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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.

FOR CAP & GOWN ORDERS:

The orders must be placed on line

<http://www1.herffjones.com/college/graduation/index.cfm>

For additional inquiries please contact: (703) 368-9550 Email: hjcollege@hjusa.net

The orders are picked up from the Campus bookstore on the Main Campus prior to commencement.

You may confirm their hours by calling 202-885-6320.

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.dcbbar.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 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

EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 6:30-8:30 PM – THE FIRST ANNUAL ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICANS AND THE LAW DINNER – WCL’s APALSA, members of the Asian Pacific American alumni, and the Asian Pacific American Bar Association have collaborated on this event. The keynote speech will be given by William Tamayo, San Francisco regional attorney for the EEOC. Alumnus Vincent Eng ('95) will be presented the first WCL APALSA Distinguished Service Award. Registration required at secle@wcl.american.edu.

Thursday, April 10, 12:00 Noon – Dean’s Diversity Council Speaker Series Luncheon -- The Honorable Ricardo M. Urbina, U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, will deliver the sixth in the series of speeches. Registration required at: secle@wcl.american.edu.

Wednesday, April 16, 3:00 PM--The 12th Sylvania Woods Conference on African Americans and the Law -- This year’s topic is “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 PARTICULAR AREAS OF LAW THAT YOU'D LIKE TO SEE REPRESENTED.
Registration required at: secle@wcl.american.edu.

Stuff on the Table

Scholarship applications for the HBA-DC Foundation/National Council of LaRaza/Patton Boggs public interest fellowship for 2008

Save-the-Date notice for PASOS 2008, Friday, May 16 @ 7:30 pm, RIGHT HERE AT WCL

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

Dean's Fellow Payments – Appointment Deadline

The final paycheck for the *school year* will be issued March 31.

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 on line and in the office.
- enroll in a minimum of six credit hours.
- have a 2008-09 FAFSA on file, and
- meet satisfactory academic progress standards.

Special Note- Summer costs are such that the Stafford loan will not fully cover the standard budget; supplemental funding may be necessary. If you plan will borrow Grad PLUS or private loan monies to make up the difference request the amount needed for the entire award period, summer, fall and spring terms, when you file your application. This will facilitate disbursements. Check our Supplemental Loan "Q" and "A" sheet for guidance.

Additional information is available at the financial aid counter.

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

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

Where: Sixth Floor Student Lounge

Outside Scholarships

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

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Join the Public Interest Announcements Listserv

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Lunch with a Public Interest Lawyer: Employment Discrimination and Civil Rights Please join a roundtable lunch discussion with Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Regional Attorney, Bill Tamayo, on **Thursday March 20 at 12:15 in Room 415**. Prior to being appointed to the EEOC, Mr. Tamayo was a managing attorney for the Asian Law Caucus. Inc. where he emphasized the practice of immigration and nationality law and civil rights litigation and advocacy involving employment discrimination, affirmative action, immigrant rights, women's rights, voting rights, and the Census. Mr. Tamayo will discuss the role and practice of public interest lawyers in community organizations and government institutions. This lunch is sponsored by the Clinical Department and the Office of Public Interest. **Space is limited so please RSVP through CareerLink.**

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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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, Patrick Van Weerelt

The human rights and development course will provide an overview of present debates on the inter linkages and will attempt to provide both theoretical and practical guidance in getting development 'right'. The course will assist in internalizing the intrinsic values of human rights in development programming, and will provide examples, and work through group exercises to demonstrate the usefulness of the human rights framework in mitigating power excess and elite capture. A substantive part of the course will moreover be devoted to the application of the human rights-based approach to programming in respect of 'regular' development programs such as micro-finance programs, decentralization processes, and/or poverty reduction strategies. As such 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

Center Announcements

RIGHT TO IDENTITY IN THE AMERICAS: THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY

