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

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

## SPRING 2008 COMMENCEMENT

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

Complete details about Commencement may be found at

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

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

## **REGISTRAR'S OFFICE HOURS FOR SPRING 2008 SEMESTER**

Monday	9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

To make other arrangements or schedule appointments outside regular office hours, please call 202-274-4080.

**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>.

**REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER 2008 CLASSES:** Registration for summer 2008 classes will begin on March 25 and continue through the first week of classes, May 27 – June 3. A *preliminary* schedule of summer courses is available on-line at: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/coursesapp/searchcourse.html>. (there may be additions and/or changes). Click on "Summer 2008" at the top of the page. There is no lottery or priority system for summer pre-registration and there is **no Wait List** for classes that close. Students who have stops of any kind will be unable to register unless they clear these stops with the appropriate departments. Advance registration for fall 2008 will begin April 8, 2008 and further details will be posted in later editions of THE DOCKET.

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

**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 [www.barexam.org](http://www.barexam.org) to find your state's exam instructions, requirements, deadlines, and fees.

## **INCLEMENT WEATHER AND EMERGENCY CLOSING OF THE UNIVERSITY:**

The decision to close the university or have a delayed opening is made by the Provost in consultation with the Assistant Vice President for Facilities Management. In case of overnight snow and ice, the decision is made by 6:00 am. In cases of snow during the day, the decision to close 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 [jdelautentiis@wcl.american.edu](mailto:jdelautentiis@wcl.american.edu), referencing "UN CAT Application" in the subject line. Applications should address experience in international human rights law. Decisions will be made by late March 2008 and applicants will be notified via email. For more information about the Project, visit [www.wcl.american.edu/ilp/uncat](http://www.wcl.american.edu/ilp/uncat).

## **OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES**

### **Monday, February 4 Mock DUI proceedings to be held at WCL**

**District of Columbia Superior Court Judge Richard Ringell will preside over several mock DUI proceedings at WCL on Monday, February 4 at 4:00pm in room 603.** This is the first event of its kind to be held at a D.C. law school. In addition to Judge Ringell (a WCL alumnus), a dedicated prosecutor and a talented defense attorney will represent the parties, and WCL students, recruited with the help of the Mock Trial Honor Society, will serve as "defendants."

Judge Ringell, in his capacity as the first presiding judge of the recently-created DUI court at D.C. Superior Court, has created this partnership with the WCL Office of Student Affairs and the D.C. Bar Lawyer Assistance Program to reflect the potential consequences of driving under the

influence. Students will have an opportunity to witness the trial techniques of accomplished attorneys, and to ask questions of the judge and attorneys following the proceedings. Many of you are aware that substance abuse issues pervade the legal profession. At WCL we continue to explore opportunities for our students to be aware of pitfalls that may face them; this session is one way to understand the potential realities for some in our community. We hope that this event will become a model for law schools around the country to replicate, and we encourage your attendance. No RSVP is necessary; we will take all until interested until the room is full.

### **Lunch with the Dean!**

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

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

### **ADA Accommodations**

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

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

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

### **WCL Business Cards**

The Office of Student Services is pleased to extend to the student community an opportunity to order business cards with the AU and WCL imprint.

Students may find these cards useful during networking sessions and other opportunities when outside the law school.

The law school receives no income through purchase of the business cards. Please use the link provided to order yours today!

<http://www.wcl.american.edu/studentaffairs/businesscards.pdf>

### **Scholarship Opportunities**

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

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

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

## OFFICE OF DIVERSITY SERVICES

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

- **February 21, 3:00-7:00 PM – 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  
**STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** -- If you have some time to share your experience on a panel or more informally at a reception, please get in touch with the Office of Diversity Services for more details.
  
- **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 **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Hispanic Law Conference**, including a pre-law activity for high school students, a job fair, a program focused on Hispanics in the national election, and the annual awards dinner
  
- **April 2** – The **12<sup>th</sup> Sylvania Woods Conference** on African Americans and the Law: “The Intersection of Law, Media, and Politics,” plus career table talk by alumni and 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

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

FAFSA renewal notices are in the mail. File at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

File the *free* **Need Access** application for grant aid at [www.needaccess.org](http://www.needaccess.org).

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

**Save the Date: February 27, 2008 ~ Financial Aid Awareness Day**

### **Income Tax Information**

Form **1098-T** has been mailed to enrolled students by the Office of Student Accounts. This information is used to claim the Hope Scholarship or Lifetime Learning Tax Credit on your federal return. Form **1098-E** (Student Loan Interest Statement) is provided by your lender for the Student Loan Interest Deduction. An information sheet on educational tax benefits is available in the office. Detailed information can be found at [www.irs.ustreas.gov](http://www.irs.ustreas.gov).

### **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/secl/cle\\_form.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/secl/cle_form.cfm).

### **Outside Scholarships**

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

## OFFICE OF GRANT ADMINISTRATION AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

### **Thinking About Spending a Semester Abroad?**

**Deadline for Hong Kong Semester Abroad – February 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Deadline for all other fall programs – March 1<sup>st</sup>**

Take advantage of this great opportunity to live and study abroad. You will have the chance to learn about comparative legal systems, gain a greater understanding of different cultures AND make yourself more competitive in the job market!

