

# 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.

**NOTICE ON HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:** The next holiday is Yom Kippur, which is Thursday, October 9. Classes will be cancelled, but administrative offices will be open.

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

**ANONYMOUS GRADING NUMBERS:** All students must use anonymous grading numbers, and not names, on all school examinations. 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 STUDENT SERVICES

### **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**

<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)

**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.

### **Coming Events:**

**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 is available in the Office of Diversity Services.

**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.

**Stuff on the Table:**

Financial Aid Deadlines  
Asian Pacific American Bar Association Education Fund (AEF):  
Paths to Success Program—9/22  
SAALT Legal Internship  
Robert E. Wone Annual Judicial Clerks and Internship Conference—10/04  
AU-GLBTA Resource Center Fact Sheet  
AU-GLBTA Fall 2008 Events  
Everyone is Entitled to Defend Our Country: WCL Administration’s Statement on JAG Protest  
Howrey Diversity Reception for 2Ls- 9/23  
Georgetown University Law Center Women’s Law and Public Policy Fellowship  
Georgetown University Law Center Leadership and Advocacy for Women in Africa (LAWA) Fellowship Program

**OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID**

**Disbursements**

Check your student account “snapshot” for payment activity. Contact the office if your aid is not disbursed. *Note: Finance charges are not assessed if aid sufficient to cover your bill is " pending".*

**Refund Requests**

File your request online through the *my.american.edu* portal.

**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**

The first paycheck will be issued September 26. Contact Richard Legendre if you have any questions.

**Outside Scholarships**

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

## OFFICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST

Suite 122 - Phone: 202-274-4099 - Email: [publicinterest@wcl.american.edu](mailto:publicinterest@wcl.american.edu)

### **Announcements:**

#### **Join the Public Interest Announcements Listserv**

An interactive listserv for all students interested in posting or receiving emails from student groups regarding public interest programming and events. To subscribe to the listserv, send an email to [listserv@listserv.american.edu](mailto:listserv@listserv.american.edu). Leave the subject line blank, and in the body of the message, type “subscribe pi\_wcl” without the quotes.

### **Upcoming Programs and Events:**

#### **Equal Justice Works Career Fair and Conference, October 10 and 11, Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, DC**

Held every October in Washington, DC, Equal Justice Works is the nation’s largest public interest law career fair. First-year law students may attend sessions and participate in Table Talk – an opportunity to meet with attorneys at public interest organizations and agencies from around the country, and to get information about summer internship offerings. Second and third-year students may interview with employers. For registration and event information, visit the Equal Justice Works website at [www.equaljusticeworks.org](http://www.equaljusticeworks.org).

#### **Pro Bono Honors Pledge Program “Getting Involved in Pro Bono” Session, Noon, October 14**

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

### **Pro Bono Honors Pledge Program:**

**Attention 2Ls and 3Ls - Remember to Submit Summer Pro Bono Hours!** Student Time Logs are available in the Office of Public Interest, now located in Suite 122 off the main lobby. Completed time logs should be turned in at the front desk.

**Did you know?** The Office of Public Interest maintains a list of over 100 suggested Pro Bono Placements in the DC Metro area. In addition, pro bono hours may be accrued through a variety of on-campus activities, including but not limited to:

- Genocide Teaching Project
- Marshall-Brennan (teaching hours)
- Students United
- Election Protection
- LINK Tutoring Program
- Clinical Program Translators

Volunteering with the War Crimes Research Office  
Volunteering with the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law  
Volunteering with the Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project

**Office of Special Events and  
Continuing Legal Education**

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***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 is due by Oct 1<sup>st</sup> – 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) by OCT 1<sup>st</sup>.

**THIS WEEK**

**SEPTEMBER 22**

**[Hispanic Heritage Month Program and Reception](#)**

**SEPTEMBER 23**

**[Obama vs. McCain: 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 Commercial Arbitration: Establishing Claims for Damages, Costs and Interest in International Arbitration](#)**

**SEPTEMBER 25**

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

**September 25**

**THE PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW AND POLICY GROUP SPONSORS**

**HOPE FELLOWS PRESENTATION ON  
Importance of EU and NATO Membership for Albania, Kosovo, Macedonia and Montenegro.  
THURSDAY September 25<sup>th</sup> 2008  
ROOM 401, 12:00-1:20pm**

