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Flu Shot Clinic

Tuesday, October 9, 5-8pm

Wednesday*, October 10, 9am-12pm

Thursday*, October 11, 9am-12pm

6th Floor International Student Lounge.

No reservations; \$20 cash or check (payable to AU Health Center) only.

*or when supply runs out

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.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS: The next holidays are November 22 and 23 for Thanksgiving.

STUDENT DATA UPDATE: A summary of demographic information currently in student records was e-mailed to each student yesterday. We are requesting that each student review and update this information, which is for ABA purposes, and return to us via e-mail at studentdata@wcl.american.edu by October 12, 2007.

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

ANONYMOUS GRADING NUMBERS: All students must use anonymous grading numbers, and not names, on all school examinations. 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:

Students whose professors who have returned their exams for spring 2007 and summer 2007 to our office, may pick them up Exams are filed by instructor and anonymous grading number (for that semester) in cabinets in the WCL Registrar's Office (Suite 304). A list of available exams is posted there also.

OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

MPRE Review Session

An MPRE (Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination) review session has been scheduled for **Wednesday, October 17, from 7-8:20pm in Room 603.**

At the request of the instructor, the session will not be taped.

Kudos to WCL student Brett Edwards for making this session possible.

WCL Business Cards

The Office of Student Services is pleased to extend to the student community an opportunity to order business cards with the AU and WCL imprint.

Students may find these cards useful during networking sessions and other opportunities when outside the law school.

The law school receives no income through purchase of the business cards. Please use the link provided to order yours today!

<http://www.wcl.american.edu/studentaffairs/businesscards.pdf>

Lunch with the Dean!

The Fall series of lunch meetings with Dean Claudio Grossman continues on **Thursday, Nov. 1, at 12:30 p.m.** Learn about plans for the semester, speak your mind about issues that affect you, and enjoy a free lunch courtesy of the Office of the Dean.

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

Scholarship Opportunities

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

Culled from a number of sources during the summer session, there are presently more than 400 scholarships available, based on a number of factors and ranging from \$500 to \$50,000. Students can find the information at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/outsidescholarships/> and in hard copy outside the Office of Student Affairs, suite 300.

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

Please find below those scholarship applications with October deadlines below:

Heritage Law Student Scholarships

The Columbia Lawyers Association of Westchester County

Offers four scholarships to students of Italian heritage entering their second year of law school who reside in Westchester County. The application must include a short letter indicating the source of his/her Italian heritage; the reason for the need of assistance; and a brief statement as to their aspirations and goals.

For information, please contact the Association
2975 Westchester Avenue, Suite No. 207
Purchase, NY 10577
telephone (914) 251-0603.
Deadline: October

Hellenic Bar Association of Illinois Scholarship

Sponsor: Hellenic Bar Association of Illinois

Description: Applicants must be of Hellenic descent, be enrolled as a second-or third-year student at an accredited law school, and be an Illinois resident.

Contact: 312-458-9420; (312) 554-2095
P.O. Box A3069
Chicago, IL 60690
<http://www.hellenicbar.org/scholar.htm>
Deadline: October

The Kosciuszko Foundation

15 East 65th Street

New York, NY 10021-6595

Phone 212-734-2130

Criteria: US citizens of Polish descent, Americans of non-Polish descent whose primary academic interest are in Polish studies, and Poles who are permanent residents of the US are eligible to apply. Must demonstrate academic excellence (minimum GPA 3.0) and involvement in Polish American community and/or academic interest in Polish subjects.

Amount: \$1,000-\$5,000

Applications available from October to December.

Deadline: January

<http://www.kosciuszkofoundation.org/>

Serbian Bar Association of America Scholarship

The Serbian Bar Association of America (SBAA) awards scholarships to law students who are of Serbian birth or ancestry. Applicants must submit a typed essay of no more than 250 words detailing how they plan to use their legal education within the Serbian American community and submit a certified copy of their law school transcript. Applications can be download from their website.

Deadline: October

Award: 4 scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$2000

Contact: Kelly Pavich
260 Maple Street
Beecher, IL 60401

Email: KellyPavich@yahoo.com
<http://www.serbbar.org/>

Regional Law Student Scholarships

Illinois

Hellenic Bar Association of Illinois Scholarship

Sponsor: Hellenic Bar Association of Illinois

Description: Applicants must be of Hellenic descent, be enrolled as a second-or third-year student at an accredited law school, and be an Illinois resident.

Contact: 312-458-9420; (312) 554-2095

P.O. Box A3069

Chicago, IL 60690

<http://www.hellenicbar.org/scholar.htm>

Deadline: October

South Suburban Bar Association Scholarship

Deadline: October

Eligibility: Law students who reside or intend to practice in the south suburbs of Cook County, Illinois.

Award: \$1,500.

<http://www.southsuburbanbar.com/about.htm>

Michigan

Federal Bar Association for the Western District of Michigan Scholarships

Miller Canfield P.L.C.