Many programs offer specializations such as business law, international law, human rights, intellectual property, or law of the European Union. WCL programs are offered in English and the language of the country – current offerings include **18 semester exchange opportunities** in Asia, Europe, Latin America, Australia, and North America. For a complete description of opportunities abroad please visit: [www.wcl.american.edu/studyabroad](http://www.wcl.american.edu/studyabroad) or contact Hilary Lappin, International Exchange Coordinator at [hlappin@wcl.american.edu](mailto:hlappin@wcl.american.edu)

## OFFICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST

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

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

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

## UPCOMING 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<sup>th</sup>, 2008, from 3-5pm, JD Lounge.*** Support the public interest community by helping us raise money for Equal Justice Foundation summer grants! Get your tickets beginning February 4<sup>th</sup>- \$7 in advance, \$5 when you bring a home-made chocolate donation, \$10 at the door.

- Featuring all you can eat chocolate dishes baked by students, faculty, and staff.
- Bakers can enter their dishes to compete and win prizes!
- Bakers will also receive 1/2 hour of EJF volunteer hours per batch of baked good!
- How do you sign up? E-mail [chocolatebash@gmail.com](mailto:chocolatebash@gmail.com) if you plan to bake an entry, or sign up at a Chocolate Bash table in the lobby or on the 6<sup>th</sup> Floor starting the week of February 4<sup>th</sup>.

**If all-you-can-eat chocolate isn't enough to tempt you, there will also be live musical entertainment courtesy of Dean Grossman and Professors Bob Dinerstein and Lewis Grossman!** Last year this was a fun and chocolatey event for everyone involved...get your tickets soon!

**Postgraduate Public Interest Fellowship Alumni Panel, February 12<sup>th</sup> at Noon:** Public Interest Fellowships offer a fantastic opportunity for new attorneys to start their careers by creating their own “dream job.” Learn about the application and selection process for Equal Justice Works, Skadden and other postgraduate public interest fellowships from recent graduates. You must register for this event through Career Link.

**2L Postgraduate Public Interest Fellowship Application Workshop, February 14<sup>th</sup> at Noon:** Learn about the practical aspects of putting together a postgraduate public interest fellowship application. Session includes information on how to find a host organization and how to determine which fellowship programs are a good fit for your interests. 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](http://www.law.yale.edu/news/coverretreat.asp) or email [CoverRetreat@gmail.com](mailto: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 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the 6<sup>th</sup> floor dining area. The Cicchino Awards Dinner is the academy awards of student public interest and pro bono work. In addition to recognizing the three Cicchino awardees, members of the class of 2008 will receive certificates of achievement at a sumptuous dinner before their peers, faculty and staff for a variety of additional awards and accomplishments, including: completion of the Pro Bono Honors Pledge Program, the WCL Community Service Award, external pro bono and public service awards, and receipt of post-graduate public interest fellowships. The event is free and open to all students. Additional information will be available soon.

**PRO BONO HONORS PLEDGE PROGRAM:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Upcoming Events!**

**FEBRUARY 4 \*CLE\***

State Enforcement Strategies to Promote Access to Medicines  
<http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/founders/2008/020408.cfm>

**FEBRUARY 6**

Moving From the Past in the Legal Profession: Black History Month Opening Ceremony 2008  
<http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/founders/2008/020608.cfm>

**FEBRUARY 7**

Staying Public: Survival Skills for a Lifetime Career in Public Service Law  
<http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/founders/2008/020708b.cfm>

**Save the Dates:**

• **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**

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FOR THE FULL LISTING OF FOUNDERS PROGRAMS PLEASE VISIT

[WWW.WCL.AMERICAN.EDU/SECLE](http://WWW.WCL.AMERICAN.EDU/SECLE)

**ACADEMY ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW**

**SPECIALIZED SUMMER PROGRAM**

This summer the Academy will offer 10 courses in English and 7 in Spanish taught by 35 experts in the human rights field. The program annually attracts about 140 students from over 30 countries.

Participants vary from experienced lawyers, human rights professionals as well as students from the US and abroad. The Academy also hosts special social events for participants to network with peers as well as the professors. Concurrent with the courses the Academy sponsors Human Rights Month

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

**FOCUS ON A COURSE:**

**LAW-795-009: WOMEN & INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW**

Course meets from May 27 – June 13, 2:30 – 4:20 pm

**Rebecca Cook**, Co-Director, Int'l Program on Reproductive & Sexual Health Law, Univ. of Toronto

**Elizabeth Abi-Mershed**, Principal Specialist, Inter-American Commission on Human Rights

This course addresses the challenges of achieving the international legal protection of the human rights of women. It reviews how international and regional human rights conventions have been applied to prevent, punish and remedy the violations of women's rights in different tribunals. It explores how feminist theories, empirical data and narratives might be used to expose women's experiences of injustice. Students will examine different approaches to fostering compliance with the human rights of women in different cultures and religious traditions.

**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 3 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](mailto:humlaw@wcl.american.edu).

