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SPRING 2008 COMMENCEMENT

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

Complete details about Commencement may be found at

www.wcl.american.edu/commencement.cfm

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

We have made arrangements with the following vendors for discounts

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

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

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

Avis 888-754-8878 (AWD) Number G028311

Savoy Suites Georgetown: 202-337-9700

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

E-mail: registrar@wcl.american.edu

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 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.

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.

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Jennifer de Laurentiis, Special Assistant to the Dean, is seeking a Dean's Fellow for the summer. The position involves 10-20 hours per week of legal research and writing and assistance on the UN CAT Project, as well as administrative tasks. Knowledge or better of Spanish is helpful, but not required. Interested students should promptly submit a one-page cover letter and resume via e-mail to jdelaurentiis@wcl.american.edu and reference "Dean's Fellow" in the subject line.

OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

The Office of Student Affairs seeks students to serve on a **focus group** for an ongoing discussion of issues involving alcohol/substance abuse and mental health issues within the law student community. Focus group students will meet with the student liaison to the D.C. Bar Lawyer Assistance Program (see http://www.dcbar.org/for_lawyers/bar_services/counseling/) 1-2 times per semester, to brainstorm on ways to assist the community. Students will also become knowledgeable about resources available to classmates who may be in crisis.

Students asking to be involved in the focus group do not need to be in recovery. To apply for this focus group, please send an email to your student liaison, Sandy Freeman (sandra.c.freeman@gmail.com) expressing your interest.

Lunch with the Dean!

The Spring series of lunch meetings with Dean Claudio Grossman continues on **Thursday, March 27 at 12:30 pm**. 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 FINANCIAL AID

Dean's Fellow Payments – Appointment Deadline

The deadline for receipt of authorizations for spring appointments is **March 7**. The final paycheck for the *school year* will be issued March 31. All paperwork must be submitted by the date indicated for payment to be processed. Contact the office if you have questions.

2008-2009 Financial Aid Changes

New regulations and loan industry changes will affect processing for the coming year. Please note the following:

1. AU is no longer partnered with Citibank in the *School as Lender* program for Stafford loans. You will select your lender next year. We are reviewing lender offerings to provide the best combination of borrower benefits and service for you to choose from. A list of recommended lenders will be posted soon.

**2. The Grad PLUS application process will change.
DO NOT APPLY FOR GRAD PLUS LOANS NOW.**

Updates will be provided here and via email notice as details are finalized.

Summer Financial Aid

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

- file a summer aid application by **May 1**. Forms are available in the office .
- 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.

Financial Aid Awareness Day – Drawing Winners

Congratulations to the following *Awareness Day* participants:

Joseph Son
Jackie Chamberlain
David Sahargun

Stop by the office to claim your prize.

Graduating Students - Loan Information Sessions Tuesday, April 15, 2008

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

Where: Sixth Floor Student Lounge

Income Tax Information

Form **1098-T** has been mailed by the Student Accounts Office. The information can be used to claim the 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 GRANTS AND PROGRAMS

Semester Abroad Application Deadline – 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.

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

Cicchino Awards Nominations Due February 29: The WCL Public Interest Committee is now seeking nominations for the 2008 Peter M. Cicchino Awards. The awards are given annually in honor of former WCL Professor Peter M. Cicchino, who passed away in 2000. Prof. Cicchino was a brilliant scholar and teacher, and a brave and creative public interest lawyer, who among many other accomplishments founded the Lesbian and Gay Youth Project at the Urban Justice Center in New York City. Three awards will be given to recognize the accomplishments of one current WCL student, and two alumni who exemplify the highest level of dedication to working with marginalized and underserved communities either domestically or abroad. **Nominations are due February 29th to the Office of Public Interest.** The nomination coversheet is available at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/publicinterest/cicchino.cfm>. The 2007-2008 Public Interest Committee will review the applications and vote on this year’s winners. Award recipients will be recognized with the presentation of a plaque and a cash award at the Cicchino Public Service Awards Dinner on April 8th.

1L Public Interest Roundtable Series Continues Monday, March 3 at 12:30 in Room 504.

