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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

Monday	9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Tues. - Thurs.	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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

ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE DECEMBER GRADUATES: If you plan to graduate in December 2007, please complete an Application to Graduate. 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

1L Lockers

This is a reminder that 1Ls who have been assigned lockers must **place a lock on your locker** by the close of business this **Friday, August 24**. Lockers without locks at that time will be turned over to the SBA. If you have any question about your 1L locker assignment please email fpolo@wcl.american.edu.

Returning or transfer students should direct locker-related questions to the SBA at sbavicepresident@wcl.american.edu.

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>

Lunch with the Dean!

The Fall series of lunch meetings with Dean Claudio Grossman begins on **Wednesday, Oct. 3, at 12:30 p.m.** Learn about plans for the semester, speak your mind about issues that affect you, and enjoy a free lunch courtesy of the Office of the Dean.

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

Scholarship Opportunities

The Offices of Student Affairs and Financial Aid are pleased to announce the release of the most comprehensive collection of outside scholarship available to law students.

Culled from a number of sources during the summer session, there are presently more than 400 scholarships available, based on a number of factors and ranging from \$500 to \$50,000. Students can find the information at

<http://www.wcl.american.edu/outsidescholarships/> and in hard copy outside the Office of Student Affairs, suite 300.

Please take advantage of the opportunities these scholarships offer, and let us know when you are successful!

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. **You are encouraged to submit your documentation as soon as possible for any accommodations needed prior to the final exam period.**

DEADLINE: Documentation of a disability should be provided to the Academic Support Center or Disability Support Services **no later than the Friday before Thanksgiving break in order to seek accommodations related to final exams.**

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY SERVICES

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

Dean's Fellow Needed— DS is looking for a dean's fellow who has administrative and events planning skills to work 10-hours per week. If interested, send your resume to sweaver@wcl.american.edu.

Events

August

- 24 BLSA/Faculty Event**—Sponsored by BLSA members and the African-American faculty—Noon -6:30 PM, Rooms 600 & 603—Contact Art Steele, art.steele@american.edu --A snapshot of your first year in law school
- 25 BLSA 1L Barbeque**—4908 Chesapeake Street, N.W.—Contact Art Steele, art.steele@american.edu--An opportunity to socialize with other 1Ls, upperclassmen, and recent alumni

- 27 **Lambda Welcome Lunch--12:30**—Room 528—Contact Justin Teres
justin.teres@gmail.com
- 28 **Latino Law Student Association (LaLSA) Introduction Meeting**— Noon and
10:10 PM—Locations TBA—Contact Vanessa Rodriguez,
k.vanessa.rodriguez@gmail.com

September

- 1 **Latino Law Student Association (LaLSA) Introduction BBQ**—4:00 PM—
4908 Chesapeake Street, NW—Contact Vanessa Rodriguez
k.vanessa.rodriguez@gmail.com

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

Your Financial Aid Counselors are:

Derek Thompson A – H
Judi Amey I – P
Barbara Williams Q – Z

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

SPECIAL NOTICE

MYERS LAW SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS are available in the Financial Aid office Monday, August 27th. The scholarship covers 125% of tuition and is available to needy JD students who show Apromise.@ A Need Access application must also be on file for consideration. Deadline: 5:00 pm Friday, September 7, 2007.

DISBURSEMENTS

Financial aid disbursements occur throughout the semester as file requirements are satisfied. Check your student account “snapshot” for payment and contact the office immediately if your aid is not posted. Refund requests are submitted to studentaccounts@american.edu and must come from your AU email account. Note: A refund is available when a refundable credit exists i.e., all charges are paid.

Billing

The Student Accounts Office is responsible for billing and is where payment is made. Financial aid funds are first applied to university charges and you are billed for any remaining balance until your account is fully paid. When financial aid exceeds charges, a refund can be obtained.

Deferments - Entering Students

Confirmation of enrollment for deferment purposes is routinely provided to the lender *Clearinghouse* by the Registrar’s Office. Deferment forms received from your lender are also completed by the Registrar.

Dean’s Fellows/Mussey-Gillett Fellows

Dean's Fellows and Mussey-Gillette Fellows are compensated at the rate of \$12.00 per hour and are paid twice during the semester (unless compensated under the Federal-Work Study program). The first paycheck will be issued September 28, the second November 30. Fall/academic year appointment (authorization) forms must be submitted by September 12 for the first payday. Applicable withholding is deducted prior to disbursement. Make certain that all necessary payroll forms including I-9 requirements, if necessary, are completed before beginning work. Contact Judi Amey if you have questions.

Looking for additional financial aid?

Take advantage of the *Outside Scholarship* information found at:

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

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST

Suite 122 - Phone: 202-274-4099 - Email: publicinterest@wcl.american.edu

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!

