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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

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, "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

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.

ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE MAY 2008 GRADUATES: If you plan to graduate in May 2008, please complete an Application to Graduate NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 8, 2008 in order to graduate. August 2008 graduates should also complete an application if they wish to participate in the May ceremony. Applications are available in the Registrar's Office, Suite 304, or on-line at <https://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/grad.cfm>.

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

FALL 2007 EXAMS READY FOR PICK-UP: Many exams from the fall 2007 semester are now available for pick-up in room 304. If we do not yet have the exams for your class, you may contact the instructor directly.

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 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 for 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 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 jdelaurentiis@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

OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

Fingerprinting Service

Students in need of a set of fingerprints for a bar exam or another purpose may take advantage of the Office of Student Affairs's arrangement with the Central Business Services, a DC operation that will make its fingerprinting services available to students on **Saturday, February 2, in room 524** starting at **10:00am until all students are assisted**. The service costs \$10 for one set of fingerprints (card included; additional cards for an added cost). The law school receives no benefit from this arrangement. No appointment necessary; students will be received on a first-come basis with each process taking just a couple of minutes.

ADA Accommodations

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

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

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

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

Lunch with the Dean!

The Spring series of lunch meetings with Dean Claudio Grossman resumes on **Wednesday, February 20, 2008, at 12:30 p.m.** Learn about plans for the semester, speak your mind about issues that affect you, and enjoy a free lunch courtesy of the Office of the Dean.

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

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

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

FOR YOUR CALENDAR : SPRING SEMESTER ACTIVITIES

- **February 21 – Law School 101**, the LSAC-sponsored National Minority Recruitment Month program, in conjunction with the Admissions Office -- a pre-law program for prospective undergrads from disadvantaged and under-represented groups
- **February 25** – In honor of Black History Month: a screening and discussion—led by Prof. Pamela Bridgewater and Professor Meetal Jain--of *Sisters in Law*, a documentary about two progressive Cameroonian women judges who deal primarily with family law and domestic violence issues—Co-sponsored by the Office of Diversity Services and the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law
- **March 5** – The **10th Annual Hispanic Law Conference**, including a pre-law activity for high school students, a job fair, a program focused on Hispanics in the national election, and the annual awards dinner
- **April 2** – The **12th Sylvania Woods Conference** on African Americans and the Law: “The Intersection of Law, Media, and Politics,” plus career table talk by alumni and dinner featuring the annual awards presentations
- **April 10 (CONFIRMED)** – **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!!!
With spring disbursements Grad PLUS loans move to repayment status. You are eligible for in-school deferment. If you receive a repayment notice or deferment form act quickly to have your enrollment confirmed. Contact the office if you have questions.

Dean’s Fellows - Payday is January 31.

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

FAFSA renewal notices are in the mail. File at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

File the *free* **Need Access** application for grant aid at www.needaccess.org.

Note the FAFSA must be on file for summer aid to be processed. **Don’t delay!**

College Cost Reduction Act and Loan Forgiveness

Newly enacted legislation provides for cancellation of outstanding federal loans following 10 years of work in qualifying Public Service employment and 10 years of qualifying loan payments. Come out for the Founder’s Day event “*Staying Public-Survival Skills for a Lifetime Career in Public Service Law*,” February 7 for more information. Session information is available at

http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle_form.cfm.

Outside Scholarships

Information is available at: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/outsidescholarships/>

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST

Suite 122 - Phone: 202-274-4099 - Email: publicinterest@wcl.american.edu

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Join the Public Interest Announcements Listserv

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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. For more information and to register, go to: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/go/stayingpublic>

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!

Postgraduate Public Interest Fellowship Programs, February 12 and 14th: Interested in applying for postgraduate public interest legal fellowships? Don't miss the **February 12th Alumni Panel at Noon**, and the **February 14th Fellowship Workshop at Noon**, Mainly for 2Ls, the workshop will discuss the application and selection process, timelines and application strategy.

Registration now open for the 13th Annual Rebellious Lawyering Conference! February 22 - 24, 2008, Yale Law School. RebLaw is the largest student-run public interest conference in the country. Each year, we bring together practitioners, law students, and community activists to discuss innovative approaches to law and social change. For more information check out: <http://islandia.law.yale.edu/reblaw/>.

Robert M. Cover Public Interest Law Retreat, *Lawyering for Social Change*, February 29 – March 2, Sargent Center, Peterborough, New Hampshire. Each year, the Cover Retreat brings together students, legal practitioners and faculty for a weekend of inspiring public interest discussions and fun. For more information on the East Coast's annual public interest law retreat, visit www.law.yale.edu/news/coverretreat.asp or email CoverRetreat@gmail.com.

April 8 Peter M. Cicchino Public Service Awards Dinner: The Public Interest Committee will host the annual Cicchino Public Service Awards dinner on Tuesday, April 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the 6th floor dining area. The Cicchino Awards Dinner is the academy awards of student public interest and pro bono work. In addition to recognizing the three Cicchino awardees, members of the class

of 2008 will receive certificates of achievement at a sumptuous dinner before their peers, faculty and staff for a variety of additional awards and accomplishments, including: completion of the Pro Bono Honors Pledge Program, the WCL Community Service Award, external pro bono and public service awards, and receipt of post-graduate public interest fellowships. The event is free and open to all students. Additional information will be available soon.

