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SPRING 2008 COMMENCEMENT

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

Complete details about Commencement may be found at

www.wcl.american.edu/commencement.cfm

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

We have made arrangements with the following vendors for discounts

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

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

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

Avis 888-754-8878 (AWD) Number G028311

Savoy Suites Georgetown: 202-337-9700

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

E-mail: registrar@wcl.american.edu

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE HOURS FOR SPRING 2008 SEMESTER

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

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

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

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 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): Application Deadline is Mon., Feb. 11, 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, Kenya and Belgium. Interested WCL students should submit a one-page cover letter and resume by Monday, February 11, 2008, via email to 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

OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

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 and must contain your name, telephone number, and e-mail address. Your space will be confirmed by return e-mail.

ADA Accommodations

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

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

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

WCL Business Cards

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

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

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

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

Scholarship Opportunities

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

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

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

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY SERVICES

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

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE: The Sylvania Woods Conference on African Americans and the Law has been rescheduled to **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 3:00 PM**. This year's topic: "The Intersection of Law, Media, and Politics." The program also will include "Careers Table Talk with Alumni" and the awards dinner. Contact Ms. Weaver if there are areas of law of particular interest to you.

SPRING SEMESTER ACTIVITIES

February 21, 3:00-7:00 PM, room 527 – 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. Join us and meet the "pre-laws," participate in discussions, and enjoy a reception. R

February 25 – In honor of Black History Month: a screening and discussion—led by Prof. Pamela Bridgewater and Professor Meetal Jain--of *Sisters in Law*, a documentary about two progressive Cameroonian women judges who deal primarily with family law and domestic violence issues—Co-sponsored by the Office of Diversity Services and the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

March 5 – The **10th Annual Hispanic Law Conference**, including a pre-law activity for high school students, a job fair, a program focused on Hispanics in the national election, and the annual awards dinner

MARCH 19 – **THE FIRST ANNUAL ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS AND THE LAW DINNER** – Keynote speech by William Tamayo, San Francisco regional attorney for the EEOC with introduction by EEOC Commissioner Stuart Ishimaru, member of the WCL Dean's Diversity Council

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 Application Deadline - March 1, 2008

- File the FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
 - File the *free Need Access* application for grant aid at www.needaccess.org.
- Note the FAFSA must be on file for summer aid to be processed. Don't delay!*

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

Don't miss this opportunity for assistance in filling out forms for next year. Details to follow.

Exit – Loan Consolidation Sessions are coming!

Loan Consolidation and Debt Management sessions will be held again this year; date and time TBD. Notice will be posted as soon as details are complete.

Reminder - E mail Communication

Financial aid and other university correspondence is sent to your AU email account only.

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.

Outside Scholarships

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

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Join the Public Interest Announcements Listserv

An interactive listserv for all students interested in posting or receiving emails from student groups regarding public interest programming and events. To subscribe to the listserv, send an email to

listserv@listserv.american.edu. Leave the subject line blank, and in the body of the message, type “subscribe pi_wcl” without the quotes.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Save the Date! Second Annual PIPS/EJF Chocolate Bash! Enjoy musical entertainment by WCL faculty and meet celebrity judge Kojo Nnamdi of WAMU. Wednesday, February 13th, 2008, from 3-6pm, JD Lounge. Support the public interest community by helping us raise money for Equal Justice Foundation summer grants! Get your tickets beginning February 4th - \$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 if you plan to bake an entry, or sign up at a Chocolate Bash table in the lobby or on the 6th Floor starting the week of February 4th.

Postgraduate Public Interest Fellowship Alumni Panel, February 12th 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 14th 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. **You must register for this event through Career Link.**

1L Public Interest Roundtable: February 25th, 12:30 pm, Room 524. Come to the first 1L Public Interest Round Table of the semester and hear Professors **Angela Davis** and **Cynthia Jones** talk about their careers as public defenders and issues surrounding the criminal justice system. Interested students should RSVP asultan100@hotmail.com.

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

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

April 8 Peter M. Cicchino Public Service Awards Dinner: The Public Interest Committee will host the annual Cicchino Public Service Awards dinner on Tuesday, April 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the 6th floor dining area. The Cicchino Awards Dinner is the academy awards of student public interest and pro bono work. In addition to recognizing the three Cicchino awardees, members of the class of 2008 will receive certificates of achievement at a sumptuous dinner before their peers, faculty and staff for a variety of additional awards and accomplishments, including: completion of the Pro Bono Honors Pledge Program, the WCL Community Service Award, external pro bono and public service awards, and receipt of post-graduate public interest fellowships. The event is free and open to all students. Additional information will be available soon.