PRO BONO HONORS PLEDGE PROGRAM:

Attention 2Ls and 3Ls - Remember to Submit Summer Pro Bono Hours! Student Time Logs are available in the Office of Public Interest, now located in Suite 122 off the main lobby. Completed time logs should be turned in at the front desk.

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

- Genocide Teaching Project
- Marshall-Brennan (teaching hours)
- Students United
- Election Protection
- LINK Tutoring Program
- Clinical Program Translators
- Volunteering with the War Crimes Research Office
- Volunteering with the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law
- Volunteering with the Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project

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

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WELCOME ☺ WELCOME BACK

The Office of Special Events and Continuing Legal Education (SECLE) provides support in creating exciting and unique programs, workshops and seminars at WCL. We support the students and faculty of WCL with conferences and programs addressing key issues of our time. Whether you are planning a small event or a large conference, we can assist you. Please contact our office at 202.274.4075 or secle@wcl.american.edu to find out how we can help you plan your program

FOUNDERS 2007

During this year's Founders' Celebration, **62** events and programs attracted **5707** registered attendees, with **506** distinguished speakers and experts from a variety of fields. Over **513** international and national organizations, including government departments, were represented either by speakers or attendees. A total of **125** other national and international law schools and universities were represented by both speakers and attendees. Further outreach included law firms (**120** represented), Embassies (**21** represented), and external co-sponsoring entities (**44**). Of the **62** programs, **43%** were organized by Student Associations, **31%** by WCL Programs and Projects, **17%** by WCL Departments and Individual Faculty, and **9%** by the Dean's office. Faculty were involved in all programs as moderators, panelists or organizers. **42** programs were web cast and **34** of the programs offered CLE accreditation. This represented a **48%** increase in programs offering CLE accreditation. Further percentage increases over 2006 are: **37%** increase in international, national and local organizations represented; **114%** increase in law schools and universities represented; **17%** increase in the number of programs and events; **114%** increase in law firms represented; **389%** increase in external cosponsoring entities; and **33%** increase in the number of registered attendees. Founders' Celebration 2007 featured programs that examined legal developments worldwide and analyzed important issues, including diversity, constitutional law, human rights, criminal justice, international relations, immigration, cultural property, investment, business, labor law, family, health care, international trade, military justice, sports, civil rights, education, tax, disabilities, national and international security, arbitration, exoneration, environmental, the court system, antitrust, women and legal history.

FOUNDERS 2008

A request for program submissions for Founders' Celebration 2008 will shortly be sent out – if you have a suggestion for a program, please contact Jennifer Dabson, Director, Office of Special Events and Continuing Legal Education at 202 274-4077 or e-mail jdabson@wcl.american.edu.

2007 National Association of Women Judges Access to Justice Scholarship (\$1000)

The National Association of Women Judges (NAWJ) Access to Justice Scholarship, in the amount of \$1,000, will be awarded to an American University Washington College of Law student who has demonstrated a sustained and passionate commitment to the achievement of equality of opportunity and access in the system of justice. This scholarship will be presented to the selected recipient by Maryland Court of Appeals Judge Irma S. Raker (a NAWJ member and a WCL alumna) on Thursday, October 18, 2007, at the 6:00 p.m. 2007 NAALJ conference reception, to be held at American University Washington College of Law. Please contact Jennifer Dabson at 202-274-4077 or jdabson@wcl.american.edu for more details.

Upcoming Events!

**“The Mysteries of White House Records” Hosted by New Faculty Member
Dan Metcalfe**

This interactive presentation will be immediately followed by an initial information session on the Law and Government Program's new Center on Government Secrecy for all interested students. Pizza will be served.

Date: 8/29/07

**Time: 12:00pm - 1:30pm
International Student Lounge, 6th Floor**

SAVE THE DATES!

FALL 2007

- September 17:** Constitution Day
- September 20-21:** "Left Out in the Cold? The Chilling of Speech, Association, and the Press in Post 9/11 America" American Civil Liberties Union & American University Law Review Symposium
- September 25:** Ninth Annual Looking Ahead at the New Supreme Court Term
- September 25:** Anti Trust Lecture Series: China's Proposed Antimonopoly Law
- September 28-29:** Fifth Annual Works in Progress Intellectual Property Colloquium
- October 1-5:** International Week
- October 3:** Eighth Annual Human Rights Film Series: Encounter Point
- October 6:** Reunion Weekend: What Every Lawyer Needs to Know About the Media
- October 8:** International Legal Issues: The Current Debate over the Immunity of Foreign Cultural Property from Suit in the United States
- October 9-12:** Fourth Annual Seminar on International Commercial Arbitration: International Arbitration Program: How to Handle Oil and Gas Industry Cases
- October 10:** The Integration of Inter-American System of Human Rights on a national Level and the Challenge of Training, Assessment and Monitoring of Training Programs for Judges
- October 12:** National Women's Law Association Networking Program
- October 13:** Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition – Northeast Regional

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

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.

