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

The Docket is also accessible at [www.wcl.american.edu/docket/](http://www.wcl.american.edu/docket/)

## SPRING 2008 COMMENCEMENT

The Commencement ceremony will be held on **Sunday, May 18 at Bender Arena on the main campus of American University**. Doors open at noon and seating is first come, first served; this is not a ticketed event. The cap and gown rental company will be in the dining room in mid-February, please continue to check the Docket for the exact date. Cap and gown photos will be taken the day of the ceremony. Graduation announcements will be available through the AU Bookstore.

Complete details about Commencement may be found at

[www.wcl.american.edu/commencement.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/commencement.cfm)

JDs who are concerned that your name might be mispronounced should see Associate Dean Jaffe in the Office of Student Affairs (suite 300); LLMS should contact the International Legal Studies Program in Room 338.

### **We have made arrangements with the following vendors for discounts**

(Mention: **WCL Commencement** when making your arrangements, and make them soon!!):

**Continental Airlines:** 800-468-7022 Agreement Code: AR8P7B Z Code: ZDPA

**American Airlines:** 800-433-1790 Agreement Code: A8158AQ

**Avis** 888-754-8878 (AWD) Number G028311

**Savoy Suites Georgetown:** 202-337-9700

### **Tip of the Week: Use Your Eaglebucks**

Did you know that using your ID card in the dining room saves not only time, but money? That's right: Avoid the tax surcharge by purchasing with Eaglebucks. And loading money onto your ID card is easy: simply go to [my.american.edu](http://my.american.edu), "Finances", "Add Money to Eaglebuck\$ Account". You pay by credit card (so you get the pints too!); the credit is on your card in two days!

So load your ID card today. And, the next time you're waiting in line while someone uses a credit card for a \$1.65 coffee, lean over and whisper, "you can save money and time with Eaglebucks!"

**OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR**

**E-mail: [registrar@wcl.american.edu](mailto: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.

### **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 <https://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](http://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 THE DEAN

### **UN CAT PROJECT (Fall 2008)**

Applications are now being accepted for WCL's United Nations Committee against Torture (UN CAT) Project. Dean Grossman, UN CAT Vice Chair, is seeking approximately six WCL J.D. students to assist in preparations for the Committee's 41st session this November.

The Project includes a for-credit seminar on the prohibition of torture, co-taught by Dean Grossman and Project Coordinator Jennifer de Laurentiis, as well as a field component: attending the 41st session in Geneva for one week in November. The session's agenda currently includes China Macao and Hong Kong, Kazakhstan, Lithuania, Serbia, Montenegro, Belgium and Israel. Interested WCL students should submit a one-page cover letter and resume by Monday, February 11, 2008, via email to [jdelautentiis@wcl.american.edu](mailto:jdelautentiis@wcl.american.edu), referencing "UN CAT Application" in the subject line. Applications should address experience in international human rights law. Decisions will be made by late March 2008 and applicants will be notified via email. For more information about the Project, visit [www.wcl.american.edu/ilp/uncat](http://www.wcl.american.edu/ilp/uncat).

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

### **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](mailto:sweaver@wcl.american.edu)

### Ninth Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Commemoration Program

Many thanks to all who attended

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

**Spring Bar Exam Prep Program -- Beginning TOMORROW** -- 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 **10<sup>th</sup> 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 **12<sup>th</sup> Sylvania Woods Conference** on African Americans and the Law: "The Intersection of Law, Media, and Politics," plus career table talk by alumni and the annual awards presentations
- **April 10 (tentative)** – **Dean's Diversity Council Speaker Series** featuring the Honorable Ricardo Urbina, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia

## OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

**!!! Important Notice - Grad PLUS Borrowers - Important Notice!!!**

**Under federal regulation Grad PLUS loans enter repayment following the final disbursement for the loan period (year) with the first payment due 60 days thereafter. With spring disbursements, the last of current year Grad Plus loans will move to repayment status. However, YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR IN-SCHOOL DEFERMENT. Depending on the lender, deferment is automatic with no action required on your part. Some lenders will require you to file for in-school deferment. If you receive notice of repayment or a deferment form, move quickly to have enrollment confirmed by the Registrar's Office. Contact this office if you have questions.**

### **Dean's Fellow Payments**

The first payday of the semester for non-work study appointments is **January 31**.

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

- FAFSA applications are filed at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).
- The **Need Access** application for WCL grant support is filed at [www.needaccess.org](http://www.needaccess.org), **AND NEW THIS YEAR, THERE IS NO APPLICATION FEE.**
- Note: 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 GRANT ADMINISTRATION AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT**

### **Thinking About Spending a Semester Abroad? Apply by March 1<sup>st</sup> for Fall 2008!**

Continued success in today's society is increasingly dependent on the ability of people to think and work globally. WCL believes that the unique challenges that students encounter while studying abroad will enhance their legal education, preparing them to meet the needs of our global society. WCL programs are offered in English and the language of the country – current offerings include **18 semester exchange opportunities** in Asia, Europe, Latin America, Australia, and North America.