**SEPTEMBER 26**

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

**SAVE THE DATES!**

**FALL 2008**

**SEPTEMBER 29**

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

**OCTOBER 2 \*CLE\***

**[The Changing Landscape of Energy Law: Administrative Law Review Symposium](#)**

**OCTOBER 6**

**[Supreme Court Term Program](#)**

**OCTOBER 6**

**[25th Anniversary of WCL as a US Federal Depository](#)**

**OCTOBER 7 \*CLE\* - (POSTPONED)**

**[Kauffman Foundation Distinguished Lecture in Antitrust, Entrepreneurship and Innovation](#)**

**OCTOBER 7**

**[Protect the Vote, cosponsored with the American Constitution Society](#)**

**OCTOBER 10-11 \*CLE\***

**[Baha'i Conference on Law Series: Exploring Intersections of Religion & Governance](#)**

**OCTOBER 14 \*CLE\***

**[Prosecuting Sexual and Gender-Based Crimes before International/ized Criminal Courts](#)**

**OCTOBER 16**

**[Preserving the Past, Celebrating the Future: A Dinner and Keynote Address in Celebration of Our Shared History](#)**

**OCTOBER 17-18**

**[Reunion](#)**

**OCTOBER 20 \*CLE\***

**[Advocacy Before the Inter-American and African Human Rights Bodies](#)**

**OCTOBER 21**

**[Taking the Heat: How Brenda Berkman Used the Courts to Open Fire Fighting Opportunities to Women and in the Process Altered Government Policy](#)**

**OCTOBER 21 \*CLE\***

**[4th Annual Finnegan Distinguished Lecture in IP \(“TRIPS 3.0”\)](#)**

**OCTOBER 23**

**[Live from the SEC – Videoconference cosponsored with the ABA Section of International Law](#)**

**OCTOBER 23-25**

**[15th Annual Burton D. Wechsler First Amendment Moot Court Competition](#)**

**OCTOBER 27-30 \*CLE\***

**[Fifth Annual Seminar on International Commercial Arbitration: How to Handle Intellectual Property and Telecommunication Cases](#)**

**FOR ALL UPCOMING PROGRAMS PLEASE VISIT**

**[WWW.WCL.AMERICAN.EDU/SECLE](http://WWW.WCL.AMERICAN.EDU/SECLE)**

**THE 2008 Just the beginning foundation Conference  
‘reaching back, lifting up’ Presents  
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, sixty 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**

The program will be moderated by **Rebecca Geller**, WCL '07, Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C.

**General Registration – no charge but please register at**

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

**For more information, please contact: Office of Special Events & Continuing Legal Education, American University Washington College of Law**

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## ACADEMY ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

### HUMAN RIGHTS ESSAY AWARD - CALL FOR PAPERS

**2009 Topic in English:** 60 years of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: its contemporary normative impact

**2009 Topic in Spanish:** 60 años de la Declaración Americana de los Derechos y Deberes del Hombre: su impacto normativo actual

#### About the Award

This annual competition seeks to stimulate the production of scholarly work in international human rights law. Participants may choose any subject related to the assigned topic. The best articles may be published in the *American University International Law Review*. The Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law grants two awards, one for the best article in English and one for the best article in Spanish. Each award consists of a scholarship to the 2009 Specialized Human Rights Program, travel expenses, housing at the university dorms, and a per diem for living expenses.\*

#### Eligibility and Requirements

Candidates must hold a law degree.

Submissions must be unpublished legal papers in English or Spanish, written solely by the candidate.

Articles must not exceed 35 pages, including footnotes, and must be double-spaced using 12-point Times New Roman font.

Articles must be submitted via e-mail to [hrcademy@wcl.american.edu](mailto:hrcademy@wcl.american.edu) in Microsoft Word format.

The deadline to submit articles is February 3, 2009, by 10 a.m. (EST).

Winners will be announced April 1, 2009, on our Web site.

A comprehensive list of rules is available at: [www.wcl.american.edu/hrcademy/hreward.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/hrcademy/hreward.cfm).

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 FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

### Center Announcements

#### **THE CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW SEEKS DEAN'S FELLOW FOR NEW HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND FORCED LABOR PROJECT**

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. The Fellowship will be 10 hours a week. **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 **Friday, September 19**. Please indicate that you are applying for a Center Human Trafficking Dean's Fellow position in the subject line.