PRO BONO HONORS PLEDGE PROGRAM:

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

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

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

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

Phone 202.274.4075 Fax 202.274.4079

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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 11-12 *CLE*

[Rethinking the Future: The Next Five Years in Iraq](#)

FEBRUARY 11

[The Alice Paul Feminist Jurisprudence Essay Contest Award Reception](#)

Save the Dates:

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 26

[The Referendum: Lecture By: Antonio Skármeta- based on the 1998 Chilean Comedy: *El Plebiscito o Como derrotar a un dictador con poseia*](#)

FEBRUARY 28, FEBRUARY 29 AND MARCH 1

[American University Law Revue](#)

MARCH 3

[Third Annual Student Author Reception](#)

MARCH 3

[Dean's Business Law Lecture](#)

MARCH 4

[The Prohibition Of Torture Within The Context Of Emergency Situations](#)

MARCH 5 *CLE*

[Eleventh Annual Hispanic Law Conference: Latino Perspectives on the 2008 Election](#)

MARCH 6

[What do We Know About Tribal Courts? An Examination of the 30th Anniversary of Oliphant](#)

MARCH 8

[William H. Karchmer Spring Moot Court Competition for Local Marshall-Brennan Students](#)

March 17

[First Annual Freedom of Information Day Celebration](#)

MARCH 18

[Exploring Alternative Careers: Looking Inside, Outside and Around the Law](#)

MARCH 19

[Second Annual Conference in Honor of the U.S.-Israel Civil Liberties Fellowship Program](#)

MARCH 19

[The First Annual WCL Asian Pacific Americans and the Law Dinner](#)

MARCH 20

[EJF 15th Annual Public Interest Auction](#)

MARCH 21

[Innovations in the First Year Curriculum](#)

MARCH 26

[International Litigation and Crisis Communication](#)

MARCH 27 *CLE*

[Climate Change and Claiming the Arctic Circle](#)

MARCH 27

[International LL.M Career Fair](#)

MARCH 28

[Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project National Summit](#)

MARCH 29 - 30

[The Ninth Annual National High School Moot Court Competition](#)

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

CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

The Center Is Looking For A Dean's Fellow!!! Please see our ad under “In Search Of”

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

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

EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Room 413 (202) 274-4200

www.wcl.american.edu/externship

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

externship@wcl.american.edu

Avis Sanders, Director; Gregory Seidell, Program Assistant

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.

EARLY APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR SUMMER EXTERNSHIPS

Many government agencies, including the Department of Justice have early application deadlines. Some deadlines are as early as January 31st. Also, all government agencies require a security clearance which must be completed by the start of the summer semester. Please plan accordingly.

SUMMER 2008 INTERNATIONAL EXTERNSHIPS

There are many opportunities for externships outside of the United States. If you are interested in getting credit for an externship abroad, you must schedule an appointment with the Externship Office.

SUMMER 2008 OUT-OF-“STATE” EXTERNSHIPS

If you are considering earning credit for an externship outside of the metropolitan DC area, please check in with the Externship Office. The Long-Distance Externship seminar meets in mid-May and mid-August.

INDIVIDUAL DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL EXTERNSHIP COUNSELING

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

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION PROGRAM

Attention All Students Going Abroad Over Spring Break!

Would you like an opportunity to network with law faculty and attorneys while you are abroad and make some extra money at the same time?

Become a **WCL Ambassador and earn some extra spending money** promoting the WCL International Arbitration Program and the Summer Session on Environmental Law. Your assignment will include arranging meetings with law schools, chambers of commerce, bar associations, and law firms in your home country and sharing information about upcoming activities. The number of meetings and contacts made will determine the amount of compensation you are eligible for as a result of your efforts.

If you are interested in supporting WCL programs, earning some money over spring break, and networking with attorneys back home – please submit your resume with a short e-mail containing your contact information and where you will be going over spring break to arbitration@wcl.american.edu by **Wednesday, February 21, 2008**.

NOT TOO SOON TO BE THINKING ABOUT HOW TO SPEND YOUR SUMMER...

The International Arbitration Summer Session is offering six 1 credit courses that begin on May 27, 2008 and end June 12, 2007. The course material will range from a general overview of international commercial arbitration, to the theoretical and practical aspects of arbitral process and all courses are taught by seasoned arbitration practitioners. Each course can be taken on its own, however, if students choose to take more than one course, they will find that the courses complement each other, rather than overlap.

Course offerings include:

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

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

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

SAVE THE DATE!