PRO BONO HONORS PLEDGE PROGRAM:

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

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

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

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

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PLEASE REGISTER FOR EVENTS!!!!!!

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

http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle_form.cfm

Upcoming Events!

JANUARY 30 *CLE*

[The Right to Die with Dignity: An Argument in Ethics and Law](#)

JANUARY 31 *CLE*

[Tax Law and Cultural Property](#)

Save the Dates:

- ❑ **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

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.

FOCUS ON A COURSE:

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights taught by Asbjorn Eide and Scott Leckie. For more information on the faculty, please visit: www.wcl.american.edu/hracademy

The course will start with a discussion of the place of economic, social and cultural rights within contemporary international human rights law. It will outline the legal and historical sources of esc rights, followed by a discussion of the duty of states to implement these rights and an analysis of the nature of state obligations for esc rights and a description of the international monitoring system for esc rights. The course will also briefly review of the current debate on international obligations in the context of the controversial right to development.

Among the substantive esc rights, the course will address

- property as an esc rights, the right to work and the rights in work,
- the right to social security and to an adequate standard of living with a special focus on the right to food
- the right to the highest attainable standard of health
- the right to education and rights in education
- cultural rights, including the right of everyone to benefit from advances in science and technology,
- authors' rights and its distinction from the more general intellectual property rights
- cultural rights of minorities and indigenous peoples.
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CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

Center Announcements

VISIT THE HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM WITH THE GTP!!!

Friday, February 1, 9am-1pm, Meet at WCL lobby

There are five extra spots to visit the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum with the Center for Human Rights and WCL's Genocide Teaching Project team! Although the exhibits alone are a treat, the museum is providing the GTP with a special guided tour by members of the Committee on Conscience. Following the tour will be a human rights workshop hosted by Kadian Powell (the leadership program coordinator of the museums education department). If you are interested in attending, please email the Center for Human Rights at humlaw@wcl.american.edu.

THE ROLE OF THE LAWYER IN PAKISTAN

Wednesday, February 6, 12pm – 1:20pm, 6th Floor Student Lounge!

Director of the Human Rights Centre at the University of Peshawar (UP), as he discusses the current state of affairs in Pakistan and the role of the lawyer in the fight for justice and peace. Professor Azam is pursuing his SJD at WCL as part of an ongoing collaborative project between the WCL Center for Human Rights and the UP Human Rights Centre and Gender Studies Department, the only two of their kind in all of Pakistan. Lunch will be served. For additional information, please contact the Center for Human Rights at Humlaw@wcl.american.edu or by calling 202-274-4180.

**GET UPDATES ON WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE CENTER AND AROUND TOWN:
JOIN THE CENTER'S LISTSERV!**

Keep up-to-date on human rights events, activities, and resources at WCL and in the community by joining the Center's listserv! You will receive occasional updates (maximum one per week) from the Center about human rights goings-on right in your inbox. To subscribe, follow the instructions at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/listserv.cfm>. To submit a human-rights related event or announcement to the listserv, please send an email to humlaw@wcl.american.edu.

EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Room 413 (202) 274-4200

www.wcl.american.edu/externship

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

externship@wcl.american.edu

Avis Sanders, Director; Gregory Seidell, Program Assistant

2008 EXTERNSHIP FAIR

The annual WCL Externship Fair will be held TODAY. 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, 140 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. We hope you attend the fair.

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 40th 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, 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 31st. 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 (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 or call (202) 274-4200 for an appointment.

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION PROGRAM

STAYING IN DC FOR THE SUMMER? INTERESTED IN EARNING UP TO FIVE CREDITS IN THREE WEEKS?

The International Arbitration Summer Session is offering six 1 credit courses that begin on May 27, 2008 and end June 12, 2008. The course material will range from a general overview of international commercial arbitration, to the theoretical and practical aspects of arbitral process and all courses are taught by seasoned arbitration practitioners. Each course can be taken on its own, however, if students choose to take more than one course, they will find that the courses complement each other, rather than overlap.

Course offerings include:

- Nuts and Bolts of International Commercial Arbitration (*course also available in Spanish for academic credit*)
- Salient Issues in ICC Arbitration;
- International Commercial Arbitration and Choice-of-Law Issues;
- Investor-State Arbitration, Current Developments;
- How to Conduct an International Arbitration Proceeding;

This is an excellent way to gain both a greater understanding of international arbitration and up to five credits. Additionally, since three of the five courses will be held in the evening, you can supplement your summer working experience with the experience you will gain from the Arbitration Summer Session.

No special application is required. Just register as you would for any other classes at WCL. For more information please email arbitration@wcl.american.edu or call 274-4321.

SAVE THE DATE!

