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## OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

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**PRE-REGISTRATION FOR SPRING 2008:** Pre-registration continues throughout this week and from now on students may add/drop classes up through the first week of classes (January 7-13, 2008). **Spaces being held for part-time students in evening classes will open up on November 30 at 9.00 a.m. Spaces in closed classes being held for graduating students will open up to everyone on December 14, 2007.**

### **NOTES ON THE WAITLIST PROCESS:**

A Wait List process will again be utilized for the spring 2008 pre-registration period. It will begin during pre-registration once a class closes and will be available through December 20<sup>th</sup>, at which point all classes will be opened up for students to register on a first come basis, throughout the holidays and until the end of the first week of classes in January 2008.

When a class closes and you try to register on <https://my.american.edu>, you will be given the WAITLIST option. If you click on this, you will automatically be placed on the wait list. An email will be sent your AU email address should your name come up on the wait list once a student has dropped, and you will have 48 hours to register for the course before the spot is made available to the next student on the wait list. Emails will be sent out twice a week, and not on weekends.

You will now be able to check course availability directly on our web site on the course schedule at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/coursesapp/searchcourse.html> to see how many students are registered for each class. Once a class that has closed and has generated a wait list shows open spaces again, you will see a notice on this site that this is a wait-listed class. If you are not already on the wait list for the course and wish to put yourself on the wait list, you may then attempt to register for the course on <https://my.american.edu> site to put yourself on the wait list.

**Students will be able to wait list for a maximum of 3 courses throughout the wait list process, which closes on December 20<sup>th</sup>.**

### **FIRST YEAR ELECTIVES**

By now, most of you will be aware that, for the first time at WCL, full-time first year students will be able to choose one elective for the spring 2008 semester. The form for choosing this elective has been posted on our web site at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/> and is available to complete and submit on-line through November 26 at 5.00 p.m. Students will be able to select first, second and third choices from the listing of first year electives and will be registered according to the lottery order and selection as long as spaces are available. If a first choice should fill up, then the second choice will be selected.

A listing of first year elective courses and course descriptions is available on our web site at [http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/coursesapp/searchcourse2.cfm?first\\_year=1](http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/coursesapp/searchcourse2.cfm?first_year=1) and in our office in room 304.

**THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY: Thursday, November 22 and Friday, November 23 – Classes cancelled and offices closed.**

**CLASS SCHEDULE FOR MAKE-UP CLASSES**

Make-up classes for classes missed due to holidays are as follows:

Monday, November 26 – Monday classes meet

Tuesday, November 27 – Thursday classes meet (Tues. classes suspended)

Wednesday, November 28 – Monday classes meet (Wed. classes suspended)

Thursday, November 29 – Friday classes meet (Thurs. classes suspended)

**The last day of classes is November 29, 2007. The reading period is November 30 - December 5, 2007. Exams begin on Thursday, December 6 and end on Tuesday, December 18.**

**ANONYMOUS GRADING NUMBERS:** All students must use anonymous grading numbers, and not names, on all school examinations. These are available on <http://my.american.edu> under Person Links at the bottom (WCL Anonymous Grading Number).

**EXAMINATION DEFERRAL REQUESTS:** Copies of the examination schedule are available on-line and in the Registrar's office. Forms for requesting deferral of examinations are also available. Deferral requests are due in the office by November 16, 2007. The Faculty Policy for examination deferral is included on the form and is printed in the WCL Catalog.

**Attention Maryland Bar Applicants:** You must submit your Pre-Legal Certificate to your undergraduate institution. WCL Registrar's Office does not certify prelegal education. Please read all instructions carefully. You are responsible for requesting a final transcript to be sent to the MD Bar.

**Attention February Bar Exam Applicants:** Anyone needing certification to submit with your bar exam application should request the document as soon as possible. Please be sure to carefully read **all** instructions before filing your bar exam applications. Each state has different requirements and procedures.

**OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES**

### **ADA Accommodations ONLY 1 week 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](mailto:akreske@wcl.american.edu). **You are encouraged to submit your documentation as soon as possible for any accommodations needed prior to the final exam period.**

**DEADLINE:** Documentation of a disability should be provided to the Academic Support Center or Disability Support Services **no later than the Friday before Thanksgiving break in order to seek accommodations related to final exams.**

### **Scholarship Opportunities**

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

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

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

**The following scholarships have November deadlines:**

### **Regional Law Student Scholarships**

#### **New York**

#### **Saratoga County Bar Association Scholarship**

Phone/Fax: 518-587-5829

[pclute@saratogacountybar.org](mailto: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/](http://www.nblsa.org/resources/scholarships/)

**Sandy Brown Memorial Scholarship**

[www.nblsa.org/resources/scholarships/](http://www.nblsa.org/resources/scholarships/)

**Bristol-Myers Squibb PRLDEF Corporate Legal Fellowship**

Sponsor: Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund

Contact: 800/328-2322; 212/219-3360 ext. 223

<http://www.prldef.org/education.htm>

**California**

**La Raza Lawyers Association of Santa Cruz County Scholarships**

Contact: 831/464-2222

[viclaw@pacbell.net](mailto:viclaw@pacbell.net)

<http://www.victormcampos.com/laraza>

**OFFICE OF DIVERSITY SERVICES**

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

**Office of Career and Professional Development – Diversity Efforts**

Please note that OCPD advertises employer-sponsored diversity initiatives through a variety of media. Join the OCPD CareerLink Diversity Listserv to update your student profile on CareerLink to ensure that you receive emails targeted to WCL’s diverse students. And don’t forget to read the OCPD section of the *Docket* regularly for information about other opportunities. For additional information on OCPD’s diversity efforts, please visit

<http://www.wcl.american.edu/careers/jobfairs.cfm>, or <https://law-american-csm.symphlicity.com/>

(search under “jobs & resume collection” for fellowships and scholarships or search under the “Events” tab for job fairs, receptions and other networking opportunities). Or go by the office and see Kelli Johnson.

**“Stuff on the Table”**

- HACU Collegiate Student Programs
- Judicial internship opportunity
- Fenwick & West Diversity & Public Interest Summer Fellowship
- Diversity scholarships notebook

**OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID**

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 apply the increased fee to Grad Plus loans applied for after January 1, 2008.

*Note: Stafford loan benefits for WCL students are likely to change for the 2008-2009 award year. Details will be provided as soon as changes are confirmed.*

### **Restricted Scholarship Awards**

Due to unexpected circumstances, decisions on Restricted Scholarship awards have been delayed. The scholarship committee expects to reconvene shortly to finalize the process. Notice of progress will be provided as processing proceeds. Your patience is appreciated.

### **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.**

### **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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:listserv@listserv.american.edu). Leave the subject line blank, and in the body of the message, type "subscribe pi\_wcl" without the quotes.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Join Team WCL for the Help the Homeless Walkathon, November 17:** The WCL Poverty Law Society is putting together a team for the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Fannie Mae Foundation help the Homeless Walkathon taking place this Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. between 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Streets, NW on the National Mall. Pre-registration opens at 7:00 a.m. The registration fee is \$25 or \$15 if you are 25 or under. If financial assistance is needed, PLS can assist with the registration fee. Contact Judy [jspichler@gmail.com](mailto:jspichler@gmail.com) if interested. Pre-registration ends at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 16.

**PRO BONO HONORS PLEDGE PROGRAM:**

**Remember to submit your Fall Semester Pro Bono Hours before the winter break!** Student Time Logs are available online at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/publicinterest/probono.cfm> or in the display rack outside the Office of Public Interest in Suite 122.

**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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**CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW**

**Center Events**

**TORTURE AROUND THE WORLD: A PANEL DISCUSSION**

**Today, 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 AU Museum in the Katzen. The discussion takes place against the backdrop of the first US exhibition 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, please contact the Office of Special Events & Continuing Legal Education at 202.274.4075 or email [secle@wcl.american.edu](mailto:secle@wcl.american.edu)**

### **Center Announcements**

**THE CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW IS LOOKING FOR A DEAN'S FELLOW!!! Please see under "In Search Of"**

**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](http://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 REGISTRATION**

Course registration has begun. Externships are made up of two components: the externship seminar and the fieldwork. You register for your externship seminar (LAW-769), as you would any other course. After you have registered for your seminar, you can begin the registration process for your fieldwork by clicking on the highlighted registration section of the Externship Website [www.wcl.american.edu/externship](http://www.wcl.american.edu/externship) (you do not register for your fieldwork on *my.american.edu*). To get credit for your fieldwork, you must register for both the seminar and the fieldwork component. More detailed instructions are available at [www.wcl.american.edu/externship](http://www.wcl.american.edu/externship)

