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

The Docket is also accessible at www.wcl.american.edu/docket/

SPRING 2008 COMMENCEMENT

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

Complete details about Commencement may be found at

www.wcl.american.edu/commencement.cfm

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 **Thursday, March 27 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

FEBRUARY 25TH – TWO EVENTS

12:00 Noon -- The **CLINICAL PROGRAM’S ANNUAL DIVERSITY LUNCHEON** will be held 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 it’s motto: “real people, real cases, real responsibility.”

5:00 PM – In honor of Black History Month, we will sponsor 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. The event, also in **ROOM 600**, will be co-sponsored by the Office of Diversity Services and the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law.

March 5 11th Annual Hispanic Law Conference: “Latino Perspectives on the 2008 Election”

This year’s event includes pre-law activities for high school students led by the Hispanic College; a career forum with reps from the private, public, and non-profit sectors; a debate focused on Hispanics in the national election; and the annual awards dinner with the keynote speech by Congressman John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI).

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.

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

MARCH 19 – THE FIRST ANNUAL ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS AND THE LAW DINNER –
Keynote speech by William Tamayo, San Francisco regional attorney for the EEOC

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 FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT
SERVICES

After March 7, the Course Packet Distribution Center (Room 465) will be closed to prepare for the Summer 2008 classes. Students who need to pick up photocopied course materials should visit the Course Packet Distribution Center on or before Friday, March 7. Thank you.

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

Come one-Come All! Financial Aid Awareness Day ~ February 27, 2008

Changes are coming. New processes and rules will apply next year. Don’t miss this opportunity for the latest information and assistance in filling out forms.

Where: Sixth floor – near Room 603

Time: 11:00am. – 1:00 pm
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

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!*

Graduating Students - Save the Date ~ April 15, 2008

Loan Information Sessions: 11:00am – 1:00pm

5:00pm – 7:00pm

Sixth Floor Student Lounge

Summer Financial Aid

Loan assistance is available for summer study. To receive aid you must:

- file a summer aid application by **May 1**. Forms will be available March 1.
- enroll in a minimum of six credit hours.
- have a 2008-09 FAFSA on file, and
- meet satisfactory academic progress standards.

Funding is available for study at another institution if credits earned will be accepted by WCL. Additional information is available at the financial aid counter.

Dean’s Fellow Payments

The deadline for authorizations for spring appointments is March **10**. The final paycheck (non-FWS) for the *school year* will be issued March 31 and all paperwork must be submitted as indicated for a check to be processed. Contact the office if you have questions.

Income Tax Information

Form **1098-T** has been mailed by the Office of Student Accounts. This information can be used to claim the Hope Scholarship or Lifetime Learning Tax Credit on your federal return. Form **1098-E** (Student Loan Interest Statement) provided by your lender is used 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 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 26

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

FEBRUARY 27

Professor Nancy Polikoff Book Signing
[Beyond \(Straight and Gay\) Marriage: Valuing All Families Under the Law](#)
4:30pm-6pm, 3rd Floor, Dean's Suite

FEBRUARY 27

[The New Equal Rights Amendment: Implications for a Changing World](#)

FEBRUARY 28, FEBRUARY 29 AND MARCH 1

[American University Law Revue](#)

Save the Dates:

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

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:

HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEVELOPMENT – LAW 795-007

Patrick van Weerelt, Human Rights Adviser, UNDP, New York

The course will attempt to provide both theoretical and practical guidance in getting development 'right'. It will provide examples and work through group exercises to demonstrate the usefulness of the human rights framework in mitigating power excess and elite capture. It invites students to profoundly reflect upon the why and how of their actions beyond the questions of what should be done.

CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

TODAY!!!! BROADCAST: CERD COMMITTEE REVIEW OF UNITED STATES COMPLIANCE WITH THE RACE TREATY

Thursday, February 21, 3pm-6pm, 4910 Massachusetts Ave (in the brick building across from Bagel City), Lower Level, Suite 16

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 sponsored a poster display outlining some of the key issues being discussed by the Committee in Geneva. On **Thursday, February 21**, the Center will broadcast the official proceedings of the CERD Committee and the first part of the review of the United States regarding its compliance with CERD. 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.