Please join **Julia Graff**, a 2005 WCL graduate and current Alan Morrison Supreme Court Assistance Project Fellow at the Public Citizen Litigation Group. Ms. Graff will discuss her experiences working at the International Labor Rights Forum, Witness for Peace, the American Civil Liberties Union, and her current position coordinating the Litigation Group's pro bono assistance to litigants in Supreme Court cases. **RSVP to laura.mancini@gmail.com.**
Registration is limited. Pizza will be provided.

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:

Attention 3Ls – Final Pro Bono Hours Due Friday, March 21st: All graduating students wishing to receive recognition for completion of the Pro Bono Honors Pledge Program at the April 8 Cicchino Public Service Awards Dinner need to turn in all pro bono time logs to the Office of Public Interest no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 21st. 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.

Please send any questions about the Pro Bono Honors Pledge to Jessica Farb, Office of Public Interest Dean's Fellow at Jessica.farb@american.edu.

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!

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

Save the Dates:

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:

EUROPEAN HUMAN RIGHTS LAW

Leo Zwaak Senior Researcher, Netherlands Institute of Human Rights, Utrecht University

The course begins with a discussion of international standards in the field of human rights. It will review the mechanisms for supervision of state parties under the European Convention, including the functions of the European Court of Human Rights. An in-depth study will be made of human rights litigation in domestic courts and international tribunals. In addition, the course will analyze the extent to which norms of international human rights have penetrated areas of criminal law, civil and administrative proceedings, family law, and immigration law.

FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES

After March 7, 2008, the Course Packet Distribution Center (Room 465) will be closed in order 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.

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION PROGRAM

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.**

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 March 3

Environmental Law Research

Ripple Weistling

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

Upcoming research topics include: 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.

PROGRAM ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT

Last call!!! If you plan to apply to the Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project, you must turn in the information sheet, cover letter and resume by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 7.

We will consider letting applicants do their guest-teaching and interview after March 7, but your initial paperwork must be completed by that date or you will be too late.

Marshall-Brennan 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.

The Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project is still looking for a few more volunteers to help with our **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. We can also use 2Ls or 3Ls as judges. 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.

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.

War Crimes Speakers Series

The International Judge

On **Tuesday, March 28th**, Daniel Terris of Brandeis University and Cesare P.R. Romano of Loyola Law School Los Angeles will discuss their recent book, *The International Judge*. This book examines how the work of judges who serve on international courts and tribunals has changed the character of the world that we inhabit, through their rulings on issues of war and peace, human rights, trade disputes, and regional integration. The talk will begin at noon in Room 528. Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

WCL CLINIC

APPLYING TO CLINIC – AY2008-2009

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Friday, March 7, 2008 by 5:00pm EST

PLEASE NOTE: Application is only available ONLINE at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/clinical/> and click on *APPLYING TO CLINIC AY2008-09*.

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 certificate 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 certificate 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, March 18 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, March 16. 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.

Executive Election Debates

For this year's SBA Executive Elections, there will be a virtual debate hosted on TWEN. All students are encouraged to sign up for the TWEN course "2008 SBA Elections" in order to view candidates' positions on various issues as well as see candidate bios.

The SBA Board of Elections is soliciting questions from the student body to pose to the candidates. Questions should be position specific rather than candidate specific.

Therefore, the questions can be either for the candidates for president, vice president, or the entire slate, but not for an individual candidate. The Board of Elections will select five to ten of the questions submitted by students to be answered by the candidates. Any student interested in submitting a question for consideration, should submit their question along with which group of candidates to which the question is directed to sbaelections@wcl.american.edu. Questions will be posted anonymously. All questions are due no later than 11:59 pm on Thursday, February 28.

American University Law Review

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. On **March 4, we will be distributing packets in the 6th Floor Student Lounge from 5:00-10:00 p.m.** The cost of the packet is \$25. Only cash and checks made out to American University Law Review will be accepted. Case notes will be due on March 18 from 5:00-10:00 p.m. in the 6th Floor Student Lounge. No late case notes will be accepted. If you have questions, contact Jasmine Watson at lawrev-projects-editor@wcl.american.edu or 202-274-4431. Good luck!

Criminal Law Brief

Criminal Law Brief will be having an **information session** for all students interested in being on Criminal Law Brief staff. The information session will be on **Wednesday March 5th at 5pm in room 602**. We will provide interested students with information about the brief and answer any questions you might have.

