

# The Docket

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## OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

E-mail: [registrar@wcl.american.edu](mailto:registrar@wcl.american.edu)

### REGISTRAR'S OFFICE HOURS

Mon., Wed., Thurs.	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. – 6:30 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.

**ATTENTION PROSPECTIVE DECEMBER GRADUATES:** If you plan to graduate in December 2008, please complete an Application to Graduate. 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. These are available on <https://my.american.edu/> under Personal Links at the bottom (WCL Anonymous Grading Number).

**SPRING 2008 and SUMMER 2008 EXAMS AVAILABLE FOR PICK-UP** For those professors who have returned their exams for spring 2008 and summer 2008 to our office, these exams/papers are now available for pick-up during office hours. Exams are filed by anonymous grading number (for that semester) under the name of the instructor and are in cabinets and drawers in the office. A listing of all available exams is posted for review.

## OFFICE OF THE DEAN

**Jennifer de Laurentiis, Special Assistant to the Dean,** is seeking a Dean's Fellow for the fall semester. The position involves up to 10 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](mailto: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 continues on **Wednesday, October 15 at 12:30pm**. 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](mailto:fpolo@wcl.american.edu) and must contain your name, telephone number, and e-mail address. Your space will be confirmed by return e-mail.

### **Evening Office Hours for Academic Advising on Wednesday, September 10**

Evening students are encouraged to visit the Office of Student Affairs (Suite 300) for academic advising all day until 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 10. Senior Academic Counselor Laura Hartz will be available to answer your questions regarding classes, credits necessary to graduate, stress, etc. Email Laura at [lhartz@wcl.american.edu](mailto:lhartz@wcl.american.edu) to schedule an appointment or just drop in.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:sweaver@wcl.american.edu)

Heads-up for the **MYERS LAW SCHOLARSHIP** – This is a one-year renewable scholarship worth **125% of tuition**. “Applicants must show promise and demonstrate need for financial assistance to undertake or complete a full-time JD program of study.” The application deadline is **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5!!!!** For more information, contact the Financial Aid Office in suite 505, 274.4040

**Diversity Services Listserv**—To join, send an e-mail to [sweaver@wcl.american.edu](mailto:sweaver@wcl.american.edu) with “DS Listserv” as the subject. You’ll receive between-Docket information as it becomes available.

**Recruitment Travel** – Sherry Weaver will be recruiting in Atlanta next week at Spelman College and at the LSAC forum on September 10 and 12, respectively. Admissions counselor Seton McIroy will be attending a recruiting event at the University of Georgia on September 15. If you know any pre-law prospects, please let them know we’ll be in town.

### **Coming Events:**

**September 11-19 –INTERNATIONAL WEEK**—From the opening ceremony, potluck dinner, and photo competition to the soccer competition and the culminating Guantanamo program, this promises to be a great series of events designed to inform, entertain, and build community. Please consult the schedule—there’s one on the DS bulletin board, and copies are available in the office—and attend as many as you can.

**BTW:** JD soccer players are needed to create a little friendly competition with the LL.M players. Sign up at the desk of Alanna Wong, right outside of Room 309A. And anyone interested in bringing a dish for the potluck also should see Ms. Wong.

**Saturday, September 20—6:00-9:00 PM--Black Alumni Association Annual Reception and Book Award Presentation** -- “At this event, we bring first year students and returning students together with faculty members, administrators, and alumni to meet on an informal basis, to establish new friendships, and to renew old ones.” BAA also presents two \$300 book awards—the Renee Hamilton-Gwaltney Book Awards—at the reception. The invitation and book award application are available in the Office of Diversity Services. Application is due in DS no later than September 17.

**Monday, September 22– 4:00-6:00 PM—Hispanic Heritage Month Program & Reception—**  
“*Building a Career: Motivating Factors*” – Aurora Carmichael, director of grants and programs, will moderate a panel of Latino members of the WCL community as they identify and discuss those factors and circumstances that culminated in their current professional endeavors. Panel members are: Dean Claudio Grossman; Professor Tony Varona; and Macarena Saez, international programs coordinator. Join us in the student lounges for both the program and the reception.

**Friday, October 3—Noon-2:00PM—Room 600—2<sup>nd</sup> Annual BLSA Faculty/Staff Day** – BLSA and members of the African-American faculty and staff present a potluck luncheon and a brief introduction-to-law school program. Contact Renee Wallace: renee.o.wallace@gmail.com.

**Saturday, October 4 -- 8:00 AM-1:00 PM--Robert E. Wone Annual Judicial Clerkship & Internship Conference--Howard University Law School—**Announcement available in Diversity Services or the Office of Career & Professional Development

## OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

### **Special Notice - Disbursements**

Check your student account “snapshot” for payment activity. Contact the office immediately if your aid is not disbursed.

### **Myers Law Scholarship Update**

Applicants will receive written notice of award decisions. Scholarship recipients are expected to attend the Myers Society Dinner (a black tie event) Friday, September 26, 2008.

### **Dean’s Fellows/Mussey-Gillett Fellows**

Dean’s Fellows and Mussey-Gillett Fellows are paid twice during the semester. The first paycheck of the year will be issued September 26, the second November 28. ***Exception: Students compensated through the Federal Work Study program are paid bi-weekly.*** Appointments forms must be submitted by September 12 to make the September payroll. Contact Richard Legendre if you have questions.

Looking for additional financial aid?

Take advantage of the *Outside Scholarship* information found at:

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

## OFFICE OF SPECIAL EVENTS AND CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

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**WELCOME & WELCOME BACK**

The Office of Special Events and Continuing Legal Education (SECLE) provides support in creating exciting and unique programs, workshops and seminars at WCL. We support the students and faculty of WCL with conferences and programs addressing key issues of our time. Whether you are planning a small event or a large conference, we can assist you. Please contact our office at 202.274.4075 or [secle@wcl.american.edu](mailto:secle@wcl.american.edu) to find out how we can help you plan your program

#### FOUNDERS 2009

A request for program submissions for Founders' Celebration 2009 will shortly be sent out – if you have a suggestion for a program, please contact Jennifer Dabson, Director, Office of Special Events and Continuing Legal Education at 202 274-4077 or e-mail [jdabson@wcl.american.edu](mailto:jdabson@wcl.american.edu).

Upcoming Events!  
SAVE THE DATES!  
FALL 2008  
September \*CLE\*

September  
SEPTEMBER 12 - (*INVITATION ONLY*)  
[Junior/Senior Faculty Workshop on Judges and Judging](#)

SEPTEMBER 15 \*CLE\*  
[Countering Terrorism through domestic and International Sanctions Listing: A Rule of Law Perspective"](#)

SEPTEMBER 15-19  
[International Week](#)

SEPTEMBER 17  
[Constitution Day and Election Day](#)

SEPTEMBER 18 \*CLE\*  
[Free Exercise, Historic Religious Properties and Sacred Sites: The Effect of RFRA & RLUIPA](#)

SEPTEMBER 19 \*CLE\*  
[Looking Past Guantanamo: Are New Concepts Needed for Terrorist-Related Detentions?](#)

SEPTEMBER 22  
[Hispanic Heritage Month Program and Reception](#)

SEPTEMBER 23  
[Forum on the Presidential Candidates' Health Care Reform Platforms](#)

SEPTEMBER 24 \*CLE\*  
[Constitutional Interpretation and Litigation After \*Heller\*](#)

SEPTEMBER 25 \*CLE\*

[Third Annual Lecture on Commerical Arbitration: Establishing Claims for Damages, Costs and Interest in International Arbitration](#)

SEPTEMBER 25

[Just the Beginning Foundation: Robes in the Schools Program](#)

SEPTEMBER 26

[Just the Beginning Foundation: Pathfinders Panel and Lunch](#)

SEPTEMBER 29

[International Right-to-know Day](#)

FOR ALL UPCOMING PROGRAMS PLEASE VISIT [WWW.WCL.AMERICAN.EDU/SECLE](http://WWW.WCL.AMERICAN.EDU/SECLE)

## BUSINESS LAW PROGRAM

### **WCL Business Law Orientation**

To orient students, especially new students, to the business law offerings at WCL and AU.