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION PROGRAM 2008 ACTIVITIES

April 14, 2008

International Commercial Arbitration in the Americas: A Look Ahead

Leading practitioners in the field will analyze recent practice trends and developments in the Americas in the area of international arbitration focusing specifically on the challenges and progress experienced by numerous countries in the region. Conference panels will focus on North, Central, and South America respectively. Special emphasis will be given to the involvement of local courts in decisions made by arbitral tribunals. The conference is sponsored by **Inter-American Bar Association** in cooperation with the **American Arbitration Association, Arnold & Porter LLP, Baker Botts LLP, and Steptoe & Johnson LLP.**

September 25, 2008

American University Washington College of Law Annual Lecture on International Commercial Arbitration

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

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

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

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

SUMMER SESSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

SUMMER SESSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL LAW May 27 – June 13, 2008.

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

Course offerings include:

- Climate Change and Emissions Trading (1 credit)
- Environmental Advocacy (2 credits)
- Trade & the Environment in the Americas (1 credit) *Available in Spanish only.*

- International Business and the Environment (1 credit)
- Environmental Law & the U.S. Congress (1 credit)
- International Law of Biodiversity (1 credit)
- International Institutions and Environmental Protection (2 credits)
- Environmental Compliance and Enforcement (1 credit)
- Alternatives to Environmental Regulations (1 credit)
- Environmental Law in the European Union (1 credit)

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

PENCE LAW LIBRARY

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

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 12:00 am
Saturday – Sunday 9:00 am -12:00 am

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

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

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

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.

Want to Help Save Paper? Duplex Print! Library printers Yoda, Dilbert, Rocky and Researchtoo printers now have duplexers installed. To set this utility up on your laptop follow these instructions if you use Windows XP: To check to make sure that your printer driver is configured for duplexing click on your 'Start' button, then choose (depending on your start menu setup) 'Printers and Faxes' OR 'Settings', then 'Control Panel' then 'Printers and Faxes'. You should see a list of installed printers. Right click on the printer you wish to print to and choose 'Properties' from the right click menu. Then click on the 'Device Settings' tab. Towards the

bottom of the list of available settings you will see '**Duplex Unit**' this should be set to "**Installed**" then click '**OK**'.

To Print: Click on '**File**' then choose the '**Print**' option. Click on the '**Properties**' button near the top right. Under the '**Layout**' tab there will be options for '**Print on Both Sides**' just choose the style you want either flip on long or short edge. Click on the '**OK**' button to set your choice and click '**OK**' again to send your print job to the printer. If you have a MAC or have VISTA installed as your operating system or have other questions stop by the Student Computer Help Desk on the 2nd floor or email comptech@wcl.american.edu.

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

The Pence Law Library's book processing unit is looking for a part-time student assistant who will be able to commit to 5-10 hours a week, preferably on Mon., Wed., and Fri mornings. If interested, please contact Mimi Games at 202-274-4348 or via email @ mgames@wcl.american.edu

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

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 3rd 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 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 or call him at 202-274-4263.

WOMEN AND THE LAW PROGRAM

The Alice Paul Feminist Jurisprudence Essay Contest Award Reception

Please join us on February 11, 2008 from 4:00-5:30 in Room 600 for a presentation and celebration as we honor the 2007 Alice Paul Essay Contest winner Wendy Yang. Ms. Yang will present her work, "Is Recognizing the Monetary Value of Housework Sufficient in Achieving Gender Equality: Assessing Taiwan's §1003-1 and §1018-1's Potential Impact on Taiwan's Road Toward Gender Equality."

The Alice Paul Feminist Jurisprudence Essay Contest honors the feminist legacy of Washington College of Law's founders and alumni and is named for Alice Paul (Class of '22), who authored the Equal Rights Amendment while still a WCL student. Sponsored by a private benefactor, the purpose of the competition is to foster the next generation of scholars and activists by creating a venue for them to showcase creative contributions to feminist jurisprudence. Sponsored by the Women and the Law and Legal Rhetoric Programs of Washington College of Law.

To register for this event please visit www.wcl.american.edu/secle/register

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

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 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.
- 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.

Alternative Dispute Resolution Society

Wednesday, February 20: Practitioner Geoff Drucker from the McCammon Group will be discussing ADR and related training in the Washington, DC area. In **Room 601, from 12-1:15.** Lunch will be served!

Black Law Students Association

Children's Book Drive- February 11th -18th 2008 WCL SBA LOUNGE (collection on the 5th floor) Contact: BLSA community service chair, kiki.l.taylor@gmail.com

Please join us in celebrating the lives of foster care children throughout Washington, DC!

