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## OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

E-mail: [registrar@wcl.american.edu](mailto:registrar@wcl.american.edu)

### 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](http://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. These are available on: <https://my.american.edu> under Personal Links at the bottom (WCL Anonymous Grading Number).

**SPRING 2007 and SUMMER 2007 EXAMS AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP** For those professors who have returned their exams for spring 2007 and summer 2007 to our office, these exams/papers are now available for pick-up during office hours. Exams are filed by anonymous grading number (for that semester) and are in cabinets and drawers in the office. A listing of all available exams is posted for review.

## OFFICE OF THE DEAN

### **Research Assistant Needed to work with Dean Grossman and Agustina Del Campo**

The Office of the Dean needs a Dean's Fellow for the FALL to work on international human rights research project directly with Dean Grossman and Agustina Del Campo, WCL's Impact Litigation Project coordinator.

Candidates must be fluent in both English and Spanish, have excellent writing skills, and have proved interest and knowledge of international human rights issues.

This is an excellent opportunity for dedicated 2Ls, 3Ls and LL.M.s to work with Dean Grossman and gain experience in human rights.

The Dean's Fellow will be required to work at least 20 hours per week researching and drafting legal memoranda on cutting edge international human rights issues.

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](mailto:delcampo@wcl.american.edu) indicating "Dean's Fellow Human Rights Research" in the subject line.

## OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

### **Scholarship Recipient Announcement**

We are pleased to share with the WCL community word of the first external scholarship recipient of the year through publicity in the Docket and online of these scholarships.

Trish Maskew is a recipient of the Shuker Scholarship, which is open to entering and continuing law students who reside in metropolitan Washington D.C.

Congratulations to Trish; keep looking for your opportunities to apply and let us know of your success!

Students can find information on hundreds of outside law school scholarships 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!

### **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 with Dean Claudio Grossman continues 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](mailto:fpolo@wcl.american.edu) and must contain your name, telephone number, and e-mail address. Your space will be confirmed by return e-mail.

### **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](mailto: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 –Room 300 – [sweaver@wcl.american.edu](mailto:sweaver@wcl.american.edu)

### **Black Alumni Book Award and Reception**

The Black Alumni Association-Washington College of Law, Inc. (BAA-WCL) will hold its annual **RECEPTION** for new students on **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 7-10 p.m.** At this event BAA brings first-year students and returning students together with faculty members, administrators, and alumni to meet on an informal basis, establish new friendships, and renew old ones.

BAA-WCL will again present the **RENEE HAMILTON-GWALTNEY BOOK FUND AWARDS** during the reception. Two, **\$300** stipends will be given to two students based on need and community service. Applications can be found in the Office of Diversity Services and **returned** there no later than **5:00 PM** on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>**.

Again this year, the reception will be held at the home of BAA secretary Ms. Jacqueline Jackson, 1990 Shepherd St. NW. RSVP and request transportation from Metro at (202) 723-0360 (which has voice mail) or 882-7072.

### **“Stuff on the Table”**

- Womble Carlyle Diversity Open 2007
- Black Alumni Association’s Renee Hamilton-Gwaltney Book Award (REVISED) application and invitation to annual reception
- Asian Pacific American Bar Association (APABA)-DC Women’s Forum event—September 20
- APABA “Paths to Success” event—September 27
- BLSA 1L event calendar
- Dean’s Diversity Council member list
- DS fall newsletter

### **Events**

#### **October**

- 2**     **Hispanic Heritage Month Program and Reception**—4:00-6:30 PM—Student Lounge
- 26**    **Prosecution Conference**—Sponsored by Prof. Angela J. Davis and the American Constitution Society—8:00 AM-7:00 PM--Room 603

#### **November**

- 8**     **Diversity Conference--“Revisiting the Law School Diversity Imperative: Access and Definition”**—Noon-6:00 PM-Dining Room & Room 603
- Dean’s Diversity Council Annual Reception & Dinner**—6:00-8:00 PM

## **OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID**

### **Myers Law Scholarship**

**Decisions will be mailed. Award recipients are expected to attend the Myers Society Dinner (a black tie event) Friday, September 28, 2007.**

### **Disbursements**

Check your Student Account “snapshot” for posting of aid funds. Contact the office if payment is not reflected.

### **Dean Fellow/Mussey-Gillett Fellows**

Dean’s Fellows and Mussey-Gillett fellows are paid twice during the semester. The first paycheck of the year will be issued September 28, the second November 30. ***Exception: Students compensated through the Federal Work Study program are paid bi-weekly.*** Appointments forms must be submitted by September 12 for the September payment. Check with the office if you have questions.

