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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 CONTINUES:

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.

NOTES ON THE WAITLIST PROCESS:

A Wait List process will again be utilized for the fall 2007 pre-registration period (there is no wait list for the summer semester). 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>

Writing Competitions: In addition to those outside of Room 300:

The American Inns of Court is sponsoring The Warren E. Burger Writing Competition. Deadline: June 15, 2007. Award: \$5,000.

<http://www.innsofcourt.org/Content/Default.aspx?Id=2121>

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, 6:00-8:00pm, 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 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

- 14th Annual Dupont Minority Job Fair—**DEADLINE APRIL 10**
- Application for AEF Community Service Fellowship & Anheuser-Busch Norman Y. Mineta Fellowship – **DEADLINE EXTENDED TO 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.

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.

2007-2008 Financial Aid Decisions

Academic year awards will be made after grades for spring term have been recorded. Federal Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements must be satisfied before aid can be renewed. Decisions are generally available by mid June and will be posted on **my.american.edu**.

2007 – 2008 Grant Applicants - Reminder Notice

Verification Worksheet/Supplemental Information Forms and tax returns are due May 1.

Note: If you have not filed your FAFSA, do so immediately. Need Access applications filed after the March 1 deadline will only be considered if grant funds remain after review of on-time applications.

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 SPECIAL EVENTS AND CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Phone 202.274.4075 Fax 202.274.4079
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Upcoming Events!

11th Annual Sylvania Woods Conference on African Americans and the Law Date:
4/14/07
Time: 10:00am -25:30 pm
Room 603

Anti-Trust Diversity in Dealing with Dominant Firms: How Big are the Differences?
How Rational or Important are They?
Date: 4/16/07
Time 5:00pm to 7:30pm
Student Lounge

Women and the Law Leadership Presents Penny Wakefield '79
Date: 4/18/07
Time: 12:00pm-2:00pm
Cosmos Club

The 1st International Trade Law Society Distinguished Alumni Dinner
Date: 4/19/07

Time: 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Student Lounge

Washington Area Legal History Roundtable: Slavery
Date: 4/20/07
Time: 12:00pm - 4:00pm
Room 603

Save the Dates: Spring 2007

April 24

Investment and Trade in Latin America: The Chilean Experience

April 27

Humphrey Fellowship Program Certificate Ceremony

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.

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 below for our current volunteer opportunities.

EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

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

SUMMER EXTERNSHIPS:

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 have recently contacted the Externship Office indicating that they are looking for externs for the summer. To view these employers, please go to the Externship Database, which is now searchable based on employers who have recently contacted us looking for externs. *Most employers do not contact us when opportunities are available. Please do not limit yourself to those that have, or you will miss hundreds of opportunities.*

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.

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.

- 1) Bob Bruskin (3 credit, graded seminar), LAW-769-001, **Tues. 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**
- 2) John Buchko (3 credit, graded seminar), LAW-769-002, **Th. 6:00 – 7:50**
- 3) Megan Blamble (3 credit, graded seminar), LAW-769-003, **Tues. 6:00 – 7:50 pm**
- 4) Carlos Acosta (3 credit, graded seminar), LAW-769-004, **Mon. 6:00 – 7:50 pm**
- 5) Jessica Ginsburg (3 credit, graded seminar), LAW-769-005, **Wed. 7:00 - 8:50 pm**
- 6) Advanced Supervision, LAW-769-007A,B: **TBD.**

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

To learn more about specific courses, please see the course description on the course information page. You may wish to view the syllabi that a specific professor used in past semesters. To do so, please go to “previous” in the course information page, and select a past semester.

EVENING EXTERNSHIPS AVAILABLE: A number of organizations offering flexible hours have contacted our office. Please select the evening hour search criteria on the Externship Database to view these opportunities

INDIVIDUAL EXTERNSHIP COUNSELING:

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

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

PENCE LAW LIBRARY

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

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

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

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 .

Library Hours During Reading Period and Exams

The Library will be open 24/7 to WCL students with ID cards, WCL faculty and staff beginning at 8 am on Tuesday, April 24, the first day of the Reading Period.

