*; **John Lancaster**, *President, U.S. International Council on Disabilities & National Council on Independent Living*; **Professor Arlene Kanter** from the *Disability Law and Policy Program, Syracuse University College of Law*; and former *Pennsylvania Governor and U.S. Attorney General*, **Dick Thornburgh**.

As registration is already full, please join us on-line for a live, interactive webcasting from 9am-6pm at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center>. Those viewing by webcast will be able to e-mail questions to be answered at the end of each panel. For more information about webcasting, please visit our homepage or contact us by phone (202-274-4180) or e-mail (humlaw@wcl.american.edu).

JOIN US FOR THE LAST HUMAN RIGHTS HAPPY HOUR OF THE YEAR!
Wednesday, April 11, 5-6pm, Center for Human Rights, Large Conference Room,
4910 Massachusetts Avenue NW

As always, enjoy fair trade Coffee, Argentine mate (the green caffeine), tea, sweets and snacks with the WCL community. Also enjoy pita sandwiches. Get the scoop on all the upcoming opportunities to get involved in human rights as students, staff, and professors announce upcoming events at 5:30pm. Sponsored by Action for Human Rights, the LL.M. Board, and the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law's Student Advisory Board. For more information, please email jessicafarb@gmail.com.

THE EQUALITY OF ARMS: GENOCIDE TRIALS BEFORE THE ICTR
Wednesday, April 11, 6pm-8pm,

Center for Human Rights, Large Conference Room, 4910 Mass. Avenue

Join the online blog discussion at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/blog/rihr/>

Jean Degli will conclude this year's series of "Radical Ideas in Human Rights" by speaking to his experience as the former defense counsel at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR). He will discuss: "**The Equality of Arms: Genocide Trials Before the ICTR.**" The principle of the equality of arms is classified as a sub-principle of fairness, whereby the accuser and the accused must be treated equally before the law. What then is true equality of arms? Come join the discussion as Jean uses his experiences at the ICTR as real-world examples. For more information please contact humlaw@wcl.american.edu. **Empanadas will be served for dinner!**

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:

Still planning your summer? Externships are available!

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.

- Northern Virginia Mediation Service
- Thatcher Law Firm (Employment Discrimination)

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:

It is not too late to participate in an international externship this summer. Students interesting in externing abroad should review the database and make an appointment as soon as possible 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. Although it is not too late to apply, please act quickly if you would like to pursue an international opportunity, as there is a lengthy paperwork process involved.

FALL EXTERNSHIP SEMINARS:

The following professors will be teaching Externship seminars this fall. *Please note that days and times are not finalized.*

- 1) Bob Bruskin (3 credit, graded seminar) **Tues. 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**
- 2) John Buchko (3 credit, graded seminar) **(Time TBD)**
- 3) Megan Blamble (3 credit, graded seminar) **Tues. 6:00 – 7:50 pm**
- 4) Carlos Acosta (3 credit, graded seminar) **Mon. 6:00 – 7:50 pm**
- 5) Jessica Ginsburg (3 credit, graded seminar). **Wed. 7:00 - 8:50 pm**
- 6) Small group--**TBD**

All 3 credit seminars will meet an additional hour every other week for small group supervision. Time to be determined by the professor.

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

Looking for a Dean's Fellow for the summer!

The International Arbitration Program is seeking to hire a Dean's Fellow this summer (10-20 hours per week) to help us prepare for and implement the International Arbitration Summer Session. You will provide assistance to faculty experts and foreign visitors participating in the session and help in the classroom and with the events we will be having. While you work for the program you will have the opportunity to network with leading experts and attorneys from all over the world. Interested students should apply by Monday, April 23, submitting a résumé, photocopy of law school transcript, and writing sample to the Arbitration mailbox in Room 465 or by e-mail to arbitration@wcl.american.edu. Questions can be directed to Susana Castiglione, Program Coordinator at arbitration@wcl.american.edu or (202) 274-4321. Prior office experience is preferred.

Arbitration Summer Session Exam Information

The 2007 International Arbitration Summer Session offers 5 related courses:

- Nuts and Bolts of International Commercial Arbitration (*course also available in Spanish*)
- Salient Issues in ICC Arbitration;
- International Commercial Arbitration and Choice-of-Law Issues;
- Investor-State Arbitration, Current Developments;
- How to Conduct an Arbitration Proceeding;

Given the interrelated nature of these one credit courses, it is not only possible but advantageous for students taking more than one course to take all the exams at the end of the three-week session. In that way, students can use the knowledge they have acquired through the whole session. Students may pick up the take-home exam from the Registrar from the day after the last class of the course has taken place to Friday, June 22, 2007. The exam is due within 24 hours and students are allowed the accumulated time allowed for each individual exam.