**Wednesday, Sept. 10, from 12:30 to 1:20 pm in Room 603.** Pizza will be served. Participants:

Claudio Grossman (Dean)

Andy Pike (Business Law Brief)

Perry Wallace (JD/MBA)

Nancy Abramowitz (Tax Clinic)

Sean Flynn (PIJIP)

Padideh Ala'i (IBT)

Christine Farley (business electives)\*

Cristina Richards (Business Law Society)

Sheridan McKinney (International Trade Society)

David Snyder (Business Law Program)

**Wednesday, Sept. 10, from 8:00 to 8:50 pm in Room 401.** Pizza will be served. Participants:

Claudio Grossman (Dean)\*

Andy Pike (Business Law Brief)

Nancy Abramowitz (Tax Clinic)

Representative of PIJIP\*

Cristina Richards (Business Law Society)

Michael Lore (International Trade Society)

David Snyder (Business Law Program)

\* to be confirmed

## 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](mailto:humlaw@wcl.american.edu).

### **Center Announcements**

#### **THE CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD DEAN'S FELLOWS**

This is a great time to get involved with the Center for Human Rights. This fall, we are looking for several Dean's fellows to assist in the Center's exciting new initiatives. 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.

**Center for Human Rights 20 Hour/Week Dean's Fellowship:** Work alongside Center staff to provide support for many of our exciting new programs such as the Human Rights Treaty Video Project, the Pakistan Initiative on Human Rights and Gender, and other Center-sponsored projects and events. **To apply:** send a cover letter, resume and short writing sample (max. 5 pages), to Amelia Parker at [aparker@wcl.american.edu](mailto:aparker@wcl.american.edu) by **Friday, September 9**. Please indicate that you are applying for a Center Dean's Fellow position in the subject line.

**Project on International Humanitarian Law Dean's Fellowship (in conjunction with the ICRC):** Support the work of the Center and the ICRC in expanding and improving the teaching of International Humanitarian Law at law schools both here in the United States and abroad. **To apply:** send a cover letter, resume and short writing sample (max. 5 pages), to Hadar Harris at [hharris@wcl.american.edu](mailto:hharris@wcl.american.edu) by **Tuesday, September 9**. Please indicate that you are applying for the IHL Dean's Fellow position in the subject line.

#### **Center's New Human Trafficking and Forced Labor Project Seeks a Dean's Fellow:**

We are seeking a 2L, 3L or graduate student with a background in human, labor, women and/or migrant's rights and who is an enthusiastic self-starter, has excellent research and writing skills and is able to multitask. The Fellow will work closely with the Director but will have responsibilities for discrete projects as well as support the Director. The Program will focus on the U.S., Mexico and Central America so fluent Spanish is preferred. **To apply:** send a cover letter, resume and short writing sample (max. 5 pages), to Hadar Harris at [hharris@wcl.american.edu](mailto:hharris@wcl.american.edu) by **Tuesday, September 9**. Please indicate that you are applying for the Human Trafficking Dean's Fellow position in the subject line.

#### **JOIN THE STAFF OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS BRIEF OR SUBMIT AN ARTICLE**

The *Human Rights Brief*, a student-run publication of the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, reports on cutting-edge 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) written by students, academics and leading human rights practitioners from around the world. The *Brief* is highly regarded internationally 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 in the beginning of September. 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 Adrià Alvarez and Katherine Marshall at [chief\\_hrbrief@wcl.american.edu](mailto:chief_hrbrief@wcl.american.edu). To consult the submission guidelines, please go to: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/hrbrief/>. Stay tuned for further announcements regarding the application process.

**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](http://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](mailto:humlaw@wcl.american.edu).

**Center Events**

**MUNCHING ON HUMAN RIGHTS LECTURE SERIES KICKOFF: "AN INTRODUCTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS LAW AND THE TREATY REPORTING PROCESS"**

**Thursday, September 11, 12-1:20pm, Rm. 100**

The popular Munching on Human Rights lecture series kicks off with a lecture by the Center's Executive Director, Hadar Harris, who will provide an "An Introduction to Human Rights Law and the Treaty Reporting Process." This series is an introductory program designed particularly for 1Ls who are looking to get a "taste" of international human rights and humanitarian law during their first year of study. Lectures will be held once a month and pizza will be served so bring your questions and your appetite! All students are welcome. Visit <http://www.WCLCenterforHR.org> for more information and future discussion topics.

**EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

Room 413 (202) 274-4200 [www.wcl.american.edu/externship](http://www.wcl.american.edu/externship)  
M, W, F: 9 am – 6:15 pm T, Th. 10:15 am-6:00pm; (evening hours available on request)  
[externship@wcl.american.edu](mailto:externship@wcl.american.edu) Avis Sanders, Director Gregory Seidell, Program Assistant

*On Friday September 5<sup>th</sup> and Monday September 8<sup>th</sup>, please see Avis Sanders in suite 411 for assistance with externship matters; Greg Seidell in the Externship Office at room 413 will not be available. Avis Sanders can be reached at 202-274-4072 or at [alsanders@wcl.american.edu](mailto:alsanders@wcl.american.edu).*

**Important information for Fall Externs:**

**Fieldwork: To obtain the Add/Drop form you will need to register for your field work credits, please follow the instructions on the Externship Program homepage ([www.wcl.american.edu/externship](http://www.wcl.american.edu/externship)).** Entering your information does not register you for the fieldwork credit. You must manually add the fieldwork credit by submitting your application online, signing the online contract, and bringing your add/drop form to the Externship Office for signature. The signed add/drop form must then be turned in to the Registrar's Office.

**NEW STUDENTS/1Ls:**

The Externship Program provides opportunities for law students to gain academic credit for unpaid legal work with not-for-profit organizations, governmental agencies, courts and pro-bono projects at law firms. Externship are not available to first-year students until the summer immediately following their first year, however please come by the office or see our website([wcl.american.edu/externship](http://wcl.american.edu/externship)) to learn more about future possibilities.

*The 2008 Externship Workshops will be held at lunchtime on October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please see the Events calendar for additional information.*

### **NUTS AND BOLTS**

The fall “Nuts and Bolts” Manuals are now available. Please pick one up from outside of the Externship Office, Room 413. It explains everything you have to do to apply for, and register for an externship. This information is also available on our website.

### **INTERNATIONAL EXTERNSHIPS: Summer 2009**

There are many International Externships available for the summer of 2009. If you are interested, please stop by the office to fill out a questionnaire, and let us know.

### **EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM BULLETIN BOARD**

Check the bulletin board outside the Externship Office for new listings, but please--**do not rely solely on the board, as it does not reflect all of the available opportunities!**

Search the Employer Database for opportunities, and/or to retrieve the complete listing for positions on the bulletin board. The Database is searchable on keyword, as well as by employers who are “recently looking.” The Database is available on the Externship website [www.wcl.american.edu/externship](http://www.wcl.american.edu/externship).

## **HEALTH LAW PROJECT**

Health Law Project presents "**Obama vs McCain: a Debate on the Presidential Candidates' Health Care Reform Proposals.**" **Tuesday, September 23rd, noon, Room 603.** Light lunch will be provided. Sponsors: Health Law and Policy brief, Health Law and Justice Initiative, WCL Democrats, AU Federalist Society, Program on Law and Government, Poverty Law Society.

## **IMPACT LITIGATION PROJECT**

### **Represent WCL at the 2009 Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition!**

We are looking for 2 students who are interested in representing WCL team at the 2009 Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition, to take place from May 17 to May 22, 2009 in Washington D.C.. The Competition is a great opportunity for students interested in international and human rights law to enhance their knowledge, meet fellow students around the world and network with practitioners and judges. Interested applicants should send a cover letter, résumé and 10-page (max) writing sample to Agustina Del Campo, WCL's team coach, at [delcampo@wcl.american.edu](mailto:delcampo@wcl.american.edu) by **Friday, September 26** with the words COMPETITION TEAM APPLICATION 2009 in the subject line. Students will be evaluated on their written submission,

and finalists will be asked to present 5-minute oral arguments using last year's hypothetical case on **October 10**.

## INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION PROGRAM

Interested in International Arbitration?

Take advantage of these unique networking opportunities!

