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

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

E-mail: registrar@wcl.american.edu

ADD/DROP PERIOD NOW THROUGH SEPT 2, 2008

Students may add or drop classes via the web: <https://my.american.edu/> until Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2008. Students must register for externships or independent studies in the law school Registrar's Office, Suite 304. Signed contracts are required to do so. The deadline for registering for independent studies and externships is September 9.

CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS are posted on the bulletin board outside the office of the Registrar, on the WCL web site and are listed on course schedules. As there may be some changes in classroom assignments, it is important that students check this information.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st IS LABOR DAY IT IS A UNIVERSITY HOLIDAY AND CLASSES WILL NOT MEET.

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE HOURS FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF CLASSES ONLY

Monday, August 25	9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, August 26	9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, August 27	9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, August 28	9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Friday, August 29	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

To make other arrangements or schedule appointments outside regular office hours, please call 202-274-4080.

ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE DECEMBER GRADUATES: If you plan to graduate in December 2008, please complete an Application to Graduate as soon as possible. Applications are available in the Registrar's Office, Suite 304, or on-line at: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/grad.cfm>.

ANONYMOUS GRADING NUMBERS: All students must use anonymous grading numbers, and not names, on all school examinations. For those students in Legal Rhetoric who require

grading numbers for earlier examinations, these will be available after the first week of classes on <https://my.american.edu/> under Person Links at the bottom (WCL Anonymous Grading Number). For students who are not 1L students, these are available now.

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

DEAN'S WELCOME TO NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS

On behalf of the faculty and administrators of WCL, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new and returning students! I hope that you enjoyed a productive and fulfilling summer, and that you are looking forward to an exciting academic year. Please know that our community is committed to providing you with the highest quality of teaching, scholarship and service.

With my best wishes,

Claudio Grossman, Dean

Jennifer de Laurentiis, Special Assistant to the Dean, is seeking a Dean's Fellow for the fall semester. The position involves 10-20 hours per week of legal research and writing (topics include the prohibition of torture) as well as administrative tasks. Knowledge or better of Spanish is helpful, but is not required. Interested second or third year law students should promptly submit a 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

Lunch with the Dean!

The Fall series of lunch meetings with Dean Claudio Grossman begins on **Thursday, September 11 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, Laura Hartz, at 202-274-4031; lhartz@wcl.american.edu. **You are advised to submit your documentation as soon as possible.**

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

WELCOME

The Office of Diversity Services welcomes everyone to the 2008-09 academic year. Be sure to watch the *Docket* and our bulletin board for announcements of programs and opportunities sponsored by our office. All are welcome to visit and to participate in our offerings. Please feel free to drop in. Have a wonderful semester!

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

The Financial Aid Staff welcomes you and wishes you a successful academic year!

Your Financial Aid Counselors are:

A – H Derek Thompson

I – P Judi Amey

Q – Z Barbara Williams

Richard Legendre, Financial Aid Assistant assists with general inquiries and document processing.

Disbursements

Academic year awards are disbursed by federal regulation in equal installments; half each semester. Funds are disbursed continuously throughout the year as payment requirements are satisfied. The following conditions must be met for aid to be released:

Award is accepted (awards are accepted at my.american.edu).

Master Promissory Note (MPN) is complete. All Direct Loan borrowers must file a MPN at <http://dlenote.ed.gov> (New for continuing students this year.)

Entrance Counseling/Right and Responsibilities results are on file for entering students. Complete the requirement at: <http://www.mapping-your-future.org>

Enrollment in a minimum of six credits is confirmed.

All other file requirements are satisfied.

Check your student account “snapshot” for payment activity.

To obtain living expense money you must request a refund from the Student Accounts Office. Refund requests are filed through your my.american.edu Student Account link. A refund can only be issued when a refundable credit exists on your account i.e., aid is posted and all charges are paid. Checks are available beginning the first week of classes but processing may take several days. Be prepared to cover expenses out of pocket at the beginning.

Billing

The Student Accounts Office is responsible for billing and processing payments. Your financial aid is applied to cover university charges first. You are then billed until your account is settled in full. If payments exceed charges a refund can be obtained.

Deferments - Entering Students

Confirmation of enrollment for deferment purposes is routinely provided to the lender *Clearinghouse* by the Registrar’s Office. Deferment forms received from your lender are also completed by the Registrar.

Dean’s Fellow/Mussey-Gillett Fellows

Dean’s Fellows and Mussey-Gillette Fellows are compensated at the rate of \$12.00 per hour and are paid twice during the semester (unless compensated under the Federal-Work Study program). The first paycheck will be issued September 26, the second November 28. Fall/academic year appointment (authorization) forms must be submitted by September 12 for the first payday. Applicable withholding is deducted prior to disbursement. Make certain that all necessary payroll forms including I-9 requirements, if necessary, are completed before beginning work. Contact Richard Legendre if you have questions.

Miscellany

Make certain that your address is current to ensure timely receipt of financial aid mailings.

Email communication from the office is sent to your AU account only.

Check your financial aid record on my.american.edu for updates and to confirm award acceptance.

Outside Scholarship information is listed under *Types of Aid* on the Financial Aid website.

OFFICE OF GRANT ADMINISTRATION AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Thinking About Spending a Semester Abroad? Apply by October 1st for the Spring Semester!

Continued success in today's society is increasingly dependent on the ability of people to think and work globally. WCL believes that the unique challenges that students encounter while studying abroad will enhance their legal education, preparing them to meet the needs of our global society. WCL programs are offered in English and the language of the country – current offerings include **20 semester exchange opportunities** in Asia, Europe, Latin America, Australia, and North America.

Take advantage of this great opportunity to live and study abroad. You will have the chance to learn about comparative legal systems, gain a greater understanding of different cultures AND make yourself more competitive in the job market!

