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The Docket is also accessible at www.wcl.american.edu/docket/

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

E-mail: registrar@wcl.american.edu

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE HOURS FOR SPRING 2008 SEMESTER

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, <http://my.american.edu>, at any time if spaces are open through midnight, Sunday, January 13, 2008. 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 anytime through February 8, 2008.

Applications are available in the Registrar's Office, Suite 304, or on-line at <https://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/grad.cfm>.

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

The following are new provisions relating to disability grievance procedures at WCL and American University. These provisions are incorporated into WCL's Handbook for Applicants and Students with Disabilities, which may be found on the WCL website and in hard copy in the Office of Student Affairs. For questions regarding these or other disability provisions, please see Associate Dean David Jaffe or Senior Academic Counselor Ann Kreske:

3. Advisors

At their own discretion, complainants and respondents may be advised by an American University student, faculty, or staff member. The role of advisors is limited to consultation and support. While advisors may be present at a proceeding, they may not address the Grievance Committee or question witnesses. Because the purpose of this proceeding is to provide a fair review of complaints filed by students with disabilities rather than a formal legal proceeding, participation of persons acting as legal counsel is not permitted.

4. Request for Accommodations

The 504 coordinator will provide a party with reasonable accommodations to participate in an informal or formal grievance. Accommodations may include, but are not limited to: sign language interpreting services or information in alternative formats. If a party requires an accommodation for a disability to participate in the grievance process, please contact the 504 coordinator. The 504 coordinator will interact with a party and the appropriate university disability offices to review the request.

Generally, a five (5) business day advance notice of an accommodation is required to review reasonable accommodation requests. However, a response to an immediate need for accommodation will be considered to the fullest extent possible.

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

Ninth Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Commemoration Program

Tuesday, January 15, 2008, 4:00-6:00 PM, 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.

Modern American Deadline -January 30 -- The *Modern American*, the student-run publication at WCL dedicated to diversity and the law, is looking for article submissions for its spring 2008 issue. Submit your piece to tma@wcl.american.edu. Submissions should be 20-30 pages long, and have within their subject matter, an under represented community. The format is Times New Roman, double-spaced, with 1-inch margins. If you have any questions, email The *Modern American* at tma@wcl.american.edu.

Spring Bar Exam Prep Program -- Beginning Friday, January 18 -- Students graduating in May 2008 are invited to participate in WCL's Bar Exam Preparation Program. The program has been developed in coordination with BarBri. While a number of the sessions are geared towards the MD and NY bars (for which the majority of our graduates sit), other sessions are relevant to anyone sitting for the examination. The program is free to WCL students, and, as an added incentive, students may earn an honorarium for completion of perfect attendance in the sessions relevant to their jurisdiction. For details: "Bar Exam" at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/studentaffairs/>.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR : SPRING SEMESTER ACTIVITIES

- **January 24 – 2008 Externship Fair** -- An opportunity for students to meet with a wide variety of employers offering externships; resumes and business casual attire recommended.

- **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 **10th 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

Spring Disbursements

Spring semester aid is posted. Check your student account “snapshot” at my.american.edu for updates. Contact the office if your aid is not reflected.

A *refund* can be issued when charges are paid in full and a credit exists on your account. To obtain a refund submit your request to studentaccounts@american.edu. Processing can be monitored on your “snapshot”.

Dean’s Fellow Payments

The first payment of spring Dean’s Fellow awards (non work-study appointments) is scheduled for January 31.

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 also available and is filed at www.needaccess.org. **There is no charge to file the Need Access application.** Please note that your FAFSA must be 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: 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.symlicity.com>. This website is separate from CareerLink and a different username and password are required. The deadline to bid for interviews has passed, but students may still apply to resume collections and attend table talk. 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).

1L Public Interest Roundtables Return on January 30: Called by some, “The most fascinating hour I have had at WCL,” the Public Interest Roundtables provide an opportunity for first-year students to discuss the public interest aspects of lawyering with faculty and alumni over lunch. The group is kept small to foster interactive discussion. Spring 2008 Roundtables will be held on January 30, October February 27, and March 26 at noon. Watch the Docket and the Public Interest Announcements listserv for additional details on the Roundtable series.

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

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, 6th Floor Student Lounge

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

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. Section 5 may attend from 3:00pm until 5:00 pm. Every year over 120 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.