Interested in taking an arbitration course in Spanish?

Learn the Nuts and Bolts of International Commercial Arbitration in Spanish. Take the course *Arbitraje Comercial Internacional*. Professor: Horacio Grigera Naón. The course will take place Tuesday, May 29, to Friday, June 1, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 p.m. 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.

LIBRARY AMNESTY APRIL 16 to April 22. In recognition of National Library Week the Library is making our patrons a one-time special offer and will forgive fines. If you return any overdue or lost books or other Library materials during the week of the 16th we will forgive your fines. If you have already returned your books and library materials, but have fines on your account, we'll forgive those fines too – but everyone who takes part in our “fine forgiveness” program must fill out a form at the Circulation Desk to take advantage of our offer. We will ONLY allow fine forgiveness the week of the 16th. Questions? Contact Adeen Postar, Deputy Director at apostar@wcl.american.edu or John Smith, Access Services Librarian at jasmith@wcl.american.edu .

IMPORTANT CHANGE TO GROUP STUDY ROOM RESERVATIONS Current WCL ID's are now required to reserve a Group Study Room. To insure that study rooms are available to current WCL students ID's must be presented to the Circulation Desk attendant when group study rooms are reserved. Groups of WCL students can reserve a study room for two hours each day. Individual students may use a vacant room, but must leave if a room has been signed out by a group. Questions should be directed to John Smith, Access Services Librarian at jasmith@wcl.american.edu .

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.

Finding exams at the Washington College of Law All exams that are available to students are posted on the Library's webpage at <http://library.wcl.american.edu/yoeb/> **Ye Olde Exam Book** contains all examinations that have been provided to the Pence Law Library by WCL professors since 1990. If there are sample answers they will be linked to the appropriate examination. Some exams will require a password for access that is available only from the professor of the course in question, but most do not. Please note that professors are not required to post their exams in Ye Old Exam Book and many choose not to do so. The Library does not maintain any paper copies of exams. **You can also do exam prep with CALI lessons** – see the Library webpage at

http://library.wcl.american.edu/library_services.cfm for links to the list of available lessons.

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!

PROGRAM ON INFORMATION JUSTICE AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

User Generated Content and Copyright

April 10, 2007 | 4:00 pm — 6:00 pm | Room 603

In 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: Sarah B. Deutsch (Verizon), Alec French (NBC Universal, Inc.), Fred von Lohmann (Electronic Frontier Foundation), Steve Tapia (Microsoft), and Mike Remington (Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP).

Registration: www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle_form.cfm

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.

SUMMER SESSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

In Search of Dean's Fellows to assist with the Summer Session

We are looking for a Dean's Fellow for the summer! As a Dean's Fellow you will have the opportunity to work on the Environmental Law Summer Session, mainly on logistics, registration, class materials, providing assistance to faculty experts and foreign visitors, participating in the session and helping with networking events. Interested students should apply by Monday, April 23, submitting a résumé, photocopy of law school transcript, and writing sample to the Office of Grant Administration and Program Development mailbox in Room 465 or by e-mail to castiglione@wcl.american.edu. Questions can be directed to Susana Castiglione, Program Coordinator at castiglione@wcl.american.edu or (202) 274-4321. Prior office experience is preferred.

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. Please see "In search of" for a new Dean's Fellows opportunity.

Tuesday, April 10th at NOON

Richard Dicker, Director of the International Justice Program at Human Rights Watch

The Iraqi High Tribunal

The War Crimes Speakers Series is pleased to welcome Mr. Dicker, who will speak about recent developments at the Iraqi High Tribunal. If interested in attending, please RSVP by the end of the weekend so that we may finalize arrangements.

This event will be held in the large conference room at **4910 Massachusetts Avenue**, lower level, Suite 16. Refreshments will be served.

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

The next SBA Senate meeting will be on Tuesday, April 10 at 10:15 PM in room 101.

Any student or student organization that wishes to be on the agenda MUST e-mail Senate President Pro-Tempore Frank Gerratana at sbaprotemp@wcl.american.edu no later than 12 PM on April 10. 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.

The Student Bar Association Senate is **soliciting student members** for its Academic Affairs Committee, Student Services Committee, and Groups and Organizations

Committee. If you are a JD student and interested in serving on one of these committees, or want to learn more about what kinds of student issues they each handle, please contact the SBA Senate President Pro-Tempore, Frank Gerratana, at sbaprotemp@wcl.american.edu. Respond before Monday, April 9.