**THE ROLE OF LAWYERS IN PROMOTING JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE IN PAKISTAN**

**Wednesday, February 6, 12:00pm - 1:20pm, 6th Floor Student Lounge**

Join us for a fascinating discussion with SJD candidate and Professor **Nadeem Azam**, 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 the independence of the judiciary in Pakistan. 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. **This event is free and open to the public. All are welcome! Lunch will be served.** For additional information, please contact the Center for Human Rights at [Humlaw@wcl.american.edu](mailto: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](mailto:humlaw@wcl.american.edu).

## **EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

Room 413 (202) 274-4200

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

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

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

Avis Sanders, Director; Gregory Seidell, Program Assistant

### **SPRING EXTERNSHIP REGISTRATION**

Spring 2008 externs must be registered for both the externship seminar and fieldwork component at this time. There should be two separate classes listed on your schedule (LAW-769 and LAW-899). If you have not submitted your fieldwork registration information online, you must do this right away or you will be precluded from receiving academic credit. To submit your fieldwork information go to [www.wcl.american.edu/externship/registration](http://www.wcl.american.edu/externship/registration).

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

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

### **SUMMER 2008 INTERNATIONAL EXTERNSHIPS**

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

### **INDIVIDUAL DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL EXTERNSHIP COUNSELING**

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

## **INTERNATIONAL JD DUAL DEGREE PROGRAMS: LEGAL EDUCATION FOR THE WORLD**

The application deadline for these programs is **TODAY: January 31, 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 **TODAY: January 31, 2008**

**Note: If you are not able to submit your application by this date and are interested in enrolling in these programs, contact Macarena Saez at (202)-274-4388 or by email at [msaez@wcl.american.edu](mailto:msaez@wcl.american.edu). You may also visit our website: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/dualdegree>**

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

**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.

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Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) - 1938-2007 Federal Register - 1936-2007 Federal Agency and Specialized Court Reports:

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<http://www.heinonline.org/HeinDocs/FederalAgencyDecisions21.pdf>

US Reports (Supreme Court) - 1754-2004

US Reports Preliminary Prints - 2002-2006 US Reports Slip Opinions - 2002-current Statutes at Large - 1789-2005 Congressional Record (Permanent Edition) - 1873-1913, 1982-2003

Congressional Record (Daily Edition) - 1994-2007 Concordance search engine from Daily Ed. pages to Permanent Ed. pages Compiled legislative histories

This is just the tip of the collection iceberg on HeinOnline. You'll also find foreign and international resources, AALS publications, and historic documents, texts and trials. To see the ever-growing complete collection, go to <http://heinonline.org/HOL/Welcome?collection=journals>. If you are not on the WCL network, go to the Pence Law Library webpage and click on "Research Tools" then "HeinOnline" to connect using our proxy server.

If you have questions, please contact the reference staff at [reflib@wcl.american.edu](mailto:reflib@wcl.american.edu) or x4352.

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

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

## **PROGRAM ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT**

**The Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project** is looking for volunteers to help with out **spring high school moot court competition** final rounds on **Saturday, March 8**. We need student volunteers to serve as runners, bailiffs, scorekeepers and to assist in the running of the competition. The competition will feature about 35 D.C.-area high school students competing against one another in several rounds of appellate oral arguments to be held at the U.S. Courthouse at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Constitution Ave. NW. We need help for part of the day or the entire day. If you let us know that you can help us out, we will give you one or more time shifts, depending on your availability. You also can earn pro bono pledge hours for the time you spend as a volunteer. To volunteer, contact

Steve Wermiel in Room 515C or send him questions at [swermiel@wcl.american.edu](mailto:swermiel@wcl.american.edu) or call him at 202-274-4263.

**The Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project** has begun 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, contact Steve Wermiel in Room 515C or send him questions at [swermiel@wcl.american.edu](mailto:swermiel@wcl.american.edu) or call him at 202-274-4263.

## STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

The next **SBA Senate meeting** will be on **Tuesday, February 12 at 10:10 PM in room 101**. Any student or student organization that wishes to be on the agenda **MUST** e-mail Senate President Pro-Tempore Frank Gerratana at [sbaprotemp@wcl.american.edu](mailto:sbaprotemp@wcl.american.edu) no later than 5 PM on Sunday, February 10. The email must include what you wish to address, as well as a copy of any documents you wish to present at the meeting. Agenda items will **NOT** be accepted after the deadline, to ensure that the Senate has adequate time to review them prior to the meeting. SBA Senate meetings are open to the public, and all students are encouraged to attend.

Please note:

- 1) Organizations requesting funding should contact the SBA Finance Committee at [sbafinance@wcl.american.edu](mailto:sbafinance@wcl.american.edu).
- 2) Organizations requesting more than \$500 of additional funds for a particular expenditure must attend the SBA Senate meeting for approval.

- 3) The Senate President Pro-Tempore must be notified of ALL agenda items, even those postponed from prior meetings.
- 4) Senate committee meetings may be announced via the SBA TWEN site. Students are encouraged to subscribe to the site to receive important notices.

**WCL Hockey Night - Wednesday, February 20, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.**

**Washington Capitals vs. New York Islanders Verizon Center** - Gallery Place/Chinatown Metro Stop. Put your books and supplements on ice for a few hours and come on out to the Verizon Center to watch the Washington Capitals take on the New York Islanders.