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

EARLY APPLICATION DEADLINES FOR SUMMER EXTERNSHIPS

Many externships have early deadlines. Make sure that you have checked the deadlines for places which you plan to apply.

EXTERNSHIP FAIR FOLLOW-UP TIPS

If you gave your resume to one of the attorneys at the Externship Fair, follow up with a cover letter and resume. Remind them of your conversation and reiterate your interest. A number of employers have noted that they have not received any follow-up communication from the students with whom they met.

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, please make an appointment to meet with Avis Sanders, the director of the Externship Program. Prior to the meeting, please review the International Database available at <https://www.wcl.american.edu/externship/externshipapp/>. (look to upper left-hand corner). Please note that the contact information for the agencies listed on the database is not available on-line. You must schedule an appointment with the Externship Office in order to obtain the contact information necessary to apply.

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.

PROGRAM ON LAW & 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 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.

Don't delay. Time is running out on the application process for the Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project which 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.

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.

2008 SPRING BREAK HOURS

March 7 to March 15

Friday, March 7	8:00 am to 8:00 pm
Saturday, March 8	9:00 am to 9:00 pm
Sunday, March 9	9:00 am to 9:00 pm
Monday – Friday March 10 - 14	8:00 am to 9:00 pm
Saturday, March 15	9:00 am to 9:00 pm

Regular Spring Hours resume on Sunday, March 16, 2007. WCL students, faculty and staff may use the Library after regular hours, but no service will be available.

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 way2search@wcl.american.edu Please register for each session you plan to go to.

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.

Upcoming research topics include: Environmental Law, Copyright Law, Securities and Commercial Law, Treaties and Social Science Research.

AudioCaseFiles Use your commuting time to brush up on your studies! Download audio files of cases, casebooks and much more to your MP3. Register at www.audiocasefiles.com and select American University, Washington College of Law and be sure to use your WCL email address.

Questions? Contact Adeen Postar, Deputy Director at apostar@wcl.american.edu or at 202-274-4377.

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.

The Pence Law Library is looking for a few good law students to work 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

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.

WCL CLINIC

APPLYING TO CLINIC – AY2008-2009

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

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 are posted on the clinic website under Key Dates & Deadlines.
- Sign-up sheets for the small group informational meetings are posted outside Room 415.
- *We strongly suggest that you attend at least one small group informational meeting.*

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.**
- RSVP to myamat@wcl.american.edu by Thursday, February 21, 2008.

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

WOMEN AND THE LAW PROGRAM

**The World Needs More Women Leaders.
*You Should Be One of Them.***

Join us on **Tuesday, March 4, 2008 from 12:00-1:20pm in Room 527** for a lunch and information session about the **Graduate Certificate in Women, Policy, and Political Leadership** from the School of Public Affairs, Women and Politics Institute.

*Learn how you can use your law degree to advance women's rights, work on policy issues, and become a political leader.

*Discover how the program will give you the tools necessary for lobbying, managing campaigns, and public speaking.

*Meet with the Associate Director of the Women and Politics Institute *and* a current student in the program.

The program is open to JD & LL.M. students!

Please RSVP to the Women & the Law Program at wilp@wcl.american.edu

Sponsored by: The Women and the Law Program, the Women & Politics Institute, and the Program on Law and Government

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

The next **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.

First SBA Finance Forum will be held on Wednesday, Feb 27th at 5pm in room 527. All interested students are encouraged to come, share ideas, and offer criticism of the new ideas that will be presented.

ADR Society

The ADR society is seeking submissions for publication in its spring newsletter. If you have written a paper for an ADR-related class or on an ADR topic and would like to see it published, please submit it to kellyliggett@yahoo.com. Submissions should be original and non-published.