### **IT'S NOT TOO LATE!**

#### **AVAILABLE SPRING EXTERNSHIPS**

*The following employers are looking for spring externs. Go to the Externship Database for Contact and Application Information! While you are there, check out the hundreds of other employers listed – almost everyone is interested in hiring spring externs!*

- Gary M. Gilbert, P.C. (Hosts and hires many WCL students): This firm has just taken on a number of pro bono employment discrimination cases and can offer hands-on litigation experience.

Other organizations that have recently contacted the Externship Office include:

- The Departmental Appeals Board (DAB) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
- Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Center for Human Rights
- Defenders of Wildlife
- Hon. Lynn Liebovitz (DC Superior Court)
- Federal Public Defender of Maryland
- Center for National Security Studies
- 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
- Center for New Technology Enterprise

**INDIVIDUAL EXTERNSHIP COUNSELING**

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

**PRESTIGIOUS SUMMER 2008 INTERNATIONAL EXTERNSHIP 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.

**INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION PROGRAM**

Interested in going into the field of International Arbitration?  
Check out the NEW courses offered in spring 2008!

LAW-972-001 **Investor-State Dispute Settlement** (3 credits)

Professor Ronald Goodman

LAW-970-001 **International Construction Arbitration** (3 credits)

Professor Perry Wallace

LAW-973-001 **International Sales** (3 credits)

Professor David Snyder

Also note that Horacio Grigera Naón, Director of the International Arbitration Program and former Secretary General of the International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce will be teaching the course **International Commercial Arbitration**.

For more information please contact International Arbitration Program, [arbitration@wcl.american.edu](mailto:arbitration@wcl.american.edu), (202) 274-4321.

**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.**

**The Library has arranged to monitor access to the Library on a trial basis.** The security person on duty is checking all IDs to ensure that the WCL community has full use of Library equipment, services and collections.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.audiocasefiles.com). Use AudioCaseFiles to download audio files of cases, casebooks and much more to your MP3. Register at [www.audiocasefiles.com](http://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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**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](mailto: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.**

### **WAR CRIMES RESEARCH OFFICE (WCRO)**

The War Crimes Research Office (WCRO) was established at WCL in 1995 in response to a request for assistance from the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and Rwanda (ICTR). Since that time, the Office has provided legal research assistance and other forms of support to the ICTY, ICTR, Special Panels for Serious Crimes in East Timor, Special Court for Sierra Leone, Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia and International Criminal Court. In addition, the Office serves as a key resource for government officials, UN bodies, NGOs and the media, and is frequently called upon to participate in programs relating to the development and enforcement of international criminal and humanitarian law. The Office also maintains a regularly updated, searchable online database of jurisprudence and key documents relating to international/ized criminal courts and tribunals.

To see a full list of volunteer activities and the most current opportunities available, please visit our website at [www.wcl.american.edu/warcrimes](http://www.wcl.american.edu/warcrimes) and follow the link to "Getting Involved." Please note that the WCRO is currently accepting applications for Spring 2007 Dean's Fellows. See Getting Involved for more information.

### **STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION**

**The SBA Student Services Committee will be meeting in the SBA Lounge on Monday November 19, at 5pm.**

The next **SBA Senate Meeting** will be on **Tuesday, November 27 at 10:10 PM in room 101**. Any student or student organization that wishes to be on the agenda, INCLUDING ALL BUDGET APPEALS, MUST e-mail Senate President Pro-Tempore Frank Gerratana at [sbaprotemp@wcl.american.edu](mailto:sbaprotemp@wcl.american.edu) no later than 5 PM on Sunday, November 25. 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](mailto: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.

### **International Trade Law Society\***

\*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, 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.

### **The Modern American**

**Call for Class Papers-** *The Modern American*, WCL's publication dedicated to diversity and the law, is expanding to promote publication opportunities for WCL students. Many law professors now require class papers instead of exams in complex theory courses. The paper length requirements (10-45 pages double spaced including footnotes) as well as the conversational tone and reader-friendly citations conform easily to our publication standards.

