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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 as soon as possible.

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 AFFAIRS

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.

Part-time Student Handbook

The Office of Student Affairs is pleased to announce the launching of the newly created Part-time Student Handbook

Please find the direct link as follows:

http://www.wcl.american.edu/studentaffairs/parttime_student_handbook.pdf?rd=1 Otherwise, you can find the link to it on the Student Affairs website. We hope that the handbook not only addresses areas of importance to students in the part-time division, but also answers questions that are common to them.

WCL Business Cards

The Office of Student Affairs 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.

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.**

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!

The following scholarships have October deadlines:

Heritage Law Student Scholarships

The Columbia Lawyers Association of Westchester County

telephone (914) 251-0603. Deadline: October

Hellenic Bar Association of Illinois Scholarship

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

Serbian Bar Association of America Scholarship

<http://www.serbbbar.org/> Deadline: October

Regional Law Student Scholarships

Illinois

Hellenic Bar Association of Illinois Scholarship

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

South Suburban Bar Association Scholarship

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

Michigan

Federal Bar Association for the Western District of Michigan Scholarships

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

Women Lawyers Association of Michigan Foundation

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

New York

Columbian Lawyers Association of Westchester County (CLAW)

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

Diversity Law Student Scholarships (see “Stuff on the table”)

Balfour Phi Delta Phi Minority Scholarship Program

<http://www.phideltaphi.org> Deadline: October

McDermott Minority Scholarship

312.372.2000 Deadline: October

J.L. Turner Scholarship

Deadline: October <http://www.jltla.org/scholarships.html>

Hispanic Scholarship Fund (HSF)

info@hsf.net Deadline: October www.hsf.net

La Unidad Latina Foundation Scholarships

<http://foundation.launidadlatina.org/Apply.htm> Deadline: February & October

National Hispanic Scholarship Fund

415.892.9971 Deadline: October

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY SERVICES

Sherry A. Weaver, Director – (202) 274-4032 – Suite 300 – sweaver@wcl.american.edu

TIME TO REGISTER FOR TWO IMPORTANT CONFERENCES

OCTOBER 27: “The American Prosecutor: Power, Discretion and Accountability” —

Sponsored by Prof. Angela J. Davis and the American Constitution Society. This conference will give provide opportunities to meet and hear from distinguished scholars, practitioners, and jurists on this particularly timely topic. Includes luncheon and a closing reception, where Prof. Davis will sign her recently published book *Arbitrary Justice: The Power of the American Prosecutor*.

NOVEMBER 8: “Revisiting the Law School Diversity Imperative: Access and Definition” –

Sponsored by the Dean’s Diversity Council and the Office of Diversity Services – This conference will feature interactive panel discussions that will revisit the definition of diversity, examine obstacles to access to law school for diverse populations, and devise concrete steps for advancing the dialogue toward ensuring continued diversity in law schools. Other highlights include an opening keynote speech by Professor Darren Hutchinson, and the annual council dinner and address by DDC member and EEOC Commissioner Stuart Ishimaru. More information can be found at:

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

REGISTRATION REQUIRED FOR BOTH CONFERENCES AT:

http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle_form.cfm

“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” – October 12
- HACU Collegiate Student Programs
- AEF Speed Networking Reception – November 7
- Fenwick & West Diversity & Public Interest Summer Fellowship

- Diversity scholarships notebook

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

Fall Disbursements

Contact the office if your 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.

Loan Adjustment Alert

Any change in loan awards must be initiated through this office. Do **not** contact your lender directly for loan adjustments. Doing so may result in inconsistencies in award information, disbursement delays and possible misreporting of information to the Department of Education.

Please notify the office by December 1 if you will change your enrollment status or are considering award changes of any kind for spring term.

Computer Purchase – Reminder Notice

If you obtained extra funding for computer equipment you must provide confirmation of purchase to retain the additional aid. Submit receipts (the original) by December 1 to avoid aid adjustment.

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.

Dean’s Fellows

Your next scheduled payment is November 30. Consider signing up for direct deposit if you have not enrolled. Contact the Payroll Office or WCL’s Finance Office for details.

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 find you **must** borrow additional funds (up to the cost of attendance) submit your request/application now. Check with your counselor for guidance.