444 West Michigan Avenue

Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Phone 269.381.7030

The Western District of Michigan awards annually \$4,500 in scholarships to law students who are either from the Western Federal Judicial District of Michigan or have a connection to the practice of law in the Western District of Michigan which suggests that they will become practitioners in this geographic area upon their completion of their legal studies. The Committee requests that the applicant provide a copy of his or her current resume, a cover letter describing the candidate's connection to the Western District of Michigan and a statement not to exceed three pages in length describing the qualifications the candidate believes warrant his or her selection for a scholarship.

Deadline: October

<http://www.wdfba.org/scholarship.shtml>

Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Foundation

WLAM Foundation

645 Griswold

3300 Penobscot Building

Detroit, MI 48226

Phone 313.256.9833

dvanhoek@interramp.com

Applicants for the following scholarships must be women in good academic standing who demonstrate leadership capabilities, community service and potential for advancing the position of women in society. Ford Motor Company Fund Scholars receive a \$4,000 award. WLAM Foundation Scholars receive a \$2,000 award.

Deadline: October

<http://www.wlamfoundation.org/>

New York

Columbian Lawyers Association of Westchester County (CLAW)

Includes the CLAW, Carl A. Vergari, Thomas Bisordi, *and* Generoso Pope Scholarships.

Deadline: October

Eligibility: Law students in the upper half of their class who are residents of Westchester County, New York.

Award: Varies.

Criteria: Italian descent, academic achievement, financial need, aspirations and goals.

Sponsor: [Columbian Lawyers Association of Westchester County](http://westcla.org/pages/scholarships.html).

<http://westcla.org/pages/scholarships.html>

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

“Stuff on the Table”

- APABA-DC’s Women Forum’s October 2007 Event: “The Chinese American Experience and Those Who Survived and Thrived to Tell the Tales”
- HACU Collegiate Student Programs
- AEF Speed Networking Reception

Events

October

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-8:00 PM-Dining Room & Room 603

Dean’s Diversity Council Annual Reception & Dinner—6:00-8:00 PM

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

Attention - Restricted Scholarship applications are available.

Apply now. Include a resume and statement of qualification with your application and make sure you have a Need Access application on file if seeking need-based award consideration. Forms are available in the office. **Deadline: 5:00 pm Friday, October 12.**

Fall Disbursements

Contact the office if your financial aid is not posted on your student account. Account “stops” will be applied soon.

Repayment Information for Graduate PLUS Borrowers

Graduate PLUS loans enter repayment immediately after the final disbursement of a loan period. Automatic in-school deferment generally applies. Check with your lender if you have questions.

Prospective Graduates - December 2007

Notify the office if you will graduate this December. Federal loan borrowers must complete Exit Interview requirements prior to leaving the university. Details will be provided later.

Supplemental Funding – Grad PLUS or Private Loans

Now is the time to weigh your needs for the remainder of the school year. Regulations require disbursement of aid in equal installments for each award period; disbursement at the beginning of the term is the standard. Aid cannot be shifted from one semester to another to

compensate for unanticipated expenses or unfunded need. If you feel you must borrow additional funds (up to the cost of attendance) submit your request/application now. Check with your counselor for guidance.

Dean’s Fellows

Consider signing up for direct deposit to receive your pay if you are not enrolled. Contact the Payroll Office or WCL’s Finance Office for details.

Aid Adjustments

If contemplating a change in your enrollment status or your loan amounts for spring term, please notify the office by December 1.

Outside Scholarships

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

OFFICE OF GRANT ADMINISTRATION AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Did you miss the Study Abroad and Summer Session Fair?

Not to worry, program representatives are available to speak with you throughout the year. For information on study abroad programs, please visit www.wcl.american.edu/studyabroad. Information on semester exchange, summer abroad, and JD Dual degree programs can be found online.

For information on the summer sessions in DC, please visit, www.american.edu/summer. Summer programs focus on International Arbitration, Human Rights, Environmental Law, and our newest program on Health Law and Policy.

If you are not sure who to contact, please email us at grants-programs@wcl.american.edu. We are happy to direct you to the proper faculty or staff member.

Announcement:

Semester Exchange applications for the Spring semester are due **October 12th**. Please submit to the Office of Grants and Programs by Friday October 12th at the latest. Applications for the Hong Kong Spring semester program are no longer being accepted. Please contact Hilary Lappin, International Exchange Coordinator at grants-programs@wcl.american.edu with any questions.

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Volunteer with Bread for the City on November 15 to help bring holiday meals to 13,000 low-income families!

WCL is pairing with Bread for the City for their annual WHUR DAY. The annual event includes a food drive, cash drive, and telethon to benefit Bread for the City's Holiday Helpings Program, providing a holiday meal to 13,000 DC Metro area families in need. Steve Harvey and WHUR will be broadcasting live all day.

Volunteer tasks include:

Bucket Brigade: We need about 30-50 people per shift to cover a 2-block radius of the Pavilion with buckets and signs to collect donations.

Power Squad: There will be people giving canned good donations from their cars, so we will need between 8-10 staunch and strong helpers to collect and move the cans.

Grocery Group: Another brigade of volunteers will be needed mid-day at the Bread for the City Southeast Center (1640 Good Hope Road, SE) to unload the boxes of donations from the truck.