Donation Ideas: *Children's Books (English and Spanish); *African-American Children's Books
*Backpacks & School Supplies.

All Donations To: DC Child and Family Services Agency ("CFSA") Children's Library
CFSA's foster care services protect children and their parents, by providing a caring family experience in an agency-approved licensed home, for a planned and temporary period of time. This family experience should be supplemental to, and not a substitute for, the birth family. The primary goal of foster care is to reunite children with their birth families whenever possible. If this cannot happen, CFSA will institute other permanent plans. Foster parents receive monthly stipends based on the age and needs of the child. www.cfsa.dc.gov

Dear WCL community,

The WCL BLSA Executive Board would like to introduce the second annual **BLSA Black History Month Charity Challenge!!!** The object of the challenge is to be the team that accumulates the most points.

Here are the rules of the game:

Everyone in the school community competes. There will be seven teams: Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4, evening students, LL.M, and Faculty/Staff. Students compete based on their first year section.

Each team will be awarded **positive points for coins** deposited into its respective jar (located in the lobby).

One cent = One point.

Bills are worth negative points. For example, a one dollar bill is equivalent to negative one hundred (-100) points. (So you want to put bills in other team's jars.)

Points will be tallied every Friday and every day of the last three days of the challenge

The winning team receives the honor of having bragging rights for raising the most money for a good cause and a surprise!

This event is sponsored by the Black Law Students Association and the Washington Trophy Center. All proceeds will benefit the creation of the Civil Rights Memorial in Richmond, VA (<http://www.vacivilrightsmemorial.org/>).

The memorial depicts the events of the Moton High Protest which occurred on April 23, 1951. Sixteen year old Barbara Johns led a walkout and demonstration with her fellow students at Robert R. Moton High School in Farmville, Virginia, to protest the intolerable conditions at the school as a result of separate but equal educational facilities for black students. Moton High had twice the number of students it was designed for and offered no cafeteria or gymnasium facilities. Teachers were poorly compensated compared to those in the all white high school. On that spring day over 450 students followed Barbara Johns' lead and walked-out of Moton High. A month later, on May 23, 1951, two civil rights attorneys from Virginia, Oliver White Hill and Spottswood Robinson III, filed suit in the Federal District Court in Richmond for the immediate integration of Prince Edward County schools. That case, *Davis v. County School Board of Prince Edward County*, was eventually joined with four other cases to become *Brown V. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas*. *Davis* is the only one of the five cases to have been initiated by the students themselves. The resulting Supreme Court decision in 1954 struck down the "separate but equal" racial doctrine that governed school policy. It was a victory for all those involved in the struggle for full civil rights. But it was only the beginning of a long struggle against "massive resistance" and toward racial integration that would eventually bring dramatic and positive societal change to Virginia and to the rest of the country.

Summary: It's real easy. Empty all that change weighing down your pockets into your team's jar and feel good about yourself for giving to a good cause!

Sincerely,

Edgar Ndjatou '09

President, Black Law Students Association

Civil Liberties Law Society

Introductory meeting from 12-1 on Tuesday, February 12 in Room 100.

EJF

Off Campus Canvassing Day: Saturday February 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. 9th asking local businesses for donations for our Annual Public Interest Auction. Come out to the Starbucks in Dupont off of Connecticut Ave. (North of the Circle) from 10am till 5pm (bring a pen) and we'll have everything you need to get started.

EJF Adventure Auction

Thursday the 21st at Nolan's 9:00pm Nolan's in Adams Morgan at 2323 18th St NW. and the actual Bidding will begin at 10:00 pm. Adventure packages include skydiving, an equine ride to a picnic, and Wizards tickets, among others. Come bid for a good cause on great retreats in and around the city with your friends!! Come out and enjoy fun night and support EJF at the same time.

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 stating your qualifications for the position. Early application is strongly encouraged, as applications for the position will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

Health Law & Policy

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

Women's Law Association

You're Invited.....to the 2008 WCL Women's Law Association **Production of the Vagina Monologues!!** The Women's Law Association is proud to present the 2008 WCL production of Eve Ensler's The Vagina Monologues! Come support your fellow students, professor and friends in this year's production of the show!! Performances will be held in **room 603 at 7:30 pm on Thursday, February 14th and Friday, February 15, 2008**. Tickets will be \$10, on sale in the WCL lobby during the WLA bake sale next week, and for the same price at the door. All proceeds from the show will benefit Tahirih Justice Center, a local non-profit organization that provides legal services to women and girls fleeing gender-based violence and persecution.