Outside Scholarships

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

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

Where: Old Post Office Pavilion, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004, and *Bread for the City Southeast Center, 1640 Good Hope Rd, SE, Washington, DC 20020*

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:

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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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 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
<http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/fall/2007/071015.cfm>
6:00pm-8:00pm, Room 603
- October 16-20:** National Association of Administrative Law Judiciary 2007 Conference
<http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/fall/2007/071016.cfm>
Washington Plaza Hotel

- October 17:** Eighth Annual Human Rights Film Series: Devil's Miner
6:00pm-8:00pm Room 603
- October 18:** Full Truth Play- Part of the NAALJ Conference : an Original Play by the
Honorable Paul Hand, Administrative Law Judge DC Office of
Administrative Hearings
<http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/fall/2007/071016.cfm>
5:00pm-8:00pm Room 603 and the Dining Room

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.

SAVE THE DATES!

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- 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
CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

Center Events

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

Join us on Tuesday, October 16, 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.

Join us on Tuesday, October 16th as [Professor Rick Wilson](#), Director, International Human Rights Law Clinic, discusses economic, social and cultural rights, including the right to food, health, education, housing, social security, work and culture, and how these rights are applied in the international context. For information, please visit <http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center> or contact Amelia Parker at (202) 274-4180 or email her at humlaw@wcl.american.edu.

EIGHT ANNUAL HUMAN RIGHTS FILM SERIES PRESENTS *DEVIL'S MINER!*

Screening on Wednesday, October 17, 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.

- **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

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

***Save the date* Tuesday, October 23, 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

1LS: EXTERNSHIP ORIENTATION

LEARN HOW YOU CAN EARN ACADEMIC CREDIT FOR LEGAL WORK.

All first-years are expected to attend an Externship Orientation. Learn how you can get credit for working for judges, not-for-profits, law firms (pro bono work), and government agencies. *Lunch will be served!*

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.

Section 5: You may attend either workshop.

INTERNATIONAL EXTERNSHIPS: SUMMER 2008

The International Externship Workshop will be held on November 6th from 12pm-1:30. It will be in room 401 and lunch will be served. Learn about getting academic credit for working around the world!

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.

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 Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights will be looking for spring externs. The Lawyers Committee involves the private bar to help secure equal justice for all minorities.
- 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.

INDIVIDUAL EXTERNSHIP COUNSELING

The Externship Office provides one-on-one externship counseling. To schedule an appointment, email externship@wcl.american.edu or call (202) 274-4200 for an appointment.

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.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Recycling at WCL

WCL is fortunate to have a waste management contractor that does not require pre-sorting, making it possible to recycle without having to resort to multiple containers in the building. Since August 2002, WCL has been a part of a unique "two can - one collector" recycling program utilized by the entire AU Campus. WCL 's waste management contractor collects all of our accumulated waste and breaks it down into waste and recyclables at their plant. This makes it possible to collect all of our waste in either clear or black bags. Black bags are used in bathroom containers and kitchen containers; clear bags are used for every other container location and offices. The black bags are not broken down at the plant but go directly to waste processing. The clear bags are opened at the plant and the contents separated into recyclable materials. WCL receives a report of how much material was recycled form our total waste weight collected and picked up via our compactor on the loading dock. At the end of each month the contractor provides WCL with its portion of any recycling rebate which is used to offset the total cost of waste management at WCL. In addition WCL also collects and recycles all replaced fluorescent tubes used in the building.

FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES

After October 19, 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.

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION PROGRAM

WCL Announces Participation in Fifteenth Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition, March 13-20, 2008 – Vienna, Austria

American University Washington College of Law will select a group of 8 – 10 students to participate in the Fifteenth Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot competition.

The Annual Vis Arbitral Moot is one of the most prestigious international moot court competitions drawing students from many law schools from all over the world. In 2007, 177 teams took part in this competition, 43 from the U.S. The goal of the Vis Arbitral Moot is to foster the study of international commercial law and arbitration for resolution of international business disputes through its application to a concrete problem of a client and to train future law leaders in methods of alternative dispute resolution. The official language of the competition is English.