American University Law Review

Joint Journal Short Write-On Competition

****NOTE THE TIME CHANGE AND ROOM LIMITATION FOR MONDAY'S MEETING.**** 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 12:30 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). Because of size limitations in the 6th Floor Student Lounge, only the first 150 students to arrive will be admitted to the Monday meeting. Everyone else should attend the Tuesday meeting. 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 either 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 10:15p.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.**

APALSA

APALSA and the Asian Pacific Bar Association cordially invite all students, faculty, and staff to the **First Annual Asian Pacific Americans and the Law Dinner on Wednesday March 19, 2008 from 6:30-8:30pm at WCL.**

This dinner will explore the continuing need to empower Asian Pacific American participation in the practice of law and to recognize WCL alumni and students who are committed to serving the APA community. The keynote speaker, William "Bill" Tamayo, regional attorney with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and former managing attorney for the Asian Law Caucus, will discuss the important legacy of APAs to the legal field and the persistent issues that hold meaning for APA attorneys of color.

Please RSVP to secl@wcl.american.edu or at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/secl/> as space may be limited. Friends, colleagues, and coworkers are also welcome.

Christian Legal Society

The Christian Legal Society invites you to a talk by Frontline pastor John McGowan entitled **Maintaining Personal Convictions During Law School, on Tuesday, February 26th from 12 - 1pm, Room 527.** Lunch will be provided, all are welcome.

International Law Review

On **Tuesday March 18, 2008** the American University International Law Review (AUILR) and Academy on Human Rights (AHR) will be hosting a **reception at 5:30 pm in the Dean's Suite** celebrating the release of the 4th Annual Human Rights Academy Book. We warmly invite all students and faculty to attend and celebrate the contributions of the AUILR and the AHR to the International Human Rights Scholarship.

Please RSVP to Laura Sierra at ilr-ahrhl-book-editor@wcl.american.edu.

International Trade Law Society

Two exciting upcoming events this week!

1. Lunchtime discussion, "New Environmental Provisions in U.S. Bilateral Trade Agreements," (Thursday, February 28, 12 PM - 1 PM in Room 602): Prof. Levinson, a professor at WCL and former General Counsel of the Inter-American Development Bank, and Marcos Orellana, WCL professor and Director of CIEL's Trade and Sustainable Development Program will focus discussion on negotiations in Congress and enforcement in countries with limited environmental enforcement capacity.

2. United States Trade Representative Office Visit with Deputy Assistant for Investment Jonathan Kallmer (Friday, February 29, 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM at the USTR): Students are invited to the USTR office for lunch to learn about the inner USTR workings as well as current projects, with plenty of time for questions.

There are only 8 spots for this trip, so sign-up is first-come, first-served. Please reply to Adam Zucker at adamzuck@gmail.com to reserve your spot!

Jonathan S. Kallmer is Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Investment. He is responsible for developing and implementing the United States' foreign investment policies, including by representing the United States in investment negotiations with foreign governments and representing the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) on the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS). He is the lead U.S. negotiator for several investment agreements, including the investment chapters of the United States' free trade agreements (FTAs) with Korea and Malaysia and bilateral investment treaty (BIT) exploratory discussions with India and Russia. He has also been an FTA investment negotiator with the United Arab Emirates, Oman, Colombia, and Peru, as well as in the context of BIT negotiations with Pakistan. Mr. Kallmer was previously Assistant General Counsel at USTR, where he represented the United States in disputes before the World Trade Organization (WTO), including in litigation concerning government subsidies to large civil aircraft makers Airbus and Boeing, the largest dispute in the history of the WTO.

Jewish Law Students Association

Lunch and Learn with Rabbi Cohen of AU Hillel: Thursday, February 28 @ noon in room 527. Rabbi Cohen will be discussing the Evolution of Jewish Law. Thanks to AU Hillel for providing lunch! For more information, contact JLSA@wcl.american.edu

Legislation & Policy Roundtable

The Legislation & Policy Roundtable is currently **recruiting a Managing Editor!** We are WCL's first electronic publication and discussion series, providing a legal analysis of current legislation and policy issues. We are currently seeking a committed student to join the executive board as a managing editor, who will work directly with the Editor-in-Chief to coordinate Legislation and Policy Roundtable events and publications.