American Jurist

The American Jurist - voted the Best Student Magazine for 2005-2006 by the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association – is looking for a new Editor in Chief. If you are interested in the position, please send an e-mail to jurist@wcl.american.edu

Black Law Students Association

BLSA Presents* **Is My Voice Heard At The Table? An Etiquette Dinner Thursday, April 12, 2007 6 PM – 8 PM ILSP Lounge, 6th Floor** Which bread plate is mine? And why is there so much silverware on this table? Have similar questions? Please join us for an open discussion of dining in the business context. Our professional etiquette consultant will guide us through how to proceed through professional business dinners with grace! As this is a catered event, space is limited, so RSVP is required. To reserve your seat, please contact BLSA at blsa@wcl.american.edu no later than 5:00 pm on April 8. *This event is co-sponsored by LaLSA, SALSA and OCPD.

OPEN MIC NIGHT CHARITY EVENT OPEN CALL PERFORM * WIN DOOR PRIZES * RAISE MONEY * FOOD AND DRINKS

Please join us on **Thursday April 19th 2007 @ 6:30PM in the 6th Floor Student Lounge for your chance to rock the mic!** We are looking for poets, spoken word artists, karaoke performers, singers, dancers and other individuals to showcase their talents and raise funds to go towards our annual scholarship for DC Public High School students. The theme is 80s and if you are interested in performing and/or assisting with the event, please contact Kim Stuart at kas_wcl_law@yahoo.com.

Business Law Brief

The Business Law Brief will be holding **information sessions at 8pm on Wednesday, April 11th and 12:30pm, April 12th. Rooms TBA.** We will be discussing the publication and application process for Junior Editor positions for the 2007-2008 academic year. The application will be available beginning on Wednesday, April 11th at the meeting, from outside the Business Law Brief office (Room 615A) and on Business Law Brief newsstands. Applications are due Friday, April 20th at 6pm. If you have any questions, please email businesslawbrief-editor-in-chief@wcl.american.edu . **PIZZA WILL BE SERVED!**

Business Law Society

The Business Law Society is hosting an **informal discussion on class selection** for the Fall 2007 semester. Everyone is invited to attend. Please bring your lunch. **When: Monday April 9th 12-1PM Where: Room 602**

Christian Legal Society

End of the Year Post-Easter Celebration Tuesday, April 10th 12-1pm Room 500

Immigrants' Rights Coalition*

Women in the Global Context Series: "On the Move: Issues Facing Migrant Women"

Thursday, April 12, 2007, 12:00 – 1:20, Room 524 *Co-Sponsored by the Immigrants' Rights Coalition, Women's Law Association WCL Immigrants' Rights Coalition (IRC) is working with the Women's Law Association and other WCL student organizations on a series of lunch time panels titled "Women in the Global Context." As part of this series, the IRC is hosting a panel titled "On the Move: Issues Facing Migrant Women." The panel will focus on various issues – legal, social, economic, political – that women face as they migrate across borders and sometimes across the world. Panelists will discuss the factors driving women's migration; challenges specific to women's migration; protecting the rights of women in their countries of destination; and women's empowerment through migration, among others. Middle Eastern Lunch will be served.

Speakers Include: Sara Ibrahim, Esq., Human Migration and Mobility/Project VOICE Policy Impact Coordinator, American Friends Service Committee; Neha Misra, Esq., Human Migration and Mobility/Project VOICE Policy Impact Coordinator. Moderator: Charlene Gomes, Esq., WCL Public Interest Coordinator Questions: lmj9d@yahoo.com.

Equal Justice Foundation

Did you spend \$500 on textbooks this semester? Do you wish you could have saved \$50? Buy an EJF discount card and save 10% off your textbooks from the AU bookstore! Cards are \$10 and will be sold in the WCL lobby on 4/18. Details to be announced next week. Cards are limited, so act fast to save that money!

LL.M. Executive Board

Upcoming event: **Operationalizing the Protocol of San Salvador: Advancing Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the Americas**; a Presentation by Tara Melish **April 12, 12:30 – 1.30 pm, JD Student Lounge** Join the Human Rights Brief of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and the LL.M. Executive Board for a discussion about the implementation of the Additional Protocol to American Convention on Human Rights in the Area of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights ("Protocol of San Salvador") in the principal enforcement mechanisms in the Inter-American human rights system. This talk will discuss these mechanisms, why they have remained underutilized to date, the chief obstacles and opportunities they present, and current strategies—by civil society, the Inter-American Commission, and the OAS—to increase their effectiveness toward the future.