Take advantage of this great opportunity to live and study abroad. You will have the chance to learn about comparative legal systems, gain a greater understanding of different cultures AND make yourself more competitive in the job market! Many programs offer specializations such as business law, international law, human rights, intellectual property, or law of the European Union. For a complete description of opportunities abroad please visit: [www.wcl.american.edu/studyabroad](http://www.wcl.american.edu/studyabroad) or contact us at [grants-programs@wcl.american.edu](mailto:grants-programs@wcl.american.edu)

**The deadline to apply for a Semester Exchange for Fall 2008 is March 1.**

## **OFFICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST**

Suite 122 - Phone: 202-274-4099 - Email: [publicinterest@wcl.american.edu](mailto:publicinterest@wcl.american.edu)

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Martin Luther King Day: Service Opportunities, January 21, 2008:**

Martin Luther King Day is an opportunity for everyone to take a step back from their hectic lives and focus on Dr. King's life and teachings by taking action. The Washington D.C. Metropolitan Area has dozens of opportunities for anyone wishing to participate in volunteer activities that day. The following website is dedicated to the day of service: <http://www.mlkday.org/>. You can search for projects near your home and in your area of interest at these links:

- Washington, DC: <http://my.mlkday.gov/public/searchResults.aspx?st=DC&type=0>
- Virginia: <http://my.mlkday.gov/public/searchResults.aspx?st=VA&type=0>
- Maryland: <http://my.mlkday.gov/public/searchResults.aspx?st=MD&type=0>

### **Join the Public Interest Announcements Listserv**

An interactive listserv for all students interested in posting or receiving emails from student groups regarding public interest programming and events. To subscribe to the listserv, send an email to [listserv@listserv.american.edu](mailto:listserv@listserv.american.edu). Leave the subject line blank, and in the body of the message, type "subscribe pi\_wcl" without the quotes.

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**January 25<sup>th</sup> Greater DC/Baltimore Public Service Career Fair:** Hosted by 6 area law schools and the Federal Bar Association, the 5<sup>th</sup> 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).

**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 dinner Keynote is Michael Kirkpatrick (WCL 1991). Mr. Kirkpatrick has a distinguished public service career that includes working with Texas Rural Legal Aid and the DOJ Civil Rights Division. He is currently working with Public Citizen in Washington, DC, where he has practiced before the U.S. Supreme Court. 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](http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle_form.cfm).

**Save the Date! Second Annual PIPS/EJF Chocolate Bash!** Wednesday, February 13, 2008, from 3-5pm, JD Lounge. Support the public interest community by helping us raise money for Equal Justice Foundation summer grants! There will be chocolate, chocolate, entertainment, prizes, and more chocolate.... More information coming soon!

**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 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the 6<sup>th</sup> floor dining area. The Cicchino Awards Dinner is the academy awards of student public interest and pro bono work. In addition to recognizing the three Cicchino awardees, members of the class of 2008 will receive certificates of achievement at a sumptuous dinner before their peers, faculty

and staff for a variety of additional awards and accomplishments, including: completion of the Pro Bono Honors Pledge Program, the WCL Community Service Award, external pro bono and public service awards, and receipt of post-graduate public interest fellowships. The event is free and open to all students. Additional information will be available soon.

**PRO BONO HONORS PLEDGE PROGRAM:**

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

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

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

**OFFICE OF SPECIAL EVENTS AND CONTINUING LEGAL  
EDUCATION**

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**PLEASE REGISTER FOR EVENTS!!!!!!**

It only takes two minutes at the most and it means that we can have accurate counts for seating, food, and attendance. You can register for all the upcoming spring events at

[http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle\\_form.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle_form.cfm)

**Upcoming Events!**

**JANUARY 24, 3-5pm**  
[The WCL Externship Fair](#)

**Save the Dates:**

- JANUARY 30 \*CLE\***  
[The Right to Die with Dignity: An Argument in Ethics and Law](#)

- **JANUARY 30**  
[Challenges for Data Privacy in Transatlantic and Global Perspective](#)
- **JANUARY 31 \*CLE\***  
[Tax Law and Cultural Property](#)
- **FEBRUARY 1 \*CLE\***  
[Terrorists and Detainees: Do We Need a New National Security Court?](#)
- **FEBRUARY 1**  
[Alvina Reckman-Myers First Year Moot Court Competition](#)
- **FEBRUARY 4 \*CLE\***  
[State Enforcement Strategies to Promote Access to Medicines](#)
- **FEBRUARY 6**  
[Moving From the Past in the Legal Profession: Black History Month Opening Ceremony 2008](#)
- **FEBRUARY 7**  
[Equal Justice for All: Everything You Need to Know About Working in the Public Interest Sector](#)
- **FEBRUARY 7**  
[Staying Public: Survival Skills for a Lifetime Career in Public Service Law](#)
- **FEBRUARY 11-12 \*CLE\***  
[Rethinking the Future: The Next Five Years in Iraq](#)
- **FEBRUARY 11**  
[The Alice Paul Feminist Jurisprudence Essay Contest Award Reception](#)
- **FEBRUARY 18 \*CLE\***  
[When the Law Meets the OB/GYN: The Intersection of Jurisprudence and Medical Ethics in Women's Health](#)
- **FEBRUARY 20**  
[Thinking Big When Choosing Small: The Secrets of Small and Mid-Size Law Firm Hiring](#)
- **FEBRUARY 20**  
[Small & Mid-Size Legal Employer Panel & Networking Event](#)
- **FEBRUARY 21 \*CLE\***  
[The New U Visa Regulations: Understanding Their Application and Building Collaboration](#)
- **FEBRUARY 28, FEBRUARY 29 AND MARCH 1**  
[American University Law Revue](#)

FOR THE **FULL LISTING** OF FOUNDERS PROGRAMS PLEASE VISIT  
[WWW.WCL.AMERICAN.EDU/SECLE](http://WWW.WCL.AMERICAN.EDU/SECLE)

## **ACADEMY ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW**

### **SPECIALIZED SUMMER PROGRAM**

This summer the Academy will offer 10 courses in English and 7 in Spanish taught by 35 experts in the human rights field. The program annually attracts about 140 students from over 30 countries. Participants vary from experienced lawyers, human rights professionals as well as students from the US and abroad. The Academy also hosts special social events for participants to network with peers as well as the professors. Concurrent with the courses the Academy sponsors Human Rights Month

which features conferences, panels and a film festival, providing participants with additional educational opportunities.

