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OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

E-mail: registrar@wcl.american.edu

SPRING 2008 PRE-REGISTRATION:

On Monday, November 12th, at 10:00am, pre-registration for spring 2008 courses will begin. There will be an initial window of 2 hours for each lottery group.

Each group will begin based upon the last digit in the student ID, beginning with those ending in "8". (this is based upon the order of previous years' lotteries) The priority order is: (1) 4th-year part-time, 3rd-year full-time, and LLM students; (2) 3rd-year part-time, 2nd-year full-time; and 2nd-year part-time. The first group will begin at 10:00am on Monday, Nov. 12th, with new groups being added at 2 hour intervals, i.e., 12:00pm, 2:00pm, 4:00pm and 6:00pm. A new group will begin the next morning, Tuesday, November 13th, at 9:00am and new groups will be added at 2 hour intervals through 5:00pm (a schedule is attached and lists each lottery group, within priority).

Pre-registration for the second priority group will begin on Thursday, November 15th and run at 2 hour intervals from 9:00am to 5:00pm and continues on Friday, November 16th, at 2 hour intervals from 9:00am to 5:00pm. Please check the schedule on-line at: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/coursesapp/searchcourse.html> to check the course listing and available spaces.

Students may register for ANY section of Legal Ethics and, once a student has registered, he/she may continue to make course changes and add or drop courses from the time of initial registration through the first week of classes.

Sufficient spaces will be held in evening sections for part-time students through November 30th (part-time students WILL get into evening sections of their required courses). If a class closes, it will remain closed to all except students graduating in May. That class will remain reserved for these students through December 14th.

For detailed lottery instructions and order, please go to our web site at: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/> and click on Lottery Order and Pre-registration Instructions. Paper copies of instructions are also available in our office (suite 304).

FIRST-YEAR ELECTIVES (FULL-TIME STUDENTS ONLY): The selection of first year electives is now available on-line at: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/>. You may choose your three choices from now through November 26 at 5:00 p.m. **Date and time of elective submission have no bearing on enrollment in elective classes** and there is no advantage to submitting the request on the earliest possible date. A listing of first year electives is available on the course listing page at: http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/coursesapp/searchcourse2.cfm?time=spring_2008&first_year=1. Paper copies are also available 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.

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).

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.

OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

ADA Accommodations 2 weeks remaining!!!

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 November deadlines:

Regional Law Student Scholarships

New York

Saratoga County Bar Association Scholarship

Phone/Fax: 518-587-5829

pclute@saratogacountybar.org

<http://www.saratogacountybar.org/scholarship.html>

Miscellaneous Law Student Scholarships

Horizons Foundation, c/o NDIA

703-247-2552

<http://wid.ndia.org/horizon/scholar.htm>

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

Mandela Law Scholarship

www.nblsa.org/resources/scholarships/

Alert ~ Changes in Loan Benefits

The recently passed College Cost Reduction and Access Act reduced benefits to federal loan lenders that also affect benefits and disbursements for student borrowers. While the changes are effective immediately, only Access Group and Citibank have indicated that current year Grad Plus loans are affected. A 4% origination fee will be deducted from Access Grad Plus disbursements going forward. Citibank will only apply the increased fee to Grad Plus loans applied for after January 1, 2008. There will be no changes to Citibank loans already approved for the year or spring semester loans certified before December 31. It should also be noted that changes in benefits on Stafford loans for WCL students are likely for the 2008-2009 award year.

Account Stops

Contact the office if you have an account “stop” because of outstanding financial aid.

Restricted Scholarship Awards

Decisions will be mailed. Notice on the decision timeline will be provided as the process proceeds.

Full-time Students - Spring Course Load

Please notify the office if you will take a reduced course load spring term. For financial aid purposes fewer than 12 credits constitutes part-time study and limits aid to the allotment for part-time attendance. Aid must be adjusted if your status changes. (*Full-time cost of attendance = \$28,623.50 per semester; part-time = \$22,904.*) **NOTE: FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT IS REQUIRED FOR NEED-BASED GRANT AWARDS.**

Dean’s Fellows

The final payment for the term (for non work-study fellows) will be issued November 30. New appointments or adjustments must be submitted by **November 7** for payment to be received this semester. Additionally, direct deposit is the preferred payment mechanism and you are encouraged to sign up for the service if you have not done so. Information is available in the Finance Office, Suite 370.

Last Work Day ~ Dean’s Fellows

The last day of work for the term is the last day of classes, November 29.

Computer Purchase – Reminder Notice

Submit your purchase receipt (the original) by December 1 to avoid adjustment of aid.

Prospective Graduates - December 2007

Please notify the office if you will graduate this December.

2008-2009 Financial Aid

The time is drawing near. FAFSA renewal notices will soon be mailed by the Department of Education. You must reapply to receive financial aid. Be sure that your contact information is current with the processing center. E-mail and other information can be updated at the Student Access segment of www.fafsa.ed.gov. Call (800) 4-FED-AID if you have questions. FAFSA processing begins January 1.