This managing editor will also serve as the Roundtable Live Director, who will oversee the planning and execution of Roundtable Live discussions, and serve as point of contact for panelists and draft topics for Roundtable Live discussions.

Deadline: 11:59pm on February 28, 2008 To apply, please send your resume, statement of interest, and a short writing sample to Roundtable@wcl.american.edu by the deadline. An interview with the current members of the editorial staff may be requested.

For more information, sign up on TWEN. If you have any questions, please contact Roundtable@wcl.american.edu.

Public Interest Student Coalition

Help us to better understand the WCL community by filling out the short **WCL PUBLIC INTEREST STUDENT SURVEY**

The Public Interest Student Coalition (PISC) is a non- hierarchical student organization founded in 2006 that is dedicated to building and supporting a dynamic public interest community of students, alumni, and allies at WCL.

PISC has been very involved in the initiative to bolster the Public Interest Loan Repayment Assistance Program (PILRAP). Thanks to Dean Grossman, the Student Bar Association, the PILRAP Subcommittee, the Public Interest Committee, the Office of Public Interest, and generous alumni, a total of \$567,000 has been placed into the PILRAP endowment, and the eligibility requirements have been broadened to allow more graduates to apply.

This Student Survey is designed to collect a baseline of information about public interest activities, interests, and concerns within the student body. The survey is for all current students - not just students who are certain that they will pursue public interest careers when they graduate. At WCL, most students are engaged in at least one or more activities that involve public interest, from the Marshall-Brennan Program to clinic.

Because these issues affect us all, and we want to have as comprehensive a picture of the student body as possible, we hope that you'll take a few minutes and participate.

To complete the survey, go to: www.wcl.american.edu/publicinterest/pisc_ssp_survey.cfm

Women's Law Association

Discussion Group "**Preparing for tough topics in criminal and constitutional law**" **Thursday, February 28, 12-1pm, room 504** Please join the Women's Law Association and Professor Davis for an informal, round-table discussion group. Many of us care deeply about topics including domestic violence, sexual violence, and abortion. Discussing these topics in a classroom setting can sometimes be an emotional, intimidating experience, but it doesn't have to be! This lunch session will focus on preparing to address such topics in class as strong, well informed advocates while supporting each other along the way. Please bring a brown bag lunch - we're excited to see you there!

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.

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.

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.

LaShanda Taylor, a Practitioner-in-Residence in the General Practice Clinic, seeks one Dean's Fellow to work 10 hours per week throughout the remainder of the spring semester. An ideal candidate for the position would have journal experience, an interest in child welfare issues and excellent research and writing skills. Please submit a resume and cover letter to LaShanda Taylor in Room 438 or to ltaylor@wcl.american.edu.

Integrated Curriculum Seeks Dean's Fellows for 2008-2009 The Integrated Curriculum (IC) program is now accepting applications from students interested in serving as IC Dean's Fellows for the 2008-2009 Academic Year. The IC program presents first year courses in ways that allow students to see the connections between subjects traditionally taught as unrelated units. The approach is inspired by the recognition that real client problems almost never concern just one area of law, but instead require lawyers to use knowledge from several, interrelated areas of law. The IC Dean's Fellows are a team of upper level students who are available to first year students as a resource and for advice. Dean's Fellows assist first year professors in organizing IC events, hold weekly office hours, and host panels for first year students on topics ranging from stress management and outlining to studying for exams and upper level courses. Please note that this position is a two year commitment.

There will be **optional information sessions about the position on February 26 at 12pm in Room 627 and February 27 at 12pm in Room 314.** If you are interested in being considered for a Dean's Fellow position for the 2008-2009 Academic Year, please drop off a hard copy of your transcript, resume, and cover letter to Frankie Winchester in Room 405 by Wednesday, March 19 by 5pm. Selected applicants will be contacted for interviews during the week of March 31. All applicants are strongly encouraged to attend the conference "Innovations in First Year Curriculum" on March 21 at WCL. Please email Eric Simanek at es8524a@american.edu with any questions or for more information about the conference.

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 hracademy@wcl.american.edu with the subject SP Assistant.