## **COURSES IN ENGLISH**

### **Economic, Social and Cultural Rights**

- Asbjørn Eide, Norwegian Centre for Human Rights, University of Oslo, Norway
- Scott Leckie, Center on Housing Rights and Evictions, Geneva, Switzerland

### **Election Observation and the Right to Political Participation**

- Larry Garber, New Israel Fund, Washington, DC

### **European Human Rights Law**

- Leo Zwaak, Netherlands Institute of Human Rights, Utrecht University

### **Human Rights and Development**

- Patrick van Weerelt, United Nations Development Program, New York

### **International Humanitarian Law**

- Robert K. Goldman, American University, Washington College of Law

### **International Justice for Human Rights Violations**

- Elizabeth Andersen, American Society of International Law
- Douglass Cassel, Center for Civil and Human Rights, University of Notre Dame

### **Regional Approaches to Human Rights Law: Africa, America, and Asia**

- Antonio Cançado Trindade, Former Judge and President of the Inter-American Human Rights Court
- Christof Heyns, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria, South Africa
- Vitit Muntarbhorn, UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

### **Terrorism and Human Rights**

- Jordan Paust, Professor of Law, University of Houston Law Center, Huston
- Martin Scheinin, UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Counter Terrorism

### **United Nations Human Rights System**

- Gudmundur Alfredsson, Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Sweden
- Manfred Nowak, UN Special Rapporteur on Torture

### **Women and International Human Rights Law**

- Rebecca Cook, International Programme on Reproductive and Sexual Health Law, University of Toronto, Canada
- Elizabeth Abi-Mershed, Principal Specialist, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, OAS

## **COURSES IN SPANISH**

### **Derecho Internacional Humanitario**

- Alejandro Valencia Villa, Consejero, Oficina del Alto Comisionado de Naciones Unidas para los Derechos Humanos, Colombia

### **Implementación de los Derechos Humanos en el Derecho Interno**

- Víctor Abramovich, Miembro, Comisión Interamericana de Derechos Humanos, OEA
- Felipe González, Miembro, Comisión Interamericana de Derechos Humanos, OEA

- Rodrigo Uprimny, Director, DeJuSticia (Centro de Estudios de Derecho, Justicia y Sociedad), Colombia

#### **Impunidad y Justicia Internacional**

- Xavier Aguirre, Principal Analista de Casos, Corte Penal Internacional, La Haya
- Federico Andreu Guzmán, Consejero Jurídico, Comisión Internacional de Juristas en Ginebra, Suiza
- Juan Méndez, Presidente, Centro Internacional por la Justicia Transicional
- Fabricio Guariglia, Abogado, Oficina de la Fiscalía, Corte Penal Internacional, La Haya

#### **Litigio y Activismo en Derechos Humanos**

- Carlos Ayala, Presidente, Comisión Andina de Juristas
- Ernesto de la Jara, Fundador, Instituto de Defensa Legal, Perú
- Viviana Krsticevic, Directora Ejecutiva, Centro por la Justicia y Derecho Internacional (CEJIL), Washington DC

#### **Mujeres y el Derecho Internacional de los Derechos Humanos**

- Luisa Cabal, Directora Internacional, Centro para los Derechos Reproductivos, Nueva York

#### **Sistema de Derechos Humanos de Naciones Unidas**

- Fernando Mariño Menéndez, Catedrático, Derecho Internacional Público, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
- Santiago Corcuera, Relator del Grupo de Trabajo de Desapariciones Forzadas e Involuntarias, Naciones Unidas

#### **Sistema Interamericano de Derechos Humanos: Rol de la Corte y Comisión Interamericana de Derechos Humanos**

- Santiago Cantón, Secretario Ejecutivo, Comisión Interamericana de Derechos Humanos
- Claudio Grossman, Decano, American University, Washington College of Law
- Claudia Martin y Diego Rodríguez-Pinzón, Co-Directores de la Academia de los Derechos Humanos y Profesores en Residencia, American University, Washington College of Law

## **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](http://WCLCenterforHR.org/sab.cfm).

To apply, download the application from the Center's website and submit it to [humlaw@wcl.american.edu](mailto: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!

**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 were distributed electronically to all WCL students, staff and faculty on Monday, January 7, 2008. If you did 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](http://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](mailto:humlaw@wcl.american.edu).

**EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

Room 413 (202) 274-4200

[www.wcl.american.edu/externship](http://www.wcl.american.edu/externship)

M, Th 9:00 am-5:00pm; T, W, 9:00 am-6:00pm; F 9:00 am-3:00pm

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

Avis Sanders, Director; Gregory Seidell, Program Assistant

**2008 EXTERNSHIP FAIR**

**The annual WCL Externship Fair will be held on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.** This year, over 130 employers from not-for-profits, government agencies, courts, and law firms engaged in pro-bono work will be coming to the Fair. Many students get their externships as a result of attending the Fair. Please prepare your resumes and bring copies with you. 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. Business suits are not required but please dress professionally. A list of attendees is available on the Externship Website. On Monday, a map of the sixth floor indicating where each organization will be located will be on the Externship website.

### **PAID HELP WANTED**

The Externship Office needs WCL students to work during the Externship Fair on January 24<sup>th</sup>. We will need students available to work at some time during the hours of 10am-5pm. You do not need to be available to work the entire time. You will be paid as a WCL Dean's Fellow. Because of tax and employment paperwork, past or current Dean's Fellows are preferred but not required. You will be assisting employers and externship staff with setup and registration.