All other patrons must exit the library at the following times:

Tuesday, April 24 to Thursday, April 26	Midnight
Friday, April 27 and Saturday April 28	10:00 pm
Sunday, April 29 to Thursday, May 3	Midnight
Friday, May 4 and Saturday, May 5	10:00 pm
Sunday, May 6 to Thursday, May 10	Midnight
Friday, May 11	10:00 pm
Saturday, May 12	6 pm
Sunday, May 13	Library is Closed

RESTRICTED ACCESS TO THE LIBRARY DURING THE READING AND EXAMINATION PERIOD

The WCL Library is open only to WCL and AU Main Campus students, faculty, alumnae and patrons using the Government Depository collection from April 24 through May 12. You will need to show your AU ID to gain access to the Law Library during this period. This policy is in effect to ensure that our students have the full use of our facilities during the Reading and Examination Periods. Questions? Contact Adeen Postar at apostar@wcl.american.edu.

IMPORTANT CHANGE TO GROUP STUDY ROOM RESERVATIONS **Current WCL IDs 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 .

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!

Celebrate National Library Week with us! Pick up some chocolate covered sunflower seeds at the Circulation Desk beginning April 16!

PROGRAM ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT

Ben Cotton Fellowship

The Program on Law and Government and the National Kidney Foundation of the National Capital Area (“NKF/NCA”) sponsor the Ben Cotton Fellowship every year. The Fellowship is a great opportunity for students interested in health policy and legislative work. The National Kidney Foundation seeks a Fellow for 2007-2009, to work 15-20 hours per week during the school year. The job will include the opportunity to write and present testimony on behalf of the NKF/NCA and to run the Foundation’s Public Policy Committee. The Fellow will also be responsible for keeping abreast of all federal and state legislation in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. that will affect kidney patients. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to Preston Englert at penglert@kidneywdc.org.

Exploring the Value of a Post-JD Degree

Wednesday, April 25, Room 600, 5-7 PM

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

WAR CRIMES RESEARCH OFFICE

Summer Law Program in The Hague: June 1-30, 2007

The Summer Law Program in The Hague is a new, six-credit summer program that includes two three-credit courses: *International Criminal Law* and *International Legal Approaches to Terrorism*. The program is the product of a unique collaboration between the War Crimes Research Office and the T.M.C. Asser Institute, one of the most prominent research institutes of international law in Europe. Course faculty is comprised of judges, prosecutors and other staff from organizations such as the International Criminal Court and the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, as well as faculty members from WCL and the T.M.C. Asser Institute. Integral to the curriculum are site visits to major courts and legal organizations located in The Hague.

There are currently two open spaces in the summer program.

To apply: Please download a program brochure from www.wcl.american.edu/hague, or e-mail hagueprogram@wcl.american.edu for more information.

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

The next **SBA Senate meeting will be on Sunday, April 22 at 8:00 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 5 PM on Friday, April 20. 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.

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

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

Presents: Open Mic Night: 80's Style THURSDAY, APRIL 19TH

What: Performers Of Poetry, Music, Dance, & Karaoke

TIME: 6:30PM LOCATION: 6th Floor Student Lounge Price: \$5 Before; \$7 @ The Door Donations Strongly Encouraged Old School Hip Hop Performance By 13th Floor! Visit Www.Thefloor13.Com Proceeds Go Towards The Wade Alema Dennis Community Service Award!!

Christian Legal Society

What does the Bible say about International Religious Freedom? Speaker= Ann Buwalda, Founder of Just Law, Int'l and Jubilee Campaign **Date= Tuesday, April 17th**
Time= 12-1pm Room= 501 (subject to change) Lunch will be provided!

Equal Justice Foundation

Call for EJF Executive Board Applicants

EJF is now looking for applicants to fill all leadership positions for the 2007-2008 academic year. Positions can be found below; a list committee chair responsibilities can be found on our TWEN site Course Materials page, accessible from www.lawschool.westlaw.com.

Please note that many of the positions would be best filled by two or more people acting as co-chairs.

If interested, please submit a short paragraph explaining your interest to Lyndsey Ray at ejf@wcl.american.edu by 5:00 PM on Monday, April 23.

