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OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

E-mail: registrar@wcl.american.edu

ADD/DROP PERIOD NOW THROUGH AUGUST 27TH

Students may add or drop classes via the web: <http://my.american.edu>, throughout the first week of class. Students must register for externships or independent studies in the law school Registrar's Office, Suite 304. Signed contracts are required to do so. The deadline for registering for independent studies and externships is September 4th.

CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS are posted on the bulletin board outside the office of the Registrar, on the WCL web site and are listed on course schedules. As there may be some changes in classroom assignments, it is important that students check this information.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3TH IS LABOR DAY IT IS A UNIVERSITY HOLIDAY AND CLASSES WILL NOT MEET.

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE HOURS FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASSES ONLY

Monday, August 20	9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, August 21	9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, August 22	9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 23	9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Friday, August 24	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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

ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE DECEMBER GRADUATES: If you plan to graduate in December 2007, please complete an Application to Graduate as soon as possible. Applications are available in the Registrar's Office, Suite 304, or on-line at www.wcl.american.edu, under Office of the Registrar.

ANONYMOUS GRADING NUMBERS: All students must use anonymous grading numbers, and not names, on all school examinations. For those students in Legal Rhetoric who require grading numbers for earlier examinations, these will be available after the first week of classes on <http://my.american.edu> under Person Links at the bottom (WCL Anonymous Grading Number). For students who are not 1L students, these are available now.

OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

ADA Accommodations

Washington College of Law students with permanent or temporary disabilities may need special

accommodations to facilitate their study of the law. If you are such a student and have documentation of your disability, and have not already self identified previously, please consider doing so. Of course, you are not required to disclose your disability or request an accommodation if you do not wish to do so. It is the law school's desire to identify entering students with disabilities before the Fall semester begins in order to review information and documentation, determine appropriate accommodations, and provide those accommodations in a timely fashion. It is also the law school's desire to urge students with disabilities to come forward at the start of their legal education to learn if they will receive accommodations. We say this because many state boards of bar examiners are reluctant to provide accommodations when taking bar examinations if an applicant first seeks accommodations when taking a bar examination. A record of receiving accommodations in law school will be helpful in such cases. Your privacy will be protected. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions or need more information. You may contact the Senior Academic Counselor, Ann Kreske, at 202-274-4031; akreske@wcl.american.edu.

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>

Lunch with the Dean!

The Fall series of lunch meetings with Dean Claudio Grossman begins on **Thursday, Sept 6, at 12:30 p.m.** Learn about plans for the semester, speak your mind about issues that affect you, and enjoy lunch courtesy of the Office of the Dean.

The lunch is limited to 14 students on a first-reply, first-invited basis. Requests to be included are addressed to fpolo@wcl.american.edu and must contain your name, telephone number, and e-mail address. Your space will be confirmed by return e-mail.

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY SERVICES

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

WELCOME TO A NEW SCHOOL YEAR, EVERYONE

First-Year Diversity Day

Wednesday, August 15, 2007--4:00-7:00 PM--6TH Floor Dining Room

4:00 **Welcome and Intro Activities**

5:00 **Table Talk with Student Organizations**

Representatives of APALSA, BLSA, Lambda, LALSA, SALSA*, and other student organizations will offer practical information about first year and answer incoming students' questions about diversity at WCL.

6:00 **Reception**

Meet deans, law professors, and other members of the WCL community.
Please join us.

Other Events Happening This Week

August

17 **Dean's Barbecue & Student Organization Fair**—Sponsored by the Dean's Office and the Student Bar Association (SBA)—12:30-2:00 PM—AU quad, main campus—Contact Associate Dean David Jaffe djaffe@wcl.american.edu – Learn about WCL student organizations

18 “What I Wish I Would Have Known”—sponsored by Latina/o Alumni Association of the Washington College of Law—9:30-5:00--Location TBA--Contact: Carlos Quintana ‘00 cqboricua4@hotmail.com--One-day seminar designed for incoming WCL students with little to no exposure to the law school experience

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

The Financial Aid Staff welcomes you and wishes you a successful academic year!

Your Financial Aid Counselors are:

A – H DEREK THOMPSON

I - P JUDI AMEY

Q – Z BARBARA WILLIAMS

Richard Legendre, Financial Aid Assistant assists with general inquiries and document processing.

FINANCIAL AID DISBURSEMENTS

All financial aid funds are posted to your student account and are paid in equal installments; half each semester. Disbursements are underway.

Stafford loans and institutional grants and scholarships are released when the following conditions are met:

- Awards are accepted on *my.american.edu*
- Master Promissory Note (MPN) has been signed
- Entrance Counseling form is on file
- Enrollment in a minimum of six credit hours is confirmed
- All other requirements/documents are complete.

Grad Plus and private loan funds are posted as checks arrive from lenders. *(The date of your application and lender processing requirements determine when your funds are released.)*

If as a first-time AU Stafford loan borrower you have yet to complete your MPN go to www.studentloan.com/schools/american right away. Contact Citibank Customer Service at (800) 967-2400 for assistance if you encounter difficulty in completing your promissory note.

Disbursements continue throughout the semester as payment requirements are satisfied. Check with staff if you are unsure of your file status.

BILLING

Financial aid funds credited to your account are first applied to university charges. You are billed by the Student Accounts Office for remaining charges until your account is settled. If financial aid payments exceed charges, a refund may be obtained.

REFUNDS

A refund for living expenses is possible when financial aid exceeds tuition costs and your account is paid in full. To obtain a refund you must submit a request to the Student Accounts Office. Send your request from your AU email account to studentaccounts@american.edu. Refunds are issued by check and will be available beginning the first week of classes. While the process begins with release of aid funds, it is difficult to predict exactly when your refund check will be available. Be prepared to cover your expenses the first few days of the semester.

MISCELLANY

- Make certain that your address is current to ensure timely receipt of financial aid mailings.
- Email communication from the office is sent to your AU account only.
- < Check your financial aid record on **my.american.edu** for updates and to confirm award acceptance.

- < Outside Scholarship information is listed under *Types of Aid* on the Financial Aid website.

OFFICE OF FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

The Course Packet Distribution Center is open for the Fall 2007 semester. The Course Packet Distribution Center is located in Room 465, and is where supplemental course packets will be made available for purchase.

Operating Hours:

Days: Monday through Friday 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
(closed weekends - except special Saturday hours posted below)

Special Hours:

August 20 - 24 and August 27 - 30 9:00 am - 7:30 pm
Friday, August 31 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Saturdays, August 18 and August 25 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Purchasing Course Packets:

It is recommended that students purchase materials only for the classes in which they are enrolled. Please do not purchase materials for classes BEFORE enrollment.

Checks, money orders, traveler's checks, Visa, and MasterCard are the only accepted forms of payment. Cash, Discover, and American Express are NOT accepted.

Materials are not sold by telephone, facsimile, U.S. Mail, Federal Express, or courier service.

Refunds:

Course packets are non-refundable. An exception can be made if a class is dropped and course packets are returned:

- o within three weeks of the original date of purchase;
- o with the original receipt, and;
- o with a copy of the old and new class schedules.

OFFICE OF GRANT ADMINISTRATION AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Thinking About Spending a Semester Abroad? Apply by October 1st for the Spring Semester!

Continued success in today's society is increasingly dependent on the ability of people to think and work globally. WCL believes that the unique challenges that students encounter while studying abroad will enhance their legal education, preparing them to meet the needs of our global society. WCL programs are offered in English and the language of the country – current offerings include **18 semester exchange opportunities** in Asia, Europe, Latin America, Australia, and North America.