Applications are available at <https://www.wcl.american.edu/journal/clb/>. If you have any questions please email us at CrimLawBrief@wcl.american.edu .

Criminal Law Society

Presents: **A Career in White Collar Prosecution at the Department of Justice**

Tuesday, March 4th, Room 402, 12:00 Pm to 1:00 pm. Lunch will be served (Not Pizza!).

The Speaker is a WCL alum: Lisa M. Phelan Chief, National Criminal Enforcement Section Antitrust Division United States Dept. of Justice

EJF

SAVE THE DATE!! EJF ANNUAL AUCTION is coming up on MARCH 20TH

Tickets for the 15th Annual EJF Public Interest Auction, "Ringing in the New Year of Public Interest" will go on sale starting next week. We already have some fantastic items such as a condo for a week in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico and Vero Beach, Florida, tickets to fantastic events such as, "Jimmy Kimmel Live", the Redskins, Wizards and Capitals, as well as autographed sports merchandise, Barbri courses, parking spaces in the WCL garage and much more! For More information and to see the latest items in the Bidbook go to the EJF website

www.wcl.american.edu/org/ejf/.

EJF is Seeking Donations of Your Time or Special Talents

You can earn EJF Volunteer hours for donating your time or skills as items for the auction. Some examples of things you could donate are babysitting, dance lessons, foreign language lessons, music lessons or whatever skills you would like to share. If you would like to donate something contact Lisa Rothfarb at lrothfarb@gmail.com.

EJF OURISMAN HONDA RAFFLE - WIN A \$10,000 CERTIFICATE TOWARDS A NEW HONDA!

1 in 100 CHANCE OF WINNING Raffle Tickets will go on sale next week. The tickets will be \$100 (only 100 tickets will be sold) for the possibility of winning a \$10,000 certificate toward a new Honda from Ourisman Honda! (First come, first served basis). If you purchase a ticket and do not win the raffle you will receive \$50 towards parts and labor at Ourisman Honda.

Immigrants' Rights Coalition

Refugee and Asylum Committee Presents **Recent Developments in Gender-based Asylum Law: The Current Realities of Female Genital Mutilation** **Wednesday, March 5, Room 601, 12-1:20**

In 1996, the Board of Immigration Appeals ("BIA") granted asylum to Fausinga Kasinga, a woman who fled her native Togo to escape forced female genital mutilation ("FGM") and polygamous marriage. The case created the first precedent that gender-based persecution could serve as a basis for asylum. Since *In re Kasinga*, courts have opened various paths to asylum for women who have been or who fear being subjected to FGM. Recent decisions, however, have begun reversing many favorable holdings, limiting the protections available for claims based on FGM. Please join WCL's Immigrants' Rights Coalition in a discussion with legal practitioners and advocates who are working to expand protections for women and girls fleeing gender-based persecution. Topics to be discussed include: 1) the history of U.S. gender-based asylum law; 2) the recent limiting FGM decisions and their implications for gender-based asylum claims more generally; and 3) advocacy efforts and strategies in light of these latest restrictive rulings. Lunch will be served.

Law Students for Reproductive Justice

Tuesday, March 4th 4:00-5:50pm, Rm 351, Film Screening of "Rosita"The American University Chapter of Law Students for Reproductive Justice presents a film screening of "Rosita" by Attie and Goldwater Productions. Please join us on Tuesday March 4th at 4pm in room 351; dinner will be provided. This documentary follows a nine-year-old Nicaraguan girl living in Costa Rica who becomes pregnant as a result of a rape. Fearing for their daughter's life and mental health, Rosita's parents are determined to obtain an abortion for their child. The documentary follows the struggle to end Rosita's pregnancy, pitting her parents against doctors, two governments, the media and the Catholic Church. The film has a 58 min running time.

Media and the Law Society

Title: **Bloggers and Journalism Rights Media Panel** **Time and Place: Noon - 1:30pm, Tuesday, March 4th 2008 in Room 603.** Contact: Eric Ford (mreford@mac.com)

Summary: Join the Media and the Law Society in exploring the issues that occur when traditional media law intersects with the Internet. One group of users, Bloggers, has become particularly controversial with the expansion of the Internet. While many would dismiss these online writers as nothing more than editorial generators, others consider them possibly the next-generation "journalists" of the Internet. If bloggers and the so-called "Blogosphere" are the successors to the mainstream media, should they be entitled to the same rights and protections as traditional journalists? If so, should they have to abide by the same ethics and standards of journalists?