When: Thursday, November 15th; 6:00 am-6:00 pm. VOLUNTEERS are needed during the following times: 6:00 am-9:00 am, 9:00 am-12:00 pm, 12:00 pm-3:00 pm, and 3:00 pm-6:00 pm

To be a part of the WCL volunteer team, email Erin Pulice, Office of Public Interest Dean's Fellow at epulice@gmail.com. Be sure to provide your name, email address, and shift availability. Participation counts toward the Pro Bono Honors Pledge Program.

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:

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. **Free, on-site registration is available to WCL students.** For a schedule and information on participating employers, please visit www.equaljusticeworks.org.

Interested in Criminal Defense? Attend the Information Session with Representatives from the Clark County Public Defender in Las Vegas, Nevada on Monday, October 8 at Noon in room 601: The Clark County Public Defender Office will talk about their summer law clerk program for 1Ls and 2Ls. In addition to getting excellent exposure to the variety of services the office provides, summer clerks receive assistance finding housing in the area, and receive

preference in postgraduate hiring. Pizza will be provided. Please contact Claire Raj at craj@wcl.american.edu if you have questions.

Pro Bono Honors Pledge Program “Getting Involved in Pro Bono” Session at noon, October 11, in Room 524. 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.

3L Public Interest and Government Job Search Program, Thursday, October 25 at noon in 601: The Office of Public Interest and Office of Career and Professional Development invite all 3Ls seeking public sector careers to attend the program. The session will provide practical job search tips and insight from recent alumni into public sector hiring. Pizza will be served. Participating students should register through Career Link...

PRO BONO HONORS PLEDGE PROGRAM:

The DC Employment Justice Center has a Spanish-speaking training for bilingual volunteers coming up on October 18. Volunteers must be able to observe the walk-in worker’s rights clinic on Oct. 17th (from 6-9pm), and then come to training on the 18th, from 6-8pm. Both the Clinic and the Training will be held at Bread for the City NW, 1525 7th St. NW. **Interested students should get in touch with Lucas Lycksell, the Northwest clinic coordinator, at llycksell@dcejc.org or 202-828-9675 ext. 11.** Volunteering with the Employment Justice Center counts as legal hours toward the WCL Pro Bono Honors Pledge. The EJC is in the process of scheduling a training for English language volunteers in November.

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**

Phone 202.274.4075 Fax 202.274.4079

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H. Denise Hussey · Senior Administrative Assistant
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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

- October 8:** **International Legal Issues: The Current Debate over the Immunity of Foreign Cultural Property from Suit in the United States**
<http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/fall/2007/071008.cfm>
4:00pm-6:00pm, Room 600
- 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**
8:45am-1:00pm Room 600
- October 12:** **Connecting Women, Effecting Change: the Second Annual D.C. Women's Networking Event, hosted by the Women's Law Association**
<http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/fall/2007/071012.cfm>
4:30pm-6:30pm Room 603
- October 13:** **Thomas Tang Moot Court Competition – Northeast Regional-Final Round.**
3:45pm-5pm, Room 603

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

FOUNDERS 2008 DEAD LINE FOR SUBMISSION OCTOBER 15th

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 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](http://WWW.WCL.AMERICAN.EDU/SECLE) OF FALL PROGRAMS PLEASE VISIT
WWW.WCL.AMERICAN.EDU/SECLE

CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

Center Events

EIGHT ANNUAL HUMAN RIGHTS FILM SERIES KICKS OFF THIS WEEK!

Next Screening on Wednesday, October 17, 2007, 6:00pm, WCL Rm. 603

Like to go to the movies? This Fall, the Center, in conjunction with the AU Center for Social Media, the Center for Global Peace, the Kay Spiritual Life Center, and School of International Service will sponsor the Eighth Human Rights Film Series. The film series explores ways in which film and media can be used to promote and protect human rights. Films will be screened twice, first on Wednesdays at WCL and again on Thursday nights on AU Main Campus.

Out of respect for those breaking the Ramadan fast, light refreshments will be served at each screening. Each film will be followed by a discussion with a guest speaker from local NGOs and institutions. All Main Campus screenings are at 5:30pm in Wechsler Theatre, 3rd floor, Mary Graydon Center. A complete list of the films featured in this year's film series is listed below. For more information contact Amelia Parker at humlaw@wcl.american.edu. Or visit the Center's website at www.wclcenterforhr.org.

- **ENCOUNTER POINT** (2006)
Follow the unlikely journey of two Israelis and two Palestinians as they risk their lives and public standing to promote nonviolence in their communities. A true story about the everyday leaders who refuse to sit back as the Israeli-Palestinian conflict escalates.
WCL: Wednesday, October 3, 6:00 pm, WCL Rm. 603
Main Campus: Thursday, October 4, 5:30 pm, Wechsler Theatre, 3rd Floor, Mary Graydon Center

- **DEVIL'S MINER** (2006)
Fourteen-year-old Basilio and his younger brother work in the mines of Cerro Rico in Bolivia, where devout Catholic miners sever their ties with God upon entering the mountain. Winner, Tribeca Film Festival Best Documentary Special Mention.
***WCL:* Wednesday, October 17, 6:00pm, WCL Room 603**
Main Campus: Thursday, October 18, 5:30pm, Wechsler Theatre, 3rd floor, Mary Graydon Center