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION PROGRAM 2008 ACTIVITIES

April 14, 2008

International Commercial Arbitration in the Americas: A Look Ahead

Leading practitioners in the field will analyze recent practice trends and developments in the Americas in the area of international arbitration focusing specifically on the challenges and progress experienced by numerous countries in the region. Conference panels will focus on North, Central, and South America respectively. Special emphasis will be given to the involvement of local courts in decisions made by arbitral tribunals.

The conference is sponsored by Inter-American Bar Association.

September 25, 2008

WCL Annual Lecture on International Commercial Arbitration

Established in 2006, the American University Washington College of Law Annual Lecture on International Commercial Arbitration is delivered by a leading practitioner in the field of international commercial arbitration. The annual lecture offers an eminent figure in international arbitration a platform on which to share his or her ideas on novel issues and current trends in international arbitration from his or her own perspective and provides practitioners and academics an exclusive opportunity to participate. The 2008 annual lecture will feature **The Hon Sir Vivian Ramsey, QC**, Justice of the High Court, London.

Fifth Annual Seminar on International Commercial Arbitration: How to Handle Intellectual Property and Telecommunication Cases: October 27 – 30, 2008.

This year's seminar will feature a mock case that will be discussed principally from the perspective of the Rules of Arbitration of the American Arbitration Association's (AAA) International Centre for Dispute Resolution. Through dynamic interactive lectures and scenario-based exercises, participants will be taught skills, strategies, and tactics for successfully conducting international arbitration cases on various factual and legal bases.

Co-sponsors include: American Arbitration Association, International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), and the International Centre for the Settlement of Investment Disputes.

For more information, please contact: International Arbitration Program, American University Washington College of Law, 4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20016, Telephone (202) 274-4321, Facsimile (202) 274-4226, E-mail: arbitration@wcl.american.edu, Website: www.wcl.american.edu/arbitration

INTERNATIONAL JD DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMS: LEGAL EDUCATION FOR THE WORLD

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

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

CANADA: JD/LL.B.

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

SPAIN: JD / LICENCIATURA EN DERECHO

WCL currently offers two dual degree programs in Madrid, Spain. Students can receive their dual degree J.D/Licenciatura en Derecho from either la Universidad Carlos III or Universidad Alfonso X El Sabio. Graduates from these programs will have full understanding of the law as developed and practiced both in the United States and in Spain, will be prepared to work in different legal areas in both countries, and eventually in other countries of the European Union.

FRANCE: JD/Master I/Master II

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

The Programs:

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

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

INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM

Practicing Law in the European Union

Interested in practicing law in the EU? For a US firm? For an EU Firm? Then come and talk with ILSP LLMS: *Vladislav Michalcik* (Czech Republic) *Maheta Molango* (Spain) and *Nikola Koritz* (Germany) with Moderator: *Professor Fernanda Nicola* (Italy).

Thursday, January 31st, 2:30-3:30PM, room 526 Contact pshereen@wcl.american.edu for more information

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 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

ATTENTION ALL SPADERS! Are you mystified by a citation? Can't figure out where to find something by your deadline? Need the original source and not the Lexis or Westlaw version? There is help available at the Reference Desk. Stop by, call 202-274-4352 or email us at reflib@wcl.american.edu

AskPenceLibrary and chat with a librarian for help with your research! Between 9 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday you can IM a reference librarian and get an instant answer to your question. Just send your message to AskPenceLibrary using AIM, MSN, Yahoo or Google Talk or through the Virtual Reference webpage at <http://library.wcl.american.edu/ask.cfm>. Email us at reflib@wcl.american.edu if you have questions about this service.

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

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 2nd floor copy room and at the Security Desk at the entrance to the Library. An online form is also posted at <http://library.wcl.american.edu/suggestions.cfm>. Fill it out and a Library staff member will review and respond to your concern.

PROGRAM ON INFORMATION JUSTICE AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

February 4. The Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property (PIJIP), the Health Law Project, LL.M. Program on Law and Government and Prescription Policy Choices will co-host a public roundtable on **“Legal Strategies to Promote Access to Medicines.”** Leading patient advocates, policy professionals and academics will exchange ideas and information on legal developments and effective strategies for using law to promote broader access to safe and affordable medicines. Topics will include: innovative state legislation being considered around the country; federal appellate litigation by the pharmaceutical industry asserting a First Amendment right to access prescription records for marketing purposes; evolving law on whether liability claims are preempted by FDA approval; FDA's consideration of new drug safety regulations; and litigation regarding deceptive marketing practices. For more information, see wcl.american.edu/pijip. The event will be held from **noon to 3pm in room 603.**

SUMMER SESSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

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SUMMER SESSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

May 27 – June 13, 2008

Taught by leading practitioners from government, business and non-governmental organizations, the summer session provides law students and practitioners with a three-week intensive environmental law training.