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.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS:

1L Public Interest Roundtable Series Continues November at noon in Room 402 with

Professor Rick Wilson: 1Ls are invited to join Professor Rick Wilson

(<http://www.wcl.american.edu/faculty/wilson/>) for lunch on Thursday, November 15 from noon – 12:50 p.m. in room 402. Prof. Wilson will share his interesting path during and after law school. There will be time for students to ask questions. **You must RSVP to asultan100@hotmail.com.** Registration is limited. Pizza will be provided.

PRO BONO HONORS PLEDGE PROGRAM:

Did you know? The Office of Public Interest maintains a list of over 100 suggested Pro Bono Placements in the DC Metro area. In addition, pro bono hours may be accrued through a variety of on-campus activities, including but not limited to:

- Genocide Teaching Project
- Marshall-Brennan (teaching hours)
- Students United
- Election Protection
- LINK Tutoring Program
- Clinical Program Translators
- Volunteering with the War Crimes Research Office
- Volunteering with the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law
- Volunteering with the Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project

OFFICE OF SPECIAL EVENTS AND CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

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The Office of Special Events and Continuing Legal Education (SECLE) provides support to students and faculty in creating exciting and unique programs, workshops and seminars at WCL. Whether you are planning a small event or a large conference, we can assist you. Please contact our office at 202.274.4075 or secle@wcl.american.edu or go to <http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/planning.cfm> to download a copy of the program planning guide.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

November 15

Torture around the World

November 17

William H. Karchmer Fall 2007 Moot Court Competition

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

SAVE THE DATES!

FOR THE FULL LISTING OF FALL PROGRAMS PLEASE VISIT
WWW.WCL.AMERICAN.EDU/SECLE

CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

Center Events

CUSTOMARY INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW: ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF THE 2005 ICRC STUDY

Thursday, November 8, 2pm – 4:30pm

4910 Massachusetts Ave., Suite 16, Conference Room 127

Join us for a panel discussion about customary international humanitarian law. **Jean-Marie Henckaerts**, co-author of *Customary International Humanitarian Law* published by the ICRC in 2005 will be the keynote speaker. The panel also includes **Ashley Deeks**, Visiting Fellow, Center for Strategic and International Studies and International Affairs Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations; and **Dr. Gary Solis**, Law of Armed Conflict Expert, Georgetown University Law Center. The discussion will access the recent ICRC study that codified customary international law. The 5,000-page study identifies 161 rules of customary international humanitarian law that include legal protection for persons affected by armed conflict. Discussants will evaluate the acceptance of the study by the international legal community and how the compilation adds to the legal landscape. For more information, please contact the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law at 202-274-4180 or humlaw@wcl.american.edu or visit WCLCenterforHR.org.

**SPECIAL EVENT!!! LAST SCREENING OF THE EIGHT ANNUAL HUMAN RIGHTS
FILM SERIES - HUMAN RIGHTS IN A TIME OF WAR: AN EVENING WITH *GHOSTS
OF ABU GHRAIB* PRODUCER LIZ GARBUS! Thursday, November 8, 5:30 pm, Katzen Arts
Center**

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. The Eight Annual Human Rights Film Series will conclude with a screening of *Ghosts of Abu Ghraib* and a 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: **Light refreshments will be served.** For more information contact the Center's Program Coordinator, Amelia Parker, at humlaw@wcl.american.edu or for a complete list of films featured in this year's film series please visit the Center's website at www.wclcenterforhr.org.

HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES UNDER ATTACK! A LUNCH AND DISCUSSION WITH GUATEMALAN ACTIVIST RUTH DEL VALLE, Friday, November 9th, 12pm – 1pm, 4910 Mass. Ave., Suite 16 (Lower Level), Conference Room 127

- ❖ *Why have attacks against human rights defenders in Guatemala increased by more than 370% in the last 6 years?*
- ❖ *Who is responsible for these attacks?*
- ❖ *Why do the perpetrators go unpunished?*
- ❖ *What challenges do human rights defenders face as they seek justice?*
- ❖ *Why has the Guatemalan government shown neither the will nor the ability to stem these assaults?*

Join the Center for Human Rights this Friday, November 9, 2007 as we host a lunch and discussion with Guatemalan Human Rights Defender, Ruth Del Valle, cofounder of the *Movimiento Nacional por los Derechos Humanos* (National Movement for Human Rights – MNDH), a network for dozens of human rights institutions, and she spearheads the *Unidad de Protección a Defensores y Defensoras de los Derechos Humanos* (Human Rights Defenders Protection Unit – UPDDH). As an activist in Guatemala, Ruth has been targeted with acts of intimidation, including her office being raided and looted in February of this year. Assaults against human rights defenders have increased in Guatemala by more than 370% in the last six years. Ruth will be at the Center this Friday to discuss her experiences with interested students over lunch. Her visit to the US is sponsored by the Guatemala Human Rights Commission (GHRC), a DC-based nonprofit that has been working for the last twenty-five years to promote positive, systemic change in Guatemala. For additional information, please visit www.ghrc-usa.org. Please RSVP by emailing humlaw@wcl.american.edu. Sponsored by the WCL Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law Student Advisory Board.