- Executive Chair or President
- Executive Vice Chair(s)
- Alumni Relations Chair(s)
- Date Auction Chair(s)
- Event Planning Chair(s)
- Finance/Treasury Chair(s)
- Off-Campus Canvassing Chair(s)
- On-Campus Canvassing Chair(s)
- Publicity Chair(s)
- Special Contribution Chair(s)

The Equal Justice Foundation is **selling Discount Cards for \$10**. Bearers of the card receive discounts at ten local businesses for one year. Discounts include: 10% all purchases of more than \$50 at the AU Bookstore, including textbooks; 10% off any purchase at Neisha Thai, and 10% off any purchase at Tenley Liquor. There are a limited number of cards available and they will only be sold in the WCL Lobby on **Wednesday, April 18, beginning at noon**. Students may purchase one fundraising card per one AU student ID – if you cannot be on campus on Wednesday, you can give your ID card to a friend to buy your card for you. No cards will be reserved or placed on hold – sales will be first come, first serve.

Remember that if you spend \$500 on books this fall, you'll save \$50 if you have a fundraising card – well worth your \$10 investment! And the \$10 goes to fund students doing unpaid public interest work, rather than the bookstore.

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** to **Thursday, April 19, 2007 at 5 pm** (was previously April 20, 2007 at 9 pm). If you are selected for an interview, the interview will take place Friday, 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

Spring Initiation Date: 04/20/07 Time: 06:30PM - 08:30PM Where: WCL Ceremonial Courtroom Rm 528 Phi Delta Phi Pledges and Initiates will become fully initiated in this Spring Ceremony. Students who do not yet meet the requirements of membership will go through a mandatory pledge ceremony and will be eligible to become fully initiated in our Fall 2008 initiation. Guest Speakers to include the International Director of Phi Delta Phi, Tim Wheat, local province chair, Neil Miller and Phi Delta Phi Faculty Advisor David Spratt.

You must sign up in advance to register for initiation. Registration ends tomorrow, Friday April 13th at 5pm. Please contact Vashti Mercado at vashtidc2005@yahoo.com to register.

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

Sustainable Development Law and Policy

Sustainable Development Law and Policy ("SDLP") is recruiting staff for the 2007-2008 school year. SDLP is a student-run initiative at American University, Washington College of Law that focuses on reconciling the tensions between environmental sustainability, economic development, and human welfare. The SDLP journal embraces an interdisciplinary approach to provide a fuller view of current legal, political, and social developments. Our mission is to serve as a valuable resource for practitioners, policy makers, and concerned citizens promoting sustainable development throughout the world. Applications are available on our website at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/org/sustainabledevelopment/>. An information session will be held Monday April 16 at 6:00 PM in Room 631. Please return applications to Room 631 by Tuesday April 17 at 6:00 PM.

Women's Law Association

FRUSTRATED WITH THE CURRENT STATE OF HEALTH CARE AT AU?

Worried about the quality of care at the AU Student Health Center? Forced to answer personal questions in the reception area? General concerns about the Chickering Student Health Insurance plan?

The Women's Law Association invites you to share your experiences, concerns, and suggestions for improvement with fellow concerned students at the **WCL Student Health Town Hall Meeting, Wednesday, April 18 in the 6th floor student lounge at 6 pm**. This event is sponsored by the Women's Law Association. Hope to see you there!

Please join us for our last event of the year: **Skill Building Workshop on Interviewing and Negotiating, Thursday, April 19 from 12pm – 12:50pm in room 524**. We'll hear from practitioners and receive practical advice on how to assert yourself in getting the job you want and getting the projects you want once you're in that job!

Then celebrate the end of the year at the final **WLA Happy Hour on Thursday, April 19! We'll be at Guapo's from 6 – 8pm**. Please come on by and relax with friends old and new.

IN SEARCH OF

The Office of the Dean is seeking a Dean's Fellow for the summer. The position involves 10 hours per week of administrative support. Spanish is helpful, although not required. Interested second or third year law students should promptly submit a cover letter and resume via email to audrey@wcl.american.edu.