### Center Events

#### **BOUMEDIENE V. BUSH AND THE FUTURE OF US DETENTION POLICY DATE CHANGE: Tuesday, September 23, 12-1:20pm, Rm. 101**

On June 12, 2008, the US Supreme Court ruled that Lakhdar Boumediene, a Guantanamo Bay detainee, has a right to habeas corpus under the US Constitution. What does this decision mean for other detainees at Guantanamo petitioning for a writ of habeas corpus? How will this affect US detention policy? Join the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and the National Institute of Military Justice for an analysis of the Court's decision with noted experts in the field. Speakers include Eugene R. Fidell, President, National Institute of Military Justice, Stephen Vladeck, Professor, Washington College of Law, Richard Wilson, Professor, Washington College of Law, and Richard Samp, Chief Counsel, Washington Legal Foundation. Lunch will be served. For more information, contact [huml@wcl.american.edu](mailto:huml@wcl.american.edu).

#### **GRANT PROPOSAL WRITING SKILLS SESSION**

**Thursday, September 25, 12-1:20pm, Rm. 601**

Patricia Pasqual, director of the DC office of the Foundation Center, will conduct a skills session providing the ins and outs of grant proposal writing. Seating is limited! Please register online here. Lunch will be served. **For more information:** contact Allison Sherrier at [alli.sherrier@gmail.com](mailto:alli.sherrier@gmail.com) or register at <http://www.WCLCenterforHR.org> under the "Nuts and Bolts" header

## 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

### NEW STUDENTS/1L'S:

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. Externships are available to first-year students the summer immediately following their first year. 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 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please see the Events calendar for additional information.*

### **INTERNATIONAL EXTERNSHIPS FOR SUMMER 2009**

The Externship Program is proud to offer many diverse legal opportunities abroad. Placements are available at international courts and tribunals, non-profits, governments, law firms, and worldwide NGO's and IGO's. Students participating in the International Externship Program receive up to 3 academic credits for working in legal placements around the world. Students participating in externships abroad are concurrently enrolled in the Long-Distance Externship Seminar, a 3 credit graded course (for a total of six credits). To apply to the International Externship Program, come by suite 413 to pick up an application or go to the Externship Program website at [www.wcl.american.edu/externship](http://www.wcl.american.edu/externship) to download an application. The deadline for applications is November 16<sup>th</sup>. After you have submitted the application, you will meet with the Director of the Externship Program to discuss your interests and to determine to which externships you should apply.

### **EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM DATABASE**

To learn about externship opportunities, search the Employer Database. 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**

### **OBAMA vs. McCAIN**

### **FORUM ON THE PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES' HEALTH CARE REFORM PLATFORMS**

Co-sponsored by the WCL Health Law Project, *Health Law and Policy* Brief, Health Law and Justice Initiative, WCL Democrats, Poverty Law Society and AU Federalist Society

**Tuesday, September 23, 12 pm – 1:15 pm\*, Room 603**

#### **Speakers:**

Gwendolyn Majette, Global Health Law Scholar and LL.M. Candidate, Georgetown Law Center:  
*Obama Campaign Supporter*

Heide Bajnrauh, Senior Adviser to Presidential Candidate John McCain

**Commentator:** Richard Teske, President, Strategic Advocacy LLC

**Moderator:** Corrine Parver, Practitioner-in-Residence and Executive Director, Health Law Project, Program on Law and Government.

\*Lunch will be provided

**General Registration – no charge but required**

**For more information, please contact: Office of Special Events & Continuing Legal Education, American University Washington College of Law**

**Phone: 202.274.4075; Fax: 202.274.4079; [secle@wcl.american.edu](mailto:secle@wcl.american.edu)**

## INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION PROGRAM

### **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 LLP this year's lecture, "Establishing Claims for Damages, Costs and Interest in International Arbitration" will be presented on **September 25, 2008** 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: International Arbitration Program, American University Washington College of Law, 4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20016, Telephone (202) 274-4321, Facsimile (202) 274-4226, E-mail: [arbitration@wcl.american.edu](mailto:arbitration@wcl.american.edu), Website: [www.wcl.american.edu/arbitration](http://www.wcl.american.edu/arbitration)

### **ARBITRATION ANNUAL SEMINAR SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE REMINDER**

The deadline to apply to win a scholarship to participate in the Arbitration Annual Seminar How to Handle Intellectual Property and Telecommunication is Friday, **September 19**.