### **American University Washington College of Law Annual Lecture on International Commercial Arbitration - September 25**

Established in 2006, the annual lecture offers an eminent figure in international arbitration a platform on which to share his or her ideas on novel issues and current trends in international arbitration from his or her own perspective. Sponsored by **Thelen Reid Brown Raysman & Steiner LLP** this year's lecture, "Establishing Claims for Damages, Costs and Interest in International Arbitration" will be presented on **September 25** at 5:30 p.m. by **The Hon Sir Vivian Ramsey, QC**, Justice of the High Court, London. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact: 274-4321, E-mail: [arbitration@wcl.american.edu](mailto:arbitration@wcl.american.edu), Website: [www.wcl.american.edu/arbitration](http://www.wcl.american.edu/arbitration)

### **Fifth Annual Seminar on International Commercial Arbitration: How to Handle Intellectual Property and Telecommunication Cases - October 27-30.**

A group of renowned practitioners and arbitrators scheduled to visit WCL this fall in the Fifth Annual Seminar on International Commercial Arbitration: **How to Handle Intellectual Property and Telecommunication Cases** that will take place in Washington, D.C. on October 27-30. The Annual Seminar is a four-day intensive program that uses a mock case as a tool for providing practitioners with skills, strategies, and tactics for successfully conducting arbitration cases. On this occasion, the seminar will feature sessions that are primarily from the perspective of the Rules of Arbitration of the American Arbitration Association's International Centre for Dispute Resolution. The Seminar is co-sponsored by the American Arbitration Association (AAA); International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID); and International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). Cooperating institutions include: ASIL Dispute Resolution Interest Group; Inter-American Bar Association; Inter-American Commercial Arbitration Commission; and U.S. – Mexico Bar Association. Media Partners include TDM and Global Arbitration Review.

### **A Limited Number of Scholarships Available to WCL Students!**

The International Arbitration Program will award scholarships to 2 WCL students to participate in the seminar. The scholarship consists of the seminar fee which includes materials, breakfasts, lunches, the opening dinner, and closing reception. Upon completion of the seminar a Certificate of Attendance will be presented.

To qualify for the scholarship you must:

- 1) Be currently enrolled as a WCL student (JD, LLM, or SJD).
- 2) Have experience or exposure in at least 2 of the following fields: Arbitration, Dispute Resolution, Business/IP or Telecommunications.
- 3) Demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career in arbitration.

**To Apply:**

Submit complete contact information, a cover letter, and curriculum vitae to [arbitration@wcl.american.edu](mailto:arbitration@wcl.american.edu) by close of business Friday, **September 19**. Winner will be announced by September 26.

For more information, please visit our webpage at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/arbitration/>

**INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM**

**September 10** (12:30PM-1:30PM) Get to know your Professors and peers at the Welcome Lunch in the Student Lounges. Contact: Elleni Ghebremicael at [eghebremicael@wcl.american.edu](mailto:eghebremicael@wcl.american.edu) or call 202-274-4112.

***International Potluck Dinner and Photo Competition Award Ceremony***

**September 11** (7:00PM) Come feast on foods from around the world. We welcome all of the WCL community to bring food and share different cultures at the International Potluck in the Student Lounges. Sign up to bring food in room 338 or by e-mail. The photo competition winners will also be revealed during this event. Questions? Contact: Elleni Ghebremicael at [eghebremicael@wcl.american.edu](mailto:eghebremicael@wcl.american.edu) or call 202-274-4112.

***WCL Soccer Competition***

**September 13** (12:00PM) Come enjoy an active day at the Massachusetts Avenue fields. Register a team or come support your friends during the soccer competition. ALL welcomed! Questions? Contact: Alanna Wong at [awong@wcl.american.edu](mailto:awong@wcl.american.edu) or call 202-274-4110.

***Language Tables***

**September 15** (12:00pm) Come join International J.D.s and L.L.M. students for an interesting lunch. Practice your language or speak about a diversity of legal systems. There will be German, French, Arabic, Mandarin, Spanish, and Korean tables in the Cafeteria on Monday and Wednesday. All levels are welcomed.

***Countering Terrorism Through Domestic and International Targeted Sanctions: A Rule of Law Perspective***

**September 15** (9:30am – 5:30pm) Room 603

Registration is free but is required. If CLE is requested (4.5 credits), the cost is \$55. To register, please go to [www.wcl.american.edu/secle](http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle) For more information, contact Office of Special Events & Continuing Legal Education, [secle@wcl.american.edu](mailto:secle@wcl.american.edu), phone: 202.274.4075; fax: 202.274.4079

***World Bank's Legal Approach and Policies Towards Millennium Development Goals Lunch Presentation***

**September 16** (12:00pm) 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Lounges

***IL Luncheon on International Law: Professors Popper, Vaughn, Hunter, and Snyder***

**September 16** (12:00pm) Room 603

***International Legal Research Update***

**September 16** (2:00pm) Room 208 in the Law Library

John Heywood & Bill Ryan, International & Foreign Law Librarians will do an update of print and electronic international legal resources.

***Nuts and Bolts of Human Rights Work: War Stories (and More) From The Field***

**September 17** (Room 603, 12-1:20pm)

Join the Center for a lively discussion of the realities of doing human rights work abroad. This event is intended to give students a look at the good, the bad and the ugly sides of human rights work with stories that are sure to entertain. This event is part of International Week. For additional information, please contact the Center at 202-274-4180 or by email at [humlaw@wcl.american.edu](mailto:humlaw@wcl.american.edu). Lunch will be served.

**Reception Honoring Students from Partner Universities**

**September 17** (6:00pm) 6<sup>th</sup> Floor International Student Lounges

***“Contemporary International Law: Empire of Law or the Law of Empire?” 2nd Annual ILSP Lecture on International Law: Lecturer Jose Alvarez, Hamilton Fish Professor of International Law and Diplomacy, Columbia University***

**September 18** (5:30pm) 6<sup>th</sup> Floor International Student Lounges

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Embassy Reception**

**September 18** (5:30pm) 6<sup>th</sup> Floor International Student Lounges

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

**September 19** (10:00 am – 4:00 pm) Room 603

This conference advances conversation on global counterterrorism by asking whether the law enforcement and international humanitarian law models are able to theoretically address the unique characteristics of international terrorism or whether new concepts are needed. Registration is free but is required. If CLE is requested (4.5 credits), the cost is \$55. To register, please go to [www.wcl.american.edu/secle](http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle) For more information, contact Office of Special Events & Continuing Legal Education, [secle@wcl.american.edu](mailto:secle@wcl.american.edu), phone: 202.274.4075; fax: 202.274.4079

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

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 12:00 am

Saturday – Sunday 9:00 am -12:00 am

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**Are you conducting research for a paper or for a clinic client? Are you spading for a journal?**

Take a look at the many databases available through the Pence Law Library website at <http://library.wcl.american.edu/resources/topics.cfm>. Our many databases include the Making of Modern Law, which contains over 22,000 American and British legal treatises published between 1800 and 1926, the CCH Business and Finance Network, which covers securities, banking, products liability, intellectual property, computer and internet law, government contracts, federal energy, transportation law and much more. If you need advice about what sources to use for your research, email a reference librarian at [reflib@wcl.american.edu](mailto:reflib@wcl.american.edu), IM us at <http://library.wcl.american.edu/ask.cfm> or stop by the Reference Desk.

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**Attention New Students! Don't Forget to Register Your Lexis and Westlaw Passwords!** You should have received your activation codes during Orientation, and you must register them or they will be turned off. For Lexis, go to <http://lawschool.lexis.com> and click on **Register Your Activation Code** in the sign-on box. For Westlaw, link to <http://lawschool.westlaw.com> and click on **Register your Password Here**. If you have not received an activation code, stop by the Reference Desk to pick one up.

**Computer Assisted Legal Instruction – CALI** Register at [www.cali.org](http://www.cali.org) with the WCL authorization code: **AMERICstu4**. CALI lessons are interactive tutorials written by law professors and librarians and are designed to help you learn different aspects of the law. Use them as often as you like – they are free! Pick up a CD at the Circulation Desk if you prefer to work offline.