Do you want to work part-time and learn about women's rights this summer? **The Women and the Law Program** is seeking a Summer Dean's Fellow. Responsibilities will include: Preparing for Fall 2007: Dean's fellow will prepare materials for students about WCL's gender programming and help plan the fall gender activities including our annual gender reception, course advising, Gender Perspectives seminar and upcoming conferences. The fellow will also assist staff in recruiting students for the LL.M. programs, and fundraising activities. Communicating with students from around the world regarding the opportunities to study gender and the law at WCL: The fellow will manage the list serve, website and database we use to communicate with the campus community, potential students and women's rights groups around the globe. Administering the Feminist Jurisprudence Essay Contest. 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 Civil Practice Clinic is seeking several deans' fellows to assist with case management this summer. The Civil Practice Clinic handles a wide variety of cases, including bankruptcy, divorce, child custody, and consumer protection. Duties will involve maintaining contact with clients, interviewing clients, assisting with hearings, preparing research memoranda and documents for court filings, and other matters. These positions will be available for from three to five days a week. Individual dean's fellows

are limited to a maximum of 200 hours for the summer. Positions are available beginning May 21 and continuing until classes begin in August. Current second year students are preferred, but we will consider any student with legal or non-legal experience who is interested in learning about the general practice of law. Interested applicants should leave a cover letter describing their interests and a resume with Michelle Jacome in room 417, the Clinic Office by April 18, 2006. The positions may be filled on a rolling basis so it is important to apply as soon as possible.

Jayesh Rathod, Practitioner-in-Residence in the International Human Rights Law Clinic, seeks one Dean's Fellow this summer, to work 10 hours per week, for a period of 8 weeks. The Dean's Fellow will work on projects related to: the epidemic of workplace injuries and deaths suffered by low-income immigrant workers in the United States; the relationship between law and organizing in the context of immigrant worker advocacy; collaborations between day laborer organizations and unions; and related issues. Candidates with a background or interest in immigrants' rights or employment law are encouraged to apply. Please submit a resume and brief cover letter by email to jrathod@wcl.american.edu by Friday, April 27. In your cover letter, please indicate the weeks that you are available

LaShanda Taylor, a Practitioner-in-Residence in the Civil Practice Clinic, seeks one summer research assistant to work 20 hours per week. The research assistant will work on various projects related to family law, with a particular focus on adoption. Please submit a resume and cover letter to LaShanda Taylor in Room 438 or to ltaylor@wcl.american.edu.

War Crimes Research Office SUMMER 2007 Dean's Fellow: 10 HOURS/WEEK
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. The position is for ten weeks, and 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.**

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.

Meet FTC Commissioner William E. Kovacic. Commissioner Kovacic will be meeting with students on **April 27, at 11 am in Room 500**. Bill Kovacic has had a distinguished career in public service (he has also served as FTC General Counsel) and academia (he has taught law at George Washington and George Mason, and visited at WCL.) The Federal Trade Commission enforces the antitrust laws and consumer protection laws. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Professor Jonathan Baker.

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 an 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! *Example: www.LegalEagle.com*

Email your entries to careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu today.

ATTENTION 3L/4L STUDENTS:

NALP ERSS SURVEY Each year, the Office of Career & Professional Development is required to report employment statistics to the National Association for Law Placement (NALP), the American Bar Association and US News & World Report. To that end, we ask that all graduating students complete a short employment survey which can be found on eCampusRecruiter at www.ecampusrecruiter.com/auwcl. Students must fully complete the Graduation Survey prior to receiving completed bar certification materials from the Registrar's Office. OCPD has a limited number of gifts to offer students who complete the survey on a timely basis. Please stop by the office to pick up your gift after submitting the survey.

If you have forgotten your username and/or password for accessing the system, please contact Bridget Beirne at bbeirne@wcl.american.edu. If the graduation survey does not automatically appear after you login, please access the survey by clicking on the "Survey" section on the left of the homepage, and then click on the "2007 NALP ERSS" link. Please remember to answer ALL applicable survey questions and provide accurate contact information.

For those students still seeking post-graduate employment, please contact our alumni counselor Matthew Pasocello to set up a personal counseling appointment.

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.

Looking for a J-O-B?

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 Legal Practice
Tuesday, April 17, 6:30-8:00 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.

ATTENTION ALL WCL STUDENTS:

INTERNATIONAL STUDY BREAK COMING UP!

