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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.

The cap and gown company that rents regalia to graduating students will be at the law school on **Wednesday, Feb. 27 in the student lounge from 11am until 6pm and Thursday, Feb. 28 from 12pm until 8pm**. You will also be able to rent the regalia online; we will announce the website when it becomes available.

There will also be a representative from the Campus Store with diploma frames and other items.

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.

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 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.**

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

SPECIAL NOTICE

The **CLINICAL PROGRAM'S ANNUAL DIVERSITY LUNCHEON** will be held on Monday, February 25, at 12:00 noon in room 600. Come and meet the faculty of our own nationally recognized program and the ten clinics it encompasses as well as students who are enrolled now. Be there and learn how the program lives up to its motto: "real people, real cases, real responsibility."

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.

Sisters in Law--February 25—5:00 PM, Room 600 – In honor of Black History Month: a screening and discussion—led by Prof. Pamela Bridgewater and Professor Meetali 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

11th Annual Hispanic Law Conference: "Latino Perspectives on the 2008 Election" --March 5-- includes 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

The conference Scholarship Committee is currently seeking nominations for the Edward Bou Alumni Award, *Premio Inspiración*, and the Goldman-Grossman Award, which honor those in the WCL community who have demonstrated a commitment to the national and international Latino/a community. All WCL faculty, staff, students, and alumni are invited to submit nominations for any of the three awards.

Please visit <http://www.wcl.american.edu/hispanic/awards.cfm> to submit an electronic nomination form, as well as to learn more about these three awards. (Note: Nominations are not being accepted at this site for the Annual Diversity Award and LaLSA Scholarship.) Please **SUBMIT NOMINATIONS BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2008**. Honorees of the three awards—one to a WCL graduate, one to a JD student, and one to an LLM student—will be recognized at the conference's closing awards dinner. Direct any questions to Carla Bustillos, assistant to the dean, at (202) 274-4004 or cbustill@wcl.american.edu.

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.

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

Disbursement Notice

Contact the office immediately if your spring aid is not yet disbursed.

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!**

Financial Aid Awareness Day ~ February 27, 2008

Changes are coming next year. New processes and rules will apply. Don't miss this opportunity to get the latest information and assistance in filling out your forms. Staff will be available outside the dining room near Room 603 beginning at 11:00am.

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.

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

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**

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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 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

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Small & Mid-Size Legal Employer Panel & Networking Event

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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

FOR THE FULL LISTING OF FOUNDERS PROGRAMS PLEASE VISIT

ACADEMY ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

SPECIALIZED SUMMER PROGRAM

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

FOCUS ON A COURSE:

UNITED NATIONS HUMAN RIGHTS SYSTEM:

***Gudmundur Alfredsson* Professor, Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights & Humanitarian Law, Sweden**

***Manfred Nowak* UN Special Rapporteur on Torture**

It is suggested that international law is a good way of overcoming political, religious and cultural differences and perceptions. All countries are expected to abide by the same rules, no matter whether they fit into political alliances or not. It is the underlying assumption of the UN Charter that respect for these rules will make the world a better and more peaceful place. This course will encourage students to analyze the UN Human Rights System as a matter of both law and politics.

CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

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Center Announcements

WEEK OF ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTING US COMPLIANCE WITH CERD

- **RACE IN THE US TODAY: COMPLYING WITH INTERNATIONAL NORMS AND CERD?, Tuesday, February 19, 12pm, Room 100**
- **LIVE SIMULCAST: CERD COMMITTEE REVIEW OF THE UNITED STATES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE RACE TREATY, Thursday, February 21, 9am – 12pm, Room 601:**
- **POSTER DISPLAY: US COMPLIANCE WITH CERD, Tuesday – Thursday all day, WCL Lobby**