Academy on Human Rights VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

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

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thinking About Spending a Semester Abroad? Application Deadline for Fall 2007 Semester Abroad – MARCH 1 Applications can be left in the Grants and Programs Mailbox in room 473. Take advantage of this great opportunity to live and study abroad. You will have the chance to learn about comparative legal systems, gain a greater understanding of different cultures AND make yourself more competitive in the job market! Many programs offer specializations such as business law, international law, human rights, intellectual property, or law of the European Union. WCL programs are offered in English and the language of the country – current offerings include **18 semester exchange opportunities** in Asia, Europe, Latin America, Australia, and North America. For a complete description of opportunities abroad please visit: www.wcl.american.edu/studyabroad or contact Hilary Lappin, International Exchange Coordinator at hlappin@wcl.american.edu or (202) 274-4317.

Turkey Summer Law Program will hold a Question-and-Answer session on Wednesday, February 27 at 6 PM in room 402. Have you ever been to Istanbul, Ephesus, Ankara or the Aegean Sea ? Istanbul's location is prime, the education first-rate, extracurricular activities abound, and the opportunity to travel after the program awaits. This unforgettable experience will change your views on the world and in the area of international law. Turkey Summer Law Program participants earn six credits for the two courses: (1) International Legal Perspectives on the Rule of Law, Human Rights, and Current Issues in Turkey , Central Asia and the Middle East and (2) Legal Perspectives on Business and Investment Issues in Turkey. Students will gain a better understanding of the social and political developments in the Middle East and Central Asia regions in general and of Turkey in particular, including human rights, environment and security issues. For additional Information please see the Turkey Summer Law Program's brochure at [http://www.wcl.american.edu /turkey](http://www.wcl.american.edu/turkey)

The Integrated Curriculum Program is proud to present "Innovations in First Year Curriculum" on March 21 at WCL. This event will bring together academic leaders from law schools around the country to discuss some of the dynamic changes in theory and pedagogy related to the first year experience. This is an excellent opportunity for WCL students to discuss their experiences related to the Integrated Curriculum Program, elective courses, and the ways in which the first year of law school is experienced as a student. The program may be of particular interest to those students considering a career in teaching. All students are encouraged to attend, and we strongly suggest Integrated Curriculum Dean's Fellow applicants attend. To register, please go to www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle_form.cfm. Interested in earning an MA in International Affairs along with your JD? Consider applying to the JD/MA in International Affairs Joint Degree Program. You can earn an MA from the School of International Service by taking just 21 additional credits! See website for details: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/admiss/jdma/>.

See below for more information:

Program Highlights:

- 3 ½ year program (at minimum), 21 credits in SIS and 15 in WCL (double-counting some credits allowed)
- Obtain legal and international affairs training and qualifications
- Specialize in any SIS field, such as International Politics, International Development, International Economic Relations, International Peace and Conflict Resolution, etc.

- Expand your network by becoming involved with student groups and sponsored activities in SIS
- Do internships in international affairs for credit, at the Department of State, Wilson Center, United Nations, Embassy of Peru and many more
- Work closely with SIS professors who are prominent in their fields, such as Dr. Phil Brenner (US-Cuba relations), Dr. Abdul Aziz Said (Peacebuilding and Islam), Dr. David Hirschmann (Development Management)

Application and Acceptance Procedures:

1. Fax or mail or hand-deliver the 1-page application form to SIS Graduate Admissions (in Clark Hall on main campus). Form is available in pouch outside 400 WCL or 12 SIS Bldg. on main campus.
2. Request that the WCL Registrar forward your application materials (LSDAS forms) to the SIS Graduate Admissions office. You will need to sign a waiver for the release of this information. This form is available at WCL Registrar or pouch outside 400 WCL and needs to be submitted to WCL Registrar.
3. If you are accepted to the program, the SIS Graduate Admissions office will notify you. You will then need to accept or decline the admissions offer. You are not officially admitted until you do this!
4. Once you have accepted the offer, SIS Graduate Advising will contact you with registration information and encourage you to meet with the academic advisor for the field. Application deadline is March 1.