The written phase of the Vis Arbitral Moot commences the first week of October when the Moot Problem is published. The Problem consists of contracts, letters and other documents and contains relevant facts of a sales dispute between two parties from different countries. Each team prepares a memorandum for Claimant, making use of all the facts in the Problem. After submitting the memoranda for Claimant at the beginning of December, these are then re-distributed. This means that each team receives a memorandum supporting the Claimant's position from some other team and a memorandum for Respondent needs to be prepared. After the Respondent's memo is submitted, an intense preparation for oral arguments begins.

Four students will present the arguments during the oral phase of the Vis Arbitral Moot. They will be selected based on performance in an internal moot competition between the members of the team which will take place in early 2008. The students selected to present oral arguments will go to Vienna. Travel and accommodation expenses in Vienna for the selected participants will be covered by WCL.

The competition is open to all full and part-time law students. JDs, LLMS and SJDs are eligible, unless they have been admitted to the practice of law. No student who is licensed to practice law in any jurisdiction may participate in the competition.

Interested students should submit a current resume with a cover letter describing any coursework and experience related to international commercial law, arbitration, appellate advocacy, moot court, debate, public speaking or other relevant experience that they have and conveying their interest in participating in the competition.

Please note that preparation for the competition will require a significant effort and time commitment.

All team members will get certificates of participation in the Vis Arbitral Moot.

If you are interested in competing, please, send your resume and cover letter to arbitration@wcl.american.edu by 5 p.m. on Monday, October 15, 2007.

For more information: International Arbitration Program Telephone (202) 274-4321

Facsimile (202) 274-4226 E-mail: arbitration@wcl.american.edu Website: www.wcl.american.edu/arbitration

Does National Court Involvement Undermine the International Arbitration Process?

Annual Lecture on International Arbitration sponsored by Thelen Reid Raysman Brown & Steiner LLP

October 15, 6:00 pm in Room 603

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

Interested in Investment Arbitration from the States' Perspective?

Investment Arbitration in Latin America Event

October 24, 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm in room 603

Providing a forum for academic debate on recent procedural and substantive issues arising from bilateral investment treaty arbitrations involving Latin American States as respondents, the conference will assess current and future developments in this continuing evolving area of the law. Speakers include William W. Burke-White, Assistant Professor of Law, University of Pennsylvania Law School; Mark A. Clodfelter, Partner, Winston & Strawn LLP; Sarah François-Poncet, Partner, Salans LLP; Horacio Grigera Naón, Director, International Arbitration Program; Xavier Garaicoa Ortiz, Procurador General del Estado de Ecuador; Ronald Goodman, Foley Hoag LLP; Osvaldo Guglielmino, Procurador del Tesoro de la Nación Argentina; Jonathan Hamilton, Partner, White & Case LLP; Eloïse Obadia, Senior Counsel, International Centre for Settlement of

Investment Disputes, The World Bank Group; Philippe Sands, Professor of Law and Director of the Centre of International Courts and Tribunals at University College London; J. Christopher Thomas QC, Partner, Thomas & Partners; Ignacio L. Torterola, PTN - ICSID Liaison, Embassy of Argentina; and Perry Wallace, Professor of Law, American University Washington College of Law. Simultaneous interpretation into and from Spanish will be provided.

These events are free and open to the public. To register online please go to http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle_form.cfm or contact: International Arbitration Program, arbitration@wcl.american.edu, (202) 274-4321

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. **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.**

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.

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.

The Library has arranged to monitor access to the Library on a trial basis. The security person on duty may ask to see your ID.

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 therefore required to be open to the public. Through the depository program, we obtain publications that you may not think of as official government documents, such as Ben's Guide to the US Government for Kids, the FTC Consumer Alert, and Child Support Report. More familiar titles might be the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and the Federal Register, the Congressional Record, the US Code, US Reports, and US treaties. You can find all of our government documents, electronic or paper, in our online catalog at <http://leagle.wcl.american.edu/search/X>.

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>.

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

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.