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

Fall 2007 Externs:

At this point you should be registered for your externship seminar (LAW-769) and your fieldwork component (LAW-899). Your student schedule should show **two** classes. If you have not registered for the fieldwork component, go to our website and click “register for your externship field placement.” This will allow you to generate the necessary paperwork/contracts. You need to come to our office with these signed documents.

1Ls:

Informational workshops will be held later in the semester. Please watch the Docket for details.

Fall 2007 Interns Still Needed

Employers are still looking for students to work in their offices this fall. Because the semester has already begun, it may be too late to obtain academic credit. You may still work for these employers without receiving academic credit as an intern.

NUTS AND BOLTS

The “Nuts and Bolts” manuals are available. Please pick one up from outside of the Externship Office, Room 413. The manuals explain 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 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.

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 by keyword, as well as by employers who are “recently looking.” The Database is available on the Externship website www.wcl.american.edu/externship

SPRING EXTERNSHIPS

Some spring 2008 positions require security clearance and have early deadlines. Plan your applications accordingly.

STUDENT PLACEMENT EVALUATIONS

Come by the Externship Office to view binders of student evaluations of placements to hear what past externs have said about the organization to which you are considering applying.

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

PENCE LAW LIBRARY

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

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 12:00 am
Saturday – Sunday 9:00 am -12:00 am

Extended hours are available to currently enrolled WCL students, faculty and staff. Please exit the Library at closing and sign in with your AU ID at the Security Desk to return to use the Library after regular hours. We will be open regular hours on Labor Day.

Take a few minutes to visit the Library -over the summer we have rearranged the collection, added 14 new group study rooms, improved signage and much more! Check it out!

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

Remote access to Pence Law Library electronic resources - Do your research from anywhere by linking to the library webpage at library.wcl.american.edu The WCL community can log into subscription databases on the Library website by linking to one of the database listings under Research Tools. Enter the same user ID and password that you use to access the law school network and my.american.edu.

Reference Services Are you starting your research paper or a comment and need help identifying possible topics? Are you spading for a journal and unsure of what a citation means or where it can be located? Are you lost using West’s Key Number system?

There is help available at the Reference Desk. Stop by, call 202-467-4352 or email us at reflib@wcl.american.edu

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.

Do you need material that is not available at the Pence Law Library? Interlibrary loan is the answer! To borrow materials from other libraries, you must first register at <http://library.wcl.american.edu/ill.cfm>. ILLiad facilitates interlibrary loan and works in tandem with WorldCat, which is a huge database containing most items published and cataloged in the U.S. and around the world. For more information about ILL and WorldCat go to <http://library.wcl.american.edu/ill.cfm> or contact our Interlibrary loan office at ill@wcl.american.edu.

Check your Library account on myLeagle Link to the library catalog at o <http://leagle.wcl.american.edu/patroninfo> or from the front page of the library website at library.wcl.american.edu and choose MyLeagle to check the status of materials you have borrowed from the library and renew them as necessary.

14 group study rooms (2nd floor) are available for WCL students. Sign up for a group study room at the Circulation Desk with your ID. Coming soon are online reservations – watch the Docket for additional information.

Reserved Carrels 2L, 3L, 4L or LLM WCL law students who are enrolled in and pursuing an upper level writing credit or any member of a WCL law review or publication who is writing an article, comment or note are eligible to sign up for one of our limited number of reserved carrels on the 2d floor of the Library. Sign up is on a first-come first-served basis at the Circulation Desk. Questions? Contact John Smith, Access Services Librarian at jasmith@wcl.american.edu or at 202-274-4354.

Download audio files of cases, casebooks and much more to your MP3 player with AudioCaseFiles – and listen on the go! Register at www.audiocasefiles.com and select American University, Washington College of Law and be sure to use your WCL email address. Questions? Contact Adeen Postar, Deputy Director at apostar@wcl.american.edu or at 202-274-4377.

PROGRAM ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT

The Program on Law and Government seeks two Dean's Fellows for Fall, 2007 (and ideally to continue through Spring, 2008). Please see under "In Search Of".

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.

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

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

The first **SBA Senate meeting** of the year will be on **Tuesday, August 28 at 10:10 PM in room 101**. Any student or student organization that wishes to be on the agenda **MUST** e-mail Senate President Pro-Tempore Frank Gerratana at sbaprotemp@wcl.american.edu no later than 5 PM on Sunday, August 26. 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, especially first-year students who wish to learn more about WCL's student government. Feel free to email sba@wcl.american.edu at any time with any questions.