These questions and more will be discussed by a media panel featuring a variety of perspectives across the journalism realm. Featured panelists include Wendell Cochran (Associate Professor and Director, Journalism Division American University School of Communication), Lee Levine (First Amendment Attorney, Principal Partner of Levine, Sullivan, Koch & Schulz), Sommer Mathis (Editor-In-Chief of the DCist [dcist.com]) and Neil Pandey-Jorin (WCL 2L, and author of the comment "Is Everyone Now a Journalist?: How the FEC's Application of The Media Exemption to Bloggers Weakens FEC Regulation, and a Proposal to Fix it

Moot Court Honor Society

Spring Qualifying Tournament. Saturday March 1st, 2008 Competitor Check- In: 8:15 am - 8:55 am

The Moot Court Honor Society is now **accepting applications for the 2008-2009 Executive Board.**

The application and selection schedule is as follows:

Friday, March 21 - Applications due to President Erin Overturf via e-mail at erinoverurf@gmail.com

Monday, March 24 - President, Vice President and Executive Team Director Interviews and Deliberations

Wednesday, April 2 - Board Interviews

Monday, April 7 - Board Deliberations

Application

Your application must consist of a resume and a letter of intent. The letter of intent should express in detail your qualifications for and interest in the position for which you are applying. The letter of intent should include the following information:

- i.Positions desired in order of preference;
- ii.Positions applicant will not accept;
- iii.Location during the summer following the Spring semester;
- iv.Plans or intentions to participate in other WCL extra-curricular activities;
- v.Other time commitments, including but not limited to employment, Dean's Fellow, research assistant, etc.;
- vi.Credit load next year, including clinic or externships; and
- vii.Whether the applicant has or plans to apply for transfer to another law school.

In addition, those applying for a Problem Drafter position must submit a 10 page writing sample in addition to the above described materials.

Positions:

- 1.President ; 2.Vice President ; 3.Executive Team Director ; 4.Team Directors (2)
- 5.Secretary ; 6.Budget Director ; 7.First Year Competition Directors (2) ; 8.Spring Qualifying Competition Directors (2) ; 9.First Amendment Competition Directors (2) ;
- 10.High School Competition Directors (2) ; 11.First Amendment Problem Drafter (2) ;
- 12.High School Competition Problem Drafter (2)

Please visit the Moot Court Honor Society's website for more information at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/org/mootcourt/index.cfm>. Also feel free to e-mail moot@wcl.american.edu with any questions or concerns.

Poverty Law Society*

*Poverty Law Society and Immigrants' Rights Coalition invite and encourage you to attend: **"Immigrants' Access to Education: Overcoming Barriers" Monday, March 3, 2008 12-1pm, Room 528**

A solid education is an indispensable ingredient for success in America. Come learn about the particular barriers that immigrant families face with respect to access to education. You will hear from those in the field about the work being done to ensure equality of access and opportunity and what work still needs to be done.

Lunch will be provided. We hope you can make it and look forward to seeing you Monday!

IN SEARCH OF

Summer Research Assistant Needed: Prof. Walter Effross invites applications for the position of his summer research assistant (20 hours a week for 10 weeks; \$2,400), on projects in corporate and commercial law, cyberlaw, and intellectual property law. If you are interested, please submit your resume, transcript, and statement of your other anticipated obligations for the summer to Professor Effross's administrative assistant, Rosalena Thompson, in Office 475 by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 21.

Jennifer de Laurentiis, Special Assistant to the Dean, is seeking a Dean's Fellow for the summer. The position involves 10-20 hours per week of legal research and writing and assistance on the UN CAT Project, as well as administrative tasks. Knowledge or better of Spanish is helpful, but not required. Interested students should promptly submit a one-page cover letter and resume via e-mail to jdelaurentiis@wcl.american.edu and reference "Dean's Fellow" in the subject line.

The Office of Admissions is seeking Student Ambassadors to volunteer for Admitted Students activities in March and April. Typically, more than 200 plus students and their guests attend one of our spring admitted students days. We are looking for students to be luncheon discussion leaders, tour guides, reception hosts, etc.