EXTERNSHIP REGISTRATION

The add/drop period ends on January 11th, so you must make sure you are properly registered for your externship. 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

-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.-

-Students registering for or interested in individual faculty supervision should contact the externship office. Students must receive the Externship Office's permission to get credit for individual faculty supervision.-

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.

INTERNATIONAL JD DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMS: LEGAL EDUCATION FOR THE WORLD

The application deadline for these programs is **January 28, 2008.**

INTERESTED IN AN INTERNATIONAL LAW CAREER OR IN PRACTICING LAW ABROAD?

CANADA: JD/LL.B.

This program is offered jointly by WCL and the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law, Common Law Section. Students from both institutions enroll in a unique JD/LL.B. dual degree program. The goal of this program is to prepare students in the Canadian and American legal systems, provide them with more opportunities to practice law and give them a comparative understanding of the common law system.

SPAIN: JD / LICENCIATURA EN DERECHO

WCL currently offers two dual degree programs in Madrid, Spain. Students can receive their dual degree J.D/Licenciatura en Derecho from either la Universidad Carlos III or Universidad Alfonso X El Sabio. Graduates from

these programs will have full understanding of the law as developed and practiced both in the United States and in Spain, will be prepared to work in different legal areas in both countries, and eventually in other countries of the European Union.

FRANCE: JD/Master I/Master II

Dual degree program offered jointly by the Washington College of Law and the University of Paris X-Nanterre (UPX) in Paris, France. Students enrolled in the JD/Master I/Master II will be prepared to understand and work in the continental legal system used in most of Europe, Latin America, Asia and Africa.

The Programs:

- Students will spend two years at WCL and two years at the host institution.
- These programs are open to first year WCL students in good academic standing.
- For the programs in France and Spain, student must have excellent written and oral French and Spanish skills, respectively.
- Students must apply during their first year at WCL to start the programs abroad during their third year of law school. Once accepted into the program, no further application to the host institution is necessary.
- The application deadline for these programs is **January 28, 2008**.

For more information contact Macarena Saez at (202)-274-4388 or by email at msaez@wcl.american.edu. You may also visit our website: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/dualdegree>

PENCE LAW LIBRARY

<http://library.wcl.american.edu>

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 12:00 am

Saturday – Sunday 9:00 am -12:00 am

Extended hours are available to currently enrolled WCL students, faculty and staff. Please exit the Library at closing and sign in with your AU ID at the Security Desk to return to use the Library after regular hours.

IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT RESERVING A CARREL FOR SPRING SEMESTER To make the reservation procedure easier and more equitable carrels will now be assigned by lottery from a pool of all eligible students for the duration of the semester. To be eligible for a carrel, you must be a 2L, 3L, 4L or LLM student and must be enrolled in and pursuing an upper level writing requirement or writing a journal article or comment due this semester.

The deadline for registering for the online lottery is 12 noon on January 14, 2008. Students selected will be notified by email of their carrel assignment. To view all carrel policies and to sign up for the online lottery, go to <http://library.wcl.american.edu> and click on the link for Carrel Reservations. Questions? Contact John Smith, Access Services Librarian at jasmith@wcl.american.edu or at 202-274-4354.

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 202-274-4352 or email us at reflib@wcl.american.edu

AskPenceLibrary and chat with a librarian for help with your research! Between 9 am and 4 pm 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 **SBA Student Services Committee** will meet in the SBA lounge on **Tuesday, January 15, at 9pm.**

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.

EJF

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 EJF 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

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 in Room 503, and Tuesday, January 15th at 12:00-1:00 in Room 528 and 5:00-5:50 pm in Room 524.** 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. You can email immediate concerns to ejf@wcl.american.edu, however, we ask that you kindly refrain from asking questions regarding the application and selection process, as all questions will be answered at the information session.

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. Deadline for Submission is January 28, 2008.

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

IN SEARCH OF

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.

The Office of Admissions is seeking an upper-level JD student to join our team of student workers who currently work part-time in our office. The duties include covering the Admissions reception desk, giving tours, speaking at information sessions, processing mailings to prospective students and other general office duties. The pay rate is \$12.00/hour and is paid bi-weekly. Ideal candidates should be active in the WCL community and be able to work both of the following shifts:

Tuesday 1-5 pm

Friday 9-1pm

There may be other opportunities to pick up additional hours during the semester covering a colleague's shift or if we need additional tour guides for a special event. The schedule would start immediately and run through April 25th. Law student staff are not required to work during spring break, reading period or finals, but there will be hours available if their schedule permits.