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 urgently 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 and up to twenty (20) hours per week during the summer and fall semester.

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

The Center For Human Rights And Humanitarian Law is looking for an enthusiastic student to take a high level of responsibility for the Center's exciting programming. The Dean's Fellow will provide support to our many fun events and interesting projects, assist with marketing Center events, and help create innovate new programming. This is a great opportunity to get involved in the Center's substantive programs. Attention to detail, organizational skills, familiarity with Microsoft Office programs, and proven interest in human rights issues are essential. Experience/skills in brochure/flyer design are a plus. A minimum commitment of 10 hour/week is required. To apply: send a cover letter, resume and short writing sample (max. 5 pages), to Amelia Parker at aparker@wcl.american.edu. **APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED UNTIL POSITION IS FILLED.** Please indicate that you are applying for the Center's Dean's Fellow position in the subject line. *PLEASE NOTE: Dean's Fellowship positions are open to full-time or part-time 2L, 3L, 4L and LLM Students - as well as part-time 1L students.*

Volunteer Jurors Wanted- The Glushko-Samuels Intellectual Property Law Clinic is seeking volunteer jurors for our annual trial simulation. The trial will take place from **9:00 am to 12:30 pm on Thursday, February 14th and 9:00 am to 4:00 pm on Friday, February 15th.** We would prefer volunteers that can participate for the entire duration of the trial. The clinic will provide breakfast on Thursday, as well as breakfast and lunch on Friday. Please contact Steve Roberts (sdrobert@wcl.american.edu or 202-274-4148) if you would like to volunteer or have additional questions.

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

Fellowship in Health Policy & Legislative Work: The Ben Cotton Fellowship The Program on Law and Government and the National Kidney Foundation of the National Capital Area ("NKF/NCA") sponsor the Ben Cotton Fellowship every year, which is an excellent opportunity for

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

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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

AUMS Basic Mediation Training. American University's Mediation Services is offering a free and interactive 20-hour mediation training on **February 22 (5:30 to 9:00 p.m.), February 23 (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), and February 24 (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)**. Open to students, staff, and faculty. Participants will learn to resolve interpersonal, intergroup, and organizational conflicts by developing active listening skills, problem-solving techniques, and other skills. You may download an application at http://www.american.edu/ocl/jams/mediation_services/mediation.html (under Mediation Training Application), or contact Mediation Services at x3328. Space is limited.

You are cordially invited to the Sixth Annual Bruce Poynter Lecture: **“A Journey Toward Justice” An Evening with the Honorable Ron Dellums Monday, February 11th, 2008 7:30 PM Kay Spiritual Life Center Chapel** Ron Dellums is currently Mayor of Oakland, CA. He formerly served 14 terms in Congress representing California's 9th District. Congressman Dellums actively

opposed the Vietnam War, and is famous for his longtime work on behalf of passage of The Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act of 1986. Since leaving Congress, he has been President of an international management company and a leading spokesman on the tragedy of AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa and throughout the world. He was Chair of President Clinton's Presidential Advisory Council on HIV and AIDS. *Brought to you by the Office of the University Chaplain and Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church; in partnership with Multicultural Affairs and Kennedy Political Union*

William & Mary's Virginia Bar Review Program- William & Mary Law School is pleased to announce its Virginia Bar Review Program, commencing Summer 2008. The Law School course will offer a comprehensive review of all subjects tested on the Virginia Bar Exam. It will also include Kaplan/PMBR's six-day course for the MBE, as well as written outlines of all subjects tested on the Virginia exam. The Law School Program will feature **ALL LIVE** lectures delivered by law professors who know Virginia law and the Virginia Bar Exam. The course will also appear on Blackboard for the convenience of those who have to miss a session, need to review a subject, or who need to participate away from Williamsburg. This course is open to any student who plans to take the July 2008 Virginia Bar Exam. The cost of the entire course is \$2,500. The Law School is offering a credit of up to \$175 if you have paid a deposit to a commercial bar review course and wish to take the William & Mary course. To register, you should contact Della Harris at dwharr@wm.edu and if you have questions, you may contact Professor Greg Baker at dgbake@wm.edu. The course will begin in mid May and end in mid July.

EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Due to the time required to obtain security clearances for students working as an extern with the SEC, CFTC and Department of State, students wishing to participate at an externship at those agencies during the Fall 2008 or Spring 2009 Semester should forward their resume package as soon as possible. The agencies have indicated that they will be reviewing applications on a running time basis. Please apply as soon as possible. It is likely that applicants applying late may find that all positions have been filled (as happened for the Spring 2008 Semester).