Arab Law Student Association

Introductory meeting: The meeting will take place next **Thursday August 30th from 12 to 1 p.m. in room 601**. Contact Ramzy Malouf at rmm114@gmail.com. Everyone is welcome.

Asian Pacific American Law Students Association

Introductory APALSA Meetings: Wednesday, September 5, Room 602 Two different times: 12 noon AND 5pm Come meet other APALSA members and find out about our plans for the coming semester including a mentor program, happy hours, dim sum outings, movie nights, getting involved in the DC-APA community, and lots more. Food and snacks will be served. We're looking forward to a great year! Contact: Miya Saika Chen- miya.chen@american.edu

Dim Sum with APALSA! Saturday, September 8, noon China Garden Restaurant (1100 Wilson Blvd, off the Rosslyn Metro stop) Craving delicious dim sum? Start out your Saturday right-- with good food! Hang out with other APALSA members over yummy dim sum. Meet at the restaurant at noon. Contact Keith for details--- keith.nguyen@american.edu

Business Law Society

Orientation Meeting - The Business Law Society will hold two orientation meetings on August 28, 2007 and August 30, 2007. Please come and learn more about how to get involved in the society, our upcoming events and business law opportunities at WCL. All are invited! We will have two sessions; choose which one is most convenient for you. *Pizza and soda will be provided* **Date: Tuesday, August 28, 2007 Time/Place: 10:00-10:50pm Room 401 AND Date: Thursday, August 30, 2007 Time/Place: 12:00-1:00pm Room 524** If you have any questions please contact dk6696a@american.edu.

Environmental Law Society

General Meeting: Interested in Environmental Law? Come meet fellow green law students at the Environmental Law Society's Fall General Meeting in **Room 602 on Wednesday, August 29th from Noon until 12:50**. We will be introducing the group

leaders, our goals, projects, and upcoming events. Students will also have a chance to learn more about the Sustainable Development and Law Policy Brief. We will also discuss the WCL "Green campus" campaign, a joint effort from SBA and ELS that aims to make WCL more sustainable. Be a part of ELS this year! Lunch will be provided. Room 602 on Wednesday, August 29th from Noon until 12:50.

Equal Justice Foundation

Call for EJF Executive Board Applicants EJF is now looking for applicants to fill remaining leadership positions for the 2007-2008 academic year. Positions can be found below; a list of 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. Date Auction Chair(s); Finance/Treasury Chair(s); Special Contribution Chair(s). If interested, please submit a short paragraph explaining your interest to Alexandra Bradley at ejf@wcl.american.edu by 5:00 PM on Friday, August 31, 2007.

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!

Israel and Law Society Introductory Meeting

ILS will hold its first meeting of the semester on **Thursday, August 30th, 12-1:20 pm in rm 401**. This will be an excellent opportunity for students to meet ILS and to find out about how they can get involved. ILS aims to educate the community about Israel's steadfast commitment to progressive principles of law, namely the balancing of national security concerns with the human rights of all peoples. In conjunction with this objective, ILS supports a strong U.S.-Israel relationship and recognizes that the only path to Middle East peace is the assurance of a safe and secure Israel situated side-by-side with a viable Palestinian state that abhors terrorism.

Jewish Law Students Association

Join the Jewish Law Students Association for our **first Shabbat dinner of the semester**. It will take place on **Friday, August 24th at 8pm**. Email JLSA@wcl.american.edu to RSVP and for more information. Hope to see you there!

LaLSA

LaLSA General Introduction Meetings:

Tuesday, August 28th (8/28/07) 12pm - 1pm Room 401

(Evening Students) Tuesday, August 28th (8/28/07) 10:10pm - 11:10pm Room 602

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International
Thursday, August 30, 2007, 12-1:00PM in Room 602

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity Information Meeting. Learn everything you need to know about joining the largest legal fraternity in the world. Lunch provided. For more information contact Tyler Patterson (tylerep@hotmail.com).

Poverty Law Society

Informational Session. Tuesday, August 28, 5:00-6:00, Room TBA. Attention all students: Interested in poverty law? Come to the informational session to find out how to get involved with the Poverty Law Society. Food provided!

Sustainable Development Law and Policy

SDLP is recruiting 1L, transfer, and LLM 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/>.

Information sessions will be held Thursday August 30 at noon and 5 PM. Please return applications to Room 631 by Friday August 31 at noon.

WCL Dems

Kickoff Meeting- Come to room 402 at 12:00 on Tuesday the 28th and join the WCL Democrats in their kickoff meeting. Get involved, become an executive officer. Learn about exciting campaign opportunities. Help us bring the National Law Dems Convention to DC. Participate in happy hours and debate watching parties. Food provided. See you all there!