The United States will be reviewed by the UN Committee for the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD) on February 21 and 22. An unprecedented coalition of over 100 NGOs participated in writing a supplemental shadow report for consideration by the Committee. Over 80 US NGO representatives will be traveling to Geneva to advocate for better US compliance with CERD. To raise awareness of the reporting process and some of the key issues noted in the official US report and the coalition shadow report, the Student Advisory Board of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law has planned a week of activities around the CERD meeting. Please join us on **Tuesday, February 19 at 12pm in room 100** to discuss current issues of race in the US, the CERD

reporting process, and challenges to US government accountability. The lunchtime discussion will be led by Ryan King of the Sentencing Project and Hadar Harris, Executive Director of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (and a member of the CERD National Coordinating Task Force). During the week, the SAB will also sponsor a poster display outlining some of the key issues being discussed by the Committee in Geneva. On **Thursday, February 21**, the Center will simulcast (in an unprecedented live broadcast) the official proceedings of the CERD Committee and the first part of the review of the United States regarding its compliance with ICERD. Please join us to watch the proceedings. Coffee and refreshments will be served. The week of events are co-sponsored by the *Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law Student Advisory Board, Asian Pacific American Law Students' Association, Black Law Students' Association, Latino/a Law Students' Association, Immigrants' Rights Coalition, and the Poverty Law Society*. For additional information, please contact the Center by emailing humlaw@wcl.american.edu or by calling 202-274-4180.

THE CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW IS LOOKING FOR A DEAN'S FELLOW!!!

The Center 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 innovative 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.*

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.

CLINICAL PROGRAM

APPLYING TO CLINIC – AY2008-2009

Three clinic informational meetings will be held for interested students presenting the clinics offered and the application process for AY2008-2009.

Application Deadline: Friday, March 7, 2008 by 5:00pm EST

For ALL INTERESTED STUDENTS, we will hold a large information session on **Monday, February 18, 2008 from 4:00pm – 5:50pm in Room 602.**

- Please note that both Day and Evening students are welcome to come to this information session.

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For ALL EVENING STUDENTS, there will be two evening clinic informational meetings.

- The first evening clinic informational meeting will be held **Thursday, February 14, 2008 from 8:00pm – 9:50pm in Room 415.**
- The second evening clinic informational meeting will be held **Monday, February 18, 2008 from 8:00 – 9:50pm in Room 415.**

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For ALL INTERESTED STUDENTS, we will hold small group informational meetings starting **Tuesday, February 19th through Thursday, March 6th.**

- Dates and times of the small group informational meetings will be posted when available on the clinic website.
- Sign-up sheets for the small group informational meetings will be posted outside Room 415 after 6pm on Monday, February 18th.
- *We strongly suggest that you attend at least one small group informational meeting.*

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FOR ALL INTERESTED STUDENTS, the Clinical Program and the Office of Diversity Services will host a Diversity Lunch.

- The Diversity Lunch will be on **Monday, February 25, 2008 from 12:00pm to 2:00pm in Room 600.**

For more information about the Clinical Program, please go to <http://www.wcl.american.edu/clinical/>

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.**

ARBITRATION SUMMER SESSION EXAM INFORMATION
May 27 - June 12, 2008

The 2008 International Arbitration Summer Session offers 6 one-credit related courses:

- Nuts and Bolts of International Commercial Arbitration;
- 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;
- Arbitraje Comercial Internacional* (Spanish alternative to the “Nuts and Bolts”)

Given the interrelated nature of these 1 credit courses, it is not only possible but advantageous for students taking more than one course to take all the exams at the end of the three week session. Students are allowed the accumulated time allowed for each individual exam. In that way, students can use the knowledge they have acquired through the whole session.

You may pick up the take-home exam from the Registrar **from the day after the last class of the course has taken place to Friday, June 27, 2008**. Specifically, the exams can be picked up the following days:

Nuts and Bolts and Investor-State Arbitration	Monday, June 2 to Friday, June 27, 2008
Investor-State Arbitration	Monday, June 2 to Friday, June 27, 2008
<i>Arbitraje Comercial Internacional</i>	<i>Viernes 6 de junio a viernes 27 de junio, 2008</i>
How to Conduct an Arbitration Proceeding	Friday, June 6 to Friday, June 27, 2008
Salient Issues in ICC Arbitration	Wed., June 13 to Friday, June 27, 2008
Int. Arbitration and Choice-of-law Issues	Friday, June 13 to Friday, June 27, 2008

- 1- Arbitration Exam is due in 1 day, or 24 hours;
- 2- Arbitration exams are due in 2 days, or 48 hours;
- 3- Arbitration exams are due in 3 days, or 72 hours;
- 4- Arbitration exams are due in 4 days, or 96 hours; and
- 5- Arbitration exams are due in 5 days, or 120 hours;

The responses to the examination questions, together with the exam, must be returned to the office of the Registrar within the allotted time.

