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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.

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.

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. A number of responses have already been received, and we welcome more. 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 – The last paycheck for the semester will be issued March 31.

2008-2009 Financial Aid Changes

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

1. You will be prompted to select the lender of your choice when you accept your Stafford loans on **my.american.edu** next year. Lender comparison data will be provided with your award notice to assist you in your decision. *Note: Citibank remains as a Stafford lender option.*
2. The Grad PLUS application process will be different. Applications will be filed through a different agency. Details of the new web location and process will be announced shortly.

DO NOT APPLY FOR GRAD PLUS FUNDING NOW.

The application deadline is July 1. A too early filing can lead to expiration of your credit check and prompt a new lender check and review at certification time. Also, if your application is filed through other than the WCL designated process, your disbursement is likely to be delayed. Wait for instructions; updates will be posted as they are available. In the meantime, feel free to contact the office if you have questions.

2008-2009 Grant Applicants

Applicants for need-based grant aid must submit a *Verification Worksheet/Supplemental Information Form* and a copy of your 2007 federal tax return by **May 1** to complete file requirements. The form is available online and in the office.

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.

Loan Information Sessions Tuesday, April 15

Time: 11:00am – 1:00pm

4:00pm – 6:00pm

Where: Sixth Floor Student Lounge

Outside Scholarship 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:

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST SEEKS SUMMER DEAN'S FELLOW

The Office of Public Interest is seeking a Summer Dean's Fellow to work 20 hours/week on a number of projects including: outreach to public interest employers and WCL alumni, writing the *Public Interest Wire* newsletter, development of pro bono initiatives and the Public Interest Loan Repayment Assistance Program (PILRAP). Some additional research and writing may be required. This is a great opportunity for a student taking summer classes. Sense of humor, excellent writing, computer and interpersonal skills are required, a passion for social justice issues is a plus. Interested candidates should submit a current resume and brief cover letter to Charlene Gomes, Public Interest Coordinator at cegomes@wcl.american.edu. Resumes will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

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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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 17

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

MARCH 18

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

MARCH 18

[First Annual Book Release Reception: Celebrating a Partnership Dedicated to International Human Rights & Humanitarian Law](#)

MARCH 19

[Changes on the High Courts of the US and Israel: The Impact of Persons and Personalities](#)

MARCH 19

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

MARCH 20 *CLE*

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

MARCH 20

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

MARCH 21

[Innovations in the First Year Curriculum](#)

Save the Dates:

MARCH 24

[“Social and Economic Rights: The South African Experience” by Richard J. Goldstone](#)

MARCH 26 *CLE*

[The First Richard S. Levick Annual Lecture in Crisis Communication & International Law: The Role of Media in International & Legal Controversies](#)

MARCH 27

[International LL.M Career Fair](#)

MARCH 27

[Colombia - The Human Impact of Trade, War and the Rule of Law](#)

MARCH 28

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

MARCH 29 - 30

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

MARCH 31

[Disability Rights Convention Strategy Session](#)

APRIL 2

[Pathways to Employment in International Law](#)

FOR THE FULL LISTING OF FOUNDERS PROGRAMS PLEASE VISIT

WWW.WCL.AMERICAN.EDU/SECLE

CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

Center Announcements

**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**

Over the past several years, the Chief Justices of the Supreme Courts in both the US and Israel have changed. How do these changes in personnel and personalities affect the workings and rulings of the courts? Please join us on March 19th as noted keynote speaker Prof. **Michael Karayanni**, Hebrew University (Jerusalem) and WCL Prof. **Herman Schwartz** discuss the impact of these changes on the courts. Welcome remarks will be given by **Christine Haight-Farley**, Associate Dean, AU Washington College of Law and **Larry Garber**, Executive Director, New Israel Fund. **Hadar Harris**, Executive Director, WCL Center for Human Rights, will moderate the panel. Sponsored by the American University Washington College of Law Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and the New Israel Fund.

