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OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

E-mail: registrar@wcl.american.edu

REGISTRAR’S OFFICE HOURS FOR SPRING 2008 SEMESTER

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| Monday | 9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. |
| Tuesday | 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday | 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. |
| Thursday | 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.

Add/Drop Period Through This Week, January 7-13

Students may add or drop course continuously through the next week via the web, my.american.edu, at any time if spaces are open. Students must register for externships or independent studies in the law school Registrar’s Office, Suite 304. Signed contracts are required to do so. The deadline for registering for independent studies and externships is January 22, 2008.

Holidays

Monday, January 21, 2008 is a holiday for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observance. Classes will not meet and administrative offices will be closed.

ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE MAY 2008 GRADUATES: If you plan to graduate in May 2008, please complete an Application to Graduate as soon as possible. Applications are available in the Registrar’s Office, Suite 304, or on-line at www.wcl.american.edu, under Office of the Registrar.

ANONYMOUS GRADING NUMBERS: All students must use anonymous grading numbers, and not names, on all school examinations. These are available on my.american.edu under Personal Links at the bottom (WCL Anonymous Grading Number). Students may also find previous semesters’ grading numbers here.

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. Please read all instructions carefully. You are responsible for requesting a final transcript to be sent to the MD Bar.

Attention Bar Exam Applicants: Anyone needing certification to submit with your bar exam application, please request as soon as possible. (for most states, applying early means avoiding late fees) Please be sure to carefully read **all** instructions before filing your bar exam applications. Each state has different requirements and procedures. Go to www.barexam.org to find your state's exam instructions, requirements, deadlines, and fees.

INCLEMENT WEATHER AND EMERGENCY CLOSING OF THE UNIVERSITY:

The decision to close the university or have a delayed opening is made by the Provost in consultation with the Assistant Vice President for Facilities Management. In case of overnight snow and ice, the decision is made by 6:00 am. In cases of snow during the day, the decision to close fir evening classes will be made by 3:00 pm. Decisions to change a delayed opening to a closing will be made by 8:30 am. Decisions are made as early as possible, but often are affected by rapidly changing conditions. Circumstances considered in taking such decisions are: (1) conditions of campus, (2) conditions of roads and public transportation, and (3) predicted weather. All major TV and Radio stations will be notified as soon as decisions are made. The University Hotline number for information on closing is 202-885-1100. For individual cancellations of law classes students please call 202-274-4400.

OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

Lunch with the Dean!

The Spring series of lunch meetings with Dean Claudio Grossman begins on **Tuesday, January 22, at 12:30 p.m.** Learn about plans for the semester, speak your mind about issues that affect you, and enjoy a free lunch courtesy of the Office of the Dean.

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

ADA Accommodations

Washington College of Law students with permanent or temporary disabilities may need special accommodations to facilitate their study of the law. If you are such a student and have documentation of your disability, and have not already self identified previously, please consider doing so. Of course, you are not required to disclose your disability or request an accommodation if you do not wish to do so.

It is the law school's desire to identify entering students with disabilities before the Fall semester begins in order to review information and documentation, determine appropriate accommodations, and provide those accommodations in a timely fashion. It is also the law school's desire to urge students with disabilities to come forward at the start of their legal education to learn if they will receive accommodations. We say this because many state boards of bar examiners are reluctant to provide accommodations when taking bar examinations if an applicant first seeks accommodations

when taking a bar examination. A record of receiving accommodations in law school will be helpful in such cases.

Your privacy will be protected. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions or need more information. You may contact the Senior Academic Counselor, Ann Kreske, at 202-274-4031; akreske@wcl.american.edu. **You are encouraged to submit your documentation as soon as possible for any accommodations needed prior to the final exam period.**

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!

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY SERVICES

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

**HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYONE
WELCOME BACK TO SPRING SEMESTER**

Ninth Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Commemoration

Tuesday, January, 15, 2008, 4:00-6:00 PM—Program, Room 603; Reception, Room 600

The speaker for WCL's annual program is Daniel Bernstine, president and executive director of the Law School Admission Council. He has served as law professor and dean of the University of Wisconsin Law School, as well as interim dean at the Howard University School of Law. Dean Bernstine's speech will be followed by a communal reading of excerpts from selected King speeches led by Ms. Marilyn Estes of the Pence Law Library. The program will conclude with a reception for the law school community and guests. All are welcome.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR : SPRING SEMESTER ACTIVITIES.

- **February 21** – Law School 101, the LSAC-sponsored National Minority Recruitment Month program, in conjunction with the Admissions Office -- a pre-law program for prospective undergrads from disadvantaged and under-represented groups
- **February 25** – In honor of Black History Month: a screening and discussion of *Sisters in Law*, a documentary about two progressive Cameroonian women judges who deal primarily with family law and domestic violence issues
- **March 5** – The Tenth Annual Hispanic Law Conference, including a pre-law activity for high school students, a job fair, a program focused on Hispanics in the national election, and the annual awards dinner
- **April 2** – The 12th Sylvania Woods Conference on African Americans and the Law; program topic TBA
- **April 10 (tentative)** – Dean’s Diversity Council Speaker Series featuring the Honorable Ricardo Urbina, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia
- **Late April** – In collaboration with the Office of Career and Professional Development, the first in the Women of Color in the Law Spring Luncheon

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

Welcome Back!

Spring Disbursements

Spring semester aid has been disbursed. Check your Asnapshot@ at my.american.edu for confirmation of payment. Stafford loans, WCL grants and Mussey-Gillett awards posted if enrollment in six credit hours was confirmed and all other financial aid file requirements were satisfied. Outside loan funds (Grad PLUS and private) are being posted as checks arrive.

Note: Aid is subject to adjustment if your course load is reduced.

Refunds are issued when a credit balance exists on your account, i.e, all aid is disbursed and charges are fully paid. You must have a current request on file with the Student Accounts Office for the refund to be processed. If you have not done so, submit your request from your AU assigned email account to studentaccounts@american.edu. The time frame for refund processing is established by the SAO; checks are available the first week of classes. Refund activity can be monitored on your student account “snapshot”.