We believe that issues of race, gender, class, religion, and sexuality are pervasive throughout all legal fields and we welcome class papers from all classes so long as the scope of the paper includes an aspect of diversity. We also welcome and encourage diversity in ideology and politics.

Submissions will be considered for publication in the Spring 2008 issue.

For more information, please see our publication on the stands and check out our website at <http://wcl.american.edu/modernamerican/>. Submissions should be emailed in Word format to [tma@wcl.american.edu](mailto:tma@wcl.american.edu).

## **IN SEARCH OF**

Are you interested in women's rights? The **Women and the Law Program** is looking for an energetic Dean's Fellow. Responsibilities include; organizing upcoming events to support feminist scholarship and advocacy by WCL students and faculty, organizing our spring conference on Women and the International Tribunal System, communicating with students from around the world regarding the opportunities to study Gender and the Law at WCL, managing the list serve, website and database, and preparing outreach and promotional materials. Organizational and writing skills are important, and an interest in gender and law is preferred. To apply, send a resume, cover letter, and short writing sample to Angie McCarthy, Program Coordinator at [angiem@wcl.american.edu](mailto:angiem@wcl.american.edu) with 'Spring Dean's Fellow' in the subject line. A 10 hr/week commitment is preferred.

**Prof. Ann Shalleck** seeks a dean's fellow for spring semester 2008 to work 10 to 15 hours per week on issues of narrative theory, feminist theory (particularly the history and theory of marriage), the lawyer-client relationship and family law. Please bring a resume and cover letter to Melissa Manning in room 417 or send an email to [mmanning@wcl.american.edu](mailto:mmanning@wcl.american.edu) by Friday, November 30 at 5:00 p.m.

**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, [msaez@wcl.american.edu](mailto:msaez@wcl.american.edu). Deadline for application: December 1.

**The Center For Human Rights And Humanitarian Law** 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](mailto:aparker@wcl.american.edu) by Monday, November 26 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.* Applications Due Monday, November 26 at 5:00p.m

**The War Crimes Research Office (WCRO) is seeking Dean's Fellows for Spring 2008.** JDs (2L and 3L) and LL.M students are eligible to work on major legal research projects prepared exclusively for international criminal courts and tribunals on issues of critical importance to these institutions. Interested students with a background in public international law, particularly international criminal / humanitarian / human rights law, are especially encouraged to apply, as are those with prior volunteer experience at the WCRO. The time commitment will be a minimum of 20 hours a week. Please submit a resume and a cover letter, along with a short writing sample and a transcript (unofficial is fine) to Susana SáCouto, Director, War Crimes Research Office, by email at [warcimes@wcl.american.edu](mailto:warcimes@wcl.american.edu). The deadline for applications is **Friday, November 16**.

**The WCRO** also seeks a Dean's Fellow to provide administrative assistance to its **Summer Law Program in The Hague**. We are looking for students to assist in developing course materials, marketing the program and undertaking administrative tasks. We value attention to detail, strong organizational skills and familiarity with Microsoft Office programs. Experience or interest in international law, program management and study abroad are all great assets. To apply, please send a resume and cover letter highlighting relevant experience to Susana SáCouto, Director, War Crimes Research Office, by email at [warcimes@wcl.american.edu](mailto:warcimes@wcl.american.edu). The deadline for applications is **Friday, November 16**.

If you have any questions, please feel free to stop by our office at 4910 Massachusetts Ave, NW, Suite 16, call us at 202-274-4067 or e-mail [warcimes@wcl.american.edu](mailto:warcimes@wcl.american.edu).

**The Impact Litigation Project** is looking for two Dean's Fellows for the fall with the potential to continue through the spring semester to work on freedom of expression and other human rights cases. Candidates must be fluent in English and Spanish, have excellent writing skills in both languages and have a proved interest in human rights issues. This is an excellent opportunity for 2Ls, 3Ls and LLMS to work with Dean Grossman and the lawyers at the Impact Litigation Project; work with Chilean, Argentinean and Guatemalan students and attorneys; gain experience in human rights international litigation; and get an inside look at impact litigation strategy-drafting. The Dean's Fellows will be required to work at least 20 hours per week providing administrative support as well as researching and drafting legal memoranda. If you are interested in applying to this position please send an email with a cover letter, resume and short writing sample (10 pages max.) to Agustina Del Campo at [delcampo@wcl.american.edu](mailto:delcampo@wcl.american.edu) indicating "Dean's Fellow spring 2008" in the subject line.