You are invited to our

NETWORKING STUDY BREAK

When? Wednesday, April 18, 2007, 4:30pm- 5:30pm

Where? International Student Lounge – 6th Floor

Take a break from your books and practice your networking skills by meeting students from different backgrounds and countries. All students are welcome to attend, including JD, LL.M., SJD, Humphrey Fellows, exchange and visiting students.

Please RSVP by April 17 (Tuesday) for this event using eCampus Recruiter.

Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

FALL RECRUITMENT INFORMATION SESSION available via Podcast:
If you were unable to attend one of the three Fall Recruitment Information Sessions offered by OCPD, please take a moment to listen to the Podcast available at www.wcl.american.edu/podcasts.

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 listen to this podcast.



WOMEN IN INTERNATIONAL REGULATORY LAW SYMPOSIUM
International Regulatory Law as a Positive Force for Change

A symposium to showcase senior women in the field; Attendance is open to all.

The Steering Committee of Women in International Regulatory Law would like to invite you to the Second Annual Women in International Regulatory Law Symposium, which will be held at the **Hotel Monaco in Washington, DC on April 25, 2007**. The Symposium showcases women involved in a wide range of issues in international regulatory law and is open to both men and women. There will also be a round table discussion of advancing careers in international law and a networking reception with our speakers and the Steering Committee. This session is designed in particular to give those considering careers in the field an opportunity to ask questions and chat with senior women in an informal setting. Our panel includes:

Ellen Meltzer, Special Counsel
U.S. Department of Justice

Judith Lee, Partner
Gibson Dunn & Crutcher

Kerri Cox, Associate General Counsel
U.S. Department of the Air Force

Leslie Benton, Senior Policy Director
Transparency International – USA

For more information, check the “Events” section of eCampusRecruiter.
Agenda and registration are available at the OCPD front desk.

RSVP on or before April 18, 2007

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

TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL LAW

STUDENTS *Moffitt & Brodnax, LTD.*, a small but busy criminal defense firm is currently seeking law students for a temporary project. This opportunity is ideal for students who have some knowledge of the attorney-client privilege, who can devote at least 10 to 20 hours a week to the project, and who have their own transportation to and from Reston, Virginia.

Description of the Project

Depending upon how many students can be recruited, this is a one to three-week project. Under the supervision of the firm, the students will be required to separate privileged documents from non-privileged documents and compile a privilege log of the privileged material. The rate for this work will be \$15/hour. The firm is flexible with students' hours and can work around a class schedule, but interested students should be able to commit to at least 10 hours a week.

Contact

Interested students should fax a resume with a schedule indicating the student's availability to work during the week. This project is already underway, so if interested please reply ASAP. The resume and schedule should be faxed or emailed to: Edna Moffitt, business liaison Fax: (703) 834-0206 Phone: (703) 834-0204 Email: elong_green@yahoo.com



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 be 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 the "3L PILRAP Information Session" on **Wednesday, April 18th at 12:00** in the **6th Floor Student Lounge**. The second panel is on **Thursday, April 19th at 12:00** in the **6th Floor Student Lounge** and will be directed to 1Ls and 2Ls. Panelists include alumni from Legal Services of Northern Virginia, the Washington Lawyers' Committee, and the Children's Law Center. Please register through eCampus Recruiter. Lunch provided!

Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center Seeks Summer Law Clerks: The APALRC is a non-profit dedicated to advancing the legal and civil rights of Asian Americans in Washington, D.C. metropolitan community through direct services, education, and advocacy. Law clerks will work in either the domestic violence or workers rights practice areas. Cover letter and resume should be submitted as soon as possible to **Marita Etcubanez, Director of Legal Services**, marita@apalrc.org. See eCampus Recruiter for complete job posting.

Post-Graduate Positions Available With the Whitman-Walker Clinic: Whitman-Walker Clinic seeks two staff attorneys for a new Legal Services office at the Clinic's Max Robinson Center. The organization will consider highly qualified entry-level

applicants. Whitman-Walker Clinic's Legal Services Program provides *pro bono* counseling and representation to persons living with HIV/AIDS on a variety of civil legal issues related to an HIV diagnosis. Visit www.wwc.org for more information about this organization. Please see eCampus Recruiter for the complete job posting.