MUNCHING ON HUMAN RIGHTS: EXPLORING THE INTERSECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND IP, BUSINESS, AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW, Tuesday, November 13, 12:00-1:00pm, Room 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. This

months' munching on 'Exploring the Intersection of Human Rights and IP, Business and Environmental Law' will have guest speakers Professors David Hunter, Director of the Program on International and Comparative Environmental Law and Daniel Bradlow, Director of the International Legal Studies. Held once a month, munching gives you a great opportunity to informally interact with WCL's internationally- known faculty and get a "taste" of international law. All students are welcome. Pizza will be served. For more information contact the center at humlaw@wcl.american.edu.

TORTURE AROUND THE WORLD: A PANEL DISCUSSION
Thursday, November 15, 6:00-7:30pm (followed by a reception),
AU Museum in the Katzen

Join us for a panel discussion about the widespread persistence of torture around the world, despite the absolute prohibition of it in law. John Conroy, author of Unspeakable Acts, Ordinary People will be the keynote speaker on a panel moderated by WCL Professor Rick Wilson. Other panelists include Elizabeth Abi Mershed, the Principal Human Rights Specialist for the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) and Jumana Musa, Amnesty International USA Advocacy Director for Human Rights and International Justice, who will discuss modern dimensions of torture, its methods and its perpetrators, and their implications for both domestic and international rule of law. The event will take place in the gallery at Katzen. The discussion takes place against the backdrop of the first US exhibition (hosted by the American University Museum in the Katzen) of the complete series of Fernando Botero's "Abu Ghraib" paintings and drawings. The exhibit is a strongly personal statement documenting Fernando Botero's reaction to news accounts of the events that took place at Abu Ghraib prison in 2003 and 2004. For more information on the program, a detailed agenda and for registration fees and CLE Fees please contact the Office of Special Events & Continuing Legal Education at 202.274.4075 or email secle@wcl.american.edu

Center Announcements

**THE CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW IS LOOKING FOR
A DEAN'S FELLOW!!**

Applications due Monday, November 26, 2007 at 5:00p.m

The Center is looking for an enthusiastic student to take a high level of responsibility for the Center's exciting programming. The Dean's Fellow will provide support to our many fun events and interesting projects, assist with marketing Center events, manage the Center listserv, and help create innovate new programming. This is a great opportunity to get involved in the Center's substantive programs. Attention to detail, organizational skills, familiarity with Microsoft Office programs, and proven interest in human rights issues are essential. Experience/skills in brochure/flyer design are a plus. A minimum commitment of 10 hour/week is required. To apply: send a cover letter, resume and short writing sample (max. 5 pages), to Amelia Parker at aparker@wcl.american.edu by Monday, November 26, 2007 at 5:00pm. Please indicate that you are applying for the Center's Dean's Fellow position in the subject line. PLEASE NOTE: Dean's Fellowship positions are open to full-time or part-time 2L, 3L, 4L and LLM Students - as well as part-time 1L students.

**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

EXTERNSHIP REGISTRATION

Course registration begins on November 12th. Externships are made up of two components, the seminar and the fieldwork. If you are going to be doing an externship, you **must** enroll in an externship seminar (LAW-769). You can register for the seminar as you would any other class. Additionally, you **must** go to our website to begin registering for your fieldwork credits (LAW-899). You cannot register for the fieldwork (LAW-899) on *my.american.edu*. More detailed instructions are available at www.wcl.american.edu/externship.

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, and there are only 2 slots left. Come to the Externship Office to sign up. Go to the Externship Database to learn more about the externship.

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.*

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!

- The Departmental Appeals Board (DAB) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
- Federal Public Defender of Maryland

- Center for National Security Studies
- Gary M. Gilbert, P.C.
- District of Columbia, Court of Appeals, Hon. Anna Blackburn-Rigsby
- FAA, Office of the Chief Counsel
- Computer and Communication Industry Association
- 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

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.

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 will be closed Thanksgiving Day, November 22 and open regular hours November 23-29.

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.

AudioCaseFiles is presenting a new netcast series on “Achieving Your Academic Best”. These five 30 minute lectures and are intended to provide guidance and tips on how to conquer key aspects of law school. This free service is available at www.audiocasefiles.com. Use AudioCaseFiles to download audio files of cases, casebooks and much more to your MP3. Register at www.audiocasefiles.com and select American University, Washington College of Law and be sure to use your WCL email address to use this new service. Questions? Contact Adeen Postar, Deputy Director at apostar@wcl.american.edu or at 202-274-4377.