The Caps and the SBA have partnered to subsidize a block of approximately 50 tickets, bringing the final price to \$15. If you would like to reserve tickets for this event, please contact Rachel Weiner at [rachellweiner@gmail.com](mailto:rachellweiner@gmail.com) no later than NEXT FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8 by 5:00 p.m. Go Caps!!

**Black Law Student Association**

BLSA is presenting "**Moving From the Past in the Legal Profession: Black History Month Opening Ceremony 2008,**" Wednesday, February 6, 5-7pm, room 603. Reception will follow.

Distinguished panelists will discuss obstacles they may have encountered as minorities while attending law school, after graduating, and how they have persevered in the legal profession. In addition, the panelists will briefly discuss why working in either a government agency or a law firm is beneficial in the long run. The distinguished guests, from different areas of the legal profession offering students a wide variety of insight, will include the Honorable Gerald Bruce Lee, U.S. District, Eastern District of Virginia; Honorable Anna Blackburn-Rigsby, District of Columbia Court of Appeals; Michele Roberts, Partner at Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld; and Wendell L. Taylor, Partner at Hunton & Williams.

**BLSA Black History Month Events**

**February 6: BHM Opening Ceremony & Panel @ 5:30pm, room 603**

**February 4th-7th: Table for Valentines Day Whatever Gram Sales**

**February 7: Family Dinner/Valentines Day Auctions @ Larriol Plaza**

**February 11-15: Children Book Drive (to benefit foster children in DC)**

**February 16: Book Reading for Foster Children**

**February 14: Whatever Gram Deliveries (SBA Lounge pick-up)**

**February 23: Young Gifted and Black Party (Proceeds = BLSA Social Fund/AIDS Awareness)**

**February 25: Screening of Sisters in Law (Diversity Services Office)**

**February 28: Closing Ceremony TBA**

**Charity Challenge to raise money for VA Civil Rights Memorial (Month long)**

**Christian Legal Society**

**Ash Wednesday Service-** The Christian Legal Society will be sponsoring an Ash Wednesday service next **Wednesday, February 6th, from 12:00 - 1:00 in room 527.** Please contact [th8618a@american.edu](mailto:th8618a@american.edu) for more information.

**EJF**

**Leadership Position Available with the Equal Justice Foundation** - The Equal Justice Foundation is actively seeking an Incoming Selection Committee Chairperson for the 2008-2009 school year. The Selection Committee Chairperson will play an influential role in selecting the EJF Grant recipients. The position involves approximately 15-20 hours of commitment for the entire school year and is an excellent leadership opportunity! This position also serves as an opportunity for students who received EJF Grants last year to repay their 10 hours of volunteer service with EJF. The individual assuming this role must be highly organized and available to work with EJF this spring and in the 2008-2009 school year. Notably, a student interested in applying for this position must not be actively seeking or intend on applying for an EJF Grant for Summer 2008. If interested in applying for this position or eager to learn more, please send an email to Gabrielle Mulnick at [gmulnick@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

EJF "I'm working at a firm but I'm still down with public interest" **Summer Pledge Drive.** Are you working at a firm this summer? Are you committed to public interest? Do you have friends who are? This is your chance to make money while giving back! If you've accepted a position with a firm this summer (or last summer), EJF would like to invite you to pledge a portion of your salary to the EEFJ Summer Grant fund. You could commit an hour of your salary, a day of pay, a week's worth of wages or any amount in between. In return, your employer would receive a letter signed by Dean Jaffe and Traci Jenkins, Director of Career Services, informing your firm of your generosity. Interested? Want to know more? Drop by the EEFJ table between next week Feb. 4th to Feb. 7th or send an email to [khadinebennett@hotmail.com](mailto:khadinebennett@hotmail.com).

**Equal Justice for All Founders' Day - Staying Public: Survival Skills for a Lifetime Career in Public Service Law Feb. 7th Room 603**

**Public Interest Lunch with Steve Grumm 12:30-1:30**

Steve Grumm is the Director of Public Service Initiatives at NALP, where he focuses on recruitment, retention, and professional development issues affecting public interest and public sector attorneys, as well as on aiding law students who pursue public interest careers. In addition to managing NALP's public service initiatives, Steve is a frequent presenter at national conferences on public interest recruitment and retention issues. Before joining NALP, Steve worked as an attorney with the Philadelphia Volunteers for the Indigent Program. Prior to and during law school he worked for civil legal services providers in Washington State and Pennsylvania.

Steve is active in the American Bar Association, the National Legal Aid & Defender Association, and is Vice-President of the Washington Council of Lawyers' board of directors. (Introduction by Dean Jaffe)

**Public Service at WCL and Beyond 3-3:50**

Join WCL's public interest community leaders to learn about opportunities to get involved with public interest work while in school, such as the pro bono honors pledge. Learn how to make the most of your unpaid internship and volunteering from faculty and students who will share advice and personal experiences. Speakers will include Charlene Gomes, Claire Raj, Stephen Wermiel, and EEFJ grantees. Coffee, tea, and snacks will be provided.

**EJF Off Campus-Canvassing Day! Saturday Feb. 9th.**

Remember that 2 of the 10 hours that you must earn to apply for a grant must be for off-campus canvassing. We will be in Dupont Circle on Saturday Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> asking local businesses for donations for our Annual Public Interest Auction. Come out to the Starbucks in Dupont off of Connecticut Ave. from 10am till 5pm (bring a pen) and we'll have everything you need to get started.