**The Program on Law and Government** seeks a 2L, 3L or LLMS student to serve as an administrative Dean's Fellow for spring 2008. The position would include assistance with running various programs and events, office tasks, and supporting the students served by the Program on Law and Government (Marshall-Brennan Fellows, LLMS, and SJD students). Please submit resumes and cover letters to Amelia Duroska at [aduroska@wcl.american.edu](mailto:aduroska@wcl.american.edu).

**Academy On Human Rights And Humanitarian Law Dean's Fellows Summer Program – Spring Semester :** The Summer Program of the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law seeks a Dean Fellow to work 20 hours a week primarily in the coordination the 2008 Summer Program. This position will work closely with the Program Coordinator and the Assistant Program Coordinator. Knowledge of Spanish and familiarity with Microsoft Office Suite is highly desirable. 1Ls are not eligible to apply unless you are a part-time student. Please send a cover letter and resume to [hacademy@wcl.american.edu](mailto:hacademy@wcl.american.edu) indicating "Dean's Fellow - Spring 2007".

**Academy On Human Rights And Humanitarian Law Volunteer Opportunities: Human Rights Film Festival – Summer Program:** The Summer Program of the Academy is looking for a volunteer to research films that can be shown during the Summer Program's Film Festival. If interested, please send an email to [hacademy@wcl.american.edu](mailto:hacademy@wcl.american.edu) with the title Volunteer Film Festival.

## 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.

*Attention December Graduates*  
*Dean Claudio Grossman and the Faculty of the Washington College of*  
*Law*  
*Invite you to a Reception in Honor of Your Graduation*

*Monday, December 3, 2007*

*6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.*

*In the residence at: 4745 Massachusetts Avenue, NW Washington, DC*  
*20016*

*Please respond for you and a maximum of two guests by November 29 to:*  
*202.274.4163 or [alumni@wcl.american.edu](mailto:alumni@wcl.american.edu)*

*Please park in the WCL Garage (guests will not be charged)*

*\*If you require special accommodations, we will make every effort to meet your needs. Please make your request when you respond.*

**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.

**International Trade Law II (2 credits) with Professor Padideh Ala'I-** The course explores the theoretical rationale for regulation of international trade. The course will focus on the impact of international trade rules on governance (both domestic and global) including, but not limited to, its attempt to harmonize rules with emphasis on transparency in administration of trade regulation. The course examines the conflicting values that the WTO system promotes (or is intended to promote), the different interests who seek to influence the WTO mandate and, given the legacy of colonialism, the implications of such efforts for North-South relations and global harmony. In

addition, this course extends the coverage of International Trade Law I (previously called International Trade) beyond trade in goods to international trade in services and trade aspects of intellectual property rights and to further deepen our understanding of the law and developing jurisprudence of the World Trade Organization (WTO) by examining important WTO dispute settlement decisions. The focus of this course, like International Trade Law I, is the WTO system. Regional trading arrangements are discussed primarily in the context of their relationship with the global trading system.

## 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

1<sup>st</sup> 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

**Did you miss one of last week's 1L Resume & Cover Workshops conducted by OCPD career counselors?** Any first year student who did not attend a workshop is required to view the program's webcast, which is available under the "Webcasts" section of the OCPD website at [www.wcl.american.edu/career/webcast.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/career/webcast.cfm). **Access to the WCL CareerLink system will be suspended until you have viewed the webcast; 1Ls must also view the webcast prior to scheduling an appointment with an OCPD career counselor.** Once you have viewed the workshop, you will regain access to CareerLink and become eligible to schedule a counseling appointment. Contact OCPD at [careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu](mailto:careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu) with questions.

### **Calling all 2L and 3L Students: 2007 Summer and Academic Year Employment Evaluations:**

The Office of Career & Professional Development is collecting information regarding second and third year students' summer and academic year employment experiences for the purpose of updating the Student Mentor Database that students can use to network and inquire about specific employers and employment experiences.