Tara J. Melish is a legal specialist in the area of economic, social and cultural rights and the inter-American human rights system. She has served as staff attorney and legal advisor to the Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL), worked with numerous national and international organizations dedicated to advancing economic, social and cultural rights, written widely in the field, and taught regular courses in social rights litigation and advocacy in law schools and training programs around the world.

LLM Board in Law and Government

invites LLM students to:

1. Social Hour, April 11, 5-7:30 pm, 6th Floor Lounge.

Come and meet fellow LLM students. Refreshments and light food offered.

2. "Festive Celebration" dinner cruise, April 15, 6 pm,

Odyssey Cruises, Water & 6th Sts. SW. No cost for LLM in L&G students;

\$100 payable in advance by check for guests (make check payable to WCL/AU).

Leave check in Emilio Viano's mailbox, 4th floor mailroom. RSVP by Monday April 9, noon, sagrasan2000@yahoo.com

The 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, and please note the **deadline has been changed** from April 20, 2007 to **April 19, 2007 at 9 pm**. If you are selected for an interview, the interview will take place April 20, 2007.

Information sessions will be held on Monday, April 16, 2007 at 10 pm in Room 524, and on Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at noon in Room 601.

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.

Phi Delta Phi

Top 1/3 of your class? Member of a Law Journal or Moot Court Society? Or aspiring to either of the above? Then you are already eligible to become a member of Phi Delta Phi! The John F. Kennedy Honors Inn, of the International Legal Fraternity Phi Delta Phi, would like for you to join us for our **spring interest meeting April 11th, 2007 from 12pm - 1:00pm in Rm. 526**. Lunch will be served.

Please note that spring initiation into this prestigious organization will occur on April 20th 2007 so your opportunity to join has arrived. Members of Phi Delta Phi have access to great benefits, and an extensive alumni network. Gain the recognition that you deserve for your law school achievements. For more information please email us at PDP@wcl.american.edu

Public Interest Student Coalition

PILRAP Awareness Week April 16-19

Brown Bag Lunch: Tips About Public Interest at WCL You Wish You'd Known Earlier. Tuesday, April 17, rm 415 (12:00 to 1:20). For 1L/2Ls who want to meet outgoing 3Ls for advice and thoughts on course selection, activities, and other tips relevant to building your skills for a future public interest careers. Bring your own lunch.

3L PILRAP Information Session. Wednesday, April 18, JD Student Lounge, 6th floor. (12:00 to 1:30). Want to know more about the WCL Loan Repayment Assistance Program? Come to this information session where you will hear from PILRAP administrators and WCL public interest alum. This session will be focused on graduating students. 1Ls and 2Ls should attend a related session on Thursday, 4/19. [ECampus Registration](#) is Required. Lunch Provided!

How to Be a Public Interest Attorney and Still Pay the Bills: Financing your Public Interest Career. Thursday, April 19, JD Student Lounge, 6th floor (12:00 to 1:30). Attention 1Ls & 2Ls: Are you thinking about a career in public interest? Worried about low salaries and high debt? Come speak with a group of WCL public interest alum and WCL staff about financing careers in public interest. Learn about the WCL Public Interest Loan Repayment Assistance Program (PILRAP) and find out how WCL alum are making it work on public interest salaries in D.C. Lunch Provided!

Social Justice Social. Thursday, April 19, Meze Restaurant, 6 - 9 pm. Calling all WCL students, faculty and alumni interested in public interest lawyering! Join PISC for its end of the year soiree at Meze Restaurant in Adams Morgan (2437 18th Street, NW). Come eat, drink and network with the WCL public interest community. Free food & soft drinks provided! Drink specials! RSVP to pisc@wcl.american.edu.

For more information on PILRAP and the efforts of the Public Interest Student Coalition, please stop by our table in the lobby anytime during PILRAP Awareness week!

The Public Interest Student Coalition (PISC) is a non-hierarchical student organization founded in 2006 that is dedicated to building and supporting a dynamic public interest community of students, alumni, and allies at the Washington College of Law. For more information, please email pisc@wcl.american.edu

WCL Democrats

April 10, 2007 Room 401 Lunch will be served DISCUSSIONS FOR 2008: A New Direction for America: The Democratic Congress and the 2008 Presidential Race

This year, the Democrats took over Capitol Hill for the first time in a dozen years. In 2008, the most wide open field of Presidential candidates since World War I will vie for the White House, with neither party running an incumbent. How have Congressional Democratic Leaders been doing? How will their actions this year and next affect the Presidential election? Featuring:

Professor and Maryland State Senator Jamie Raskin; Professor Angela Davis; Professor Robert Dinerstein. Moderated by Professor Steve Wermeil. Please join us for a lively political discussion and pizza.