For more information please email arbitration@wcl.american.edu or call 274-4321.

SAVE THE DATE!

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.**

INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM

Dual Degree Info Session

Tuesday, February 19th 4:00-5:00PM Room 351

LLM students who are interested in any of the offered dual degrees should come to this info session with Cathy Schenker and Adriana Vito.

Coming to America: Cultural Fatigue

Wednesday, February 20th 12:00-1:30PM International Student Lounge

Since you've arrived in the US have you been suffering from odd aches, pains and allergies? Sleeping irregularly? Depressed or homesick? Annoyed by the new cultural norms that surround you? Ayse Kadayifci, School of International Service, will talk with international LLM WCL students about the stages associated with "culture shock" and what you can do to deal with the cultural fatigue.

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.

The Library is hosting a series of topical research primers geared to help you understand the basics of research in various topics. Spend a few minutes with us and you'll learn about the topics and get practical pointers on how and where to conduct in-depth research. We'll even feed you!

To register and for any questions, contact way2research@wcl.american.edu Please register for each session you plan to go to.

Week of February 18

Trial Practice Research - Court Rules, Jury Instructions and More

BJ Kaufman

Monday 4:30—5:20 in room 504. Thursday 5:00-5:50 in room 103.

Week of February 25

Tax Law Research

Susan Lewis-Somers

Monday 4:30—5:20 in room 504. Thursday 5:00-5:50 in room 103.

Week of March 3

Environmental Law Research

Ripple Weistling

Monday 4:30—5:20 in room 504. Thursday 5:00-5:50 in room 103.

Week of March 17

Copyright Law Research

Leonard Klein

Monday 4:30—5:20 in room 504. Thursday 5:00-5:50 in room 103.

Week of March 24

Securities and Commercial Law Research

Adeen Postar

Monday 4:30—5:20 in room 504. Thursday 5:00-5:50 in room 103.

Week of March 31

Treaty Research

Bill Ryan and John Heywood

Monday 4:30—5:20 in room 504. Thursday 5:00-5:50 in room 103.

The Pence Law Library is looking for a few good law students to work at the in the library. Work up to 20 hours a week in various schedules and learn while you earn. Email your resume and a short note detailing your interest to Mimi Games at mgames@wcl.american.edu

PROGRAM ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT

The Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project is still looking for a number of volunteers to help with out **spring high school moot court competition** final rounds on **Saturday, March 8**. We need a half dozen 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 application process for the Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project is now well underway 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.

If you want to apply or want more information about the program and 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.

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.

WAR CRIMES RESEARCH OFFICE (WCRO)

The War Crimes Research Office (WCRO) was established at WCL in 1995 in response to a request for assistance from the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and Rwanda (ICTR). Since that time, the Office has provided legal research assistance and other forms of support to the ICTY, ICTR, Special Panels for Serious Crimes in East Timor, Special Court for Sierra Leone, Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia and International Criminal Court. In addition, the Office serves as a key resource for government officials, UN bodies, NGOs and the media, and is frequently called upon to participate in programs relating to the development and enforcement of international criminal and humanitarian law. The Office also maintains a regularly updated, searchable online database of jurisprudence and key documents relating to international/ized criminal courts and tribunals.

To see a full list of volunteer activities and the most current opportunities available, please visit our website at www.wcl.american.edu/warcrimes and follow the link to "Getting Involved." Please note that **the WCRO is currently accepting applications for Summer 2008 Dean's Fellows**. See Getting Involved for more information.

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

SCHEDULE UPDATE: The next **SBA Senate meeting will be on Tuesday, February 19 at 10:10 PM in room 101**. This meeting was postponed from last Tuesday due to weather. All agenda items from the last meeting will be addressed at this session instead and will automatically carry over from last week.