Do you want to suggest something to add to the Library’s collection or make a comment suggesting an improvement to our services? Suggestion boxes are available in the 2nd floor copy room and at the Security Desk at the entrance to the Library. An online form is also posted at

<http://library.wcl.american.edu/suggestions.cfm>. Fill it out and a Library staff member will review and respond to your concern.

Free copying for all new WCL students! If you are a newly enrolled full-time WCL student (1 L's, visitors and transfers) there is \$25 of copying money encoded on your ID card; part-time students have \$12.50 encoded on their ID's. The money will not display on the wall-mounted value stations in the copy rooms, but walk up to a copy machine, swipe your ID card and begin copying. Questions? Call Housing and Dining Services at 202-885-3370.

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>.

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

Information on Writing Competitions is now posted on the bulletin board at the entry of the Library and also available at <http://library.wcl.american.edu/writing/>. Contact the Legal Rhetoric Program at 202-274-4074 for advice on entering and participating in these competitions.

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 Meeting will be on Tuesday, November 13 at 10:10pm 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, November 11. 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.

Alternative Winter Break

Bake Sale! Monday, November 12. 9:00am - 5:00pm, and Tuesday, November 13, 9:00am-5:00pm, WCL Lobby. Money raised will help support the WCL students' alternative winter break trip to New Orleans.

APALSA*

The Human Rights Situation in Burma: History, Politics, and International Support Guest Speaker: Aung Din, Policy Director and Co-Founder of the U.S. Campaign for Burma **Tuesday, Nov. 13, noon-1:20pm WCL Room 528** Lunch will be served * Sponsored by APALSA and the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law. Aung Din served over four years behind bars as a political prisoner in Burma after organizing and helping to lead the country's nationwide pro-democracy uprising in 1988 as Vice Chairperson of the All Burma Federation of Student Unions (ABFSU), the largest national student organization and outlawed by the regime. He is also country representative of the Thai-Burma border based Assistance Association for Political Prisoners-Burma (AAPP). He has been quoted in hundreds of media articles, testified before the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee and Congressional Human Rights Caucus, and traveled on speaking tours across the United States. For more information, see <http://www.uscampaignforburma.org>.

Contact: miya.chen@american.edu

Christian Legal Society

How to Maintain a Balanced Life During Law School **Wednesday, November 14th 12 - 1pm in Room 500** John McGowan from Frontline Ministries- Law School can tax one's spirit by challenging beliefs and pressing intellectual understanding, work ethic, and time commitment beyond what many students having previously experienced. Speaker John McGowan will talk about the importance of remaining committed to one's personal and spiritual health and integrity while pursuing a legal education. **LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED**

Equal Justice Foundation

Open Volunteer Call Equal Justice Foundation needs **volunteers on Thursday, November 15th at 3:30 in Room 528**. Come help the Special Contributions Committee with their fall mailing. Earn hours towards the EJF requirement to be eligible for a stipend for your summer public interest work.

WANT TO SAVE MONEY ON BOOKS?

EJF will be **selling discount cards** that get you 10% off at the AU Book Store on **November 15, 19 and 27 from 10-6 in the lobby**. The price is \$10.00.

Immigrants' Rights Coalition (IRC)

Immigrants' Rights Week 2007 NOVEMBER 12 - 16

Questions: irc.cochairs@gmail.com.

SATURDAY: 11.10.2007

Visit to the National Zoo with S.O.S. Boat People and Trafficking Survivors

10:30am National Zoo, Woodley Park

Kick-off 2007 Immigrants' Rights Week with a unique opportunity to get to know trafficking survivors in a social setting!

JOIN IRC to support local survivors of human trafficking this Saturday, November 10, at 10:30 a.m. at the National Zoo. This is a chance for students to spend some time getting to know a few incredible individuals who have survived the perils of human trafficking. This trip provides an opportunity to learn while offering survivors a fun and relaxing social event with individuals like you, who are fighting to make immigrants' rights a reality.

All those interested in attending must RSVP with gillian.chadwick@gmail.com

MONDAY: 11.12

Peoples' Histories of Immigration

Time:12:00 – 1:20

Room: 6th Floor Intl Student Lounge

Why have immigration histories in the US seen periodic liberalization of immigration policies for some groups while other groups are forbidden, ignored, and attacked? How have the politics of immigration changed throughout the last century?

This panel will provide a critical analysis while interweaving diverse narratives to provide a "Peoples' Histories of Immigration." Panelists will explore the political and social backlash against immigration that have shaped exclusionary, xenophobic and anti-immigrant legislation throughout the last 150 years. Through the peoples' histories of immigration, panelists will show how the current "immigration debate" expands a governmental policy of discrimination and isolationism, in an attempt to ask how we as a legal community can help to humanize immigration into the future. Speakers include: Franklin Odo, Director of the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Program, and Alan M. Kraut, Professor of History at American University in Washington, D.C., The Center for Immigration Studies. Moderator: Professor Jayesh Rathod

LUNCH PROVIDED!