Take advantage of this great opportunity to live and study abroad. You will have the chance to learn about comparative legal systems, gain a greater understanding of different cultures AND make yourself more competitive in the job market!

The deadline to apply for a Semester Exchange for Spring 2008 is **October 1**. For a complete description of opportunities abroad please visit: www.wcl.american.edu/studyabroad or contact us at grants-programs@wcl.american.edu

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST

WELCOME BACK!

The Office of Public Interest (OPI) seeks to educate law students about their professional responsibility to perform public service work as practicing attorneys, thereby fostering a lifelong commitment to public service. OPI also helps highlight student achievement in public interest and pro bono and provides recognition for these accomplishments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DEAN'S FELLOW OPPORTUNITY

The Office of Public Interest Seeks Fall Semester Dean's Fellow: The Office of Public Interest is seeking a Dean's Fellow to work 20 hours/week on a number of projects including the Pro Bono Honors Pledge Program, outreach to students, public interest employers and WCL alumni, the development of a public interest handbook, and the Public Interest Loan Repayment Assistance Program (PILRAP). Excellent writing, computer and interpersonal skills are required. Interested candidates should submit a current resume and brief cover letter to Charlene Gomes, Public Interest Coordinator at cegomes@wcl.american.edu. Resumes will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

JOIN THE PUBLIC INTEREST ANNOUNCEMENTS LISTSERV

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

Postgraduate Public Interest Fellowship Deadlines are Approaching!

Interested in pursuing a postgraduate public interest fellowship opportunity? Visit www.pslawnet.org for a comprehensive listing of fellowship opportunities and deadlines. Some big deadlines are just around the corner:

- 🕒 **Equal Justice Works:** September 18, application and information available at www.equajusticeworks.org.
- 🕒 **Skadden:** October 1, application and information available at www.skadden.com.

If you are already in the process of completing a fellowship application, please contact either Charlene Gomes, Public Interest Coordinator in the Office of Public Interest at cegomes@wcl.american.edu or Claire Raj, Public Interest Specialist in the Office of Career and Professional Development at craj@wcl.american.edu to schedule an appointment to review your application materials.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:

Public Interest Speed Networking Event for 2Ls and 3Ls September 19th

This event provides an opportunity for second and third-year students to meet public interest and government lawyers, polish their informational interviewing skills, and learn about a variety of public interest organizations in a fun, fast-paced environment. So far more than 40 public interest and government employers have registered! For a full list of employers, visit <http://www.wcl.american.edu/publicinterest/speednet.cfm>. Student registration is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Student registration is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. **To register: go to the "Events" section of CareerLink. Registration closes Thursday, September 6.**

1L Public Interest Roundtable Series

Called by some, "The most fascinating hour I have had at WCL," the Public Interest Roundtables provide an opportunity for first-year students to discuss the public interest aspects of the core courses with faculty members over lunch. The group is kept small to foster interactive discussion. Fall 2007 Roundtables will be held on September 27, October 25, and November 15. Watch the Docket and the Public Interest Announcements listserv for additional details on the Roundtable series.

Public Interest Week Events, October 1-3

The Office of Public Interest and the Office of Career and Professional Development are teaming up to provide you with a series of programs to introduce students to the world of public interest careers and public interest opportunities available at WCL. Watch this section of the Docket for additional information on Public Interest Week programs.

Pro Bono Honors Pledge Program “Getting Involved in Pro Bono” Session at noon, October 11

WCL’s volunteer pro bono program encourages students to complete 75 hours of pro bono and community service work at organizations assisting underprivileged and underrepresented populations. While at least 50 hours of the pro bono work completed must be with an organization engaged primarily in law-related or legal work, students may complete up to 25 of their 75 hours in non-legal community service work, enabling first-year law students to begin participating in the program immediately. The “Getting Involved” session is an opportunity to hear from current students about the advantages of participating in the pledge. Watch the Docket for additional details in the weeks to come.

Equal Justice Works Career Fair and Conference, October 6 and 7, Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, DC

Held every October in Washington, DC, Equal Justice Works is the nation’s largest public interest law career fair. First-year law students may attend sessions and participate in Table Talk – an opportunity to meet with attorneys at public interest organizations and agencies from around the country, and to get information about summer internship offerings. Second and third-year students may interview with employers. Registration information available soon!

ACADEMY ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

UPCOMING EVENTS

OPEN HOUSE

The Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law will host an Open House for anyone interested in learning more about the programs and events hosted by the Academy and how they can get involved. Please join us for lunch on Tuesday, August, 28th from 12:00 – 1:20 in Room 528.

JOB AND VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are currently seeking for several work positions and volunteers. Please look in the “In Search Of” section to find out details.

CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD DEAN’S FELLOWS!!

The most fun you will ever have as a Dean’s Fellow!

The Center is looking for two enthusiastic students to take a high level of responsibility for the Center's exciting programming. Dean’s Fellows will provide support to our many fun events and interesting projects, assist with marketing Center events, manage the Center listserv, and help create innovative new programming. This is a great opportunity to get involved in the Center’s substantive programs. Attention to detail, organizational skills, familiarity with Microsoft Office programs, and proven interest in human rights issues are essential. Experience/skills in brochure/flyer design are a plus. A minimum commitment of 10 hour/week is required but up to 20 hours/week may be granted. **To apply:** send a cover letter, resume and short writing sample (max. 5 pages), to Amelia Parker at aparker@wcl.american.edu by **Fri., August 31**. Please indicate that you are applying for a Center Dean’s Fellow position in the subject line.

HELP END GENOCIDE: PARTICIPATE IN THE GENOCIDE TEACHING PROJECT

The WCL Genocide Teaching Project (GTP) and Amnesty International USA have joined forces to educate area

high school students about how we can take action to stop genocide. The GTP is a select group of 15 WCL students. GTP participants attend a special two-evening training, go to local high schools to teach a specially prepared lesson plan (developed by WCL students), and visit an organization working on the issues involved. You do not need to have prior teaching experience nor do you need to be an expert in genocide—we will help you with both! You do however need to commit to attending all components of the project. The GTP is a great way for 1Ls to get involved with human rights activism in the community and to fulfill Public Interest Honors Pledge hours. To apply, send a resume and statement of interest of no more than 350 words to Amelia Parker at aparker@wcl.american.edu and put “GTP” in the subject line. The application deadline is **September 5, 2007 at 5pm.**

**PARTICIPATE IN A HUMAN RIGHTS EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING PROJECT
Get Out of the Classroom and Into the World!**

ELPs take students into the field to engage them in exploring human rights problems within the US, humanizing the learning experience, fostering critical analysis, and charging classroom learning with transformative potential. Participants commit to attending all ELP sessions (usually four) to meet and visit people involved on all sides of an ongoing human rights issue. Previous ELPs have explored detention conditions, funding for public education, immigration issues, and environmental racism in the Anacostia region of D.C. If you would like to help plan or participate in an ELP, contact the Center at humlaw@wcl.american.edu.