The International Arbitration Program will award scholarships to 2 WCL students to participate 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, 2008.

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 (ICDR).

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.

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**

**Constitutional Interpretation & Litigation After Heller**

**September 25<sup>th</sup> (9:00-1:00pm)** For more information on the program, a detailed agenda and for registration fees and CLE Fees please Contact: **Office of Special Events & Continuing Legal Education** ph: 202.274.4075 or E-mail: [secl@wcl.american.edu](mailto:secl@wcl.american.edu) Fall 2008 Programs.

**Islamic Legal Forum Student/Alumni Networking Iftar**

**September 25<sup>th</sup> (6:45-9:30pm)** 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Student Lounges

The Islamic Legal Forum, The Office of Development and Alumni Relations, and the International Legal Studies Program Invites you to an Iftar Come celebrate Ramadan with the Washington College of Law Islamic Legal Forum. Over dinner enjoy the company of WCL Alumni, local Muslim attorneys, and current students. This program is open to students, alumni and friends. Alumni, please indicate class year and degree when you respond, as well as the names of your guests. **RSVP to [islamiclaw@wcl.american.edu](mailto:islamiclaw@wcl.american.edu) by September 19.**

**Annual Lecture on International Commercial Arbitration - Establishing Claims for Damages, Costs and Interest in International Arbitration**

**September 25<sup>th</sup> (5:30-7:00pm)** Mooers-Morella Ceremonial Courtroom (Room 603) Established in 2006, the American University Washington College of Law Annual Lecture on International Commercial Arbitration is delivered by a leading practitioner in the field of international commercial arbitration. 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 and provides practitioners and academics an exclusive opportunity to participate. The 2008 annual lecture will feature The Hon Sir Vivian Ramsey, QC, Justice of the High Court, London. Website:

<http://www.wcl.american.edu/arbitration/2008/annuallecture.cfm>

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**INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS**

**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) .

### **International JD Dual Degree Programs and Chile Summer Program Info Session**

Save the date: **Wednesday, October 1, 2008 from 5pm-7pm**. Please join us for more information on the International JD Dual Degree Programs or the Chile Summer Program. Location: TBD. Contact Macarena Sáez at [msaez@wcl.american.edu](mailto:msaez@wcl.american.edu) or Jamie Welling at [jwelling@wcl.american.edu](mailto:jwelling@wcl.american.edu) with questions.

### **PENCE LAW LIBRARY**

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

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 12:00 am

Saturday – Sunday 9:00 am – 12:00 am

Extended hours are available to currently enrolled WCL students, faculty and staff.

**LIBRARY CARREL LOTTERY** Each semester the Library has a limited number of carrels available on a reserved basis. To be eligible for a carrel, you must be a 2L, 3L, 4L or LLM student and must be enrolled in and pursuing an upper level writing requirement or writing a journal article or comment due this semester. **The online registration for the lottery will begin at midnight on Monday, September 22 and end at 12 noon on September 29, 2008.** Students selected will be notified by email of their carrel assignment. To view all carrel policies and to sign up for the online lottery, go to <http://library.wcl.american.edu/carrel/> and click on the link for Carrel Reservations. Questions? Contact Circulation at [circ@wcl.american.edu](mailto:circ@wcl.american.edu) .

**Did you know that Hein Online has MUCH more than the full text of over 900 legal periodicals?** It now also contains the full text of the Federal Register back to 1936, the full text of the Congressional Record and its predecessors, a new Federal Agency database, Subject Compilations of State Law and much more! Access Hein Online from the Library webpage at [http://library.wcl.american.edu/resources/research\\_tools.cfm](http://library.wcl.american.edu/resources/research_tools.cfm) . Questions? Contact a reference librarian at [relib@wcl.american.edu](mailto:relib@wcl.american.edu) .

**Copying and Printing in the Library** There are 2 new EagleBuc\$ readers in both Library copy rooms, and our copiers have either been replaced with new ones or serviced over the summer.