### **Mock Trial Honor Society**

Spring Qualifying Competition FRIDAY, February 1st, is the last day to sign up!! Sign up at our table in the lobby anytime from 9am-8pm Please note this is the only way to join the Mock Trial Honor Society and represent the school in national competitions

### **Public Interest Student Coalition (PISC)**

#### **PILRAP AWARENESS WEEK Feb 4 - 8, WCL Lobby, 9am - 5pm**

What is the maximum salary a WCL grad can make and still be eligible for the Public Interest Loan Repayment Program (PILRAP)?

- A. \$48,000
- B. \$106,758
- C. \$40,000

Find out the answer, what these numbers mean, what students are doing to improve PILRAP, and how to get involved. Stop by our table in the lobby any day next week. contact: miya.chen@american.edu

### **Society for Justice in Palestine/Israel**

"The Crisis in Gaza and the U.S. Response: Collective Punishment & International Humanitarian Law". Speaker: Josh Ruebner Grassroots Advocacy Coordinator US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation Thursday, February 7, 2008 12:00 to 1:30 pm Room 602

## 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.

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

**The 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](mailto:myamat@wcl.american.edu) for the electronic version of the forms. An information sheet about volunteering will be provided with the forms. You may be able to receive credit for pro bono service with the public interest program.

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**Help Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law organize the 13<sup>th</sup> Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition!** As one of the only trilingual (English, Spanish & Portuguese) moot court competitions in the world, WCL's Competition brings together nearly 200 students from all over the world for a week of tough competition (and great fun) at WCL in late May. The Competition is dedicated to the advancement of the Inter-American human rights legal system and involves a large number of prominent attorneys and volunteer judges, experts from the Inter-American Commission and Court of Human Rights and more. During the week, participants attend receptions and other events, participate in training opportunities, and visit international organizations such as the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. We also throw an awesome Salsa-dancing party!

Volunteers are needed to communicate with participants, recruit judges, research the Bench Memorandum and plan the various events of the Competition. The Competition particularly seeks Spanish and Portuguese speaking volunteers (but not exclusively!). If you are interested in volunteering, please send an email to the Competition at [iamoot@wcl.american.edu](mailto:iamoot@wcl.american.edu) or call 202-274-4215. For more on the Competition, visit our website at

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

The **Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law** of American University Washington College of Law is looking for a few volunteer research assistants to work with Pablo Saavedra Alessandri, Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and author of this year's hypothetical case. Mr. Saavedra Alessandri is looking for qualified and motivated individuals to gain a unique opportunity to conduct research on an international scale. The research will aid the

bench memorandum which will be used at the 13th Annual Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition.

The case is available on the Competition's website at the link:

<http://www.wcl.american.edu/hracademy/mcourt/hypo.cfm>. This hypothetical addresses the effects of environmental contamination, caused by private companies, on a specific population group as well as what role the State might have in the supervision of private company actions, among other issues related to health and the environment. Research assistants will also have an opportunity to volunteer at the Competition and witness law students from around the world present oral arguments. We encourage all interested students to apply by sending a brief statement of interest, and a resume to [iamoot@wcl.american.edu](mailto:iamoot@wcl.american.edu) or call 1-202-274-4215. Mr. Saavedra Alessandri is looking for assistance in the coming weeks, so you are encouraged to apply soon.

## ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Student Externship Opportunities in Communications and Media Law, Monday, Feb. 4, 12:00 pm, Room 601**

**Honor Code Violation Settlement:** A candidate for an LL.M. degree was sanctioned for an admitted Honor Code Violation. The publication of this announcement is part of a settlement reached after investigation by the Honor Code Prosecution Team. This matter was referred to the Honor Code Prosecution Team by a professor who had reason to believe that the student had incorporated works into a final paper that were either word for word or in substance from the work of another and were not credited to the original source or author. The Honor Code Prosecution Team was composed of Faculty Prosecutor, Professor Richard Ugelow, and Student Prosecutor, Brian Murray. The student admitted to a violation of Article IV(A)(1) of the Honor Code. The student received a permanent failing grade in the course and a note was placed in the student's official file for a period of four years summarizing the Honor Code violation and the outcome.

### **MPRE Review**

Adjunct Legal Ethics Professor and DC Bar Counsel Gene Shipp has generously offered to provide an **MPRE Review** on **Monday, February 25**, starting at **6:30pm in room 602**. This session will not be recorded.

### **Turkey Summer Law Program will hold a Question-and-Answer session on Wednesday, February 13 at noon in the JD student lounge.**

Have you ever been to Istanbul, Ephesus, Ankara or the Aegean Sea? Istanbul's location is prime, the education first-rate, extracurricular activities abound, and the opportunity to travel after the program awaits. This unforgettable experience will change your views on the world and in the area of international law.

Turkey Summer Law Program participants earn six credits for the two courses:

- (1) International Legal Perspectives on the Rule of Law, Human Rights, and Current Issues in Turkey, Central Asia and the Middle East and
- (2) Legal Perspectives on Business and

Investment Issues in Turkey . Students will gain a better understanding of the social and political developments in the Middle East and Central Asia regions in general and of Turkey in particular, including human rights, environment and security issues. For additional Information please see the Turkey Summer Law Program's brochure at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/turkey/>

### **Registration Open for 2008 Summer Session on Environmental Law**

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

The 2008 Summer Session will take place from May 27 to June 13, 2008.