**JOIN THE STAFF OF WCL'S PRESTIGIOUS STUDENT-RUN HUMAN RIGHTS
PUBLICATION: THE HUMAN RIGHTS BRIEF!**

The *Human Rights Brief*, a student-run publication of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, reports on developments in international human rights and humanitarian law and provides concise legal analyses of current human rights issues. The *Brief* publishes short articles (3,000 words, with few or no footnotes) on cutting-edge developments in human rights and international humanitarian law written by students, academics and leading human rights practitioners from around the world. The *Brief* is highly regarded around the world and reaches over 6,000 subscribers in more than 90 countries. It is published three times a year and provides an excellent opportunity for students to publish their work. The *Brief* will be accepting applications for staff writers and articles editors during the first few weeks of the semester. Importantly, and unlike many other publications, the *Human Rights Brief* welcomes applications from 1Ls. The *Brief* also provides an excellent opportunity for student authors to be published and to have your work widely read. For more information, contact Co-editors Marisa Bassett and Angela Edman at chief_hrbrief@wcl.american.edu. To consult the submission guidelines, please go to: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/hrbrief/>.

**GET UPDATES ON WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE CENTER AND AROUND TOWN: JOIN
THE CENTER'S LISTSERV!**

Keep up-to-date on human rights events, activities, and resources at WCL and in the community by joining the Center's listserv! You will receive occasional updates (maximum one per week) from the Center about human rights goings-on right in your inbox. To subscribe, follow the instructions at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/listserv.cfm>

UPCOMING EVENTS

**WHAT IS THE CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS? – LEARN HOW YOU CAN GET
INVOLVED IN HUMAN RIGHTS WORK AT WCL**

Thurs., August 30, 12-1:20pm, Rm. 402

Come learn about the variety of Center projects, student initiatives and opportunities for involvement that the Center provides. Represented projects will include the *Human Rights Brief*, the Genocide Teaching Project, the Student Advisory Board, Action for Human Rights Experiential Learning Projects, Alternative Spring Break, the Human Rights Film Series, and more. *Lunch will be served.*

EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Room 413 (202) 274-4200

www.wcl.american.edu/externship

M, Th 9:00 am-5:00pm; T, W. 9:00 am-6:00pm; F 9:00 am-3:00pm

externship@wcl.american.edu

Avis Sanders, Director; Gregory Seidell, Program Assistant

WELCOME to new students and WELCOME BACK to returning students!

New students:

The Externship Program provides opportunities for law students to gain academic credit for unpaid legal work with not-for-profit organizations, governmental agencies, courts and pro-bono projects at law firms. Externship are not available to first-year students until the summer after their first year, however please come by the office or see our website(wcl.american.edu/externship) to learn more about future possibilities. You will also learn more at the Externship Workshops held in the fall.

Returning students:

We hope you had a wonderful summer. If you have not yet secured an externship for the fall, now is the perfect time (if you move quickly)! Many employers were added over the summer, and others have specifically placed requests for WCL externs for the fall. Please see the database or the bulletin board outside of room 413 to learn more about new placements. The Externship Program staff is happy to assist you in obtaining and selecting an externship as well. Check out our binders of placement reviews (located in our office) for past students' opinions of placements.

NUTS AND BOLTS

The fall "Nuts and Bolts" Manuals are now available. Please pick one up from outside of the Externship Office, Room 413. It explains everything you have to do to apply for, and register for an externship. This information is also available on our website.

INTERNATIONAL EXTERNSHIPS: Summer 2008

There are many International Externships available for the summer of 2008. If you are interested, please stop by the office to fill out a questionnaire, and let us know.

FALL 2007 Externship Seminars

Course #	Title	Day	Time	Professor
LAW-769-001	Ext Sem: Lawyers and the Practice of Law	T	5:30pm – 7:20pm	Bruskin
LAW-769-002	Ext Sem: Gov't & Public Interest	TH	6:00pm-8:20pm	Buchko
LAW-769-003	Ext Sem: Reflecting on Legal Practice	T	6:00pm-7:50pm	Blamble
LAW-769-004	Ext Sem: Legal Practices: Lwyring in the 21st Century	M	6:00pm-7:50pm	Acosta , Jezic
LAW-769-005	Ext Sem: Govt and Public InterestLawyering	W	7:00pm-8:50pm	Ginsburg
LAW-769-006	Environmental Advocacy Sup. Ext. Sem	T	9:00am-10:50am	Snape
LAW-769-007A	Externship Fieldwork: Advanced Supervision	M	6:00pm-7:50pm	Raj
LAW-769-007B	Externship Fieldwork: Advanced Supervision	TH	6:00pm-7:50pm	Raj

Please note: All 3 credit seminars will meet an additional hour every other week. Time TBD by professor.

Registration for the Advanced Supervision seminar must be done **manually** either through the Externship Office or the Registrar's office. If you want to take a seminar but are having scheduling issues, please contact the Externship Office as we may be able to accommodate you.

EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM BULLETIN BOARD

Check the bulletin board outside the Externship Office for new listings, but please--**do not rely solely**

on the board, as it does not reflect all of the available opportunities!

Search the Employer Database for opportunities, and/or to retrieve the complete listing for positions on the bulletin board. The Database is searchable on keyword, as well as by employers who are “recently looking.” The Database is available on the Externship website www.wcl.american.edu/externship.

Some of the many employers who are looking for Fall Externs are:

- ⌚ ABA Commission on Immigration
- ⌚ Defense Energy Support Center
- ⌚ Chambers of the Honorable Marian Blank Horn—U.S. Court of Federal Claims
- ⌚ World Organization for Human Rights
- ⌚ Immigrant and Refugee Appellate Center
- ⌚ International Intellectual Property Institute
- ⌚ Dept. of Energy: National Nuclear Security Administration
- ⌚ Our Place, D.C.
- ⌚ Dept. of Justice: Office of Immigration Litigation
- ⌚ ACLU of Maryland

Please check out the bulletin board or look for these employers on the database for more information and application instructions.

We look forward to helping you find a great externship opportunity for the Fall

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION PROGRAM

International arbitration is a flourishing legal practice area posing diverse and unique challenges to legal practitioners all over the world and has become the recognized dispute resolution method for international commercial disputes. WCL’s International Arbitration Program is under the direction of **former Secretary General of the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Horacio Grigera Naón**, and offers courses, seminars and workshops taught by leading practitioners in the field designed to prepare the legal profession to face these new challenges.

We welcome you to join us this fall at one of our scheduled events which are as follows:

Fourth Annual Seminar on International Commercial Arbitration: How to Handle Oil and Gas Industry Cases, October 9-12, 2007. This exclusive seminar has been developed to help mid-career legal practitioners meet the challenges of this exciting practice area – **as a WCL student, you are eligible to participate.** A copy of the newly released brochure for this event is available on our website at www.wcl.american.edu/arbitration and can be found by clicking on the link to the "Annual Seminar." **A Limited Number of Scholarships Available to WCL Students!** Visit our website to find out how to apply.

Annual Lecture on International Arbitration sponsored by Thelen Reid Raysman Brown & Steiner LLP. Established in 2006, the American University Washington College of Law Annual Lecture on International Arbitration is delivered by a leading practitioner in the field of international commercial arbitration. The annual lecture offers an eminent figure in international arbitration a platform on which to share his or her ideas on novel issues and current trends in international arbitration from his or her own perspective and provides practitioners and academic an exclusive opportunity to participate. This year's annual lecture is sponsored by Thelen Reid Brown Raysman & Steiner LLP, and will be presented at 6 p.m. on **October 15, 2007**, by **DR. JULIAN D M LEW QC**, 20 Essex Street, London.

Investment Arbitration in Latin America

Providing a forum for academic debate on recent procedural and substantive issues arising from bilateral investment treaty arbitrations involving Latin American States as respondents, the conference will assess current and future developments in this continuing evolving area of the law. Speakers include practitioners from University of Pennsylvania Law School; Salans LLP; the Governments of Argentina and Ecuador; Foley Hoag LLP; White & Case LLP; University College London; and Thomas &

Partners. The conference will take place on **October 24, 2007**, in the Mooers-Morella Ceremonial Courtroom (603).