## Outside Scholarships

Information is available at: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/outsidescholarships/>

### 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.

## OFFICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST

Suite 122 - Phone: 202-274-4099 - Email: [publicinterest@wcl.american.edu](mailto:publicinterest@wcl.american.edu)

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

#### 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.equajusticeworks.org).
- **Skadden:** October 1, application and information available at [www.skadden.com](http://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](mailto:cegomes@wcl.american.edu) or Claire Raj, Public Interest Specialist in the Office of Career and Professional Development at [craj@wcl.american.edu](mailto:craj@wcl.american.edu) to schedule an appointment to review your application materials.

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:

**Soros Criminal Justice Fellowship Information Session with Prof. Angela Davis September 10th in Room 524 from 5-6 p.m.,** Join Prof. Davis to hear about an exciting criminal justice fellowship opportunities with the Open Society Institute (Soros Fellowships). Each year, the U.S. Justice Fund of the Open Society Institute (OSI) awards a number of fellowships to individuals who wish to pursue innovative projects in the field of criminal justice. Prof. Davis will do a brief talk (15-20 minutes plus Q & A) describing the types of projects funded and the many advantages of becoming a Soros Fellow. **Please RSVP to [angelad@wcl.american.edu](mailto:angelad@wcl.american.edu) .**

**Equal Justice Works Fellowship Workshop for 3Ls, September 10 at Noon:** An application workshop will be held for 3Ls in the process of applying for Equal Justice

Works Fellowships on Monday, September 10 from noon – 1:20 p.m., room TBA. The workshop will provide applicants the opportunity to ask questions and get feedback on their project proposals. Pizza will be provided. Please RSVP to Charlene Gomes at [cegomes@wcl.american.edu](mailto:cegomes@wcl.american.edu).

### **Public Interest Speed Networking Event for 2Ls and 3Ls September 19<sup>th</sup>**

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. **To register: go to the “Events” section of CareerLink. Registration closes Thursday, September 6.**

**Skadden Fellowship Workshop for 3Ls, September 24 at Noon:** An application workshop will be held for 3Ls in the process of applying for Skadden Fellowships on Monday, September 24 from noon – 1:20 p.m., room TBA. The workshop will provide applicants the opportunity to ask questions and get feedback on their project proposals. Pizza will be provided. Please RSVP to Charlene Gomes at [cegomes@wcl.american.edu](mailto:cegomes@wcl.american.edu).

**Dean Grossman Kicks Off the Fall 1L Public Interest Roundtable Series on October 2:** 1Ls are invited to join Dean Claudio Grossman on Tuesday, October 2 from noon – 12:50 p.m. The Roundtables provide an opportunity to engage in open discussion about the practice of public interest law with WCL faculty and alumni. A pizza lunch will be provided. **You must RSVP to Shantimartin@gmail.com.**

### **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 6-7, 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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The Office of Special Events and Continuing Legal Education (SECLE) provides support to students and faculty in creating exciting and unique programs, workshops and seminars at WCL. 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](mailto:secle@wcl.american.edu) or go to <http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/planning.cfm> for a copy of the program planning guide.

**FOUNDERS 2008**

A request for program submissions for Founders' Celebration 2008 has been 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](mailto: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 a 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, at the 6:00 pm 2007 NAALJ conference reception, to be held at WCL. Please contact Jennifer Dabson at 202-274-4077 or [jdabson@wcl.american.edu](mailto:jdabson@wcl.american.edu) for more details.

### **SAVE THE DATES!**

#### **SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER**

- 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
- October 15:** American University Washington College of Law Annual Lecture on International Arbitration Sponsored by Thelen Reid Brown Raysman & Steiner LLP. 2007 Speaker: Dr. Julian Lew, Q.C., London, UK
- October 16-20:** National Association of Administrative Law Judiciary 2007 Conference

**[FOR THE FULL LISTING OF FALL PROGRAMS PLEASE VISIT  
WWW.WCL.AMERICAN.EDU/SECLE](http://WWW.WCL.AMERICAN.EDU/SECLE)**

## **ACADEMY ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW**

### **2008 HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD TOPIC ANNOUNCED**

The Human Rights Award is an annual competition sponsored by the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law that seeks to stimulate the production of scholarly work in international human rights law. For the 2008 award participants will have the flexibility to choose any subject related to: *“International Human Rights Law and the Protection of the Environment”*

The Academy will grant two Awards, one for the best article in English and one for the best article in Spanish. The Jury deciding the Award will be comprised of professionals with a recognized expertise in international human rights law. The best articles are eligible to be published in the American University International Law Review.

