

The Docket

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Students, faculty, and staff are invited to place announcements in the Docket, published each week, by submitting text no later than **noon** on Thursday to docket@wcl.american.edu.

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Flu Shot Clinic

Monday, October 22, 9am-12pm

Monday, October 29, 1pm-4pm

6th Floor J.D. 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.

ADVANCE REGISTRATION FOR SPRING 2008: Advance registration for spring 2008 will begin on Monday, November 12th. The schedule for courses will be available in our office by the end of October. Any student who has a stop on their account will be unable to register on-line during their time allotted period, so should check with the appropriate offices to clear stops prior to pre-registration. Instructions for pre-registration and lottery priority will be in future Dockets and on-line on our web site. Student pre-registering for the first time on-line may also pick up shorter instructions in our office (suite 304).

ATTENTION FEBRUARY BAR EXAM APPLICANTS:

Anyone needing certification to submit with your bar exam application should request the document as soon as possible. Each state has different requirements and procedures: Go to: <http://www.barexam.org/> to find your state's exam instructions, requirements, deadlines and fees..

ATTENTION MARYLAND BAR APPLICANTS:

You must submit your Pre-Legal Certificate to your undergraduate institution. WCL Registrar's Office does not certify pre-legal education. You are also responsible for requesting a final transcript to be sent to the MD Bar.

ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE DECEMBER GRADUATES: If you plan to graduate in December 2007, please complete an Application to Graduate as soon as possible. The deadline for applications is running out. 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/> at the bottom under Personal Links (WCL Anonymous Grading Number).

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

OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

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.**

WCL Business Cards

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

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

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

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

Scholarship Opportunities

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

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

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

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.serbbar.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

ATLANTA RECRUITING -- Sherry Weaver and Meghan O'Connor of the Admissions Office will attend the Law School Admission Council Forum in Atlanta on October 26th and 27th. If you have friends or relatives in the area who may be thinking about attending WCL, please tell them to drop by and see us. The location is the Hyatt Regency in Peachtree Center; more details can be found at www.lsac.org.

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”

- 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. Account “stops” affecting pre-registration will be applied soon.

Important Contact Notice

The Financial Aid office utilizes your university assigned e-mail address to correspond with you. Be sure to establish a mechanism for retrieving notices if you use an alternate account.

Loan Adjustment Alert

Changes to Grad Plus and private loans awards must be initiated through this office. Do **not** contact your lender directly for loan adjustments. Doing so can create 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 for spring term.

Computer Purchase – Reminder Notice

Submit your purchase receipt (the original) by December 1 to avoid adjustments in your aid.

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 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:

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.

ALTERNATIVE WINTER BREAK APPLICATIONS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

The Gulf Coast continues to deal with the devastation of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and the shocking neglect by all levels of government in the wake of the storms. Your service is needed as much now as ever. Last year's trip to the Gulf Coast saw WCL take the largest group of law students in the country. Help make this year's trip even better. To get a copy of the application form or to submit applications by email contact wcl.awb@gmail.com or hard copies to the Office of Public Interest in suite 122. **All Applications are due no later than OCTOBER 19th.** Please contact wcl.awb@gmail.com if you have any questions.

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.

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:

1L Public Interest Roundtable Series Continues October 25 at noon in Room 524 with Professor Jayesh Rathod and WCL alumna Jennifer Podkul: 1Ls are invited to join Professor Jayesh Rathod and WCL alum Jennifer Podkul for lunch (pizza) on Tuesday, October 25 from noon – 12:50 p.m. in room 524. Speakers will share how they ended up in the immigration field, what they did in law school and after law school, and what they enjoy about their current job. There will be time for students to ask them questions about their journey or immigration law in general. **You must RSVP to Shantimartin@gmail.com.** Registration is limited. Pizza will be provided.

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.**

Join Us for the First Annual Public Interest Week at WCL!

The Office of Public Interest and the Office of Career and Professional Development invite all students to join us for Public Interest Week activities during the week of November 5th:

Public Interest Reception and Information Session

Monday, November 5, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. in Room 528

Refresh and revive with coffee, dessert and a discussion of public interest student groups, resources and opportunities available at WCL. Meet and hear from public interest staff and student group leaders and learn the ins and outs of making the most of your experience at WCL.