The deadline to apply for a Semester Exchange for Spring 2009 is **October 1**. For a complete description of opportunities abroad please visit: www.wcl.american.edu/studyabroad or contact us at grants-programs@wcl.american.edu

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST

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

WELCOME BACK!

The Office of Public Interest (OPI) seeks to educate law students about their professional responsibility to perform public service work as practicing attorneys, thereby fostering a lifelong commitment to public service. OPI also helps highlight student achievement in public interest and pro bono and provides recognition for these accomplishments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dean's Fellow Opportunity-Please see under "in Search Of"

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.

Attn 3ls: Postgraduate Public Interest FELLOWSHIP deadlines Approaching!

Interested in pursuing a postgraduate public interest fellowship opportunity? Visit www.pslawnet.org for a comprehensive listing of fellowship opportunities and deadlines. Some big deadlines are just around the corner:

Equal Justice Works: September 16th, application and information available at www.equajusticeworks.org.

Skadden: October 6th, application and information available at www.skadden.com. If you are already in the process of completing a fellowship application, please contact Heather Fine, Public Interest Specialist in the Office of Career and Professional Development, at hfine@wcl.american.edu or 202-274-4090 to schedule an appointment to review your application materials and/or discuss questions.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Pro Bono Honors Pledge Program “Getting Involved in Pro Bono” Session Coming up in October!

WCL’s volunteer pro bono program encourages students to complete 75 hours of pro bono and community service work at organizations assisting underprivileged and underrepresented populations. While at least 50 hours of the pro bono work completed must be with an organization engaged primarily in law-related or legal work, students may complete up to 25 of their 75 hours in non-legal community service work, enabling first-year law students to begin participating in the program immediately. The “Getting Involved” session is an opportunity to hear from current students about the advantages of participating in the pledge. Watch the Docket for additional details in the weeks to come.

1L Public Interest Roundtable Series

Called by some, “The most fascinating hour I have had at WCL,” the Public Interest Roundtables provide an opportunity for first-year students to discuss the public interest aspects of the core courses with faculty members over lunch. The group is kept small to foster interactive discussion. Fall 2008 Roundtables will be scheduled in the near future, so please keep your eyes open for more announcements on this front!

2008 Equal Justice Works Conference & Career Fair!!

The 2008 EJW Career Fair will be held on **October 10th & 11th** at the **Omni Shoreham Hotel** in Washington, DC. Student registration is now open. Please go to the EJW website, www.equaljusticeworks.org to register.

CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law

For additional information on any of the events or announcements listed below, please contact the Center by calling 202-274-4180 or by emailing humlaw@wcl.american.edu.

Center Announcements

The Center For Human Rights and Humanitarian Law is Looking for a FEW GOOD Dean’s Fellows!!

The most fun you will ever have as a Dean’s Fellow!

This is a great time to get involved with the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law. This fall, the Center is looking for several Dean’s fellows to assist in the Center’s exciting new initiatives. Dean’s fellows will work alongside Center staff to provide support to many of our new exciting programs such as the **new Initiative Against Trafficking in Persons**, the **Human Rights Treaty Video Project**, the **Pakistan Initiative on Human Rights and Gender**, the **Project on**

International Humanitarian Law with the ICRC, and many more! Attention to detail, organizational skills, familiarity with Microsoft Office programs, and proven interest in human rights issues are essential. Experience/skills in brochure/flyer design are a plus. Available positions range from 10/hours per week to 20/hours per week. **To apply:** send a cover letter, resume and short writing sample (max. 5 pages), to Amelia Parker at aparker@wcl.american.edu by **Fri., August 29**. Please indicate that you are applying for a Center Dean's Fellow position in the subject line.

JOIN THE STAFF OF WCL'S PRESTIGIOUS STUDENT-RUN HUMAN RIGHTS PUBLICATION: THE HUMAN RIGHTS BRIEF!

The *Human Rights Brief*, a student-run publication of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, reports on developments in international human rights and humanitarian law and provides concise legal analyses of current human rights issues. The *Brief* publishes short articles (3,000 words, with few or no footnotes) on cutting-edge developments in human rights and international humanitarian law written by students, academics and leading human rights practitioners from around the world. The *Brief* is highly regarded around the world and reaches over 6,000 subscribers in more than 90 countries. It is published three times a year and provides an excellent opportunity for students to publish their work. The *Brief* will be accepting applications for staff writers and articles editors during the first few weeks of the semester. Importantly, and unlike many other publications, the *Human Rights Brief* welcomes applications from 1Ls. This is an excellent opportunity for student authors to have their work published and widely read. For more information, contact Co-editors Adriàn Alvarez and Katherine Marshall at chief_hrbrief@wcl.american.edu. To consult the submission guidelines, please go to: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/hrbrief/>.

GET YOUR COPY OF THE CENTER'S NEWSLETTER TODAY!

At the beginning of each semester, the Center distributes both hard copies of semesterly newsletter electronic copies through email. The Newsletter contains contributions solicited from all other human rights organizations at WCL and includes course listings in human rights and humanitarian law, provides a coordinated calendar of events and highlights ways for students to be involved with human rights and humanitarian law activities at WCL. If you did not receive a copy and would like one, please contact the Center at humlaw@wcl.american.edu or by calling 202-274-4180.

GET UPDATES ON WHAT'S GOING ON AT THE CENTER AND AROUND TOWN: JOIN THE CENTER'S LISTSERV!

Keep up-to-date on human rights events, activities, and resources at WCL and in the community by joining the Center's listserv! You will receive occasional updates (maximum one per week) from the Center about human rights goings-on right in your inbox. To subscribe, follow the instructions at WCLCenterforHR.org/listserv.cfm. To submit a human-rights related event or announcement to the listserv, please send an email to humlaw@wcl.american.edu.