- **SIERRA LEONE'S REFUGEE ALL-STARS** (2005)
An inspiring story of survival and rebirth in the wake of the horrors of Sierra Leone's Civil War, and a triumphant testament to the power of music. SXSW 2006 Film Festival Winner.
WCL: Wednesday, October 24, 6:00pm, WCL Room
Main Campus: Thursday, November 1, 5:30pm, Wechsler Theatre, 3rd floor, Mary Graydon Center

- **SPECIAL EVENT: HUMAN RIGHTS IN A TIME OF WAR: AN EVENING WITH *GHOSTS OF ABU GHRAIB* PRODUCER LIZ GARBUS!**
Join us for a screening of the film *Ghosts of Abu Ghraib* and discussion with award-winning human rights film pioneer Liz Garbus as she shares her experiences and answers your questions about the making of this provocative film. *Ghosts of Abu*

Ghraib is a beyond-the-headlines look into the psychological and political contexts of the torture at Iraq's infamous prison. An HBO Documentary, also featured at the 2007 Sundance Film Festival. There will be a one-time showing for this film. This event takes place against the backdrop of Fernando Botero's startlingly barbaric exhibit, Botero: Abu Ghraib.

Katzen Arts Center: Thursday, November 8, 5:30 pm

**MUNCHING ON HUMAN RIGHTS: ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS:
INALIENABLE RIGHTS OR NEW CONCEPTS?**

Join us on Tuesday, October 16, 2007, 12:00pm – 1:20pm, Rm. 401

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, munching gives you a great opportunity to informally interact with WCL's internationally-known faculty and get a "taste" of international law. All students are welcome. Pizza will be served. For more information contact the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law at humlaw@wcl.american.edu or visit <http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center>

COOL HUMAN RIGHTS WORK I DID ON MY SUMMER VACATION!!!

***Save the date* Tuesday, October 23, 2007, 12:00pm-1:20pm, WCL Rm. 402**

The Center, in conjunction with the Office of Career Services (OCS) and the Office of Public Interest (OPI), strives to assist students in gaining a better understanding of what working in human rights really means. This event allows incoming students to hear their peers talk about the amazing human rights work they did over their summer break. Students will discuss working in the domestic and international spheres, how they got their positions, the best and worst parts of working abroad, and will offer advice on finding a great summer experience. All students are invited to attend. Lunch will be served. For more information contact the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law at humlaw@wcl.american.edu or visit <http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center>

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

CURRENT EXTERNS:

There will be a specialized research seminar for current externs on **October 10th at 6pm**. This will be practical knowledge which you will be able to put to use in your field placements. Please email

externship@wcl.american.edu if you plan on attending. Please include topics you would like to cover.

1Ls:

Sections 1 and 4: Externship Orientation will be held Monday, October 22nd at 11:30AM.

Sections 2 and 3: Externship Orientation will be held Wednesday, October 31st at 12:30PM.

Lunch will be served. All 1Ls are expected to attend. Section 5 may attend either workshop. Learn how to earn academic credit for legal work outside the classroom.

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 of your interest.

INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY IN IMMIGRATION

The ABA Commission on Immigration is looking for an unpaid law clerk to start in their office ASAP. Projects will include analyzing legislation and policy issues, drafting comments to regulations, developing publications, reports, and other materials to educate members of the bar and public about the immigration laws. To apply, send cover letter, resume, and writing sample to immcenter@abanet.org. Go to <http://www.abanet.org/publicserv/immigration/home.html> for more information.

AVAILABLE SPRING EXTERNSHIPS

GO TO THE DATABASE FOR CONTACT AND APPLICATION INFORMATION!

- The Criminal Division of the DOJ has openings for spring externs in the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section. The application deadline is in the middle of October.
- First Star is seeking externs for the spring semester. First Star is a non-profit organization that provides legal representation for children to ensure a safe, nurturing and permanent home.
- The Arlington Immigration Court, Executive Office for Immigration Review, a branch of the DOJ is seeking spring externs. You will get to write legal memoranda and draft decisions for immigration judges. The application deadline is October 26th.

SECURITY CLEARANCE AND EARLY APPLICATION

Many externships with the federal government require a security clearance. Accordingly, some spring externships have deadlines beginning in October. Plan your applications accordingly.

EXTERNSHIP STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD

The Externship Program is creating an Externship Student Advisory Board (SAB) that would assist in developing programming that reflects student interests and priorities. Students would meet with Externship Program staff on a monthly basis over the course of one year. Student Advisory Board members would assist in the development of future programs, provide support for existing projects and help evaluate completed projects. SAB members could also provide some peer mentorship for students who are seeking externships. If you are interested in joining, please email externship@wcl.american.edu.

FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES

After October 19, 2007, the Course Packet Distribution Center (Room 465) will be closed in order to prepare for the Spring 2008 classes. Students who need to pick up photocopied course materials should visit the Course Packet Distribution Center on or before Friday, October 19. Thank you.

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.

AskPenceLibrary and chat with a librarian for help with your research! Between 9am and 4pm Monday through Friday you can IM a reference librarian and get an instant answer to your question. Just send your message to AskPenceLibrary using AIM, MSN, Yahoo or Google Talk or through the Virtual Reference webpage at <http://library.wcl.american.edu/ask.cfm>. Email us at reflib@wcl.american.edu if you have questions about this service.