If you are interested in the position, please email a copy of your resume and note confirming your availability to Assistant Director of Admissions Meghan Walter at mwalter@wcl.american.edu.

The Clinical Program is seeking volunteers to assist student attorneys with interpretation/translation, simulation role-playing and case investigation. If you would like to be available as a volunteer in the clinic, please see Maribel Yamat in Room 417 to fill out the appropriate forms or email her at myamat@wcl.american.edu for the electronic version of the forms. An information sheet about volunteering will be provided with the forms. You may be able to receive credit for pro bono service with the public interest program.

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.

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. We have extended the deadline for applications to Friday, January 11, at NOON.

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.

The Impact Litigation Project is looking for two Dean's Fellows for the spring with the potential to continue through the summer semester to work on freedom of expression cases. The Project receives grant funding to promote the rule of law and democracy within the region through international litigation of pivotal cases selected by experts for maximum ability to shape and change policy and legislation within the region, and to advance debate and changes to human rights standards. Candidates must be fluent in both 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 LL.M.s to work with Dean Grossman and the lawyers at the Impact Litigation Project; 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 researching and drafting legal memoranda as well as providing administrative support for the office. 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 indicating "Dean's Fellow spring 2008" in the subject line.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: The Impact Litigation Project is seeking 1Ls, 2Ls, 3Ls, and LL.M.s who can dedicate between 5-10 hours/week to the project. This is an ideal opportunity for students who have an interest in international human rights law to become familiar with international organizations in this field. Please let us know if you are interested in the project. For more information or questions, visit our website at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/ilp/> or contact Agustina Del Campo at delcampo@wcl.american.edu

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advanced Corporate Law: Corporate Governance (Professor Effross) Attendance

Requirement: Class members 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 classes held during the law school's official make-up days) in order to be permitted to submit the final paper for the course.

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

The American Bar Association Law Student Division is a powerful resource that can help you meet the challenges of law school and start building your career. If you're already a member, you know all of the valuable savings and resources that the ABA provides law students like you. If you're not a member of the ABA Law Student Division, now is your chance to join more than 51,000 of your peers! Join now at www.abanet.org/lawstudent. For the special law student rate of

just \$25 a year and you will: Save up to \$100 on Kaplan PMBR bar review courses to help you prepare for the bar exam. Prepare for your career with FREE subscriptions to the ABA Journal and the popular Student Lawyer magazine. Get study help with a free Legalines coupon from BAR/BRI each school year. Build your résumé and learn about the specialties of law in which you are interested through ABA specialty Sections. Make career contacts with lawyers, judges, faculty, and other students. Explore and choose alternative career paths. Gain access to resources to help you secure an internship or your first job. Take advantage of specially negotiated ABA offers for auto, homeowners, renters, and health insurance; car rentals (usually with no underage surcharges); hotels and more. You won't find a better partner for you and your needs than the ABA. Enroll today by visiting <http://www.abanet.org/lawstudent> or calling 1.800.285.2221.

APPLY NOW FOR THE SUMMER LAW PROGRAM IN CHILE 2007 (Includes sessions in Argentina) The application deadline for this program is March 7, 2008. Spots tend to fill up quickly. Apply now and do not miss out on this wonderful opportunity to travel to Buenos Aires and Santiago while learning about Latin America and its legal institutions at the hands of some of the best Chilean law professors and experts in the field, as well as practitioners and policy makers from Chile and Argentina. You can download the application form from <http://www.wcl.american.edu/chile/> or stop by Room 373-A. If you still have questions about the program feel free to contact Macarena Sáez, Director: msaez@wcl.american.edu, (202)274-4388 or Dilianna Bustillos, Program Coordinator: dbustill@wcl.american.edu

Need Elective Credits to complete your JD/MBA or your LLM/MBA? Interested in mergers & acquisitions and international licensing? Consider taking **IBUS-741**, a seven-week case-based lecture series seminar on **International Technology Transfer**. This 1.5 credit seminar will present an integrated and dynamic view of management of international technology and will explore technology transfer and know-how as a key aspect of the strategy and operations of medium-sized and multinational companies. Frameworks for developing transfer strategies will be presented and applied in various situations based on examples and case studies.