Center Events

Center's Fall Welcome Reception

Wed., August 20, 2:30pm - 4pm, 6th Floor Student Lounge

Please join the Center as we head into another year of exciting activities and engaging programs! Take this great opportunity to enjoy refreshments and meet faculty, staff and students while

learning more about Human Rights at WCL! Among the offices and projects attending will be: Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law; Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law; War Crimes Research Office; International Human Rights Law Clinic; UNROW Human Rights Litigation Clinic; Women and International Law Program; WCL's Impact Litigation Project; Office of Public Interest; Health Law Project; National Institute of Military Justice; Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property; Human Rights Brief; Action for Human Rights; Alternative Spring Break; and the Center's Student Advisory Board. All LLM and JD students, fellows and international visitors, faculty and staff are welcome. For more information, please contact the Center at 202-274-4180 or by emailing humlaw@wcl.american.edu.

WHAT IS THE CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS @ WCL? How to Get Involved in Human Rights Activism at WCL

Wed., September 3, 12-1:20pm, Rm. TBD

Come learn about the variety of Center projects, student initiatives and opportunities for involvement that the Center provides. Represented projects will include the *Human Rights Brief*, the Human Rights Film Series, Election Protection 2008, the Center Student Advisory Board, Experiential Learning Projects and more.

WANT A TASTE OF HUMAN RIGHTS?

JOIN US FOR "MUNCHING ON HUMAN RIGHTS"!

Interested in human rights but stuck studying civil procedure and torts? Munching on Human Rights is an introductory program designed to educate and engage students, especially 1Ls, about basic issues in international human rights and humanitarian law. Held once a month, Munching gives you a great opportunity to informally interact with WCL's internationally-known faculty and get a "taste" of international law. The first session will take place on **Thursday, September 11th at 12pm** (Rm. TBD) and will feature **Hadar Harris**, Center Executive Director. Please visit the Center's website or check the listserv for more details. All students are welcome. *Pizza will be served.*

NUTS AND BOLTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS LUNCHTIME SERIES

Is human rights work as glamorous as it seems??? Coming up this fall, the Center introduces a new informative (and entertaining) lunchtime series: *The Nuts and Bolts of Doing Human Rights Work*, which promises to demystify the world of international human rights work. Check the Center's website or listserv for upcoming dates and times.

60th Anniversary of the UDHR Speaker Series

This fall, the Center will host a series of events to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). The events include panel discussions as well as interactive activities designed to foster meaningful discussion about the current state of human rights around the globe and the potential impact that the UDHR has had and will continue to have. Check the Center's website or listserv for upcoming dates and times.

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Update on Lobby Construction

At the start of the Lobby project we knew that it would be a very tight schedule for such a significant renovation project to be done in a period of a 3 month construction window. In our bid process we indicated a completion date of August 20, 2008. Many bidders felt that they could not meet this and were hesitant in bidding. Patner Construction felt that they could take on the challenge and they have done a great job in getting us close to that date. However, as with all projects the General Contractor can not always guarantee the production of materials needed to be exactly in line to their construction schedule and deadlines.

Based on our latest construction meeting, the sections below show which parts of the construction work will not be completed by August 20 and need to be continued into September. The completion of these sections depends on the delivery times of the materials and determining the best times to do the work to minimize the disruption to the WCL daily business requirements.

1 The old front entrance doors will need to stay in place until the new glass doors arrive on site during the period of 9/15- 9/29. Once here, two days will be required for installation. We will work out a convenient time to have this done to minimize the disruption to the WCL daily business requirements.

2 Interior Glass, this includes the glazing and door for OCPD, the Library Main Door, the side door to the Library and the glass door to the Legal Rhetoric Suite - is scheduled to arrive on site the week of 8/25 and will require a week of installation - we will work on a time frame that is best for those departments and the general business cycle of WCL

3 Full Glass Panels on the 2nd floor library – at this time the glass contractor indicated that they would be on site 8/21-8/26 – since this installation will require work to be done from both the lobby and the library floor side we will need to coordinate the use of the lobby space so that students are not in the area of the work being done. The contractor is planning to do as much of the work as possible in the early morning hours prior to student arrival.

4 Elevator Floor Coverings - the floor covering for the elevators will ship on 9/18 and will require 2 days for installation - elevators will be done two at a time to permit elevator use - this work will be scheduled at a time to minimize disruption to the daily WCL business cycle.

5 Water Walls – the water walls at the front entrance may not arrive in time for the 8/20 deadline but the contractor is looking to change that

6 Lobby Dome – the planning and fabrication of the back lit dome at the entrance of the lobby is still in progress and completion is anticipated to be late October. Since the dome installation will require several days of work in the center of the lobby, it may be necessary to postpone the installation for the Thanksgiving Break when lobby traffic can be stopped.

7 Information Screens – The installation of the information screens and other IT equipment is in progress. Completion dates will be coordinated with IT. It is anticipated that these information screens in the lobby will be ready for installation in about 4 weeks. Once in place, these screens will be the primary means of providing event and student organization information to the WCL Community and easels or posters may no longer be placed in the main lobby area or in the main elevator lobby. . Easels may still be used on floors 4,5, and 6 to as a means of disseminating information for events that will be taking place on the specific floor. During the academic year additional plasma screens will be placed at each floor elevator lobby to provide an additional avenue of advertising events or other information.

These are some of the major construction items that will not be completed by August 20. There are other smaller items that will also need to be finished.

We will continue to provide updates on the progress of the lobby renovation on our website at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/facilities/construction.cfm>

We thank you for your continued patience as we work to make the Washington College of Law a better educational place.

Sincerely,
Facilities Management

WCL Parking

LLM, 2L, 3L and part-time 1L students will be able to pick up their parking permits starting August 18, 2008 in the facilities management office in room 383. An application can be filled out at wcl.american.edu/facilities. Full-time rates are \$455 per semester or \$910 for the year. Part-time rates are \$174 for the semester and \$347 for the year.

Full-time 1L students that plan to drive to school will need to purchase a permit from main campus transportation services. The application and other details can be found at <http://www.american.edu/finance/ts/>. Full-time 1L students can only park in the Katzen Garage and Nebraska Lot.