**Available at the Library** Seat cushions, seat backs and book rests will make you more comfortable while studying. If you need a temporary replacement laptop while yours is in the shop, we have a number available on a first come, first served basis for a 7 day check out period. All are available at the Circulation Desk.

**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. The carrel lottery for eligible upper class JD's and LLM students will take place after the carrels are reinstalled. Questions? Contact John Smith, Access Services Librarian at [jasmith@wcl.american.edu](mailto:jasmith@wcl.american.edu) .

**Calling all student authors!** If you have an article accepted for publication or recently published by a law review or other scholarly journal, please send your name, article title, and journal title to Billie Jo Kaufman, Associate Dean for Library and Information Resources at [bkaufman@wcl.american.edu](mailto:bkaufman@wcl.american.edu) . Each spring the Library hosts a reception to honor student scholarship efforts and we don't want to leave anyone out!

**Student Writing Competitions** Announcements on writing competitions and fellowship opportunities can be found at <http://library.wcl.american.edu/writing/>; hard-copies are posted on the Pence Law Library Student Writing Competitions bulletin board. Awards range from \$250 to \$10,000, with publication of the winning essays in the sponsor's journal and website.

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## WAR CRIMES RESEARCH OFFICE

### **SUMMER LAW PROGRAM IN THE HAGUE**

#### **June 2009 Information Session TBA**

Now in its third year, the Summer Law Program in The Hague is a six-credit program offered in collaboration with the T.M.C. Asser Institute, one of the most prominent institutes of international law in Europe. The program offered two three-credit courses: *International Criminal Law* and *International Legal Approaches to Terrorism*. During the 2008 session, program participants received course lectures from nearly thirty practitioners and other experts, including judges, prosecutors and other staff from legal organizations located in The Hague. Participants also visited the International Criminal Court, the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, the International Court of Justice and other institutions critical to the development and enforcement of these areas of international law.

The 2009 program will be open to J.D. students who have completed one year of legal education, LL.M. students and graduates of ABA-accredited law schools. Stay tuned for information about applications and an in-depth information session, which will be offered this fall. In the meantime, past program information can be found on our website at [www.wcl.american.edu/hague](http://www.wcl.american.edu/hague); interested students are encouraged to email [hague@wcl.american.edu](mailto:hague@wcl.american.edu) and request to be added to the listserv.

## WOMEN AND THE LAW PROGRAM

### **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

### **American University Law Review**

#### **2008 Joint Journal Long Write-On Competition Mandatory Meeting**

A mandatory informational meeting for students interested in taking part in the Long Write-On Competition will be held at **10:15 p.m. on September 17 in room 601**. Full and part-time students with at least four semesters left at WCL (including this semester) can compete for membership on one of the four journals at WCL (the Administrative Law Review, American University Law Review, International Law Review and Journal of Gender, Social Policy and the Law). Questions?

contact Jocelyn Bush at [lawrev-projects-editor@wcl.american.edu](mailto:lawrev-projects-editor@wcl.american.edu). Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting!

### **Asian Pacific American Law Students Association**

**General Meeting: Sep 9 Tuesday, 12PM, Room 601; Sep 11 Thursday, 8PM, Room 504**

Come to either of the meetings. Everyone is welcome!

Food will be provided.

### **Environmental Law Society**

**Introductory Meeting Monday, September 8 12:00-12:50pm Room 602**

Lunch will be served!

### **Evening Law Students Association**

#### **General Body Meeting**

All evening students are welcome to attend the next general body meeting of the Evening Law Students Association on **September 10 from 9:00 to 10:00 PM**. This meeting will address ELSA's plans for the semester and provide a chance for new and continuing evening students to meet and talk with the current Executive Board. Bring any questions or concerns. Room: TBD (check elevator signs during week of September 8).

### **Green Campus Clean Campus**

Do you want more bike racks? Do you think the classrooms are too cold? Green Campus Clean Campus will be tabling from **12:00-4:00pm on Monday, September 8**. Please come by to learn about our projects for this year, and sign up to get involved!

### **Immigrants' Rights Coalition**

#### **The WCL Immigrants' Rights Coalition General Meeting Announcement and Call For 1L Committee Vice-Chairs**

The WCL Immigrants' Rights Coalition (IRC) is a student organization dedicated to defending and promoting the rights of immigrants. We organize several events each semester including community service opportunities, experiential learning projects, and lunchtime discussions with legal practitioners and representatives from the immigrants' rights advocacy community. The IRC's first general meetings will be held at **12:00 pm on Tuesday, September 9 in Room 503** and at **5:00 pm on Wednesday, September 10 in Room 401**. Our organization is currently composed of five Committees: Policy Advocacy, Detention, Refugee & Asylum, Labor & Trafficking and Domestic Violence Outreach. IRC is open to new projects and Committees contingent on student initiation and participation. Additionally, we are looking for a group of energetic 1L students to apply for Vice-Chair positions in each of our five Committees. Each Committee will have 2-3 Vice-Chair positions for the fall and spring semesters. Vice-Chairs will be responsible for helping to organize Committee meetings and events, and for providing general support to Committee Chairs. No experience is necessary and students may apply for more than one Vice-Chair position if they wish. Interested students should email a short statement of interest to:

[irc.cochairs@gmail.com](mailto:irc.cochairs@gmail.com). We encourage possible Vice-Chair applicants to attend one of our introductory meetings, and we will discuss more of the duties and responsibilities of this position at the meetings. Below please find information about each of the IRC Committees:

#### **Detention Committee:**

**Chair:** Andrea Pestone: [apestone@gmail.com](mailto:apestone@gmail.com)

**Description:** The Detention Committee advocates for the rights of immigrant detainees by creating awareness among WCL students about the plight of immigrant detainees, strengthening relationships with local detainee rights organizations, and participating in outreach projects with local detention facilities. Our top priorities for the coming year include the “Adopt Pamunkey Jail” project, a continuation of the project started last year to organize WCL students’ volunteer efforts in connection with the Capital Area Immigrants’ Rights Coalition (CAIR) to provide legal services to indigent immigrant detainees. WCL students can earn pro bono hours for participation in this project and will get the chance to visit immigration detention facilities in the area.

**Domestic Violence Outreach Committee:**

**Chair:** Shiwali Patel: [shiwali.patel@gmail.com](mailto:shiwali.patel@gmail.com)

**Description:** The Domestic Violence Outreach Committee is a new addition to IRC this year. The Committee aims to encourage community outreach on issues of domestic violence in immigrant communities.

**Policy Advocacy Committee:**

**Chair:** Amalia Greenberg: [amalia.greenberg@gmail.com](mailto:amalia.greenberg@gmail.com)

**Description:** The Policy Advocacy Committee is another new addition to IRC this year. The Committee’s mission is to bring IRC’s themes beyond the law school to explore how students and young immigrants’ rights advocates can support movements taking place in our surrounding communities.

**Labor & Trafficking Committee:**

**Chair:** Ian Harris: [socialution@gmail.com](mailto:socialution@gmail.com)

**Description:** Washington, DC and the surrounding areas have fast become an epicenter of human trafficking in the United States. According to the Polaris Project, “[human trafficking] is the third largest and fastest growing criminal industry in the world, victimizing millions of people and reaping billions in profits.” The Labor and Trafficking Committee aims to provide WCL and the broader community with informative panels, workshops, and outreach activities to help stop human trafficking, indentured servitude, and slavery. This year, the committee will partner with the DC Stop Modern Slavery Group and other WCL and community affiliates to learn and teach about human trafficking and to start putting our law degrees into action.