Course offerings include:

- Climate Change and Emissions Trading (1 credit)
- Environmental Advocacy (2 credits)
- Trade & the Environment in the Americas (1 credit) *Available in Spanish only.*
- International Business and the Environment (1 credit)
- Environmental Law & the U.S. Congress (1 credit)
- International Law of Biodiversity (1 credit)
- International Institutions and Environmental Protection (2 credits)
- Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (1 credit)
- Alternatives to Environmental Regulations (1 credit)
- Environmental Law in the European Union (1 credit)

No special application is required. Just register as you would for any other classes at WCL. For more information please email E-mail: summerenvironment@wcl.american.edu or call 202.274.4321.

WOMEN AND THE LAW PROGRAM

Interested in practicing family law? Want to know how the law treats families that are not made up of a mom, dad, 2.5 children, and a dog?

Please join the Women and the Law Program and the Lambda Law Society for **‘Creating and Protecting Families: Challenges and Fresh Perspectives’ in Room 601 on Wednesday, January 30th from 12-1 pm**. This event will feature WCL Professor Nancy Polikoff, in addition to Michele Zavos, private practitioner with Zavos Law Group and Erin Leveton, senior managing attorney at Whitman-Walker legal services.

Professor Polikoff will discuss her book *Beyond (Straight and Gay) Marriage: Valuing All Families under the Law*, which questions the privileged legal position of marriage, and suggests changes to value all families. The book discusses issues such as inheritance, tax consequences, social security, adoption and health care. Attorneys Zavos and Leveton will discuss the challenges they face serving LGBT families and the unique challenges presented by the intersection of sexuality, poverty, and illness. All three will be available for questions about family law and advice for those interested in practicing family law.

Lunch will be served!

For more information please contact the Women and the Law Program at wilp@wcl.american.edu

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

SBA Student Services Committee is meeting on Tuesday, January 29, 2008 at 9pm 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 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.
- 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.

Action for Human Rights

Human Rights Hour hosted by Action for Human Rights Wednesday 1/30, 5-6pm, 6th floor Student Lounge

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! nicholas.manzione@gmail.com

EJF

Equal Justice Foundation **volunteer opportunity:** If you're interested in getting volunteer hours for working on the Date Auction Committee, please come to the first **meeting on Wednesday, January 30 at 12:15 in the SBA lounge.**

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 plays an influential role in selecting the EJP 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 EJP Grants last year to repay their 10 hours of volunteer service with EJP. The individual assuming this role must be a highly organized individual who will be available to work with EJP this spring and in the 2008-2009 school year. Notably, a student interested in applying for this position must not be actively seeking or intend on applying for an EJP Grant for the Summer 2008. If interested in applying for this position, please send an email to Gabrielle Mulnick at gmulnick@hotmail.com stating your qualifications for the position. Early application is strongly encouraged, as applications for the position will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

Health Law & Policy

Opportunity for Publication with Health Law & Policy - Health Law & Policy is actively seeking original, health-related articles for publication in future issues. All student papers or non-published comments analyzing health-related topics will be considered for possible publication. Please email your article to hlp@wcl.american.edu or deliver a hard copy of your submission to the Health Law & Policy mailbox located in the 4th floor faculty mailroom. Along with your article, please submit a short cover letter containing all authors' contact information, including home addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses. Submissions are welcome on a rolling-basis, though prompt submission is recommended to ensure consideration for publication in the upcoming Spring 2008 issue.

Health Law and Justice Initiative *

On **Wednesday, Jan. 30th, from noon-2:00PM**, the Health Law Project and the Health Law and Justice Initiative will host a luncheon presentation on "**The Right to Die with Dignity: An Argument in Law and Ethics**," in **Room 603**, with a Woodrow Wilson visiting scholar from

England. For those of you interested in the Health Law field, this Founders' Celebration lecture is a MUST! RSVP as soon as possible by emailing secle@wcl.american.edu.

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; Rebeccah 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.

Legislation & Policy Roundtable

The Legislation & Policy Roundtable is WCL's first entirely electronic, student-run publication, and series of panel discussions providing a legal analysis of current legislation and policy issues. We will be hosting **two Introductory Meetings**, so please come to the one that works best for you. The Introductory Meetings will be held on **Wednesday, January 30 in Room 508 from 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm and from 8:00 pm - 8:30 pm**. The Legislation & Policy Roundtable is currently recruiting editors and staff, so come find out how you can get involved in this innovative new publication! If you have any questions, please visit our TWEN page or contact roundtable@wcl.american.edu.

IN SEARCH OF

SUMMER JOB -- Prof. Ira Robbins seeks to hire one or more Dean's Fellows/Research

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

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

Writing Fellow, Research Fellow, or MISO Fellow position. For further information, pick up a handout from the Legal Rhetoric office.

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

Prof. Susan Carle seeks to hire several summer dean's fellows to assist with ongoing research projects. The two main research areas involve employment law, especially employment discrimination doctrine, and legal history, specifically historical research on early civil rights lawyers and other civil rights activists in the period between 1880 and 1910. Some research in the areas of legal ethics and torts may also be involved. This position can be combined with other summer work, such as an internship, another part-time dean's fellow position, or summer course work. Pay is at WCL dean's fellow rate (or double for Gillette Mussey fellows), and PIPS scholars are eligible and welcome to apply. Interested applicants should send letter of interest, resume, and informal list of grades to Professor Carle at scarle@wcl.american.edu or drop off with her administrative assistant, Sarah Tobianski, in room 349.