HEALTH LAW PROJECT

The Health Law Project, LLM Program on Law and Government, and the WCL Health Law and Justice Initiative, together with the District of Columbia Bar Health Law Section, present an “Off the Record” Brown Bag Lunch Program:

Health Care Reform in China

This program will cover an historical overview, including the past and present aspects of the country's health care system, as well as future planning. Such topics as the current cost of hospital care and the new rural cooperative medical system will be discussed, among other topics.

Speakers:

Yan Zhou, Associate Professor, Southwest University of Political Science and Law, People's Republic of China

QuJun Li, Juris Doctor Candidate, American University - Washington College of Law (Interpreter)

Moderator:

Prof. Corrine Parver, Practitioner-in-Residence and Executive Director, Health Law Project; LL.M. Program on Law and Government, American University - Washington College of Law

Date: September 3, 2008

Time: 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

Location: D.C. Bar Conference Center

1250 H Street NW, B-1 Level (Metro Center) Washington DC 20005

Cost: Washington College of Law Students: \$3.00

Other Law Students: \$5.00

To register for this program or for a printable registration form, please visit:

https://www.dcbbar.org/for_lawyers/events/registration/login.cfm?sessionAltCD=200871&link=Web

For more information, please visit:

https://www.dcbbar.org/for_lawyers/events/details.cfm?sessionAltCD=200871&link=email

INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM

ILSP Orientation

Friday, August 22nd, 8:30am-7:00pm

Room 401

ILSP is excited to welcome its incoming class for the Fall 2008 semester. This semester introduces approximately 70 new LLM students from over 34 countries around the world and 11 exchange students. At orientation, students will have the opportunity to meet other students, faculty and staff and learn more about the Washington College of Law.

International Week:

From September 15th-19th, faculty, students, staff, and other members of the WCL community are invited to participate in the 2nd Annual International Week events. The goal is to promote awareness of international law in an attempt to better understand what it means to live in an international community. International Week highlights all of WCL's international programs, promotes awareness of international law and celebrates the school's cultural diversity. Events range from lectures and panels to luncheons and socials—all hosted by various offices within WCL. Faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend the events all throughout the week. Contact Alanna Wong awong@wcl.american.edu for questions. You can also find more information on our website: www.wcl.american.edu/ilsp/llm_international_wk.cfm.

List of Some Events:

Annual ILSP Conference on International Law

Annual Embassy Reception

Potluck Dinner and International Week Photo Competition

Language Tables: French, Spanish, Mandarin, Arabic

“Countering Terrorism Through Domestic and International Sanctions Listing: A Rule of Law Perspective.” Center for HR/Embassy of Liechtenstein

Human Rights Academy and the LLM Board: World Bank Lunch Panel

Justice, Gender, and Sexuality in Latin America: Women and International Law Program

Study Abroad and Summer Session Fair

“Looking Past Guantanamo: Are New Concepts Needed for Terrorist-Related Detentions?”

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.

Welcome and Welcome Back!

Need some Research help? Directions? Are you starting your research paper or a comment and need help identifying possible topics? Are you spading for a journal and unsure of what a citation means or where it can be located? Are you lost using West's Key Number system? There is help available at the Reference Desk located on the first floor of the Library!

Reference Desk Hours:

Monday – Thursday	9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	Noon to 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	Noon to 6:00 p.m.

Reference librarians are also available to students and faculty for research consultations by appointment. Stop by, call 202-467-4352 or email us at reflib@wcl.american.edu . IM service will resume on August 25. We look forward to working with you!

Access Pence Law Library Electronic Resources from Home Do your research from anywhere in the world by linking to the library webpage at library.wcl.american.edu The WCL community can log into subscription databases on the library website by linking to one of the database listings under Research Tools or Information Resources. Enter the same user ID and password that you use to access the law school network and my.american.edu.

Wireless Internet and printing is available in the Library. Please see www.wcl.american.edu/techres/wireless.cfm for additional information or contact the Help Desk located on the second floor of the Library if you need assistance.

The Reserve Room is where you will find study aids and materials your professor has put on course reserve and other high-use library materials. You can check out items from Reserve for a three hour period and can renew them as necessary.

Student Convenience Centers are located in the first and second floor copy rooms and provide many services, including photocopying, printing, faxing, EagleBuck\$ vending machines, and many other amenities.

Group Study Rooms Groups of current WCL students can sign up for one of our 14 study rooms up to one week in advance at the Circulation Desk. Please see library.wcl.american.edu/circulation.cfm for details on the use of these rooms.

Pardon our Dust! As a byproduct of the lobby construction project some carrels on the second floor of the Library are not available. We expect this to be remedied shortly after the beginning of the semester. The carrel lottery for eligible upper class JD's and LLM students will take place about a week after the carrels are reinstalled.

Attention New Students! Don't Forget to Register Your Lexis and Westlaw Passwords! You will receive your activation codes during Orientation, but you must register them or they will be turned off. For Lexis, go to <http://lawschool.lexis.com> and lick on **Register Your Activation Code**

in the sign-on box. For Westlaw, link to lawschool.westlaw.com and click on **Register your Password Now**.

Please be a good library citizen and keep your personal conversations in the Library to a minimum and set your cell phone to vibrate. Your fellow students are studying! Need an absolute quiet place to study? Use the Quiet Study Room on the first floor of the Library.

Do not leave your laptop or any valuable personal item unattended on a Library table or carrel for any period of time. Unclaimed items found by the Library staff may be retrieved from the Security Desk.

Always Read the Docket and the Library webpage for Pence Law Library News!

HAVE A GREAT SEMESTER!