Further, the next regularly-scheduled **SBA Senate meeting will be on Tuesday, February 26 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 24. 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.

American University Law Review

Joint Journal Short Write-On Competition

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING A JOURNAL? This spring, WCL's four journals are hosting the **2008 Joint Journal Short Write-On Competition**.

The dates of the competition are March 4-18. Interested students must attend one of the **mandatory introductory sessions to be held on Monday, February 25th at 12:00 p.m. in the 6th Floor Student Lounge and Tuesday, February 26th at 10:15 p.m. in Room 602** (you only need to attend one of the two). You must sign the short write-on competition sheet posted on the American University Law Review's door (Room 616) if you plan to attend a meeting. We will discuss the rules of the competition, hand out information, and answer any questions. If you have concerns prior to these meetings, contact Jasmine Watson, Senior Symposium Editor, American University Law Review at lawrev-projects-editor@wcl.american.edu or (202) 274-4437.

Also, there will be two **optional Bluebook Seminars sponsored by the Joint Journal Committee**. The seminars will be held on **Wednesday, February 27th at 10:15 p.m. (Room 602); and Thursday, February 28th at 8:00 p.m. (Room 401)**. Students should bring a copy of the 18th Edition of the Bluebook to the Bluebook Seminars.

Criminal Law Society

Wrongful Convictions Panel (02/19, 12-1 PM, Room 402): The Criminal Law Society is hosting a panel on wrongful convictions. We will have an actual exoneree, a defense attorney, and police officer on our panel to share their experiences and answer questions. Lunch will be served.

EJF

EJF OFF-CAMPUS CANVASSING TRAINING Monday Feb. 18th at 12:30 Room TBA
sheri.strickler@gmail.com Don't forget that 2 of the 10 hours that you earn to be eligible for an EJF grant must be for off-campus canvassing. The meeting on Monday will give you some tips on how to approach businesses and be successful in getting donations. You can find out what areas still need to be covered and where to start.

ADVENTURE AUCTION - Thursday Feb. 21st at Nolan's 9:00pm Nolan's Bar in Adams Morgan at 2323 18th St NW. and the actual Bidding will begin at 10:00 pm. \$7 cover charge and drink specials all night!

Adventure packages include whitewater rafting, tennis lessons, swing dance lessons and tickets to an NYC nightclub and more. 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.

Jewish Law Students Association

Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Mathias: Thursday, February 21 @ noon in room 527. Rabbi Scott Mathias will be discussing Jewish law on the death penalty. Lunch will be provided! For more information, contact JLSA@wcl.american.edu

IN SEARCH OF

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

The War Crimes Research Office is currently accepting applications from students interested in working in our offices in this summer. JD (rising 2L and 3L) and LL.M students are eligible to work on major legal research projects prepared exclusively for international criminal courts and tribunals on issues of critical importance to these institutions. Interested students with a background in public international law, particularly international criminal / humanitarian / human rights law, are especially encouraged to apply, as are those with prior volunteer experience at the WCRO. The time commitment will be a minimum of 20 hours a week. Please submit a resume and a cover letter, along with a short writing sample and a transcript (unofficial is fine) to Susana SáCouto, Director, War Crimes Research Office, by email at warcimes@wcl.american.edu. The deadline for applications is Friday, February 29 at 5pm.

If you have any questions, please feel free to stop by our office at 4910 Massachusetts Ave, NW, just one block from WCL, call us at 202-274-4067, or e-mail at warcimes@wcl.american.edu.

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.

The Specialized Summer Program of the Academy on Human Right is looking to hire someone to assist with the program. The position is from May 5 – June 20 for 35-40 hours a week. If you are interested in applying please send an email stating your qualifications for the position along with a copy of your resume to hacademy@wcl.american.edu with the subject SP Assistant.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Help us organize the 13th Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition!