Please contact Jon Youngs at SIS with any questions: youngs@american.edu.

The Dartmouth Club of Maryland Presents **Reforming Health Care: Perspectives from Engaged Leaders**. We invite you to attend a panel discussion on local, state, and federal initiatives to expand access to health care. Panelists will offer their perspectives on expansions of federal and state health care programs (Medicaid and State Children's Health Insurance Program), programs for assisting small businesses with health coverage, local programs to reach the uninsured, and the medical community's perspective on health care access and uncompensated care.

Frank Chase, former President of the Dartmouth Club of Maryland, will moderate our group of distinguished panelists: Benjamin L. Cardin, United States Senator for Maryland; John M. Colmers, Secretary, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; Peter Beilenson, Howard County Health Officer; Martin Wasserman, Executive Director of MedChi

Details of the event: Saturday, March 8, 2008 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m. coffee and light breakfast Bryn Mawr School - Centennial Hall (109 W. Melrose Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21210)

Admission to the event is free of charge, but it is important that all attendees RSVP, as space is limited. To RSVP for the event, simply e-mail dartmouthevent@gmail.com and include name and contact information.

Invitation to All Enrolled JD/MA Students: "**JD/MA Scholar's Coffee Series with Prof. Sally Stoecker**" **Wednesday February 27, 2007, 5:00-6:00 p.m., Room 527** (Room subject to change)

The JD/MA joint-degree program is offering students the opportunity to engage with select SIS and WCL professors in casual round table coffee hour discussions as part of our continuing Scholar's Coffee Series. During each coffee hour, 8-10 JD/MA students will get unique face time with an SIS or WCL professor who will speak about her/his academic and professional interests and experiences.

The JD/MA Scholar's Coffee series continues with SIS Professor Sally Stoecker and a discussion on the scope of the human trafficking problem in Eastern Europe. Prof. Stoecker was previously a consultant to the Transnational Crime and Corruption Center (TraCCC), now located at George Mason University. From 1999-2002, she led two major projects regarding human trafficking that were sponsored by the U.S. State Department. Her projects have included research on child homelessness and human trafficking in Russia and Eastern Europe and has worked closely with Russian colleagues in Vladivostok, Irkutsk, Omsk, and Moscow on these topics. She received her Ph.D. from Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies, in 1995. Since 1995, she has been teaching courses on Russian politics at American University's School of International Service. Before joining TraCCC and AU, she was a research associate at the RAND Corporation in Washington, DC, for thirteen years. She edited a book with Louise Shelley, Human Traffic and Transnational Crime: Eurasian and American Perspectives (Rowman and Littlefield) published in 2005.

This spring, she is teaching Migration & Human Trafficking at SIS. Space is limited. Please RSVP by February 25, 2008 to pg0624@gmail.com.

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

2L COUNSELING WEEK: FEBRUARY 25-29TH

The Office of Career & Professional Development will sponsor 2L Counseling Week beginning Monday, February 25 – Friday, February 29. Second year students will be given priority when scheduling counseling appointments during this time. Please call 202-274-4090 or stop by Suite 122 to schedule your appointment.

JOBS & JAVA

OCPD's monthly coffee hour for students!

Monday, February 25, 3:30-5:00pm, Suite 122

Stop by OCPD for a cup of coffee or tea to get you through the afternoon and into the evening. If you have a quick question or would like to schedule a counseling appointment, OCPD staff members will be on hand to assist you. See you there!

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.

Hispanic Law Conference

Attention Students! The Hispanic Law Conference will be held on March 5, 2008 at WCL. Part of the conference will consist of a career forum, enabling you to interact with attorneys in the area. To register for any portion of the Hispanic Law Conference, please visit <http://www.wcl.american.edu/hispanic/>.

Upcoming Events in the DC Metro Area

• THURSDAY FEB. 21 •

Pre-Emption: The American Enterprise Institute’s Legal Center for the Public Interest and the Federalist Society present “Federal Preemption and the Supreme Court.” The panel discussion begins at 4 p.m. Speakers: **Michael Greve**, AEI; **Catherine Sharkey**, professor of law, New York University School of Law; and **Daniel Troy**, partner, Sidley Austin. Location: AEI, Wohlstetter Conference Center, 12th Floor, 1150 17th St. N.W. Registration and information: sara.wexler@aei.org.