### **INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS. IMMEDIATE OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS:**

**United Nations Committee against Torture Internship/Externship Available.** The Ecuadorian Ambassador to the United States, Luis Gallegos, is a member of the United Nations Committee against Torture. He is seeking an intern/extern to assist him in preparing for the 40<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee against Torture, which will be held late April/May. The intern will be responsible for legal research and writing regarding compliance with the Convention against Torture for the State Parties scheduled to appear before the Committee in April/May (Indonesia, Iceland, Zambia, Sweden, Algeria, Costa Rica, and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia). The internship/externship begins immediately. If you are interested, please send a cover letter and resume immediately to Jennifer de Laurentiis, Special Assistant to the Dean, at [jdelaurentiis@wcl.american.edu](mailto:jdelaurentiis@wcl.american.edu), with "Ambassador Gallegos Internship/Externship" in the subject line.

### **EARLY APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR SUMMER EXTERNSHIPS**

Many government agencies, including the Department of Justice have early application deadlines. Some deadlines are as early as January 31<sup>st</sup>. Please plan accordingly.

### **SPRING EXTERNSHIP REGISTRATION**

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](http://www.wcl.american.edu/externship) (you do not register for your fieldwork on *my.american.edu*). To get credit for your fieldwork, you must register for both the seminar and the fieldwork component.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:msaez@wcl.american.edu). You may also visit our website: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/dualdegree>**

## **MARSHALL-BRENNAN CONSTITUTIONAL LITERACY PROJECT**

**The Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project** is beginning the process of choosing Marshall-Brennan Fellows for the 2008-2009 academic year. Fellows are WCL law students who teach courses in constitutional law and/or juvenile justice in public or public charter high schools in Washington, D.C. and in one Montgomery County, Maryland school. Fellows teach in teams for the entire academic year and are typically in class on average three times each week. In addition to the core curriculum, Fellows help their students prepare for a moot court competition, counsel them about college applications and the job market, and work with them on civic participation issues such as voter registration.

The application process involves several steps, leading to a competitive selection of approximately 50 WCL students. First-year students are eligible to apply as long as they will complete constitutional law before they start teaching in September, 2008. To apply, students will need to fill out an information form and complete an application packet, visit a school and guest-teach a class for at least 30 minutes, and finally have an interview with Steve Wermiel who is associate director of the Marshall-Brennan Project. Most or all of this process must take place between January 28 and Spring Break. The application deadline is March 7, although it is possible that the interview and school visit can take place during spring break, if necessary.

We welcome your interest and inquiries but urge you not to wait until the last minute to apply, since scheduling the school visit and interview requires some planning and can make it difficult to meet the deadline.

To find out more about what Marshall-Brennan is and how it works, and to learn more about the application process, you have these options:

- 1) The Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project will have an info session on **Tuesday, January 29 from 12 noon to 1:20 p.m. in Room 528**. We will provide pizza and sodas and be available to answer your questions and talk about the program. If you attended the Opportunities Day breakout sessions and do not feel you need more information, there is no need to come to this session, but you are certainly welcome to come get additional information.
- 2) You can visit Steve Wermiel in Room 515C or send him questions at [swermiel@wcl.american.edu](mailto:swermiel@wcl.american.edu) or call him at 202-274-4263.

## PENCE LAW LIBRARY

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Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 12:00 am

Saturday – Sunday 9:00 am -12:00 am

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

**CALLING ALL STUDENT AUTHORS!!** If you have an article accepted for publication or recently published by a law review or other scholarly journal, please send your name, the title of the article, and the journal name to Billie Jo Kaufman, Associate Dean for Library and Information Resources at [bkaufman@wcl.american.edu](mailto: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!

**Thank you if you participated in our carrel lottery!** Lottery winners have been notified by email. If you have questions about the carrel policy see <http://library.wcl.american.edu/carrel/>

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**Need to borrow a book that the Pence Law Library doesn't own? Be sure and register to use ILLiad, our interlibrary loan system at <http://library.wcl.american.edu/ill.cfm>.** The usual turnaround time for obtaining a book through ILL is about 5 to 7 business days, but hard to find books may take as long as three weeks so don't wait until just before a paper is due to request a book through ILL. If you need to keep items borrowed through ILL longer than you anticipated, you must renew them at least three days **before the due date**. Requesting a renewal does not guarantee that the lender will agree to the request.

**Do you want to suggest something to add to the Library's collection or make a comment suggesting an improvement to our services?** Suggestion boxes are available in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor copy room and at the Security Desk at the entrance to the Library. An online form is also posted at <http://library.wcl.american.edu/suggestions.cfm>. Fill it out and a Library staff member will review and respond to your concern.

## WOMEN AND THE LAW PROGRAM

**Do you dream of arguing before the Supreme Court?** Please join Professor Dan Metcalfe, the Moot Court Honor Society and the Women and the Law Program for a special LAW-974 seminar guest lecture by **Patricia A. Millett, Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> 4:00-5:30 Room 600** Patricia Millett has argued 25 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, more than any woman in practice today and second to only one other woman in history. Don't miss this opportunity to hear one of the nation's top Supreme Court litigators discuss how to prepare for and present a winning appellate oral argument, how to pursue your dream of becoming a litigator, and what it is like being one of the first women with such extensive Supreme Court experience. All are welcome! For more information contact the Women and the Law Program at [wilp@wcl.american.edu](mailto:wilp@wcl.american.edu)

## STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

**There will be an SBA Groups and Organizations Committee Meeting on Friday the 25th at 4pm in the SBA Student Lounge**

**The next SBA Senate meeting will be on Tuesday, January 29 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](mailto:sbaprotemp@wcl.american.edu) no later than 5 PM on Sunday, January 27. The email must include what you wish to address, as well as a copy of any documents you wish

to present at the meeting. Agenda items will NOT be accepted after the deadline, to ensure that the Senate has adequate time to review them prior to the meeting. SBA Senate meetings are open to the public, and all students are encouraged to attend.