The New Israel Fund (NIF) and WCL established the Israel-U.S. Civil Liberties Law Program in 1984 to develop a cadre of dedicated and well-trained lawyers to promote human rights and justice in Israel. Now in its 25th year, the program has become a mainstay of Israel's progressive legal and non-profit community, with graduates now working on diverse aspects of human rights advocacy. The program provides intensive exposure to both the theory and practice of human rights law. Participating attorneys spend one year in the United States, obtaining a Master's in Human Rights Law (LL.M.) from WCL and serving internships with American public interest groups such as the American Civil Liberties Union, the Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights, and the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc. They then return to Israel and spend their second year working full-time with Israeli public interest organizations with a stipend funded by NIF. Recent Law Fellows have worked at a wide range of organizations, including: Adalah - the Legal Center for Arab Minority Rights; ACRI - the Association for Civil Rights in Israel, IRAC - the Israel Religious Action Center, and others.

Registration is required. To register or for additional information, please contact the Office of Special Events & Continuing Legal Education by email at secle@wcl.american.edu or by calling (202) 274-4075 or register online at www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle_form.cfm.

**INTERNATIONAL AND US PERSPECTIVES ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEW
UN DISABILITY RIGHTS CONVENTION**

Monday, March 31, 12pm – 5:30pm, Room 603

On March 31st, please join us for a panel discussion and strategy session to build support for United States ratification of the new UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD). CRPD is expected to come into force as binding international law on March 31. To celebrate and think about ways to ensure rapid implementation, please join us for a discussion with experts from around the world.

Agenda:

- 12:00pm Lunch and Panel Discussion: International & US Implications of the CRPD
 - Prof. **Robert Dinerstein**, American University Washington College of Law
 - **Gehane El Sharkawy** (Egypt), 2008 Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow
 - **Abdelkerim Chtourou** (Tunisia), 2008 Hubert H. Humphrey

1:30pm Keynote Presentation: The Honorable **Tony Coelho**, former US Congressman (D-CA) and original author of the Americans with Disabilities Act

2:00pm Working Session to Develop an Action Plan to Build US Support and Ratification of CRPD

- Moderators: **Bobby Silverstein**, Director, The Center for the Study and Advancement of Disability Policy, and **Jeff Rosen**, General Counsel and Director of Policy, National Council on Disability

5:30pm *Reception*

Registration is required. To register or for additional information, please contact the Office of Special Events & Continuing Legal Education by email at secle@wcl.american.edu or by calling (202) 274-4075 or register online at www.wcl.american.edu/secle/registration.cfm.

Please indicate accommodations needed by emailing secle@wcl.american.edu.

Cosponsored by WCL's Center for Human Rights & Humanitarian Law, Mental Disability Rights International, US International Council on Disability (USICD), Ratify Now, American Association of Persons with Disabilities, and the National Organization on Disability.

SAVE THE DATE
**THE ROLE OF THE LAW SCHOOL IN PROMOTING
AND PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS**
Tuesday, April 22, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm, Room 603

On April 22, WCL will host a day-long conference entitled “The Role of the Law School in Promoting and Protecting Human Rights.” This conference will bring together law professors, practitioners and funders from around the United States, Canada and Mexico, to share experiences and exchange models and information about the ways in which law schools impact the human rights field. The conference will provide a forum for discussion about the challenges and successes of law schools engaged in human rights work, and will highlight the diverse ways in which law schools integrate human rights work into their formal and informal initiatives. This conference will also launch an ongoing initiative to bring together each year those of us working on human rights in the law school context. Registration is required. To register or for additional information, please contact the Office of Special Events & Continuing Legal Education by email at secle@wcl.american.edu or by calling (202) 274-4075 or register online at www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle_form.cfm.

**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

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.

INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM

Austin Kaufmann will work with non-native speakers of English on pronunciation techniques. He has a MA in TESOL and is an American University Adjunct Professor & ESL Instructor at the International Language Institute. There is a registration fee of \$20 for all participants. Sign up is in room 338 or by email to pmoore@wcl.american.edu. Please include your name and your native language. For more information contact Philippa Moore: (202) 274-4113 or pmoore@wcl.american.edu

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

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.

Saturday, March 15 9:00 am to 9:00 pm

Regular Spring Hours resume on Sunday, March 16. 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

Billie Jo Kaufman

Monday 4:30—5:20 in room 504.