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

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

Research Assistant Needed For International Cooperative Development Project-

We are seeking an outstanding graduate student (law or international relations) with a long term interest in law and development to join a team studying cooperative law reform and its impact on development in the Global South. The researcher will work with a consortium of eight US-based international cooperative development organizations (CDOs) in the development of a written publication that documents approaches to stimulating cooperative law reform in developing countries. The project needs a part time assistant (10-20 hours) in the Spring (beginning about March 1) and Fall of 2008 and a full time researcher (35 hours) over the summer term. The position pays \$14 /hour. The ideal applicant would have an interest in working over the entire term of the project. This project is the second stage of the "Cooperative Law and Regulation Initiative" (CLARITY), available at www.ocdc.coop/clarity/report.htm. Interested applicants should send a resume, statement of interest and grade report to Sean Flynn at sflynn@wcl.american.edu by FEBRUARY 22, 2008.

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

Joint-Degree JD/MA Program Information Session for 1Ls and 2Ls

Interested in WCL's JD/MA joint degree with AU's School of International Service? Want to hear from current JD/MA students about their experiences? Then join us for an informational panel on **Wednesday, February 27th from 12:00-1:20 p.m. in Room 601**, to get a more in-depth look at the various specializations and opportunities available through the JD/MA joint degree program. The JD/MA Advisor, Jon Youngs, will be on-hand to provide an overview of the program. You'll also hear from 2Ls and 3Ls currently enrolled in the program about the range of opportunities available

in their respective specializations and various ways in which you can construct your degree. A question and answer session will follow. This event is open to those students currently in the program and all those seriously considering the March 1st application deadline. Lunch will be served. Sponsored by the JD/MA Student Advisory Board. Questions: jdma.sab@gmail.com.

APPLY NOW FOR THE SUMMER LAW PROGRAM IN CHILE 2008

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

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

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 meetings usually take place on a Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.) Students participating in this Student Observers Program also will have to enroll in an advanced securities law seminar, such as Regulation of Securities Markets, Mergers and Acquisitions, Seminar on Derivatives, etc. which enables students to earn additional credits.

Students should submit their resume, a copy of their transcript, a writing sample and a cover letter 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]

OFFICE OF CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Suite 122

Hours

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

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

Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

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

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS, DATES & DEADLINES & IMPORTANT REMINDERS

The Office of Career & Professional Development and SECLE present

WCL Founders' Celebration Events on Wednesday, February 20:

Thinking Big When Choosing Small:

The Secrets of Small and Mid-Size Law Firm Hiring
12:-00-1:30pm in Room 603

Donna Gerson, author of *Choosing Small, Choosing Smart* will present a practical, step-by-step approach to researching, targeting and securing employment in the small and mid-size law firm market. The importance of building personal networks, deciphering hiring timelines, providing relevant information to prospective employers and developing effective interview techniques will be thoroughly discussed. Boxed Lunch provided. You must register to attend under the Events section of CareerLink.

Small & Mid-Size Law Firm Panel & Networking Event
4:30-7:00pm in Room 603

OCPD will sponsor a networking event geared to students interested in working for small and mid-size legal employers. Students will learn about unique hiring dynamics and trends from a panel of small and mid-size legal employers (4:30 pm - 5:30 pm) and have the opportunity to utilize some of Donna Gerson's suggestions at a subsequent networking reception (5:30 - 7:00 pm). You must register in order to attend. Please submit your RSVP via CareerLink.

3L/4L 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.

Session 2: *Thinking Big When Choosing Small; Small & Mid-Size Law Firm Panel & Networking Event* (February 20; Room 603 - 12pm; 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

• 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@courtexcellence.org or (202) 785-5917.

• **MONDAY FEB. 25** •

The American Society of International Law in conjunction with its New Professionals Interest Group is pleased to announce its 2008 career panel discussion: *Pursuing a Career in International Law: Strategies for Success with* **MÉLIDA N. HODGSON** (Counsel, Miller and Chevalier LLP); **ELIZABETH L. YOUNG** (Interim Director, George Washington University Immigration Law Clinic); **CHRISTOPHER LE MON** (Associate, Shearman & Sterling LLP); **JULIA FROMHOLZ** (Advocacy Counsel, Human Rights First);
moderated by **ADRIENNE FELECIA FRAZIER** (Attorney-Advisor, Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce).

WHEN: MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2008

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

(8:30 -9:00 p.m. Reception)

WHERE: THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

2223 Massachusetts Avenue, NW Metro: Dupont Circle (Q Street exit)

For more information and to register, please email outreach@asil.org.