The Award in each case will consist of:

- a scholarship to the 2008 Summer Program\* that runs from May 26-June 13, 2008
- travel expenses to Washington D.C.\*\*
- housing at the university dorms\*\*
- per diem for living expenses\* for the three-week session

### **Eligibility and Requirements**

- Hold a law degree and have demonstrated experience or interest in international human rights law.
- Submit an unpublished legal article/paper written in English or Spanish, written solely by the candidate.
- Articles must not exceed 35 pages in length, including footnotes, double spaced, and using 12-point Times New Roman font.

- Articles can only be submitted via email to [hrcademy@wcl.american.edu](mailto:hrcademy@wcl.american.edu) in Microsoft Word format
- The deadline to submit articles is February 1, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. EST.
- Winners will be announced on April 1, 2008 through our website:

A comprehensive list of rules: [www.wcl.american.edu/hrcademy/2008/hreward.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/hrcademy/2008/hreward.cfm)

\*Scholarship is to attend for a Certificate of Attendance and not for ABA Credit

\*\*Subject to restrictions.

## CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

### *CENTER ANNOUNCEMENTS*

#### **PARTICIPATE IN THE HOMELESSNESS AND THE LAW 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.

Currently, an ELP is being formed around the issue of homelessness and the law. If you are interested in helping to plan or participate in this ELP, please contact Allison Sherrier at [as1504a@american.edu](mailto:as1504a@american.edu). If you are interested in planning or participating in an ELP and you have your own idea, please contact the Center at [humlaw@wcl.american.edu](mailto: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](mailto:chief_hrbrief@wcl.american.edu). To consult the submission guidelines, please go to: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/hrbrief/>.

**WANT A TASTE OF HUMAN RIGHTS? JOIN US FOR "MUNCHING ON HUMAN RIGHTS"!**

**September 11, 12-1:20pm, Rm. 402**

Interested in human rights but stuck studying civil procedure and torts? Munching on Human Rights is an introductory program designed to educate and engage students, especially 1Ls, about basic issues in international human rights and humanitarian law. Held once a month during the fall semester, Munching gives you a great opportunity to informally interact with WCL's internationally-known faculty and get a "taste" of international law. Please join us on September 11th for an introduction to human rights with Hadar Harris, Executive Director, Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, discussing *What Do You Mean When You Say "Human Rights?"* All students are welcome. Lunch will be served.

**TEACHING GENDER AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE NORTHWEST FRONTIER PROVINCE (PAKISTAN)**

**September 19, 12-1:20pm, 6th Fl. Student Lounge**

Join us for an interesting discussion with Professor Anoosh Khan from the University of Peshawar as she addresses the topic of teaching gender and the law in Pakistan's Northwest Frontier Province. Professor Khan is part of a delegation of two professors from the University of Peshawar in Pakistan who are International Visiting Scholars at WCL for the fall semester. The two professors are visiting WCL as part of a collaborative project with the University of Peshawar (Pakistan) focused on building capacity within the University of Peshawar (Pakistan) law faculty regarding its human rights program. For additional information, please contact the Center at [humlaw@wcl.american.edu](mailto:humlaw@wcl.american.edu) or at 202-274-4180.

**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>

**EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

Room 413 (202) 274-4200

[www.wcl.american.edu/externship](http://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](mailto:externship@wcl.american.edu)

Avis Sanders, Director; Gregory Seidell, Program Assistant

**Fall 2007 Externs:**

All students receiving externship credit must be registered for an externship seminar (LAW-769) and the 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. Students who do not register for their fieldwork components, and have not contacted our office regarding the delay, may be precluded from receiving externship credit for their placements.

**ILs:**

Informational workshops will be held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> (Sections 1 and 4) and October 31<sup>st</sup> (Sections 2 and 3). Lunch will be served. Please watch the Docket for details.

**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.

**SPRING EXTERNSHIPS**

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

**INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION PROGRAM**

**Interested in International Arbitration?**

**Take advantage of this unique networking opportunity!** A group of renowned practitioners and arbitrators scheduled to visit WCL this fall in the Fourth Annual Seminar on International Commercial Arbitration: *How to Handle Oil and Gas Industry Cases* which will take place October 9-12, 2007.

The Annual Seminar is a four-day intensive program that uses a mock case as a tool for providing practitioners with skills, strategies, and tactics for successfully conducting arbitration cases. On this occasion, the seminar will feature sessions that are primarily from the perspective of the Rules of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce.

