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The Docket is also accessible at www.wcl.american.edu/docket/

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

E-mail: 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, 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 STUDENT SERVICES

Suite 300

studentaffairs@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>

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

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. The reception will be held at the home of BAA secretary Ms. Jacqueline Jackson, 1990 Shepherd St. N.W. 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
- Asian Pacific American Bar Association (APABA)-DC Women’s Forum event—September 20
- APABA “Paths to Success” event—September 27
- Hispanic Heritage Month flyer
- Diversity Conference flyer
- 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

IMPORTANT NOTICE – GRAD PLUS BORROWERS

Federal Graduate PLUS loan repayment information

As established by federal regulations, Graduate PLUS loans enter repayment immediately after the final disbursement of a loan period. The law allows lenders, guarantors, and other entities that service loans to provide deferment for Graduate PLUS loans and set up their individual processes for doing so. The lenders that provide most of the funding to WCL students have been contacted for deferment information. **The following have an automatic in-school deferment process and require no action by the borrower.**

- Access Group
- AMS/Sallie Mae
- Bank of America
- Citibank
- Key Education Resources
- Student Loan Xpress
- Wachovia Education Finance

Not all lenders provide an automatic in-school deferment. If you borrowed through a lender not listed, contact your lender about its policy. Check with the office if you have questions regarding this notice.

Disbursements

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

Dean Fellow/Mussey-Gillette Fellows

Dean’s Fellows and Mussey-Gillette are paid twice during the semester. The first paycheck will be issued September 28, the second November 30. Appointments received after the September 12 cut-off will be processed for November payment.

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

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST

Suite 122 - Phone: 202-274-4099 - Email: 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. Leave the subject line blank, and in the body of the message, type “subscribe pi_wcl” without the quotes.

Attention 3Ls - Applications for the Women’s Law and Public Policy Fellowship Due Friday, November 2: The Women’s Law and Public Policy Fellowship Program provides several 1-year postgraduate fellowships to law graduates seeking careers in women’s rights advocacy. The application form is available online at <http://www.wlppfp.org/app/>. If you are planning to apply for the fellowship and would like to schedule an appointment to discuss the application and selection process, contact Charlene Gomes, Public Interest Coordinator (and former Program Director of the Women’s Law and Public Policy Fellowship) at cegomes@wcl.american.edu.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:

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.

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 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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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 or go to <http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/planning.cfm> to download a copy of the program planning guide.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

September 17: Constitution Day: Upholding the Constitution in the Twenty-First Century: The Role of Everybody

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

FOR FULL DETAILS, PLEASE GO TO WWW.WCL.AMERICAN.EDU/SECLE OR EMAIL SECLE@WCL.AMERICAN.EDU

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATES!

OCTOBER

October 1-5: International Week

October 3: Eighth Annual Human Rights Film Series: Encounter Point

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:** **Connecting Women, Effecting Change: the Second Annual D.C. Women's Networking Event, hosted by the Women's Law Association**
- 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**
- October 17:** **Eighth Annual Human Rights Film Series: Devil's Miner**
- October 23:** **Trial Advocacy Conference**
- October 24:** **Investment Arbitration in Latin America**
- October 24:** **Eighth Annual Human Rights Film Series: The Refugee All Stars**
- October 25:** **Live Videoconference from the Securities and Exchange Commission, cosponsored with the ABA**
- October 25:** **J. Thomas McCarthy – 3rd Annual Finnegan and Henderson Distinguished Lecture on Intellectual Property**
- October 26:** **American Constitution Society Conference on Prosecutorial Power**
- October 26:** **11th Annual SBA Golf Tournament**

**[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 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

*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 Events

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

Wednesday, September 19, 12-1:20pm, 6th Floor 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 or at 202-274-4180.

GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY! ENJOY COFFEE, DONUTS AND BAGELS AT THE ACTION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS COFFEE HOUR!

Wednesday, September 19th, 5:00-6:00pm, 6th Floor Student Lounge

Action for Human Rights sponsors coffee hours for students, faculty and staff interested in human rights to come and share fair trade coffee and tea, bagels and donuts, ideas and inspiration. The Coffee Hours provide a forum for announcements, recruitment, campaign information – and a great place to get to know others interested in human rights. Come join us throughout the semester in the new and improved 6th floor Student Lounge (behind the cafeteria). Everyone is welcome, and the coffee is delicious! **AHR is trying to make Coffee Hour as eco-friendly as possible and is selling \$5 “Human Rights Begin with Breakfast” mugs!** For more information, or to get involved in human rights activism at WCL, please email Ian Harris at socialution@gmail.com.