This event is presented as part of the ASIL Career Development Partnership Program. Please visit us on the web at <http://www.asil.org/careers/careerwebsites.html>

• **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

Interested in Working for the Federal Government? Come hear several distinguished alums discuss the benefits of a career with the government at a panel discussion on **Monday, February 25th, 12:30 – 1:30pm, Room 100**. Panelists include attorneys from the Equal Employment Opportunities Commission, Federal Communications Commission, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Please register for the event through CareerLink. Pizza lunch provided.

U.S. International Trade Commission Seeks Interns for PAID Summer Position: The ITC is an independent, nonpartisan, quasi-judicial agency with broad investigative powers relating to international trade and violations of intellectual property rights by importation. The Office of the General Counsel advises the Commission during its investigations and has independent litigation authority to represent the Commission in federal courts and before NAFTA panels, usually in defense of the Commission's decisions on appeal. Application deadline: **February 28th**. Please see CareerLink for application details.

Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC) Seeks Interns: The EPIC Internet Public Interest Opportunities Program seeks outstanding law students interested in public interest issues related to the internet for summer internships. IPIOP gives law students the opportunity to actively participate in programs related to internet law, policy, and legislation. IPIOP clerks also attend weekly seminars led by eminent scholars and practitioners in the field of Internet policy. Applications accepted on a rolling basis. Please see CareerLink for application details.

American Immigration Law Foundation (AILF) Seeks Paid Law Clerk: The Legal Action Center is the legal arm of AILF and is staffed by immigration lawyers who 1) advocate for fair interpretations of immigration law through federal court work, 2) issue practice advisories and other informational materials for immigration lawyers, and 3) provide information about immigration litigation and resources through the AILF Litigations Clearinghouse. Clerk must commit to approximately 15 hours per week for one year. The position pays \$17.50/ hour. **Application Deadline: Feb. 22nd**. Please see CareerLink for application details. For more information on AILF, visit www.ailf.org.

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

SIGN UP NOW! 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 today! 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.

ENDING SOON! 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.

NEW! ATTENTION 3Ls/4Ls: Do you have a clerkship lined up for the 2008-2009 term?

Make sure the OCPD knows about it – email Amy Killoran with information about the court and judge today.

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

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**.

NEW! Willkie Farr & Gallagher “Getting Started... Getting Hired”: Willkie Farr presents “Getting Started... Getting Hired”, a panel discussion and reception sponsored by the Willkie Farr & Gallagher Diversity Committee. The event will be held on **Thursday, February 21, 2008 from 5:30pm – 8:30pm** at Willkie Farr & Gallagher, 1875 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006 (at 19th & K Streets, NW, near the Farragut West and Farragut North Metro stations). Please RSVP to Recruiting-DC@willkie.com. All 1Ls (and any other interested law students) are invited to join us for an interactive discussion on jump-starting your law firm job search and career. We will cover practical tips from a law firm perspective, such as: Effective Networking, Preparing for the Interview, and Making the Most of Your Summer Experience. Food and drinks will be served.

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.

NEW! White & Case Diversity Reception: White & Case cordially invites you to our Annual Diversity Reception. The diversity of our lawyers and staff is a great source of strength to our firm, vital to our ability to effectively represent and serve our clients throughout the world. Come meet our lawyers, learn about the Firm's initiatives and programs supporting our commitment to diversity and find out how to become a part of our global team. We look forward to seeing you! The reception will be held at White & Case LLP (701 Thirteenth Street, NW, 11th Floor, Washington, DC 20005) on **Wednesday, February 27, 2008 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm**. Kindly RSVP by Friday, February 22, 2008 to Kelly Cassetori at kcassetori@whitecase.com. Our office is located above Metro Center. If you are interested in parking validation, please let us know when you RSVP. Business casual attire. International hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served.

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>.