WOMEN AND THE LAW PROGRAM

Gender and the Law Reception

Wednesday, August 27, 5:00- 6:00pm, International Student Lounge, 6th Floor

The Women and the Law Program invites you to our annual Gender and the Law reception. This is an excellent opportunity to learn about the many gender-related courses offered next term and meet the faculty that teach them. It is also a chance to mingle with other students who are interested in women's and LGBT legal studies. Come hear from student groups who focus on gender issues and learn about upcoming gender related events at WCL. All students, international visitors, faculty and staff are welcome! Hors d'oeuvres will be served.

RSVP to wilp@wcl.american.edu

OFFICE HOURS.

The Women and the Law program staff are available to meet with students each **Tuesday from 2:00 to 3:00 or by appointment**. Students are welcome to stop by to seek advice regarding courses, learn about opportunities to get involved in feminist advocacy and chat about law school in general. Associate Director Daniela Kraiem is located at 4910 Massachusetts Avenue, Suite 16 (on the lower level), Room 113.

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

Health Law & Policy Group

"The Future of Health Care in America" Please join *Health Law and Policy* on **September 23 @ noon in room 603** for a lunchtime panel addressing the presidential candidates' visions for the future of the healthcare system in the United States. Panelists will discuss each candidate's view on the current failures and shortcomings of the current healthcare system. They will also explain the way that the candidates plan to address these issues if elected president. The discussion will be moderated by a representative from a non-partisan organization, and questions will be welcomed from the audience. Lunch will be provided. All are welcome to attend!

IN SEARCH OF

Jennifer de Laurentiis, Special Assistant to the Dean, is seeking a Dean's Fellow for the fall semester. The position involves 10-20 hours per week of legal research and writing (topics include the prohibition of torture) as well as administrative tasks. Knowledge or better of Spanish is helpful, but is not required. Interested second or third year law students should promptly submit a cover letter and resume via e-mail to jdelautentiis@wcl.american.edu and reference "Dean's Fellow" in the subject line.

Prof. Walter Effross invites applications from second- and third-year students for the position of his research assistant (10 hours per week; approx. \$3,360 for the academic year) for this academic year, on projects in corporate governance, e-commerce law, and intellectual property law. If you are interested, please submit your resume, transcript, and a statement of your other anticipated obligations during the academic year to Professor Effross's administrative assistant, Rosalena Thompson, in Room 475 by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 3.

Professor Jaszi is seeking a Dean's Fellow to help with an article tentatively entitled "Copyright and Choice of Law in Virtual Space." Students with backgrounds in IP, choice of laws, and/or foreign and comparative law will be considered. Resumes should be sent to Kristina Hilton at khilton@wcl.american.edu.

Prof. David Chavkin is seeking two dean's fellows for the fall semester. One dean's fellow will assist Professor Chavkin in his research and scholarship. The other dean's fellow will work with the General Practice Clinic in assisting clinic clients and in playing a role in clinic simulations. First-year part-time students are eligible to apply. Please send applications to dchavkin@wcl.american.edu.

Prof. Susan Bennett will hire two dean's fellows, for 10 hours each per week, for Fall semester 2008 and possibly continuing through Spring semester, 2009. For the first dean's fellow's position, Professor Bennett needs someone interested in issues touching affordable housing development, community economic development (to include community credit and alternative banking institutions) and community organizing. Familiarity with literature and sources in international housing or community development and with international rules on displaced persons is a plus.

For the second slot, **Professor Bennett** is seeking someone conversant with the practice and theory of "Second Life" to assist in developing the framework for a set of on-line community development clinic materials. Familiarity with or interest in SimCity, urban planning, geography, community development or community organizing is a plus. Work hours are flexible. Professor Bennett will consider combining both positions into one 15 or 20 hour per week position if one candidate meets the criteria for both.

For either position, send a cover letter including a statement of interest and a resume to Susan Bennett at sbennet@wcl.american.edu. Jobs will be open until filled.

Prof. Ann Shalleck seeks a dean's fellow for AY 2008-09 to work 10 hours per week on issues of narrative theory, feminist theory, the lawyer-client relationship and family law. Please bring a resume and cover letter to Melissa Manning in room 417 or send an email to mmanning@wcl.american.edu by Tuesday, September 2, 2008 at 5:00 p.m or sooner, if possible.

Prof. Mary Fan is accepting applications for a Dean's Fellow. The person selected will research issues in the domains of criminal law and procedure, privacy law and property and assist in related matters. The position will involve between 10 and 20 hours of work per week.

A complete application must contain (1) a cover letter, (2) a writing sample, (3) your most recent transcript, (4) a resume, and (5) an estimate of hours of weekly availability. Please place applications in Professor Fan's mailbox in the mailroom on the fourth floor. The deadline for submission of applications is 8 p.m. on Friday, August 29, 2008.

Prof. Diane Orentlicher is seeking a full-time (20 hours/week) Dean's Fellow for AY 2008-09 to assist her in updating materials for her Spring 2009 international law classes and to help her research a study of the impact of the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in Bosnia-Herzegovina and Croatia. Applicants should submit a short cover letter, resume, two references, and a brief writing sample to Prof. Orentlicher's assistant, Rosalena Thompson, in Room 475. Ms. Thompson can be reached at x4270 or rthompson@wcl.american.edu.

Prof. Brenda V. Smith and the NIC Project on Addressing Prison Rape seeks Dean's Fellows for the Fall of 2008 semester, to work 10-20 hours per week. Dean's Fellows will provide research and assistance with projects on legal issues related to sexual abuse in correctional facilities and implementation of the Prison Rape Elimination Act. Excellent work ethic, and research and writing skills a must. Office hours required. Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, transcript and writing sample to bvsmith@wcl.american.edu and jyarussi@wcl.american.edu

Jayesh Rathod, Practitioner-in-Residence in the Immigrants' Rights Section of the International Human Rights Law Clinic, is seeking 1-2 Dean's Fellows for the 2008-2009 academic year. The Dean's Fellow will work on projects related to the epidemic of workplace injuries and deaths suffered by low-income immigrant workers in the United States; and the relationship between law and organizing in the context of immigrant worker advocacy. Candidates with a background or interest in immigrants' rights or employment law are encouraged to apply. Candidates must have strong research and writing skills. Please submit a resume and brief cover letter by email to jrathod@wcl.american.edu by Tuesday, September 2. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis, so please apply early.

The Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law – Human Rights Legal Education Project is looking for one part-time assistant for the Fall 2008 semester, with the potential to continue in the Spring semester. The assistant will be required to work 15-20 hours per week to provide support in the implementation of research and educational projects in the US and Latin America (especially Venezuela, Nicaragua and Bolivia) and conduct research in international human rights law as needed. Excellent writing skills in English and fluency in Spanish are essential. Part-time 1Ls are encouraged to apply. The salary for this position is \$12/hour. If you are interested in applying for this position, please send your cover letter, résumé and short (10 pages max.)

writing sample, before September 2nd, to Matias Hernandez, matias@wcl.american.edu, indicating “Part-Time Assistant Fall 2008” in the subject line.

Academy Co-Director and **Prof. Claudia Martin** seeks a Dean's Fellow for the Fall 2008 semester, who will be required to work 20 hours per week doing legal research in international human rights law. Legal research experience in human rights and international law, as well as working knowledge of Spanish, though not required, are a plus. This position pays \$12 an hour. If you are interested in applying for this position, you should send your cover letter and resume to hacademy@wcl.american.edu. Please indicate “Prof. Martin Research Assistant Dean’s Fellow Fall 2008” in the subject line.

Academy Co-Director and **Prof. Diego Rodriguez-Pinzon** seeks a Dean's Fellow for the Fall 2008 semester, who will be required to work 20 hours per week doing legal research in international human rights law. Legal research experience in human rights and international law, as well as working knowledge of Spanish, though not required, are a plus. This position pays \$12 an hour. If you are interested in applying for this position, you should send your cover letter and resume to hacademy@wcl.american.edu. Please indicate “Prof. Rodriguez-Pinzon Research Assistant Dean’s Fellow Fall 2008” in the subject line.

Law Student Worker Position Available in **WCL Admissions Office** The Office of Admissions is seeking upper-level JD students to work at our reception desk this fall semester with potential to work spring semester. We are looking for students who have been active on campus and who could share their experiences with prospective students. Duties will include; leading tours for prospective students, presenting at small information sessions, greeting visitors, answering the main phone line, responding to general email inquiries, assisting with mailings, shipping recruitment materials, and other office duties as assigned. Candidates for the position must be able to work at least 2 shifts per week or between 10-20 hours per week. The pay rate is \$12/hour and will be paid bi-weekly. If you are interested, please email your resume to Meghan Walter, Assistant Director of Admissions, at mwalter@wcl.american.edu. In your email, please be sure to include your WCL activities on your resume, provide your availability (ie preferred days and shifts you could work), and your potential start date.

The Public International Law & Policy Program (PILPP) is looking for three research associates to join the program this fall. In cooperation with Professor Paul Williams and the Public International Law & Policy Group, PILPP gives students the opportunity to complete practical and substantive work on issues of international law and policy. Research associates have worked on over a dozen peace negotiations and advised over fifteen governments. Clients include Montenegro, Iraq, Darfur, Armenia, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Burma, Kosova, Georgia, Bosnia, and Macedonia.

WCL and SIS Masters Degree students may apply for PILPP. Students chosen to participate in the program will receive six credit hours per semester for their participation in this year-long program. Applicants must be available to attend a mandatory orientation session on August 29, 2008. Applicants must submit to a cover letter, resume, unofficial transcript, and 5-10 page writing sample to lbaillie@pilpg.org and pvalentine@pilpg.org by 5PM on August 18, 2008. Questions may be directed to Lauren Baillie, lbaillie@pilpg.org, or Paul Valentine, pvalentine@pilpg.org.

The International Human Rights Law Clinic is looking for 1-2 Clinic Dean's Fellows for the fall and spring semesters (2008-09). These positions are paid through tuition remission, and usually consist of a 14-week commitment per semester, of 10-20 hours of work per week; work may be for one or both semesters though working both semesters is preferred. Dean's Fellows work under the supervision of the Clinic faculty and are responsible for maintaining a portion of the Clinic's case load, comprised of asylum, deportation and removal, international human rights, and immigrant worker rights cases. In addition, the Dean's Fellows will be expected to assist in clinic simulations, clinic-related legal research, collecting seminar materials and general case management. Because of the work required, immigration law and/or international human rights practice experience is preferred, as is foreign-language fluency (*esp.* Spanish and French). Please submit resume and brief cover letter via email to Will Gignilliat (williamg@wcl.american.edu) by Friday, August 29, 2008. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis, so please apply early.

Women and the Law Program Seeks Dean's Fellows- Are you interested in helping to advance and shape WCL's feminist legacy? Working for the Women and the Law Program is an excellent way to tap into the gender resources of WCL and to have an impact on future programs and opportunities for students interested in gender issues. Responsibilities will include: managing the list serve, website, and database we use to communicate with the campus community, potential students, and women's rights groups around the globe; preparing outreach and promotional mailings to potential Gender and the Law LLM Specialization students around the world; and helping organize our fall events, including our conference on *Prosecuting Sexual and Gender-Based Crimes before Internationalized Criminal Courts*. Organizational and writing skills are important, and an interest in gender and law is preferred. To apply, send a resume, cover letter, and short writing sample to Angie McCarthy, Program Coordinator at angiem@wcl.american.edu with 'Fall Dean's Fellow' in the subject line. A 10 hr/week commitment is required

The National Institute of Military Justice is seeking a 2L/3L/4L dean's fellow to work 10-20 hours/week during the fall semester 2008. The Dean's Fellow will work on editing and indexing National Institute of Military Justice (NIMJ) updates to publications to include the Guide to the Rules of Practice and Procedure for the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces and the Military Commission Instruction Sourcebook 3d and 4th. Experience with Microsoft Word and the Bluebook is desired. This position could lead to other military justice/NIMJ work. An interest in military justice and related issues is a plus. Publishing experience is helpful, but not required. To apply submit a cover letter, resume, and writing sample to Jonathan Tracy, Assistant Director, National Institute of Military Justice (NIMJ) at jtracy@wcl.american.edu.