Center Announcements

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

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:

Make sure you are registered for both LAW-769 and LAW-899 on your schedule. If you are not registered properly, you may be precluded from receiving academic credit.

1Ls:

Informational workshops will be held on October 22nd (Sections 1 and 4) and October 31st (Sections 2 and 3). Section 5 students may attend either workshop. 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 JD DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMS

Legal Education for the World

INTERESTED IN AN INTERNATIONAL LAW CAREER OR IN PRACTICING LAW ABROAD?

CANADA: JD/LL.B.

This program is offered jointly by WCL and the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law, Common Law Section. Students from both institutions enroll in a unique JD/LL.B. dual degree program. The goal of this program is to prepare students in the Canadian and American legal systems, provide them with more opportunities to practice law and give them a comparative understanding of the common law system.

SPAIN: JD / LICENCIATURA EN DERECHO

WCL currently offers two dual degree programs in Madrid, Spain. Students can receive their dual degree J.D/Licenciatura en Derecho from either la Universidad Carlos III or Universidad Alfonso X El Sabio. Graduates from these programs will have full understanding of the law as developed and practiced both in the United States and in Spain, will be prepared to work in different legal areas in both countries, and eventually in other countries of the European Union.

FRANCE: JD/Master I/Master II

Dual degree program offered jointly by the Washington College of Law and the University of Paris X-Nanterre (UPX) in Paris, France. Students enrolled in the JD/Master I/Master II will be prepared to understand and work in the continental legal system used in most of Europe, Latin America, Asia and Africa.

The Programs:

- Students will spend two years at WCL and two years at the host institution.
- These programs are open to first year WCL students in good academic standing.
- For the programs in France and Spain, student must have excellent written and oral French and Spanish skills, respectively. **Students who are interested in applying for the Spain programs must take the DELE examination this coming November. The application deadline for this exam is October 12, 2007.** The 'Diplomas de Español como Lengua Extranjera (DELE)', issued by the Instituto Cervantes on behalf of the Spanish Ministry for Education and Science, are official qualifications accrediting levels of competence and command of the Spanish language. For more information visit <http://diplomas.cervantes.es/candidatos/inscripcion.jsp> and contact the program director Macarena Saez via email or telephone.
- Students must apply during their first year at WCL to start the programs abroad during their third year of law school. Once accepted into the program, no further application to the host institution is necessary.
- The application deadline for these programs is **January 28, 2008.**

For more information contact Macarena Saez at (202)-274-4388 or by email at msaez@wcl.american.edu. You may also visit our website: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/dualdegree>

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.

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 15th century to the early 20th century, among other collections. Access this database from the Library webpage at http://library.wcl.american.edu/resources/research_tools.cfm . Questions? Contact a reference librarian at relib@wcl.american.edu .

The Library is aware that some carrels do not have functioning power outlets. This project is on our repair list and will be completed as soon as possible. Power outlets are available in Room 103 in the Library and you may always use that room when there is no class in session.

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; 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 Ripple Weistling, Reference and Electronic Services Librarian at rweistling@wcl.american.edu.

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. Need an absolute quiet place to study? Use the Quiet Study Room of the first floor of the Library.

Do not leave your laptop or any valuable personal item unattended on a Library table or carrel for any period of time. Unclaimed items found by the Library staff may be retrieved from the Security Desk.

WOMEN AND THE LAW PROGRAM

Teaching Gender and Human Rights in the Northwest Frontier Province (Pakistan)

**Wednesday, September 19th
12:00-1:20pm
International Student Lounge, 6th Floor**

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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 human rights capacity within their University.

Sponsored by: American University Washington College of Law Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and Women & International Law Program

For more information contact wilp@wcl.american.edu or 202-274-4089.

Refreshments will be served!

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

The next regularly-scheduled SBA Senate meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, Sept 25 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, September 23. The email must include what you wish to address, as well as a copy of any documents you wish to present at the meeting. Agenda items will NOT be accepted after the deadline, to ensure that the Senate has adequate time to review them prior to the meeting. SBA Senate meetings are open to the public, and all students are encouraged to attend.