Women's Law Association

Applications for the Women's Law Association Summer Scholarship are due Monday, April 9 at 5pm to the box in the SBA lounge marked "WLA Summer Scholarship." The \$1,500 scholarship is awarded to a WCL student doing an unpaid summer internship at a non-profit organization involving legal work on women's issues. Application information is available in the WLA mailbox in the SBA lounge on the 5th floor (mailbox 4T) or by emailing WLA Communications Director Lauren Teichner at teichner@gmail.com.

IN SEARCH OF

Prof. Walter Effross invites applications for the position of his summer research assistant (20 hours per week;\$2,200 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. Brenda V. Smith is seeking two summer dean's fellows with excellent research and writing skills and a mature work ethic to work on several publications – sex offender registration for juveniles and adults; mandatory reporting of physical and sexual abuse of persons in custody; using vulnerable adult statutes to remedy sexual abuse of persons in custody; confidentiality of sexual abuse reports; and licensing statutes for correctional personnel. Please send resumes, transcripts and a cover letter to Professor Smith at bvsmith@wcl.american.edu.

Adrienne Lockie, a Practitioner-in-Residence in the Women & the Law Clinic, seeks one Summer Dean's Fellow to work 10 hours per week for 6 – 8 weeks. The Dean's fellow will work on various research projects related to clinical law teaching, feminist theory, legal ethics, and family law. Please submit a resume and cover letter to Melissa Manning in Room 417 or to mmanning@wcl.american.edu by Friday, April 27, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. Please indicate the weeks of your availability in the cover letter.

Professor Ala'i is seeking one Deans Fellow for Summer 2007. Applicants must be willing to work 10 hours a week. Research is in the areas of international trade law with particular emphasis on the World Trade Organization (WTO), the relationship between the WTO and domestic governance, and history of free trade and colonialism. Applicants please submit resume and transcript, including your contact information to Julie Seiwel in Room 349. Deadline for all applications is Monday, April 16, 2007.

Please see the Deans Fellow announcement under the “**Office of the Dean**”.

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 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.

The Women and the Law Program is seeking a Summer Dean's Fellow. Responsibilities will include: Developing Activities for Incoming Fall 2007 Gender Specialization Students: We will prepare materials for admitted students about WCL's gender programming and plan the fall gender activities including our annual gender reception, admitted students event and gender perspectives seminar and upcoming conferences. Communicating with students from around the world regarding the opportunities to study gender and the law at WCL, and managing the list serve, website and database we use to communicate with the campus community, potential students and women's rights groups around the globe. Assist with research relating to gender and law issues. Organizational and writing skills are important. A 20 hour/week commitment is required. To apply, send a cover letter and resume to Angie McCarthy at angiem@wcl.american.edu with “Summer Dean's Fellow” in the subject line.

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.

The War Crimes Research Office seeks a Dean's Fellow to provide administrative and programmatic support for the Summer Law Program in The Hague this summer. The position, based at our office at the law school, will assist the Hague Program director and staff assistant with pre-departure planning, office support while the program is in session, and drafting of follow-up materials after June. This is a great opportunity for someone already staying in Washington or working at WCL who would like a few more hours of work each week. We're looking for a student who will be available approximately May 21 through the month of June; hours can be flexible later in the summer. Please submit a resume and a cover letter describing any relevant experience to Susana SáCouto, Director, War Crimes Research Office, by e-mail at warcimes@wcl.american.edu. The application deadline is Friday, April 13th at 5:00 pm. (*Note: 1Ls who have completed a year of their J.D. program, 2Ls, 3Ls and LL.M. students are all eligible for summer Dean's Fellowships.*)

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.

Please see the Deans Fellow announcement under the "**The International Arbitration Program**".

Please see the Deans Fellow announcement under the "**Office of Grant Administration and Program Development**".

Please see the Deans Fellow announcement under the "**Environmental Law Summer Session**".

Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law 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 digest1@wcl.american.edu indicating "Oxford Volunteer Spring 2007" in the subject line.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Hello WCL Students, You are invited to attend a **special course information session** for a new Fall 07 course entitled "Global Knowledge Economy." The information session will be held **Thursday, April 5, 2007 in the SIS lounge starting at 4:30 pm**. The course examines the emergence of the knowledge-based economy in multiple regions of the world, including East Asia, the European Union, North America and South Asia. Students gain a deeper understanding of the structural dimensions of the knowledge economy, and its cultural, institutional, policy and geopolitical foundations. By

investigating the knowledge economy in major world regions, students will acquire deeper insights into how information technology and science-based innovation is transforming the economy and society of nations, the global economy, and the international system. I look forward to seeing you there! Professor Shalini Venturelli
Director & Associate Professor International Communication Program School of
International Service 202-885-1635 sventur@american.edu

WCL Successful at National Softball Tournament

Twenty students represented WCL at the 24th Annual UVA Softball Invitational from March 30-April 1 in Charlottesville. The Invitational featured 110 teams from 48 law schools throughout the country. Both WCL teams, American Blue and American Red, qualified for the playoffs by finishing third and second in their respective divisions. American Red defeated Villanova in an exciting come-from-behind victory during the first round of the playoffs, but fell to a formidable University of South Carolina team in the Sweet Sixteen round.

Congratulations to J.R. Biondi, Greg Connor, Ben Danner, Taylor Foss, Kevin Gallagher, Steve Griggs, Cecil Craig Jackson, Naoki Kaneko, Justin King, Mike Kitzman, Zachary Kline, Mackinnon Lawrence, Travis Markley, Allan Medina, Bobby Mullins, Robin Murphy, Ben Peterson, Danial Wolfe, Joe Anzalone, and especially Christian McMurray for a successful weekend. Also, a special thank you to the Lanie Knowles, Jessica Mast, Sara Kusiak, Dean Grossman, and the SBA for all your support. Like ducks in a pond, it was a great showing by WCL as we look forward to future success at the annual Invitational.

THERE ARE FOUR NEW SPOTS AVAILABLE. HURRY UP!!!! 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

LONDON PARIS GENEVA "'GET ACQUAINTED" MEETING

Participants in the London Paris Geneva Summer Program 2007 are invited to attend a "get acquainted" and **informational meeting on Monday April 9, 12-1:00 pm, WCL room 601**. Light lunch will be served. Come and meet other participants!

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT ECAMPUSRECRUITER

In order to continue to provide WCL students and alumni with the highest level of service, OCPD is in the process of acquiring a new job search software system powered by Symplicity. The Symplicity software will replace the current system, eCampusRecruiter.

Symplicity is the fastest growing job search software company among law schools and legal employers alike. The transition to Symplicity software ensures that WCL will remain competitive in the legal job market.

Over the next several weeks, you will receive important emails from OCPD about the transition from eCampusRecruiter to the Symplicity software. OCPD will continue to use eCampusRecruiter to communicate with students and alumni until all data has been transferred to the new system. Therefore, students and alumni must log on to eCampusRecruiter to update their user profiles as soon as possible. Contact information on eCampus will be used to send important messages about the transition.

If you do not know your username or password, please send an email to careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu to receive log in instructions.

If you have more specific questions about the transition from eCampusRecruiter to Symplicity software, please contact Resources Coordinator Robin Fulton at rfulton@wcl.american.edu or 202-274-4094.

Name That System!

Submit your entry to name OCPD's new job search software. Submissions will be accepted through the last day of classes, Monday, April 23rd. The winner will take home Kimm Walton's *Guerilla Tactics For Getting The Legal Job Of Your Dreams* and a Starbucks Gift Certificate! Email your entries to careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu today!

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:

A 3rd Fall Recruitment Session has been added. This session is primarily designed for 2L and 3L evening students, but all students interested in Fall Recruitment are welcome to attend. The session will take place **Monday, April 9, 2007 from 8-9:30pm in Room 603.**

The session 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. Register to attend on eCampus.

Preparing for Your Law Firm Summer Associate Position

Join OCPD on **Tuesday, April 10th at 12pm in Room 100** for an informal discussion with the Associate Recruitment Manager at Hogan & Hartson LLP and a 3L student to learn about the summer associate experience and the strategies for securing a post-graduate offer. Registration is requested; please visit the "Events" section of eCampusRecruiter. Pizza will be provided.

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. WCL Connections is open to students in the 2008 and 2009 graduating classes only. 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.

The event is currently at capacity; however we are maintaining a wait list. Please contact Bridget Beirne if you are interested in being placed on the wait list, or if you have any questions. Direct Line: (202) 274-4095 or bbeirne@wcl.american.edu.