These events are free and open to the public. To register please contact the International Arbitration Program at arbitration@wcl.american.edu, (202) 274-4321, or visit our website at www.wcl.american.edu/arbitration.

PENCE LAW LIBRARY

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

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 12:00 am*

Saturday, Sunday 9:00 am – 10:00 pm*

library.wcl.american.edu

Circulation (202) 274-4300 **Reference** (202) 274-4352

Extended hours are available to WCL students. Your AU ID card allows for 24 hour access.

Services

Wireless Internet & printing available - Help with set-up at Computer HelpDesk on Library 2nd floor.

Remote access to Pence Law Library electronic resources - Login with your my.american.edu login and password.

Remote access to AU Bender Library databases - Login using your name and AU ID # at www.library.american.edu.

Circulation Desk - checkouts, renewals, course reserves, photocopier assistance, and more.

Circulation Department (202) 274-4300 circ@wcl.american.edu			
John Smith	Access Services Librarian	(202) 274-4354	jasmith@wcl.american.edu
Allen Hengst	Circulation Manager	(202) 274-4351	ahengst@wcl.american.edu
Emiko Kawagoshi	Circulation Manager	(202) 274-4328	ekawagoshi@wcl.american.edu

Interlibrary loan service (ILL)/Document Delivery - for items not available at the Pence Law Library. See ILL information at library.wcl.american.edu/ill.cfm

Renee Cuthbert	ILL Manager, Room 117	(202) 274-4327	ill@wcl.american.edu
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Reference Services

For help with research, LexisNexis, Westlaw and other electronic resources, and problems regarding passwords. Scheduled reference appointments are available.

Reference Desk hours are:

Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

(202) 274-4352 Reference Services Librarians reflib@wcl.american.edu			
Billie Jo Kaufman	Associate Dean of Library & Information Services	(202) 274-4374	bkaufman@wcl.american.edu
Adeen Postar	Deputy Director	(202) 274-4377	apostar@wcl.american.edu

John Heywood	Digital Media	(202) 274-4329	heywood@wcl.american.edu
Susan Lewis-Somers	Assoc. Director-Public Services	(202) 274-4330	slewis@wcl.american.edu
Bill Ryan	Foreign & International	(202) 274-4331	wryan@wcl.american.edu
John Smith	Access Services	(202) 274-4354	jasmith@wcl.american.edu
Ripple Weistling	Reference & Electronic Services	(202) 274-4351	rweistling@wcl.american.edu
Michael Petit	Head Cataloger	(202) 274-4345	mestes@wcl.american.edu
Sima Mirkin	Cataloger	(202) 274-4344	smirkin@wcl.american.edu
Marilyn Estes	Acquisitions/Serials	(202) 274-4346	mestes@wcl.american.edu
(202) 274-4352 Part-Time Librarians			reflib@wcl.american.edu
Gary Bush	Stephen LaFalce	Ann Sloan	
Gary Bravy	Kimberly Pogue	Bette Spencer	

A Few Other Things

Make sure to pick up a library map to help you locate materials and spaces.

Look for **Pence Law Library news** weekly in the Docket and on the library website.

Please take all personal items of value with you each time you leave the library

The Student Convenience Centers provide photocopiers, printers, a fax machine (use credit card for long distance), and an EagleBucks - copy card vending machine. Paper shredders are also available.

Quiet reading room, 1st floor, and **14 group study rooms** (second floor) are available for WCL students.

Open reserve room for reserve books, current periodicals, microfiche, and videos and DVD's.

Drinks are allowed in covered cups, bottles and cans.

Please set your cell phone to vibrate. Please take calls outside the library or in designated areas.

Expect occasional tours and instructional sessions. They will be as brief as possible.

WAR CRIMES RESEARCH OFFICE (WCRO)

The War Crimes Research Office (WCRO) was established at WCL in 1995 in response to a request for assistance from the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and Rwanda (ICTR). Since that time, the Office has provided legal research assistance and other forms of support to the ICTY, ICTR, Special Panels for Serious Crimes in East Timor, Special Court for Sierra Leone, Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia and International Criminal Court. In addition, the Office serves as a key resource for government officials, UN bodies, NGOs and the media, and is frequently called upon to participate in programs relating to the development and enforcement of international criminal and humanitarian law. The Office also maintains a regularly updated, searchable online database of jurisprudence and key documents relating to international/ized criminal courts and tribunals.

Several opportunities with a wide range of time commitments exist at the Office, including participation

on Status Updates teams (great for 1Ls and other students who are new to issues in international law), discrete research projects and assistance with our online database. To see a full list of volunteer activities and the most current opportunities available, please visit our website at www.wcl.american.edu/warcrimes and follow the link to "Getting Involved." Additionally, please see below for details about Fall 2007 Dean's Fellow opportunities.

INTRODUCTION TO THE WAR CRIMES RESEARCH OFFICE

August 22, 12:00-1:15 pm, Room 527

The Office will host a general information session on Wednesday, August 22 at noon in WCL Room 527. Please join us to meet the staff of the WCRO, get an introduction to current topics in international criminal law and learn about opportunities available at the Office. Refreshments will be served.

SUMMER LAW PROGRAM IN THE HAGUE

June, 2008

Information Session TBA

In June 2007, the War Crimes Research Center launched the first annual Summer Law Program in The Hague, a six-credit program offered in collaboration with the T.M.C. Asser Institute, one of the most prominent institutes of international law in Europe. The program offered two three-credit courses: *International Criminal Law* and *International Legal Approaches to Terrorism*. During the 2007 session, program participants received course lectures from nearly thirty practitioners and other experts, including judges, prosecutors and other staff from legal organizations located in The Hague. Participants also visited the International Criminal Court, the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, Eurojust and other institutions critical to the development and enforcement of these areas of international law.

WCL will offer this program again in June, 2008. It will be open to J.D. students who have completed one year of legal education, LL.M. students and graduates of ABA-accredited law schools. Stay tuned for information about applications and an in-depth information session, which will be offered this fall. In the meantime, past program information can be found on our website at www.wcl.american.edu/hague.

WOMEN AND THE LAW PROGRAM

The Women and the Law Program cordially invites you to Washington College of Law's annual **Gender and the Law Reception**

August 21 Room 600 5:00pm- 6:00pm

Please join us for hors d'oeuvres.

- v Meet the professors who teach the gender and law courses offered this term.
- v Meet staff and resource people committed to gender issues.
- v Hear from student group representatives and mingle with other students interested in women's and LGBT legal studies.
- v Learn about upcoming events in gender and the law!
- v Find out about Dean's Fellow opportunities.

All Students, International Visitors, Faculty and Staff are Welcome!

RSVP to wilp@wcl.american.edu

WOMEN AND THE LAW PROGRAM OFFICE HOURS.

The Women and the Law program staff are available to meet with students each **Tuesday from 2:00 to 3:00 or by appointment**. Students are welcome to stop by to seek advice regarding courses, learn about opportunities to get involved in feminist advocacy and chat about law school in general. Associate Director Daniela Kraiem is located at 4910 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite 16 (on the lower level), Room 113.

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

Health Law & Justice Initiative

Wednesday, August 29th at 12 noon in Rm. 526 and 5 pm in Rm. 526

Health Law 101: An Introduction to Health Law Opportunities at WCL (Lunch/Dinner Provided).