The Seminar is co-sponsored by the American Arbitration Association (AAA); International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID); and International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). Cooperating institutions include: American Bar Association (ABA) Section of Dispute Resolution; ASIL Dispute Resolution Interest Group; International Dispute Resolution Committee of the DC Bar; and U.S. – Mexico Bar Association. Media Partners include TDM and Global Arbitration Review.

**A Limited Number of Scholarships Available to WCL Students!**

The International Arbitration Program will award scholarships to 2 WCL students to participate in the seminar. The scholarship consists of the seminar fee which includes materials, breakfasts, lunches, the opening dinner, and closing reception. Upon completion of the seminar a Certificate of Attendance will be presented.

To qualify for the scholarship you must:

- 1) Be currently enrolled as a WCL student (JD, LLM, or SJD).

- 2) Have experience or exposure in at least 2 of the following fields: Arbitration, Dispute Resolution, Business/Oil and Gas Law.
- 3) Demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career in arbitration.

**To Apply:**

Submit complete contact information, a cover letter, and curriculum vitae to [arbitration@wcl.american.edu](mailto:arbitration@wcl.american.edu) by close of business **Monday, September 10, 2007**.

For more information, please visit our webpage at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/arbitration/>

**Thinking About Spending a Semester Abroad? Apply by October 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.wcl.american.edu/studyabroad) or contact us at [grants-programs@wcl.american.edu](mailto:grants-programs@wcl.american.edu)

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Saturday – Sunday 9:00 am -12:00 am

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**Did you know that Hein Online has MUCH more than the full text of over 900 legal periodicals?** It now also contains the full text of the Federal Register back to 1936, an extensive U.S. Treaties and Agreements Library, and several hundred Legal Classics that range in date from the 15<sup>th</sup> century to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, among other collections.

Access this database from the Library webpage at

[http://library.wcl.american.edu/resources/research\\_tools.cfm](http://library.wcl.american.edu/resources/research_tools.cfm) . Questions? Contact a reference librarian at [relib@wcl.american.edu](mailto:relib@wcl.american.edu) .

**ATTENTION ALL NEW WCL STUDENTS! BE SURE TO REGISTER YOUR WESTLAW AND LEXIS PASSWORDS OR YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO**

**TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF ONLINE TRAINING OFFERED IN OCTOBER.** Lexis registration is at [www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool/register](http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool/register); Westlaw registration is at <http://lawschool.westlaw.com>. If you have misplaced the one you received at Orientation, pick up another one at the Reference Desk. Questions? Contact a Ripple Weistling, Reference and Electronic Services Librarian at [rweistling@wcl.american.edu](mailto:rweistling@wcl.american.edu).

**The Pence Law Library is looking for a few good law students** to work at the Circulation desk and at other positions in the library. Work up to 20 hours a week in various schedules and learn while you earn. Email your resume and a short note detailing your interest to John Smith at [jasmith@wcl.american.edu](mailto:jasmith@wcl.american.edu). Part-time first year and upper level students with library experience preferred.

**Please be a good library citizen and keep your personal conversations in the Library to a minimum and set your cell phone to vibrate. Your fellow students are studying! Use one of our 14 group study rooms for collaborative learning and conversations; you can sign up for one at the Circulation Desk with your ID.** Coming soon are online reservations for group study rooms – watch the Docket for additional information.

## WOMEN AND THE LAW PROGRAM

Event:

**What Do You Do if You Don't Want to Litigate?**

**An Introduction to Transactional Lawyering**

With Prof. Heather Hughes

**Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**

**12:00- 12:50, Room 526**

Sponsored by The Women and the Law Program, the Office of Career and Professional Development, the Women's Law Association and the Business Law Society

- Come for an informal discussion about career choices in transactional law and learn about what transactional attorneys actually do.
- Learn about transactional pro bono work and hear about volunteer opportunities in transactional pro bono work.

**RSVP to [wilp@wcl.american.edu](mailto:wilp@wcl.american.edu); lunch will be served!**

## STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

The next regularly-scheduled **SBA Senate meeting** of the year will be on **Tuesday, Sept 11 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](mailto:sbaprotemp@wcl.american.edu) no later than 5 PM on Sunday, September 9. 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.

Organizations requesting additional funds should also contact the SBA Finance Committee at [sbafinance@wcl.american.edu](mailto:sbafinance@wcl.american.edu).

**Senate Student Services Committee meeting at 9:20pm on Tuesday, September 11, 2007 in the SBA lounge.**

### **Action for Human Rights**

#### **Interested in Human Rights Activism?**

Join Action for Human Rights and STAND (Students Taking Action Now: Darfur) for lunch next **Wednesday, September 12 at 12:30**. We will be discussing upcoming events and brainstorming for new activities. We want your ideas and input!