**Refugee and Asylum Committee:**

**Chair:** Sara Ramey: [sara.ramey@american.edu](mailto:sara.ramey@american.edu)

**Description:** This Committee works to protect and promote the human rights of refugees by assisting admitted refugees in the D.C. area, advocating for the rights of asylum seekers, and creating opportunities for awareness and skills building at WCL and within the wider D.C. community. This Committee further aims to provide a forum for information sharing among law students and a forum for collaboration on projects of mutual interest to Committee members. Projects the 2007-2008 Committee has discussed continuing and implementing follow:

- § Small Group Lunches with Practicing Immigration Lawyers, Judges, and Advocates
- § Experiential Learning Excursion to the International Rescue Committee
- § Lunch Panel: Seeking Refuge from Climate Change: Natural Disasters, Food Shortages, and Other Migration-Causing Environmental Phenomena of the New Millennia
- § Skills Building Workshop for Students and Practitioners: Different Strategies for Arguing an Asylum Case
- § Providing Services to the Local Burmese Community

§ Student-to-Student Coffee Hours: Find Out What Opportunities Exist for Students and How to Obtain Them from Fellow Students Who Have Worked with Refugee Rights Organizations

### **Integrated Curriculum Program**

#### **Time Management Tips & 1L Semester Overview (Sections 2 & 3)**

Hosted by the Integrated Curriculum Program

Date: September 8

Time: 12:30-1:30pm

Room: 401

#### **Time Management Tips & 1L Semester Overview (Sections 1 & 4)**

Hosted by the Integrated Curriculum Program

Date: September 9

Time: 12:00-1:30pm

Room: 602

Attention 1Ls! Want to hear tips from upper-level students about how to budget your time so that you have a life outside of law school? Or how to save time while still retaining all those cases? Or when different activities start? Or when you should start outlining? Come join your Dean's Fellows for this panel. We'll let you know what is when so you don't have to worry. Lunch will be served!

### **Lambda Legal Society**

Lambda will be holding its **first General Meeting on Tuesday, September 9th at 12:30pm in Room 601.**

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy fresh and delicious Wraps (not pizza) and hear about the events we have planned for the year. Come out and learn about WCL's LGBTQ group and opportunities to represent your section and to join the Executive Board. We look forward to seeing you!

### **LINK**

**Wednesday, September 10 12-1pm, Rm TBA, LINK College Prep Tutoring Info Meeting**

### **Latino/a Law Students Association**

**(LaLSA) First General Meeting. Monday, Sept. 8 at 5 p.m. in Room 402.** Come out to meet other 1Ls and continuing students, grab a bite to eat, learn more about LaLSA's involvement this year in WCL and the community, and hear how to become a 1L Section Rep to the LaLSA E-board! Bienvenidos and hope to see you there! Contact: [lalsa@wcl.american.edu](mailto:lalsa@wcl.american.edu).

Latino/a Law Students Association (LaLSA) **Fall Intro BBQ. Saturday, Sept. 13 from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Outdoors at 4908 Chesapeake Street, NW (49th & Chesapeake near WCL).** Come out to meet other 1Ls and continuing students, enjoy the delicious food, and win a raffle! Bienvenidos and hope to see you there! Contact: [lalsa@wcl.american.edu](mailto:lalsa@wcl.american.edu).

### **The Modern American**

Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia and The Washington College of Law  
Invitation To Submit Essays For The Archives On Women Lawyers Project

*The Modern American* (TMA) announces the American University – Washington College of Law (WCL) essay competition open to all full-time law students enrolled in and attending an accredited law school in the United States.

The Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia (WBA) and WCL share an important history in advancing women in the law. TMA celebrates this history by creating a writing competition that **discusses the author's selection of a topic of interest or importance affecting women in the law**, such as issues ranging from the history of struggles confronted by women lawyers in their careers to issues that women lawyers face today in a male-dominated environment at the higher levels of the profession. The writing competition will not only give semi-finalists the opportunity to work alongside WBA members by receiving response pieces from them, but will also give semi-finalists and the winner of the competition, the opportunity to attend the dinner that will commemorate WBA's and WCL's shared history on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008, at WCL. The winner of the competition will also get a chance to publish his/her essay in *The Modern American* publication.

**PRIZES:** \$1000; the possibility of publishing the essay in *The Modern American* publication; a special invitation to the October 16<sup>th</sup> WBA/WCL Dinner for the winner and all the semi-finalists.

**TOPIC:** all issues affecting women *in* the law, from their history to the struggles that they have faced and continue to face today in what is still a male-dominated environment at the higher levels of the legal profession.

**DEADLINE:** October 1<sup>st</sup> at noon.

#### Rules and Regulations

1. Any student regularly enrolled in and attending classes at an accredited law school in the United States is eligible to enter. Submission of a paper shall be through email to [tma@wcl.american.edu](mailto:tma@wcl.american.edu), with one cover page that includes all personal information (name, address, phone number, email, law school, title of essay).
2. All papers shall be the original, unpublished work of an individual student, but may have been prepared as a course assignment. Some guidance of law school faculty is permitted, except for any guidance by the competition judges.
3. Papers must be typed, double-spaced, on 8-1/2 by 11 inch white paper, 20-30 pages in length, and **MUST be within the subject matter described in the introduction above**. Use endnote form, which will be included in the paper's length. Citations, and endnotes are to be in accord with the current edition of *A Uniform System of Citation* (The Bluebook).
4. Papers will be evaluated considering: writing quality and clarity; the interest of the topic and content to a broad segment of the lawyers; analysis and reasoning; timeliness, originality and creativity; quality and use of research; and compliance with these rules.
5. Papers will be evaluated, and the prize will be awarded, at the discretion of a panel of scholars and attorneys who will have no knowledge of the author's name or law school.
6. The winner as well as all participants, will be notified regarding the competition results by mail on October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Thereafter, the winner will be commemorated at the Washington College of Law on October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2008, at the Women's Bar Association/Washington College of Law Archives Project Dinner.
7. Entries must be **received no later than October 1<sup>st</sup> at noon, at [tma@wcl.american.edu](mailto:tma@wcl.american.edu)**.
8. Once all essays are turned in, semi-finalists will get an opportunity to interact with a WBA member over a companion piece to be written by the woman lawyer. The "companion" piece resulting from this opportunity will be solely for the benefit of each student and will not be taken into account in making the award. The companion piece will be intended for submission for publication along with the winning essay. In addition, the winner of the competition will have the opportunity to receive mentoring from the "companion piece" author in order to perfect his/her essay in advance of its final review and processing by the editorial board of TMA.

9. Entry grants TMA the right of first publication of the paper and the copyright if published, constitutes certification of it as an original unpublished and un plagiarized work, and is the author's agreement to hold TMA and its members harmless from, and to indemnify them for, any and all damages and costs relating to copyright infringement or plagiarism.

10. Please notify us at [tma@wcl.american.edu](mailto:tma@wcl.american.edu) if any of your contact information changes.

### **WCL Democrats**

The WCL Democrats will be hosting a table in the entryway for the next two weeks with absentee ballot applications for the '08 Election. The table will be there from 10-2 M-TH.

### **Women's Law Association**

Join the Women's Law Association for a **general meeting on Monday, September 15th, in room 402 from 12-12:50.**

We will be discussing the upcoming year and accepting nominees for 1L section representatives. All are welcome. Lunch will be provided.

## IN SEARCH OF

**Prof. David Aaronson** seeks second and third year Dean's Fellows for 10-20 hours per week for the following projects: (1) research on a supplement for a book on Maryland criminal law and jury instructions; (2) research and administrative support for ABA, Criminal Justice Section, Committee on Rules of Criminal Procedure, Evidence, and Police Practices. Research areas include: high speed police vehicle chases; police rules and guidelines on use of firearms; and (3) assistance with materials for Criminal Procedure class and police ride-a-longs; other criminal justice research projects. Interested students should submit the following: (1) resume; (2) copy of transcript; (3) writing sample. For additional information, please contact Prof. Aaronson: 202-274-4201; E-mail: [daarons@wcl.american.edu](mailto:daarons@wcl.american.edu); Room 410.

**Prof. David Chavkin** is seeking a dean's fellow to assist with his scholarship and to work on clinic-related issues. Hours are flexible, up to 20 hours per week. Contact him at 202-274-4168 or [dchavkin@wcl.american.edu](mailto:dchavkin@wcl.american.edu).

**Professor 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](mailto:bvsmith@wcl.american.edu) and [jyarussi@wcl.american.edu](mailto:jyarussi@wcl.american.edu).

**Prof. David Snyder** needs a dean's fellow to help in the development and administration of the Business Law Program. Interest in business law, excellent organizational skills, and willingness to take responsibility are some of the key qualifications. Please submit a short cover letter and a resume to [dsnyder@wcl.american.edu](mailto:dsnyder@wcl.american.edu).