Friday, March 7, 9:30am – 1:30pm, WCL Room 603

The issue of national identification and civil registration has been garnering increased attention in the Americas. There are a number of countries where citizens' right to identity is being violated by the state, by omission or commission. The right to be officially recognized as a citizen by the state, and to have that state ensure the registration of one's civil status from birth to death, are minimum guarantees which allow citizens to participate in democracy and claim their international human rights. International and regional organizations have seized on this reality and have taken steps to promote civil registration in Latin America and the Caribbean. However, much more needs to be done to understand the human rights implications related to national identification and civil registration, especially in countries where these rights are being violated. Join us on March 7th as we discuss violations of the right to identity in the Americas, the response of the international community, and the role civil society in the protection of the right to identity. Speakers will include: Dean **Claudio Grossman**, WCL; **Roxanna Altholz**, University of California – Berkeley; **Sonia Pierre**, Director, Movement for Dominican Women of Haitian Descent (MUDHA); **Colette Lespinasse**, Coordinator, Groupe d'Appui aux Rapatriés et Réfugiés (GARR) (Support Group for Repatriates and Refugees); **Sofia Macher**, Instituto de Defensa Legal (IDL); and more. The event is co-sponsored by Rights & Democracy, the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Center for Human Rights, and American University Washington College of Law Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law. Please send your RSVPs and/or questions to rsvp@rfkmemorial.org. For additional information, please contact the Center at 202-274-4180.

CHANGES ON THE HIGH COURT IN THE US AND ISRAEL: THE IMPACT OF PERSONS AND PERSONALITIES

**2nd Annual Panel in Celebration of the US-Israel Civil Liberties Law Program Wednesday,
March 19, 5pm – 7pm (Reception to Follow), WCL Room 603**

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Humanitarian Law. Please send your RSVPs and/or questions to rsvp@rfkmemorial.org. For additional information, please contact the Center at 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.

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

Staying in DC for the summer?

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION SUMMER SESSION

Registration starts March 25

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

Course offerings include:

Nuts and Bolts of International Commercial Arbitration (*course also available in Spanish for academic credit*)

Salient Issues in ICC Arbitration;

International Commercial Arbitration and Choice-of-Law Issues;

Investor-State Arbitration, Current Developments;

How to Conduct an International Arbitration Proceeding;

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

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

SAVE THE DATE!

April 14

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 co-sponsored by the Inter-American Bar Association in cooperation with the **American Arbitration Association, Arnold & Porter LLP, Baker Botts LLP, Peter D. Maynard, Counsel & Attorneys and Steptoe & Johnson LLP**. The event is free and open to the public.

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

LAW AND BUSINESS PROGRAM

The Law and Business Program is pleased to announce a **non-credit "mini-course"** that will examine financial instruments. The first meeting of this non-class will be held on **Monday, March 17 from 4:00 to 5:30 in room 602**. Subsequent sessions will be held on **March 31, April 14 and April 28**.

We will begin our discussions with an analysis of the "building blocks" of financial instruments, and then moved on to more complex arrangements. As appropriate, we will use these discussions to analyze the subprime mortgage mess, and other challenges existing in the financial sector.

For the first class session, we will discuss the elements of lending transactions and the role of risk. After the first session, students are encouraged to read from the course text, *Investing for Dummies* (5th Edition), which provides an effective introduction to finance. In addition, all participants are encouraged to skim either the *Wall Street Journal* or the *Financial Times* in order to be aware of current issues in financial instruments.

This series is open to all students and faculty having an interest in discussing and learning more about the concepts, uses, and basic financial aspects of financial instruments. The course of study is not offered for law school credit. For more information, please contact Ken Anderson or Andy Pike.

PENCE LAW LIBRARY

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

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 12:00 am

Saturday – Sunday 9:00 am -12:00 am

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 17

Copyright Law Research

Leonard Klein

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

Upcoming research topics include: 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.

HAVE A GREAT SPRING BREAK!

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.”

War Crimes Speakers Series *The International Judge*

On **Tuesday, March 18th**, 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.

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.

SBA Executive Elections are happening now!

All J.D. students (1Ls, 2Ls, 3Ls, and 4Ls) are strongly encouraged to vote in the 2008-2009 SBA Executive Elections starting at **10:00 am on Thursday, March 6 and concluding at 9:00 pm on Friday, March 7**. Students may cast their votes online at: www.wcl.american.edu/sba/elections.

Students experiencing technical difficulties should promptly e-mail the SBA Board of Elections Chair, Ogo Ekwuabu, at sbaelections@wcl.american.edu. Students should include their name and AU e-mail address in the e-mail.

Action for Human Rights*

Human Rights Happy Hour Wednesday, March 19 5-6pm 6th Floor Student Lounge

*Sponsored by Action for Human Rights and the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

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.

EJF

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

TICKETS NOW ON SALE 1 in a 100 CHANCE OF WINNING

The tickets will be \$100 (only 100 tickets will be sold, first come, first served) for the possibility of winning a \$10,000 certificate toward a new Honda from Ourisman Honda!. If you purchase a ticket and do not win the raffle you will receive \$50 towards parts and labor at Ourisman Honda.