Please note:

- 1) Organizations requesting funding should contact the SBA Finance Committee at [sbafinance@wcl.american.edu](mailto:sbafinance@wcl.american.edu).
- 2) Organizations requesting more than \$500 of additional funds for a particular expenditure must attend the SBA Senate meeting for approval.
- 3) The Senate President Pro-Tempore must be notified of ALL agenda items, even those postponed from prior meetings.
- 4) Senate committee meetings may be announced via the SBA TWEN site. Students are encouraged to subscribe to the site to receive important notices.

### **ADR Society**

**SPRING EVENTS- January 30:** Mediation at American University. Andrew Sowell of American University Mediation Services will be discussing Mediation in the University setting and provide information about becoming certified as a mediator. 12-1:15, lunch will be served!

**February 20:** Attorney Geoff Drucker from the McCammon Group will discuss how his firm practices ADR and also how they train law firms and other groups to incorporate ADR into practice. 12-1:15, lunch will be served!

### **APALSA**

**Film Screening: Of Civil Wrongs and Rights: The Fred Korematsu Story Wednesday, January 23, 2008, 5:30pm WCL Room 402** Dinner will be served

Please join APALSA for dinner and a screening of this Emmy-award winning documentary film. Fred Korematsu was probably never more American than when he resisted, and then challenged in court, the forced internment of Japanese-Americans during World War II. Korematsu lost his landmark Supreme Court case in 1944, but never his indignation and resolve. OF CIVIL WRONGS AND RIGHTS is the untold history of the 40-year legal fight to vindicate Korematsu — one that finally turned a civil injustice into a civil rights victory.

### **Criminal Law Society**

**Criminal Law Externship and Career Panel 12-1 PM, Tuesday January 22, Room 402:** Come hear about exciting career and externship opportunities in the field of criminal law from WCL students at this brown-bag event.

### **Equal Justice Foundation**

EJF will sell **Hot Chocolate with toppings on Wednesday, January 23rd from 9:30am-4pm in the lobby.** Support Public Interest by keeping warm on a cold day!

**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](mailto:gmulnick@hotmail.com) stating your qualifications for the position. The deadline for applying for this position is Thursday, January 24th at 5:00 pm.

### **Health Law & Policy**

Health Law & Policy is currently accepting applications from 1L, 2L, and 3L students for staff editor, staff writer, and executive editorial board positions. Staff writer and editor positions require an average commitment of 1-3 hours per week, with a heavier commitment required in the weeks preceding publication. Any of the positions may involve the following tasks: editing, writing short columns, Bluebooking, source checking, soliciting authors, and additional administrative tasks as may be necessary. The three Co-Editors-in-Chief, the Managing Editor, and the Senior Articles Editor will be graduating in Spring 2008. All new and existing staff members will have the opportunity to train for and fill positions on the Editorial Board.

The application is available through the HLP website at [www.wcl.american.edu/org/hlp/](http://www.wcl.american.edu/org/hlp/). All staff applications must be submitted to the HLP mailbox in the WCL Mailroom located on the 4th Floor or emailed to [hlp@wcl.american.edu](mailto:hlp@wcl.american.edu) no later than 5:00 pm on Friday January 25, 2008.

### **ILF\***

\* ILF, NLG and SJP will be screening the film **USA vs. Al Arian** (<http://www.usavsalarian.com>) on **Tuesday, January 22 at 6pm in Room 603**. USA vs. Al Arian, a film about freedom of speech and political persecution, follows the case of Dr. Sami Al Arian, a former (tenured) University professor and a pro-Palestinian civil rights activist charged with providing material support to terrorists. William Olson, Dr. Al Arian's attorney, and members of the Al Arian family will be present to discuss the case. Food will be served!

### **Intellectual Property Law Society and PIJIP**

**Intellectual Property Law Career Panel, Tuesday, January 29 from 12-1:00pm in Room 402.**

Lunch will be served. Are you interested in intellectual property law? The IP Society and PIJIP invite you to attend our lunch career panel featuring guests and WCL alumni from all different areas of IP including: Jon Grossman, Partner at Dickstein, Shapiro; Rebecca Gan, a former Trademark Examining Attorney and current associate at Dickinson, Wright; Alyssa Sandrowitz, a patent attorney at Sterne, Kessler; Nishan Kottahachchi a trademark and copyright attorney at Cooley; and Nabila Isa-Odidi, a patent litigator at Sonnenschein, Nath and former DC clerk. The panel will be moderated by Sean Flynn and will be followed by a Q&A session.

### **JLSA**

Making DC Greener: In acknowledgment of the Jewish Festival of Trees, Tu B'Shvat, the Jewish Law Student Association will be **selling fruit and nuts on Tuesday, January 22nd** to raise money to support a nature organization in Washington DC.

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

**Professor Guttman** is looking for a Research Assistant for the Spring Semester of 2008. Students interested in commercial and securities law specifically Securities and Modern Security Transfers with strong research skills are invited to apply. Please submit your resume, a copy of your transcript, a writing sample and a cover letter to Professor Guttman's mailbox in room 465 or his Administrative Assistant, Carolyn Wright, in room 325. The Student will work a total of ten (10) hours per week during the Spring Semester.

**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 LLMS 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](mailto:delcampo@wcl.american.edu) indicating "Dean's Fellow spring 2008" in the subject line.

**Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property** Dean's fellow needed to assist in compiling reports and news articles for the National Legislative Association on Prescription Drug Prices' bi-weekly newsletter. Topics include the marketing of new drugs, Medicare and Medicaid price negotiations, state programs for discounts and purchasing pools, reimportation and drug safety. Previous issues of the newsletter can be viewed at [www.reducedrugprices.org](http://www.reducedrugprices.org). This position calls for 5 hours of web research a week. Contact Mike Palmedo at 202-274-4442.

**Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property** Deans fellow needed to perform basic research and some administrative tasks for the Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property. The program focuses on the public interest implications of various issues in IP, including IP law reform; the fair use of copyrighted materials; access to medicines; international trade, human rights and development; and traditional cultural expressions. For more information, see [wcl.american.edu/pijip](http://wcl.american.edu/pijip). To apply, contact Mike Palmedo at 202-274-4442.

The **International Arbitration Program** is seeking to hire two Dean's Fellows (10-20 hours per week) to help us prepare for and implement the Summer Session on International Arbitration, Founder's Arbitration Event, and other related activities. This year's spring activities will provide networking opportunities with partners at law firms, principals at leading organizations in the field of arbitration, arbitration practitioners, and government representatives. Interested students should apply by submitting a resume, photocopy of law school transcript, and writing sample in our office mailbox in Room 465 or by email to [arbitration@wcl.american.edu](mailto:arbitration@wcl.american.edu) by Wednesday January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Questions can be directed to Susana Castiglione at 202-274-4321 or [arbitration@wcl.american.edu](mailto:arbitration@wcl.american.edu). Prior office experience is preferred.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Help us organize the 13<sup>th</sup> Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition!**

As one of the only trilingual (English, Spanish & Portuguese) moot court competitions in the world, WCL's Competition brings together nearly 200 students from all over the world for a week of tough competition (and great fun) at WCL in late May. The Competition is dedicated to the advancement of the Inter-American human rights legal system and involves a large number of prominent attorneys and volunteer judges, experts from the Inter-American Commission and Court of Human Rights and more. During the week, participants attend receptions and other events, participate in training opportunities, and visit international organizations such as the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. We also throw an awesome Salsa-dancing party!

Volunteers are needed to communicate with participants, recruit judges, research the Bench Memorandum and plan the various events of the Competition. The Competition particularly seeks Spanish and Portuguese speaking volunteers (but not exclusively!). If you are interested in

volunteering, please send an email to the Competition at [iamoot@wcl.american.edu](mailto:iamoot@wcl.american.edu) or call 202-274-4215. For more on the Competition, visit our website at [www.wcl.american.edu/hracademy/mcourt](http://www.wcl.american.edu/hracademy/mcourt).

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

#### **ABA Seeks Washington Area Student Helpers for Competition at Federal Courthouse**

The American Bar Association Law Student Division seeks Washington area law students to help the National Appellate Advocacy Competition Subcommittee with the 2007-08 Washington Regional National Appellate Advocacy Competition (NAAC). This moot court competition will be held March 13-15 at the Howard T. Markey National Courts Building, 717 Madison Place, NW, Washington, DC 20439. Student helpers will assist the competition administrators (practicing lawyers and law professors) with setting the courtrooms and will be responsible for monitoring the courtrooms the ABA uses during the competition. Neither competitors nor volunteer judges may move the furniture or electronics at any time. The rounds will be held in the late afternoon on Thursday, March 13 and Friday, March 14 and all day on Saturday, March 15. The times are listed below.

Round 1 - Thursday, March 13 from 1:00 pm to 8:15 pm

Round 2 - Friday, March 14 from 2:00 pm to 8:15 pm

Round 3 - Saturday, March 15 from 8:00 am to 1:30 pm

Rounds 4 & 5 - Saturday, March 15 from 1:30 pm to 6:30 pm

This is a perfect opportunity for first or second year students to observe the NAAC in action and learn some tricks to win next year's competition. Please note that if your school is competing in the NAAC, you will be limited to watching your school's teams. With 184 teams competing, the NAAC is one of the largest moot court competitions in the country. Teams from law schools in 9 states and the District of Columbia are preparing to compete in the Washington Regional.

This year, the case involves two issues: civil petition for review involving asylum and federal court jurisdiction. Students from WCL willing to assist the competition administrators and serve as a courtroom monitor should complete the form at

<http://www.abanet.org/lsc/competitions/helpers/naac.html>.

### ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Turkey Summer Law Program** will hold a Question-and-Answer session on **Wednesday, February 13 in room TBA**. Have you ever been to Istanbul, Ephesus, Ankara or the Aegean Sea? Istanbul's location is prime, the education first-rate, extracurricular activities abound, and the opportunity to travel after the program awaits. This unforgettable experience will change your views on the world and in the area of international law. Turkey Summer Law Program participants earn six credits for the two courses: (1) International Legal Perspectives on the Rule of Law, Human Rights, and Current Issues in Turkey, Central Asia and the Middle East and (2) Legal Perspectives on Business and Investment Issues in Turkey. Students will gain a better understanding of the social and political developments in the Middle East and Central Asia regions in general and of Turkey in particular, including human rights, environment and security issues. For additional Information please see the Turkey Summer Law Program's brochure at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/turkey/>

**APPLY NOW FOR THE SUMMER LAW PROGRAM IN CHILE 2008 (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](mailto:msaez@wcl.american.edu), (202)274-4388 or Dilianna Bustillos, Program Coordinator: [dbustill@wcl.american.edu](mailto:dbustill@wcl.american.edu)

#### **JD/MA Student Advisory Board**

**Invitation to All Enrolled JD/MA (SIS) Students: "JD/MA Scholar's Coffee Series" January 22, 2008, 4:00-5:00 p.m., Room 351** This year, the JD/MA joint-degree program is offering WCL students currently enrolled in the program the opportunity to engage with select SIS and WCL professors in casual round table coffee hour discussions. During each coffee hour, 8-10 JD/MA students will get unique face time with an SIS or WCL professor who will speak about her/his academic and professional interests and experiences.