Public Interest Careers Panel with WCL Alumni

Wednesday, November 7 at Noon in Room 601

Hear from alumni experts in the field about the broad range of options for practicing law in the public interest. Alumni representatives will discuss careers in civil and criminal legal services, policy advocacy, government, public interest law firms and more. Pizza lunch will be provided.

Finding and Funding Summer Public Interest Work

Thursday, November 8 at Noon in Room 524

A panel of students will discuss the dos and don'ts of finding meaningful work over the summer and getting paid to do it! A must-attend panel for any student seeking public interest work over the summer. Pizza lunch will be provided.

Questions about public interest week can be directed to Charlene Gomes, Public Interest Coordinator at cegomes@wcl.american.edu or stop by suite 122

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

CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

Center Events

EIGHT ANNUAL HUMAN RIGHTS FILM SERIES PRESENTS

SIERRA LEONE'S REFUGEE ALL-STARS

Screening on Wednesday, October 24, 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.

- ***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 603
 - *Main Campus*: Thursday, November 1, 5:30pm, Wechsler Theatre, 3rd floor, Mary Graydon Center

- **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!!!

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

Sections 1 and Section 4: Externship Orientation will be held Monday, October 22nd from 11:30 AM – 12:50 PM in room 603.

Sections 2 and Section 3: Externship Orientation will be held Wednesday, October 31st from 12:30 PM– 1:50 PM in room 603.

Section 5: You may attend either workshop. A specialized evening session will be held the first week of November, please see the Docket for further announcements.

PRESTIGIOUS SUMMER 2008 INTERNATIONAL EXTERNSHIPS SEEKING STUDENTS:

Students interested in these or other international externships should stop by the Externship Office and fill out an international externship Questionnaire.

-International Chamber of Commerce-Court of Arbitration: The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) is the world's leading organization in the field of international commercial dispute resolution. Established in 1923 as the arbitration body of ICC, the International Court of Arbitration has pioneered international commercial arbitration as it is known today. Students must have professional or educational background in arbitration.

-Inter-American Court of Human Rights: Created by the Organization of American States in 1979 as an autonomous judicial institution charged to apply and interpret the American Convention on Human Rights, a treaty drafted by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in 1967 and adopted by the OAS in 1969. *Fluent Spanish is required.*

INTERNATIONAL EXTERNSHIPS: SUMMER 2008

The International Externship Workshop will be held on November 6th from 12pm-1:30 in room 401. Learn how to access extensive international externship opportunities! Please RSVP to externship@wcl.american.edu.

ON-CAMPUS DOJ EXTERNSHIP INTERVIEWS

Ted Hirt of the DOJ's Federal Programs Branch will be performing on-campus interviews for the upcoming spring semester. The interviews will be held on November 14th from 4 - 6 pm. Interviews will be 20 minutes, so there are only 6 slots. Come to the Externship Office to sign up. Go to the Externship Database to learn more about the externship.

AVAILABLE SPRING EXTERNSHIPS

The following employers called within the past few weeks to inform us of the availability of Spring Externships. Go to the Database for Contact and Application Information!

- Ayuda, Inc – Children's Project
- USDOJ – Civil Rights Division
- First Star
- Center for New Technology Enterprise
- US District Court – Hon. Henry Kennedy, Jr.
- Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights
- USDOJ – Arlington Immigration Court

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.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Use of Power Packs in Classrooms

When connecting your lap top power pack to the outlets at the classroom tables make sure that they are completely placed in the socket so that they are flush with the outlet and no gap is left. Plugs not properly placed in the outlet may short circuit if an object such as paper clip, metal chain, or necklace is able to drop into the gap and bridge the positive and negative prongs of the plug. This will cause a spark, short circuit and may cause a shock to the person holding the object touching the prongs of the plug.

Winter Parking

At this time there are still some parking spaces available for students in the WCL parking garage. Snow and Ice are just around the corner. Avoid the winter problems by getting a parking permit now for the WCL Garage. Please come to room 383 for the application or apply on line.

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION PROGRAM

DEADLINE EXTENDED!!