TUESDAY: 11.13

Legally Alienated: The Interrelation between the Judicial System and Immigrant Mental Health Resources.

Time:12:00 – 1:20

Room: 402

The panel will focus on the need for an incorporated mental health system within the adjudication process, the lack of counseling and mental health resources within the court system, and the effects better mental health care, be it prior to or following adjudication, would have on immigrants.

Panelists will address important issues such as whether or not mental health care in schools would affect crime, whether rehabilitation and mental health care after adjudication would make a difference in future crime and whether mental health care, either in place of or along with incarceration, would specifically impact the immigrant community.

Speakers include Judge Marielsa Bernard, Montgomery County Circuit Court. Mrs. Aidil Diaz-Garcia, a Licensed Professional Counselor and a Certified Sex Offender Treatment Provider in Virginia, and Dr. Richard Ruth, an associate professor of clinical psychology at George Washington University.

EMPANADA LUNCH PROVIDED!

WEDNESDAY: 11.14**Voices from the Margins: Displacement Narratives from Around the World****Time: 4:00-6:00**

Room: International Student Lounge, 6th Floor

Around the world, individuals and entire populations are displaced from their homes and communities by conflict and natural disaster. Each displaced person has an experience that is at once her own and common with many others. Join the Refugee and Asylum Committee of the Immigrants' Rights Coalition for an afternoon event highlighting individual refugee narratives and offering information on major displaced populations from around the world. During the first hour, three refugees will share their narratives with those in attendance in an informal discussion. In the second hour, attendees are invited to engage with representatives from major NGO's to learn about six of the world's major displaced populations.

Food from each of the countries represented will be served.

THURSDAY: 11.15**"Casualties of a Broken System: Deaths and Medical Disasters in Immigration Detention"****Time: 12 pm****Room: 602**

What happens to the 300,000 people that U.S. Immigration and Customs (ICE) detains each year? Who are they? How long do they spend in jail? What happens if a person develops a serious medical condition or dies while in ICE custody? Are recent deaths isolated incidents or evidence of a systemic problem?

The Immigrants' Rights Coalition Detention Committee invites you to explore the answers to these questions at our panel. Tom Jawetz of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) National Prison Project, Megan Mack of the American Bar Association (ABA) Commission on Immigration, and Andrea Black of Detention Watch Network will discuss the systemic and egregious problems with medical care for immigration detainees in this country. The panelists will also draw on their own experiences to discuss how litigation and legislative advocacy can be used as tools to advocate for immigrants in detention.

LUNCH WILL BE SERVED!

Local Domestic Worker Outreach Efforts

Time: 3:30 - 4:50 pm

Room: 527

Alexis de Simone, Women's Organizer at CASA de Maryland will discuss local domestic worker outreach efforts, including the Montgomery County Domestic Worker Bill of Rights and Domestic Worker organizing at CASA. In addition, Alexis will offer a training for students interested in conducting outreach efforts in the WCL community.

FRIDAY NIGHT:

Immigrants' Rights Social Hour

Time: 5 - 7 pm

Location: Meze; 2437 18th St. NW, Washington, DC 20009

Come and meet other public interest and immigrants' rights advocates at WCL and in the DC community. All proceeds from the happy hour go to support

Asylum Access' (www.asylumaccess.org) Refugee Legal Aid Project in Quito, Ecuador.*

*Asylum Access makes refugee rights a reality in the global south by providing on-the-ground legal representation for refugees in Africa, Asia and Latin America, and by advocating for refugee rights worldwide. Asylum Access is the only U.S. nonprofit that gives refugees the tools to assert their legal rights where they need it most: in their first countries of refuge. The organization has initiated refugee legal aid programs in Thailand, South Africa, Egypt, and now Ecuador. In addition, future projects are planned for the Middle East (February 2008) and West Africa (June 2008).

In June 2007, Asylum Access launched a Legal Aid Project in Quito, Ecuador to offer legal aid and advocacy to refugees, who without legal assistance face detention, deportation, torture or death.

The Legal Aid Project helps refugees: assert their rights to work, send their children to school, and begin rebuilding their lives, free from fear. The Project also engages in community education, policy advocacy, and strategic litigation to ensure that refugees are afforded their human rights before and after gaining legal status.