Please note:

1) Organizations requesting funding should contact the SBA Finance Committee at sbafinance@wcl.american.edu. 2) Organizations requesting more than \$500 of additional funds for a particular expenditure must attend the SBA Senate meeting for approval. 3) The Senate President Pro-Tempore must be notified of ALL agenda items, even those postponed from prior meetings. 4) Senate committee meetings may be announced via the SBA TWEN site. Students are encouraged to subscribe to the site to receive important notices.

Action for Human Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS HOUR, Wednesday, September 19th, 6th Floor Student Lounge, 5-6 PM JOIN WCL STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND FRIENDS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, CAFFEINE (Coffee + Argentine Mate), SWEETS, AND MIDDLE EASTERN

FARE! Meet great people interested in human rights! Get the scoop on all the upcoming opportunities to get involved in human rights as students, staff, and professors announce upcoming events at 5:30pm. Everyone is welcome! Bring your friends! Co-Sponsored by The Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

American Law Revue

Calling all theatre geeks who will soon be lawyers!

American Law Revue is starting its Annual Open Call for applicants to its Creative Board. We have the following positions wide open for the coming year:

1. DIRECTOR

- in charge of all final creative and technical decisions related to the show
- will work closely with the Executive Board
- needs some directorial experience, experience that demonstrates ability to work well with large groups and to make decisions under stressful conditions.

2. MUSIC DIRECTOR

- in charge of creative and technical decisions related specifically to the music component of the show
- will acquire any and all instrumentalists required by the script and Director and will teach/direct the vast majority of the numbers
- needs some experience with teaching vocal technique, experience that demonstrates an ability to work with various skill levels.

3. ASSISTANT WRITERS

- will help the Head Writer, Matt Trumbull as necessary on specific scenes or songs.
- need a creative spirit and a willingness to help!

4. CHOREOGRAPHERS

- will work on assigned numbers (usually up to 3 or 4) under the oversight of the Director
- needs experience in any number of dance forms, should also exhibit a willingness to work with many skill levels.

5. ASSISTANT DIRECTORS

- will work with the Director as needed on specific scenes and/or songs.

6. DESIGN & PUBLICITY

- will work with the Producer, Eleni Theodosiou-Pisanelli, on the design for posters, tickets, and any other promotional materials
- needs experience with computer based design, a creative spirit, and a relatively small time commitment exclusively in the Spring.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please send an email to Heather Hardy at heather.k.hardy@gmail.com by Sept 23, 2007. Please include:

1. Your name
2. Your year in school (1L, 2L, 3L, 4L, LLM, etc)
3. Any relevant experience
4. A brief explanation of why you want to do the job and why you think you'd be good at it!

American University Law Review

WCL faculty, students, and staff are invited to attend the Law Review's annual symposium. This year's symposium is co-sponsored by the ACLU, is entitled "Left Out in the Cold? The Chilling of Speech, Association, and the Press," and will feature prominent professionals and academics specializing in national security and the First Amendment. The panelists will include Professor Erwin Chemerinsky, ACLU President Nadine Strossen, FBI General Counsel Valerie Caproni, Time Person of the Year Coleen Rowley, and New York Times Reporter Eric Lichtblau, among others. The symposium will be in 603 on Thursday & Friday, September 20-21. Please register to attend at http://www.wcl.american.edu/secl/cle_form.cfm.

Christian Legal Society

Representatives from Christian Legal Society National will discuss what it means to be a Christian lawyer and introduce students to the National Christian Legal Society.

Wednesday, September 19th, 12:00pm in Room 526 Lunch will be provided!

Criminal Law Brief

Criminal Law Brief will be having an information session for all students interested in being on Criminal Law Brief staff. The **information session is on Thursday September 20th from 12-1:00pm in room 526**. We will provide interested students with information about the brief and answer any questions you might have. Applications are available at <https://www.wcl.american.edu/journal/clb/>. If you have any questions please email us at CrimLawBrief@wcl.american.edu.

Equal Justice Foundation

EJF's Introductory Meetings: Tuesday, September 25 at 12:00pm AND at 5:30 pm

Interested in public interest? Learn how you can apply for a grant for this summer to work for a public interest organization and about getting involved with EJF.

Food and Drinks will be served. Location: TBA

Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy

Blasting Away at Gun Control Laws: Strategic Litigation to Advance Individual Rights. The WCL chapter of the Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy is pleased to welcome noted criminologist Don Kates for a talk on the ineffectiveness of gun control laws and strategic litigation to advance individuals' right to bear arms. The talk will be held on **September 18th, at 5PM in Room 601**.