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

Thanks to everyone who sent their news of publication success and participated in the Student Author Reception that was held on March 3! We are already planning the 2009 Student Author Reception and we don't want to leave anyone out! If you have an article or essay that is accepted for publication, send your name and all citation information to bkaufman@wcl.american.edu

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Please be a good library citizen and keep your personal conversations in the library to a minimum and do not use your cell phone in the library. Your fellow students are studying! Use one of our group study rooms for collaborative learning and conversations; you can sign up for one at the Circulation Desk. **Do not leave your laptop or any valuable personal item unattended on a library table or carrel for any period of time.**

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.

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 WCL Federalist Society presents a **speech** by Professor Patrick Garry on **Federalism and Law Enforcement**, with commentary by Professor Steven Vladeck. The event will be held **March 19th at 12:00, room to be announced.** 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.**

Mock Trial Honor Society

The Mock Trial Honor Society is pleased to welcome sixteen new members to our team. Congratulations to:

Eric Blowers; Brittany Clark; Gregory Eichelman; Elicia Ford; Kyle Innes; Evan Koch; Ana-Maria Lafuente; Anna Loiselle; Megan McCarthy; Andrew Passmore; Jabeen Reza; Sara Steele; Jessica Subin; Kyla Wells; Charles Wood; Young Tae Yoo.

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 erinoverurf@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 erinoverurf@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.

IN SEARCH OF

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.

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.

Please see the Summer Dean's Fellow as under **The Office of Public Interest**.

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

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 wcl.american.edu/secle/founders/2008/031708.cfm. Further information can be found on the CGS Web site, at wcl.american.edu/lawandgov/cgs/about.cfm.

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

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. To register for the program, please access CareerLink for more details.

3L/4L Job-Search Workshop, Session 3: Long Distance Job Search & Headhunters

Tuesday, March 25; Room 504; 12:00-1:00 pm. If you are seeking employment outside of the metro DC area and/or are curious about the services provided by legal headhunters in the job search process, then you won't want to miss this dynamic presentation delivered by a national attorney placement professional and OCPD staff.

Careers in Communications Law, Federal Communications Bar Panel Wednesday, March 26;

Room 527, 12:00-1:00 pm. Considering a private or public sector career in communications law? Interested in hearing from lawyers serving as in house counsel, with federal agencies and with associations as to the nuts-and-bolts of securing employment with broadcast and media entities, communications companies, the FCC, and lobbying entities? **Due to seating limitations, space is LIMITED TO 15 STUDENTS.** Please sign up on CareerLink to secure your seat!

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.

ASIL Law School Fair

ASIL invites ALL undergraduates, JD and LL.M. candidates to attend the ASIL annual meeting school fair, free of charge, on Saturday, April 12, between 9:30 and 1:30 at the Fairmont Hotel in Washington, DC.

Learn what regional, national, and international schools are doing to advance international law teaching and education, and how they can help you take the next step toward an exciting career.

You won't want to miss this event, so register today at www.asil.org/lawschoolfair.

Summer Housing Programs

The Washington Area Legal Recruitment Administrators Association (WALRAA) Summer Housing Program is a great way for law students to sublet their residences to out-of-town law students who will be living in the area this summer while working as summer associates at DC law firms. If you are interested in participating in the program and renting your apartment, condo or house to an out-of-town summer associate, please contact Susan Meshberger, WALRAA Housing Coordinator, at summerhousing@walraa.org or 202-778-9136. You may also complete a 2008 Available Housing Information form, available at the OCPD front desk.

The National Association for Law Placement (NALP) invites students with housing available for the summer to participate in its free online 2008 Apartment Exchange. Visit www.nalp.org and follow the link to the Apartment Exchange. The exchange will be available from January 18-May 16, 2008.