**Help the Library Go Green! Turn off your carrel lights when you stop studying and use Duplex Printing whenever possible.** Library printers **Yoda, Dilbert, Rocky and Researchtoo printers can print on both sides of paper.** To set this utility up on your laptop follow these instructions: To check to make sure that your printer driver is configured for duplexing click on your **'Start'** button, then choose (depending on your start menu setup) **'Printers and Faxes'** OR **'Settings'**, then **'Control Panel'** then **'Printers and Faxes'**. You should see a list of installed printers. Right click on the printer you wish to print to and choose **'Properties'** from the right click menu. Then click on the **'Device Settings'** tab. Towards the bottom of the list of available settings

you will see 'Duplex Unit' this should be set to "Installed" then click 'OK'. **To Print:** Click on 'File' then choose the 'Print' option. Click on the 'Properties' button near the top right. Under the 'Layout' tab there will be options for 'Print on Both Sides' just choose the style you want either flip on long or short edge. Click on the 'OK' button to set your choice and click 'OK' again to send your print job to the printer. Step by step instructions are also posted at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/technology/ipp.cfm> and include special instructions for Apple computers. Questions? Stop by the Student Computer Help Desk on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Library or email [comptech@wcl.american.edu](mailto:comptech@wcl.american.edu) .

**Do you want to suggest something to add to the Library's collection or make a comment suggesting an improvement to our services?** Suggestion boxes are available in the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor copy room and at the Security Desk at the entrance to the Library. An online form is also posted at <http://library.wcl.american.edu/suggestions.cfm>. Fill it out and a Library staff member will review and respond to your concern.

**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) . The Library will host a reception in early March to honor student scholarship efforts and we don't want to leave anyone out!

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

## PROGRAM ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT:

**HOLD THE DATE. DON'T MISS THE ANNUAL LOOKING AHEAD AT THE NEW SUPREME COURT TERM** on **Monday, October 6, from 12 noon to 1:30 in Room 603**. Hear your WCL professors discuss some of the important cases that the Supreme Court will be deciding in its new term. Panelists are Professors Lynda Dodd, Cynthia Jones and Steve Vladeck. Steve Wermiel, Marshall-Brennan Associate Director, will be a panelist and moderator. The event is sponsored by the Program on Law & Government and by the Law & Government Society.

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 from 12:00pm-1:15pm in RM#401** the Program on Law and Government and the Immigrants Rights Coalition are co-sponsoring *The Immigrant Detainee Health Care Crisis: The Role of Civil Rights Litigation* with a featured presentation by Adele P. Kimmel, Managing Attorney, Public Justice P.C. Ms. Kimmel will be discussing the case of Francisco Castaneda, who was the featured subject in a 60 Minutes segment and a *Washington Post* series on the immigrant detainee health care crisis this past summer. Pizza and drinks will be served.

## 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**

### **Bringing Human Rights Home: Building Proactive Policy to Ensure Racial and Gender Equity**

Friday, September 26th

9:00 am – 1:00 pm, Room 524

*Presented by Women's Institute for Leadership and Development for Human Rights. In partnership with Washington College of Law's NIC/WCL Project on Addressing Prison Rape, International Human Rights Law Clinic, and the Women & International Law Program*

*Can you imagine policy efforts that are based on international human rights standards? The implementation of human rights treaties at local and state levels has proactively strengthened public policy in addressing discrimination based on gender, race and other identities.*

*THE WOMEN'S INSTITUTE FOR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT for Human Rights (WILD) has used the human rights framework to address gender, race and other identity-based discrimination in the United States. In 1997, WILD for Human Rights spearheaded a local education and advocacy campaign resulting in the implementation of UN Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW). WILD organized public hearings that addressed the discrimination against women and girls in San Francisco in the areas of health, violence and economic justice.*

*As a result, San Francisco passed an Ordinance that adopted CEDAW as city law and the Mayor allocated \$200,000 to the implementation of the Ordinance, which includes an unprecedented obligation to conduct a gender analysis of select city departments. The effort to adopt CEDAW as local law is now being replicated in cities across the United States including Seattle, Eugene, New York and Los Angeles. The campaign was supported by over 200 local, state, national and international NGO's and elected officials including Senators Feinstein (CA) and Boxer (CA). Recently, WILD released RESPECT, PROTECT, FULFILL: Raising the Bar on Women's Rights in San Francisco. The report documents the impact of the CEDAW legislation in advancing equity within the City of San Francisco over the past 10 years. Please join us!*

- To recognize the added value of human rights to advance public policy and reduce identity based discrimination.
- To examine the strength and challenges of local implementation of human rights standards.
- To construct new ways of advancing the discourse and the application of local implementation.