• 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, Washington, DC 20008

Metro: Dupont Circle (Q Street exit) [map*](#)

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.

• **WEDNESDAY FEB. 27** •

Public Interest: The Washington Council of Lawyers presents “Going Public: How to Transition from Law Firm to Public Interest or Government Employment.” The panel discussion begins at 6 p.m. Speakers: **Jodi Feldman**, Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia; **Laura Fentonmiller**, Environmental Protection Agency; **Candice Jones**, Washington Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs; and **Lisa Martin**, clinical program, Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law. Location: Legal Aid Society, 1331 H St. N.W. Cost: free. Registration and information: (202) 942-5063 or gmalloy@wclawyers.org.

• **WEDNESDAY MARCH 12** •

12:00-1:00pm Horizon Seminar Series: The Federal Circuit Bar Association

International Trade and Law Clerks & Students Committees of The Federal Circuit Bar Association present: Section 337 Investigations at the International Trade Commission: Practice Basics Refresher and New Developments.

Panelists to include: Lynn I. Levine, Director, Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission; and Tony V. Pezzano, Cadwalder, Wickersham, & Taft LLP; with Moderator Alexander D. Chinoy, Heller Ehrman LLP.

REGISTRATION Student: \$25.00 (use coupon code: tgekefetoq)

Location: Live at 1620 I Street, NW Suite 900,
Washington, DC 20006
OR by way of web cast via the internet

For more information and to register for the in-house session, please visit: www.fedcirbar.org.
Registration for the in-house session will include lunch.

To view the webcast, go to <https://fedcirbar.webex.com/>

The registration password is “fcb337.” Detailed instructions for those participating will be available online.

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

Are You Still Looking for Internships with the Federal Government? On Monday, February 25th, from 12:30 - 1:20pm in Room 100 representatives from several government agencies will participate in a panel discussion on careers as government attorneys. If you are interested in civil rights, housing law, employment discrimination, consumer protection, international development, trade, communications, antitrust, litigation and/or government regulatory work, you can't miss this panel! This is a wonderful opportunity to network with alumni and begin to develop contacts within the federal government. Learn about summer and academic year internships as well as post-graduate employment. All students are encouraged to attend. Please register through CareerLink. Pizza lunch provided.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Seeks Summer Interns: The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Asylum Division is offering **paid** full and part time student opportunities. Students will gain valuable professional, administrative, and/or technical on-the-job training and experience in drafting response to queries from field asylum offices, conducting legal and country conditions research, and compiling asylum statistics. Application Deadline: **March 1, 2008**. Please see CareerLink for complete details.

U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee Seeks Summer Interns: The Judiciary Committee has one of the broadest jurisdictions of any standing Senate committee, encompassing oversight of constitutional amendments, federal courts and judges, immigration, human rights, bankruptcy, federal crimes, intellectual property, and antitrust regulation. Law clerks will draft legal memoranda and prepare materials for hearings before the Committee and debates on the Senate Floor. Stipend available. Deadline: **March 15, 2008**. Please see CareerLink for complete details.

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 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 (<https://law-american-csm.symlicity.com/>)! 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.symlicity.com) for details!

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

NEW! ATTENTION 2Ls/3Ls/4Ls: Want to Know More About Clerkships? Sign up to attend the Judicial Clerkship Panel Discussion on Tuesday, March 25 with current/former law clerks to find out about the WCL alumni’s clerking experiences and application process. To ensure enough pizza and handouts, we need an accurate headcount, so RSVP today in the Events section of CareerLink (<https://law-american-csm.symlicity.com/>).

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

TODAY! 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). **It is not too late to 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.

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

NEW! LeGaL LGBT Career Fair: LeGaL, K&L Gates, and Cadwalader LLP are pleased to announce their Fourth Annual New York City Metro Area LGBT Career Fair on Thursday, March 6, 2008 at the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law in Manhattan, NY. The Career Fair will be

targeted to first-year gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender law students. To register, please visit www.le-gal.org or call (212)353-9118 by **February 28, 2008**. For more information, please see the detailed posting on CareerLink.