Dean’s Fellow Payments

The first payment of spring Dean’s Fellow awards (non work-study appointments) is scheduled for January 31. New appointments or changes to existing appointments must be submitted to this office by the close of business January 11 for payment to be issued on time.

Consortium Agreements

If you are visiting another institution this term a Consortium Agreement may be required and should be completed as soon as possible for financial aid to be processed and transferred. Check with the office for details.

2008-2009 Financial Aid Priority Deadline - March 1, 2008

FAFSA applications can now be filed at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The **Need Access** application for WCL grant support is available at www.needaccess.org and **no longer requires a processing fee**. Please note that you must have a FAFSA on file for summer aid processing. Don't delay.

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

Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

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

Attention 1Ls – Learn About Public Interest Opportunities at Opportunities Day, January

10: Please stop by and visit the Office of Public Interest table between 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. during the Opportunities Day program on January 10 to learn about pro bono opportunities and other public interest programs at WCL.

January 25th Greater DC/Baltimore Public Service Career Fair: Registration for the 2008 Washington,DC/ Baltimore Public Service Career Fair is now open! Students can bid for interviews, submit resumes for resume collections or visit with employers at table talk. The event occurs on Friday, January 25th at George Mason University. The **Bidding Deadline for Interviewing Employers is MIDNIGHT, JANUARY 4th, 2008**. The Career Fair website link is: <https://law-dcpsf-csm.symlicity.com/>. Please read the student information handout available in the Document Library for detailed registration and bidding instructions.

February 7 Founder's Event: *Staying Public – Survival Skills for a Lifetime Career in Public Service Law*. Join a panel of WCL alumni from a variety of public service backgrounds to discuss the challenges and rewards of a public interest career. The panel will be followed by a dinner honoring public interest alumni. The panel runs from 5:00 – 6:15 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Registration is FREE. To register, go to: http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle_form.cfm.

April 8 Peter M. Cicchino Public Service Awards Dinner: The Public Interest Committee will host the annual Cicchino Public Service Awards dinner on Tuesday, April 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the 6th

floor dining area. The Cicchino Awards Dinner is the academy awards of student public interest and pro bono work. In addition to recognizing the three Cicchino awardees, members of the class of 2008 will receive certificates of achievement at a sumptuous dinner before their peers, faculty and staff for a variety of additional awards and accomplishments, including: completion of the Pro Bono Honors Pledge Program, the WCL Community Service Award, external pro bono and public service awards, and receipt of post-graduate public interest fellowships. The event is free and open to all students. Additional information will be available soon.

PRO BONO HONORS PLEDGE PROGRAM:

Remember to submit your Winter Break Pro Bono Hours! 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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PLEASE REGISTER FOR EVENTS!!!!!!

It only takes two minutes at the most and it means that we can have accurate counts for seating, food, and attendance. You can register for all the upcoming spring events at http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle_form.cfm

Upcoming Events!

JANUARY 9, 9-5pm, Student Lounges

[Turkey: At the Crossroads of Secular West and Traditional East](#)

JANUARY 10
12pm-6pm, Multiple rooms
[Opportunities Day](#)

JANUARY 11
10am-11am, Room 528
[The Legal and Moral Dimensions of the Struggle with Terrorism: The Israeli Perspective](#)

Save the Dates: January 2008

- **JANUARY 15**
[Ninth Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Commemoration](#)
- **JANUARY 17**
[The United Nations Committee Against Torture Project](#)
- **JANUARY 17-18**
[Basic Special Education Law for Special Education Hearing Officers](#)
- **JANUARY 24**
[The WCL Externship Fair](#)
- **JANUARY 30 *CLE***
[The Right to Die with Dignity: An Argument in Ethics and Law](#)
- **JANUARY 30**
[Challenges for Data Privacy in Transatlantic and Global Perspective](#)
- **JANUARY 31 *CLE***
[Tax Law and Cultural Property](#)

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

CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

Center Announcements

GIVE A LITTLE! GET A LOT!
Join the Center's 2008 Student Advisory Board
***** Applications Now Available Online*****

Unsure how to continue your human rights activism while loaded down by law school class work? Interested in increasing awareness at WCL and in the DC community about a certain human rights issue? The Center's Student Advisory Board (SAB) is a group of highly qualified, creative students committed to human rights advocacy. The SAB provides students interested in and committed to human rights the opportunity to participate in the planning and implementation of Center programming, to learn tangible skills beyond the classroom for effective advocacy and activism, and to attend special SAB-only events and receptions. SAB members meet weekly with Center staff and participate in monthly skills development seminars that focus on topics like grant proposal writing, public speaking, lobbying and more. SAB members are also available to answer questions

about Center activities or working and interning in human rights as law students. The 2007 SAB members are **Amalia Greenberg, Ian Harris, Cori Racela, Miya Saika Chen, Solomon Shinerock, and Jon Tracy**. To learn more about the SAB and/or to meet this year's group, go to WCLCenterforHR.org/sab.cfm.

To apply, download the application from the Center's website and submit it to humlaw@wcl.american.edu by **5pm on Wednesday, January 23, 2008**. Interviews will be held the week of January 28, 2008. We encourage you to apply!

WHAT'S THE SAB?

Wednesday, January 16, 12pm-1pm, Rm. TBA

Interested in joining the SAB but still not sure what it is? Come join the staff of the Center for Human Rights as well as previous members of the Center's Student Advisory Board (SAB) in a discussion of the perks of joining this prestigious group of student activists. Lunch will be served! For additional information, please contact humlaw@wcl.american.edu.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE MANY GREAT OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED IN HUMAN RIGHTS WORK AT WCL!

Center's Spring 2008 Newsletter Now Available for Download!