Professor Kates is not a conservative or a libertarian but a liberal and a life-long member of the ACLU. While a student at Yale Law School, he spent the summer of 1963 well-armed and doing civil rights work in the South. Following law school, he spent two years working as a law clerk working on civil rights litigation for famed civil rights lawyer William Kunstler.

A retired professor of Constitutional Law and Criminal Law, he spent his first decade in practice providing legal services to the poor. He has taught at Stanford University, and spoken or lectured at Oxford University, the Australian Institute of Criminology and the Universities of Melbourne and Western Australia. In 2003 and 2004 he gave presentations on the human right to arms for defense against genocide to the UN Subcommittee on the Preservation of Human Rights in Geneva. He

notes that they were not receptive to the idea.

Among his other works are a seminal article on the Second Amendment published in 1983, and an empirical examination of the myth that more guns in a society results in a higher murder rate that was published this year in the Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy.

Most recently, Professor Kates served as an advisor to the counsel representing the plaintiffs in *Parker v. District of Columbia*, the recent D.C. Circuit case striking down D.C.'s draconian gun ban on Second Amendment grounds, and will be continuing in that role as the case is appealed to the Supreme Court. He is also working with the National Rifle Association to write Supreme Court Amici briefs for the case.

Islamic Legal Forum

September 19, 2007, 7pm Ramadan Lecture Series: Islamic Law 101

Join us in the International Student Lounge for dinner and a lecture with Najam Haider, Visiting Assistant Professor at Georgetown University. Please RSVP (zeenat.iqbal@american.edu) by noon on Tuesday, September 18.

Jewish Law Students Association

The Jewish Law Students Association will be traveling to Israel over winter break (December 24-January 6) to participate in The Israel Legal Trip along with other Jewish law students from the DC area. We will travel to the North, explore the South, learn about legal issues in Israel, explore the mystical and rational sides of Judaism, meet Israel's leaders and top policy makers, and meet Israeli law students. The cost of the trip (including airfare) is \$699 with a \$50 discount for those who sign up by October 1. To register, visit www.aishcampusdc.com/Israel or email JLSA@wcl.american.edu.

The Jewish Law Students Association wishes you a Happy New Year. We have High Holiday tickets available for the Hillel-run services. In addition, spaces are still available for the **JLSA Break-fast following Yom Kippur on Saturday, September 22**. Email jlsa@wcl.american.edu for more information and to reserve your spot.

Law Students For Reproductive Justice

CONSTITUTION APPROVAL AND BOARD MEMBER ELECTION

Wednesday, September 19, 2007 12:30-1pm Room 313

Moot Court Honor Society

National High School Competition- The Moot Court Honor Society is accepting applications for assistants who will be responsible for aiding competition directors with planning and coordinating the National High School Competition. The competition is specifically designed to allow high school students from across the country a chance to compete in a moot court setting. The competition directors are seeking 2-3 assistants. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in Moot Court, including 1Ls!! To apply,

please e-mail a resume and letter of interest to mootcourths@gmail.com . Applications are due by noon on Friday, Oct. 5.

Moot Court and Mock Trial Honor Societies

The Moot Court and Mock Trial Honor Societies are holding **informational meetings** for all students interested in joining the organizations. **The meetings will be held on Monday, September 17 and there will be three sessions, 12-1pm in room 602, 8:00 p.m. in room 401, and 10:10-11:00pm in the SBA Lounge.**

National Lawyers Guild

STUDENT DAY OF ACTION FOR THE JENA 6 Th 09/20/07, 12 noon, Room TBD

Thursday, September 20, 2007 is the National Lawyers Guild Student Day of Action in solidarity with six black high schoolers fighting Jim Crow styled charges of attempted murder and conspiracy. The WCL Guild Chapter and BLSA invite you to a discussion about the case and the local and national resistance it has mobilized.

About the Jena 6:

Last fall in Jena, the day after two Black high school students sat beneath the "white tree" on their campus, nooses were hung from the tree. When the superintendent dismissed the nooses as a "prank," more Black students sat under the tree in protest. The District Attorney then came to the school accompanied by the town's police and demanded that the students end their protest, telling them, "I can be your best friend or your worst enemy... I can take away your lives with a stroke of my pen."

A series of white-on-black incidents of violence followed, and the DA did nothing. But when a white student was beaten up in a schoolyard fight, the DA responded by charging six black students with attempted murder and conspiracy to commit murder.