American Association for Justice (AAJ) Seeking Staff Attorney: The AAJ (formerly the Association of Trial Lawyers of America) promotes justice and fairness for injured persons, safeguards victims' rights--particularly the right to trial by jury--and strengthens the civil justice system through education and disclosure of information critical to public health and safety. Salary is commensurate with experience. Please email resume and cover letter to HR@justice.org; fax to (202) 333-2861; or mail to AAJ HR Dept, 1050 31st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20007. See eCampus Recruiter for job duties and qualifications.

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS & INTERNSHIPS

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 three WCL alumni and current/former judicial clerks from a variety of state and federal courts. Please register to attend through the "Interviews & Events" section of eCampusRecruiter.

- **Reese Alutto** – Clerk for Judge Roger Titus, U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland & Former Clerk for Judge Mary Ellen Barbera, Maryland Court of Special Appeals, and Judge Michael Whalen, Circuit Court for Prince George's County
- **Jodie Birdwell** – Clerk for the Senior Judges of the D.C. Court of Appeals & Former Clerk for Judge Judith Retchin, D.C. Superior Court
- **Lizzie Hogan** – Former Clerk for Justice Jack Jacobs, Delaware Supreme Court

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:

- 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?

If you were not able to attend one of the Nuts & Bolts Application Workshops this spring, email Shelley Rudge, Judicial Clerkship Coordinator, at serudge@wcl.american.edu to schedule an individual appointment.

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

HOW MANY JD STUDENTS DO YOU KNOW?

The LL.M. Program is such an exciting period in our lives, and as every fun activity, it is too short! In most cases, LL.M. students stay in WCL for less than 1 year and many have never met a JD student or students from other programs. OCPD and ILSP invite you to **take a break from your studies** and enjoy some coffee and conversation with other students at WCL. Please see below for details:

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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

Stay tuned for the next edition of the ILSP Career Connection coming out tomorrow! 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 (to be posted this Friday) please click on: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/career/llmforeign.cfm#connection>

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

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

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

General Reminders for Foreign LL.M. Students:

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

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

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

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

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

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

***Have a great weekend! ***

GENERAL REMINDERS FOR STUDENTS

Student eCampusRecruiter Profiles

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

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

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

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

Judicial Clerkship – Post Graduate Positions

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

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

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

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

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

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

OCPD Counseling Services:

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

Counseling services include:

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

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

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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 16

Monday, April 16

5-6pm, Rm 503, Do You Want to Find Out More About Judicial Clerkships?

5-7:30pm, Student Lounge, Anti-Trust Diversity in Dealing with Dominant Firms: How Big are the Differences? How Rational or Important are They?

6pm, Rm 631, Sustainable Development Law and Policy Recruitment Information Session

10 pm, Rm 524, Modern American Information sessions

Tuesday, April 17

12-1pm, Rm 501, What does the Bible say about International Religious Freedom?

12-1:20, Rm 415, Tips About Public Interest at WCL You Wish You'd Known Earlier

6-8pm, sign up under the "Events" section of eCampusRecruiter, Hiring Dynamics, Networking and the Practice

6:30-8pm, 6th Floor Student Lounge, Hiring Dynamics, Networking and the Legal Practice,

Wednesday, April 18

12-1:30, 6th floor JD Student Lounge, 3L PILRAP Information Session

12, WCL Lobby, Equal Justice Foundation Discount Cards sale

12pm, Rm 601, Modern American Information sessions

4:30-5:30pm, ILSP Lounge, International Networking Study Break

6 pm, 6th floor student lounge, WCL Student Health Town Hall Meeting

Thursday, April 19

12-1:30, 6th floor JD Student Lounge, Financing your Public Interest Career

12-12:50pm, Rm 524, Women's Law Assoc. Skill Building Workshop on Interviewing and Negotiating

6:30-9 pm, Student Lounge, The 1st International Trade Law Society Distinguished Alumni Dinner

6:30PM, 6th Floor Student Lounge, Black Law Student's Association Open Mic Night: 80's Style

Friday, April 20

12-4pm, Rm 603, Washington Area Legal History Roundtable: Slavery

6:30-8:30PM, Rm 528, Phi Delta Phi Spring Initiation