Distributed at the beginning of each semester, the Newsletter contains contributions solicited from all other human rights organizations at WCL. The Newsletter lists all courses in human rights and humanitarian law, provides a coordinated calendar of events and highlights ways for students to be involved with human rights and humanitarian law activities at WCL. Newsletters will be distributed electronically to all WCL students, staff and faculty on Monday, January 7, 2008. If you do not receive a copy via email or would like an additional copy, please feel free to download the newsletter from the Center's website (WCLCenterforHR.org) or stop by the Center's office in the 4910 Annex Building to get your copy.

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>. To submit a human-rights related event or announcement to the listserv, please send an email to humlaw@wcl.american.edu.

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

The add/drop period ends on January 11th, so you must make sure you are properly registered for your externship credit. Externships are made up of two components: the externship seminar and the fieldwork. You must be registered for an externship seminar (LAW-769) and externship fieldwork (LAW-899). If you have registered for your seminar, you can begin the fieldwork registration

process by clicking on the highlighted registration section of the Externship Website 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

Almost all externship seminars are full. If you have accepted a field placement but are unable to register for a seminar, please contact the externship office immediately.

2008 EXTERNSHIP FAIR

The annual WCL Externship Fair will be held on January 24th, 2008. Sections 1 and 4 will attend from approximately 2:45 to 4:00 and sections 2 and 3 will attend from 3:45 to 5:00 pm. Every year over 100 employers from not-for-profits, government agencies, courts, and law firms engaged in pro-bono work come to the Fair. Many students get their externships as a result of attending the fair. Please prepare your resumes prior to the Fair. The Office of Career and Professional Development has excellent resources on their website. Software for resume formatting is available at <https://wcl.optimalresume.com/> This software will enable you to create a professional-looking resume quite easily. You may also make an appointment to meet with one of OCPD's counselors to discuss your resume.

SUMMER 2008 INTERNATIONAL EXTERNSHIPS

If you are interested in getting credit for an externship abroad, you must schedule an appointment with the Externship Office.

INDIVIDUAL DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL 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.

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, the title of the article, and the journal name to Billie Jo Kaufman, Associate Dean for Library and Information Resources at bkaufman@wcl.american.edu by **January 18**. The Library will host a reception on March 3 at 3 pm to honor student scholarship efforts and we don't want to leave anyone out!

Research Services Are you starting your research paper or comment and need help identifying possible topics? Are you spading for a journal and unsure of what a citation means or where it can be located? Are you lost using the Code of Federal Regulations? There is help available at the Reference Desk. Stop by, call 202-467-4352 or email us at reflib@wcl.american.edu

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.

Access WCL Library Electronic Resources from Home! Did you know that the WCL community can log into the subscription databases on the library website from anywhere? Link to a database listing from the Research Tools or Information Resources pages on the library website at <http://library.wcl.american.edu> Off campus you will be prompted for a login and password – just enter the same login and password that you use to access the law school network and my.american.edu.

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.

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 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.

SUMMER LAW PROGRAM IN THE HAGUE

May 25-June 21, 2008

In June 2007, the War Crimes Research Center launched the first annual Summer Law Program in The Hague, a six-credit program offered in collaboration with the T.M.C. Asser Institute, one of the most prominent institutes of international law in Europe. The program offered two three-credit courses: *International Criminal Law* and *International Legal Approaches to Terrorism*. During the 2007 session, program participants received course lectures from nearly thirty practitioners and other experts, including judges, prosecutors and other staff from legal organizations located in The Hague. Participants also visited the International Criminal Court, the International Criminal

Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, Eurojust and other institutions critical to the development and enforcement of these areas of international law.

The program is open to J.D. students after their first year of law school, LL.M. students and graduates of ABA-accredited law schools. **Applications for the 2008 program are now available online at www.wcl.american.edu/hague.**

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

The **next SBA Senate meeting** will be on **Tuesday, January 15 at 10:10 PM in room 101**. Any student or student organization that wishes to be on the agenda **MUST** e-mail Senate President Pro-Tempore Frank Gerratana at sbaprotemp@wcl.american.edu no later than 5 PM on Sunday, January 13. 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.

Equal Justice Foundation

Attention all Students seeking Summer Funding for Public Interest Work - All students who may be interested in applying for an **Equal Justice Foundation Grant** to fund their public interest summer work are required to attend one of the **mandatory information sessions**. Sessions are offered on **Monday, January 14th at 12:00-1:00 and Tuesday, January 15th at 12:00-1:00 and 5:00-6:00 pm**; the location for all sessions will be posted in next week's docket and in the WCL lobby. You will not be permitted to apply for EJF funding in the spring if you do not attend one of the sessions. The information provided at these sessions will answer any questions you may have about opportunities available through EJF and ways in which you can earn volunteer hours to qualify you for a grant. Please visit www.wcl.american.edu/org/ejf for general information about the organization.

Leadership Position Available with the Equal Justice Foundation - The Equal Justice Foundation is actively seeking an Incoming Selection Committee Chairperson for the 2008-2009 school year. The Selection Committee Chairperson will play an influential role in selecting the EJF Grant recipients for the present and upcoming school years. The position involves approximately 15-20 hours of commitment for the entire school year and is an excellent leadership opportunity. This position also serves as an opportunity for students who received EJF Grants last year to repay their 10 hours of volunteer service with EJF. The individual assuming this role must

be a highly organized individual who will be available to work with the organization this spring and in the 2008-2009 school year. Notably, a student interested in applying for this position must not be actively seeking or intend on applying for an EJP Grant for the Summer 2008. If interested in applying for this position, please send an email to Gabrielle Mulnick at gmulnick@hotmail.com stating your qualifications for the position. The deadline for applying for this position is Thursday, January 24th at 5:00 pm.

IN SEARCH OF

Prof. David Aaronson is seeking a Dean's Fellow for 15 hours per week for Spring, 2008, to provide research assistance to update a manuscript for the third edition of *Maryland Criminal Jury Instructions and Commentary* (Michie: 2d ed., 1988). The manuscript combines a treatise on Maryland criminal law and related criminal procedure and evidence topics with a collection of pattern criminal jury instructions covering over 200 topics. Maryland criminal law, based on the common law supplemented by statutes, is similar to the criminal law of most states. The ideal student has 15 hours per week available, is interested in criminal law, and has strong research and writing skills. If interested, please e-mail a resume, transcript and writing sample to Professor Aaronson at daarons@wcl.american.edu. For additional information, contact him: e-mail; phone - 202-274-4201; Room 410.