Women's Law Association

Welcome Lunch and Evening Student Reception

Meet other members of the WLA, learn about upcoming events, and enjoy a free lunch.

Lunch: Tuesday August 28th 12:00-1:00 PM Room 602

Evening Reception: Tuesday August 28th 5:00-6:00 PM Room 601

IN SEARCH OF

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. 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. David Aaronson is seeking a Dean's Fellow for 10-20 hours per week for the fall and, possibly, spring, semesters to provide research and administrative/coordination assistance as co-chair of the ABA Section of Criminal Justice's Committee on Rules of Criminal Procedure, Evidence, and Police Practices. Committee members consist of law professors, judges, prosecutors, and defense attorneys. The ideal student has completed Criminal Procedure and Evidence, has excellent research and writing skills, and an interest in the criminal justice area. Interested students should e-mail a resume, transcript and writing sample. Professor Aaronson's contact information is: Room 410; 202-274-4201; e-mail: daarons@wcl.american.edu

Prof. David Snyder needs a dean's fellow to help with research related to contracts and commercial law, including their international and comparative aspects. Please submit a resume and unofficial transcript by email to dsnyder@wcl.american.edu.

Professor and Associate Dean for Scholarship Susan Carle seeks two dean's fellows to carry out legal research, primarily in the areas of civil rights and antidiscrimination law. One key subject area involves the late nineteenth century history of de jure race discrimination in various regions of the United States, along with finding documentation of early test cases aimed at challenging such discriminatory laws (and with the possibility of expanding this research into one's own publishable article if interested in doing so). Other work will involve more contemporary employment discrimination topics and some torts and legal ethics case law research, as well as other miscellaneous research assignments as they come up in relation to the WCL faculty speakers series and other aspects of WCL's scholarly mission. Pay as set by WCL policy. Please apply by sending resume, cover letter and unofficial copy of transcript to scarle@wcl.american.edu.

Prof. Dinerstein seeks a dean's fellow for ten (10) hours per week to assist in research and case-related work in connection with the Disability Rights Law Clinic. (There may also be a possibility of up to five (5) hours per week working on more general disability-related research.) If interested, please submit a cover letter and resume either electronically (rdiners@wcl.american.edu) or by placing the letter and resume in his faculty mailbox.

Jayesh Rathod, Practitioner-in-Residence in the International Human Rights Law Clinic, is seeking 1-2 Dean's Fellows for the 2007-2008 academic year. 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 Tuesday, September 4.

Meetal Jain, a new Practitioner-in-Residence in the International Human Rights Law Clinic, seeks to hire one to two Dean's Fellows to each assist 10 hours per week this fall with research regarding local implementation of international human rights law and research regarding comparative human rights law. Preference will be given to students with a demonstrated interest in South African law, federalism, human rights, and/or comparative law. If interested, please email your resume to Meetal Jain at mjain@wcl.american.edu by Friday, August 31, 2007.

The Civil Practice Clinic is seeking four dean's fellows to assist in simulations and in activities related to our representation of low-income clients in the District of Columbia and Maryland. Some acting is required. First-year part-time students and other students will be considered. Scheduling is flexible up to 20 hours per week. Please contact dchavkin@wcl.american.edu

The Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project and Associate Director Steve Wermiel seek one or more Dean's Fellows to work 10 or more hours a week during the coming school year. Responsibilities may include helping to organize Marshall-Brennan events and research on constitutional topics. Some availability to meet and to work during daytime hours is required. Please apply by e-mail to swermiel@wcl.american.edu or in person to Professor Wermiel in Room 515C with a resume and a cover letter detailing your other commitments and your schedule for fall semester. The person or persons selected could start immediately, so please do not delay!!

The Impact Litigation Project for strengthening democracy in the Americas is looking for two Dean's Fellows for the fall with the potential to continue through the spring semester to work on freedom of expression cases. Candidates must be fluent in both English and Spanish, have excellent writing skills in both languages and have a proved interest in human rights issues. This is an excellent opportunity for 2Ls, 3Ls and LLMS to work with Dean Grossman and the lawyers at the Impact Litigation Project; work with Chilean, Argentinean and Guatemalan students and attorneys; gain experience in human rights international litigation; and get an inside look at impact litigation strategy-drafting. The Dean's Fellows will be required to work at least 20 hours per week providing administrative support as well as researching and drafting legal memoranda. If you are interested in applying to this position please send an email with a cover letter, resume and short writing sample (10 pages max.) to Agustina Del Campo at delcampo@wcl.american.edu indicating "Dean's Fellow fall 2007" in the subject line.