The time commitment can be as little as an hour or an email to an admitted student. If you have had a productive experience at WCL and would like to help admitted students, please complete the brief Student Ambassador Volunteer Form on-line

(http://www.wcl.american.edu/admiss/volunteer_form.cfm). If you have any questions, please contact Associate Director of Admissions Brooke Sandoval at Sandoval@wcl.american.edu.

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.

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.

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.

Examcrackers is known throughout the country for top quality materials and great instructor pay. This is a part-time position that fits well with law students' or other professionals' schedules during the school year or the summer. Instructors work 2-16 hours per week, depending on availability, and the pay is from \$25 up to \$40 per hour, based upon student evaluations. The job is an enjoyable way to help pre-law students as they prepare to enter law school, primarily by helping them prepare for the LSAT and aiding with other parts of the admissions process.

Ideal instructors have a strong command of the LSAT, a high level of motivation, and an engaging classroom personality. Teaching experience is a plus.

Interested applicants should reply with a cover letter, résumé, and LSAT score to jobs@examcrackers.com. Please write "LSAT Instructor" in the subject line of your e-mail.

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

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Honor Code Violation Settlement: A first year Legal Rhetoric student was sanctioned for an admitted Honor Code Violation. The publication of this announcement is part of a settlement reached after investigation by the Honor Code Prosecution Team. This matter was referred to the

Prosecution Team by a Dean's Fellow and a Professor who had reason to believe that the student had copied another student's work and submitted it as his own. The Honor Code Prosecution Team was composed of Faculty Prosecutor, Professor Richard Ugelow, and Student Prosecutor, Brian Murray. The student admitted to a violation of Article IV(C) of the Honor Code. The student did not receive credit for this assignment and a note was placed in the student's official file for a period of five years summarizing the Honor Code violation and the outcome.

****REMINDER:** March 4th, midnight, is the deadline for all applications to the **UNROW Human Rights Impact Litigation Clinic**. The UNROW Clinic is open to all 1Ls and 2Ls. Please email unrowclinic@wcl.american.edu for application instructions. Please remember that the application for the UNROW CLINIC is separate from the application to the traditional clinical program. Completed applications may be placed in the box outside the Human Rights Brief office on the 6th floor. E-mail unrowclinic@wcl.american.edu with any questions.**

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

INFO SESSION: CHILE SUMMER LAW PROGRAM 2008
THURSDAY, MARCH 6 12:00PM-1:00PM ROOM (TBA)

Join the Director of the Summer Law Program in Chile for a Q&A Session and learn about this wonderful opportunity to travel to Buenos Aires and Santiago. You may also email us at chileprogram@wcl.american.edu regarding any questions or for additional information.

Health Law Project Summer Session: Health Law and Policy Institute. June 16-20, 2008. Come find out key details in an informal **Q and A meeting** with Prof. Parver on **Wednesday, March 5th, 5:00-6:00PM, Room 501**. Snacks available.

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

Hispanic Law Conference

Attention Students! The Hispanic Law Conference will be held on **Wednesday, 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/>.

2008 Patent Law Interview Program

Loyola University Chicago School of Law is hosting the 2008 Patent Law Interview Program on Thursday, July 31st and Friday, August 1st in Chicago. This is a nationwide interview program that targets patent law employers, 2 and 3L J.D. students and LL.M students with engineering and/or technical science academic backgrounds. This is an excellent opportunity if you are interested in practicing patent law.

The fee to register is \$35 per person. If you are interested in attending, please see Bridget Beirne in OCPD by 5pm on March 25.

Exploring Alternative Careers: Looking Inside, Outside and Around the Law

Cheryl Heisler, President and Founder of Lawternatives and author of the upcoming 6th edition, *What Can You Do With A Law Degree?*, will discuss employment options for those with legal training on **Tuesday, March 18 from 5:00-6:30pm** with a reception to follow. Ms. Heisler will also have a limited number of individual counseling appointments that afternoon prior to her presentation. To register for the program and/or to sign up for a counseling appointment, please access CareerLink for more details.