Light refreshments will be served.

Please RSVP to [programs@wildforhumanrights.org](mailto:programs@wildforhumanrights.org) or contact 415.355.4744 by September 22, 2008

## STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

### **The Alternative Dispute Resolution Society**

#### **\*MEDIATION SKILLS TRAINING SESSION hosted by The ADR Society**

Do you want to build advocacy skills that will give you an edge over your competition? If so, then take advantage of the **Mediation Skills Training Session on Friday September 26<sup>th</sup>, 12:30p.m. to 5p.m., in Room 503**. WCL and The Alternative Dispute Resolution Society will welcome Christy Anthony from American University Mediation Services, who will lecture on mediation and how it can be applied in legal practice. Students will gain practical experience through participation in mediation simulations. **LUNCH WILL BE SERVED**. Please RSVP for this event at [NL5635a@student.american.edu](mailto:NL5635a@student.american.edu) by September 25th.

#### **\*Collaborative Law Learning and Networking Opportunity**

The non-profit organization Collaborative Dispute Resolution Professionals (CDRP) is hosting a Collaborative Law Workshop for legal practitioners, mental health professionals, and financial planners. To help these professionals understand the Collaborative Law process, the CDRP is looking for students who will participate in collaborative law role plays. In exchange for their time, students will receive free admission to this valuable workshop. Participants will also attend one planning session (date and time TBD). The workshop is on **Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 to 4:30, at Carderock Springs Swim and Tennis Club Pavilion**. Interested students may contact Susan Soler at either 301-461-868 or [suesoler@yahoo.com](mailto:suesoler@yahoo.com).

### **BLSA**

#### **!!!!VOTER REGISTRATION!!!!**

BLSA is sponsoring a **voter registration drive on Monday, September 22 from 8am-6pm**. If you have not registered for the presidential elections in November, stop by the **table in the lobby** and fill out the appropriate forms. Forms for each state and DC will be available, both online and printed. Just bring 42 cents or a stamp, and a copy of your state/federal issued identification.

BLSA is providing envelopes and will make sure your form is mailed. **NOTE: The deadline for registration is the first or second week of October (depending on the state).**

If you are registered and want to vote absentee, you will be able to request an absentee ballot at the table.

**BLSA FAMILY DINNER:** It's back! Come out to this year's first family dinner and uphold an annual tradition of food, fun, and informal social gathering. Also, if you have not gotten a chance to do so already, this is a great opportunity for mentors and mentees to get to know one another outside of WCL.

Date: Thursday, September 18th (TONIGHT!)

Time: 8 pm

Location: Guapo's Mexican Restaurant  
(on Wisconsin Ave. right by the Tenley metro)

\*Note: It is preferred (but not mandatory) that members bring cash to this event so that the division of our group tab is made easier. Thanks for your cooperation!

**BLSA 1L ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION:** Attention 1Ls! Are you feeling overwhelmed? Wondering about study tips, how to better balance your time, or choosing a career path? Then come out to BLSA's roundtable discussion next **Tuesday, September 23rd at 4:30pm**. BLSA members will be giving advice to 1Ls on how to approach 1L year, and will be answering any questions that 1Ls may have about classes, note-taking, professors, using supplements/study guides, extra-curricular activities, and more! See you there!

### **Christian Legal Society**

Dan Kim from the Christian Legal Society, National, will be a visiting. Please join us **Thursday September 25 in 504 from 12:00-12:50** for our guest speaker, food, and fellowship.

### **Criminal Law Society**

**Introductory Meeting, Wednesday September 24, 4:30 p.m. Room 402**

### **Federalist Society**

#### **Election Discussion:**

US News political commentator, and Fox News Pundit Michael Barone to Speak on the candidates and what the upcoming election means for the country. Free Lunch: Provided by Potbellies  
**Monday September 22, 2008 Room 601 From 12:30-1:45 pm**

### **Immigrants' Rights Coalition**

#### **The Immigrant Detainee Health Care Crisis: The Role of Civil Rights Litigation**

**Monday, September 22, 2008**

**12:00 pm – 1:15 pm**

Co-sponsored by the Immigrants' Rights Coalition and the Program on Law and Government  
Featuring a Presentation By: Adele P. Kimmel, Managing Attorney, Public Justice P.C.