Seeking students to participate in the Fifteenth Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot Competition, March 13-20, 2008 – Vienna, Austria

WCL will like to select a group of 8 – 10 students to participate in the Fifteenth Annual Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot competition. **If you have already sent an application there is no need to resubmit.**

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 Wednesday, October 24.**

For more information: International Arbitration Program American University
Washington College of Law 4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20016
Telephone (202) 274-4321 Facsimile (202) 274-4226 E-mail: arbitration@wcl.american.edu
Website: www.wcl.american.edu/arbitration

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

MARSHALL-BRENNAN CONSTITUTIONAL LITERACY PROJECT

Support the **Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project BAKE SALE in the WCL lobby on Wednesday, October 24 and Thursday, October 25**. Marshall-Brennan teachers will be staffing the bake sale table **all day** both days as well as doing the baking. All proceeds go directly for prizes and awards for the D.C. public school students who participate in the Marshall-Brennan classes. For questions, contact Steve Wermiel, the associate director of the program, in Suite 515 or at 274-4263 or swermiel@wcl.american.edu.

This is also an excellent opportunity to learn about the Marshall-Brennan Project by stopping by the table and talking to the current WCL students who participate (students in the program teach constitutional law 2-3 days each week for the entire school year in D.C. public high schools [and one high school in Silver Spring]).

Want to see the Marshall-Brennan high school students in action? Want to help out with Marshall-Brennan and learn more about the program? On **Saturday, November 17**, the **Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project** will hold its annual fall **moot court competition for D.C. public high school students**. We need your help. We need WCL volunteers to help serve as bailiffs, timekeepers, scorers and various other jobs. The competition will take place here at WCL from about **9 a.m. to 6 p.m.** You can sign up for part of the day and volunteer as much time as you can spare. You can also earn WCL pro bono pledge hours for helping that day; we will have the pledge forms for you to fill out. To volunteer or if you have questions, contact Steve Wermiel, the associate director of the program, in Suite 515 or at 274-4263 or swermiel@wcl.american.edu.

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.

The Library is upgrading its catalog! LEAGLE, will be unavailable this evening (10/18) starting at 5 pm and for several hours thereafter as part of this important project. We appreciate your patience! Watch the Docket for further information about changes and enhancements to this important key to research at the Pence Law Library.

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

The next SBA Senate will be on Tuesday, October 23 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 21. 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 Senate Membership & Internal Affairs Committee will be meeting on **Monday, October 22 at 8:00pm in the SBA lounge**. This committee handles issues pertaining to the operation of the SBA Senate. During this meeting, the proposed bylaws concerning groups & organizations will be evaluated.

The SBA Senate Groups & Organizations Committee will be meeting on **Friday, October 19 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.

Action for Human Rights

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

APALSA*

"Who Killed Vincent Chin?" Film Screening and Hate Crimes Discussion with Professor Larry Shinagawa, Asian American Studies Dept., University of Maryland **Thursday Nov. 1, 6-8pm, Room 603** *Sponsored by APALSA and SALSA

This Academy-Award nominated film is a powerful statement about racism in working-class America. It relates the stark facts of Vincent Chin's brutal murder. A 27-year-old Chinese-American, Chin was celebrating his last days of bachelorhood in a Detroit bar. An argument broke out between him and Ron Ebens, a Chrysler Motors foreman. Ebens shouted ethnic insults, the fight moved outside, and before onlookers, Ebens bludgeoned Chin to death with a baseball bat. In the ensuing trial, Ebens was let off with a suspended sentence and a small fine. Outrage filled the Asian-American community to the point where they organized an unprecedented civil rights protest. His bereaved mother, brought up to be self-effacing, successfully led a nationwide crusade for a retrial.

This tragic story is interwoven with the whole fabric of timely social concerns. It addresses issues such as the failure of our judicial system to value every citizen's rights equally, the collapse of the automobile industry under pressure from Japanese imports, and the souring of the American dream for the blue collar worker. Widely acclaimed by the press, Who Killed Vincent Chin? is a memorable film for all audiences. A film by Christine Choy and Renee Tajima Academy Award Nomination, 1989 Contact: miya.chen@american.edu

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

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.)

Israel and Law Society*

Israel and the Nations: Science and Technology, International Relations and Economic Growth Monday, October 22nd, Room 602 at 12 noon – Lunch will be served!