EJF ANNUAL AUCTION is coming up, Thursday, MARCH 20TH

TICKETS NOW ON SALE for the 15th Annual EJF Public Interest Auction, "Ring in the New Year of Public Interest"

We 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, fun events with professors and much more! See the Bidbook at www.wcl.american.edu/org/ejf/.

Auction Volunteer Meeting

Monday, March 17 4:00pm Room TBA

Federalist Society

The Federalist Society will host Professor Patrick Garry for a speech on **Federalism and Joint Terrorism Task Forces**. The event will be held on **March 19th at noon, room to be determined**. Lunch will be served.

International Trade Law Society

Join the International Trade Law Society for a discussion on "**Careers in International Trade: Creating Your Network and Finding the Job!**" The event will be held on **Wednesday, March 19th from 12:00 - 1:00pm in Room 601**.

Moot Court Honor Society

Moot Court Honor Society Executive Board is now **accepting applications for the 2008-2009 Board** What is the Moot Court Honor Society Executive Board? The Executive Board is the entity that controls all aspects of the Honor Society, including coordination of the Competitions we host, recruitment of new team members, drafting of Moot Court problems, and interaction with the broader WCL community.

Do I have to be on the Moot Court Team in order to serve on the Executive Board? No, many members of the Executive Board are not members of the Moot Court Team. The only requirement is that you be dedicated to ensuring the continued success of the Honor Society.

What positions are available? The Honor Society is accepting applications for all Board positions. These include: President, Vice President, Executive Team Director, Team Directors, Competition Directors, Problem Drafters, Secretary and Budget Director. If you would like to read the full position descriptions, please visit the Moot Court Honor Society TWEN and click on the "Constitution" link. Our Constitution contains full descriptions of all Executive Board positions. If you have specific questions about a particular position, please contact Erin Overturf, President of the Moot Court Honor Society, at erinoverturn@gmail.com.

How do I apply? 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: (1) Positions desired in order of preference; (2) Positions applicant will not accept; (3) Location during the summer following the Spring semester; (4) Plans or intentions to participate in other WCL extra-curricular activities; (5) Other time commitments, including but not limited to employment, Dean's Fellow, research assistant, etc.; (6) Credit load next year, including clinic or externships; and (7) Whether the applicant has or plans to apply for transfer to another law school. Please note, those applying for a Problem Drafter position must submit a 10 page writing sample in addition to the above described materials.

Applications should be submitted to Erin Overturf via email at erinoverturn@gmail.com no later than 6p on Friday, March 21st. We will interview applicants for the positions of President, Vice President and Executive Team Director on Monday, March 24th beginning at 9p. We will conduct interviews for all other positions on Wednesday, March 26 at 9p.

Please note: the Moot Court Honor Society Executive Board will be hosting two information sessions on March 4th for people interested in applying for next year's Executive Board. The afternoon session will be at 12n in Room 100, and the evening session will be in room 401 at 8p. If you are unable to make it to one of these sessions, but have questions about available positions, please e-mail Erin Overturf at erinoverturn@gmail.com.

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 5:00pm on March 21.

Prof. Susan Carle seeks dean's fellows to carry out legal research this summer. The research will be primarily in the areas of legal history, anti-discrimination law, and the early civil rights movement (in the late nineteenth century), but can also include some torts and legal ethics research, and other miscellaneous research assignments, depending on the dean's fellow's particular combination of interests. The hours for the position are flexible, but within the range of 10 to 20 hours per week for approximately 10 weeks over the course of the summer. This is an ideal paying job to combine with a summer, D.C.-area internship, part-time job, and/or another dean's fellow position. Interested students should apply by sending their resume, cover letter explaining interest in the position and relevant experience, and transcript (unofficial copy is fine) to scarle@wcl.american.edu.

Prof. David Chavkin is seeking a dean's fellow for the remainder of the spring semester and for this summer to conduct research in conjunction with the second edition of his textbook on clinical legal education and articles on reform of legal education. Contact him directly at dchavkin@wcl.american.edu or in Room 462.

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. If you are interested in being considered for a Dean's Fellow position, 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.

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.

Access to medicine project researchers needed... **PIJIP** is looking for researchers to work on an innovative project with Pretoria University Law School in South Africa developing human rights guidelines for implementing trade agreements that impact access to medicines (e.g. TRIPS, FTAs, etc.). If you are interested in being considered for positions this Spring or Summer, send a resume, grade report and statement of interest to Sean Flynn at sflynn@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.