The JD/MA Scholar's Coffee series continues with SIS Professor Abdul Aziz Said, Mohammed Said Farsi Chair of Islamic Peace and head of the Peace and Conflict Resolution Program at SIS.

For more information about Professor Said, please visit

<http://www.american.edu/sis/faculty/facultybiographies/said.htm>.

Space is limited to 10 students and attendance is on a first come, first served basis. Please RSVP by January 20, 2008 to [leaocchialini@gmail.com](mailto:leaocchialini@gmail.com). NOTE: Please remember that your RSVP requires your attendance.

## OFFICE OF CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### **Suite 122**

#### **Hours**

**Monday and Thursday: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm**

**Tuesday and Wednesday: 9:00 am to 7:00 pm**

**Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS, DATES & DEADLINES & IMPORTANT REMINDERS**

**Now accepting Applications for spring semester Dean's Fellow**

The Office of Career & Professional Development seeks a Dean's Fellow to work 10 hours per week to assist staff with research assignments and various administrative projects. Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Access and Excel preferred. If interested, please email a resume and cover letter to Traci Mundy Jenkins, OCPD Director, at [tjenkins@wcl.american.edu](mailto:tjenkins@wcl.american.edu). This position is available immediately.

**Student Advisory Committee:** OCPD is in the process of forming a Student Advisory Committee comprised of students in the full-time and evening programs. The committee is open to 1Ls, 2Ls and 3L/4Ls. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please contact the office at [careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu](mailto:careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu).

**General Reminder re: Academic Year and Summer Employment Applications**

If you are applying to summer or academic year job/internship positions that require an unofficial transcript, you should request a copy from the Registrar well in advance of any application deadlines. Once you have obtained a copy of your transcript, stop by Suite 122 to create an electronic document (PDF) with one of three scanners available for student use. Questions? Contact OCPD at 202-274-4090 or stop by Suite 122.

**\*Upcoming Events in the DC Metro Area\***

**Thursday, January 24:**

**Silent Auction:** The Women's Bar Association Foundation presents "Bordeaux and Bubbly: A Tour de France." The wine tasting and silent auction begins at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds will go to the WBA Foundation Founders Fellowship, which supports a D.C.-area law student's work with a legal services provider to benefit women and children. Location: White & Case, 701 13th St. N.W. Cost: \$65 one admission ticket and one door prize ticket; \$95 one admission ticket, two door prize tickets, and recognition in program. Registration and information: (202) 639-8880 or [admin@wbadc.org](mailto:admin@wbadc.org).

**Wednesday, January 30:**

**Corporate Counsel:** The Washington Metropolitan Area Corporate Counsel Association presents "Representing Corporate America Post-Sarbanes-Oxley." Lunch will begin at noon, and the program will begin at 1 p.m. The program will focus on the implications that the Sarbanes-Oxley Act has had for corporate America, as well as how corporate and in-house counsel can handle the changes. Speaker: **Robert Bennett**, partner and co-leader, international government enforcement litigation group and criminal and civil litigation practice, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom. Location: The Hilton McLean Tysons Corner, 7920 Jones Branch Drive, McLean, Va. Cost: \$40 members, \$20 "members in transition," \$50 nonmembers. Registration and information: (301) 881-3018 or [WMACCA@verizon.net](mailto:WMACCA@verizon.net)

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**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.pslawnet.org)) – The Public Service Law Network includes an organizational and opportunities database and compiles the most recent fellowship information found in the “Fellowship Corner.”
3. Idealist ([www.idealists.org](http://www.idealists.org)) – This website lists hundreds of internship opportunities and is a particularly good resource for students interested in a public policy experience.
4. The Government Honors & Internship Handbook (<http://www.law.arizona.edu/career/honorshandbook.cfm>) – The best resource for federal internship and honors attorney programs. Available in hard copy in the OCPD library, or log on to CareerLink to access the online version and username and password.

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**JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS & INTERNSHIPS**

Welcome to OCPD’s new Judicial Clerkship Coordinator, Amy Killoran! Amy can be reached by email at [killoran@wcl.american.edu](mailto: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 29<sup>th</sup> 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](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](mailto: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

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***DIVERSITY RECEPTIONS/OTHER EVENTS***

**Boston Lawyers Group “Charting Your Legal Future” Reception:** The Boston Lawyers Group (“BLG”) “Charting Your Legal Future” Program, will take place on **February 13, 2008**, from **5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** at The Law Offices of Sullivan & Worcester LLP (1666 “K” Street, Washington, D.C.). All 1L students of color are invited to attend. The BLG is a consortium of over 40 of the largest law firms, government agencies and corporations in the City of Boston. Its mission is to support the efforts of its member organizations to identify, recruit, advance and retain

attorneys of color. Please RSVP by **February 8, 2008** to Brittany Morrison, BLG Executive Assistant, at [bmorrison@brownrudnick.com](mailto:bmorrison@brownrudnick.com).