Professor Aaronson is also seeking a Research Assistant to be paid from other research funds to provide assistance for a law review article tentative titled, "The Federal Crime Victims Rights Act of 2004: Assessing the Constitutional, Structural and Policy Implications of the Third Wave of Victims' Rights Reform". The CVRA is the most far-reaching of victims' rights legislation. It strengthens crime victims' rights at pre-trial, trial and post-trial stages of criminal proceedings. Also, it creates an unprecedented statutory appellate review enforcement mechanism providing automatic standing for crime victims to enforce violations of their trial level rights and mandatory review by a federal appeals court within 72 hours after the petition has been filed. The ideal student has 15 hours per week available, is interested in crime victims' rights, and has strong research and writing skills. If interested, please e-mail a resume, transcript and writing sample to Professor Aaronson at daarons@wcl.american.edu. For additional information, contact him: e-mail; phone - 202-274-4201; Room 410.

Prof. Nancy Abramowitz Seeks Spring 2008 Dean's Fellow: Professor Abramowitz is seeking a Dean's Fellow to work 10-15 hours per week. The Dean's Fellow may assist with conducting research, providing support for ongoing cases within the Tax Clinic, and additional duties. Please submit a resume and cover letter to Kelly DiBisceglie, Senior Administrative Assistant for the Tax Clinic at kellyd@wcl.american.edu by January 30th

The Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project would like to hire a Dean's Fellow for the new semester, for up to 20 hours per week, to draft a moot court problem to be used in the Marshall-Brennan local public high school moot court competitions in November 2008 and March 2009. Preference will be given in the application process to 2L's. The individual who is selected will choose a topic and a fact scenario in consultation with the staff of the Marshall-Brennan Project. The individual will be expected to research and write briefs for petitioners and respondents

and to prepare paragraph summaries of the major cases used in the briefs. The position requires a commitment to finish the project by the end of this semester in May, 2008. Strong research and writing skills are essential for this job, as the end product must be in useable form and not subject to substantial rewriting. The author must also be able to write in a way that will make the moot court problem understandable to high school students. Apply with a cover letter and resume, including a statement of what your other commitments are for next semester. Decisions will be made quickly so that the project can get underway. Your application should go to Steve Wermiel, Associate Director of Marshall-Brennan, either by e-mail at swermiel@wcl.american.edu or in person to WCL Suite 515.

Are you interested in women's rights? **The Women and the Law Program** is looking for an energetic Dean's Fellow for the spring semester. 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 Criminal Court, 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 with 'Spring Dean's Fellow' in the subject line. A 10 hr/week commitment is preferred.

SUMMER JOB -- Prof. Ira Robbins seeks to hire one or more Dean's Fellows/Research Assistants to work this summer (and perhaps into next academic year) in one or more of the following areas: criminal law, prisoners' rights, habeas corpus, death penalty, judicial process, and pro se litigation. Interested students should apply by putting a cover letter, résumé, photocopy of unofficial law school transcript/grade report, and writing sample in Professor Robbins' mailbox in Room 467 (or slip it under his office door, Room 322). In addition, please indicate the nature of your other commitments for the summer and coming year. The work will be substantially full time in the summer and 15-20 hours a week during the school year.

Legal Rhetoric Dean's Fellow Recruitment: The Legal Rhetoric Program is looking for Dean's Fellows to fill Classroom, Writing Fellow, Research Fellow, and MISO Fellow positions beginning fall 2008. We are looking for students who are committed to student mentoring, Bluebook citation, research, comfortable in a leadership role, and interested in working closely with Rhetoric faculty and staff. Classroom Dean's Fellows will teach citation and other discrete topics as selected, developed, and supervised by the instructor. All Dean's Fellows are expected to participate in First Year Orientation in August 2008 (right before classes start) and in semi-regular Dean's Fellow meetings. The positions are for 7.5 hours per week with some 15 hour positions available. Compensation is estimated at \$12.00 per hour (through tuition remission or biweekly paychecks, depending on student Federal Work Study eligibility). If you are interested, drop off your cover letter, resume, and writing sample (7-10 pages) to the Legal Rhetoric Office (room 129), in the designated box by Friday, February 15, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. Please indicate in your cover letter your preference, if any, for the Classroom Fellow, Writing Fellow, Research Fellow, or MISO Fellow position. For further information, pick up a handout from the Legal Rhetoric office.

The **WCRO** 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. The deadline for applications is **Wednesday, January 9, 2008 at 5:00 PM.**

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.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advanced Environmental Law: Liability and Torts (Mr. Breen). The course grade is based on a final examination (75% of the grade) and class participation (25% of the grade). Class participation includes regular classes and an in-class legislative exercise near the end of the semester.

Advanced Corporate Law: Corporate Governance (Professor Effross)- Attendance Requirement. Students are required to attend 75% of regularly scheduled classes (i.e., classes held as scheduled at 1:30 - 3:20 p.m. on Tuesdays and any of our class sessions held during the law school's official make-up days) in order to be permitted to submit the paper for the course.

E-Commerce Law & Drafting (Professor Effross)- Attendance Requirement. Students are required to attend 75% of regularly scheduled classes (i.e., classes held as scheduled at 9:00 - 10:50 a.m. on Tuesdays and any of our class sessions held during the law school's official make-up days) in order to be permitted to take the final examination for the course.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA): VOLUNTEER to assist low-income individuals prepare their tax returns and often to obtain critically needed income supplement benefits available with return filing (earned income credits).

We have arranged for VOLUNTEER TRAINING at WCL on **SUNDAY JANUARY 13, 2008 beginning at 9:00 am in Room 602.** Please SAVE THE DATE and consider training to provide this important pro bono service.

To register as a volunteer, please go online to www.dceitc.org/signup to complete the online volunteer application.