Come to one of our introductory meetings to learn about the different aspects of health law and opportunities to become involved with WCL's health law society, the Health Law & Justice Initiative. If you're interested in health policy, health as a human right, and/or law as it pertains to bioethics, food and drugs, hospital administration, organ donation, etc., then HLJI has opportunities for you as 1L section representatives, and in planning and attending health law events. Email hlji@wcl.american.edu with questions. All are welcome and invited!

IN SEARCH OF

The Office of the Dean is seeking Dean's Fellows for AY 2007-2008. 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.

Prof. Ira Robbins seeks to hire a Dean's Fellows/Research Assistant to work for the 2007-08 academic year in one or more of the following areas: criminal law, prisoners' rights, habeas corpus, death penalty, judicial process, and philosophy. Interested students should apply by putting a cover letter, résumé, photocopy of unofficial law school transcript/grade report, and writing sample in Professor Robbins' mailbox in Room 467 (or slip it under his office door, Room 322). In addition, please indicate the nature of your other commitments for the summer and coming year. The work will be for 15 hours/wk. for the entire school year.

Prof. Vladeck is looking for two Dean's Fellows to work 10 hours per week this coming semester on a pair of projects both of which focus on the constitutional right of access to the courts. Please get in touch via e-mail (svladeck@wcl.american.edu), and send a resume and an unofficial transcript.

Prof. Jaszi seeks a Dean's Fellow (or Fellows) to help with research on (1) copyright, fair use and education, and (2) legal protection of traditional culture. Students with prior intellectual property training or experience will be preferred. Resumes should be submitted to Jeff Barsky in room 384.

Prof. Walter Effross invites applications from second- and third-year students for the position of his research assistant (10 hours per week; approx. \$3,360 for the academic year) for this academic year, on projects in corporate governance, e-commerce law, and intellectual property law. If you are interested, please submit your resume, transcript, and statement of your other anticipated obligations for the academic year to Professor Effross's administrative assistant, Rosalena Thompson, in Room 475 by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 29.

Prof. Angela J. Davis is seeking one or two dean's fellows to assist her with various research projects, including an article on prosecutorial ethics. She will also need assistance with a national prosecution conference to be held at WCL on October 26th. Highly organized students with excellent research and administrative skills should send a cover letter, resume and transcript to angelad@wcl.american.edu by close of business, August 24th.

Prof. Dinerstein seeks one or more dean's fellows for 10 hours per week for research assistance in disability law and clinical education issues, as well as one dean's fellow for 10 hours per week to provide case- and research assistance in the Disability Rights Law Clinic. If interested in either or both positions, please email a cover letter and resume to Prof. Dinerstein, indicating which position(s) you are applying for.

Prof. Cathy Schenker, the associate director of the **International Legal Studies Program**, is looking for a current **2L or 3L** to work as a Dean's Fellow in the fall semester. The fellow will research legal issues, create fact patterns and write two sample memos for Prof. Schenker's legal research and writing class – a class designed for LLM students from non-common law backgrounds. Strong writing skills are

a must. International experience is preferred. 10 hours/week Candidates must be **currently enrolled as JD students** in order to be eligible for this position. Interested students should submit a writing sample and transcript to Cathy Schenker in room 345 or via e-mail to schenker@wcl.american.edu.

Prof. Chuang is looking for a Dean's Fellow for the Fall semester to work a total of 10 hours per week on issues relating to women's migration and human trafficking under international law. Research will be inter-disciplinary, focusing on US anti-trafficking law and policies and their impact on targeted communities abroad. Preference given to students with coursework in international law and a background in the social sciences. If you are interested, please email your resume to Professor Chuang at jchuang@wcl.american.edu by Monday, August 27.

The Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law Academy Co-Director and Professor Claudia Martin seeks a Dean's Fellow for the Fall 2007 semester, who will be required to work 20 hours per week doing legal research in international human rights law. Legal research experience in human rights and international law, as well as working knowledge of Spanish, though not required, are a plus. This position pays \$12 an hour. If you are interested in applying for this position, you should send your cover letter and resume to hracademy@wcl.american.edu. Please indicate "Prof. Martin Research Assistant Dean's Fellow Fall 2007" in the subject line.

The Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law Academy Co-Director and Professor Diego Rodriguez-Pinzon seeks a Dean's Fellow for the Fall 2007 semester, who will be required to work 20 hours per week doing legal research in international human rights law. Legal research experience in human rights and international law, as well as working knowledge of Spanish, though not required, are a plus. This position pays \$12 an hour. If you are interested in applying for this position, you should send your cover letter and resume to hracademy@wcl.american.edu. Please indicate "Prof. Rodriguez-Pinzon Research Assistant Dean's Fellow Fall 2007" in the subject line.

The Women & the Law Clinic seeks one Dean's Fellow to work 10 hours per week for the Fall semester. Please submit resume and cover letter to Adrienne Lockie at alockie@wcl.american.edu by August 30. The Dean's Fellow may assist with compiling and updating class materials, facilitating simulations, and conducting research and providing support for ongoing cases.

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, which is an excellent opportunity for students interested in health policy and legislative work. The National Kidney Foundation seeks a Fellow for 2007-2008, to work 15-20 hours per week during the school year. A second year student is preferred, but it is not required that a candidate be a second year student. The Fellow will provide research and assistance as it relates to legislation and the problems of kidney disease. The job will include the opportunity to write and present testimony on behalf of the NKF/NCA and to work with 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: penglert@kidneywdc.org. We will be in touch.

The International Visiting Scholars Program (IVSP) is seeking a Dean's Fellow for the Fall 2007 Semester. The IVSP welcomes scholars, judges, lawyers, and government officials from all over the world, with an opportunity to engage in research and scholarship.

The IVSP Dean's Fellow will work with the International Programs Coordinator to offer a program which fosters professional development, cultural understanding, and group cohesion. He/she will be highly organized and independent, have superior interpersonal communication skills, have a genuine interest in learning about other cultures, and be able to handle various tasks at once. Ability to speak Chinese is a plus. This paid position is 20 hours per week.

Responsibilities may include:

- ⌚ Corresponding with scholars about various pre-arrival questions and concerns
- ⌚ Scheduling and conducting orientation sessions for incoming scholars

- ⌚ Assisting scholars with locating and settling into permanent housing
- ⌚ Collecting, submitting, and filing documentation requested by AU
- ⌚ Coordinating the production of business cards and a program bio-book
- ⌚ Corresponding with Faculty/Staff Host Committee members
- ⌚ Participating in frequent site visits to local organizations
- ⌚ Supporting scholars with technology and other office related matters
- ⌚ Drafting letters, program newsletters, and program reports
- ⌚ Researching professional opportunities and social activities
- ⌚ Maintaining an events calendar

For more information please visit our website at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/scholars/> or send a resume and cover letter for consideration to Claire Shoolin at cshoolin@wcl.american.edu by August 20. Applicants will be considered and interviewed by August 31.

The Civil Practice Clinic is seeking dean's fellows to assist in simulations and to perform various tasks related to the clinic's representation of clients. Dean's fellows may work up to 20 hours per week. Preference will be given to students in the first year part-time program. Contact Professor David Chavkin by e-mail at dchavkin@wcl.american.edu.

The Civil Practice Clinic is seeking four dean's fellows for the 2007-08 academic year (subject to approval by the Dean). Each dean's fellow will commit to working 20 hours per week for the CPC faculty supervisors. Responsibilities will include role-playing for a series of in-class and/or out-of-class simulations, class- and case-related research and other projects, and case file management. Second language skills desirable, but not required. Please submit your resume to Kelly DiBisceglie (CPC Administrative Assistant) in room 417 (Clinic reception area) and designate "CPC" on the resume or cover letter. You may also e-mail your application to kellyd@wcl.american.edu. Please apply early for these desirable positions. We would like to make selections as soon as possible. First-year part-time students are eligible to apply, along with second and third-year students (full or part-time) and fourth-year part-time students.