Room TBA

### **American University Law Review**

**Joint Journal Long Write-On Competition Mandatory Meeting - NOTE THE ROOM CHANGE: NOW MEETING IN ROOM 401.** This fall, the four journals are hosting the 2007 Joint Journal Long Write-On Competition. All full-time 2L and evening 2L & 3L students who have not previously participated in long write-on are eligible for the competition. Interested students must attend a mandatory introductory session to be held on **Monday, September 10, at 10:15pm in Room 401**. You must sign the long write-on competition sheet posted on the American University Law Review's door by 5pm on September 10th, if you plan to attend the meeting. We will discuss the rules of the competition, hand out information, and answer any questions. If you have concerns prior to this meeting, please contact Jasmine Watson, Senior Symposium Editor, American University Law Review, at [lawrev-projects-editor@wcl.american.edu](mailto:lawrev-projects-editor@wcl.american.edu).

### **Criminal Law Society**

**Introductory CLS Meeting: Thursday, September 13 from 12:00- 1:00pm in rm 524.**

Come meet the members of the Criminal Law Society in our Introductory meeting. We will discuss upcoming events for the semester as well as how to become more involved in the Society. Food and Beverages will be served. We hope to see you there! For more info about the Criminal Law Society as well as a list of events please see our website at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/org/criminal/>. If you are interested in joining our listserv or have questions or comments regarding the Society, please email us at

[Crimls@wcl.american.edu](mailto:Crimls@wcl.american.edu)

### **Energy Law Society**

**General Information Meetings-** Interested in energy law? The Energy Law Society will hold two general information meetings on Monday, September 10, during which we will introduce the Energy Law Society leaders and discuss our goals and events for the fall semester. Please join us if you are interested in how to get involved in Energy Law Society activities, the events we have planned, or if you have questions about energy law opportunities at WCL. All are welcome. To accommodate both day and evening students, we will meet on **September 10 at 3:00pm in rm 524 and at 8:00pm in rm 401**. **\*\*Refreshments will be provided.\*\*** If you have any questions please contact: Andrew Elligers ([aelligers@hotmail.com](mailto:aelligers@hotmail.com)), Scott Johnson ([scottdjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:scottdjohnson@gmail.com)), or Benjamin Nussdorf ([benjamin\\_nussdorf@yahoo.com](mailto:benjamin_nussdorf@yahoo.com)). Hope to see you there.

## **LaLSA**

**Introduction Meeting: September 12th 5:00pm outside Room 402.**

### **Law Students for Reproductive Justice**

**WACDTF Training -Tuesday, September 11, 5-7pm, JD Student Lounge (behind the cafeteria on the 6th floor).** We will be holding an informational training session with the Washington Area Clinic Defense Task Force that will teach you all you need to know about their volunteer opportunities. The Washington Area Clinic Defense Task Force is an all-volunteer, non-violent group founded in the 1980s to promote peaceful and safe access to women's health clinics in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. Many protesters still try to intimidate or harass anyone who provides or uses services at reproductive health clinics. WACDTF helps counter these protesters' acts of harassment, picketing, and vandalism at clinics so that they remain open and accessible for all women. WACDTF escorts at the invitation of clinic owners and in cooperation with local law enforcement. Dinner will be provided.

### **Moot Court Honor Society**

The WCL Moot Court Honor Society is seeking applicants for two open positions on the Moot Court Executive Board. Membership on the Executive Board helps to ensure that the Honor Society functions smoothly and efficiently. All Executive Board members receive two academic credits for their participation.

#### **The following positions are available:**

**Spring Qualifying Competition Co-Director:** The SQT Co-Director will organize and coordinate all aspects of the Spring Qualifying Tournament, the tournament through which students are selected for team membership. The tournament is held in February. Duties include: drafting of competition bylaws, advertising the competition to the law school community, providing information and resources to students participating in the competition, selecting an appropriate hypothetical problem for competitors, developing and overseeing the system by which performance will be measured and new team members will be selected and management of all details relating to the efficient management of the competition itself. Due to the nature of this position, only 2Ls and 3Ls who are not planning on participating in this year's SQT are eligible to apply.

**High School Competition Problem Co-Drafter:** The HS Problem Co-Drafter is responsible for creating an original problem based on First or Fourth Amendment law for use in our annual High School Moot Court Competition, in which high school students from around the country compete. The High School Competition is held in March, and the problem must be drafted by January of 2008.