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

INFORMATION MEETING ON VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH THE INTER-AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS MOOT COURT COMPETITION TUESDAY, MARCH 18TH, 12:30-2PM, ROOM 627

Come find out about the Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition and all the fun in store as 80plus teams from around the world gather in Washington, DC. Learn about the event and specific ways in which you can get involved. Spanish and/or Portuguese speakers are particularly encouraged to attend. Lunch will be served.

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.

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.

On **Monday March 17, from 9:00-4:00 in Room 603**, the Program on Law and Government's Collaboration on Government Secrecy ("CGS") will hold its First Annual **Freedom of Information Day Celebration**, featuring a keynote presentation by Professor Robert Vaughn and a luncheon speech by Judge Royce C. Lamberth, former chief judge of the FISA court and soon to be chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia. Morning panel presentations will address the 2007 FOIA Amendments and international transparency. Afternoon panel speakers, which will include Professor Amanda Frost, will discuss "pseudosecrecy" and the use of the state secrets privilege. Registration for this Founder's Celebration event is at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/founders/2008/031708.cfm>. Further information can be found on the CGS Web site, at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/lawandgov/cgs/about.cfm>.

APPLY NOW FOR THE SUMMER LAW PROGRAM IN CHILE 2008 **(Includes sessions in Argentina)**

There are still spots available!

Apply now and do not miss out on this wonderful opportunity to travel to Buenos Aires and Santiago while learning about Latin America and its legal institutions at the hands of some of the best Chilean law professors and experts in the field, as well as practitioners and policy makers from Chile and Argentina.

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

EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

Students who will have completed Business Associations and Securities Regulation by the end of the Spring semester of 2008 or who, having completed Business Associations by the end of the Spring semester 2008 and will be enrolling in Securities Regulations for the Fall 2008 Semester, are eligible to participate in a Field Component at the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Please submit your resume, a copy of your transcript, a list of subjects you intend to take in the Fall 2008 Semester, a writing sample and a cover letter as soon as possible to Professor Guttman's mailbox in room 465 or to Carolyn Wright, his Sr. Legal Assistant in room 325. Two hundred and ten (210) hours of working with a staff attorney or an Administrative Law Judge at the Commission will earn three credits. There will also be a meeting with Professor Guttman on Tuesday of every second week, between 12:00 –2:00 p.m. [Time subject to change and governed by classes of participating students]

S.E.C. Student Observers Program (Field Component)-Law 784

I would like to draw the attention of students who have completed Securities Regulation by the end of the Spring Semester 2008 that students so qualified can apply for participation for a **minimum of three credits in the Field Component- S.E.C. Student Observers Program** at the Securities and Exchange Commission for the Fall 2008 semester. [Law-784] Students who will be taking Securities Regulations during the Fall 2008 Semester should apply now to participate in the Field Component – S.E.C. Student Observers Program in the Spring 2009 Semester. Applying now will assist in getting early security clearance. Students will be expected to work a minimum of two hundred and ten hours (210) with an attorney on the staff of the Commission and will have to attend approximately nine seminars given by Commissioners, staff and outside counsel. (These meetings usually take place on a Wednesday from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.) Students participating in this Student Observers Program also will have to enroll in an advanced securities law seminar, such as Regulation of Securities Markets, Mergers and Acquisitions, Seminar on Derivatives, etc. which enables students to earn additional credits.

Students should submit their resume, a copy of their transcript, a writing sample and a cover letter indicating the semester for which they are applying as soon as possible. Please submit your applications promptly as the SEC will consider admissions to the Student Observers Program as soon as received. Interested applicants should submit this information to Professor Guttman's mailbox in room 465 or to Carolyn Wright his Sr. Legal Assistant in room 325. During the semester students will be meeting with Professor Guttman to discuss recent developments in securities law every other week on Tuesdays between 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. [Time subject to change and governed by classes of participating students]

U.S. Department of State/Office of the Legal Adviser

Applications are invited for a student internship at the Department of State Office of the Legal Adviser. The work involves 210 to 420 hours over the Fall 2008 semester and enables a student to earn up to six credits. (At seventy hours of work per credit). Areas under consideration by the Department include subjects in the fields of Diplomatic Law, Law Enforcement, Human Rights & Refugees Laws, Economic & Business Laws, etc.

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

OFFICE OF CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Suite 122

Hours

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

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

Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

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

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

REMINDER: 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. *There are still individual counseling appointments available with Ms. Heisler in the afternoon prior to her presentation* - first come, first served. To register for the program and/or to sign up for a counseling appointment, please access CareerLink for more details.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS, DATES & DEADLINES & IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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.