The course is designed for MBA students and will be conducted along the lines of a graduate seminar with close interaction between students, faculty, and experts from a cross-section of global industries that will touch on the following correlated topics: mergers & acquisitions; intellectual property considerations (including a special focus on the Bayh-Dole Act and its implications); international licensing; and joint ventures.

The class will meet Mondays from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in Ward 304 beginning January 14 through March 3. If you would like information about the course or a copy of the syllabus, please contact Professors Shyam Chidamber at shyam@american.edu or Aurora Carmichael at carmichael@wcl.american.edu.

SEMINAR NEWLY ADDED For those interested in: Human Rights, Criminal Law, Business Administration, International and Comparative Law Come to the First Session Some Openings Still Exist 6 p.m., Wednesday, Room 526 Dr. Nicholas Kittrie is offering this semester a seminar on the domestic, comparative and international laws concerning the Sentencing of criminal offenders. Meeting on Wednesdays from 6:00 – 7:50 p.m. the seminar will qualify for the Upper Level Writing requirement. 2 or 3 Credits may be earned by participants. The Seminar topics will include: Sentencing Sex Offenders, White Collar Offenders, Drug Users, Murderers, Shoplifters and repeated petty offenders. The Sentencing process and the role of the prosecution

and defense lawyers will be reviewed, as well as the function of penalties: from fines and probation to corporal and capital punishment, and biased treatment of offenders based on race, ethnicity and economics.

First Conference on 2007 Freedom of Information Act Amendments to Be Held at WCL, Jan. 16 On **Wednesday, Jan. 16, from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m., Rm. 603**, an unprecedented **Freedom of Information Act Community Conference** will be held as part of Founders' Celebration 2008. This program will be the first to address the 2007 FOIA Amendments, which were signed into law on Dec. 31. Discussion will cover all of the amendments' provisions, including their creation of the Office of Government Information Services at the National Archives and Records Administration. Speakers include Gary M. Stern, NARA's General Counsel; Meredith Fuchs, General Counsel of the National Security Archive; Pete Weitzel, Freedom of Information Coordinator for the Coalition of Journalists for Open Government; and other government, media, and public interest group representatives.

Scholarship Announcement:

The Energy and Natural Resources Law Scholarship Fund will be providing scholarships in the following classes:

Regulation of Energy (LAW-630-001): a \$5,000 cash scholarship will be awarded for the best final exam.

Federal Public Lands and Natural Resources Law (LAW-686-001): a \$2,500 cash scholarship will be awarded for the best paper.

Due to the time required to obtain a security clearance for students working in a Field Component at the SEC, or CFTC, or an Externship with the Department of State, students wishing to participate at those agencies during the Fall 2008 semester or the Spring 2009 Semester should forward their resume package as soon as possible. The agencies have indicated that they will be reviewing applications on a running time basis. Please apply as soon as possible. It is likely that applications received late may find that all positions have been filled. [An event that occurred with regard to the Spring 2008 semester]

C.F.T.C. Field Component-Law 785- Students who will have completed Business Associations and Securities Regulation by the end of the Spring semester of 2008 or who, having completed Business Associations by the end of the Spring semester 2008 and will be enrolling in Securities Regulations for the Fall 2008 Semester, are eligible to participate in a Field Component at the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Please submit your resume, a copy of your transcript, a list of subjects you intent to take in the Spring 2008 Semester, a writing sample and a cover letter as soon as possible to Professor Guttman's mailbox in room 465 or to Carolyn Wright, his Sr. Legal Assistant in room 325. Two hundred and ten (210) hours of working with a staff attorney or an Administrative Law Judge at the Commission will earn three credits. There will also be a meeting with Professor Guttman on Tuesday of every second week, between 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

S.E.C. Student Observers Program (Field Component)-Law 784- I would like to draw the attention of students who have completed Securities Regulation or are going to complete this course by the end of the Spring Semester 2008, that students so qualified can apply for participation for a **minimum of three credits in the Field Component- S.E.C. Student Observers Program** at the