3L/4L Career Workshop Series: FOURTH and FINAL Program

Session 4: CONTRACT LAWYERING (April 12; Room 602; 12:00-1:00 pm)

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. *Our last program will feature directors from area legal temporary and contract attorney agencies. Find out what the opportunities are for contract legal work, post graduation.*

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

INVITATION TO ALL JD and LL.M. STUDENTS and ALUMNI

INTERESTED IN PURSUING A CAREER IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

**The American Bar Association Section of International Law (ABA International)
and American University Washington College of Law**

cordially invite you to

Pathways To Employment In International Law
(a continuing series of ABA International)

Thursday, April 12 2007, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
In WCL 6th Floor Student Lounge

Networking reception starting at 6:00pm in the area outside room 603

Space is limited.

RSVP is mandatory: please sign up on eCampus Recruiter.

A distinguished panel will share their experiences to help you: pursue a career in international law; understand other legal systems and cultures; understand the paths they took in their international legal careers; suggest basic legal and interpersonal skills relevant in other cultures, network in this competitive environment; and get involved in international legal or non-legal organizations.

Looking for a JOB?

Interested in speaking with **WCL Alumni Leaders** in the local hiring community about how they hire, what they look for, and who may be hiring? (*Hint: If you're not, then you're not going about this the right way.*)

Members of WCL's prestigious Myers Society would like to outreach to job-seeking students to help inform them about hiring trends and guide them in their job search. Please join them in their inaugural networking event:

Hiring Dynamics, Networking and the Practice
Tuesday, April 17, 6:00-8:00 PM, WCL Student Lounge

Mingle in a casual business setting with WCL alumni partners and decision makers from private firms, the US government, private sector businesses, the judiciary and public interest sectors **who want to help you in your job search and can give you practical advice about their practices.**

This is an RSVP event ONLY (sign up under the "Events" section of eCampusRecruiter). Accepted registrants are expected to attend. Dress is business casual. More information is available on eCampus.

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

OCPD Resource of the Week

Brought to you by the OCPD Resources Coordinator!

OPTIMAL RESUME

An online resume building tool for WCL students

The Office of Career & Professional Development encourages you to take advantage of our new resume software, **Optimal Resume**. Optimal Resume is a user-friendly system that will help you create a great Microsoft Word resume quickly and easily.

*If you are a 1L, you have been pre-registered in the system with your full @american.edu email address as a username. Example: rf3223a@american.edu

*If you are a 2L or 3L, please email careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu to register.

Of course, the resume builder does not take the place of a resume review conducted by a career counselor. Optimal Resume will assist you with formatting your resume through either a pre-styled template or by using the Stylist function. A career counselor can then assist you with the content of your document to ensure that you are communicating your experience in the best possible manner.

Questions can emailed to rfulton@wcl.american.edu

PUBLIC INTEREST & GOVERNMENT

Upcoming Programs on PILRAP and Financing Public Interest Careers: OCPD, OPI, and the Public Interest Student Coalition are presenting 2 panels with WCL public

interest alumni and PILRAP administrators to give an overview of WCL's loan repayment assistance program and financing public interest careers generally. The first panel is on **Wednesday, April 18th at 12:00** and will be directed to 3Ls. The second panel is on **Thursday, April 19th at 12:00** and will be directed to 1Ls and 2Ls. More information on panelists will be provided in the upcoming weeks.

Congratulations to the 10 WCL Presidential Management Fellows! The Presidential Management Fellowship is the federal government's prestigious two-year program, which puts fellows on the fast track to high-level management positions. This year applicants underwent a rigorous written assessment as part of the fellowship process. Please extend your congratulations to the following WCL PMF finalists: Huwaida Arraf, Doug Connolly, John Cossa, Michael Culotta, Brian Eiler, Allison Harris, Chris McChesney, Safura Saeed, Rachel Shoemate and Meghan Wrathall.

ABA's Commission on Law and Aging Seeks Summer Intern: The Commission examines and responds to law related issues of aging, including health and long-term care, income maintenance, housing, guardianship and alternatives, court access, due process rights, and the rights of older persons generally. Visit www.abanet.org/aging for more information and see www.idealists.org for this and other summer internship positions.

The Justice Project Seeks Summer Intern: The Justice Project is comprised of 2 nonpartisan organizations dedicated to fighting injustice including, addressing unfairness and inaccuracy in the American criminal justice system and public education. All interns will gain a diverse experience contributing to the daily operations of the office as well as developing and implementing research. Stipends available. Please visit www.idealists.org for more information.