*Join the Israel and Law Society, the International Trade Law Society, and the Intellectual Property Society for a discussion with Prof. Nadav Liron and a representative from Mintz Levin. Prof. Liron, from Technion, the Israel Institute of Technology will address the ways in which Israel's contributions to science and technology help promote better relations between Israel and other nations. A partner from Mintz Levin's Israel practice will address the ways in which American law firms can assist Israel. The discussion will be followed by a short Q & A session.

Women's Law Association

Thursday, October 25 at 12:00pm (Room TBD): WLA Skills Building Seminar - Classroom Competence

Come practice your skills and share your thoughts on classroom competence - speaking up in class, acing the cold call, building a classroom support network.

This session will be a great follow-up to the event we had earlier this year, "How to Approach Law School as a Woman."

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Third Annual Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, LLP

Distinguished Lecture on Intellectual Property J. Thomas McCarthy, Senior Professor of Law and Founding Director of the McCarthy Institute of Intellectual Property at the University of San Francisco. **"Using Other People's Trademarks" October 25, 6pm | Room 603**

Ordinary people, as well as businesses and entrepreneurs, use other people's trademarks all the time – legally. But perceptions are skewed by continual emphasis on the power of intellectual property rights owners to exclude, rather than on people's rights to use another's trademarks. But clients ask lawyers every day: "Can I use this mark in this way?" Professor McCarthy will discuss the various ways that those other than the trademark owner can make proper and legal use of another's marks.

This involves looking at categories like non-confusing uses, fair uses and uses which do not dilute a famous mark.

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

CLE Accreditation/Register at www.wcl.american.edu/secle

Visit www.wcl.american.edu/trial for more information

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.

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

Professionalism Series #2: Dress for Success – Business Attire Seminar *featuring*
NORDSTROM's Special Occasions Manager, Gina Oberndorf

Tuesday, October 30th from 12:00-1:20pm in WCL Room 401

Do you know what to wear on an interview? Have you ever spent hours rifling through your closet to find appropriate “business casual” attire for an afternoon reception? Even seasoned professionals have difficulty navigating the ins and outs of business attire, so let OCPD take the pain out of professional dress as we bring Nordstrom to you with this highly informative seminar. Tuesday’s program will feature advice straight from the experts, along with Nordstrom merchandise! Pizza will be provided. Please register in advance on the “Events” section of CareerLink. 1Ls should submit RSVPs via email to rfulton@wcl.american.edu.

Professionalism Series #3: The Art of Networking *featuring* **Marcia Hall, Certified Presenter for Contacts Count**

Thursday, November 1st from 12:00-1:20pm in WCL Room 401

Do you know that certain statistics suggest that over 80% of job opportunities are unadvertised? Find out how to tap into this Hidden Job Market through the use of effective networking skills. On Thursday, November 1st from 12- 1:20pm in Room 401, Marcia Hall will join OCPD to host a session that teaches the essentials of networking. You should leave this session feeling more comfortable about networking and have strategies for making it pay off for you in the future. Please

register under the "Events" section of CareerLink if you plan to attend. 1Ls can submit RSVPs via email to careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu.

Energy & Mineral Law Foundation Presents: CAREERS IN ENERGY LAW

Co-sponsored by the Energy Law Society & OCPD

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.

Adjunct Faculty and Student Networking Reception

Thursday, October 25th from 4:30-6:00pm in the Faculty Dining Room

The Office of Career & Professional Development invites JD students to attend a Networking Reception to meet WCL's Fall 2007 Adjunct Faculty Members. As attorneys, adjunct faculty are an invaluable resource to law students, with backgrounds in a variety of practice areas in the public and private sectors. Light refreshments & hors d'oeuvres will be served. *Students must RSVP in advance to attend.* For additional information, please contact Robin Fulton (rfulton@wcl.american.edu).

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) through Friday, October 26th. 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!

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.

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)

2007 NALP Salary Survey Information has arrived! *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 & Government 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.

The D.C. Office of the Attorney General launches Honors Attorney Program: The Honors Program offers graduating law school students, graduating LL.M. students and judicial law clerks a unique opportunity to join the 7th-largest attorney general's office in the United States. The Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia (“OAG”) performs the legal functions of a local district attorney’s office as well as those of a state attorney general’s office. OAG’s nearly 400 attorneys work as criminal prosecutors, civil litigators, or as lawyers in one of the general counsels' offices located in each of the 28 agencies under the Mayor’s authority. Please visit <http://oag.dc.gov/occ/cwp/view,A,1224,Q,615849,occNav,%7C31692%7C.asp> to learn more about the program and for application instructions.