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

The Program on Law and Government seeks a student who can dedicate 20 hours per week to serving as a Dean's Fellow. This position includes administrative assistance (e.g., copying, gathering and organizing mail, assisting faculty and staff with other office tasks), program management (e.g., database updates, creating publicity materials, organizing events, etc.), and some legal research and writing. The ideal candidate will be a full-time or part-time JD or LLM student who possesses strong office skills and wants to be part of a collaborative team. Interested students should submit a resume and cover letter (hard copy, please) to Associate Director Maryam Ahranjani in Suite 515 by 5PM on Thursday, August 23.

The Program on Law and Government also seeks a Dean's Fellow to work 20 hours per week with our foreign-trained LLM students from China, France, Switzerland, Turkey, Sudan, and other countries on how to conduct legal research and writing in the United States. The ideal candidate is a 2L or 3L student who obtained very high grades in Legal Rhetoric, serves on a law journal, and has some experience (or interest in) working with international students. The job description includes: working with Law and Government staff members to develop a strategy to best serve our students' needs, holding office hours for LLM students, planning and attending events for LLM students, and developing workshops about the Bluebook, plagiarism, note taking, studying for final exams, writing papers, etc. Interested students should submit a resume and cover letter (hard copy, please) to Associate Director Maryam Ahranjani in Suite 515 by 5PM on Thursday, August 23.

The War Crimes Research Office (WCRO) is seeking Dean's Fellows for Fall 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

warcrimes@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 warcrimes@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 warcrimes@wcl.american.edu.

Are you interested in women's human rights? **The Women and the Law Program** is looking for an energetic Dean's Fellow. Responsibilities include; organizing events to support feminist scholarship and advocacy by WCL students and faculty, communicating with students from around the world regarding the opportunities to study Gender and the Law at WCL, 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 'Fall Dean's Fellow' in the subject line. A 10 hr/week commitment is preferred.

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.

Attention 1Ls and 2Ls

Looking for a way to make a difference at WCL? Join the Student Giving Committee! Contact Jamie Jennings at jamiej@wcl.american.edu or 202-274-4056 for more information.

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, 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: <mailto:penglert@kidneywdc.org> penglert@kidneywdc.org. We will be in touch.

The Clinical Program is seeking volunteers to assist student attorneys with interpretation/translation and simulation role-playing. If you would like to be available as a volunteer in the clinic, you are welcome to attend the **Clinic Volunteer Informational Meeting on Monday, August 27th in Room 415 at 2pm**. If you are not able to come to the meeting, please see Maribel Yamat in Room 417 to get more information and fill out the appropriate forms. If you have questions, you can contact her at myamat@wcl.american.edu or stop by Room 417. You may be able to receive credit for pro bono service with the public interest program.

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 hracademy@wcl.american.edu indicating "Dean's Fellow - SP Fall 2007". Application review begins on August 20th.

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!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: The Impact Litigation Project is seeking 1Ls, 2Ls, 3Ls, and LL.M.s who can dedicate between 5-10 hours/week to the project. This is an ideal opportunity for students who have an interest in international human rights law to become familiar with international organizations in this field. Please let us know if you are interested in the project. For more information or questions, visit our website at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/ilp/> or contact Agustina Del Campo at delcampo@wcl.american.edu. The Impact Litigation Project will hold a meeting for interested student volunteers on Friday August 31 at 2 pm in the Dean's Conference Room. Please RSVP and send your resume prior to the meeting to delcampo@wcl.american.edu.

The Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS PROJECT - 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/hracademy/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.

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.

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.

EUROPEAN LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION All WCL students (JDs; LL.Ms; Visiting Scholars) are invited to join us during an informative session about the most important Moot in European Union Law (ELMC). The meeting we provide useful information the ELMC competition and the skills you need to become a member this year
WCL PARTICIPATING TEAM 2007-2008: Please join us to know more about a terrific opportunity to improve your European Union Law Skills and travel to Europe during the Spring Semester. Ms. Carmen Bernardo-Garcia (LL.M. Board Representative 07) and Professor Fernanda Nicola will respond to all your questions.

WHERE? Room 500 WHEN? WEDNESDAY, September 5th: From 1:00 to 2:00 pm
LUNCH? Yes! Pizza and sodas will be served. **IMPORTANT!** (for those interested in participating in the WCL team please Register by sending an email before the meeting to berniber@hotmail.com)

American University Choral Ensemble Auditions. The AU Chorus and AU Chamber Singers will be holding auditions during the week of August 27-31. Highlights of the 2007-2008 season include Haydn's Lord Nelson Mass, Beethoven's Missa Solemnis and Donald McCullough's Holocaust Cantata. Auditions are open to all students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members. Sign up for an audition outside room 146 Katzen Arts Center, by calling 202-885-3425, or by emailing chorus@american.edu.