Prof. Lynda Dodd seeks to hire one Dean's Fellow/Research Assistant to work part-time during this spring semester (with the potential to continue through this summer on a full-time basis) in one or more of the following areas: constitutional law, Supreme Court appointments, civil rights litigation, and legal history. Interested students should apply by emailing a cover letter, resume and transcript information to ldodd@wcl.american.edu. When applying for this position, please include a description of your other commitments for the spring semester, as there will be a 10 hour per week commitment for this position.

Fellowship in Health Policy & Legislative Work: The Ben Cotton Fellowship The Program on Law and Government and the National Kidney Foundation of the National Capital Area ("NKF/NCA") sponsor the Ben Cotton Fellowship every year, which is an excellent opportunity for students interested in health policy and legislative work. The National Kidney Foundation seeks a Fellow for Spring 2008, to work 20 hours per week during the school year. The stipend is \$3500.00 per semester; with an option of an additional \$2500.00 in the summer, if interested. A second year student is preferred, but it is not required that a candidate be a second year student. The Fellow will provide research and assistance as it relates to legislation and the problems of kidney disease. The job will include the opportunity to write and present testimony on behalf of the NKF/NCA and to work with the Foundation's Public Policy Committee. The Fellow will also be responsible for keeping abreast of all federal and state legislation in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, D.C. that will affect kidney patients. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to Preston Englert: <mailto:penglert@kidneywdc.org> We will be in touch.

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. 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. To apply, contact Mike Palmedo at 202-274-4442.

Academy On Human Rights And Humanitarian Law volunteer opportunities: Help us organize the 13th **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 or call 202-274-4215. For more on the Competition, visit our website at www.wcl.american.edu/hracademy/mcourt.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Green Campus Clean Campus (GCCC) will be launching its first campus project devoted to making WCL more green. Next week this new student group will begin an E-Waste Recycling Program. Students are encouraged to bring in their e-waste for us to recycle. This includes CDs, DVDs, hard drives, zip drives, printer cartridges, ipods, mp3 players, digital cameras, cables, and much more! There will be a table set up in the lobby on Monday, January 28, and Thursday, January 31, where you can recycle and learn more about e-waste. Please stop by and help make our campus green!

EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Due to the time required to obtain a security clearance for students working at an externship with the SEC, CFTC and Department of State, students wishing to participate at an externship at those agencies during the Spring 2008 Semester should forward their resume package as soon as possible. The agencies have indicated that they will be reviewing applications on a running time basis. Please apply as soon as possible. It is likely that applications received late may find that all positions have been filled.

C.F.T.C. Field Component-Law 785

Students who will have completed Business Associations and Securities Regulation by the end of the Fall semester of 2007 or who, having completed Business Associations by the end of the Fall semester 2007 will be enrolling in Securities Regulations for the Spring 2008 Semester, are eligible to participate in a Field Component at the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Please submit your resume, a copy of your transcript, a list of subjects you intend to take in the Spring 2008 Semester, a writing sample and a cover letter as soon as possible to Professor Guttman's mailbox in room 465 or to Carolyn Wright, his Sr. Legal Assistant in room 325. Two hundred and ten (210) hours of working with a staff attorney or an Administrative Law Judge at the Commission will earn three credits. There will also be a meeting with Professor Guttman on Tuesday of every second week, between 12:00 –2:00 p.m. [Subject to change]

S.E.C. Student Observers Program (Field Component)-Law 784

I would like to draw the attention of students who have completed Securities Regulation by the end of the Fall Semester 2007, that students so qualified can apply for participation for a **minimum of three credits in the Field Component- S.E.C. Student Observers Program** at the Securities and Exchange Commission for the Spring 2008 semester. [Law-784] Students will be expected to work a minimum of two hundred and ten hours (210) with an attorney on the staff of the Commission and will have to attend approximately nine seminars given by Commissioners, staff and outside counsel. (These meeting usually take place on a Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.) Students participating in this Student Observers Program also will have to enroll in an advanced securities law seminar, such as Regulation of Securities Markets, Mergers and Acquisitions, Seminar on Derivatives, etc. which enables students to earn additional credits.

Students should submit their resume, a copy of their transcript, a writing sample and a cover letter as soon as possible. Please submit your applications promptly as the SEC will consider admissions to the Student Observers Program as soon as received. Interested applicants should submit this information to Professor Guttman's mailbox in room 465 or to Carolyn Wright his Sr. Legal Assistant in room 325. During the semester students will be meeting with Professor Guttman to discuss recent developments in securities law every other week on Tuesdays between 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. [Subject to change]

U.S. Department of State/Office of the Legal Adviser

Applications are invited for a student internship at the Department of State Office of the Legal Adviser. The work involves 210 to 280 hours over the Spring 2008 semester and enables a student to earn up to six credits. (At seventy hours of work per credit). Areas under consideration by the Department include subjects in the fields of Diplomatic Law, Law Enforcement, Human Rights & Refugees Laws, Economic & Business Laws, etc.