Questions: irc.cochairs@gmail.com

International Trade Law Society

Register for WTO Dispute Resolution (3 credits) with Professor Debra Steger

This seminar analyzes how the WTO deals with trade disputes. We will examine the origins of the WTO dispute settlement system and how it compares to other international dispute settlement systems. We will assess the different settlement methods that are available in the WTO -- consultations, mediation and adjudication - and consider the jurisdiction and applicable law before WTO panels/Appellate Body and the potential for overlap with other international courts or tribunals (including the NAFTA). Selected questions will be examined related to the work of panels and the Appellate Body ranging from treaty interpretation, standing, fact finding, and the appointment of experts, to amicus curiae briefs, burden of proof, and scope of appellate review. Finally, we will review the remedies available in the WTO and the enforcement of WTO dispute settlement reports, trade sanctions, and the role of compensation. A significant aspect of this seminar is its moot court component. Students will be divided into groups and required to challenge or defend hypothetical trade disputes according to WTO rules and procedures.

Join the International Trade Law Society and WCL LLM Board as they host "**Turkey: At the Crossroads of Secular West and Traditional East**" **January 9, 2008, American University, Washington College of Law, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Turkey has been always at crossroads of the East and West both in terms of geography and national identity. Today, as we face growing tensions between secular ideals and an assertion of Islamic identity, Turkey is more important than ever. This one day conference explores the topic of "secularism" in Turkey by looking at the legacy of Mustafa Kamal Ataturk, the founder of Modern Turkey, as well as comparing that to other secularist movements of the region. The Conference also explores European and Turkish relations, the question of the Turkish accession to The European Union (EU), and the tension between secularism and an assertion of an Islamic identity as increasing numbers of Turkish women choose to wear the headscarf.

Law Students for Reproductive Justice

AU Law Students for Reproductive Justice presents **Reproductive Justice Career Panel - Wednesday, November 14 5-6pm WCL, Room 524** Want to know about careers in reproductive justice? We are bringing together men and women from the private and public sectors to tell you about their law school experience, their career path, and what they do on a daily basis to further reproductive justice.

Mock Trial Honor Society

The Mock Trial Honor Society is hosting an **information session for 1Ls** interested in competing in the 1L Closing Argument Competition and the Spring Qualifying Tournament. The information session will cover registration, the competition format, what is required, and any other questions that you may have about Mock Trial. Come and see what the Mock Trial Honor Society does and how you can be a part of it. 1Ls may compete in both the Mock Trial 1L Closing Argument Competition and the Alvina Reckman-Myers Moot Court Competition to get a feel for both organizations and we encourage you to do so. The Information Session will be in **room 602 at 12:00 on Wednesday, November 14th**. Any questions, please email mocktrialcompetition@gmail.com.

SALSA

SALSA is pleased to announce our **Annual Dinner** will be taking place tomorrow, **Friday, November 9th from 7 PM to midnight at the Indian Experience Restaurant downtown**. Please come and join us for a fun night of dinner, dancing and mingling with law students from other area SALSAs, including GW and Georgetown. Tickets are priced at \$15/student, guest tickets are \$25 and all door tickets are \$29. Tickets are on sale today from 12-130 on the 6th floor and 530-6 in the lobby. Tickets will also be sold Friday, from 11-12 in the lobby. All WCL students, faculty, and staff are welcome to attend. If you want to arrange a time to buy tickets other than the times listed please contact Chandana as soon as possible at Salsa.Eboard08@gmail.com

Student Animal Legal Defense Fund*

Tuesday, Nov. 13 Michael Vick's Cruel Sport: Legislative and Litigation Efforts Against Animal Fighting Room 526 Time: 12 - 12:50 John Goodwin, a nationally recognized expert on the subject of animal fighting, will give the inside scoop on what The Humane Society of the United States is doing to eradicate dogfighting and cockfighting through legislative and litigation efforts. Goodwin will give an insiders view of how the Michael Vick case transpired, and provide key insight on what animal advocates must do next to put animal fighters out of business. * Brought to you by the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund and the Environmental Law Society. Lunch will be provided.

IN SEARCH OF

Macarena Sáez (International Programs Coordinator and Adjunct Professor) is seeking a 20 hour dean's fellow for the spring and summer terms. The position requires academic research in the areas of legal theory, comparative law and/or feminist jurisprudence. The position requires excellent research and writing skills. Law journal experience preferred. Please send resume and cover letter to Macarena Sáez at msaez@wcl.american.edu. Deadline for application: December 1st, 2007.

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

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Honor Code Violation Settlement: A candidate for an LL.M. degree was sanctioned for an admitted Honor Code Violation. The publication of this announcement is part of a settlement reached after investigation by the Honor Code Prosecution Team. This matter was referred to the Prosecution Team by a professor who had reason to believe that the student had incorporated works into a final paper that were either word for word or in substance from the work of another and were not credited to the original source or author. The Honor Code Prosecution Team was composed of Faculty Prosecutor, Professor Richard Ugelow, and Student Prosecutor, Brian Murray. The student admitted to a violation of Article IV(A)(1) of the Honor Code. The student received a permanent failing grade in the course and a note was placed in the student's official file for a period of three years summarizing the Honor Code violation and the outcome.