SENTENCING, SANCTIONS & CORRECTIONS SEMINAR: (American and International Theory, Policy, Law and Practice)

Prof. Nicholas N. Kittrie

The **Seminar on Sentencing, Penalties and Corrections** will be added to the WCL Spring 2008 course offerings.

The Seminar will offer 2 credits and will meet weekly on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:50 p.m. One or two additional credits may be added by students for extra research.

A Research paper will be submitted by Seminar members in lieu of an exam. The Research paper may also qualify for the WCL Upper Level Writing requirement.

The Seminar will examine and review several important topics in the area of criminal sentencing, penalties and corrections, including: (1) the Death Penalty; (2) Sentencing White Collar Offenders; (3) Sentencing Habitual Sexual Offenders; (4) Sentencing Women Offenders; (5) Sentencing Recidivists; (6) Sentencing in Islam; (7) Sentencing in China; (8) Sentencing in the Military; (9) Sentencing for Drugs; (10) Sentencing of Minorities (i.e., African-Americans, Hispanics.); (11) Sentencing in Western Europe; (12) Correctional Innovations; (13) the Status and Problems of Former Prison Inmates; (14) Innovations in Probation and Parole; (15) the Criminal Sentencing of Professionals: Lawyers and Physicians; (16) Model Sentencing Laws – Federal and states; (17) The Sentencing of Juvenile Offenders; (18) Sentencing Terrorists.

American University Choral Ensemble Auditions. The AU Chorus and AU Chamber Singers will be holding auditions during the week of January 15-18. Highlights the 2008 Spring semester include Beethoven's Symphony No. 9, Donald McCullough's Holocaust Cantata, as well as a performance at the AU Presidential Inauguration. Auditions are open to all students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members. Sign up for an audition outside room 146 Katzen Arts Center, by calling 202-885-3425, or by emailing chorus@american.edu.

Registration Has Opened for 2008 Summer Session on Environmental Law

The Summer Session on Environmental Law directed by Professor David Hunter, provides law students and practitioners with an opportunity for intensive environmental law training during a three-week period. Courses are taught by leading practitioners from government, business, and non-governmental organizations. The summer session offers two two-credit courses, and 5 one-credit courses including one in Spanish. WCL students, WCL alumni, WCL friends and students from all over the world are encouraged to register and/or apply.

The 2008 Summer Session will take place from May 27 to June 13, 2008. For more information about the Environmental Summer Session, visit the program website at:

<http://www.wcl.american.edu/environment/summer/>. You can also send an e-mail to William Snape, Environmental Law Fellow, [wsnape@wcl.american.edu](mailto:wsnake@wcl.american.edu) or Susana Castiglione at castiglione@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

OPEN HOUSE

The Office of Career & Professional Development is hosting an informal open house on Wednesday, January 9 to welcome new and returning students to the spring semester!

Date: Wednesday, January 9th
Time: 3:30-5:00pm
Place: Suite 122

Coffee & Treats will be on hand – please stop by as your schedule permits.

We look forward to seeing you!

PUBLIC INTEREST & GOVERNMENT

Washington, DC/ Baltimore Public Service Career Fair Registration Deadline Approaching!

Hosted by 6 area law schools and the Federal Bar Association, the 5th Annual Public Service Career Fair brings together over 60 public interest organizations and government agencies interested in hiring YOU for summer internships and post-graduation positions. Students must register for the event on the Career Fair website: <https://law-dcpscf-csm.symplicity.com>. **Deadline to bid for interviews is 11:59p.m. January 4, 2008.** The Career Fair will be held at George Mason University, School of Law on Friday, January 25, 2008. Detailed information can be found on the OCPD Document Library or at the OCPD office (Suite 122).

Interested in Working for the U.S. Department of Justice? All law students are invited to an on-campus program about working for the Department of Justice. An attorney from the DOJ will present information about the department as well as tips for securing an internship and post-graduate opportunity with Justice. Presentation date and time to be determined. Please review the events section of CareerLink for updates.

Job Search Resources: Looking for spring and summer internships? Visit the following websites for a jumpstart on your job search.

1. CareerLink – WCL’s on-line jobs database. Remember to update your profile and **select public interest and government listserv options.**
2. PSLawnet (www.pslawnet.org) – The Public Service Law Network includes an organizational and opportunities database and compiles the most recent fellowship information found in the “Fellowship Corner.”
3. Idealist (www.idealists.org) – This website lists hundreds of internship opportunities and is a particularly good resource for students interested a public policy experience.
4. 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

Welcome to OCPD’s new Judicial Clerkship Coordinator, Amy Killoran! Amy can be reached by email at killoran@wcl.american.edu or by phone at (202) 274-4251.

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 Amy Killoran, Judicial Clerkship Coordinator, at killoran@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***

1L & 2L Students!! WMACCA Corporate Scholars Program: Are you interested in practicing law in-house for a major corporation? If so, consider the WMACCA Corporate Scholars Program! The WMACCA Corporate Scholars Program will sponsor ten 10-week summer internships in 2008. These opportunities are open to students **who will be 2Ls and 3Ls in fall 2008** and students in both

full-time and part-time programs. The companies and organizations that have provided internships during the previous four summers include: Sodexo Inc., US Airways, the United States Chamber of Commerce, TV One, Verizon Business, Washingtonpost.Newsweek Interactive, TV One, Public Broadcasting Service, XO Communications, and Lockheed Martin. The internships will last for a minimum of ten (10) weeks. In 2007, participants received a scholarship award of \$6,000. The 2008 awards will be at least \$7,000 per student. Applications for the WMACCA Corporate Scholars Program must be **received** by the WMACCA Program Office no later than **January 31, 2008**. The application packet is available in the OCPD Document Library located at www.wcl.american.edu/career.