Criminal Law

Introductory Criminal Law Meeting for Evening Students

Thursday, October 18th, 5:30 - 6:30 pm, Room 601. food provided

Evening Law Students Association

ELSA/Integrated Curriculum Program Present: **“Making the Switch: Career Advice for the Evening Law Student Transitioning into the Legal Profession” October 25, 2007, 8:00 PM Room TBA** Buffet-style dinner will be served. All evening students welcome!!! The Evening Law Students Association and the Integrated Curriculum Program are proud to co-sponsor “Making the Switch: Career Advice for the Evening Law Student Transitioning into the Legal Profession.” A panel of evening law student alumni will address evening law student issues, including: getting the appropriate professional experience in the legal field; when to make the transition from a non-legal job to a legal job; when or if to pursue internships, externships, or summer associate positions; and ways to get legal experience without leaving your non-legal job. Representatives from the Office on Career and Professional Development and the Externship Office will also be on hand to discuss and answer questions about opportunities available to evening students. Please RSVP to elsa@wcl.american.edu by Monday, October 22. See you there! Valkyrie Hanson
President, ELSA

Federalist Society for Law and Public Policy

Shootout in the DC Circuit: A discussion of the implications of the Parker case with Robert Levy. Tuesday, October 16th at 12pm. Room TBA

Robert Levy is a senior fellow of Constitutional studies and a member of the board of directors at the Cato Institute, a free market think tank in Washington, DC.

Jewish Law Students Association

TOMORROW! Friday, October 12, 7pm: WCL JLSA will host a Shabbat dinner for all JLSA members and friends in the Washington DC area. All are welcome! Email JLSA@wcl.american.edu to RSVP, and for more information.

Thursday, October 18th, 12-1pm in room 524: Rabbi Edelstein will be giving a Lunch & Learn. Lunch will be provided. All are welcome!

Friday, October 19th 6:30pm: mesorah DC's FREE Shabbat Service & Dinner for DC Jewish Law School Students!

We welcome our special guests: Jewish Law Students from all over DC (Georgetown, American, GW and Catholic). **THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THE SERVICE/DINNER.** The service starts at 6:30pm, and dinner is at 7:45pm. **YOU CAN REGISTER ONLINE AT OUR WEBSITE,** www.mesorahdc.org, or by e-mail at shabbat@mesorahdc.org. (Please specify in the e-mail that you are a law student, and which law school you attend.)

Modern American

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN CUTTING EDGE LEGAL ISSUES AFFECTING RACE, GENDER, CLASS, RELIGION, AND/OR SEXUALITY?

Do you want to be a part of one of WCL's fastest growing publications? Then come join our staff! *The Modern American* is WCL's student-run publication dedicated to diversity and the law. Our mission is to provide a forum for a frank, yet healthy discourse of issues facing minority groups within the United States today. Specifically, the publication discusses the legal system's treatment of racial, sexual, ethnic and other underrepresented people. We will be accepting applications for Articles Editors, and Publications Editors starting Friday, September 28, 2007. The application packet, including instructions, is currently available on *The Modern American* website, and on our publication stand in the First Floor elevator area. We prefer you submit the application via email to tma@wcl.american.edu. You may also submit the application at our office, located at Room 615. Apply soon, the deadline is Friday, October 12, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. Feel free to check out our past issues on the stands in the lobby by the elevators or on the web at <http://wcl.american.edu/modernamerican/>.

Poverty Law Society

Planning Session. Wednesday, October 17. 4:00-5:00. SBA Lounge Conference Room.

Do you have an interest in poverty law? Do you have ideas about events for next semester? Who would you like to hear from? What do you want to learn about? Come and brainstorm ideas for next semester's PLS events.

SALDF

The Student Animal Legal Defense Fund (SALDF) at WCL is meeting with the SALDF chapters of Georgetown and GW to support the animal rights group Compassion Over Killing (COK) on **Saturday, October 20.** Come to Java Green at noon to enjoy delicious cruelty-free fare and socialize with other activists! A portion of your bill will benefit COK, as it does every third Saturday. In addition to their regular menu, Java Green will offer a delicious vegan brunch available until 3:00 p.m. **WHERE: Java Green, 1020 19th St., N.W., D.C.** METRO: Both the Farragut North and Farragut West Metro stations **WHEN: 12 p.m.**

IN SEARCH OF

The Clinical Program is seeking volunteers to assist student attorneys with interpretation/translation, simulation role-playing and case investigation. 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.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder: The Fall 2007 Deadline for Application to the **JD/MA Joint Degree Program** is November 1, 2007! If you are interested in applying for Fall 2007 admission to the JD/MA joint degree program, please go by the WCL Registrar's Office to submit your application. The deadline for applications for Spring 2008 admission is March 1, 2008. Note: All 3L JD students currently not enrolled in the joint degree program and who wish to apply to the program must do so by the November 1, 2007 deadline. Any questions, please e-mail Lindsay Jenkins, the JD/MA Peer Advisor, at jdmapeeradv@aol.com.