Upcoming Events in the DC Metro Area

• 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.

• **WEDNESDAY MARCH 12** •

6:00-8:00 p.m. Women's Bar Association of D.C.: Diversity in the Judiciary

The Women's Bar Association of DC Task Force on a Fair, Impartial and Independent Judiciary presents a panel discussion and reception regarding Diversity in the Judiciary. Moderated by **Prof. Patricia Worthy**, Howard University School of Law, with esteemed panelists **Judge Susan Braden**, U.S. Court of Federal Claims; **Judge Leonie Brinkema**, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia; and **Judge Vanessa Ruiz**, District of Columbia Court of Appeals. The event will be held Wednesday, March 12, 2008, 6:00-8:00pm at Holland & Knight LLP, 2099 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Suite 100. There is a special student rate of \$15. To secure a spot for

yourself and any guests, or to obtain additional information about the event, please visit the Women's Bar Association website at <http://wbadc.org> or call (202) 639-8880.

THURSDAY MARCH 13 •

Media Law: The Institute for Communications Law Studies and CommLaw Conspectus: Journal of Communications Law & Policy at The Catholic University of America Columbus School of Law presents, “The 2008 ‘YouTube’ Election?: The Role and Influence of 21st Century Media.” The discussion begins at 8:30 a.m. with registration and breakfast. Speakers: **Lawrence Norton**, partner, Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, former general counsel of the Federal Election Commission; **Kurt Wimmer**, senior vice president and general counsel, Gannett; **Bryan Tramont**, partner, Wilkinson Barker Knauer; **Nicholas Slabbert**, telecommunications author and scholar; **Andy Schwartzman**, president and CEO, Media Access Project; **Mike Feazel**, executive editor, Warren Communication News, publisher of *Communications Daily*. Location: The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, 3600 John McCormack Road N.E. Cost: Free. Registration and information: (202) 319-5438.

PUBLIC INTEREST & GOVERNMENT

Lunch with a Public Interest Lawyer: Employment Discrimination and Civil Rights Please join a roundtable lunch discussion with Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Regional Attorney, Bill Tamayo, on **Thursday March 20 at 12:15 in Room 415**. Prior to being appointed to the EEOC, Mr. Tamayo was a managing attorney for the Asian Law Caucus. Inc. where he emphasized the practice of immigration and nationality law and civil rights litigation and advocacy involving employment discrimination, affirmative action, immigrant rights, women's rights, voting rights, and the Census. Mr. Tamayo will discuss the role and practice of public interest lawyers in community organizations and government institutions. This lunch is sponsored by the Clinical Department and the Office of Public Interest. Space is limited so please RSVP through CareerLink.

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.

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 – and several federal – judges have positions open with deadlines very soon!

For state clerkships, judge-specific hiring information is listed within the “jobs & resume collection” section of CareerLink. Choose “Judicial Clerkship” as the “Position Type” to find these postings.

To download addresses for many state judges, go to the “clerkships” section of CareerLink. You will have to complete a Clerkship Registration the first time you access this section.

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

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

REMINDER! Want to Know More About Clerkships? Sign up to attend the Judicial Clerkship Panel Discussion on Tuesday, March 25 with current 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.symplicity.com/>).

NEW! Want to Know How to Apply for Judicial Clerkships? Sign up to attend a small workshop in April that will walk you through the nuts and bolts of applying for a federal or state clerkship. Workshops will be held on Tuesday, April 1; Thursday, April 3; Wednesday, April 9; and Monday, April 14. Space is limited, so RSVP today in the Events section of CareerLink (<https://law-american-csm.symplicity.com/>).

REMINDER! 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 RECEPTIONS & WORKSHOPS

Skadden Arps 1L Diversity Reception: All WCL first-year students are invited to attend a reception hosted by the Washington, D.C. office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP. The reception will be held at The Park at Fourteenth (920 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005) on **Thursday, March 13, 2008 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm**. Please RSVP to DeAnna Bumstead at dbumstea@skadden.com or (202) 371-7812

Dow Lohnes Diversity Reception: You are cordially invited to the Fourth Annual Dow Lohnes Diversity Reception on **Wednesday, March 12, 2008 from 6:30- 8:30 p.m.** The reception will be held at Dow Lohnes (1200 New Hampshire Ave, NW, Washington, D.C.). We look forward to providing you with good food, drinks, and informal conversations with our attorneys. RSVP to Jan Liverance at jliverance@dowlohn.com by **March 10, 2008**.