Upcoming Events in the DC Metro Area

• FRIDAY FEB. 29 •

Katrina: The University of the District of Columbia's David A. Clarke School of Law presents

“Katrina’s Wake: Emergency Preparedness and Response from the Bayou to the Beltway.” The all-day symposium begins at 9 a.m. It will focus on the parallel racial and economic disparities in New Orleans and the District of Columbia and will cover topics such as the administration of justice, long-term and foster care, and accountability in disaster planning and relief spending. Location: University of the District of Columbia, David A. Clarke School of Law, Building 38, 2nd Floor Windows Lounge, 4200 Connecticut Ave. N.W. Cost: free. Registration and information: (202) 274-7362.

• **WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY MARCH 5-6** •

U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces Judicial Conference

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces will be holding its 2008 Judicial Conference and Continuing Legal Education Program at the Columbus School of Law at Catholic University. Students interested in attending all or part of this conference, which includes opening remarks by Chief Judge Andrew S. Effron, should visit <http://www.armfor.uscourts.gov/ConfPage.htm> for more information and to sign up.

• **FRIDAY-SUNDAY MARCH 7-9** •

American Association for Justice Mock Trials

The American Association for Justice is looking for law students to volunteer their time as bailiffs during its 2008 mock trial competition to be held in Washington, DC on March 7-9, 2008.

The competition schedule is listed below. It will take place at the DC Superior Court on Friday and Saturday and at the US District Court for DC on Sunday. Paul Cornoni and Amy Gurgle with the law firm Regan, Zambri & Long, and Ebony Robinson with the law firm Chaikin, Sherman, Cammerata & Seigel are organizing this region for the AAJ.

If you are able to volunteer to judge one or more of the following rounds, please contact Amy Gurgle via email at agurgle@reganfirm.com. The schedule of available rounds is below:

Date and time of Round I: March 7, 2008, 6:00 p.m.
Location of Round I: DC Superior Court

Date and time of Round II: March 8, 2008, 9:00 a.m.
Location of Round II: DC Superior Court

Date and time of Round III: March 8, 2008, 2:00 p.m.
Location of Round III: DC Superior Court

Date and time of Semi-finals: March 9, 2008, 9:00 a.m.
Location of Semi-finals: US District Court for the District of Columbia

Date and time of Finals: March 9, 2008, 2:00 p.m.
Location of Finals: US District Court for the District of Columbia

• **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, Cadwalader, 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 "fcba337." Detailed instructions for those participating will be available online.

Sovereignty: The Foundation for California presents "Sovereignty: Legal Trends and Directions." The all-day discussion begins at 9 a.m. Speakers: **Reid Chambers**, partner, Sonosky, Chambers, Sachse, Endreson & Perry; Judge **Susan Ehrlich**, judge, Arizona Court of Appeals; Judge **Rebecca Irving**, chief judge, Passamaquoddy Tribal Court; **Deron Marquez**, associate director, tribal administration certificate program, Claremont Graduate University; **Kathryn Rand**, co-director, Institute for the Study of Tribal Gaming Law and Policy, University of North Dakota School of Law; **Ralph Rossum**, Salvatori professor of American constitutionalism, Claremont McKenna College; Judge **Loren Smith**, senior judge, U.S. Court of Federal Claims; **Michael Uhlmann**, professor of American government, Claremont Graduate University; **David Wilkins**, professor of American Indian studies, political science, law, and American studies, University of Minnesota; **Christopher Wolfe**, professor of political science, Marquette University. Location: Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, Walter A. Slowinski Courtroom, 3600 John McCormack Rd. N.E. Cost: free. Registration and information: tgover@pacificresearch.net.

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

Looking for Summer Funding? Summer funding opportunities are now available. Many deadlines are in March or early April, so start your search now! Check out www.pslawnet.org for summer funding sources. Click on the “Community/Resources” tab in the upper right corner and then click the “Summer Funding Sources” link. You should also stop by OCPD and flip through the red Summer Funding binder located on the public interest shelf. Finally, if you haven’t already done so, be sure to sign up for the public interest listserv to get emails about summer funding opportunities.