Professor Snape is again offering the "Environmental Advocacy Seminar" class in the Spring, which allows JD/LLMs to get hands-on practical experience at an environmental organization, governmental agency, legislative committee or pro bono firm while learning more about environmental law generally. Please e-mail for approval to get into the class (include resume and short cover letter) at wsnape@wcl.american.edu.

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

1L Resume & Cover Letter Workshop: OCPD career counselors will lead a highly informative program on drafting legal resumes and cover letters. Students in Sections 2 & 3 should plan to attend the workshop on **Friday, November 9th from 12:45-2:15pm in Room 603**. Any student who was not able to attend a workshop earlier this week should make every effort to attend this third and final Resume & Cover Letter Workshop.

Failure to attend a Resume & Cover Letter Workshop will result in restricted access to CareerLink. Students who attend will be given priority when scheduling individual counseling appointments. If you are unable to attend, please contact OCPD as soon as possible indicating the reason that you will miss the workshop at careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu or call 202-274-4090 for more information.

Important Information Regarding OCPD Career Counseling Services for 1Ls: If you have attended a Resume & Cover Letter Workshop, you are now eligible to schedule an individual counseling appointment with an OCPD counselor. Please feel free to stop by the OCPD front desk to schedule an appointment, or call 202-274-4090 to schedule by phone. You may also scroll down to “General Information” in the OCPD section of *The Docket* for a list of OCPD career counselors and their areas of specialty.

CareerLink Training for 1Ls: The PowerPoint presentation and CareerLink User Guide that were used during 1L CareerLink Training are now available online in the OCPD Document Library. *To access the Document Library:*

1. Select the “Document Library” link at the top of the CareerLink Homepage available at <http://law-american-csm.symphlicity.com/students> **OR**
2. Select the “Document Library” link beneath “QuickLinks” on the OCPD website at www.wcl.american.edu/career.

Attention 2L, 3L and 4L Students

Looking for a Summer or Permanent JOB?

Then, attend: *Hiring Dynamics, Networking and Legal Practice*—an alumni-driven career networking event spearheaded by members of WCL’s prestigious Myers Society.

Myers Society members would like to outreach to job-seeking students to help them build a network of hiring influences in the DC legal market. **Wednesday, November 14, 6:30-8:00 PM, WCL Student Lounge.**

Mingle in a casual business setting with WCL alumni partners, decision makers and practitioners from private firms, the US government, private sector businesses, the judiciary and public interest sectors **who want to help you in your job search and can give you practical advice about their practices as well as share any job-search leads.**

This is an RSVP event ONLY; **space is limited to 80 students**, so please register well in advance of the program date (sign up under the “Events” section of CareerLink). Accepted registrants are expected to attend. Dress is business casual. More information is available on CareerLink or by contacting Matthew Pascocello at mpasco@wcl.american.edu.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR WCL STUDENTS!
Bracewell & Giuliani LLP Seeks Applications from 2L and 3L Students

Bracewell & Giuliani has created the Bracewell Fellows Program in an effort to identify and encourage law school students with an interest in practicing law in one of the following specific areas:

- environmental issues
- government contracts
- energy regulation
- government relations/public affairs/strategic communications

Students will gain hands-on experience in their selected practice area by working at their option from 10 to 20 hours per week in our Washington, D.C. office during the Spring 2008 semester. At the firm's option, the program may be continued through the summer with an expanded work schedule. Compensation will be \$ 50/hour. In addition, each student selected will receive a stipend of \$ 5,000, which will be paid upon the satisfactory completion of 100 hours of work for Bracewell & Giuliani.

The Bracewell Fellows Committee will select each fellowship recipient. 2L and 3L candidates will be considered. Candidates will be judged on the basis of their demonstrated interest in one of the fields identified above either through course work and/or previous experience, academics, writing skills, interpersonal skills and interest in practicing law in the Washington, D.C. area. Economic need is not a consideration.

Interested candidates should send their resumes, transcripts and a brief (no more than one typed page) description summarizing their interest and experience in one of the four specified areas and which clearly identifies which area is of interest to them. All applications must be received by **November 30, 2007**. Selected students will be asked to interview in person with members of the Bracewell Fellows Committee.

Resumes and any appropriate application materials should be submitted to:

Mail:

Jean Lenzner
Director of Professional Resources
2000 K Street NW, Suite 500
Washington, D.C. 20006-1872

Email:
jean.lenzner@bgllp.com

PUBLIC INTEREST & GOVERNMENT

Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) Seeking Interns: CLDP is located within the U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of General Counsel, and is uniquely tasked with providing assistance in the commercial law arena to foreign governments and private sectors of transitional countries in support of their economic development goals. CLDP is currently accepting applications for spring and summer interns. See CareerLink for application details. Spring deadline is **December 5th**.