For more information about the Environmental Summer Session, visit the program website at: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/environment/summer/>. You can also send an e-mail to William Snape, Environmental Law Fellow, [wsnape@wcl.american.edu](mailto:wsnape@wcl.american.edu) or Susana Castiglione at [castiglione@wcl.american.edu](mailto:castiglione@wcl.american.edu).

### **APPLY NOW FOR THE SUMMER LAW PROGRAM IN CHILE 2007 (Includes sessions in Argentina)**

The application deadline for this program is March 7, 2008. Spots tend to fill up quickly. Apply now and do not miss out on this wonderful opportunity to travel to Buenos Aires and Santiago while learning about Latin America and its legal institutions at the hands of some of the best Chilean law professors and experts in the field, as well as practitioners and policy makers from Chile and Argentina.

You can download the application form from <http://www.wcl.american.edu/chile/> or stop by Room 373-A. If you still have questions about the program feel free to contact Macarena Sáez, Director: [msaez@wcl.american.edu](mailto:msaez@wcl.american.edu), (202)274-4388 or Dilianna Bustillos, Program Coordinator: [dbustill@wcl.american.edu](mailto:dbustill@wcl.american.edu)

### **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]

## OFFICE OF CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

### **Suite 122**

#### **Hours**

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

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

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

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

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

**Professionalism Series - Effective Communication with Employers**

*Wednesday, February 6, 12:00pm, Room 601*

Are you convinced that your cover letters and email communications with prospective employers are persuasive? Do employers have a good first impression about you before beginning the interview process?

Please join OCPD for an informative program with two employer representatives, Dr. Ben Oipari, Writing Instructor in the Office of Professional Development at Howrey LLP, and Tiffany Wood, Recruiting Manager at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP. The speakers will discuss ways to strengthen your written communication and will provide perspective about this important first step in the hiring process.

Wednesday, February 6 at 12pm in Room 601 – pizza provided. Register in advance on the Events section of CareerLink. Handouts and food will be provided based on the number of registrants.

**3L/4L Job-Search Workshop Series (a Four-Part Program)**

**If you are currently seeking post-graduation employment**, please join the Office of Career & Professional Development for our *3L/4L Job-Search Workshop Series*—a four-part program dedicated to bringing you timely information and advice about how to plan and execute an effective job-search campaign during your graduating year.

**Session 1: *Legal Job Market Trends, Perspectives & Common Mistakes*** (THURSDAY, February 14; Room 100; 12:00-1:00 pm). Pizza Provided.

**Session 2: *Small & Mid-Size Law Firm Panel & Networking Event*** (February 20; Room TBA; 4:30-7:00 pm).

**Session 3: *Long Distance Job Search & Attorney Search Firms*** (March 20; Room TBA; 12:00-1:00 pm). Pizza Provided.

**Session 4: *Contract Lawyering*** (April 10; Room TBA; 12:00-1:00 pm). Pizza Provided.

Please sign up using eCampusRecruiter ([www.ecampusrecruiter.com/wcl](http://www.ecampusrecruiter.com/wcl))

**Upcoming Events in the DC Metro Area**

**Launch '08 Young Lawyers' Networking Reception**

***Sponsored by The American Bar Association Forum on Air & Space Law***

**Date & Time: Thursday, January 31, 5:30pm**

The ABA Forum on Air & Space Law is soaring to new heights this year and want you to launch it with us. Join us for our first networking reception of the year and mix and mingle with other dynamic attorneys in the DC metro area. Please RSVP to [india.pinkney@faa.gov](mailto:india.pinkney@faa.gov), mark your calendars and bring a friend. Ritz Carlton Hotel, 1150 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, NW, Washington DC.

**Washington International Trade Association (WITA)**

**2008 Professional Development Series – Starts February 12, 4:30-6:00pm**

WITA is excited to announce the return of our Professional Development Series, co-sponsored by the International Gateway at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center. This 9-part series, held over the course of the next 9 months, will address a myriad of trade topics, giving new comers and seasoned pros alike a detailed overview of how the US Government's trade functions are organized, and how trade professionals can best understand and utilize them. The speakers are career professionals and insiders with years of direct experience.

**PDS.2008 Kicks off on Tuesday Feb. 12, 4:30-6 PM**, with a detailed overview of US government agencies involved in international trade policy matters, the responsibilities of each--and how their functions are coordinated. Registration and full PDS.2008 details **are on the WITA website**, [www.wita.org](http://www.wita.org).

**\*\*Attention 1Ls interested in IP Law\*\***

**Fish & Richardson P.C. Cocktail Reception for 1Ls  
Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> 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!

1425 K STREET, NW  
WASHINGTON, DC 20005  
(202) 783-5070

RSVP to Grace Wang at [gwang@fr.com](mailto:gwang@fr.com) by Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

SPACE IS LIMITED: FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED\*\*

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

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**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>.