Ms. Kimmel will be discussing the case of Francisco Castaneda, who was the featured subject in a 60 Minutes segment and a *Washington Post* series on the immigrant detainee health care crisis this past summer. For more information about the case, including links to the news coverage and the legal briefs, see [http://www.publicjustice.net/pr/Castaneda\\_Media\\_041208.htm](http://www.publicjustice.net/pr/Castaneda_Media_041208.htm)

### **Refugee and Asylum Committee Introductory Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 23rd, 5pm - 6pm, room 501**

Contact: [sara.ramey@american.edu](mailto:sara.ramey@american.edu)

Come learn about the Committee's past projects and ideas for the coming year, get to know other Committee members and choose our projects for the coming semester (all ideas welcome!). We will also have chips and salsa and Arizona ice tea.

The Refugee and Asylum Committee works to protect and promote human rights by assisting admitted refugees in the D.C. area, advocating for the rights of asylum seekers, and creating opportunities for awareness and skill-building at WCL and within the wider D.C. community. The

Committee further aims to provide a forum for information sharing among law students and for collaboration on projects of mutual interest to Committee members.

### **Islamic Legal Forum**

#### **Ramadan Iftar – September 25<sup>th</sup>, at 6:45 pm; JD & LLM Student Lounges**

The Islamic Legal Forum, Office of Development and Alumni Relations, Capital Area Muslim Bar Association, and the International Legal Studies Program would like to invite YOU! to celebrate an Iftar dinner with us! Over dinner enjoy the company of WCL Alumni, local Muslim attorneys, and current students. This program is open to all alumni, students, professionals and friends. Please RSVP to [islamiclaw@wcl.american.edu](mailto:islamiclaw@wcl.american.edu) by September 19<sup>th</sup>! When responding, include your full name, year and affiliation, as well as names of any guests. RSVPed guests can park at no extra charge; just alert the attendant that you are here for the iftar. We hope to see you there!

### **JD/MBA**

**Club meeting! Tuesday, Sept 23rd, 5-550pm. Room 504.** *(please note the time and room change from last week's announcement).*

*Are you a current JD/MBA student?* Please come to our first meeting of the year to share your experiences and voice any concerns about the program.

*Interested in learning about American's 4-year JD/MBA dual degree program?* Stop by to speak with current students about the benefits of earning both degrees.

Contact [msanocki@gmail.com](mailto:msanocki@gmail.com) if you have any questions

### **Jewish Law Students Association**

**Winter Break Israel Legal Trip Information Session Wednesday, September 24 Room 504  
12 - 1:15 pm**

### **Law Students for Reproductive Justice**

#### **Introductory Meeting**

**Tuesday, September 23 Room 601 12 – 12:45 p.m.**

Law Students for Reproductive Justice (LSRJ) is a student-run organization that is committed to educating, organizing, and supporting law students concerned about reproductive justice to ensure that a new generation of lawyers will be prepared to successfully defend and expand reproductive rights. Our group raises awareness of reproductive rights, provides a framework for student activism, and links students to leaders and organizations in the reproductive justice arena.

LSRJ is always open to new members and new ideas, and we particularly welcome 1L leadership and support! At this meeting, we will be discussing the upcoming year and accepting nominees for 1L section representatives. Lunch will be provided. If you are interested but cannot attend the meeting, please feel free to email [aulsrj-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:aulsrj-subscribe@yahoogroups.com) to subscribe to the listserv or for more information.

### **Lambda Law Society**

#### **Tabling against Don't Ask, Don't Tell**

Lambda will be demonstrating its opposition to the Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy of the United States military by tabling all day in the Lobby on Wednesday, September 24th, the day JAG recruiters will be on campus. Stop by our table to learn more about this policy, the Solomon

Amendment and GLBTQ rights. Doughnuts and Rainbow Ribbons will be provided!