Are you conducting research for a paper or for a clinic client? Take a look at the many databases available through the Pence Law Library website at <http://library.wcl.american.edu/resources/resources.cfm>. Our many databases include the Making of Modern Law, which contains over 22,000 American and British legal treatises published between 1800 and 1926, the CCH Business and Finance Network, which covers securities, banking, products liability, intellectual property, computer and internet law, government contracts, federal energy, transportation law and much more. If you need advice about what sources to use for your research, email a reference librarian at reflib@wcl.american.edu or stop by the Reference Desk.

This is Banned Books Week. Celebrating the freedom to read has been observed during the first week in October each year since 1982. This event reminds Americans not to take this precious democratic freedom for granted. The most frequently banned books in the U.S. in 2004 were: *The Chocolate War* for sexual content, offensive language, religious viewpoint, being unsuited to age group and violence, *Fallen Angels* by Walter Dean Myers, for racism, offensive language and violence, *Arming America: The Origins of a National Gun Culture* by Michael A. Bellesiles, for inaccuracy and political viewpoint and the *Captain Underpants* series by Dave Pilkey, for offensive language and modeling bad behavior. Visit the library display on Banned Books Week at the Circulation Desk and pick up a bookmark or a button.

Information on Writing Competitions is now posted on the bulletin board at the entry of the Library and also available at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/studentaffairs/writing.cfm>.

Did you know that the Pence Law Library is open to the public during regular hours, except during Reading Period and Exams? The Library is a member of the Federal Depository Library Program and we are proud to make legal information accessible to all. During the Reading and Exam periods we limit

access to WCL students and those using government documents in order to insure that our students have the full use of our facilities.

Calling all student authors! If you have an article accepted for publication or recently published by a law review or other scholarly journal, please send your name, article title, and journal title to Billie Jo Kaufman, Associate Dean for Library and Information Resources at bkaufman@wcl.american.edu . Each spring the Library hosts a reception to honor student scholarship efforts and we don't want to leave anyone out!

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 on 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.

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

The next **SBA Senate will be on Tuesday, October 9 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, October 7. 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.

The SBA Student Services committee would like to hear from students. Please email us at StudentServices.SBA@gmail.com with any comments or concerns you have about student services at WCL. Thank you!

The SBA Senate Academic Affairs Committee will be meeting on Friday, October 5 at 5:30pm in the SBA lounge. This committee handles student issues pertaining to academic matters. All students with an interest in academics are encouraged to attend.

The SBA Senate Groups & Organizations Committee will be meeting on Friday, October 5 at 11am in the SBA lounge. This committee handles policies for, and oversees, WCL's groups and organizations. All students with an interest in student organizations are encouraged to attend.

American Jurist

Seeking writers & editors- Can you bang out a story of 800 crisp words a few times a year? The American Jurist, the award-winning quarterly serving the WCL community, seeks writers and editors for its re-launch as an online-only publication. Great opportunity to write about on-campus and other issues and get some legal-writing clips under your belt. No meetings to attend. No office hours. 1Ls and evening students especially welcome. If interested, please email theamericanjurist@gmail.com by Wednesday, October 10.

Barrister's Ball 2008

Planning Meeting- Law school is like high school. We have lockers. We have a musical. And we have a prom! Barrister's Ball (a.k.a. Law School Prom) Committee will be holding its **first meeting on Thursday, October 11 at 2pm in the SBA Lounge.** Come help plan the social event of the year! For more information, please contact Tracy Martin at tmartin04@yahoo.com.

Black Law Students Association*

THANKS from Black Law Students Association and the Business Law Society!!
A special thanks to everyone that donated business clothing for the BLSA/BLS Professional Clothing Drive. We will deliver the clothing on Friday October 5th to two great organizations that provide free legal services to low-income residents living in DC, Maryland, and Virginia. Those two organizations are: Dress for Success and Bread for the City. If you would still like to contribute, please bring your donation to the SBA Lounge (5th Floor) by Friday (10/5) @ NOON. If you have any questions, please contact Kiki L. Taylor (kiki.l.taylor@gmail.com) or Cristina Richards (cristina.richards@gmail.com).

Christian Legal Society

12pm Wednesday October 10th, Christian Legal Society Bible Study, jomost@gmail.com

Communications Law Society

Event- Wednesday, October 10, 12:00 pm, 6th Floor JD Student Lounge, Job Search Strategies in Communications and Media Law

Criminal Law Brief

The Criminal Law Brief is soliciting staff applications. All students with a strong interest in criminal law and related issues are invited to submit applications. Please download the staff application off the Criminal Law Brief website <https://www.wcl.american.edu/journal/clb/>. The application form, resume, cover letter explaining your interest in the Criminal Law Brief, and a 3-5 page essay on criminal law should be placed in the Criminal Law Brief office #615 on the 6th Floor, in the box labeled "CLB Staff Applications". You may also submit applications via email to CrimLawBrief@wcl.american.edu. The deadline for applications is October 12th at 5pm. If you have any questions please email us at CrimLawBrief@wcl.american.edu.