**State Department Accepting Applications for FALL 2008 Internships:** The Department of State is announcing that interested candidates can apply now for the 2008 Fall Student Internship Program. Interested applicants should review the information found on the following website (<http://careers.state.gov/students/programs.html#SIP>). Click on Student Internships. The deadline to submit completed applications is March 1, 2008. Applicants should complete and submit their application and necessary documents as early as possible, as the rush of last minute applicants will slow down the system. This delay may prevent users from successfully submitting their applications and documentation.

**Koch Associate Program Accepting Applications:** The **2008-09 Koch Associate Program** is a year-long, paid program designed to develop promising leaders and entrepreneurs interested in liberty and the non-profit arena. Associates range in experience level from recent graduates to those with up to a decade of work experience, and come from diverse fields and academic majors. More information about the program is included below. You can also learn about the Koch Internship Program and the Koch Foundation at [www.cgkfoundation.org](http://www.cgkfoundation.org). Non-Profit assignments are distributed on a rolling basis so the sooner students apply the better!

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

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

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### **JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS & INTERNSHIPS**

**NEW!** On Monday, February 4, from 3:30-4:00pm, Room TBA, **Judge Richard Ringell of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia** will speak with WCL students about what he looks for in hiring judicial clerks and interns. Don’t miss this unique opportunity to talk with this prominent WCL alum before he participates in the Mock DUI Proceedings at 4:00. Sign up through 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.

**NEW CLERKSHIP POSTINGS** include a Judicial Clerkship for the 2008-09 Term at the Arlington County Circuit Court. Interested applicants should submit a resume, cover letter, transcript, and writing sample (5 pages or shorter) by **February 12**.

**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

**Third Annual Conversations About Clerkships**

Sign up to have lunch with alumni who are currently serving as judicial clerks! Hear about their court clerkship experiences, the role of interns in chambers, tips for applying for judicial clerkships and internships, and many more topics. Current law clerks at the federal and state levels, in both trial and appellate courts, are participating.

Lunches are limited to five students on a first come, first served basis, so sign up in the Events section of CareerLink early! The lunches take place at restaurants near the court, and students are responsible for paying for their own lunch and traveling to and from the restaurant. OCPD's No Show Policy applies to this event.

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***DIVERSITY RECEPTIONS/OTHER EVENTS***

**NEW! 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](http://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](mailto: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!

**NEW! Akin Gump 1L Diversity Reception:** The Diversity Committee of Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP cordially invites you to a reception for first-year law students. Come meet Akin attorneys and learn about our Summer Associate Program. The reception will be held on **Thursday, February 7, 2008 from 6:00-8:00pm** at Akin Gump (Robert S. Strauss Building, 1333 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., 10<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, D.C. 20036). RSVP to Kesha Allen at [kallen@akingump.com](mailto:kallen@akingump.com) or (202)887-4515.

**Boston Lawyers Group “Charting Your Legal Future” Reception:** The Boston Lawyers Group (“BLG”) “Charting Your Legal Future” Program, will take place on **February 13, 2008**, from **5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** at The Law Offices of Sullivan & Worcester LLP (1666 “K” Street, Washington, D.C.). All 1L students of color are invited to attend. The BLG is a consortium of over 40 of the largest law firms, government agencies and corporations in the City of Boston. Its mission is to support the efforts of its member organizations to identify, recruit, advance and retain attorneys of color. Please RSVP by **February 8, 2008** to Brittany Morrison, BLG Executive Assistant, at [bmorrison@brownrudnick.com](mailto:bmorrison@brownrudnick.com).

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

**Washington Bar Association 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:yaidaoni@yahoo.com).

**NEW! WALRAA Diversity 8-Minute Networking Event & Reception:** The Diversity Committee of the Washington Area Legal Recruitment Administrators Association (WALRAA) invites you to its **Fourth Annual Diversity 8-Minute Networking Event and Reception**, which will be held on **Thursday, February 28, 2008 at the Grand Hyatt Washington, from 6:45 pm – 9:30 pm**. This event – **exclusively for first-year law students** – will be a unique opportunity for local law students of diverse backgrounds to meet and mingle with associates and partners from prominent law firms as well as attorneys from government agencies throughout the metropolitan area. It will offer a fun environment in which students can learn about the rewards and challenges of law practice and how to make the most of your law school experience, while developing networking skills which are an important part of professional development. **NOTE:** This is a professional networking opportunity and not an interview. Students should **not** bring resumes. Each Washington, DC area law school will be allowed to send fifteen students to the networking portion of this event. Interested **first-year law students** must sign-up for this participation in this program by **Monday, February 11, 2008**. The fifteen students will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. **Since space is limited at the event and considerable planning is involved, students who sign-up must attend.** To sign-up for this 8-minute networking event, please send an email to [kjohnson@wcl.american.edu](mailto:kjohnson@wcl.american.edu) with “WALRAA Networking Event” in the subject line **by February 11, 2008**. Include your full name and your phone number in the email.

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

**WMACCA Corporate Scholars Program:** Reminder!! Applications for the WMACCA Corporate Scholars Program must be **received** by the WMACCA Program Office no later than **January 31, 2008**. Questions? Please contact Kelli Johnson in OCPD at 202-274-4339 or [kjohnson@wcl.american.edu](mailto:kjohnson@wcl.american.edu), or Ilene G. Reid, WMACCA Executive Director, at 301-881-3018 or [WMACCA@verizon.net](mailto:WMACCA@verizon.net). Information also is posted on the WMACCA web page at <http://wmacca.acc.com>.