Please note that prior to submitting your application to the Program Office, a representative of OCPD must sign-off on the completed application. Please bring your application to Kelli Johnson in OCPD for her signature by no later than **close of business (5:00pm) on Friday, January 18, 2008**. Applications without a signature will not be accepted by the Program Office. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, so be sure to submit your materials as quickly as possible. For more questions about the program, please contact Kelli Johnson in OCPD at 202-274-4339 or kjohnson@wcl.american.edu, or Ilene G. Reid, WMACCA Executive Director, at 301-881-3018 or WMACCA@verizon.net. Information also is posted on the WMACCA web page at <http://wmacca.acc.com>.

Faegre & Benson LLP Diversity Scholarship: the firm will offer two \$12,000 scholarships annually to help students pay for their final years of law school. In addition, recipients will have the opportunity to work as Summer Associates at one of the firm's four U.S. offices between their first and second years of law school. Applicants for the Faegre & Benson diversity scholarships must be enrolled full-time at an accredited law school in the United States, with an anticipated graduation date in the spring of 2010. Scholarship recipients will receive \$6,000 for their second year of law school and an additional \$6,000 for their third year. Scholarship recipients will be chosen partly on the basis of a short essay that explores how diversity has influenced their lives and how it affects the legal profession. Applications are due **January 14, 2008**. You will find the Diversity Scholarship Announcement and Application Form on the firm's website at http://www.faegre.com/pdf/pdf_32098.asp, which provides additional information about the scholarship, including details about how to apply.

Fish & Richardson 1L Diversity Fellowship Program: Fish & Richardson is pleased to announce its 1L Diversity Fellowship Program for 2008. The program is a key component of the firm's ongoing initiative to recruit, retain, and advance attorneys who will contribute to the diversity of our practice and of the legal profession. Founded in 1878, F&R is one of the nation's largest law firms practicing exclusively in the areas of intellectual property, litigation, and corporate law. The Fish & Richardson 1L Diversity Fellowship Program is comprised of three components: (1) mentoring, (2) a \$5,000 scholarship, and (3) a paid summer associate position in the office of the student's choice. **Applications for the 2008 fellowship will be accepted from December 1, 2007 through January 14, 2008**. For more information about the Fellowship and to print out an application and a checklist of required support materials, please visit <http://www.fr.com/diversity/DiversityFellowship.pdf>. For more information about Fish & Richardson, please visit www.fr.com.

3rd Annual Arent Fox 1L Diversity Scholarship: Arent Fox is seeking applicants for its third-annual Diversity Scholarship Program. The firm will award three first-year law students \$15,000. The scholarship recipients will also join Arent Fox's 2008 Summer Associate Program. Each of the firm's three offices - Los Angeles, New York and Washington, DC - will host one of the recipients for the summer. Arent Fox will accept program applications from first-year law students beginning December 1, 2007 through January 15, 2008. For consideration, **applications must be received by the January 15th** deadline. Please view our online application for eligibility requirements and a list of application materials: <http://www.arentfox.com/firm/diversity/index.cfm?fa=scholarship>

2008 Perkins Coie 1L Diversity Student Fellows: Perkins Coie will grant fellowships that will provide students with a \$7,500 academic scholarship and a paid position as a 2008 summer associate with the Bellevue, Chicago, Los Angeles, Menlo Park, Phoenix, (Perkins Coie Brown & Bain P.A.), Portland, San Francisco or Seattle offices of Perkins Coie during the summer immediately following the completion of their first year. The 2008 Perkins Coie 1L Diversity Student Fellows will be selected on the basis of the following criteria: (1) The individual must be a first-year law student in good standing for the degree of Juris Doctor at an ABA accredited law school. (2) The individual must possess an academic record, interest and capacity that demonstrate great promise for a successful career during the remainder of law school and in the legal profession. (3) The individual must contribute meaningfully to the diversity of the law school student body and, upon entering the legal profession, the legal community. For an application checklist, as well as more information about the 1L Diversity Fellowship Scholarship, please visit: <http://www.perkinscoie.com/diversity>. All application materials must be received in our offices by the following deadlines: **January 14, 2008** – Majority of offices; **January 23, 2008** – Seattle/Bellevue/Portland for University of Washington, Seattle University and Gonzaga students only; **January 31, 2008** – Phoenix. Address general questions to Laura Kader, Legal Recruiting Manager, at LKader@perkinscoie.com.

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.

Heller Ehrman First Year Student Diversity Fellowship: Heller Ehrman is pleased to offer four First-Year Student Diversity Fellowships. Each fellowship includes a paid 2008 summer associate position and a \$7,500 scholarship for the 2008-2009 academic year. Students may apply to work in our Los Angeles, New York, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, Silicon Valley or Washington, D.C. offices. First-year law students who contribute to the diversity of their law school student body and who will contribute to the diversity of the legal community are eligible to apply. Applications must be received **by January 18, 2008**. Early applications are encouraged and initial interviews may be scheduled during holiday vacations in December and January. Decisions regarding offers, however, will not be made until after the January 18, 2008, application deadline. For more

information about the firm and to submit your application materials, go to the Careers/Summer Associates page on Heller Erhman's website at <http://www.hellerehrman.com/en/careers/summers.aspx>. Then follow these instructions: (a) Go to the Openings page. (b) Select "Summer Associate" in the "Type of Position" field. (c) Select the "First-Year Diversity Fellowship" in the office to which you would like to apply. (d) Follow the prompts and submit your application.

1L & 2L Students!! Miller & Nash LLP Law Student Diversity Fellowship: Miller Nash has created a program to provide for two \$7,500 Diversity Fellowships to be awarded to **first- and second-year law students on an annual basis**. Each Fellowship recipient will also receive a paid summer clerk position at one of Miller Nash's offices in Portland, Oregon, Vancouver, Washington, or Seattle, Washington. Each recipient may receive a Miller Nash Diversity Fellowship only once. Applicant must be a first- or second-year law student in good standing at an ABA-accredited law school. (1) Applicant must intend to work, live, and practice law in the Pacific Northwest; (2) Applicant must be willing and able to fill a summer clerk position at Miller Nash for at least 12 weeks. 1L applicants must also be willing to spend the first four weeks of their 2L summer at Miller Nash, should we request that; (3) Applicant must demonstrate academic excellence, interpersonal skills, leadership qualities, contributions to diversity, and meaningful contributions to the community. 1L application deadline: **January 23, 2008**. Please see the detailed posting on CareerLink for more information.