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

Students who will have completed Business Associations and Securities Regulation by the end of the Spring semester of 2008 or who, having completed Business Associations by the end of the Spring semester 2008 and will be enrolling in Securities Regulations for the Fall 2008 Semester, are eligible to participate in a Field Component at the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Please submit your resume, a copy of your transcript, a list of subjects you intend to take in the Fall 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. [Time subject to change and governed by classes of participating students]

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 Spring Semester 2008 that students so qualified can apply for participation for a **minimum of three credits in the Field Component- S.E.C. Student Observers Program** at the Securities and Exchange Commission for the Fall 2008 semester. [Law-784] Students who will be taking Securities Regulations during the Fall 2008 Semester should apply now to participate in the Field Component – S.E.C. Student Observers Program in the Spring 2009 Semester. Applying now will assist in getting early security clearance. 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 indicating the semester for which they are applying 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. [Time subject to change and governed by classes of participating students]

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 420 hours over the Fall 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 Spring Semester 2008 semester should submit a resume, a copy of their transcript, a writing sample and a cover letter as soon as possible to allow for security clearance. Interested applicants should submit this information to Professor Guttman's mailbox in room 465 or to Carolyn Wright his Sr. Legal Assistant in room 325. Students in this externship will be meeting with Professor Guttman every other Tuesday between 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. [Time subject to change and governed by classes of participating students]

The Screen Justice Film Series presents Reckless Indifference (2004) followed by a discussion with Academy-Award nominated and two-time Emmy awarded director William Gazecki. Thursday, February 21, 2008, 6.00-8.15pm., Bldg. 39, Room 201, David A. Clarke School of Law, University of the District of Columbia, 4200 Connecticut Avenue (Direct N2 bus from The Washington Law School). The 1996 death of Jimmy Farris in a ritzy Los Angeles suburb brought an energetic response from the local District Attorney. The resulting trial ended with sentences of life imprisonment without parole for all four surviving participants even though only one of the four actually committed the murder. The film questions the harsh sentences and asks whether the D.A. went full-throttle because of a series of failures (notably the O.J. Simpson debacle). The film received The International Press Academy's Golden Satellite Award for Outstanding Feature

Documentary. ALL WELCOME – ATTENDANCE IS FREE. Refreshments provided. For further information: 202-274-6256

Sunday, February 10th at 12 noon. ESPN Blue Out - Bender Arena AU Men's Basketball is hosting Lehigh in a key Patriot League to be broadcast to the nation on ESPN U. We're striving for a complete Blue Out for the game so come on out and WEAR BLUE! All AU grad students are admitted FREE with their AU ID. Come on Sunday and take advantage of the FREE Breakfast at Bender - Doughnuts and Orange Juice; FREE Smoothies from Robeks; FREE Blue Out T-shirts; and FREE bandanas from GEICO.

Join us this Sunday at noon for AU men's basketball's BENDER BLUE OUT in Bender Arena. Free admission with your AU ID!

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UPCOMING PROGRAMS, DATES & DEADLINES & IMPORTANT REMINDERS

3L/4L Counseling Week & Job-Search Workshop Series

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 multi-faceted program dedicated to bringing you timely information and advice about how to plan and execute an effective job-search campaign during your graduating year.

The program begins with OCPD's *3L/4L Counseling Week beginning February 11*. Throughout the week, graduating students will be given priority scheduling status, so please contact us ASAP to schedule your appointment.

Subsequent Workshops Include:

Session 1: *Legal Job Market Trends, Perspectives & Common Mistakes*, (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). Boxed lunch and evening cocktail reception.

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 on the Events Section of CareerLink.

Firm Receptions

Attention Students! Please be sure to check the “events” section of CareerLink for upcoming firm receptions. Mayer, Brown, Rowe & Maw is hosting a 1L reception on February 26th 2008.

Upcoming Events in the DC Metro Area

• TUESDAY FEB. 12 •

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.

• FRIDAY FEB. 15 •

Revitalization Act: The Council for Court Excellence; the D.C. Bar Courts, Lawyers and the Administration of Justice Section; and the D.C. Bar Criminal Law and Individual Rights Section present “The Impact of the 1997 Revitalization Act on Offenders: Perceptions vs. Realities.” The panel discussion begins at 12:30 p.m. Speakers: **Avis Buchanan**, director, D.C. Public Defender Service; **Philip Fornaci**, executive director, D.C. Prisoners’ Project; **Isaac Fulwood Jr.**, commissioner, U.S. Parole Commission; **Eric Holder Jr.**, partner, Covington & Burling; **Harley Lappin**, director, Federal Bureau of Prisons; **Paul Quander**, director, Court Services and Offender Supervision Agency; Judge **Frederick Weisberg**, associate judge, D.C. Superior Court. Location: D.C. Bar, 1250 H Street, N.W., B-1 Level, Rooms 1 and 2. No cost. Registration and information: willner@courtextcellence.org or (202) 785-5917.