**Prof. Daniela Kraiem** is looking for a dean's fellow for 5hrs/week to assist with legal research. To apply send resume, cover letter highlighting any research experience, and short writing sample to Angie McCarthy, Program Coordinator, at [angiem@wcl.american.edu](mailto:angiem@wcl.american.edu) with 'Research Dean's Fellow' in the subject line.

**Macarena Sáez, International Programs Coordinator**, is seeking two Dean's Fellows for the fall semester. The positions involve 10-20 hours per week of legal research and writing on issues of comparative family law (gender discrimination, same sex marriage) as well as administrative tasks related to international programs and gender initiatives in Latin America. Knowledge of Spanish is helpful, but is not required. Interested students should promptly submit a cover letter and resume via e-mail to [msaez@wcl.american.edu](mailto:msaez@wcl.american.edu)

**Jennifer de Laurentiis, Special Assistant to the Dean**, is seeking a Dean's Fellow for the fall semester. The position involves up to 10 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](mailto:jdelaurentiis@wcl.american.edu) and reference "Dean's Fellow" in the subject line.

**Prof. Lynda Dodd** is seeking one Dean's Fellow to assist with research on civil rights litigation and judicial appointments. Please contact Prof. Dodd at [ldodd@wcl.american.edu](mailto:ldodd@wcl.american.edu) if you are interested in this position.

**The Library** is looking for a few good student workers! Work up to 20 hours a week in various schedules and learn while you earn. Part-time first year and upper level students with library experience preferred; references required. Eligible and interested students should contact Maria Garcia at [mariag@wcl.american.edu](mailto:mariag@wcl.american.edu) or at 202-274-4358.

**The Office of Annual Giving**, a fast-paced and friendly department, is seeking a Dean's Fellow for the spring semester. The position involves 10-15 hours per week (flexible) of assistance in research, writing, and various administrative tasks in support of WCL's development efforts. Excellent writing, computer and interpersonal skills are required. JD (2L and 3L) and LL.M. students are eligible to apply. Interested candidates should submit a letter of interest detailing past experience, via email to [annualgiving@wcl.american.edu](mailto:annualgiving@wcl.american.edu).

**The War Crimes Research Office (WCRO)** is seeking a Dean's Fellow to provide administrative assistance to its Summer Law Program in The Hague. We are looking for students to assist in developing course materials, marketing the program and undertaking administrative tasks. We value attention to detail, strong organizational skills and familiarity with Microsoft Office programs. Experience or interest in international law, program management and study abroad are all great assets. To apply, please send a resume and cover letter highlighting relevant experience to Susana SáCouto, Director, War Crimes Research Office, by email at [warcimes@wcl.american.edu](mailto:warcimes@wcl.american.edu). Applications will be considered on a rolling basis.

The WCRO is also extending the deadline to apply for Dean's Fellow Research positions. JDs (2L and 3L) and LL.M students are eligible to work on major legal research projects prepared exclusively for international criminal courts and tribunals on issues of critical importance to these

institutions. Interested students with a background in public international law, particularly international criminal / humanitarian / human rights law, are especially encouraged to apply, as are those with prior volunteer experience at the WCRO. The time commitment will be 20 hours per week. Please submit a resume and a cover letter, along with a short writing sample and a transcript (unofficial is fine) to Susana SáCouto, Director, War Crimes Research Office, by email at [warcimes@wcl.american.edu](mailto:warcimes@wcl.american.edu). The deadline for applications is Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 5PM. If you have any questions, please feel free to stop by our office at 4301 Massachusetts Ave, NW, Suite 102, call us at 202-274-4067 or e-mail [warcimes@wcl.american.edu](mailto:warcimes@wcl.american.edu).

**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](mailto:jtracy@wcl.american.edu).

**The Impact Litigation Project** is looking for two Dean's Fellows for the fall with the potential to continue through the spring semester to work on freedom of expression cases. Candidates must be fluent in both English and Spanish, have excellent writing skills in both languages and have a proved interest in human rights issues. This is an excellent opportunity for 2Ls, 3Ls and LL.M.s to work with Dean Grossman and the lawyers at the Impact Litigation Project; work with Chilean, Argentinean and Guatemalan students and attorneys and gain experience in human rights international litigation. Dean's Fellows will be required to work at least 15 hours per week providing administrative support as well as researching and drafting legal memoranda. If you are interested in applying to this position please send an email with a cover letter, resume and short writing sample (10 pages max.) to Agustina Del Campo at [delcampo@wcl.american.edu](mailto:delcampo@wcl.american.edu) indicating "Dean's Fellow fall 2008" in the subject line.

**The Program on Information Justice and Intellectual Property (PIJIP)** seeks Deans Fellows for our project on International Copyright Balance and Documentary Film. This project seeks to promote changes in copyright laws and practices that expand fair use/fair dealing internationally. We will partner on the project with American University's Center for Social Media and with filmmakers, researchers and filmmaker organizations in South Africa. Please email cover letter and resume to Mike Palmedo ([mpalmedo@wcl.american.edu](mailto:mpalmedo@wcl.american.edu)).

**PIJIP** seeks a Deans Fellow to research intellectual property policies and disputes related to economic development and trade. Fellow will prepare reports and memos on bilateral actions by the US Trade Representative, as well as IP negotiations in multilateral fora and bilateral and regional Free Trade Agreements. Please email cover letter and resume to Mike Palmedo ([mpalmedo@wcl.american.edu](mailto:mpalmedo@wcl.american.edu)).

## **Volunteer Announcements**

**The Impact Litigation Project** is seeking 1Ls, 2Ls, 3Ls, and LL.M.s who can dedicate between 5-10 hours/week to the project. This is an ideal opportunity for students who have an interest in international human rights law to become familiar with international organizations in this field. Please let us know if you are interested in the project. For more information or questions, visit our website at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/ilp/> or contact Agustina Del Campo at [delcampo@wcl.american.edu](mailto:delcampo@wcl.american.edu)

**The Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center** is a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the legal and civil rights of Asian Americans in the D.C. metropolitan community through direct services, education, and advocacy. Through its innovative programs and strategic partnerships, the APALRC's main goals are to address the individual legal needs of low-income and limited-English proficient Asian Americans, and to advocate for broad-based systemic change on civil rights issues impacting Asian Americans.

One of the APALRC's main projects is a legal hotline staffed by bilingual law student volunteers. For the fall of 2008, the hotline will be open for intake on Monday afternoons, Wednesday evenings and all day on Friday. As a hotline volunteer, you will devote a minimum of 3 hours a week to:

- Interviewing callers on the hotline and using your language skills to assist them with matters involving domestic violence, workplace rights, family law, immigration law, and other legal issues.
- Conducting legal research and writing legal memoranda under staff supervision to provide legal advice or appropriate referrals to hotline callers.

The APALRC sees potential clients in its D.C. office on a walk-in basis during its Monday hotline hours. You also may wish to assist with outreach and special events such as legal clinics, "Know Your Rights" workshops, and community festivals. Most of our offsite intake sessions and legal clinics are held on Thursdays.

**Qualifications:** Proficiency in an Asian language is preferred but not required. Understanding of the Asian American community's issues and experience working with local Asian American communities are a plus. **NOTE:** New volunteers will be expected to attend a training session on **Saturday, September 13th** at the **George Washington University Law School**. The training will run from **10:30am to 2:30pm**. Please contact the APALRC to sign up to attend the training session. If you are interested in volunteering, but are unable to attend the training session, please contact the APALRC or one of our law school liaisons to schedule an orientation session.

#### **Why Volunteer?**

- You can learn about legal issues that impact the Asian American community.
- You can use your language skills to help a community that, because of language and cultural barriers, has historically been reluctant to seek legal assistance.
- You can see law in action and interact one-on-one with clients to help them find legal solutions to real-life problems.
- You can learn more about public interest lawyering and find out how the various local public interest/legal service organizations work together to address caller needs.
- You can meet students from other law schools.
- The hours you volunteer at the APALRC will count toward your pro bono pledge.

**To find out more**, please contact your law school liaison, **Andrew Lim, al3361a@american.edu**. To sign up for the volunteer training session, please contact Nadia Firozvi

([nadia.firozvi@apalrc.org](mailto:nadia.firozvi@apalrc.org), 202-393-3572, ext. 23) or Betty Luan ([betty.luan@apalrc.org](mailto:betty.luan@apalrc.org), ext. 14) by noon on Tuesday, September 9, 2008.

## ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **International JD Dual Degree Programs—Reminder for Spain Applicants:**

For all students interested in applying for the International JD Dual Degree Program to Spain for the 2010-2012 period, please be advised that you must register for the D.E.L.E. (Diploma de Español como Lengua Extranjera) exam by October 10, 2008 and the exam will be given November 22, 2008. Visit the Instituto Cervantes website [www.cervantes.org](http://www.cervantes.org) for application information as well as to check for any changes in the date of the exam. WCL students receive a discount on the fee for the exam. For more information, please visit <http://www.wcl.american.edu/dualdegree/carlos.cfm> or contact Program Director, Macarena Sáez at [msaez@wcl.american.edu](mailto:msaez@wcl.american.edu).

### **EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

Due to the time required to obtain security clearances for students working as an extern with the SEC, CFTC and Department of State, students wishing to participate at an externship at those agencies during the 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

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

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

**WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS!!**

### **Upcoming Programs, Dates & Deadlines & Important Reminders**

**Calling all 2L/3L/4L Students: 2008 Summer and Academic Year Employment Surveys:** The Office of Career & Professional Development is collecting information regarding second, third, and fourth year students' summer and academic year employment experiences for the purpose of updating the Student Mentor Database that students can use to network and inquire about specific employers and employment experiences. **We will begin collecting this survey tomorrow, Friday, September 5, 2008 via CareerLink.**

As a law student, your peers are some of the most valuable professional contacts you have. OCPD encourages all students to take part in this valuable job search resource by completing the 3-5 minute evaluation. By sharing employment experiences, WCL students can create a professional network in which to seek out and provide information regarding a particular employer, practice area, or geographic location. You can also choose whether to share your contact information with current WCL students or to remain anonymous.

**Instructions for accessing the evaluation:** Please log on to CareerLink at <http://law-american-csm.symplicity.com/students> to complete the 2008 Summer and Academic Year Employment Evaluation. Select the “Profile” button, and then select the “Evaluations” tab. To start the evaluation, click “Add New” at the bottom of your screen. If you do not know your log in information, please send an email to [careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu](mailto:careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu).

**Please Note:** If you are currently going through the Fall Recruitment Program, administered on CareerLink, you will not be able to access the OCI tab until you have completed the survey. Please keep this in mind so that you do not experience any inconvenience when utilizing CareerLink to apply to upcoming Fall Recruitment opportunities.

### **Fall Recruitment Program Updates**

**THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION** is recruiting for its **Summer Clerkship Program** and will be on campus to conduct first-round interviews on Wednesday, September 10, 2008. The application deadline has been extended to allow any interested full-time 2L or 3L-evening student to apply for consideration. If you are interested in submitting an application, please log on to CareerLink and select “**Added: Fall Recruitment 2008 – Week Four**” from the session drop-down menu. **The new application deadline will be tonight, Thursday, September 4, 2008, at 11:59PM.**

**Secrets to Successful Call Back Interviews (2 Parts): (Part 1)** If you were unable to attend Wednesday’s program featuring *Sullivan & Cromwell* Associate Angela Brown (WCL ‘05), please consider listening to the program podcast available online at [www.wcl.american.edu/podcasts](http://www.wcl.american.edu/podcasts). Handouts are available in hardcopy at the OCPD front desk.

**(Part 2)** Attend one of three Westlaw training programs (held in the Computer Lab) on research methods to prepare yourself for the call back interview. **Thursday, September 4; 12 PM – 1 PM; Wednesday, September 10; 12 PM – 1 PM and 2 PM – 3 PM** Sign up at [www.lawschool.westlaw.com](http://www.lawschool.westlaw.com). For 2Ls, 3Ls, and 4Ls.

### **\*\*\*Now Accepting Applications for Fall Semester Dean’s Fellow\*\*\***

OCPD seeks a Dean's Fellow to work 10 hours per week to assist staff with research assignments and various administrative projects. Proficiency in Microsoft Word, Access and Excel preferred. If interested, please email a resume and cover letter to Traci Mundy Jenkins, OCPD Director, at [tjenkins@wcl.american.edu](mailto:tjenkins@wcl.american.edu).

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**ATTENTION 2Ls and 3Ls: Bracewell & Giuliani, LLP Fellows Program**

Bracewell & Giuliani LLP has created the **Bracewell Fellows Program**. Students interested in practicing law in one of the following specific areas: environmental issues, government contracts, energy regulatory, government relations/public affairs/strategic communications, labor and employment should go to CareerLink to learn more about this exciting firm opportunity. Deadline for application submission is Tuesday, September 2, 2008.

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**Public Interest & Government**

**ATTENTION 2Ls & 3Ls - ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR YOU!**

**It's Back!! Public Interest SPEED NETWORKING Event for 2Ls and 3Ls**

**September 23, 2008 - 5:30pm-7:30pm.** The second annual Public Interest Speed Networking event provides an opportunity for **2Ls and 3Ls** to meet public interest and government lawyers, polish their informational interviewing skills, and learn about a variety of public interest organizations in a fun, fast-paced environment. More than 40 public interest and government employers have registered! For a list of employers, visit:

<http://www.wcl.american.edu/publicinterest/speednet.cfm>. Student registration is limited and available on a **first-come, first-served** basis. **To register: go to the "Events" section of CareerLink.** Registration closes **Thursday, September 8<sup>th</sup>**. *If you register for Speed*

*Networking, you are required to stay for the entire event, the Speed Networking sessions and the Reception following.*

**Interested in Government Employment**

Please make sure to check the **Government Honors & Internship Handbook** on the home page of CareerLink regularly as many **post-graduate Honors Program** deadlines are quickly approaching. Similarly, deadlines for many **summer internship opportunities for 2Ls** are approaching quickly.

**Tables 3 and 4 in the Handbook** provide the best guidance regarding upcoming deadlines.

Agencies such as the Department of Commerce, the FBI, the CIA, the FTC, EPA, HHS, the SEC, among many others have September and early October deadlines. If you have any questions about government job search strategies, please make an appointment with the Public Interest Specialist in OCPD.

**ATTENTION 3Ls - UPCOMING INFORMATION AND EVENTS FOR YOU!!**

**Postgraduate Public Interest FELLOWSHIP Workshops!**

Interested in pursuing a postgraduate public interest fellowship opportunity? Visit

[www.pslawnet.org](http://www.pslawnet.org) for a comprehensive listing of fellowship opportunities and deadlines. Some big deadlines are just around the corner:

**Equal Justice Works: September 16<sup>th</sup>**, application and information available at [www.equajusticeworks.org](http://www.equajusticeworks.org).

**Skadden: October 6<sup>th</sup>**, application and information available at [www.skadden.com](http://www.skadden.com).

OCPD will sponsor a **Workshop for 3Ls** to address the **Skadden** application writing process. You should only attend this Workshop if you are in the application writing phase or close to that phase. An alumna who received a Skadden fellowship will be available to answer questions and provide helpful hints on the application writing process.

**Skadden Fellowship Workshop: Wednesday, September 24, noon - 1:20 p.m. (Room 445)**

Please RSVP for this Workshop via CareerLink. If you are in the process of completing a fellowship application, please contact Heather Fine, Public Interest Specialist, at [hfine@wcl.american.edu](mailto: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. This program is designed for 3Ls. 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. 3Ls 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>.

**ATTENTION 1Ls – ANNOUNCEMENT FOR YOU!**

**Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Seeks Interns!!** If you are interested in working for the Federal Bureau of Investigation in their Honors Internship Program (deadline September 30<sup>th</sup>) or their Summer Volunteer Internship Program (deadline Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>), please go to **FBI Jobs Online** to obtain additional information about this exciting opportunity.