It's a story that reads like one from the Jim Crow era, when judges, lawyers and all-white juries used the justice system to keep blacks in "their place." But it's happening today.

NLG "ALTERNATIVE RECEPTION" Th 09/20/07, 7pm at Asylum 2471 18th

Street, NW Washington, DC National Lawyers Guild (www.nlg.org) was founded in 1937 as the progressive alternative to the then-segregated American Bar Association.

Today thousands of lawyers, legal workers, and law students continue to fight for fundamental change in the structure of our political and economic system.

You're invited to come out to Asylum in Adams Morgan to get to know the WCL chapter of the Guild, find out how you can be active in the Guild and the community, and to meet cool progressives and radicals. It's cheap and fun and not in Dupont!

Poverty Law Society

What is Poverty Law? Tuesday, September 18, 2007. 12.00-1.00. Room 528.

Come hear professors and practitioners talk about what poverty law is, how they practice poverty law, and why they chose to practice poverty law. There will be time for questions and discussion. Sponsored by the Poverty Law Society. Lunch will be served. Contact

pls@wcl.american.edu if you have any questions.

IN SEARCH OF

Prof. David Aaronson is seeking a Dean's Fellow for 10-15 hours per week to provide research assistance on the topic of capital punishment and related sentencing issues. The student would review and update a section of a manuscript on Maryland Criminal Jury Instructions and Commentary (3rd edition). Both U.S. Supreme Court and Maryland cases are included. The ideal student has strong research and writing skills, an interest in the topic and, perhaps, specialized knowledge of some of the death penalty legal issues. 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.

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 or stop by Room 417. You may be able to receive credit for pro bono service with the public interest program.

The Office of Annual Giving, a fast-paced and friendly department, is seeking a Dean's Fellow for the fall semester or full academic year. The position involves 15-20 hours per week (flexible) of assistance in research, writing, and various administrative tasks in support of WCL's development efforts. Excellent writing, computer and interpersonal skills are required. JD (2L and 3L) and LL.M. students are eligible to apply. Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest detailing past experience, via email to annualgiving@wcl.american.edu. For further information contact Zavin Smith, Director of Annual Giving at x4054. Thank you.

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. Deadline extended: applications accepted until Friday, September 21, 2007. Only candidates selected for interviews will be contacted. *Thank you!*

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.

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,

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 \$2500.00 per semester; with an option of an additional \$2500.00 in the summer, if interested. 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> We will be in touch.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTERESTED IN AN INTERNATIONAL LAW CAREER OR IN PRACTICING LAW ABROAD? COME TO THE WCL STUDY ABROAD, SEMESTER AND DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMS INFO SESSION: **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19: 12:30 PM TO 1:30 PM. ROOM: TBA** For more information please contact: Macarena Saez (Dual Degree Programs Coordinator) msaez@wcl.american.edu Hilary Lappin (Semester Abroad) hlappin@wcl.american.edu

European Moot Court Competition- Those LLM's and JD's who are still interested in be part of the **European Moot Court Competition** there is a last opportunity to get into the team. We will have a seond **meeting next Thursday September 20th** (TBA). If you would like to attend send an email to berniber@hotmail.com in order to receive the materials for that meeting. Also it is important to visit the ELMC's web site. www.elmc.org !!! Don't lose this last chance!!!

Catholic Graduate & Law Student Meet-Greet-Eat! What: An informal opportunity to meet, greet, & eat with fellow Catholic graduate and law students at American University. This is an opportunity to get involved with your peers and foster a spirit of Catholic Christian unity and community among graduate and law students. A welcoming, relaxed environment in which to integrate our Catholic faith into their personal and professional lives. Who: All Graduate and Law students interested in involvement with your peers in the Catholic community When: Sunday, Sept. 16, 2007 after the 11 AM Mass in the Kay Spiritual Life Center Contact: Fr. David Mott, OP (priest@american.edu)

EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES- Due to the time required to obtain a security clearance for students working at an externship with the SEC, CFTC and Department of State, students wishing to participate at an externship at those agencies during the Spring 2008 Semester should forward their resume package as soon as possible. The agencies have indicated that they will be reviewing applications on a running time basis. Please apply as soon as possible. It is likely that applications received late may find that all positions have been filled.