• TUESDAY FEB. 26 •

ABA Arbitrator Guidelines: The International Dispute Resolution Committee of the D.C. Bar International Law Section; the U.S. Council for International Business, Arbitration Subcommittee for Washington, D.C.; and the Washington, D.C. chapter of The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators present “The Proposed ABA Arbitrator “Best Practices” Disclosure Guidelines: Your Chance to Comment!” The program begins at 12:30 p.m. Location: Arnold & Porter, 555 12th St. N.W., Room 213. Cost: \$10 members of co-sponsoring organizations; \$15 non members; \$5 government and non-profit employees; free for students. Registration and information: (202) 626-3463.

Miscellaneous Announcements:

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.

PUBLIC INTEREST & GOVERNMENT

February 7 Founder's Event: Staying Public – Survival Skills for a Lifetime Career in Public Service Law. All students are invited to attend a panel discussion with WCL alumni from a variety of public service backgrounds discussing the challenges and rewards of a public interest career. The panel will be followed by a dinner honoring public interest alumni. The dinner keynote speaker is Michael Kirkpatrick (WCL 1991). Mr. Kirkpatrick has a distinguished public service career that includes working with Texas Rural Legal Aid, DOJ Civil Rights Division, and 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 for all students. To register, go to: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/go/stayingpublic>.

Fair Election Legal Network (FELN) Seeks Interns for PAID Positions: Responsibilities include supporting the legal director to identify legal and administrative obstacles impacting voter participation, performing related legal research, identifying pending relevant legal, rulemaking or legislative proceedings, interacting with key voter mobilization and registration organizations and key election officials. Must possess strong research, analytic, written and oral communications skills and be able meet deadlines. 15 hours/week. Stipend: \$225/week. See CareerLink for application details.

U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division Seeks Summer Interns: The Civil Rights Division is the agency of the federal government primarily responsible for enforcing federal statutes and Executive Orders that prohibit unlawful discrimination. The division anticipates hiring 2 to 4 volunteer interns. Application decisions are made on a rolling basis. Summer applications must be received by **March 31, 2008**. See CareerLink for application details. Visit <http://www.usdoj.gov/oarm/arm/int/internsum08.htm> for more information on internships with the Department of Justice.

Job Search Resources:

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

internship and honors attorney programs. Available in hard copy in the OCPD library, or log on to CareerLink to access the online version and username and password.

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS & INTERNSHIPS

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.

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 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.

Some federal judicial clerkships are also still available. See OSCAR (www.oscar.symplicity.com) for details!

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

To subscribe to the Judicial Listserv:

- (1) From your CareerLink home page, select “profile” at the top of the page.
- (2) Select the “Academic Information” folder.
- (3) Double-check that the “Graduation Date” and “Year in School” fields are correct. Emails are sent based on these categories.
- (4) Under “Listserv,” select “Judicial” and then save your changes.

Check out the Judicial Clerkship Alumni Survey Database! Link to this database from the main page of the judicial clerkship website. Use this database to locate and review feedback from alumni who clerked with federal judges, state judges/justices, and administrative law judges around the country. The alumni surveys include information about:

Clerkship experience (role in chambers, main duties, and judge’s demeanor)

Interview process (format, length, and even specific questions asked)
Application advice specific to the judge or court
Alumni contact information so you can call or e-mail with further questions

DIVERSITY RECEPTIONS/OTHER EVENTS

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., 10th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20036). RSVP to Kesha Allen at 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.

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

Washington Bar Association 5th Annual Career Fair: Still seeking summer/fall employment? Consider attending the WBA Career Fair for Law Students! The fair will be held on **Saturday, February 23, 2008 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law (4200 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Bldgs. 38 & 39, 2nd Floor – Van Ness/UDC Metro). Employers are offering summer and semester positions in a variety of areas, including: real estate (residential and commercial), civil rights, legislation, employment, business/corporate, litigation, housing, immigration, poverty law/legal services, and more! Members of the judiciary will also be available to speak with students about judicial internship and clerkship opportunities. Come dressed for success and bring several copies of your resume. For a list of participating employers, please see the detailed posting on CareerLink. For more information, contact the Career Fair committee chair, Yaida Ford, at yaidaoni@yahoo.com.