If you are interested in either of these positions, please send a resume and a letter of intent to Erin Overturf, President of the Moot Court Honor Society at [erinoverurf@gmail.com](mailto:erinoverurf@gmail.com) no later than 8pm on Monday, September 10th. The letter of intent should specify which positions you are interested in applying for, as well as your other time commitments for the academic year, including clinic participation, employment, and credit load.

Additionally, if you have any questions regarding the nature of the positions, or their full responsibilities, please contact Erin.

### **Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity**

Want to learn more about the oldest most prestigious legal fraternity in North America? Join the John F. Kennedy Jr. Inn of Phi Delta Phi for our **General Interest Meeting on Tuesday, September 11 at 12:30 pm in rm 524 and again at 8:00 pm.**

Membership in Phi Delta Phi offers many benefits including opportunities to participate in social -- as well as professional -- activities and functions! Our initiates join the ranks of Presidents and Supreme Court Justices, political figures and legal giants in the United States, Canada, Mexico and Eastern Europe. No other legal fraternity can offer the full range of benefits that come with membership in Phi Delta Phi.

### **South Asian Law Students Society**

**Introductory SALSA Meetings: Two Different times: Tuesday, September 11, rm 401 at 12pm AND 5:30pm in rm 601.** Come meet the board, other SALSA members and find out about our plans for the semester including a mentorship program with SABA-DC, movie nights, guest speakers, networking events, getting involved in the DC-South Asian community, and lots more. Food and drinks will be served. We're looking forward to a great year! Contact: Chandana- salsa.eboard08@gmail.com

## IN SEARCH OF

**Research Assistant Needed to work with Dean Claudio Grossman and Agustina Del Campo** Please see under Office of the Dean.

**The Assistant Director for International Career Programs at OCPD** is seeking a Dean's Fellow for the fall semester. Please see under Office of Career & Professional Development.

**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 (starting now – 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. The shifts available are Wednesdays from 9am-1pm and Fridays from 9:30am – 3pm. 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](mailto: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 Civil Practice Clinic** is seeking two additional dean's fellows to assist in clinic simulations and in ongoing clinic representation. Hours are flexible up to 20 hours per

week. Contact Professor David Chavkin at [dchavkin@wcl.american.edu](mailto:dchavkin@wcl.american.edu) or 202-274-4168.

**The Clinical Program** is seeking volunteers to assist student attorneys with interpretation/translation and simulation role-playing. If you would like to be available as a volunteer in the clinic, please see Maribel Yamat in Room 417 to fill out the appropriate forms. If you have questions, you can contact her at [myamat@wcl.american.edu](mailto: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 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, unofficial copy of law school transcript, and brief writing sample in our office mailbox in Room 465 by Tuesday, September 11. Questions can be directed to Aurora Carmichael at [grants-programs@wcl.american.edu](mailto:grants-programs@wcl.american.edu) or (202) 274-4317. Prior office experience 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](mailto: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](mailto:jamiej@wcl.american.edu) or 202-274-4056 for more information.

**Fellowship in Health Policy & Legislative Work: The 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. The stipend is \$2500; a second year student is preferred but not required. 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 may affect kidney patients. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to Preston Englert at [penglert@kidneywdc.org](mailto:penglert@kidneywdc.org).

**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 students interested collaborating in a 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 original versions in either Spanish or 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. If you are interested in applying and you can dedicate a minimum of 5 hours each week to the project, please send a cover letter and your resume to [hracademy@wcl.american.edu](mailto:hracademy@wcl.american.edu) indicating "Oxford Volunteer Fall 2007" in the subject line.

**13<sup>th</sup> Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition**- This is the only trilingual (English, Spanish & Portuguese) moot court competition in the world focusing on the Inter-American Human Rights legal system. Each May the Competition brings together over 200 students from all over the world. The Competition involves a large number of prominent attorneys, volunteer judges, and experts from the Inter-American Commission and Court of Human Rights. Participants attend social events, training opportunities, and site visits to international organizations. Volunteers are needed to communicate with participants, recruit judges, research the Bench Memorandum and plan the various events of the Competition. You do not need to speak Spanish or Portuguese to volunteer, but if you do then it's a plus. If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email to [iamoot@wcl.american.edu](mailto:iamoot@wcl.american.edu) or call 202-274-4215. For more on the Competition, visit our website at [www.wcl.american.edu/hracademy/mcourt](http://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. Volunteers 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](mailto:cmartin@wcl.american.edu) indicating "Volunteer Fall 2007" in the subject line.

## ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### שנה טובה

Professor Guttman wishes to extend to all his co-religionists New Year greetings for a Healthy, Peaceful and Successful Year 5768. May you be inscribed and sealed into the Book of Life.

לשנה טובה תכתבו [תכתבנה] ותחתמו [ותחתמנה]  
לאתר, לחיים ולשלום  
שנת אושר ועושר

**Join the American Law Women's Basketball Team-** Registration for the "Get in the Game" DC Lady Lawyers Fall Basketball League ends this Friday, and the American Law team is saving a spot for you! The league will tip-off on Wednesday, September 12th and will run through November 14th. Games will be played on Wednesday nights from 7:00 to 11:00pm at the new gym at the Georgetown Law Center, which is conveniently located between Judiciary Square and Union Station on Metro's red line <http://www.law.georgetown.edu/fitness/>. The cost to play is \$75 and the fees cover at least eight games, t-shirts, gym rental and the cost of referees. We look forward to seeing some new faces this fall, so come on out to play! The more the merrier, so spread the word to your friends, colleagues, and classmates. For more information about the DC Lady Lawyer League and to sign up for the Fall Basketball League, go to <http://www.getinthegamehoops.org/events.asp?id=14>

**Westlaw** will hold training for 2Ls and 3Ls on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Trainings include Clinic Preparation; Job Search and Interview Preparation; and Using West Headnote and KeyNumber System. All trainings are worth 250 WestlawRewards points. Students may register at [www.lawschool.westlaw.com](http://www.lawschool.westlaw.com), or email Kristen with questions at [kristen.knepper@thomson.com](mailto:kristen.knepper@thomson.com).

**The APABA-DC 2007 Installation Dinner Wednesday September 26, 2007** Keynote Speaker: The Honorable Ricardo M. Urbina, United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Swearing-in Ceremony: The Honorable Eric T. Washington, Chief Judge, The District of Columbia Court of Appeals National Press Club (529 14th Street, NW, 13th Floor – Corner of 14th & F Streets near Metro Center) 6:00 pm – registration & cocktails 6:45 pm – dinner \$25 for students \$55 for public interest and government attorneys \$75 for all others Cash bar Please RSVP by September 19, 2007 to Rosy Lor at [rosylor@yahoo.com](mailto:rosylor@yahoo.com). **Make checks to “APABA-DC” and mail by September 19, 2007 to:** Rosy Lor, President-Elect 2007-08 3064 Bel Pre Road, #302 Silver Spring, MD 20906 (703) 403-8221 [rosylor@yahoo.com](mailto:rosylor@yahoo.com)

## 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  
1<sup>st</sup> 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**

**Are You Interested in Private International Law in the US or Abroad?** Please join us for a presentation by Professor Matthew Wilson, an international attorney and international law professor, who will discuss strategies that law students should consider during law school to obtain experience in transnational or international legal matters and tips on identifying opportunities both domestically or overseas.

**Monday, September 10 at Noon – Room TBA**

*Pizza will be served.*

**Registration is required – please RSVP under the Events section of CareerLink.**

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**The Assistant Director for International Career Programs at OCPD is seeking 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](mailto: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!*

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**PUBLIC INTEREST & GOVERNMENT**

**ATTN: 2LS & 3LS INTERESTED IN GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT**

Several federal and state government employers are participating in Week 8 of our Fall Recruitment Program, including the **Food and Drug Administration (FDA)** and the **Federal Communications Commission (FCC)**. Be sure you log on to CareerLink and select the appropriate week from the drop-down menu to view participating employers. Week 8 application deadline is Monday, September 10 at 11:59pm.

**Calling All Public Interest Students: 2007 Equal Justice Works Career Fair & Conference Registration Now Open!**

The 2007 EJW Career Fair will be held on October 6 & 7 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC. Student registration is

now open. Please go to the EJW website, [www.equaljusticeworks.org](http://www.equaljusticeworks.org) to register. 2Ls and 3Ls seeking interviews with employers should submit application materials directly to employers by **September 14**. A list of participating employers including available positions is available at the EJW website. 1Ls are also permitted to participate in the table talk portion of the event, but not permitted to interview.

**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](http://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.idealist.org](http://www.idealist.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](http://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.

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### **JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS & INTERNSHIPS**

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

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 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.

Contact Shelley Rudge, Judicial Clerkship Coordinator, at [serudge@wcl.american.edu](mailto:serudge@wcl.american.edu) to schedule an individual counseling appointment.