C.F.T.C. Field Component-Law 785- Students who will have completed Business Associations and Securities Regulation by the end of the Fall semester of 2007 or who, having completed Business Associations by the end of the Fall semester 2007 and will be enrolling in Securities Regulations for the Spring 2008 Semester, are eligible to participate in a Field Component at the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Please submit your resume, a copy of your transcript, a list of subjects you intent to take in the Spring 2008 Semester, a writing sample and a cover letter as soon as possible to Professor Guttman=s mailbox in room 465 or to Carolyn Wright, his Sr. Legal Assistant in room 325. Two hundred and ten (210) hours of working with a staff attorney or an Administrative Law Judge at the Commission will earn three credits. There will also be a meeting with Professor Guttman on Tuesday of every second week, between 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

S.E.C. Student Observers Program (Field Component)-Law 784 - I would like to draw the attention of students who have completed Securities Regulation or are going to complete this course by the end of the Fall Semester 2007, that students so qualified can apply for participation for a **minimum** of three credits in the Field Component- S.E.C. Student Observers Program at the Securities and Exchange Commission for the Spring 2008 semester. [Law-784] Students will be expected to work a minimum of two hundred and ten hours (210) with an attorney on the staff of the Commission and will have to attend approximately nine seminars given by Commissioners, staff and outside counsel. (These meeting usually take place on a Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.) Students participating in this Student Observers Program also will have to enroll in an advanced securities law seminar, such as Regulation of Securities Markets, Mergers and Acquisitions, Seminar on Derivatives, etc. which enables students to earn additional credits.

Students should submit their resume, a copy of their transcript, a writing sample and a cover letter as soon as possible. Please submit your applications promptly as the SEC will consider admissions to the Student Observers Program as soon as received. Interested applicants should submit this information to Professor Guttman's mailbox in room 465 or to Carolyn Wright his Sr. Legal Assistant in room 325. During the semester students will be meeting with Professor Guttman to discuss recent developments in securities law every other week on Tuesdays between 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

U.S. Department of State Office of the Legal Adviser- Applications are invited for a student internship at the Department of State Office of the Legal Adviser. The work involves 210 to 280 hours over the Spring 2008 semester and enables a student to earn up to six credits. (At seventy hours of work per credit). Areas under consideration by the

Department include subjects in the fields of Diplomatic Law, Law Enforcement, Human Rights & Refugees Laws, Economic & Business Laws, etc.

Students having an interest in these areas, as shown by the courses and seminars they have taken or intend to take by the end of the Fall 2007 semester should submit a resume, a copy of their transcript, a writing sample and a cover letter as soon as possible to allow for security clearance. Interested applicants should submit this information to Professor Guttman's mailbox in room 465 or to Carolyn Wright his Sr. Legal Assistant in room 325. Students in this externship will be meeting with Professor Guttman every other Tuesday between 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

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 hrcademy@wcl.american.edu indicating "Oxford Volunteer Fall 2007" in the subject line.

13th 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 or call 202-274-4215. For more on the Competition, visit our website at www.wcl.american.edu/hrcademy/mcourt.

INTERNATIONAL LAW PROJECT WITH OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS-

Prof. Claudia Martin, Co-Director of the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, seeks student volunteers to serve as Assistants to the Editorial Board for the project Oxford Reports on International Law in Domestic Law. The project is sponsored by Oxford University Press and the Amsterdam Center for International Law at the University of Amsterdam and entails the creation of a database on international law in domestic court decisions representing countries from all over the world. 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 indicating "Volunteer Fall 2007" in the subject line.

OFFICE OF CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Suite 122

Hours: Monday and Thursday: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm; Tuesday and Wednesday: 9:00 am to 7:00 pm;
Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; 1st Saturday of the month: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS, DATES & DEADLINES & IMPORTANT REMINDERS

The Assistant Director for International Career Programs at OCPD is seeking a Dean's Fellow for the fall semester. JD students welcome to apply. Please see under "In Search Of"

PUBLIC INTEREST & GOVERNMENT

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 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: 3Ls - Presidential Management Fellowship (PMF) Program: The application for the 2007-08 PMF program will open in late October/ early November. Third year students interested in management and leadership careers in the Federal government should visit the PMF website at www.pmf.opm.gov to learn more about the program. OCPD will host an informational session in late September to explain the application process.