Securities and Exchange Commission for the Fall 2008 semester. [Law-784] Students will be expected to work a minimum of two hundred and ten hours (210) with an attorney on the staff of the Commission and will have to attend approximately nine seminars given by Commissioners, staff and outside counsel. (These meetings usually take place on a Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.) Students participating in this Student Observers Program also will have to enroll in an advanced securities law seminar, such as Regulation of Securities Markets, Mergers and Acquisitions, Seminar on Derivatives, etc. which enables students to earn additional credits. Students should submit their resume, a copy of their transcript, a writing sample and a cover letter as soon as possible. Please submit your applications promptly as the SEC will consider admissions to the Student Observers Program as soon as received. Interested applicants should submit this information to Professor Guttman's mailbox in room 465 or to Carolyn Wright his Sr. Legal Assistant in room 325. During the semester students will be meeting with Professor Guttman to discuss recent developments in securities law every other week on Tuesdays between 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

U.S. Department of State Office of the Legal Adviser- Applications are invited for a student internship at the Department of State Office of the Legal Adviser. The work involves 210 to 280 hours over the Fall 2008 semester and enables a student to earn up to four credits. (At seventy hours of work per credit). Areas under consideration by the Legal Adviser's include subjects in the fields of Diplomatic Law, Law Enforcement, Human Rights & Refugees Laws, Economic & Business Laws, etc. Students having an interest in these areas, as shown by the courses and seminars they have taken or intend to take by the end of the Spring 2008 semester should submit a resume, a copy of their transcript, a writing sample and a cover letter as soon as possible to allow for security clearance. Interested applicants should submit this information to Professor Guttman's mailbox in room 465 or to Carolyn Wright his Sr. Legal Assistant in room 325. Students in this externship will be meeting with Professor Guttman every other Tuesday between 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Public International Law & Policy Program Information Session: Tuesday, January 15, at 12:30pm in room 402 & Wednesday, January 16 at 5:30pm in room 402

Would you like to provide legal advice to peace negotiators in Sudan, Georgia, or Burma? Are you interested in being involved with drafting constitutions for states like Kosovo, Iraq, or Montenegro? Would you like to write memos for high-level foreign government officials and advisors? PILPP offers all of this and more! As a Research Associate through the Public International Law & Policy Program, you will be involved in cutting edge issues of public international law. Research Associates gain hands-on experience, researching and drafting documents that have a significant impact on their clients. In the past, Research Associates have assisted in the drafting of constitutions, human rights legislation, and cease-fire agreements. PILPP is currently looking for 1Ls and 2Ls with an interest in international law and strong writing skills to serve as junior research associates for the 2008-2009 academic year. Come visit us on January 15th and 16th to hear about our work and learn how you might be considered for a position on next year's program.

The **Vagina Monologues Auditions** will be held on **Monday, January 14th, 5:00pm-7:30pm AND Thursday, January 17th, 5:00pm – 9:00pm, in the SBA Lounge**. You can bring the monologue of your choice or try out by reading one of the three provided. Also, no acting experience is required and the acting parts are open to students, faculty and staff members.

Whether or not you plan on attending the auditions, the production will take place on Thursday, February 14th and Friday, February 16th at 6:30PM on both dates. Please contact either Cori Racela at racela@gmail.com with any questions. Hope to see you at the auditions!!

NEW COURSE: WTO Dispute Resolutions (LAW-795-009) Meets : 10:30 AM - 11:50 AM (TTH) - Room 103 Enrolled: 11 / Limit: 17 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. Professor Debra Steger is one of Canada's leading authorities on international trade policy and law. An architect of the World Trade Organization as a senior negotiator for Canada during the Uruguay Round trade negotiations, Professor Steger was also the founding Director and first Chief Legal Adviser to the WTO Appellate Body from 1995-2001. As General Counsel to the Canadian International Trade Tribunal during the implementation of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement, the North American Free Trade Agreement and the Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization, she helped craft dispute settlement procedures and argued the historic first cases before bi-national panels under the CUSFTA and the NAFTA.

OFFICE OF CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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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

Spring Recruitment Information Sessions

Attention 1Ls! OCPD is holding Spring Recruitment information sessions during the week of January 14. If you are interested in participating in Spring Recruitment, where numerous small and mid-size firms, government agencies, and non-profits post positions with OCPD for summer 2008, we strongly encourage you to attend one of the following sessions:

Session #1: Tuesday, January 15: 8-9:30pm, Room 101

Session #2: Wednesday, January 16: 12-1:20pm, Room 603

Session #3: Thursday, January 17: 12-1:20pm, Room 101

Pizza will be served. If you would like to attend an information session, you must register through the "events" section of CareerLink. Please contact Bridget Beirne at (202) 274-4095 or bbeirne@wcl.american.edu if you have any questions.