Ayuda, Inc. seeks a Spanish-speaking law student for Summer 2008 to work with the Children’s Project in providing immigration legal services to unaccompanied immigrant children. The Children’s Project represents both detained and non-detained unaccompanied immigrant children before the Immigration Service, the Immigration Courts and the Maryland Courts. Whenever possible, the Project assists children to obtain lawful immigration status in the United States by applying for asylum or for “green cards” or visas through special laws that protect victims of domestic violence, victims of child abuse, abandonment and neglect, victims of trafficking, and victims of serious crimes in the U.S. Please see CareerLink for application details.

US Consumer Product Safety Commission Seeking Summer Interns for Paid Positions: The CPSC is working on issues involving recalled children’s toy products, lead in children’s jewelry, and other health and safety issues. Legislation is pending in the Senate and House that will impose new powers on the Commission to initiate rulemakings, enforcement actions, and public outreach. As a result, the Office of General Counsel is in need of 2 or 3 law students to serve as summer interns in paid positions. Work will be challenging and fun, and time will be shared between the Compliance Division and the OGC Enforcement teams. The office is in Bethesda, MD. More information will be posted in CareerLink as soon as it is available.

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

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.

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/>).

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. **Did you interview for other clerkships?** Be sure to fill out the judicial clerkship interview survey at http://www.wcl.american.edu/career/survey/clerkship_interview_form.cfm.

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 JOB FAIRS, SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS & OTHER INITIATIVES

“Shadow a Professional” Week: The WCL Multicultural Development Committee and the Office of Career & Professional Development will sponsor “Shadow-a-Professional” Week, which will be held during the week of March 17, 2008. Take this opportunity to experience, first-hand, the daily responsibilities of a legal practitioner! **If you are interested in participating in “Shadow-a-Professional” Week, please contact Kelli Johnson in OCPD at kjohnson@wcl.american.edu with “Job Shadow” in the subject line by Wednesday, March 12. Please attach a resume to the email.** If there is a particular practice area in which you are interested, please indicate that in your email message. We will do our best to match you with a practitioner with a similar background or interest. Please note that participation in this program is limited. Students will be matched with a practitioner on a first come, first served basis.

NEW! Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP Energy Law Diversity Fellowship for 1Ls: The Energy Law Diversity Program provides one highly qualified first-year local law school student with the opportunity to spend both their 1L and 2L summers with the Washington Office of Morgan Lewis as well as with selected energy clients of the Firm. Candidates for the Program must have a demonstrated interest in energy law as well as an interest in promoting diversity. Eligibility is not limited to candidates of specific racial or ethnic backgrounds. Students should apply for the Program by submitting a short application (which should include a one-page explanation of their interest in the Program) along with a resume, transcript, and writing sample. All applications must be submitted by **March 14, 2008**. For more information on how to apply, see the detailed job posting on CareerLink.

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>.

DEADLINE TODAY! 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.

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**.

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).

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.

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

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
tjenkins@wcl.american.edu

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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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 March 3

Monday, March 3

12-1pm, Rm 528, "Immigrants' Access to Education: Overcoming Barriers"

12:30 pm, Rm 504, 1L Public Interest Roundtable Series

3-4pm, Student Lounges, Third Annual Student Author Reception

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

5:30pm-7pm, Rm 600, Dean's Business Law Lecture

Tuesday, March 4

12-1:30pm, Rm 603, Bloggers and Journalism Rights Media Panel

12-1:20pm, Rm 527, Graduate Certificate in *Women, Policy, and Political Leadership*

12-1pm, Rm 402, A Career in White Collar Prosecution at the Department of Justice

4-5:50pm, Rm 351, Film Screening of "Rosita"

4-6pm, 6th Floor, The Prohibition Of Torture Within The Context Of Emergency Situations

5-10 pm, 6th Fl Stu Lnge, Joint Journal Short Write-On Competition packet distribution

Wednesday, March 5

10am-9pm, 6th Fl, 11th Annual Hispanic Law Conference: Latino Perspectives on the 2008 Election

12-1:20pm, Rm 601, Gender-based Asylum Law: The Current Realities of Female Genital Mutilation

5pm, Rm 602, Criminal Law Brief information session

5-6PM, Rm 501, Health Law Project Summer Session Q and A meeting

Thursday, March 6

9am-6pm, Rm 603, What do We Know About Tribal Courts? An Examination of the 30th Anniversary of Oliphant

12-1pm, chileprogram@wcl.american.edu, Chile Summer Law Program Info Session

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