The Office of Grant Administration and Program Development and the International Arbitration Program are seeking to hire two Dean's Fellows (10-20 hours per week) to help us prepare for and implement the Fifth Annual Seminar on International Commercial Arbitration (this year's topic is Intellectual Property), WCL's Annual Study Abroad and Summer Session Fair, and other related activities. This year's fall activities will provide networking opportunities with partners at law firms, principals at leading organizations in the field of arbitration, arbitration practitioners, and government representatives.

Interested students should apply by submitting a resume, photocopy of law school transcript, and writing sample in our office mailbox in Room 465 by Monday, September 8. Questions can be directed to Aurora Carmichael at grants-programs@wcl.american.edu or (202) 274-4317. Prior office experience is preferred.

The Office of Public Interest Seeks Fall Semester Dean's Fellow: The Office of Public Interest is seeking a Dean's Fellow to work 20 hours/week on a number of projects including the Pro Bono Honors Pledge Program, outreach to students, public interest employers and WCL alumni, the updating of a public interest handbook, and the Public Interest Loan Repayment Assistance Program (PILRAP). Excellent writing, computer and interpersonal skills are required. Interested candidates should submit a current resume and brief cover letter to Heather Fine at hfine@wcl.american.edu. Resumes will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

Call for Volunteers for Oxford University Press Project - The Academy is looking for self-motivated WCL students, interested in joining them in an exciting project with Oxford University Press. The project entails drafting summaries in English of the Inter-American Court and Inter-American Commission on Human Rights decisions from their Spanish or English original versions. Thus we are seeking two types of volunteers: those who will translate and summarize from Spanish to English and those who will summarize from English to English. This is a great opportunity for students with excellent writing skills to contribute to wider international recognition of the Inter-American Human Rights System. The Academy seeks 1Ls, 2Ls, 3Ls, and LL.M.s who can dedicate between 5-10 hours/week to the project. This project is eligible to fulfill your Pro Bono Honors Pledge. If you are interested in applying, please send your cover letter and résumé to matias@wcl.american.edu indicating "Oxford Volunteer Fall 2008" in the subject line.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Environmental Law (629-001) (Mr. Breen): The course grade is based on a final examination (75% of the grade) and class participation (25% of the grade). Class participation includes regular classes and an in-class legislative exercise near the end of the semester.

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ADVOCACY SEMINAR- There are still openings for one of WCL's more exciting opportunities: gaining employment in top public interest environmental law positions for academic credit (from 4-6 credits, no final exam) while simultaneously receiving instruction and mentoring from a long-time Washington, D.C. conservation legal advocate. The Environmental Law Advocacy Externship Seminar (769-002) is taught by Professor William Snape, formerly general counsel at Defenders of Wildlife and now senior counsel at the Center for Biological Diversity. Past students have been placed at diverse institutions such as the Department of Justice, Greenpeace, National Wildlife Federation, various Congressional committees, Department of Energy, Natural Resources Defense Council and several pro bono law firms. Both JD and LLM candidates welcome. Domestic and international opportunities are both available. Contact: wsnape@wcl.american.edu or 202-536-9351. Have some fun and save the world at the same time!

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 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 Fall semester of 2008 and are prepared to enroll in the seminar on Derivatives for the Spring Semester 2009 or who, having completed Business Associations by the end of the Fall semester 2008 and will be enrolling in the course on Securities Regulations and the seminar on Derivatives for the Spring 2009 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 are taking in the Fall 2008 Semester and intent to take in the Spring Semester 2009, 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 will have completed Securities Regulation by the end of the Fall 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 Spring 2009 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 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 Spring 2009 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 Economic & Business Laws, Diplomatic Law, Law Enforcement, Human Rights & Refugee Laws, etc.

Students having an interest in these areas, as shown by the courses and seminars they will have taken by the end of the Fall Semester 2008 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 student

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

Public Interest & Government

Attn: 2ls & 3ls Interested in Government Employment

Several federal and state government employers are participating in our Fall Recruitment Program. Be sure you log onto CareerLink and select the appropriate week from the drop-down menu to view participating employers. Week 4 application deadline is Monday, August 18th at 11:59pm. Week 5 application deadline is Monday, August 25th at 11:59pm. Employers include: Federal Reserve board, National Treasury Employees Union, Office of Senate Legislative Counsel, NY District Attorney's Office, Department of Transportation, Philadelphia District Attorney's Office and more!

Important DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE Information!

NEWS FLASH!! 2L and 3L students interested in the Attorney General's Honors Program or the Summer Law Intern Program for 2009, remember the application deadline is **September 2, 2008, midnight Eastern Time**. Please go to <http://www.usdoj.gov/oarm/arm/hp/hp.htm> for more information. Also, do not miss WCL's program, "**Working for the DOJ**" on **August 26, 2008 from 12:00pm-1:20pm in Room 401**. A DOJ representative will discuss the Attorney General's Honors Program, the Summer Law Intern Program, the Volunteer Legal Intern Program, other employment opportunities at DOJ, and will answer students' questions. This is an excellent program that you will not want to miss! Register for this event on CareerLink. Lunch will be provided! Also, please continue to check the Government Honors & Internship Handbook for details on DOJ and other honors attorney programs and keep in mind that several agencies have **deadlines in early fall!**

ATTENTION 3Ls – UPCOMING INFORMATION AND EVENTS FOR YOU!!

Postgraduate Public Interest FELLOWSHIP deadlines Approaching!