**Bingham McCutchen Spring Diversity Reception:** Bingham McCutchen LLP invites you to join us as several partners in Bingham's appellate practice group share some of their experiences before the Supreme Court and discuss some of the important issues currently pending before the Court. Following the panel discussion, you will have an opportunity to learn more about the Firm, our diversity initiatives and summer program at a reception attended by Bingham attorneys. The reception will be held on Tuesday, February 19 from 5:30 – 8:00pm at Bingham McCutchen (2020 K Street, NW, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, DC). Please RSVP to Mieko I. Rechka, Legal Recruiting Manager at [mieko.rechka@bingham.com](mailto:mieko.rechka@bingham.com) by **Wednesday, February 13, 2008**.

**Save the Date! Washington Bar Association 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Career Fair:** The fair will be held on **Saturday, February 23, 2008** from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law.

### ***DIVERSITY JOB FAIRS, SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS & OTHER INITIATIVES***

**Updated!! 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](http://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 Wednesday, January 23, 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](mailto:kjohnson@wcl.american.edu), or Ilene G. Reid, WMACCA Executive Director, at 301-881-3018 or [WMACCA@verizon.net](mailto:WMACCA@verizon.net). Information also is posted on the WMACCA web page at <http://wmacca.acc.com>.

**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](mailto:LKader@perkinscoie.com).

**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](mailto: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](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 or San Francisco 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.

**NEW! Finnegan Henderson Diversity Scholarship:** Finnegan Henderson is proud to announce its Diversity Scholarship. The scholarship will provide financial support to qualified minority law students who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing a career in IP law. The scholarship award of \$15,000 may be applied to costs associated with normal tuition; and a patent bar review course. The scholarship recipient will also accept an offer to join the firm as a summer associate in one of the firm's domestic offices (Atlanta, Cambridge, Palo Alto, Reston or Washington). Students who have completing their first year full-time (or second year part-time) are invited to

apply. Additional information about the scholarship and application form are posted on Finnegan's website at [www.finnegan.com](http://www.finnegan.com). The deadline for applications is **February 29, 2008**.

**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](mailto: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**.

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**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](mailto: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](mailto:avito@wcl.american.edu) if you wish to cancel your interviews!

**\*\*\*\* IMPORTANT: ISIP 2008 PREPARATION SESSION next Tuesday:\*\*\*\***  
**January 15 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](mailto: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](mailto:avito@wcl.american.edu) to register!

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

**General Reminders for Foreign LL.M. Students:**

I am available to meet with you for resume and cover letter review and to answer your job search questions. **You are required to attend a Basic Resume and Cover Letter Writing Workshop before meeting with me** for an individual counseling appointment. To schedule an appointment, please contact the OCPD front desk at (202) 274-4090 or stop by Suite 122. After obtaining an appointment with our front desk, please make sure you send me an email with your resume and/ or cover letter at least 48 hours prior to your appointment. My email address is [avito@wcl.american.edu](mailto:avito@wcl.american.edu) . Also, you may include information about your career goals in your email message. This information will help me better evaluate your needs and help you in a personalized manner.

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**GENERAL REMINDERS FOR STUDENTS**

**Student CareerLink Profiles**

Please take a moment to update your **CareerLink** profile. Student profiles should be updated on a regular basis to note changes in contact information and areas of interest. Periodically, the Office of Career & Professional Development will email important information concerning job postings and events to students based on what they have indicated on their profiles. Therefore, keeping your profile current is necessary if you wish to receive such information. To obtain your username and password, please send an email to [careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu](mailto:careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu).

**Please refer to the following Job Search categories for locating postings relevant to your job search:**

**Permanent/Full Time** – Post Graduate Positions for 3Ls & Lateral Positions for Alumni

**Permanent/Part Time** – Part Time Post Graduate Positions for 3Ls & Lateral Positions for Alumni

**Judicial Clerkship** – Post Graduate Positions

**Summer/Full Time** – Full Time Summer Internships, Summer Associate, Law Clerk & Judicial Internships

**Summer/Part Time** – Part Time Summer Internships (including Judicial) & Law Clerk Positions

**Temporary/Full Time** – Fellowships, Contract Attorney Positions, Full Time Law Clerk Positions & Internships (including Judicial)

**Temporary/Part Time** – Academic year Part Time Law Clerk Positions & Internships (including Judicial)

**OCPD Website:** Some portions of the OCPD website are protected by password for use by Washington College of Law students and alumni. A login ID and password are provided on the CareerLink homepage.

**OCPD Counseling Services:**

OCPD has seven career counselors to assist you with the career planning process. Counseling services include:

- resume and cover letter review
- conducting mock interviews
- creating job search strategies

Counselors also specialize in judicial clerkships, public interest, private practice and government as noted below. To schedule an appointment, call 202-274-4090 or by stop by Suite 122.

**Traci Jenkins**

General counseling, domestic LL.M.s and second career JDs

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**Claire Raj**

Public Interest and Government

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**Matthew Pascocello**

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

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**Adriana Vito**

Foreign-trained LL.M. students and alumni

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**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 21**

**Tuesday, January 22**  
[JLSA@wcl.american.edu](mailto:JLSA@wcl.american.edu), JLSA fruit and nuts sale

**12-1 PM, Rm 402**, Criminal Law Externship and Career Panel

**4-5 pm, Rm 351**, JD/MA Scholar's Coffee Series

**6pm, Rm 603**, screening of USA vs. Al Arian

**Wednesday, January 23**  
**9:30am-4pm, WCL lobby**, EJF Hot Chocolate sale

**4-5:30pm, Rm 600**, guest lecture by Patricia A. Millett

**5:30pm, Rm 402**, Screening: Of Civil Wrongs and Rights: The Fred Korematsu Story

**Thursday, January 24**  
**See “Externship Program” in the Docket for sections, Sixth Floor**, The WCL Externship Fair

**Friday, January 25**  
**4pm, SBA Student Lounge**, SBA Groups and Organizations Committee Meeting