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

Seattle/Bellevue/Portland for University of Washington, Seattle University and Gonzaga students only; **January 31, 2008** – Phoenix. Address general questions to Laura Kader, Legal Recruiting Manager, at [LKader@perkinscoie.com](mailto:LKader@perkinscoie.com).

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

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

**Fenwick & West Diversity & Public Interest Summer Associate Fellowship**: Fenwick & West, a premier law firm providing comprehensive legal services to high technology and life sciences clients, has established an innovative Diversity and Public Interest Summer Associate Fellowship. The Fellowship will be presented to up to two summer associates who will work for eight weeks at Fenwick & West, then will work for the remainder of the summer, at law firm summer associate pay levels, with one of many public interest organizations that focuses on serving the legal needs of a diverse population. The Fellowship will be available to second year law students selected for their commitment to community service, exceptional leadership and outstanding academic performance. Public interest organizations that have agreed to partner with Fenwick & West to provide placements for law students include organizations such as the Asian Law Caucus and La Raza Centro Legal. For more information, visit <http://www.fenwick.com/careers/diversity.asp>.

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

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

**NEW! Finnegan Henderson Diversity Scholarship:** Finnegan Henderson is proud to announce its Diversity Scholarship. The scholarship will provide financial support to qualified minority law students who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing a career in IP law. The scholarship award of \$15,000 may be applied to costs associated with normal tuition; and a patent bar review course. The scholarship recipient will also accept an offer to join the firm as a summer associate in one of the firm's domestic offices (Atlanta, Cambridge, Palo Alto, Reston or Washington). Students who have completing their first year full-time (or second year part-time) are invited to apply. Additional information about the scholarship and application form are posted on Finnegan's website at [www.finnegan.com](http://www.finnegan.com). The deadline for applications is **February 29, 2008**.

**NEW! 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, Merkle + 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.bdonline.com/nydiversity08](http://www.bdonline.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](mailto:lynda.anderson@quarles.com); Phone: (602) 229-5314; Fax: (602)420-5192. **Please apply by March 1, 2008** (early applications encouraged).

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

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

**International Student Interview Program (ISIP) in New York:**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to all brave WCL LL.M. students who participated in interviews with employers last week! WCL is very proud of you and we wish you success. \*\* Please remember to send a *thank you note* to all employers who met with you. This is a great way to follow up on your ISIP interviews and remind employers that you are interested in working for them!\*\*

**Do you have any questions about ISIP follow ups?** Please contact Adriana Vito by email: [avito@wcl.american.edu](mailto:avito@wcl.american.edu)

**Electronic tool will help you draft your resume:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**GENERAL REMINDERS FOR STUDENTS**

**Student CareerLink Profiles**

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

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

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

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

**Judicial Clerkship** – Post Graduate Positions

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

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

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

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

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

**OCPD Counseling Services:**

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

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

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

**Traci Jenkins**

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

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

**Claire Raj**

Public Interest and Government

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

**Matthew Pascocello**

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

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

**Adriana Vito**

Foreign-trained LL.M. students and alumni

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

**Amy Killoran**  
Judicial Clerkship Coordinator  
[killoran@wcl.american.edu](mailto:killoran@wcl.american.edu)

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

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

**DROP IN HOURS:**

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

**EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF February 4**

**PILRAP Awareness Week Feb 4 - 8, WCL Lobby, 9am - 5pm**

**Monday, Feb. 4**

**12pm, Rm 601**, Student Externship Opportunities in Communications and Media Law

**12-3pm, Rm 603**, State Enforcement Strategies to Promote Access to Medicines

**3:30-4pm, ext 4090**, Judge Ringell, D.C. Superior Court, Speaks About Clerkships

**4pm, Rm 603**, mock DUI proceedings with Judge Ringell

**Tuesday, Feb 5**

**12-1:30pm, Rm 602**, Twin Cities Diversity in Practice Luncheon

**Wednesday, Feb 6**

**12-1pm, Rm 527**, Ash Wednesday service

**12-1:20pm, Rm 601**, Professionalism Series: Effective Communication with Employers

**12-1:20pm, 6<sup>th</sup> Fl Stut Lounge**, The Role Of Lawyers In Promoting Judicial Independence In Pakistan

**5-7pm, Rm 603**, "Moving From the Past in the Legal Profession: Black History Month Opening Ceremony 2008"

**Thursday, Feb 7**

**12:30-1:30pm, Rm 603**, Public Interest Lunch w/ Steve Grumm- Managing Debt While Planning for a Career in Public Interest

**12-1:30pm, Rm 602**, "The Crisis in Gaza & the U.S. Response: Collective Punishment & Int'l Humanitarian Law".

**3-3:50pm, Rm 603**, Public Service at WCL and Beyond

**5-6:15pm, Rm 603**, WCL Alumni: Sustaining a Long Term Career in Public Service

**Friday, Feb 8**

**6:30-8:30pm, secle@wcl.american.edu**, First Annual Public Interest Alumni Dinner