Interested in pursuing a postgraduate public interest fellowship opportunity? Visit www.pslawnet.org for a comprehensive listing of fellowship opportunities and deadlines. Some big deadlines are just around the corner:

Equal Justice Works: September 16th, application and information available at www.equajusticeworks.org.

Skadden: October 6th, application and information available at www.skadden.com.

If you are already in the process of completing a fellowship application, please contact Heather Fine, Public Interest Specialist in the Office of Career and Professional Development, at hfine@wcl.american.edu or 202-274-4090 to schedule an appointment to review your application materials and/or discuss questions.

Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) Program Information Session September 10, 2008, 5:00pm-6:30pm, Room 503

Come learn about this exciting program designed to attract to the Federal service outstanding men and women from a variety of academic disciplines and career paths who have a clear interest in, and commitment to, leadership and management of public policies and programs. We will discuss general information about the program, the internal WCL nomination process, and the formal application process. For more information about this program, please go to <https://www.pmf.opm.gov>.

Robert Bosch Foundation Fellowship Program

September 15, 2008, 6:00pm-7:00pm, American University's Career Center Library on the 5th Floor of Butler Pavilion.

A representative from the Robert Bosch Foundation will give a detailed presentation about the Bosch Fellowship Program. Law students who are interested in the Robert Bosch Foundation Fellowship opportunity should attend this program and register via CareerLink. This intensive work study program will allow graduate students to work in the federal government and private sector in Germany for a period of nine months. To learn more about the Bosch Fellowship, please go to <http://www.cdsintl.org/fromusa/bosch.htm>.

Calling All Public Interest Students!!

2008 EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS CONFERENCE & CAREER FAIR Registration Now

Open! The 2008 EJW Conference & Career Fair will be held on **October 10th & 11th at the Omni Shoreham Hotel** in Washington, DC. Student registration is now open. Please go to the EJW website, www.equaljusticeworks.org to register. 2Ls and 3Ls seeking interviews with employers should submit application materials via Symplifty created on EJW's website by **September 12th**. A list of participating employers including available positions is available on the EJW website. Please make an appointment with the Public Interest Specialist in OCPD to have your resume and cover letter reviewed prior to this deadline!

Equal Justice Works Conference Career Session Information Session!!

September 17th, 12:00pm-1:00pm. OCPD will present a brief overview of the EJW Conference and Career Fair and answer any questions students may have. Please keep your eye on the Docket for more information!

Job Search Resources: It's not too late to line up a fall internship or externship. Visit the following websites for a jumpstart on your job search.

1. **CareerLink** – WCL's on-line jobs database. Remember to update your profile and **select public interest and government listserv options** to receive regular email updates
2. **PSLawnet** (www.pslawnet.org) – Recently updated, the Public Service Law Network includes an organizational and opportunities database and compiles the most recent fellowship information found in the "Postgraduate Fellowship" section. It also provides excellent resources in the "Career Central" and "International Resources" sections.
3. **Idealist** (www.idealist.org) – This website lists hundreds of internship opportunities and is a particularly good resource for students interested a public policy experience.
4. **Opportunities in Public Affairs** (www.opajobs.com) – Your top resource for Capitol Hill, Public Relations, and Public Affairs jobs in the Washington, DC area. Log onto CareerLink to access the online version and username and password.
5. **The Government Honors & Internship Handbook.** 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

Deadlines for Letters of Recommendation for Judicial Clerkships

For all judges who are accepting applications through OSCAR (some federal judges), you must go into OSCAR by August 19 to create applications for each judge to whom you will apply and select which recommenders will be used for each judge. I will notify you shortly after August 19 if your letters have not yet been received so you can follow up with your recommenders.

For judges who are accepting paper applications (all other federal judges and all state judges), you must create an Excel spreadsheet that will be used by your recommenders (or their faculty assistants) to do a mail merge -- this will ensure that the letters of recommendation are addressed to the proper judge, and are not generic "to whom it may concern" letters. For all letters of recommendation from full-time faculty members, you must give your professor and the professor's faculty assistant the spreadsheet no later than August 19 to ensure that you receive your letters of recommendation in time to mail them by the September 3 federal deadline.

Fall Judicial Internships

Many DC-area judges are seeking judicial interns this fall, and have not received as many applications as they had hoped. If you are interested in an internship for a judge this semester, please submit your resume, cover letter, transcript, writing sample, and references to judges before the end of August to ensure that you are considered for the position!

Securing a Judicial Clerkship for the 2009 Term

For those of you interested in clerking after graduation in 2009, please be sure to attend one of the upcoming sessions of How to Secure a Judicial Clerkship for the 2009 Term: Nuts & Bolts Workshops (State Court Focus) during the first two weeks of classes. Details on these workshops can be found on CareerLink and in next week's Docket.

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

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

Diversity Receptions & Workshops

Diversity Job Fairs, Scholarships/Fellowships & Other Initiatives

Hispanic Bar Association 2008 Annual Convention and Career Fair: The convention will be held September 3-6 at the Renaissance Hollywood Hotel in Hollywood, CA and the job fair will be held on Friday, September 5. The priority registration deadline for the job fair is August 18. Visit <http://www.hnba.com/Hnba-Hollywood-2008/Registration.aspx> for online registration and for general information, please visit www.hnba.com.

SAVE THE DATE! Rocky Mountain Legal Diversity Job Fair: Legal employers, law students, and recent graduates are invited to participate. **Friday, September 12, 2008 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.** at INVESCO Field at Mile High in Denver, CO. Employer and student registration will open **May 1st** via the website. For information visit www.rmdlcf.com

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

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.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF August 18, 2008
Fall Recruitment On-campus Interviews, Monday – Thursday

Wednesday, August 20
2:30pm-4pm, 6th Floor Student Lounge, Center's Fall Welcome Reception

Friday, August 22nd
8:30am-7:00pm, Rm 401, ILSP Orientation