Intellectual Property Law Society

The Current State of IP- the USPTO perspective.

Wednesday, October 24th from 12-1:00pm in Room 601. Lunch will be served.

KSR, Microsoft, new patent rules, patent amendments... The IP Society invites you to attend our lunch lecture with guest lecturer, and WCL alumni, Rob McManus, current Associate Solicitor for the USPTO. Rob will discuss current events in the patent world, the role of the Solicitor's office in policy and in litigation, and will share his personal journey from WCL to the PTO with us.

(This event will be a precursor event to the November 2nd USPTO tour. Please sign up on TWEN if you are interested in participating. More details to follow).

LaLSA

Who: LaLSA

Target audience: The entire school is encouraged to attend

What: **LaLSA Reception to Benefit Earthquake-Affected Families in Peru**

Suggested Donation of \$5 (however all are welcome)

All money collected will go to Un Techo Para Mi Pais to building houses for Earthquake affected-families. Un Techo Para Mi Pais ia a student run, organization base in Chile that mobilizes youth in Latin America to take a proactive stance on issues related to poverty and inequality in their countries. The organization is audited by Deloitte, an American accounting firm.

Peruvian Ambassador to the OAS will speak Movimiento Salsa group will play from 7-8.

Where: JD/International Student Lounges

When: October 11, 2007 6pm to 8 pm.

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International and BARBRI

Wednesday, October 10, 2007, 12-1:00PM in Room 602

How to Succeed on Law School Exams. Professor Richard Freer from Emory Law School gives tips and secrets on how to do well on law school exams. Lunch provided. For more information contact Tyler Patterson (tylerep@hotmail.com).

Poverty Law Society

The Differences Between Urban and Rural Poverty Law. Monday, October 8. 12:30-1.20. Room 528

How does poverty law look different in a different setting? How does it look the same? What issues are most critical for the poor in a rural area? In an urban area? What tools do lawyers need to represent their respective clients? Panelists include: Robert S. Baker, Legal Aid of West Virginia; Andy Silver, Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless; and Jennifer Mezezy, Legal Aid of the District of Columbia. Lunch will be served.

Women's Law Association

Skills Building Workshop: Networking

When: Tuesday, October, 9, 12-1:20 PM

Where: Room 401

What: This skills-building workshop is being offered in conjunction with the "Connecting Women, Effecting Change": Second Annual D.C. Women's Networking Event hosted by WCL on October 12th. In order to prepare women to maximize the opportunity to speak with alumnae, lawyers,

judges and fellow-law students, we will work on networking skills specific to women. The speaker, Traci Jenkins, Director of OCPD, will discuss specific skills regarding how to network with other women as well as men.

Connecting Women, Effecting Change: The Second Annual DC Women's Networking Event

When: Friday, October 12, 4:30-6:30 PM

Where: WCL 6th Floor

What: This event is intended to bring together law students and practitioners to discuss the barriers we continue to face in the legal profession and how we can build a community of women who will address those challenges through peer and professional networking and mentorship. Keynote speaker will be

Marcia Greenberger, president of the National Women's Law Center.

Please Note that Registration for this event is Required and the Deadline is OCTOBER 5 (you can register under the Special Events section of the WCL webpage)

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WCL Innocence Project - Introductory Meeting; Monday, October 8, Noon Rm. 602

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.

FIRST YEAR WESTLAW TRAINING

Prepare for your Open Memo assignment by attending Westlaw Training October 8 – 12, 2007. All participants will receive **200 WestlawRewards points, and an opportunity to win a \$50 Starbucks gift card in each session**. If you cannot make a scheduled session, email your Westlaw Account Manager Kristen Knepper at kristen.knepper@thomson.com to arrange a make-up session. Sign up online at www.lawschool.westlaw.com under Westlaw Training.

Monday October 8 at 9 AM in Library Lab 208
at 4PM in Room 602
at 5 PM in Library Lab 208

Tuesday October 9 at 12 PM in 402
at 4 PM in Library Lab 208

Wednesday October 10 at 9 AM in Library Lab 208
at 12 PM in Library Lab 208

Thursday October 11 at 4 PM in Room 402
at 5PM in Library Lab 208
at 7 PM in Library Lab 208
at 8 PM in Library Lab 208

Friday October 12 at 12 PM in Room 402

ATTEND THE ADOPTION ETHICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY CONFERENCE

Free for registered WCL students with approved waiver

DATES: Monday/Tuesday – October 15-16

LOCATION: Marriot Crystal Gateway*

**1700 Jefferson Davis Highway
Arlington, VA**

Join us at The Adoption Ethics and Accountability Conference, where over 70 presenters and 250 attendees will discuss the ethical issues surrounding international and domestic adoption. Topics will include the obligation to retain family ties when possible, protection from coercion and exploitation in the adoption process, human rights concerns in foreign countries and impending regulation and policy changes. Presenters include law and policy experts, child welfare professionals, and parents, adult adoptees and adoptive parents. A special forum will be held to discuss the future of international adoption from Guatemala—a country preferred by adoptive families but of serious concern to human rights activists because of reported abuses. The forum, requested by and featuring officials from UNICEF, is being held Monday evening, Oct. 15th, from 7-8:30 pm.