New Post-Graduate Opportunity: National Domestic Legal Advocacy Fellowship: The American Bar Association/Avon National Domestic Violence Law Fellow will work at the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence in DC. This is a one year position to begin in August 2008 for a recent J.D. law school graduate. The fellow will focus on identifying pro bono legal services for victims of domestic violence as well as opportunities for collaboration among pro bono programs. Application deadline is **December 7th**. Please see CareerLink for application details.

Federal Government Honors Programs Seeking Graduating Law Students: The U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) is pleased to announce the start of recruitment for the 2008 Attorney Honor Program. The Attorney Honor Program focuses on recruiting and hiring third-year law students, full-time graduate law students, and judicial law clerks for permanent agency positions. Application materials for the 2008 Attorney Honor Program are available for download at <http://www.eeoc.gov/soars/jobs-honor.html>. Application deadline is **November 30th**. Please check the Government Honors & Internship Handbook (link found on CareerLink homepage) for details about this opportunity as well as several other honors programs.

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. 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

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 <http://www.fenwick.com/careers/diversity.asp>.

Nashville First Year Minority Clerkship Job Fair: The Nashville Bar Association's annual Damali Booker First Year Minority Clerkship Job Fair will be held on Saturday, February 23, 2008, in Nashville, Tennessee. This event will begin with a reception and mixer for all candidates and participating employers on Friday, February 22, 2008 at 5:30pm at the law firm of Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis, 511 Union Street, Suite 2700, Nashville, TN 37219. Please submit a resume, writing sample, and law school transcript, no later than Wednesday, January 16, 2008, to the Nashville Bar Association, 315 Union Street, Suite 800, Nashville, TN 37201 (Attention: Ms. Traci Hollandsworth), in order to be considered for participation in the program. For more information, please visit www.nashvillebar.org.

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

International Student Interview Program (ISIP)- NYU Job Fair for LL.M. Students
LAST WEEK TO UPLOAD YOUR RESUME AND SEND APPLICATIONS TO
EMPLOYERS!!

DEADLINE: 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 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, 2007. Don’t leave this for the last minute! Act now!**

If you have any questions about the ISIP process or the job fair itself, please contact Adriana Vito at avito@wcl.american.edu

Electronic tool will help you draft your resume:

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 offers resume software called OptimalResume© to LL.M. students. The software is available at <http://wcl.optimalresume.com> and can also be accessed through the hyperlink on the CareerLink 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 its 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.

Traci Jenkins

General counseling, domestic LL.M.s and second career JDs
tjenkins@wcl.american.edu

Claire Raj

Public Interest and Government
craj@wcl.american.edu

Matthew Pascocello

Alumni, Domestic LL.M.s and 2nd Career JDs
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Adriana Vito

Foreign-trained LL.M. students and alumni
avito@wcl.american.edu

Kelli Johnson

General Counseling
kjohnson@wcl.american.edu

Laura Friedgood

General Counseling
lfried@wcl.american.edu

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 November 12

Monday & Tuesday 9am-5pm, WCL Lobby, **Alternative Winter Break Bake Sale**

Monday, November 12

12-1:20, 6th Fl Intl Student Lounge, **Peoples' Histories of Immigration**

Tuesday, November 13

12-1:20pm, Rm 528, **The Human Rights Situation in Burma: History, Politics, & International Support**

12-12:50pm, Rm 526, **Michael Vick's Cruel Sport: Legislative & Litigation Efforts Against Animal Fighting**

12-1pm, Rm 401, **Exploring the intersection of human rights and IP, business, and environmental law,**

12-1:20, Rm 402, **Legally Alienated: The Interrelation between the Judicial System & Immigrant Mental Health Resources**

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

Wednesday, November 14

12-1pm, Rm 500, **Christian Legal Society on How to Maintain a Balanced Life During Law School**

12-12:50pm, Rm 602, **Mock Trial 1L Closing Argument Competition Information Session**

4-6pm, gseidell@wcl.american.edu, **On-Campus DOJ Externship Interviews**

4-6pm, Int'l Student Lnge, **Voices from the Margins: Displacement Narratives from Around the World**

5-6pm, Rm 524, **Reproductive Justice Career Panel**

6:30-8pm, rfulton@wcl.american.edu, **Hiring Dynamics, Networking and Legal Practice**

Thursday, November 15

10-6pm, WCL lobby, **EJF selling AU Book Store discount cards**

12pm, asultan100@hotmail.com, **1L Public Interest Roundtable Series**

12-1pm, Rm 528, **How to get an Externship/Internship in the field of criminal law**

12 pm, Rm 602, **"Casualties of a Broken System: Deaths and Medical Disasters in Immigration Detention"**

3:30pm, Rm 528, **Equal Justice Foundation meeting**

3:30-4:50pm, Rm 527, **Local Domestic Worker Outreach Efforts**