Dan Metcalfe will be presenting a lunchtime program entitled "**The Mysteries of White House Records**" on **Wednesday, August 29, from noon until approximately 1:30.** This interactive presentation will be held in the International Student Lounge (6th Floor)

and will be immediately followed by an initial information session on the Law and Government Program's new Center on Government Secrecy for all interested students. Pizza will be served.

Table Talk Lunch Series Fall 2007 Schedule 12:00 PM Lunch and 12:20 PM Discussion @ Kay Spiritual Life Center Lounge: Wednesday, September 5th Religion & Politics in the US: Young Evangelicals in National Politics; Tuesday, September 18th Nonviolence and Political Change: Can One Civil Act Change the World?; Tuesday, September 25th "Global Peace Through Commerce: the Promise and the Risks; Wednesday, October 24th China's Foreign Policy: Are Human Rights in Its Future?; Tuesday, November 6th The 2008 Presidential Elections: Predictions and Possibilities; Wednesday, November 28th Democracy and Human Rights: A Latin American Scorecard
Speakers for each event to be announced. Buffet lunch is provided free to students. A donation of \$5 each is requested from faculty, staff, and community members to help offset the cost of the program. Reservations required. Please RSVP 24 hours before the scheduled event at 202-885-3321 or at kslc@american.edu Sponsored by the Office of the University Chaplain, Kay Spiritual Life Center, American University

Environmental Advocacy Externship – Fall 2007 Professor William Snape (Law 769-006) *The Environmental Advocacy Externship Class:* This new class offers students the unique chance to work as an extern in environmental law, including (but not limited to) international development, public interest litigation, sustainability policy, and governmental service. Early registrants to this class have already been placed with or received offers from diverse entities such as Greenpeace, National Wildlife Federation, Defenders of Wildlife, the D.C. Government, House of Representatives Science Committee, Natural Resources Defense Council, and the public interest law firm of Meyer, Glitzenstein and Crystal. The classroom component of the course meets Tuesday mornings from 9am to 10:50am, and students meet with the professor for one hour weekly individually or in a small group setting.

Other Logistical Information: The base component of this course constitutes 3 credits. On top of these 3 credits, students can earn 1-3 additional credits depending upon the number of hours they work during the semester (140 hours or approximately 10 hours/week = 1 more credit; 210 hours or approximately 15 hours/week = 2 more credits; 280 hours or approximately 20 hours/week = 3 more credits). There is no final exam. One of the written assignments during the externship will be submitted as a paper submission by the end of the semester. Students are aided in finding an externship. Students MUST apply (resume and cover letter) to get into this class: billsnape@earthlink.net

About the Professor: Snape has been practicing environmental law as an advocate for almost 20 years. For over a decade, he was general counsel to Defenders of Wildlife. He is currently senior counsel to the Center for Biological Diversity. Previous clients include numerous national and regional environmental groups, the Government of Mexico, several scientific societies and Gallaudet University. He has served as vice-chair of two American Bar Association environmental committees, and the President's advisory committee on trade and environment. He is also now Chairman of the Board of the Endangered Species Coalition, which has approximately 400 member groups.

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>

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS, DATES & DEADLINES & IMPORTANT REMINDERS

SECRETS TO SUCCESSFUL CALL BACK INTERVIEWS —You have been successful in the screening interview, but do you have what it takes to GET THE OFFER? Join OCPD and Daniel Binstock, (WCL '00), Managing Director, BCG Attorney Search (DC) as we look behind the scenes of a successful call back interview. **FIND OUT:** The structure of a Call Back Interview; How best to prepare for the Call Back; What questions to expect & which to ask; How to answer difficult interview questions...and more! **Tuesday, August 28; 12:00-1:20; Room 100** *Pizza will be provided.* Please sign-up under the “Events” section of CareerLink.

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: current JD student with 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

ATTN: 2LS & 3LS: UPCOMING DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ON-CAMPUS PRESENTATION

The U.S. Department of Justice will present “Working for the DOJ” on **Wednesday, August 29th at 12:00 in Room 603**. Justice attorneys will speak to students about the Summer Law Intern Program and the Attorney General’s Honors Program. Registration through CareerLink is required. Lunch provided! Don’t miss out on this great opportunity to get inside information on hiring at the DOJ. Please continue to check the

Government Honors & Internship Handbook for details on DOJ and other honors attorney programs and keep in mind that several agencies have **deadlines in early fall!**

Attn: 2L and 3L Public Interest Students! Are you feeling left out of Fall Recruitment? Do you have the urge to put on a suit and walk the halls of WCL like some of your colleagues? Well, your chance is coming! On September 19th WCL will host its **First Annual Public Interest Speed Networking Event**. Over 40 public interest and government employers have already registered for the event and will be on campus to meet YOU! Please stay tuned for more details and go to the events section of CareerLink to register. Registration is limited so sign up now. Visit the OPI homepage for a list of registered employers (<http://www.wcl.american.edu/publicinterest/>).