NEW! Cooley Godward Diversity Fellowship for 1Ls: Cooley Godward Kronish LLP is proud to announce that it has established a Diversity Fellowship Program for first-year law students, as part of the Firm's overall commitment to attract, mentor and retain exceptional and diverse attorneys. The application is accessible at www.cooley.com/diversityfellowship. For 1L students in the 2007-2008 school year, **applications must be received by March 15, 2008**. Through the program, Cooley will award up to \$15,000 annually to eight first-year students to assist with law school tuition. Each fellow will also receive an invitation to join Cooley's summer associate program.

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.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.symplcity.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

Let's Talk About Africa: Panel Discussion coming up in March!

We are planning the 3rd Annual Let's Talk About Africa panel discussion for LL.M. and JD students. This interactive session will provide students with the chance to talk to practitioners who work with legal issues in Africa, including development, investment and human rights. Professionals from private and public sector will present students with updates on the work they do in the region. Don't miss out! Stay tuned to your emails for further information, including the date/time and location for this program. March will be an exciting month at WCL!

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. Keep your profile up to date so that you don't miss out on important 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 second 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

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Laura Friedgood

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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 25

Feb 25-Feb 29, Suite 122, 2L Counseling Week OCPD

Monday, February 25th

12:30-1:30pm, Rm 100, Working for the Federal Government Panel Discussion

12:30pm, 6th Fl Stu Lng, Joint Journal Short Write-On Competition mandatory introductory session OR

12-2pm, Rm 600, Diversity Lunch

3:30-5pm, Suite 122, OCPD's Jobs & Java Coffee Hour for Students

4:30-5:20, Rm 504, Tax Law Research

5pm, Rm 600, Black History Month screening and discussion of *Sisters in Law*

<https://law-american-csm.symplicity.com/students>, Conversation w a law clerk at the Fairfax County Circuit Court

Tuesday, February 26th

12-1pm, Rm 527, Christian Legal Society on Maintaining Personal Convictions During Law School

12pm, Rm 627, optional information session on Integrated Curriculum Dean's Fellowship

5:30 -6:30pm, 6 th Fl Stu Lngs, The Referendum – a Presentation by Antonio Skarmetá

10:15pm, Room 602, Joint Journal Short Write-On Competition mandatory introductory session

10:10pm, Rm 101, SBA Senate meeting

<https://law-american-csm.symplicity.com/students>, Conversation w a law clerk @ a federal crt in the District of Maryland

Wednesday, February 27

11am–1pm and 4pm–6pm, near Rm 603, Financial Aid Information Session

12pm, Rm 314, optional information session on an Integrated Curriculum Dean's Fellowship

4–6pm, 6 th Fl Stu Lngs, The New Equal Rights Amendment: Implications for a Changing World

4:30–6pm, Dean's Suite, Professor Polikoff Book Signing Beyond (Straight and Gay) Marriage: Valuing All Families Under the Law

5pm, Rm 527, SBA Finance Forum

6 PM, Rm 402, Turkey Summer Law Program Q&A session

10:15pm, Rm 602, optional Joint Journal Short Write-On Competition Bluebook Seminar OR

<https://law-american-csm.symplicity.com/students>, Conversation w a law clerk @ D.C. Supr Crt

Thursday, February 28

12-1pm, Rm 504, Preparing for tough topics in criminal and constitutional law

12-1pm, Rm 602, New Environmental Provisions in U.S. Bilateral Trade Agreements

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

5-5:50, Rm 103, Tax Law Research

8pm, Rm 401, Optional Joint Journal Short Write-On Competition Bluebook Seminar

<https://law-american-csm.symplicity.com/students>, Conversation w law clerk @ Montgomery Cty Circuit Crt,

Friday, February 29

12:30-1:30pm, adamzuck@gmail.com, US Trade Rep Office Visit w Deputy Asst for Investment