As a law student, your peers are some of the most valuable professional contacts you have. OCPD encourages all students to take part in this valuable job search resource by completing the 3-5 minute evaluation. By sharing employment experiences, WCL students can create a professional network in which to seek out and provide information regarding a particular employer, practice area, or geographic location. You can also choose whether to share your contact information with current WCL students or to remain anonymous.

**Instructions for accessing the evaluation:** Please log on to CareerLink at <http://law-american-csm.symphlicity.com/students> to complete the 2007 Summer and Academic Year Employment Evaluation. Select the "Profile" button, and then select the "Evaluations" tab. To start the evaluation, click "Add New" at the bottom of your screen. If you do not know your log in information, please send an email to [careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu](mailto:careerdevelopment@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**. 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:

Apply by U.S. Mail to:  
Jean Lenzner  
Director of Professional Resources  
2000 K Street NW, Suite 500  
Washington, D.C. 20006-1872

Email:  
[jean.lenzner@bgllp.com](mailto:jean.lenzner@bgllp.com)

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**PUBLIC INTEREST & GOVERNMENT**

**American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois Seeks Summer Interns:** The ACLU of Illinois is a non-profit, non-partisan organization, dedicated to protecting freedom, liberty, equality and justice for all within the United States. The office has an active docket of over 40 cases in federal and state trial and appellate courts, including the Illinois and U.S. Supreme Courts. The ACLU accomplishes its goals through litigation, lobbying and education programs. There are a limited number of summer funded positions available. Please visit [www.aclu-il.org](http://www.aclu-il.org) for more information and CareerLink for the complete job posting.

**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**.

**Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs Seeks Summer Interns:** The Washington Lawyers' Committee is accepting applications from law students interested in working with the Committee in our Equal Employment Opportunity, Fair Housing, Immigrant and Refugee Rights, Disability Rights, D.C. Prisoners' Rights, and Public Education projects. Duties include conducting legal research, drafting memoranda, and assisting attorneys in all aspects of the investigation and litigation of discrimination cases brought by the Committee on behalf of discrimination victims. In the case of Immigrant and Refugee Rights interns, duties also include assisting in the analysis of possible political asylum cases. Please see CareerLink for application details and [www.washlaw.org](http://www.washlaw.org) for more information.

**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](http://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](http://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.

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### **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](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](mailto: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

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### ***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](http://www.dinslaw.com) for more information.

**NEW! Davis Wright Tremaine LLP 1L Diversity Scholarship Program:** The DWT Diversity Scholarships are open to all first-year law students of color, or others of diverse backgrounds, who (1) have a record of academic achievement in both undergraduate school and the first year of law school which demonstrates promise for a successful career in law; (2) are committed to civic involvement that promotes diversity and will continue that commitment upon entering the legal profession; and (3) will commit to becoming a Summer Associate in DWT's Seattle or Portland Office between the student's first and second years of law school. Applications for the coming year must be received on or before **January 23, 2008**. Interviews will be scheduled for finalists before scholarships are awarded. For more information or to apply, please visit <http://www.dwt.com/recruit/intro/howtoapply.htm>.

**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](http://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](mailto:mooret@staff.abanet.org).** ABA Section of Labor and Employment Law <http://www.abanet.org/labor>.

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### **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](mailto: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](mailto:@american.edu) email address and create a personal password. If you have any questions or comments regarding this software, please email [careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:tjenkins@wcl.american.edu)

#### **Claire Raj**

Public Interest and Government

[craj@wcl.american.edu](mailto:craj@wcl.american.edu)

#### **Matthew Pascocello**

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

[mpasco@wcl.american.edu](mailto:mpasco@wcl.american.edu)

#### **Adriana Vito**

Foreign-trained LL.M. students and alumni

[avito@wcl.american.edu](mailto:avito@wcl.american.edu)

#### **Kelli Johnson**

General Counseling  
[kjohnson@wcl.american.edu](mailto:kjohnson@wcl.american.edu)

**Laura Friedgood**  
General Counseling  
[lfried@wcl.american.edu](mailto: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 19**

**Monday November 19**

5pm, SBA Lounge, **SBA Student Services Committee meeting**

**Tuesday, November 20**

**Wednesday, November 21**

**Thursday, November 22**

**Classes Cancelled**

**Friday, November 23**

**Classes Cancelled**