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

Advertising Industry Diversity Job Fair: Interested in Entering the Advertising Industry? You are invited to attend the Second Annual Advertising Industry Diversity Job Fair and Leadership Conference, produced by Business Development Institute, Adrants, and New York University. The event will be a full day program with a morning leadership conference, which will offer an opportunity for job candidates to come face to face with today's notable thought leaders working in the advertising industry. The afternoon will be dedicated to hosting a Job Fair with recruiting companies including Arnold Worldwide, Bartle Bogle Hegarty (BBH), Carol H. Williams, DDB Worldwide Communications, DoubleClick, DraftFCB, Horizon Media, Inc., JWT, McCann-Erickson, Merkley + Partners, Microsoft, T-3 (The Think Tank), The Kaplan Thaler Group, and VCU Adcenter. While all undergraduate, graduate, and continuing education students as well as

qualified job seekers are welcome to attend, this **FREE** event specifically targets underrepresented groups including minority ethnic groups, female, and GLBT. The event will be held on **Wednesday, February 27, 2008 at the NYU Helen & Martin Kimmel Center for University Life** (60 Washington Square South, New York, NY 10012). Register online at www.bdonline.com/nydiversity08.

Quarles & Brady LLP Native American Public Interest Split Program: Quarles & Brady LLP is seeking a first-year law student with a demonstrated interest in Native American Law to work half of his or her summer in the Phoenix office of Quarles & Brady, and the other half of his or her summer at our client's office, Navajo Housing Authority in Window Rock. The salary is \$2,400 per week for up to twelve weeks. The summer associate participating in this joint clerkship program may also receive future job opportunities from both Quarles & Brady and the Navajo Housing Authority. Please send a cover letter, resume, law school transcript, and writing sample to: Ms. Lynda Anderson, Manager, Attorney Recruiting, Quarles & Brady LLP, One Renaissance Plaza, Two North Central, Phoenix, AZ 85004; lynda.anderson@quarles.com; 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 TOMORROW! *We still have spots available for this session! Sign up today!*

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 in room 601**.

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!

RSVP: 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

tjenkins@wcl.american.edu

Claire Raj

Public Interest and Government

craj@wcl.american.edu

Matthew Pascocello

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

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Adriana Vito

Foreign-trained LL.M. students and alumni

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Kelli Johnson
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Laura Friedgood
General Counseling
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DROP IN HOURS:

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

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF February 18

Monday, February 18

10:30am -4pm, Rm 603, When the Law Meets the OB/GYN: The Intersection of Jurisprudence and Medical Ethics in Women's Health

11:30am-12:30pm, killoran@wcl.american.edu, Conversation About Clerkships w/ a former D.C. Superior Court Law Clerk

12:30pm, sheri.strickler@gmail.com, EJF Off-Campus Canvassing Training

4-5:50pm, Room 602, Clinic Informational Meeting – All Interested Students

4:30-5:20pm, Rm 504, Trial Practice Research - Court Rules, Jury Instructions and More

8-9:50pm, Room 415, Evening Clinic Informational Meeting – All Interested Evening Students

Tuesday, February 19

12-1 PM, Rm 402, Wrongful Convictions Panel

12-1pm, killoran@wcl.american.edu, Conversation About Clerkships w/ a former D.C. Court of Appeals Law Clerk

12pm, Rm 100, Race in the US today: complying with international norms and CERD?

4-5pm, Rm 351, LLM Dual Degree Info Session

10:10 PM, Rm 101, SBA Senate meeting

Wednesday, February 20

12-1:30pm, International Student Lounge, Coming to America: Cultural Fatigue

12-1:30pm, Rm 603, Thinking Big When Choosing Small: The Secrets of Small and Mid-Size Law Firm Hiring

4:30-7pm, Rm 603, Small & Mid-Size Legal Employer Panel & Networking Event

Thursday, February 21

9am - 12pm, Rm 601, Live simulcast: CERD committee review of the US for compliance with the Race Treaty

9-5, Rm 603, The New U Visa Regulations: Understanding Their Application and Building Collaboration

12pm, Rm 527, Jewish Law Students Association Lunch and Learn

12:30-1:30pm, killoran@wcl.american.edu, Conversation About Clerkships w/ a former U.S. District Court of D.C. Clerk

5-5:50pm, Rm 103, Trial Practice Research - Court Rules, Jury Instructions and More