Skadden LGBT Lawyers Breakfast: Please join Skadden for breakfast and a panel discussion with a few of their LGBT lawyers on **Wednesday, March 19, 2008 at 8:30am**. The breakfast will be held in the 11th Floor Conference Center at Skadden, which is located at 1440 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20005. Please RSVP by **Monday, March 12** to Janell Saunders at janell.saunders@skadden.com or (202)371-7763.

DIVERSITY JOB FAIRS, SCHOLARSHIPS/FELLOWSHIPS & OTHER INITIATIVES

DuPont Minority Job Fair: DuPont is proud to announce the 15th Annual DuPont Legal Minority Job Fairs. For fifteen years we have led the effort to attract talented law students, with an interest in increasing the number of lawyers of color represented in our law firms and primary legal service companies. **WCL has been selected as a participating law school.** We urge you to consider applying for an invitation to one of our Minority Job Fairs. When you submit an application invitation, you are, in effect, submitting an application to all of the legal employers participating in the program. Students have the option of choosing from three job fair sites:

- Houston, TX Saturday, August 9, 2008
- Los Angeles, CA Saturday, August 9, 2008

Wilmington, DE Saturday, August 9, 2008

Registration for the Houston, Los Angeles, and Wilmington sites will be completed electronically. You may log onto the site directly via the link below, complete the Registration Form, upload your résumé **and** transcript and click “Submit.” It’s that easy! The deadline receipt of your registration for any of the Job Fairs is **Monday, April 14, 2008**. For more details about the Job Fair and to obtain the username and password for online registration, please email Kelli Johnson by 12pm NOON on **Friday, April 4** at kjohnson@wcl.american.edu with “DuPont Job Fair” in the subject line.

“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>.

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.

Frederickson & Byron, P.A.: The Frederickson & Byron Foundation has a scholarship that is available for first year minority law school students. The scholarship award is \$10,000. In addition to the \$10,000 award, there is also the possibility of a summer associate position for the summer of 2009. **The scholarship application deadline is March 31, 2008**. For more information please visit www.fredlaw.com/firm/scholarship.

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

What's Happening AFTER Spring Break?

Resume and Cover Letter Workshop for Foreign Attorneys
Tuesday, March 25, 4:15 pm – 6:30 pm, room 103

Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to draft your resume and cover letters for the U.S. job market. During this session, international LL.M. students learn techniques on drafting a U.S. style legal resume and mistakes to avoid when drafting job application materials. Registration is mandatory: if you are interested in attending, please send your name and country of origin by email to Adriana Vito at avito@wcl.american.edu Current foreign LL.M. and SJD students and alumni welcome to attend!

WCL First Annual International LL.M. Career Fair coming up!
Thursday, March 27, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Student Lounges (6th Floor)

The Office of Career & Professional Development (OCPD) will welcome between 20 and 25 employers interested in hiring foreign LL.M. students and foreign LL.M. alumni for internships or permanent positions. Employers will display brochures and printed information about their organizations and greet students. Foreign LL.M. students and alumni are welcome to bring their resumes and discuss internship and job opportunities with employers. OCPD plans to host a variety of employers, including international organizations, NGOs and local law firms. This event will focus on assisting foreign LL.M. students and graduates with choices for placement during their Optional Practical Training (OPT) internship year. Registration is mandatory. Students will receive

instructions by email the week AFTER Spring Break. *Sponsored by the Office of Career & Professional Development and the International Legal Studies Program (ILSP)*
If you have questions about this event, please contact Adriana Vito at avito@wcl.american.edu

Pathways to Employment in International Law – Panel Discussion

Wednesday, April 2, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm, Student Lounges (6th Floor)

The Office of Career & Professional Development (OCPD) and the American Bar Association Section of International Law will bring attorneys who advise clients in legal issues involving international matters and international business transactions. During this exciting panel discussion, speakers will advise JD and LL.M. students on how to successfully pursue a career advising international clients. After the panel discussion, students will have the opportunity to meet the panelists and colleagues during the international happy hour. Students will receive instructions by email the week AFTER Spring Break. *Sponsored by the Office of Career and Professional Development and the American Bar Association Section of International Law.* Questions? Contact Adriana Vito avito@wcl.american.edu

Let’s Talk About Africa: Panel Discussion coming up on April 4!

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 sign up instructions!

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.

***** *Have a happy and relaxing Spring Break!* *****

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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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