<http://www.fbijobs.gov/239.asp>

**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 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>** at the **Omni Shoreham Hotel** in Washington, DC. Student registration is now open. Please go to the EJW

website, [www.equaljusticeworks.org](http://www.equaljusticeworks.org) to register. 1Ls are invited to attend table talk with employers, so register soon! 2Ls and 3Ls seeking interviews with employers should submit application materials via Symplicity created on EJW's website by **September 12<sup>th</sup>**, but employers began pre-selection for interviews **on September 1, 2008**, so submit your materials now! 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 12:00pm-1:00pm, Room 401.** OCPD will present a brief overview of the EJW Conference and Career Fair and answer any questions students may have about interviewing, table talk and Conference material.

**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. Also remember to check CareerLink regularly for post-graduate and internship opportunities!
2. **PSLawnet** ([www.pslawnet.org](http://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.idealists.org](http://www.idealists.org)) – This website lists hundreds of internship and employment opportunities, not only in the legal field.
4. **Opportunities in Public Affairs** ([www.opajobs.com](http://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.

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**Judicial Clerkships & Internships**

**Ending Soon! 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!

**ATTENTION 3LS/4LS: Planning to apply for state judicial clerkships for the 2009 term? Many state judges have been accepting applications (and hire on a rolling basis) or have deadlines very soon!**

For state clerkships, judge-specific hiring information for more than 20 states 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.

### **New! Robes in the Schools Program**

Thursday, September 25, 10:30 am – 12:30 pm, Room 603

As part of a community outreach effort on behalf of the Just The Beginning Foundation, 60 federal and state judges will be speaking to students throughout the greater metropolitan District of Columbia and the Baltimore region. The judges will seek to share stories of overcoming obstacles and opening pathways into the legal profession. The judges who will be speaking at Washington College of Law are:

Honorable Julian Abele Cook, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan

Honorable Vanessa Gilmore, United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas

Honorable Henry Kennedy, United States District Court for the District of Columbia

Honorable Dennis Smith, Fairfax Circuit Court

There is no charge for the event, but **please register at**

[http://www.wcl.american.edu/secl/cle\\_form.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/secl/cle_form.cfm)

If you are interested in volunteering at the event, please email Amy Killoran at

[killoran@wcl.american.edu](mailto:killoran@wcl.american.edu).

### **Robert E. Wone Annual Judicial Clerkship & Internship Conference**

Saturday, October 4, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm, Howard University Law School

The DC-area minority bar associations are putting together their 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Judicial Clerkship and Internship Conference. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by September 26 to [johnctruong70@yahoo.com](mailto:johnctruong70@yahoo.com). See CareerLink for more details.

### **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.

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*Diversity Receptions & Workshops*

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*Diversity Job Fairs, Scholarships/Fellowships & Other Initiatives*

**Latham & Watkins Diversity Scholars Program:** A reminder that the deadline for applications is fast approaching. The application form, personal statement, resume and official or unofficial law school transcript must be **received by September 15, 2008**.

Application forms can also be found on the firm’s website at [www.lw.com/diversity](http://www.lw.com/diversity) under the Diversity Scholars Program heading.

**McDermott Minority Scholarship:** McDermott Will & Emery has been committed to increasing the number of minority lawyers at the firm for years. They are proud to once again rank among the top 5 firms nationally in number of Minority Partners, as reported in the March 2007 *Minority Law Journal*.

To further their efforts to recruit and retain more racial and ethnic minority lawyers, McDermott is pleased to announce the **McDermott Minority Scholarship**. McDermott awards a \$15,000 scholarship to two second-year minority law students from ABA-accredited law schools who have received and accepted a position in a McDermott Summer Program. Students who meet McDermott’s hiring criteria and demonstrate leadership, community involvement, and a commitment to improving diversity in the legal community should consider applying. Please visit the careers section of the firm’s website at [www.mwe.com](http://www.mwe.com) for more details and an application. **The deadline for applying is October 17, 2008.**

**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.**

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**Announcements for LL.M. Students**  
**From Adriana Vito**  
**Assistant Director for International Career Programs**

**ATTENTION ALL ILSP LLM STUDENTS: TOMORROW!!!**  
**“What I Wish I Had Known” - A Special Event for New ILSP Students!!**  
**Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup> - 12:45pm- 07:00pm, includes seminar and a happy hour!**

**\*\*\* This event is for ILSP students only \*\*\*We still have 15 spots open!!\*\*\***  
**Register now!!**

The International Legal Studies Program (ILSP) designed this fun and interactive half-day seminar where ILSP alumni, professors, and current students will provide an overview of the LLM Program from a student’s perspective and share with new students what they have learned about the American law school experience. Alumni will give practical information to improve academic

performance and tips on how to get the most out of your LLM year at WCL. The event will take place at Arnold & Porter LLP.

We strongly encourage all **ILSP** students to attend this event. Registration is mandatory. To register, please email Ms. Elleni Ghebremicael at [eghebremicael@wcl.american.edu](mailto:eghebremicael@wcl.american.edu) and include your name, whether you are a new LL.M. student and let us know if you need transportation from the law school to the event. Registration closes on Thursday, September 4 at 5:00pm.

**Spots are limited;** please register soon to guarantee your seat. This event is designed for new ILSP students. Current students will be placed on a waiting list and called to attend if spots become available

- Questions? Contact: Adriana Vito at [avito@wcl.american.edu](mailto:avito@wcl.american.edu)

**\*\*\* This event is for ILSP students only \*\*\***

**Attention JD Students: Dean's Fellow Needed – Apply by September 10, 2008**

The Assistant Director for International Career Programs at the Office of Career & Professional Development seeks a Dean's Fellow for the fall semester to start as soon as possible. This is paid a temporary assignment for 10 hours per week from September to December 2008.

**Duties will include:** collecting job postings from several websites and resources, updating and organizing bi-weekly career newsletter with new job postings, formatting word documents as needed, drafting business letters as part of an outreach program, assist with various administrative projects in the office. Duties also include helping organize events: helping with logistical issues such as printing name tags, help with registration of guests and speakers, etc.

**Requirements:**

**Candidates must be current JD students (2L, 3L or 4L).** This job requires excellent English drafting skills. Knowledge of a foreign language is helpful. Proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel preferred. Knowledge of publishing software is helpful. Experience living and working abroad is a plus. Candidates must have an interest in working with international individuals in a multicultural and diverse environment. Interest in other countries and other cultures is fundamental for this job.

**To apply:** please send your resume and cover letter to Adriana Vito at [avito@wcl.american.edu](mailto:avito@wcl.american.edu) by September 10, 2008.

**General Reminders for Foreign LL.M. Students:**

**\*\*Dates for new Resume and Cover Letter Workshops will be announced next week, stay tuned to your emails! \*\***

**Stay tuned to your emails! INVITATIONS to the next Resume and Cover Letter Workshop for Foreign Lawyers will be sent out next week by email!**

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](mailto: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 September 8, 2008**

### **Monday, September 8**

**12-12:50pm, Rm 602, Environmental Law Society Introductory Meeting**

**12:30-1:30pm, Rm 401, Time Management Tips & 1L Semester Overview (Sections 2 & 3)**

**5 pm, Rm 402, Latino/a Law Students Association General Meeting**

### **Tuesday, September 9**

**12pm, Rm 503, Immigrants' Rights Coalition Introductory Meeting**

**12-1:30pm, Rm 602, Time Management Tips & 1L Semester Overview (Sections 1 & 4)**

**12pm, Rm 601, Asian Pacific American Law Students Association Meeting**

**12:30pm, Rm 601, Lambda Legal Society General Meeting**

### **Wednesday, September 10**

**12-1pm, ap5655a@american.edu, LINK College Prep Tutoring Info Meeting**

**12:30-1:20pm, Rm 603, WCL Business Law Orientation**

**12:30PM-1:30PM, Student Lounges, ILSP Welcome Lunch**

**5-6:30pm, Rm 503, Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) Program Information Session, for 3Ls**

**5 pm, Rm 401, Immigrants' Rights Coalition Introductory Meeting**

**8-8:50p m, Rm 401, WCL Business Law Orientation**

**9-10pm, scottdjohnson@gmail.com, Evening Law Students Association General Meeting**

### **Thursday, September 11**

**12-1:20pm, Rm 100, An Introduction to Human Rights Law and the Treaty Reporting Process**

**7pm, Stu Lngs, International Potluck Dinner and Photo Competition Award Ceremony**

**8pm, Rm 504, Asian Pacific American Law Students Association Meeting**