The Women and the Law Program Seeks Dean's Fellows! Responsibilities include assisting with events and conferences, managing the list serve, website and database, and preparing outreach and promotional materials. Organizational and writing skills are important, and an interest in gender and law is preferred. To apply, send a resume, cover letter, and short writing sample to Angie McCarthy, Program Coordinator at angiem@wcl.american.edu with 'Dean's Fellow' in the subject line. A 10 hr/week commitment is required.

The International Human Rights Law Clinic is looking for 1-2 Clinic Dean's Fellows for the fall and spring semesters (2007-08). These positions are paid through tuition remission, and usually consist of a 14-week commitment per semester, of 10-20 hours of work per week; work may be for one or both semesters though working both semesters is preferred. Dean's Fellows work under the supervision of the Clinic faculty and are responsible for maintaining a portion of the Clinic's case load, comprised of asylum, international human rights and immigrant worker rights cases. In addition, the Dean's Fellows will be expected to assist in clinic simulations, clinic-related legal research, collecting seminar materials and general case management. Because of the work required, asylum and/or international human rights practice is preferred, as is foreign-language fluency (*esp.* Spanish and French). Please submit resume and cover letter via email to Jayesh Rathod (jrathod@wcl.american.edu) by Friday, August 31, 2007. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis, so please apply early

Part-time Staff Assistant Position Available in WCL Admissions Office The Office of Admissions is seeking upper level JD students to work at our reception desk this fall semester (August 27th–November 30th). We are looking for students who have been active on campus and who could share their experiences with prospective students. Duties will include; leading tours for prospective students, presenting at small information sessions, greeting visitors, answering the main phone line, responding to general email inquiries, assisting with mailings, shipping recruiting materials, and other office duties as assigned. A shift is a minimum of four hours from 9am-1pm and 1-5pm Mondays – Fridays. In addition,

we will need students to work shifts between the hours of 9:30am and 4pm on Mondays and Fridays. Students work an average of 8-12 hours each week. The pay rate is \$12/hour and will be paid bi-weekly. We would like to hire immediately.

If you are interested, please email your resume to Kaitlyn Robertson, Assistant Director of Admissions, at kcook@wcl.american.edu. Please be sure to include your WCL activities on your resume and provide your availability and start date in the email message.

The Office of Grant Administration and Program Development and the International Arbitration Program are seeking to hire two Dean's Fellows (10-20 hours per week) to help us prepare for and implement the Fourth Annual Seminar on International Commercial Arbitration (this year's topic is Oil and Gas), WCL's Annual Study Abroad and Summer Session Fair, and other related activities. This year's fall activities will provide **networking opportunities** with partners at law firms, principals at leading organizations in the field of arbitration, arbitration practitioners, and government representatives.

Interested students should apply by submitting a resume, photocopy of law school transcript, and writing sample in our office mailbox in Room 465 **by Monday, August 28**. Questions can be directed to Aurora Carmichael at grants-programs@wcl.american.edu or (202) 274-4317. Prior office experience is preferred.

The War Crimes Research Office (WCRO) is seeking Dean's Fellows for Spring 2007. JDs (2L and 3L) and LL.M students are eligible to work on major legal research projects prepared exclusively for international criminal courts and tribunals on issues of critical importance to these institutions. Interested students with a background in public international law, particularly international criminal / humanitarian / human rights law, are especially encouraged to apply, as are those with prior volunteer experience at the WCRO. The time commitment will be a minimum of 20 hours a week. Please submit a resume and a cover letter, along with a short writing sample and a transcript (unofficial is fine) to Susana SáCouto, Director, War Crimes Research Office, by email at warcimes@wcl.american.edu. The deadline for applications is Wednesday, August 29, 2007 at NOON.

The **WCRO** also seeks a Dean's Fellow to provide administrative assistance to its Summer Law Program in The Hague. We are looking for students to assist in developing course materials, marketing the program and undertaking administrative tasks. We value attention to detail, strong organizational skills and familiarity with Microsoft Office programs. Experience or interest in international law, program management and study abroad are all great assets. To apply, please send a resume and cover letter highlighting relevant experience to Susana SáCouto, Director, War Crimes Research Office, by email at warcimes@wcl.american.edu. The deadline for applications is Wednesday, August 29, 2007 at NOON.

If you have any questions, please feel free to stop by our office at 4910 Massachusetts Ave, NW, Suite 16, call us at 202-274-4067 or e-mail warcimes@wcl.american.edu.

The Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law is looking for an Assistant Program Coordinator to provide critical administrative support in the coordination of the 2008 Summer Program and Human Rights Month. This position will work closely with the Program Coordinator in all the aspects related to the Summer Program. This is a unique opportunity to interact with the faculty that will teach our courses as well as with the participants that come from around the world. Experience with event planning is a plus since during Human Rights Month the Academy hosts over 15 events that include panels, a film festival, and social activities. This position requires excellent organization skills, flexibility, capacity to multi-task, close attention to detail, ability to work as a team, and good customer service. The salary for this position is \$14 dollars an hour for 27 hours each week. Applicants must be legally eligible to work in the US and commit to working through the end of July 2008. Please send your cover letter, résumé and short writing sample (10 pages max.) to hracademy@wcl.american.edu indicating "Summer Program Assistant Fall 2007" in the subject line by August 10th.

The Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law is looking for one part-time assistant for the Fall 2007 semester, with the potential to continue in the Spring semester. The assistant will be required

to work 27 hours per week to provide support in the implementation of research and educational projects in the US and Latin America and conduct legal research in international human rights law as needed. The position will include supervising volunteers. Excellent writing skills in English and knowledge of Spanish are essential. Part-time 1Ls are encouraged to apply. The salary for this position is \$12/hour. If you are interested in applying for this position, please send your cover letter, résumé and short (10 pages max.) writing sample to hrcademy@wcl.american.edu indicating "Part-Time Assistant Fall 2007" in the subject line.

The Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law seeks a Dean Fellow to work 20 hours a week primarily in the coordination the 2008 Summer Program as well as other special projects which can include legal research. This position will work closely with the Program Coordinator and the Assistant Program Coordinator. Knowledge of Spanish and familiarity with Microsoft Office Suite is highly desirable. This position is only available to Washington College of Law students. 1Ls are not eligible to apply. Please send your cover letter and resume to hrcademy@wcl.american.edu indicating "Dean's Fellow - SP Fall 2007" in the subject line by August 10th.

Inter-American Moot Court Competition- The Competition is looking for a highly-motivated dean's fellow for the Fall 2007 semester to help organize the 13th Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition. Join us as we recruit students, faculty and attorneys from around the world. Tasks will include implementing various marketing strategies, researching the Bench Memorandum, helping with fundraising efforts, designing the website, planning fun events, and much more. We are looking for a native (or extremely fluent) Spanish speaker for 10 hours a week (students will be compensated at \$12/hour). Please send a cover letter and résumé to the Competition at iamoot@wcl.american.edu **as soon as possible**. Please highlight any translation experience you may have in your cover letter. All students, particularly LLM students & former Competition participants, are encouraged to apply!

The Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law is looking for self-motivated WCL students, interested in joining them in 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 translate and summarize 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 wider 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 matias@wcl.american.edu indicating "Oxford Volunteer Fall 2007" in the subject line.

INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS MOOT COURT COMPETITION- Help us organize the 13th 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 throw an awesome Salsa-dancing party!

Volunteers are needed to communicate with participants, recruit judges, research the Bench Memorandum 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 the Competition at iamoot@wcl.american.edu or call 202-274-4215. For more on the Competition, visit our website at www.wcl.american.edu/hrcademy/mcourt.

INTERNATIONAL LAW PROJECT WITH OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS

Prof. Claudia Martin, Co-Director of the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, seeks student volunteers to serve as Assistants to the Editorial Board for the project Oxford Reports on International Law in Domestic Law. The project is sponsored by Oxford University Press and the Amsterdam Center for International Law at the University of Amsterdam and entails the creation of a database on international law in domestic court decisions representing countries from all over the world. The students will review a selection of cases submitted by reporters based in different countries, compare them to applicable guidelines, make comments and suggestions as to the final selection, communicate with reporters and guide them on how to write a report and commentary on the selected cases, review the report and commentary and make suggestions to the members of the Editorial Board. Since the cases come primarily from Latin America, knowledge of Spanish is essential. The reports will be produced in English, but the student will be required to consult the full text of the original decision as part of the review process. The final version of the report will be posted in the Oxford University Press database. These are volunteer positions which require 10 hours per week. If you are interested in this position, please send your resume to cmartin@wcl.american.edu indicating "Volunteer Fall 2007" in the subject line.

Global Legal Intern- APCO Worldwide, a leading global public affairs and strategic communication firm, is offering a paid internship in our General Counsel's office. We are seeking an intern interested in gaining domestic and international legal experience in an in-house corporate environment and having fun while working hard. We are accepting applications from both first, second and third year law students. [NOTE: VP is a WCL alumnus] Responsibilities of this creative, challenging and diverse position will include:

- * Assisting in drafting, reviewing, editing and negotiating contracts
- * Assisting in the creation and updating of worldwide template agreements
- * Assisting with organizing and maintaining worldwide corporate minute books; for e.g., drafting Board and Shareholder resolutions
- * Drafting company policies and compliance training materials
- * Assisting with collection matters
- * Assisting with subpoena requests and document productions, as needed
- * Legal research as needed

Applicants are expected to have excellent written and oral communication skills and be able to successfully balance multiple tasks. Knowledge of Microsoft Office and HTML are preferred.

Please send cover letter and resume to: Internships Fax: +202-466-6002
internships@apcoworldwide.com <<mailto:internships@apcoworldwide.com>>

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Honor Code Violation Resolution: An LLM student withdrew from WCL prior to graduation following an investigation by the Honor Code Prosecution Team. This matter was referred to the Prosecution Team by a WCL faculty member who had reason to believe that the student had plagiarized research papers submitted in fulfillment of course requirements. The Honor Code Prosecution Team was composed of Faculty Prosecutor, Professor Richard Ugelow, and Student Prosecutor, Brian Murray. A note was placed in the student's official file explaining the circumstances of the student's withdrawal from WCL.

Business Associations (Professor Effross)- Attendance Policy Students are required to attend 75% of our regularly scheduled classes (i.e., classes held as scheduled at 9:00 - 10:50 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays and our sessions held during the law school's official make-up days) in order to be permitted to take the final examination.

Negotiable Instruments (Professor Effross)- Attendance Policy Students are required to attend 75% of our regularly scheduled classes (i.e., classes held as scheduled at 1:00 - 2:20 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays and our sessions held during the law school's official make-up days) in order to be permitted to take the final examination.

Environmental Law (Mr. Breen): The course grade is based on a final examination (75% of the grade) and class participation (25% of the grade). Class participation includes regular classes and an in-class legislative exercise near the end of the semester.

Attention Class of 2008 Want to be more involved? Want to make a lasting impression on WCL before you graduate? Join the Graduating Class Gift Committee!! The Class Gift enables students to show their gratitude for their WCL education and to come together as the Class of 2008 for the first time. For more information, contact Jamie Jennings at jamiej@wcl.american.edu or 202.274.4056,

OFFICE OF CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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

WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS!

We hope you had an enjoyable summer! Over the break, OCPD launched a new online jobs database and recruiting system, *WCL CareerLink*. CareerLink replaced the former eCampusRecruiter system effective July 6, 2007. All current second and third year WCL students have a CareerLink account and should have received an email containing log in instructions for the new website. If you did not receive this email, or if you are unsure of your username and password, please do not hesitate to contact OCPD via email at careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu for assistance.

To log on to CareerLink, visit <http://law-american-csm.symlicity.com/students>.

Additional Information and Reminders:

Returning and Transfer Students: *The 2007 Fall Recruitment Program is well underway.* Students interested in participating in the program should consult CareerLink for additional details and deadline information for on-campus (OCI), resume collection and direct application employers. Employers will continue to post throughout the recruitment season.

Reminders: Students participating in OCI must sign-in prior to their interview time at the OCPD front desk. **Each Resume Collection employer will be assigned to one of the following deadline dates: August 23, September 6, and September 13.** Please carefully check each posting to confirm whether the submission is online or requires that application materials be brought to the large drop box outside OCPD.

New Students: OCPD will provide 1L students with an orientation on the use of our primary resource, CareerLink, later this semester. OCPD will also host Career Day for 1Ls, an introduction to our office and the legal profession, on November 3rd. Details about the event will be announced in the Docket. We look forward to working with you!

OCPD Academic Year Office Hours

Monday	9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Tuesday	9:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Wednesday	9:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Thursday	9:00 AM – 6:00 PM
Friday	9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

1st Saturday of the Month

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Drop-In Hours
Monday-Thursday 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

UPCOMING PROGRAMS, DATES & DEADLINES & IMPORTANT REMINDERS

The Assistant Director for International Career Programs at OCPD expects to hire a Dean's Fellow for the fall semester. JD students welcome to apply.

The Assistant Director for International Career Programs expects to hire a Dean's Fellow the fall semester to assist with administrative tasks at the Office of Career and Professional Development. If interested, please send a cover letter and resume to Ms. Adriana Vito at avito@wcl.american.edu. The Dean's Fellow is expected to work 10 hours per week (with an option to work up to 15-20 hours, if interested). This is a paid position (\$12.00 per hour). Requirements: Excellent drafting skills. Interest in foreign cultures and experience working or traveling abroad (foreign language skills a plus). Willingness and ability to work in a diverse environment. Excellent internet research. Attention to detail. Candidates must be organized and able to meet deadlines for assignments. Applications accepted until Friday, August 24, 2007. Only candidates selected for interviews will be contacted. *Thank you!*

PUBLIC INTEREST & GOVERNMENT

Welcome Back! Here's a quick refresher on your key resources for public interest and government jobs and some upcoming events to keep on your radar.

Job Search Resources:

1. CareerLink – WCL's on-line jobs database. Remember to update your profile and select public interest and government listserv options
2. PSLawnet (www.pslawnet.org) – The Public Service Law Network includes an organizational and opportunities database and compiles the most recent fellowship information found in the "Fellowship Corner."
3. Idealist (www.idealists.org) – This website lists hundreds of internship opportunities and is a particularly good resource for students interested in a public policy experience.
4. Opportunities in Public Affairs (www.opajobs.com) – Your top resource for Capitol Hill, Public Relations, and Public Affairs jobs in the Washington, DC area. Available in hardcopy in the OCPD library, or log onto CareerLink to access the online version and username and password.
5. The Government Honors & Internship Handbook (<http://www.law.arizona.edu/career/honorshandbook.cfm>) – The best resource for federal internship and honors attorney programs. Available in hard copy in the OCPD library, or log on to CareerLink to access the online version and username and password.