Students having an interest in these areas, as shown by the courses and seminars they have taken by the end of the Fall 2007 semester should submit a resume, a copy of their transcript, a writing sample and a cover letter as soon as possible to allow for security clearance. Interested applicants should submit this information to Professor Guttman's mailbox in room 465 or to Carolyn Wright his Sr. Legal Assistant in room 325. Students in this externship will be meeting with Professor Guttman every other Tuesday between 1:30 – 2:45 p.m. [Subject to change]

Focus the Nation on Climate Change! This week Student Government and Eco-Sense are teaming up to bring you a wide variety of events on global warming solutions for America. Come to our table in MGC or go to www.OneEnergyQuest.com/focus-the-nation for the full schedule,

including voting for your favorite climate policy, a webcast with top scientists and activists (plus Edward Norton), an entire day of panel discussions, an open mic, and an interfaith roundtable. The seven panel discussions on **Thursday**, all held in the **SIS Lounge (Main Campus)**, will feature 21 speakers from more than 10 disciplines, including education, conflicts and refugees, science, social movements, and politics. President Kerwin will speak on the “Political Solutions for the Future” panel at 7:30pm. The website also has details on how you can win a solar powered iPod charger!

The Most Popular New Year’s Resolutions include: Find a better job; Become more organized; Be more patient with others; Become a better person; Update resume regularly; Be committed; Don't procrastinate.

Q: How can you keep all of them? A: **Compete in the Kogod Gartenhaus Financial Case Competition** As a competitor, you will: Develop skills and make contacts to find a better job; Practice time management skills to be more organized; Develop patience working with a team; Improve yourself professionally, academically, and socially; Update and enhance your resume; Show you are committed to advancing yourself; Not procrastinate in making the most of your time at American! Register TODAY for the Competition - February 9, 2008 Sign up as an individual to be matched or in a team of 3 to 5 students. For more information about the competition, contact Tracy at 202-885-1982 or kogodcasecomp@american.edu.
www.kogod.american.edu/casecompetition

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Hours

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

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

Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

1st Saturday of the month: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

<http://www.wcl.american.edu/career>

UPCOMING PROGRAMS, DATES & DEADLINES & IMPORTANT REMINDERS

JOBS & JAVA

OCPD’s monthly no-strings-attached coffee hour for students!

Monday, January 28th, 3:30-5pm, Suite 122

Feeling tired after a day of classes? Coming straight from work to WCL? Drop by OCPD for a cup of coffee or tea to get you through the afternoon and into the evening. If you have a quick question or would like to schedule a counseling appointment, OCPD staff members will be on hand to assist you. See you there!

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.

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

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

****Attention 1Ls interested in IP Law:** Fish & Richardson invites you to a cocktail reception on Tuesday, February 26th at 6:00pm.

**Fish & Richardson P.C. Cocktail Reception for 1Ls
Tuesday, February 26th at 6:00pm**

Fish & Richardson P.C. is one of the largest firms practicing intellectual property, litigation and corporate law. We offer global services that include worldwide strategy and representation in multi-national litigation. To find out more, stop by the reception to hear what our lawyers have to say about practicing law at F&R!

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RSVP to Grace Wang at gwang@fr.com by Friday, February 8th
SPACE IS LIMITED: FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED**

PUBLIC INTEREST & GOVERNMENT

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. Our keynote speaker 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 and dinner are FREE. To register, go to: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/go/stayingpublic>.

FCBA Foundation Now Accepting Applications for Funding of Unpaid Legal Internships at Government Agencies. For the fifteenth consecutive year, the Federal Communications Bar Association (FCBA) Foundation will award stipends to law students from its Chairman Robert E. Lee Scholarship and Internship Fund. In 2008, the Foundation will award at least five \$5,000 stipends to law students employed as unpaid summer interns in positions with the FCC and other government agencies or entities with a connection to the communications industry (i.e., broadcasting, cable television, telephony, satellite, wireless, and information technology). Please see CareerLink and the FCBA website (http://www.fcba.org/foundation/internship_stipends.shtml) for details.

Summer 2008 Legal Clerkship with CAIR Coalition. The CAIR Coalition is the only organization working with individuals detained by the immigration authorities in Virginia and the Washington metropolitan area. Through its Detention Project, CAIR Coalition’s staff and volunteers conduct weekly visits to rural jails in Virginia and provide “Know Your Rights” presentations to immigrants detained by the immigration authorities. In addition, CAIR Coalition staff, summer law clerks, and volunteers meet with individual detainees who wish to fight their deportation cases. Application Deadline: **February 15th**. See CareerLink for complete details.

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

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

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS & INTERNSHIPS

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

ATTENTION 2Ls: New **spring semester judicial internships** have been posted in the “Job Postings” section of CareerLink.

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 the OCPD to schedule an individual counseling appointment with Amy Killoran, Judicial Clerkship Coordinator.