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>. This website is separate from CareerLink and a different username and password are required. The deadline to bid for interviews has passed, but students may still apply to resume collections and attend table talk. 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).

U.S. Department of Justice on Campus to Discuss Opportunities for Law Students: Interested in working for the Department of Justice? Come to this event on **Thursday, Jan. 17, 12:00 – 12:50, Room 100** to learn more about the opportunities available for new attorneys and interns at the U.S. Department of Justice, including the 1000 summer volunteer opportunities available nationwide. George Pruden, Senior Counsel, Office of Justice Programs, will provide an overview of the Department's legal employment programs. He will also offer practical advice to law students on how to apply to these programs. Pizza provided! Please register for the event on CareerLink.

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

1. CareerLink – WCL's on-line jobs database. Remember to update your profile and **select public interest and government listserv options.**
2. PSLawnet (www.pslawnet.org) – The Public Service Law Network includes an organizational and opportunities database and compiles the most recent fellowship information found in the "Fellowship Corner."
3. Idealist (www.idealists.org) – This website lists hundreds of internship opportunities and is a particularly good resource for students interested in a public policy experience.
4. The Government Honors & Internship Handbook (<http://www.law.arizona.edu/career/honorshandbook.cfm>) – The best resource for federal internship and honors attorney programs. Available in hard copy in the OCPD library, or log on to CareerLink to access the online version and username and password.

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS & INTERNSHIPS

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.

ATTENTION 1Ls/2Ls: Interested in obtaining a judicial internship/externship this summer? Hear from WCL students who worked within federal and state courts on **January 29th from 12-1 in Room 602**. Pizza will be provided. Get all the information you need to apply.

If you want information before then, 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!!

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

****This week: CHECK YOUR EMAILS! INTERVIEW SCHEDULE ALREADY AVAILABLE!!****

During this week, students who were selected for interviews **ALREADY RECEIVED** emails with interview schedules and names of employers. Pay close attention to your emails! If you cannot participate in any of your interviews, please contact Adriana Vito by email at avito@wcl.american.edu AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. **The deadline to cancel your interviews is Friday, Jan. 11, 2008 at 12:00pm (noon).** Please see below:

January 11, 2008: students who wish to cancel interviews should do so until this date (cancellations are accepted by email until January 11, 2008 – at noon (12:00pm). Please email avito@wcl.american.edu if you wish to cancel your interviews!

******* IMPORTANT: ISIP 2008 PREPARATION SESSION next Tuesday:*******

January 13, 2008 (Tuesday) at 4:00pm, Room 351: Students selected for interviews must attend this important information session to learn how to prepare for the ISIP 2008 interviews. If you were selected for interviews, please make sure you reserve your seat in this session. Email Adriana Vito at avito@wcl.american.edu with your name and your interview schedule (copy names of employers who invited you for interviews in your email) and make sure you arrive at 4:00pm in room 351 next Tuesday. Please bring a notebook to take notes regarding important ISIP 2008 information! *Refreshments/ coffee will be served!* RSVP is mandatory. Please make sure you email avito@wcl.american.edu to register!

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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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 14

Monday, January 14th

12-1pm, Rm 503, Equal Justice Foundation Grant mandatory information session

5-7:30pm, SBA Lounge, Vagina Monologues Auditions

Tuesday, January 15th

12-1pm, Rm 528, Equal Justice Foundation Grant mandatory information session

12:30pm, Rm 402, Public International Law & Policy Program Information Session

4-6 PM, Rm 603, Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Commemoration Program

5-5:50pm, Rm 524, Equal Justice Foundation Grant mandatory information session

8-9:30pm, R 101, Spring Recruitment information session

9pm, SBA lounge, SBA Student Services Committee meeting

10:10PM, Rm 101, SBA Senate meeting

Wednesday, January 9

12-1:20pm, Rm 603, Spring Recruitment information session

12-1pm, 6th Floor Student Lounge, WHAT'S THE SAB?

5:30pm, Rm 402, Public International Law & Policy Program Information Session

Thursday, January 10

12-1:20pm, Rm 101, Spring Recruitment information session

12 – 12:50, Rm 100, Working for the DOJ

5-9pm, SBA Lounge, Vagina Monologues Auditions