Upcoming Events:

1. Federal Circuit Bar Association, 2007 Career Day Webcast, August 30, 2007 at 3pm, please see CareerLink homepage for registration details.
2. Working for the Department of Justice, August 29, 12:00 – 1:30, Room 603.
3. Presidential Management Fellowship Information Session, September 6, 12:00 – 1:30, Room TBD.
4. Public Interest Speed Networking Event, September 19, 5:30 – 7:30, 6th Floor.

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS & INTERNSHIPS

ATTENTION 3LS/4Ls: Planning to apply for a judicial clerkship for the 2008 term? Many federal and state judges have been accepting applications (and hire on a rolling basis) or have deadlines very soon!

For federal clerkships, under the Federal Law Clerk Hiring Plan, federal judges begin accepting paper applications on September 4th and online applications (for those federal judges participating in OSCAR) should be complete by noon on September 4th. See the OSCAR box on the Judicial page of the OCPD website (<http://www.wcl.american.edu/career/clerkships>) more information about OSCAR.

For state clerkships, judge-specific hiring information for more than 20 states is listed within the “jobs & resume collection” section of CareerLink. Choose “Judicial Clerkship” as the “Position Type” to find these postings.

To download addresses for all federal judges and many state judges, go to the “clerkships” section of CareerLink. You will have to complete a Clerkship Registration the first time you access this section.

If you plan to apply for clerkships and have not been in touch with Shelley Rudge, Judicial Clerkship Coordinator, contact her at serudge@wcl.american.edu to schedule an individual counseling appointment. Check the Events section of CareerLink for application workshops to be held the week of August 27th (state court focus).

To subscribe to the Judicial Listserv:

- 1) From your CareerLink home page, select “profile” at the top of the page.
- 2) Select the “Academic Information” folder.
- 3) Double-check that the “Graduation Date” and “Year in School” fields are correct. Emails are sent based on these categories.
- 4) Under “Listserv,” select “Judicial” and then save your changes.

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

***JOB FAIRS, SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS, RECEPTIONS AND
OTHER DIVERSITY INITIATIVES***

Microsoft Women & Minority Law School Student Intellectual Property Summit will be held on September 10, 2007 at the Park Hyatt Washington (24th & M Streets, NW). All interested law students are welcome to attend. For an immediate response to all inquiries please e-mail tanjiac@microsoft.com with your name, company name, telephone number, e-mail address. Your contact information will only be used for registration purposes. **After August 2, 2007 please register via our online registration tool by visiting: ipsummit07@microsoft.crgvents.com.**

ABA Law Student Division Career Fair will be held from 10:00am – 2:00pm on August 9, 2007 at Marriott San Francisco Hotel (55 Fourth Street) in the Yerba Buena Ballroom Salon 9 on the Lower B2 Level. All law students who are registered for the ABA Annual Meeting are welcome to attend. Students who have not yet registered for the Annual Meeting, may do so beginning Thursday morning,

August 9 at 8:00 am in the Exhibit Hall, 1st Floor, Moscone Center West (800 Howard Street). The registration fee for law students is \$75. Visit <http://www.abanet.org/annual/2007/> for more information.

AIPLA 2007 will be held from 11:00am – 4:00pm on October 20, 2007 at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel in DC. To participate in the Job Fair you must be a Member and have your current 2007-2008 dues paid. To Participate in the 17th Annual AIPLA Job Fair, All Job Fair Positions and Resumes Must Be Posted Online at our New AIPLA Job Fair Career Center **NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, AUGUST 30, 2007**. Visit http://www.aipla.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Student_Center/Job_Fair/Job_Fair.htm.

Lavender Law will be held on September 6-8, 2007 at Hilton Chicago (720 South Michigan Avenue). All law students are welcome to attend. Student registration fee is \$115/\$190 (after August 15). Registration deadline is **August 31, 2007**.

King & Spalding Diversity Fellowship Program: The King & Spalding Diversity Fellowship Program awards up to four fellowships to qualified second-year law students who show promise of contributing meaningfully to the diversity of the legal community. Each recipient receives \$10,000 and a summer clerkship at King & Spalding's Atlanta, Houston, New York or Washington offices the summer following the completion of his or her second year of law school. The program is available to any student with an ethnically or culturally diverse background. Eligibility to apply for a King & Spalding Diversity Fellowship is open to any law student in the top 33% of the class who is pursuing a Juris Doctor degree at a law school accredited by the American Bar Association, who has completed the first year of legal studies, and whose presence will increase the ethnic and cultural diversity of the practice of law. Please visit www.kslaw.com for an application. Applications must be received by **October 1, 2007**.

Latham & Watkins LLP Diversity Scholars Program: Scholars will be asked to submit an application form, personal statement, resume and official or unofficial law school transcript by September 15, 2007. This scholarship is not contingent upon receiving or accepting an offer of employment at Latham. Rather, it is open to all law students in the hope that greater diversity among the attorneys at large law firms will benefit the entire profession. Recipients will be announced in the early spring of 2008. All students graduating in May 2009 are welcome to apply. Applications must be received by **September 15, 2007**. Visit www.lw.com/AboutLatham.aspx?page=Diversity for more information.

Thompson Hine Minority Scholarship Program: Applications will be accepted from second-year minority law students. In order to be considered for the scholarship, the applicant must first be offered a position as a summer associate with Thompson Hine. Applicants must submit an application form (found on the firm's website), a writing sample, a law school transcript, an undergraduate transcript, a resume, and a list of at least two references (with contact information). Applications must be received by **September 1, 2007**. Visit <http://www.thompsonhine.com/publications/publication567.html> for more information.

For more information on Diversity Initiatives, please visit <https://law-american-csm.symphlicity.com/> and search under "jobs & resume collection" for **fellowships and scholarships**; or search under "Interviews & Events" for **job fairs, receptions and other networking opportunities**.

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

Basic Resume and Cover Letter Writing Workshop for Foreign Attorneys:

Attention foreign LL.M. students: before you schedule an individual counseling session with Adriana

Vito for resume and cover letter review, you are required to attend one of our Resume and Cover Letter Workshops. Since the workshops are mandatory, the earlier you attend the better! Our next workshop will take place on **Friday, August 24 from 11:00am to 1:00pm**. The location will be announced to those who register for this event. **Registration is required** – please send an email to Ms. Adriana Vito at avito@wcl.american.edu with your name and country of origin. Please remember to bring a copy of your resume and cover letter drafts so we can work on them! If you don't have one yet, no problem, we will create a draft together! There are still spots available for our next workshop so make sure you sign up as soon as possible! I look forward to seeing you there. New LL.M. students are encouraged to attend.

Are you ready to update your resume for the fall semester?

OCPD invites all LL.M. students to try Optimal Resume – a software that will build a professional and stylish resume for you! All registered students can use this tool for free. We suggest you use Optimal Resume after attending our basic resume workshop.

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: Go to: <http://wcl.optimalresume.com> and 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

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.

GENERAL REMINDERS FOR STUDENTS

Student CareerLink Profiles

Please take a moment to update your **CareerLink** 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 your username and password, please send an email to careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu.

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)

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 are provided on the CareerLink homepage.

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.

Traci Jenkins

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

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Claire Raj

Public Interest and Government

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Matthew Pascocello

Alumni, Domestic LL.M.s and 2nd Career J.D.s

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Kelli Johnson

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DROP IN HOURS:

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