Ethica founder and WCL student Trish Maskew has arranged for registration waivers for up to 15 WCL students at all sessions. **** To receive a waiver, WCL students cannot register through the conference website, but must email Trish at tmaskew@gmail.com.** A full conference program is available on www.ethicsconference.net. Interested WCL students should indicate in their email which sessions they would like to attend. Please do not sign up for sessions you will not attend as space is limited! Spaces will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

*The Marriot Crystal Gateway can be reached directly from the Crystal City Metro Stop on the Yellow or Blue Lines.

**Subject to space availability for the UNICEF session.

OFFICE OF CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Suite 122

Hours

Monday and Thursday: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Tuesday and Wednesday: 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

1st Saturday of the month: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

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

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS, DATES & DEADLINES & IMPORTANT REMINDERS

SAVE THE DATE!!

The Office of Career & Professional Development Presents:

Career Day for 1Ls

Saturday, November 3, 2007

Hyatt Regency Bethesda

Bethesda, Maryland

At Career Day, first year students will have the opportunity to meet the staff of the Office of Career & Professional Development and will learn how to utilize OCPD resources and services. The event is particularly important as 1Ls are allowed to begin applying for summer internships as early as

December 1st! 1Ls will also learn ways in which to market themselves effectively to potential employers, and will have the opportunity to discuss various legal experiences available during law school with current 2Ls & 3L/4Ls, as well as interact with WCL alumni and other practitioners.

Registration will take place in Main Lobby in the area just outside OCPD (Suite 122) beginning Monday, October 15th. Hundreds of 1Ls attend Career Day each year. Don't miss this extremely important program! Registration must be accompanied by a fully-refundable \$25 check, which will be returned to the student upon arrival at Career Day.

Additional Programs for First Year Students

CareerLink Training for 1Ls: Monday, Oct. 29th from 12-12:50 in Room 602

Join OCPD for an introduction to **CAREERLINK**, the comprehensive job search and legal recruiting software used to communicate job opportunities, advertise upcoming career-related events, and administer the fall and spring recruitment programs. The program will instruct 1Ls how to *Log On & Complete Profile, Search for Jobs, Register for Events, Find Online Resources*, and more! Pizza and instructional materials will be provided base on the number of registrants. Please RSVP to rfulton@wcl.american.edu. **Additional trainings will be offered as space permits.**

1L Resume and Cover Letter Workshops: First year students should plan to attend one of the two sessions offered by OCPD.

Monday, Nov. 5th, 11:30-1:00pm, Room 603

Friday, Nov. 9th, 12:45-2:15pm, Room 603

Registration will take place later this month. Please continue to check the Docket for additional information regarding these and other programs.

Jackson Lewis LLP is offering a \$5,000 scholarship to an American University first or second year law student with an interest in pursuing a career in labor law, employment law, benefits, immigration, or some other aspect of workplace law. Jackson Lewis is one of the nation's leading law firms devoted exclusively to representing management in workplace law and related litigation. Jackson Lewis has 28 offices and 400 attorneys throughout the United States, including a Washington, D.C. Region office located in the Tyson's Corner area of Northern Virginia. In awarding the scholarship, Jackson Lewis will consider: demonstrated or expressed interest in an aspect of workplace law; academic performance; extracurricular/community involvement; and whether the candidate is from a group traditionally under-represented in management-side workplace law. The selected candidate will also be interviewed for a summer associate position (first or second year summer) in the D.C. Region office, or another office if the candidate desires and an opening exists. Interested students should submit a resume, transcript, and a brief cover letter addressing their candidacy to John Remy, Esq. by October 12, 2007 (send documents by email to beirne@wcl.american.edu).

PUBLIC INTEREST & GOVERNMENT

2007 Equal Justice Works Career Fair & Conference is this Weekend – Onsite Registration available! The 2007 EJW Career Fair will be held on October 6 & 7 at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC. Students can register for the event onsite at no cost. Please go to the EJW website, www.equaljusticeworks.org to register. 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. If you have questions about the Career Fair please contact, Claire Raj, craj@wcl.american.edu.

Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) Information Session: The application for the 2007-08 PMF program will open in late October/ early November. Graduating students interested in management and leadership careers in the Federal government should attend the PMF Information Session on **Thursday, October 18th at 12:00 in Room 601**. Please register on CareerLink for the session. For more information about PMF, visit www.pmf.opm.gov.

Interested in Criminal Defense? Las Vegas Public Defenders will be on campus Monday, October 8 at Noon in room 601: The Clark County Public Defender Office in Las Vegas, NV has launched an intensive summer law clerk program for 1Ls and 2Ls. In addition to getting excellent exposure to the variety of services the office provides, summer clerks receive assistance finding housing in the area and receive preference in post-graduate hiring. Pizza will be provided. Contact Claire Raj, craj@wcl.american.edu with any questions.

Job Search Resources: Looking for spring and summer internships? 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

Now is the time to apply for SPRING JUDICIAL INTERNSHIPS! Check out the Judicial Internships/Externships section of the OCPD website (http://www.wcl.american.edu/career/clerkships/judicial_internships.cfm) for a list of DC area judges who typically hire interns and a database of addresses.