**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

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

**Paths to Success: What the DC Metro APA Legal Community Can Offer** is an opportunity for 1Ls, 2L transfer students and any other interested student to meet leaders of APA organizations from the Washington, DC metropolitan area who will give advice on succeeding in law school. Also meet local alumni from WCL and sign up for an attorney mentor. The program will be held September 27 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00pm at Hogan & Hartson, 555 13th Street NW (Metro Center). Sponsored by the Asian Pacific American Bar Association Educational Fund. For more information, e-mail George Wu at [georgewu@gmail.com](mailto:georgewu@gmail.com) or Taron Murakami at [tmurakami@gmail.com](mailto:tmurakami@gmail.com).

**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**. 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 JD 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](http://www.kslaw.com) for an application. Applications must be received by **October 1**.

**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. 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. Visit [www.lw.com/AboutLatham.aspx?page=Diversity](http://www.lw.com/AboutLatham.aspx?page=Diversity) 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**. First-year law students must submit applications between **December 1 and 15**. 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](http://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 the "Events" tab on CareerLink for job fairs, receptions and other networking opportunities.**

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

## **International Student Interview Program (ISIP)- NYU Job Fair for LL.M.**

**Students: *It is time to prepare!***

### **What is ISIP 2008?**

Every year in January, the New York University (NYU) organizes a job fair for **international** LL.M. and S.J.D. students. Law firms, corporations, and international institutions will interview students for jobs and internships abroad and in the United States. Registration for ISIP 2008 is open during the month of September 2007 and WCL is offering two information sessions to teach you how to register and participate in the program:

- **1<sup>st</sup> ISIP Information Session:** Thursday, September 6, from 4:00pm to 5:00pm- Room 527. Coffee and refreshments will be served.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> ISIP Information Session:** Friday, September 7, from 12:00pm-1:30pm- Room 527. Pizza will be served to registered students only.

Information about ISIP 2008, participating employers and details about the program will be given during these sessions. All students interested in taking part in ISIP 2008 should attend one of these two sessions. All foreign-trained LL.M. and S.J.D. students are welcome to attend.

Students are welcome to bring laptops to facilitate the registration process.

**Please register for one of the two ISIP 2008 information sessions listed above:** send an email to [avito@wcl.american.edu](mailto:avito@wcl.american.edu) indicating your full name and which session you chose to attend.

### **Prepare Your Resume for ISIP 2008: Resume and Cover Letter Workshop for Foreign Attorneys - all foreign attorneys encouraged to attend Friday, September 7, from 10:00am to 12:00pm – Room TBA**

Attention all foreign LL.M. students: if you wish to participate in ISIP 2008 (NYU Job Fair) you must attend a resume workshop to work on your resume drafts before the end of September 2007. Please RSVP by email to [avito@wcl.american.edu](mailto:avito@wcl.american.edu) with your full name and country of origin if you wish to attend this session. The room number will be sent to you with your RSVP confirmation.

### **After you attend the Basic Resume and Cover Letter Workshop, use this tool:**

**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 WCL.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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**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](mailto: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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**Adriana Vito**

Foreign-trained LL.M. students and alumni

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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 September 10**

**Monday, September 10**

12pm, rsvp [cegomes@wcl.american.edu](mailto:cegomes@wcl.american.edu), **Equal Justice Works Fellowship Workshop for 3Ls**

3pm, rm 524, **Energy Law Society General Information Meetings**

5-6 pm, rsvp [angelad@wcl.american.edu](mailto:angelad@wcl.american.edu), **Soros Criminal Justice Fellowship Information Session**

8pm, rm 401, **Energy Law Society General Information Meetings**

10:15pm, rm 401, **Joint Journal Long Write-On Competition Mandatory Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 11**

12-1:20pm, rm. 402, **"Munching On Human Rights"**

12pm, rm 401, **Introductory SALSA Meeting**

12:30pm, rm 524, **Phi Delta Phi General Interest Meeting**

5-7pm, 6th floor stu lge, **Law Students for Reproductive Choice WACDTF Training**

5:30pm, rm 601, **Introductory SALSA Meeting**

8pm, rm 524, **Phi Delta Phi General Interest Meeting**

9:20pm, SBA lounge, **Senate Student Services Committee meeting**

10:10pm, rm 101, **SBA Senate meeting**

**Wednesday, September 12**

12-12:50pm, rm 526, **An Introduction to Transactional Lawyering**

12:30pm, [kamecca@gmail.com](mailto:kamecca@gmail.com), **Interested in Human Rights Activism? lunch**

5pm, outside rm 402, **LaLSA Introduction Meeting**

**Thursday, September 13**

12-1pm, rm 524, **Introductory Criminal Law Society Meeting**