Job Search Resources: It's not too late to line up a fall internship or externship. Visit the following websites for a jumpstart on your job search.

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.

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 have not been in touch with Shelley Rudge, Judicial Clerkship Coordinator, attend a judicial clerkship workshop (or email serudge@wcl.american.edu to schedule an individual appointment) to find out what you need to know to apply. Please note that these workshops will focus primarily on state clerkships.

- Wednesday, August 29 from 12-1 (Room 500)
- Thursday, August 30 from 12-1 (Room 100)
- Please register under the “Events” section of CareerLink if you plan to attend one of these workshops.

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.crgevents.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**.

ASLME Student Health Law Conference: The American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics's first annual Health Law Student conference will take place on **October 19, 2007**. This conference, entitled *Taking the Health Law Career Path* will take place at the **University of Pittsburgh School of Law**. This conference aims to provide students interested in exploring a career path in health law with a toolkit for success. The main features of the conference are a plenary session to provide an update on health law, panels on a variety of employment possibilities, and a networking reception. Students may register by visiting ASLME's website at <http://www.aslme.org/> or by clicking on the link below.

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.

Dinsmore & Shohl LLP Diversity Scholarship: First and second year law students are welcome to apply for the Dinsmore & Shohl Diversity Scholarship, which will consist of a salaried summer associate position as well as a \$10,000 scholarship. Second-year law students must submit applications by **September 15, 2007**. First-year law students must submit applications between **December 1 and 15, 2007**. Scholarship recipients will be assigned a mentor - a Dinsmore & Shohl LLP lawyer - at the time the scholarship is awarded. The mentor will be available to the Scholar as a dedicated resource to assist with professional development. Interested candidates should obtain an application packet from the OCPD Front Desk or visit www.dinslaw.com for more information.

For more information on Diversity Initiatives, please visit <https://law-american-csm.symplicity.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**. Location: WCL Conference Room at 4910 Massachusetts Avenue

NW, Lower Level. (1 block from the law school). **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

tjenkins@wcl.american.edu

Claire Raj

Public Interest and Government

craj@wcl.american.edu

Matthew Pascocello

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

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Adriana Vito

Foreign-trained LL.M. students and alumni

avito@wcl.american.edu

Shelley Rudge

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Kelli Johnson

General Counseling

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Laura Friedgood

General Counseling

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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 August 27

Monday, August 27

2pm, Rm 415, **Clinic Volunteer Informational Meeting**

Tuesday, August 28

12-1:20pm, Rm 100, **Secrets to Successful Callback Interviews**

12-1pm, Rm 401, **LaLSA General Introduction Meeting**

12-1pm, Rm 602, **Women's Law Association Welcome Lunch**

12pm, Rm 402, **WCL Dems Kickoff Meeting**

5-6pm, shantimartin@yahoo.com, **Poverty Law Society Informational Session**

5-6pm, Rm 601, **Women's Law Association Evening Student Reception**

10-10:50pm, Rm 401, **Business Law Society Orientation Meeting**

10:10-11:10pm, Rm 602, **LaLSA Evening Students General Introduction Meeting**

10:10 PM, Rm 101, **SBA Senate meeting**

Wednesday, August 29

12-1 pm, Rm 500, **How to Secure a Judicial Clerkship for the 2008 Term: Nuts & Bolts Workshop (State Court Focus)**

12-12:50, Rm 602, **Environmental Law Society General Meeting**

12-1:30, Int'l Stu Lounge (6th Floor), **"The Mysteries of White House Records"**

12pm, Rm 526, **Health Law 101: An Introduction to Health Law Opportunities at WCL**

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Thursday, August 30

12-1pm, Rm 100, **How to Secure a Judicial Clerkship for the 2008 Term: Nuts & Bolts Workshop (State Court Focus)**

12-1PM, Rm 602, **Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity Information Meeting**

12-1pm, Rm 601, **Arab Law Student Association's introductory meeting**

12pm, Rm 528, **Sustainable Development Law & Policy Recruitment Information Session**

12-1pm, Rm 524, **Business Law Society Orientation Meeting**

12-1:20pm, Rm 401, **The Israel and Law Society meeting**

5pm, Rm 601, **Sustainable Development Law & Policy Recruitment Information Session**

Friday, August 31

2 pm, delcampo@wcl.american.edu, **The Impact Litigation Project meeting for interested student volunteers**