ATTENTION 3LS/4Ls: Still 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***

TODAY! 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 tanjjac@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.crevents.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.

APPLY NOW!! 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**.

ATTENTION 1Ls!! 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. 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

Attention all foreign students graduating in December 2007:
OPT WORKSHOP COMING UP!

Are you a F1 (student) visa holder? If so, you may be interested in attending this session to learn more about how to apply for Optional Practical Training (OPT), the work authorization granted to you after your graduation from WCL programs.

Please join us on **Friday, October 5 from 12:00pm- 1:30pm in Room 524**. During this session, Immigration Specialist **Lori Reynolds** will address the procedure to apply for OPT and give you time frames and deadlines you need to know before applying. We still have seats available for this event. **NO NEED TO RSVP** – Just show up at 12:00pm in room 524. *Pizza will be served.*

THE ART OF NETWORKING FOR LL.M. and S.J.D. STUDENTS (Foreign and U.S. Trained, Humphreys welcome to attend) – Learn effective networking skills you can use in any setting! - TWO TRAINING SESSIONS COMING UP:

Getting an internship in Washington, D.C. depends heavily on your networking skills. Please plan to attend the workshops below to learn how to network more effectively, and practice these skills in a stress-free setting with other LL.M. students from the D.C. area law schools. This event has limited space. Please register early to guarantee your spot. If you register after spots are already taken, your name will be placed in a waiting list. If someone cancels their registration, your name will come up on the list. **Please note:** if you register for this event, you must attend it. It is not fair to your colleagues whose name is on the waiting list if you reserve a spot and don't show up.

1. **The Second Annual Networking Workshop for US-Trained LL.M.s** (a joint event with American University; Georgetown University; and GW Law Schools) – Friday, October 12, 2007. Location: George Washington University Law School, Room TBA; Time 1:30pm-4pm.

2. **The Second Annual Networking Workshop for Foreign-Trained LL.M.s** (a joint event with American University; Georgetown University; and GW Law Schools) – Friday, October 19, 2007. Location: the event will happen at WCL, in the 6th floor student lounges. Time 1:30pm-4pm.

Please note:

If you are a U.S. lawyer who holds a JD degree from a U.S. law school, you should attend the October 12 event. Foreign lawyers should attend the October 19 session.

REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY. Please register by sending an email to Adriana Vito at avito@wcl.american.edu **Please include in your email message: The event date to which**

you're applying (Networking October 12 or October 19); your full name; your country of origin; the name of your LL.M. program (ILSP, Law and Government or Humphrey).

Attention all foreign LL.M., SJD and dual degree students: Our next Resume and Cover Letter Workshop is coming up: October 17, 2007 (Wednesday) from 12:30pm-2:00pm in room 527 - Please RSVP by email to avito@wcl.american.edu with your full name and country of origin if you wish to attend.

**International Student Interview Program (ISIP)- NYU Job Fair for LL.M. Students: *update*
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 **was** open during the month of September 2007 and WCL has offered 4 information sessions to teach students how to register and participate in the program. For those who registered, here's what's next:

October 1, 2007: Registered students will be able to access their profiles in the ISIP system and click on employers they wish to interview with. This is a 'bidding' process where registered students can apply for job and internship interviews online. The DEADLINE to apply for individual interviews with listed ISIP employers is **October 31, 2007**. In order to participate and chose the employers you wish to interview with, you must have a resume uploaded to the ISIP system. If you don't have a resume ready, you should run to make sure you finish your draft and have it reviewed by Adriana Vito as soon as possible. Remember, the deadline to chose employers and apply for interviews is **October 31**. Before coming for a resume review, foreign students are required to attend a **Resume and Cover Letter Workshop**.

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 member

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF October 8

Monday, October 8

12–12:50, Rm 601, **Opportunities with the Clark County Public Defender Service Summer Clerk Program.**

12pm, Rm. 602, **WCL Innocence Project - Introductory Meeting**

12:30-1.20, Rm 528, **The Differences Between Urban and Rural Poverty Law.**

4-6pm, Rm 603, **International Legal Issues: The Current Debate over the Immunity of Foreign Cultural Property from Suit in the United States**

Tuesday, October 9

12-1:20pm, Rm 401, **Women's Law Association Skills Building Workshop: Networking**

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

Wednesday, October 10

8:45am-1pm, Rm 600, **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**

12pm, 6th Fl JD Stu Longe, **Job Search Strategies in Communications and Media Law**

12-1pm, Rm 602, **How to Succeed on Law School Exams.**

12pm, jomost@gmail.com, **Christian Legal Society Bible Study**

Thursday, October 11

12–1:20pm, Rm 524, **The Office of Public Interest Presents Getting Involved in Pro Bono.**

2pm, SBA Lounge, **Barrister's Ball Committee meeting**

6-8 pm, JD/Int'l Stu Lngs, **LaLSA Reception to Benefit Earthquake-Affected Families in Peru**

Friday, October 12

4:30-6:30pm, 6th Fl, **Connecting Women, Effecting Change: The Second Annual DC Women's Networking Event**