1L, 2L, 3L/4L Students & Recent Grads!! Tyron Garner Fellowship for African-American LGBT Civil Rights: The summer 2008 fellowship will be funded at \$500/week for up to 14 weeks. Payment for round-trip travel from the fellow's school or home to the office in which the fellow will be working also will be provided. The position is open until filled. Send résumé, writing sample, and letter of interest indicating the Lambda Legal office(s) in which the applicant would be interested in working; a description of experience working in African-American communities; a description of interest in working on LGBT and HIV issues in African-American communities; and particular areas or legal issues of interest to: Ms. Hayley Gorenberg, Deputy Legal Director, Attn: Tyron Garner Memorial Fellowship for African-American LGBT Civil Rights, Lambda Legal, 120 Wall Street, Suite 1500, New York, New York 10005-3904, Fax: (212)809-0055; hgorenberg@lambdalegal.org. No phone calls please.

Harter Secrest & Emery LLP Diversity Scholarship: Harter Secrest & Emery is committed to the ongoing development of a diverse workforce. In keeping with that ideology, it has established the Harter Secrest & Emery Diversity Scholarship. The Diversity Scholarship was established in 2005 and provides one law student with a \$5,000 scholarship to be applied to the student's second year tuition, and a paid 1L summer associate position for 12 weeks at Harter Secrest & Emery LLP's office in Rochester, NY. To be eligible for the Diversity Scholarship, the applicant must be a full-time enrolled 1L law student who is in good standing at an accredited law school. First year students who are members of racial, ethnic and other minority groups are encouraged to apply. Applications must be received no later than Monday, **January 21, 2008**. Please download application materials from the OCPD Document Library.

Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt 1L Diversity Scholarship Program: the firm has established a SWW 1L Diversity Scholarship Program. The scholarship consists of a paid summer associate

position in the Portland, Oregon office for the summer following the successful completion of the first year of law school and a \$7,500 academic scholarship to help defray tuition and expenses during the recipient's second year of law school. Applicant must be a 1st year law student in good standing for the degree of Juris Doctorate at an ABA accredited law school; (1) Applicant must possess a record of academic achievement, capacity and leadership as an undergraduate and in law school which evidences promise for a successful career in the legal profession; (2) Applicant must contribute to the diversity of the law school student body and the legal community; (3) Applicant must demonstrate a commitment to practice law in the Pacific Northwest upon completion of law school. Materials must be received by Dori John, Director of Attorney Recruiting, via mail, fax or email by **January 23, 2008**. For more information on application requirements, please see the detailed posting on CareerLink.

Hillis Clark Martin & Peterson First Year Diversity Student Fellowship: HCMP is committed to promoting diversity within our firm and within our community. As part of this commitment, we have established a First-Year Diversity Student Fellowship. The Fellowship includes a salaried summer associate position following the first year of law school, and a \$7,500 scholarship to defray tuition and expenses during the student's second academic year. First-year students who contribute to the diversity of their law school, and who will contribute to the diversity of the legal profession are encouraged to apply. Diverse background and life experiences, and capacity to contribute to diversity of legal community; distinction in academic performance; significant accomplishments and activities; and commitment to community service; leadership ability and a need for financial assistance may be considered. Application materials must be postmarked by **January 23, 2008**. For application requirements, please see the detailed posting on CareerLink.

K&L Gates Seattle 1L Diversity Fellowship: The Seattle K&L Gates office sponsors two 1L Diversity Fellowships; one is awarded to a student from a National school, the other to a University of Washington School of Law Student. Each fellow will receive a paid summer associate position and a \$7,500 scholarship. Applicants must submit the following by **January 23, 2008**: (1) Resume; (2) Undergraduate transcript; (3) List of Fall 2007 classes; (4) Personal statement of up to 500 words, describing the contribution the student would make to the legal profession and K&L Gates; (5) Three references with contact information included. Interviews with semi-finalist candidates will take place in February, recipients announced by February 22nd. Please visit http://www.klgates.com/files/upload/DiverseFellowship_NATLv2.pdf for more information.

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>.

Bullivant Houser Bailey, P.C. Law Student Diversity Scholarship Program: Bullivant Houser Bailey PC, a leading West Coast law firm, fosters a workplace culture of inclusion that respects and values the diverse backgrounds and life experiences of each individual. As community leaders, we believe it is important to increase diversity in our profession and within our law firm. As part of our ongoing commitment to diversity, we are pleased to offer the Bullivant Houser Bailey Law Student Diversity Scholarship Program. The Scholarship Program will provide a first-year law student with a salaried summer associate position in our Sacramento, California office and a \$7,500 scholarship for use during the student's second year of law school. Our diversity scholarship is open to all first-year law students who are members of a minority group (including any group under-represented in the legal profession) and/or students coming from a disadvantaged education or economic background who meet the following criteria: (1) A record of demonstrated academic achievement and leadership in college and the first year of law school; (2) A willingness to complete a 12-week summer associate position in our Sacramento, California office; and; (3) Contributions to the community that promote diversity within society, the legal community, and/or law school. Applications must be received no later than Thursday, January 31, 2008, in order to be considered. Please see the detailed posting on CareerLink for a list of application materials and contact 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>.