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. **NOTE:** This is a professional networking opportunity and not an interview. Students should **not** bring resumes. WCL will be allowed to send fifteen students to the networking portion of this event. There are a few slots remaining! Interested **first-year law students** must sign-up for participation in this program by **Monday, February 11, 2008**. 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 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

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

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.

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

Advertising Industry Diversity Job Fair: Interested in Entering the Advertising Industry? You are invited to attend the Second Annual Advertising Industry Diversity Job Fair and Leadership Conference, produced by Business Development Institute, Adrants, and New York University. The event will be a full day program with a morning leadership conference, which will offer an opportunity for job candidates to come face to face with today's notable thought leaders working in the advertising industry. The afternoon will be dedicated to hosting a Job Fair with recruiting companies including Arnold Worldwide, Bartle Bogle Hegarty (BBH), Carol H. Williams, DDB Worldwide Communications, DoubleClick, DraftFCB, Horizon Media, Inc., JWT, McCann-Erickson, 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.bdionline.com/nydiversity08.

Quarles & Brady LLP Native American Public Interest Split Program: Quarles & Brady LLP is seeking a first-year law student with a demonstrated interest in Native American Law to work half of his or her summer in the Phoenix office of Quarles & Brady, and the other half of his or her summer at our client's office, Navajo Housing Authority in Window Rock. The salary is \$2,400 per week for up to twelve weeks. The summer associate participating in this joint clerkship program

may also receive future job opportunities from both Quarles & Brady and the Navajo Housing Authority. Please send a cover letter, resume, law school transcript, and writing sample to: Ms. Lynda Anderson, Manager, Attorney Recruiting, Quarles & Brady LLP, One Renaissance Plaza, Two North Central, Phoenix, AZ 85004; lynda.anderson@quarles.com; Phone: (602) 229-5314; Fax: (602)420-5192. **Please apply by March 1, 2008** (early applications encouraged).

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

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

Resume and Cover Letter Workshop for International LL.M. Students coming up!

You are invited to attend our next Resume and Cover Letter Drafting Workshop for Foreign Attorneys on **Friday, February 15 from 12:00pm– 2:30pm**. The room will be announced to students who register for this session.

This workshop will teach you basic resume drafting skills to help you avoid common mistakes when drafting your resume and cover letters. This session is open for all foreign students and alumni (including foreign LL.M., foreign JD and foreign SJD students) who wish to refresh their resume drafting skills or acquire the basic knowledge necessary to draft good job/ internship application materials.

Please remember that foreign students are required to attend one Resume and Cover Letter Workshop before scheduling an individual counseling session with OCPD for career counseling or resume and cover letter review. Since the workshops are mandatory, the earlier you attend the better! New students encouraged to attend!

Registration is required. If you plan on attending this session, please send an email including your name, country of origin and the name of your program to avito@wcl.american.edu . You will receive an email confirmation right away.

Electronic tool will help you draft your resume:

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

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

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

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

General Reminders for Foreign LL.M. Students:

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

GENERAL REMINDERS FOR STUDENTS

Student CareerLink Profiles

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

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

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

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

Judicial Clerkship – Post Graduate Positions

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

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

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

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

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

OCPD Counseling Services:

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

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

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

Traci Jenkins

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

Public Interest and Government
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Matthew Pascocello

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

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

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Kelli Johnson

General Counseling

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Laura Friedgood

General Counseling

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DROP IN HOURS:

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

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF February 11

February 11-18, 5th fl. SBA Lounge, BLSA Children's Book Drive

Monday, February 11

8am -5pm, Rm 603, Rethinking the Future: The Next Five Years in Iraq

12-1pm, Rm 100, 3L/4L Job Search Wkshp: Legal Job Market Trends, Perspectives & Common Mistakes

4-5:30, Rm 600, The Alice Paul Feminist Jurisprudence Essay Contest Award Reception

Tuesday, February 12

9am -8pm, Rm 603, Rethinking the Future: The Next Five Years in Iraq

12-1, Rm 100, Civil Liberties Law Society Introductory meeting

12pm, Rm 528, Public Interest Fellowship Alumni Panel

10:10 PM, Rm 101, SBA Senate meeting

Wednesday, February 13

3–6, JD Student Lounge, Second Annual PIPS/EJF Chocolate Bash

Thursday, February 14

12 pm, Rm 402, 2L Postgraduate Fellowship Application Workshop

7:30 pm, Rm 603, The Vagina Monologues

Friday, February 15

7:30 pm, Rm 603, The Vagina Monologues