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

UPCOMING EVENTS: Third Annual Conversations About Clerkships: DC-area WCL grads currently clerking for federal and state judges want to have lunch with you to answer your questions about clerking. Sign-up information will be provided in next week’s The Docket and on CareerLink soon.

DIVERSITY RECEPTIONS/OTHER EVENTS

Twin Cities Diversity in Practice Luncheon: American University minority law students are cordially invited to attend a special lunch and open house hosted by Twin Cities Diversity in Practice. This is a great opportunity to meet attorneys from Minnesota law firms and corporations, discover the various opportunities that exist within the Twin Cities legal community, and learn why the Minneapolis-St. Paul area is a great place to live and work. The luncheon will be held on **Tuesday, February 5, 2008 from 12:00pm – 1:30pm in WCL Room 602**. Go to www.DiversityinPractice.org and click on “Flying Squads” no later than **Friday, February 1, 2008** or contact Paola Ercole at (612)349-0855 or percale@diversityinpractice.org. There is no charge for this event. *If you attend this event, you may go home the lucky winner of a VISA gift card.* You must be present to win!

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.

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, 11th Floor, Washington, DC). Please RSVP to Mieko I. Rechka, Legal Recruiting Manager at mieko.rechka@bingham.com by **Wednesday, February 13, 2008**.

Save the Date! **Washington Bar Association 5th Annual Career Fair:** Still seeking summer/fall employment? Consider attending the WBA Career Fair for Law Students! 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 (4200 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Bldgs. 38 & 39, 2nd Floor – Van Ness/UDC Metro). Employers are offering summer and semester positions in a variety of areas, including: real estate (residential and commercial), civil rights, legislation, employment, business/corporate, litigation, housing, immigration, poverty law/legal services, and more! Members of the judiciary will also be available to speak with students about judicial internship and clerkship opportunities. Come dressed for success and bring several copies of your resume. For more information, contact the Career Fair committee chair, Yaida Ford, at yaidaoni@yahoo.com.

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. **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, or Ilene G. Reid, WMACCA Executive Director, at 301-881-3018 or WMACCA@verizon.net. Information also is posted on the WMACCA web page at <http://wmacca.acc.com>.

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.

1L, 2L, 3L/4L Students & Recent Grads!! Tyron Garner Fellowship for African-American LGBT Civil Rights: The summer 2008 fellowship will be funded at \$500/week for up to 14 weeks. Payment for round-trip travel from the fellow's school or home to the office in which the fellow will be working also will be provided. The position is open until filled. Send résumé, writing sample, and letter of interest indicating the Lambda Legal office(s) in which the applicant would be interested in working; a description of experience working in African-American communities; a description of interest in working on LGBT and HIV issues in African-American communities; and particular areas or legal issues of interest to: Ms. Hayley Gorenberg, Deputy Legal Director, Attn: Tyron Garner Memorial Fellowship for African-American LGBT Civil Rights, Lambda Legal, 120

Wall Street, Suite 1500, New York, New York 10005-3904, Fax: (212)809-0055;
hgorenberg@lambdalegal.org. No phone calls please.

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. The deadline for applications is **February 29, 2008**.

Advertising Industry Diversity Job Fair: Interested in Entering the Advertising Industry? You are invited to attend the Second Annual Advertising Industry Diversity Job Fair and Leadership Conference, produced by Business Development Institute, Adrants, and New York University. The event will be a full day program with a morning leadership conference, which will offer an opportunity for job candidates to come face to face with today's notable thought leaders working in the advertising industry. The afternoon will be dedicated to hosting a Job Fair with recruiting companies including Arnold Worldwide, Bartle Bogle Hegarty (BBH), Carol H. Williams, DDB Worldwide Communications, DoubleClick, DraftFCB, Horizon Media, Inc., JWT, McCann-Erickson, Merkley + Partners, Microsoft, T-3 (The Think Tank), The Kaplan Thaler Group, and VCU Adcenter. While all undergraduate, graduate, and continuing education students as well as qualified job seekers are welcome to attend, this **FREE** event specifically targets underrepresented groups including minority ethnic groups, female, and GLBT. The event will be held on **Wednesday, February 27, 2008 at the NYU Helen & Martin Kimmel Center for University Life** (60 Washington Square South, New York, NY 10012). Register online at www.bdionline.com/nydiversity08.

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR LL.M. STUDENTS
FROM ADRIANA VITO
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR INTERNATIONAL CAREER PROGRAMS

DEAR STUDENTS: WELCOME BACK!! HAPPY 2008!!

International Student Interview Program (ISIP) happens this week in New York!
NYU Job Fair for Foreign LL.M. Students - Updates:

***** This is a closed program, students who were NOT selected/ invited for interviews are NOT allowed to attend this program ** If you have questions about your eligibility to participate, please email avito@wcl.american.edu***

Reminder for foreign LL.M. students who were selected for interviews in ISIP:

Please see below for addresses and times for registering in ISIP. As soon as you arrive at NYU, please make sure you look for the Student Registration Desk in order to register and pick up your folder with final schedules/ times for interviews. You will be required to present your AU ID card and a copy of your preliminary interview schedule in order to receive your ISIP folder and final interview schedule.