Charlotte Legal Diversity Clerkship: The Mecklenburg County Bar is pleased to announce the 2007-08 Charlotte Legal Diversity Clerkship, a highly competitive summer program for **first-year law students** who advance the value of diversity. Up to ten students will be selected for the program. The clerks will spend the first six weeks of the twelve-week program working in the Charlotte office of one of the participating law firms and the second six weeks working in the Charlotte law department of one of the corporate partners. The clerks will participate in professional and social activities designed to highlight the benefits of practicing law and living in the progressive and dynamic city of Charlotte, North Carolina. Last summer's participants enjoyed meeting community leaders such as Congresswoman Sue Myrick and Congressman Mel Watt. The corporate law departments that will participate for summer 2008 are: Bank of America; Compass Group; Duke Energy; Goodrich; TIAA-CREF; and Wachovia. The law firms participating include: Alston & Bird LLP; Helms Mulliss & Wicker, PLLC; Hunton & Williams, LLP; Kennedy Covington Lobdell & Hickman L.L.P.; Mayer Brown LLP; Moore & Van Allen, PLLC; Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein LLP; Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson P.A.; and Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC. Applications must be submitted no later than **Friday, February 8, 2008**. *Any applications submitted by email should be sent in one electronic file.* For more information on how

to apply, please see the detailed posting on CareerLink or visit the Diversity Initiatives section of the OCPD Document Library.

Gray Plant Mooty 1L Minority Summer Associate Program: For Summer 2008, Gray Plant Mooty's Minneapolis office will hire one or two 1L summer associates. During the 12-14 weeks of summer, our 1L summer associates participate fully in our Summer Associate Program. Work assignments may come from any of our practice groups and will usually involve substantive legal research, analysis, and writing. In addition to the work aspects of a law firm, our summer associates often take on a pro bono project and participate in various social activities that allow each of them to get to know the attorneys of Gray Plant Mooty in more informal settings. 1L summer associates are paid a salary of \$1,900 per week. Applications will be accepted beginning December 1, 2007 and must be received by noon on **Friday, February 1, 2008**. Gray Plant Mooty will contact you by Friday, February 8, 2008, if you are selected for a screening interview. A limited number of students will be invited to return for half-day callback interviews in the following weeks. If applicable, travel expenses to Minneapolis will be paid by the firm. Final hiring decisions are expected by the end of February 2008. Please see the detailed posting on CareerLink for instructions on how to apply.

Quarles & Brady LLP Native American Public Interest Split Program: Quarles & Brady LLP is seeking a first-year law student with a demonstrated interest in Native American Law to work half of his or her summer in the Phoenix office of Quarles & Brady, and the other half of his or her summer at our client's office, Navajo Housing Authority in Window Rock. The salary is \$2,400 per week for up to twelve weeks. The summer associate participating in this joint clerkship program may also receive future job opportunities from both Quarles & Brady and the Navajo Housing Authority. Please send a cover letter, resume, law school transcript, and writing sample to: Ms. Lynda Anderson, Manager, Attorney Recruiting, Quarles & Brady LLP, One Renaissance Plaza, Two North Central, Phoenix, AZ 85004; lynda.anderson@quarles.com; Phone: (602) 229-5314; Fax: (602)420-5192. **Please apply by March 1, 2008** (early applications encouraged).

For more information on Diversity Initiatives, please visit <https://law-american-csm.symplicity.com/> and search under "jobs & resume collection" for **fellowships and scholarships**; or search under the "Events" tab on CareerLink for **job fairs, receptions and other networking opportunities**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR LL.M. STUDENTS

FROM ADRIANA VITO

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL CAREER PROGRAMS

DEAR STUDENTS: WELCOME BACK!! HAPPY 2008!!

Attention Foreign LL.M. Students:

International Student Interview Program (ISIP)- NYU Job Fair for LL.M. Students

WHAT'S NEXT?

Registered students who applied for interviews through ISIP this year should keep in mind the following calendar of activities:

Week of January 7, 2008: PAY ATTENTION TO YOUR EMAILS!

During this week, students who were selected for interviews will receive emails with interview schedules and names of employers. Pay close attention to your emails (even if you are on vacation!) since you will need to confirm your interviews.

January 11, 2008: Students who wish to cancel interviews should do so until this date (cancellations are accepted electronically until January 11, 2008).

Week of January 14, 2008: Students who were placed in alternate schedule for interviews will receive notice in case their alternate interviews are confirmed

January 24, 2008: Students should arrive in New York City for early student registration at New York University. Student registration is open from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. During this time, students should present their AU ID cards as form of identification and pick up their final interview schedules and information package about the ISIP 2008 program.

January 25 & January 26, 2008: International Student Interview Program: students will participate in interviews according to their individual schedule. Interviews will happen all day, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Do you have any questions about ISIP? Contact Adriana Vito by email: avito@wcl.american.edu

Attention JD Students: Dean's Fellow Needed – Apply by January 16

The Assistant Director for International Career Programs at the Office of Career & Professional Development seeks a Dean's Fellow for the spring semester. This is a temporary assignment for 10 hours per week from January to May 2008.

Duties will include: collecting job postings from several websites and resources, updating and organizing bi-weekly career newsletter with new job postings, formatting word documents as needed, drafting business letters as part of an outreach program, assist with various administrative projects in the office.

Requirements:

Candidates must be current JD students. This job requires excellent English drafting skills. Knowledge of a foreign language is helpful. Proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel preferred. Knowledge of publishing software is helpful. Experience living and working abroad is a plus. Candidates must have an interest in working with international individuals in a multicultural and diverse environment. Interest in other countries and other cultures is fundamental for this job.

To apply: please send your resume and cover letter to Adriana Vito at avito@wcl.american.edu by January 16, 2008.

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
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Claire Raj

Public Interest and Government
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Matthew Pascocello

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

Foreign-trained LL.M. students and alumni
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Amy Killoran

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Kelli Johnson

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Laura Friedgood

General Counseling

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DROP IN HOURS:

A counselor is available every Monday – Thursday from 11:30am to 12:30pm to answer quick questions regarding resumes, cover letters and issues relating to the job search process. To speak with a counselor regarding in-depth resume or cover letter review or regarding individual career or job search strategies, please schedule an appointment by speaking with one of our front desk staff member

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF January 7

Wednesday, January 9

9am–5pm, Student Lounges, Turkey: At the Crossroads of Secular West and Traditional East

3:30-5pm, Suite 122, OCPD Student Open House

Thursday, January 10

12–6pm, Rm 603, Opportunities Day

Friday, January 11

10–11am, Rm 528, The Legal and Moral Dimensions of the Struggle with Terrorism: The Israeli Perspective