Tuesday, October 23, 12:00--6:00 p.m. Trial Advocacy Program Conference: Free Speech/Fair Trial Media Impact on Litigation in the 21st Century

Law Merchandise & Class Rings- Tuesday, October 23 from 12 noon until 4:00 pm, representatives from the AU Campus Store will be on the **6th floor in front of the student lounges**. They will have Law merchandise and reference books for sale. With the Campus Store will be a representative from Herff Jones showing class rings.

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 meetings 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.

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

OCPD introduces the PROFESSIONALISM SERIES

with the first of three programs:

BUSINESS WRITING FOR PROFESSIONALS featuring

Dr. Ben Oipari

In-House Writing Instructor, Howrey LLP

Tuesday, October 16th from 12-1:20pm in Room 602: If you want to improve your writing skills and make sure others see you as a confident, capable communicator, this dynamic workshop is not to be missed! Dr. Ben Oipari, in-house writing instructor at Howrey LLP, will lead an informative and entertaining writing workshop on how to communicate clearly and effectively and to avoid blunders that sabotage your credibility. Your writing style speaks volumes about who you are and crisp, clear mistake-proof business documents, including e-mail correspondence, are vital for effective communication with prospective employers and others who can assist with your job search. Please register in advance under the "Events" section of CareerLink. *Pizza and informational materials will be provided based on the number of registrants.* *Interested first year students should contact careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu to RSVP.

**Professionalism Series #2: Dress for Success – Business Attire Seminar featuring
NORDSTROM's Special Occasions Manager**
Tuesday, October 30th from 12:00-1:20pm in WCL Room 401

Professionalism Series #3: The Art of Networking
Thursday, November 1st from 12:00-1:20pm in WCL Room 401(Tentative)

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 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 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: 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.

Monday, Oct. 29th from 12-12:50pm in Room 602

Friday, November 2nd from 12:45-1:45pm in Room 402

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.

Attention 1L Evening Students: OCPD is in the process of securing room reservations for evening sessions of the above programs to accommodate part-time student work and class schedules. Please check CareerLink and the *Docket* for weekly updates!

Energy & Mineral Law Foundation Presents: *Careers in Energy Law*

Tuesday, October 23rd at 12pm in Room 528: Interested in a career in energy Law? Join OCPD and the Energy & Mineral Law Foundation (EMLF) for a program on Tuesday, October 23rd from 12:00- 1:20pm in WCL Room 528. Pizza will be provided, so please register in advance under the "Events" section of CareerLink.

Scholarship Opportunities:

IPOEF Corporate Law Scholarship Intellectual Property Owners Education Foundation awards TWO \$10,000 SCHOLARSHIPS to outstanding law students who have completed an internship in a corporate intellectual law department, and intend to pursue a career in the field of property law. Students must be enrolled in a law school in 2008 to be eligible for the scholarship. Recipients will be selected by the IPO Education Foundation Board of Directors. Awards will be presented at a luncheon in Santa Barbara, CA on January 28, 2008. Travel expenses will be paid by the foundation. For an application , please stop by the OCPD front desk in Suite 122.

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).

NEW Resources & Technology!

Two scanners have been added to the OCPD student work center. Students are welcomed to stop by Suite 122 to create an electronic document. Great for applications that include a copy of an unofficial transcript!

Human Rights Jobs (www.humanrightsjobs.com) Online job database of global employment opportunities in human rights. Log on to CareerLink for information on how to access the website. (Also included with subscription: access to www.policyjobs.net, www.politicaljobs.net, www.ethicaljobs.net)

COMING SOON: 2007 NALP Salary Survey Information including *Associate Salary Survey, Jobs & JD's: Employment and Salaries of New Law Graduates (Class of 2006), Starting Salaries: What New Law Grads Earn*

PUBLIC INTEREST & GOVERNMENT

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 p.m.** in **Room 601**. Please register on CareerLink for the session. For more information about PMF, visit www.pmf.opm.gov.