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. Remember to also check CareerLink for judicial internship postings. Recent postings include positions with the Headquarters Immigration Court (Falls Church, VA), U.S. Immigration Court (Arlington, VA), U.S. Court of Federal Claims, and D.C. Superior Court.

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

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

TOMORROW! 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 is a graduating 3L/4L student or a current judicial law clerk. The application deadline for all programs is November 2, 2007.

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.

OTHER PROGRAMS

The ABA Presents: Careers in Labor and Employment Law

The American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law invites you to attend ***Careers in Labor and Employment Law: A How-To Exploration of Options and Advice for Law Students on Finding the Right Job***. The program will provide an opportunity to meet with leading lawyers in the field of labor and employment law and to learn about the varied career paths in this growing specialty area. Students will receive concrete advice on how to get the right job, whether in a big firm practice, a union legal staff, a boutique litigation firm, a federal regulatory agency or a corporate legal department. The program will take place on **Saturday, November 10, 2007, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.** at the Loews Philadelphia Hotel, 1200 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA. The ABA will provide lunch for those attending. Attendance at the Careers in Labor Law Lunch is complimentary for those who sign up in advance. Complete information about the ABA Section of Labor and Employment Law Annual CLE Conference from November 7-10, 2007, is available at <http://www.abanet.org/labor/annualconference/2007/home.shtml>. Law students can register for the Conference online. Law students who are members of the ABA and the Section of Labor and Employment Law are invited to register for the entire three-day Conference at no charge. **To register for the Careers in Labor and Employment Law event, or to learn more about the Annual CLE Conference, please the Section of Labor and Employment Law, mooret@staff.abanet.org.** ABA Section of Labor and Employment Law <http://www.abanet.org/labor>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR LL.M. STUDENTS

FROM ADRIANA VITO, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL CAREER PROGRAMS

TOMORROW!!! NETWORKING TRAINING FOR FOREIGN LL.M. and S.J.D.

STUDENTS Foreign LL.M. and SJD Students and Humphreys welcome to attend!

Learn effective networking skills you can use in any setting!

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) . **REGISTRATION IS MANDATORY**. Please register by sending an email to Adriana Vito at avito@wcl.american.edu **Please include your full name; your country of origin; the name of your program (ILSP, Law and Government or Humphrey)**. Spots are still open so register today!

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:

DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR INTERVIEWS IS OCTOBER 31, 2007 – ACT FAST!

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 choose 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 choose 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 22

Monday, October 22

9am-12pm, 6th Floor J.D. Lounge, **Flu Shot Clinic**

11:30-12:50pm, Rm 603, **Sections 1 & 4 Externship Orientation (also open to Section 5)**

12pm, Rm 602, **Israel & the Nations: Science & Technology, International Relations & Economic Growth**

8pm, SBA lounge, **The SBA Senate Membership & Internal Affairs Committee meeting**

Tuesday, October 23

12-6pm, ksgreen@wcl.american.edu, **Free Speech/Fair Trial Media Impact on Litigation in the 21st Century**

12-1:20pm, Rm 528, **Careers in Energy Law**

12-1:20pm, Rm 402, **Cool Human Rights Work I Did On My Summer Vacation!!!**

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

Wednesday, October 24

WCL lobby, **Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project BAKE SALE**

12-1pm, Rm 601, **The Current State of IP- the USPTO perspective**

2-4pm, Rm 603, **Investment Arbitration in Latin America Event**

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

6-8pm, Rm 603, *Sierra Leone's Refugee All-Stars*

Thursday, October 25

WCL lobby, **Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project BAKE SALE**

12-1pm, Shantimartin@gmail.com, **1L Public Interest Roundtable**

12pm, sarah.a.schroeder@gmail.com, **Women's Law Association Skills Building Seminar Classroom Competence**

12-1pm, Rm 601, **3L Public Interest & Government Job Search Strategies**

4:30-6pm, rfulton@wcl.american.edu, **Adjunct Faculty and Student Networking Reception**

6pm, Rm 603, **"Using Other People's Trademarks"**

8pm, elsa@wcl.american.edu, **“Making the Switch: Career Advice for the Evening Law Student Transitioning into the Legal Profession”**