Upcoming Events in the DC Metro Area

• MONDAY MARCH 24 •

Conservative Law: American Enterprise Institute Legal Center for the Public Interest presents, "Book Forum: The Rise of the Conservative Legal Movement." Panelists: Steven Teles, University of Maryland; Jack Balkin, Yale Law School; and Michael Greve, AEI. Moderator: William Galston, Brookings Institution. Location: Wohlstetter Conference Center, 12th Floor, AEI, 1150 17th St. N.W. Cost: Free. Registration and information: (202) 862-5813

• TUESDAY MARCH 25 •

Homeland Security: The American Bar Association Administrative Law Section presents "Privacy and Civil Liberties in Homeland Security." The discussion begins at 5 p.m. Speakers: Daniel Sutherland, Chief Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, and Hugo Teufel III, Chief Privacy Officer, Department of Homeland Security. Location: Alston & Bird, 950 F St. N.W. Cost: \$20 members; \$30 nonmembers. Registration and information: (202) 662-1582 or abreuj@staff.abanet.org.

• THURSDAY APRIL 12 •

ABA Forum on Air & Space Law presents: Speed Mentoring and Reception for Young Lawyers and Law Students. Please come and take advantage of this special opportunity to learn about aviation and space law and the ABA Forum dedicated to it! Speed Mentoring gives you the chance to meet briefly and one-on-one with leading lawyers including General Counsel and senior appointees from the aviation industry, US and foreign airline associations, private practice, and the Federal government.

**Where: Kirstein & Young, PLLC
 1750 K Street, NW, Suite 200**

Washington, D.C. 20006

When: Thursday, April 10, 2008
Reception from 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Mentoring from 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Light refreshments will be served.

Hosted By: ABA Forum Governing Board Members, India Pinkney and Joanne Young

*Space is limited. Please RSVP early by emailing
Brooke Doerfler at bdoerfler@yklaw.com,
or by calling 202-331-3348 x 225.*

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.idealist.org) – This website lists hundreds of internship opportunities and is a particularly good resource for students interested in a public policy experience.
4. The Government Honors & Internship Handbook (<http://www.law.arizona.edu/career/honorshandbook.cfm>) – The best resource for federal

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

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS & INTERNSHIPS

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.symlicity.com) for details!

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

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.symlicity.com/>).

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.symlicity.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

TODAY! 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.

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 **Wednesday, March 12** to Janell Saunders at janell.saunders@skadden.com or (202)371-7763.

NEW! Morgan Lewis Diversity Reception: Get to know Morgan Lewis! Please save the date for a Washington area 1L diversity reception! Wednesday, April 9, 2008 from 6:30 – 8:30pm at Morgan Lewis (1111 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004). RSVP to Tracie Seward at tseward@morganlewis.com.

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.

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.

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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 17

Monday, March 17

9-4pm, Rm 603, Freedom of Information Day Celebration

4-5:30pm, Rm 602, A non-credit "mini-course" on financial instruments.

4pm, sheri.strickler@gmail.com, EJF Auction Volunteer Meeting

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

Tuesday, March 18

12pm, Rm 528, A discussion by the authors of *The International Judge*

12:30-2pm, Rm 627, Info mtg on volunteer opportunities w/ Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition

5–6:30pm, Rm 603, Exploring Alternative Careers: Looking Inside, Outside and Around the Law

5:30pm, Dean's Suite 3rd floor, Book Release: Celebrating a Partnership Dedicated to International Human Rights & Humanitarian Law

10:10 PM in room 101, SBA Senate meeting

Wednesday, March 19

12pm, chris.czaplak@gmail.com, a speech on Federalism and Law Enforcement

12-1pm, Rm 601, Careers in International Trade: Creating Your Network and Finding the Job

5-6pm, 6th Floor Student Lounge, Human Rights Hour

5–7pm, Rm 603, Changes on the High Courts of the US and Israel: The Impact of Persons and Personalities

6:30–8:30pm, Stu Lnges, 1st Annual WCL Asian Pacific Americans and the Law Dinner

Thursday, March 20

12–4pm, 6th Floor, Climate Change and Claiming the Arctic Circle

12:15, Rm 415, Lunch w/ the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Regional Attorney

7pm–11pm, 6th Floor, 15th Annual Equal Justice Foundation Auction

Friday, March 21

9am -5pm, 6th Floor, Innovations in the First Year Curriculum

1:30–4:30pm, Rm 500, Pronunciation Workshop for non-native speakers of English