3L Public Interest Job Search Strategy Session: Are you stressed about finding a public interest post-graduate position? Come to an information session on **Thursday, October 25th at 12:00 p.m.** in **Room 601** to hear from alumni who navigated the public interest job search process successfully and hear tips on how to succeed in finding post-graduate employment. Please register for this event on CareerLink.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is Now Accepting Applications for the Honors Attorney Program: HUD offers fantastic opportunities to work in the public interest while taking on a large amount of responsibility yet still maintaining a work-life balance. Application deadline is **November 9, 2007**. Please visit www.hud.gov/offices/ogc for more details including application materials.

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 in a public policy experience.
4. Opportunities in Public Affairs (www.opajobs.com) – Your top resource for Capitol Hill, Public Relations, and Public Affairs jobs in the Washington, DC area. Available in hardcopy in the OCPD library, or log 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***

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.

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.

Fenwick & West Diversity & Public Interest Summer Associate Fellowship: Fenwick & West, a premier law firm providing comprehensive legal services to high technology and life sciences clients, has established an innovative Diversity and Public Interest Summer Associate Fellowship. The Fellowship will be presented to up to two summer associates who will work for eight weeks at Fenwick & West, then will work for the remainder of the summer, at law firm summer associate pay levels, with one of many public interest organizations that focuses on serving the legal needs of a diverse population. The Fellowship will be available to second year law students selected for their commitment to community service, exceptional leadership and outstanding academic performance. Public interest organizations that have agreed to partner with Fenwick & West to provide placements for law students include organizations such as the Asian Law Caucus and La Raza Centro Legal. For more information, visit www.fenwick.com.

Fried Frank Fellowship Program: Fried Frank has joined with two of the country's leading civil rights advocacy organizations, the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund (LDF) and the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), and one of New York's leading legal service providers, inMotion, to indigent women to create unique programs that effectively bridge the worlds of private law firm litigation and public service law. The LDF and MALDEF fellowships each give an entry-level lawyer the opportunity to spend two years as a Fried

Frank litigator and then two years as a staff attorney with the LDF or MALDEF. At the end of their four-year commitment, our Fellows are eligible to return to the Firm with full seniority and, in some cases, they may continue on the staff of their civil rights organization. We are proud that a number of our former Fellows hold high-level positions on the staffs of both LDF and MALDEF.

Download applications at <http://www.ffhsj.com/index.cfm?pageID=49>. The ideal candidate for these fellowships are graduating 3L/4L students and current judicial law clerks. The application deadline for all programs is November 2, 2007.

For more information on Diversity Initiatives, please visit <https://law-american-csm.symlicity.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

NETWORKING TRAINING 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. **We still have spots available for both sessions!** Sign up today!

- 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, Lisner Building Room 201; Time 1:30pm-4pm. (arrive at 1:15pm to pick up your name tag)

- 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. (arrive at 1:15pm to pick up your name tag)

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).

RESUME AND COVER LETTER WORKSHOP FOR FOREIGN ATTORNEYS:

Attention all foreign LL.M., SJD and dual degree students: our next Resume and Cover Letter Workshop is coming up on **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](mailto: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 15

Monday, October 15

6pm, Rm 603, **Does National Court Involvement Undermine the International Arbitration Process?**

Tuesday, October 16

12–1:20pm, Rm 401, **Economic, social and cultural rights: inalienable rights or new concepts?**

12pm, ww.burhop@gmail.com, **Shootout in the DC Circuit: A discussion of the implications of the Parker case**

12-1:20pm, Rm 402, **Professionalism Series #1: Business Writing for Professionals**

Wednesday, October 17

4-5pm, SBA Lounge Conference Room, **Poverty Law Society Planning Session**

6–8:30pm, Rm 603, **Human Rights Film Series presents *Devil's Miner!***

7-8:20pm, Rm 603, **MPRE (Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination) review session**

Thursday, October 18

12-1pm, Rm 524, **JLSA Lunch & Learn**

12-1:30pm, Rm 601, **PMF Information Session**

5:30-6:30pm, Rm 601, **Introductory Criminal Law Meeting for Evening Students**

5-8pm, Rm 603 & Ding Rm, **Full Truth an Original Play**