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS & INTERNSHIPS

PROMOTING ACCESS: DIVERSITY AMONG JUDICIAL CLERKS AND INTERNS

Wednesday, April 11th from 5:30 to 8:00, Room 603

Don't miss this unique opportunity to 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 to attend at: www.wcl.american.edu/secle or through the "Interviews & Events" section of eCampusRecruiter.

DO YOU WANT TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS?

Monday, April 16th from 5:00-6:00 pm in Room 503

Get the inside scoop from four current/former judicial clerks from a variety of state and federal courts.

Please register to attend through the “Interviews & Events” section 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 OCPD’s remaining judicial clerkship Nuts & Bolts Workshop this spring to get critical updates and deadlines you need to know! Register on eCampus to attend.

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.

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

INVITATION TO ALL JD and LL.M. STUDENTS and ALUMNI:

Pathways To Employment In International Law

A program sponsored by:

**The American Bar Association Section of International Law (ABA International)
and American University Washington College of Law**

When? Where? Thursday, April 12 2007, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm in WCL 6th Floor Student Lounge, Networking Reception starting at 6:00pm in the area outside room 603

A distinguished panel will share their experiences to help you: pursue a career in international law; understand other legal systems and cultures; understand the paths they took in their international legal careers; suggest basic legal and interpersonal skills relevant in other cultures, network in this competitive environment; and get involved in international legal or non-legal organizations.

Space is limited. RSVP is mandatory. Please sign up on eCampus Recruiter.

If you have questions on how to sign up using eCampus, please email careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu

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 “Listsers.”

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 April 9

Monday, April 9

8am-6pm, Dining Room, The New UN Disability Rights Convention Live Interactive
12-1PM, Rm 602, Business Law Society discussion on class selection

12-1pm, Rm 601 London Paris Geneva "Get Acquainted" and informational meeting

5-5:50pm, Rm 401, 1L Faculty Academic Advising on Criminal Law

5-5:50pm, Rm 503, 1L Faculty Academic Advising on Litigation

8-9:30pm, Rm 603, Fall Recruitment Information Session *III*

Tuesday, April 10

12-1pm, Rm 500, Christian Legal Society Post-Easter Celebration

davidacurtiss@hotmail.com, Rm 401 A New Direction for America: The Democratic Congress and the 2008 Presidential Race

12pm, 4910 Mass Ave Suite 16, The Iraqi High Tribunal

12-1:20pm, Rm 100, Preparing for Your Law Firm Summer Associate Position

4-6pm, Rm 603, User Generated Content and Copyright

5-5:50pm, Rm 402, 1L Faculty Academic Advising on International Law (Public and Private)

5-5:50pm, Rm 524, 1L Faculty Academic Advising on the General Curriculum

5-6pm, Rm 501, How to Secure a Judicial Clerkship for the 2008 Term: Nuts & Bolts Application Workshop

5:30-7:30, 6th Floor Dining Room, WCL Connections

10:15 PM, Rm 101, SBA Senate meeting

Wednesday, April 11

12-1pm in Rm. 526, Phi Delta Phi interest meeting

5-6pm, 4910 Massachusetts Avenue, The Last Human Rights Happy Hour of the Year

5-7:30 pm, 6th Floor Lng, LLM Board in Law and Government Social Hour

5:30-8pm, Rm 603, Promoting Access: Diversity Among Judicial Clerks and Interns

6-8pm, 4910 Mass Ave Large Conference Room, The Equality of Arms: Genocide Trials Before the ICTR

8pm, kblubell@yahoo.com, Business Law Brief information session

Thursday, April 12

9:30am-5:30 pm, Rm 603, A Conversation on Comparative Family Law

12-1:20, Rm 524, Women in the Global Context Series: "On the Move: Issues Facing Migrant Women"

12-1:30pm, Rm 602, 3L/4L Workshop Series #4: Contract Lawyering

12:30-1.30 pm, JD Lnge, Operationalizing the Protocol of San Salvador: Advancing Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the Americas

12:30pm, kblubell@yahoo.com, Business Law Brief information sessions

4-6pm, 6th Floor JD/ILSP Student Lng, ABA Pathways to Employment in International Law

6-8PM, blsa@wcl.american.edu, Is My Voice Heard At The Table? An Etiquette Dinner

6:30-9:30pm, Dining Room, 8th Annual Peter M. Cicchino Awards

Saturday, April 14

10am -4pm, Rm 603, 11th Annual Sylvania Woods Conference on African Americans and the Law