ARRIVAL & REGISTRATION - * ALL students selected for interviews are STRONGLY encouraged to register on Thursday, Jan. 24 to avoid delays before interviews*****

Registration is required and will begin on Thursday, January 24th from 3:00-5:00 PM and continue the mornings of January 25th and January 26th. You only need to register once. A

student ID or printed copy of your ISIP preliminary interview schedule is required in order to receive your materials including your **final interview schedule**.

□ **Thursday, January 24, 3:00-5:00 PM:** D'Agostino Hall, 110 West Third Street (between Sullivan & MacDougal Streets), Lipton Hall, New York, NY. There will be signs to direct you to the registration area.

OR

□ **Friday, January 25, beginning at 8 AM:** Kimmel Center, 60 Washington Square South, 1st Floor lobby, New York, NY. There will be signs to direct you to the registration area

□ **Saturday, January 26, 2007 beginning at 8 AM:** Vanderbilt Hall, 40 Washington Square South, Greenberg Atrium, 1st Floor, New York, NY.

Upon registering you will receive your ISIP ID, **final interview schedule**, a list of updated interviewer names, location of interviews, and a program booklet. Please allow sufficient time to arrive, register, and familiarize yourself with the location of your interviews. You will need to give yourself ample travel time (5-10 minutes) between interviews.

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

Attention JD Students: Dean's Fellow Needed – Apply by January 28 (deadline extended!)

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

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

Requirements:

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

To apply: please send your resume and cover letter to Adriana Vito at avito@wcl.american.edu by January 28, 2008.

Electronic tool will help you draft your resume:

OCPD invites all LL.M. students to try Optimal Resume – a software that will build a professional and stylish resume for you! All registered students can use this tool for free. We suggest you use Optimal Resume *after* attending our basic resume workshop.

The Office of Career & Professional Development offers resume software called OptimalResume© to LL.M. students. The software is available at <http://wcl.optimalresume.com> and can also be accessed through the hyperlink on the CareerLink homepage. OptimalResume is a user-friendly system that will help you create a great resume quickly and easily. Start today by creating an account, and work on your customized resume at your leisure. It's easy! This service is sponsored by OCPD and is free to you as an LL.M. student at the Washington College of Law.

OptimalResume will allow you to access your resume via the web and to keep it updated on an as-needed basis. There are numerous examples and wording to help you throughout the process and plenty of resume output formats to choose from. Spell check and format assistance is also provided. OptimalResume does the hard work; all you have to concentrate on its content.

To begin using OptimalResume: Go to: <http://wcl.optimalresume.com> and select the "Get Started" function on the OptimalResume homepage and create an account. As a WCL LL.M. student, you are pre-registered in the system so just enter your full *@american.edu* email address and create a personal password. If you have any questions or comments regarding this software, please email careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu.

General Reminders for Foreign LL.M. Students:

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

GENERAL REMINDERS FOR STUDENTS

Student CareerLink Profiles

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

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

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

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

Judicial Clerkship – Post Graduate Positions

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

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

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

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

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

OCPD Counseling Services:

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

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

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

Traci Jenkins

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

tjenkins@wcl.american.edu

Claire Raj

Public Interest and Government

craj@wcl.american.edu

Matthew Pascocello

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

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Adriana Vito

Foreign-trained LL.M. students and alumni

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Amy Killoran

Judicial Clerkship Coordinator

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Kelli Johnson

General Counseling

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Laura Friedgood

General Counseling

lfried@wcl.american.edu

DROP IN HOURS:

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

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF January 28

Monday, January 28

WCL lobby, Green Campus Clean Campus table

3:30-5pm, Suite 122, Jobs & Java Coffee Hour

Tuesday, January 29

12-1:20pm, Rm 528, Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project info session

12-1pm, Rm 602, Judicial Internship Panel

12-1pm, Rm 402, Intellectual Property Law Career Panel

9pm, SBA Student Lounge, SBA Student Services Committee meeting

10:10pm, Rm 101, SBA Senate meeting

Wednesday, January 30

12-2pm, Rm 603, "The Right to Die with Dignity: An Argument in Law and Ethics"

12-1 pm, Rm 601, ‘Creating and Protecting Families: Challenges and Fresh Perspectives’

12-1:15, nicholas.manziona@gmail.com, Mediation at American University

12:15, SBA lounge, Equal Justice Foundation Date Auction Committee volunteer meeting

12:30-1pm, Rm 508, Legislation & Policy Roundtable Introductory Meeting

5-6pm, 6th floor Student Lounge, Human Rights Hour

8-8:30pm, Rm 508, Legislation & Policy Roundtable Introductory Meeting

Thursday, January 31

WCL lobby, Green Campus Clean Campus table

2:30-3:30PM, Rm 526, Practicing Law in the European Union

4-6pm, Rm 603, Tax Law and Cultural Property

Friday, February 1

9am-1pm, Meet at WCL lobby, Visit The Holocaust Memorial Museum With The GTP!!