FBI Accepting Applications for Honors Internship Program: The Federal Bureau of Investigation is currently accepting applications for its 10 week paid summer internship program from 1Ls, 2Ls and 3Ls. Law students are typically placed in the Office of General Counsel, Criminal Division, and National Security Division. The program is a

major recruiting tool and participants are assigned to mentors, given briefings by top level executives, and taken on field trips to learn more about the organization. For detailed information and application requirements visit CareerLink or the FBI internship homepage at www.fbijobs.gov/231.asp. *The FBI deadline violates NALP/ABA recommendations that 1Ls not apply for positions prior to Dec. 1, 2007. However, due to the extensive nature of the FBI's background check, they have chosen to establish an earlier deadline and, in this instance, NALP makes an exception to the rule.*

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 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 on to 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

Join us for LUNCH and LEARN about: Staff Attorney Positions with Federal and State Appellate Courts! Three current staff attorneys will discuss their experiences in this panel discussion.

- Thursday, September 27th, 12:00-1:00 pm, Room TBD
- Pizza Provided
- Please register under the Events section of CareerLink

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 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

***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, 2007** from **6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** 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 or Taron Murakami at tmurakami@gmail.com.

DATE CHANGE! Microsoft Women & Minority Law School Student Intellectual Property Summit will be held on **October 1** 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.cergevents.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, 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**.

LAST CHANCE!! 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.

2Ls APPLY BY SATURDAY!! 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 the “Events” tab on CareerLink for job fairs, receptions and other networking opportunities.

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. 130 or more 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 has already offered two information sessions to teach you how to register and participate in the program. If you haven't attended a session yet, please make sure you attend the last information session coming up next week:

Last ISIP Information Session: *September 19th (12:30-1:30pm, room TBA)*

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 the ISIP 2008 information session listed above:** send an email to avito@wcl.american.edu indicating your full name and which session you chose to attend.

Attention Foreign LL.M. and SJD Students – IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

If you wish to participate in the upcoming ISIP 2008 interviews in January 2008 in New York, **YOU MUST SIGN UP ELECTRONICALLY BEFORE SEPTEMBER 26, 2007.** If your name and email are not in the ISIP 2008 system by September 26, YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE in the job interviews in New York next January 2008. Attend the next information session listed above to learn how to sign up.

Also, in order to view the list of participating employers and to apply for the advertised jobs, **you MUST HAVE YOUR RESUME READY by the end of September.** This means you should attend our next resume workshops (listed below) and after drafting your resume, you should book an appointment to have your resume reviewed. Appointments can be arranged by calling (202) 274-4090 **AFTER** you participated in the basic resume workshop below:

Prepare Your Resume for ISIP 2008: Resume and Cover Letter Workshop for Foreign Attorneys - all foreign attorneys encouraged to attend

September 14th (Friday - tomorrow) from 12:00-2:00PM, room 501

September 18th (Tuesday) from 6:00pm to 8:00pm – room 527

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 with your full name and country of origin if you wish to attend one of the sessions listed above. Indicate the date you wish to attend in your email.

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 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.

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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 17, 2007

Monday, September 17

12-1pm, Rm 602, **Moot Court and Mock Trial Honor Societies informational meeting**

8pm, Rm 401, **Moot Court and Mock Trial Honor Societies informational meeting**

10:10-11:00pm, SBA Lounge, **Moot Court and Mock Trial Honor Societies informational meeting**

Tuesday, September 18

12-1pm, Rm 528, **What is Poverty Law?**

5pm, Rm 601, **Blasting Away at Gun Control Laws: Strategic Litigation to Advance Individual Rights**

Wednesday, September 19

12-1:20pm, Int'l Stu Lng, 6th Floor, **Teaching Gender and Human Rights in the Northwest Frontier Province (Pakistan)**

12pm, Rm 526, **Meeting with Christian Legal Society National**

12:30-1:30PM, hlappin@wcl.american.edu, **Study Abroad, Semester & Dual Degree Programs Info Session**

12:30-1pm, Rm 313, **Law Students For Reproductive Justice Constitution Approval & Board Member Election**

5-6pm, 6th Floor Student Lounge, **Human Rights Hour**

7pm, Int'l Stu. Lng, **Ramadan Lecture Series: Islamic Law 101**

Thursday, September 20

berniber@hotmail.com, **European Moot Court Competition meeting**

Rm 603, http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle_form.cfm, **Left Out in the Cold?**

12-1pm, Rm 526, **Criminal Law Brief information session**

12pm, zafar.shah@american.edu, **Student Day of Action For The JENA 6**

Friday, September 21

Rm 603, http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle_form.cfm, **Left Out in the Cold?**