## **Modern American**

### **TMA Marketing Editor POSITION OPEN**

The Modern American Invites 1Ls, 2Ls, and 3Ls to apply for the the Marketing Editor position. Primary responsibilities are to assist in the promotion of The Modern American publication, both inside and outside of WCL. As part of these responsibilities, the marketing editor will update the subscriptions database, mail out issues, and seek out new subscribers for The Modern American. Moreover, the Marketing Editor will help organize the publication's Spring Symposium and any other projects or events in which The Modern American may be involved. Although the time commitment is not too demanding, the position will give the Marketing Editor an opportunity to get involved with the publication and develop creative ways to promote and expand The Modern American. The time commitment is not too demanding, and only for short amounts of time would this position require much attention. If you are interested in this position, please contact Edgar Ndjatou at [endjatou@gmail.com](mailto:endjatou@gmail.com)

### **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>, 2008, 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 1st, 2008 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.

### **Moot Court Honor Society**

**Attention 1Ls Apply to be an Assistant for the Moot Court Executive Board:** The WCL Moot Court Honor Society is hosting its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual National High School Moot Court Competition this spring, and the competition co-directors are seeking assistants. Assistants will participate in all stages of preparation for the competition, including recruiting judges, organizing programs for the competitors, and planning a reception. The time commitment in the fall is minimal (1-2 hours per month), but responsibilities will increase as the competition gets closer. If interested, please e-mail your resume to [kimberly.trimble@student.american.edu](mailto:kimberly.trimble@student.american.edu) or [anna.bercaw@gmail.com](mailto:anna.bercaw@gmail.com), and feel free to include a brief explanation of why you are interested in the position.

### **PHI ALPHA DELTA**

#### **Hosts: Bar Exam Informational Session**

In only 45 minutes, MicroMash will provide you with all of the information you need to set yourself up for success on the bar exam!

Come hear an overview of the bar exam, detailed information regarding application requirements, and tips on what you can do during law school to prepare for the exam. Bring your questions, too! This program is open to anyone interested in learning more about the biggest exam of a law student's life.

Don't miss out on this unique educational opportunity. Hosted by Phi Alpha Delta, Law Fraternity International

Date: Tuesday September 23, 2008 Time: 5 - 6pm Location: 401

FREE FOOD PROVIDED!!! Contact [pad@wcl.american.edu](mailto:pad@wcl.american.edu) for more information!

The Public International Law and Policy Group\*

\*Cosponsored by the Office of Special Events & Continuing Legal Education

**The Importance of EU and NATO membership for Kosovo, Albania, Montenegro and Macedonia**, presented by the Hope Fellows of the National Albanian American Association.

Followed by a presentation by Professor Anderson: a comparison of the relationship between the Public and Private sectors in Balkan countries and in the US.

September 25<sup>th</sup>, in room 401 from 12:00 to 1:20. Food will be provided.

### **Students for Justice in Palestine**

**Introductory Meeting: Thursday Nov. 25, Rm TBA**

- 1) Leadership positions available for 1Ls
- 2) Discussing scheduled events for the semester
- 3) Falafel for lunch!

### **Students United**

**New Member Application Period: September 17-26, 2008**

Students United is currently accepting applications from students interested in participating a worthwhile community oriented program.

For the past five years, Students United has been coming to Oak Hill to tutor the students and act as mentors while they are at Oak Hill and after they are released. Oak Hill is the youth detention facility for incarcerated D.C. youth. As role models, law students lend guidance and support to Oak Hill residents while residents are detained and also during their reintegration into the community. Students United provides transportation to Oak Hill. Vans leave WCL at 2 p.m. every Friday and return at 6 p.m. This arrangement is compatible with the many different schedules of 1Ls, 2Ls, and 3Ls here at WCL and has always worked well with the students at Oak Hill.

If you are interested in helping the incarcerated youth of D.C. and giving back to your community, and would like to receive a copy of the application interested, please contact [studentsunited@wcl.american.edu](mailto:studentsunited@wcl.american.edu).

## 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 as Chair, ABA, Criminal Justice Section, Committee on Rules of Criminal Procedure, Evidence, and Police Practices; (3) assistance with materials for Criminal Procedure class and police ride-a-longs; (4) 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.

**Professor Guttman** is urgently looking for a Research Assistant for the remainder of the fall semester of 2008 continuing through spring 2009. Students interested in commercial and securities law specifically Securities Transfers having strong research skills are invited to apply. Students should also indicate if they wish to be considered for the fall 2008 and for the spring 2009 semester. Please submit your resume, a copy of your transcript, a writing sample and a cover letter to

Professor Guttman's mailbox in room 465 or his Administrative Assistant, Carolyn Wright, in room 325. The Student will work a total of ten (10) hours per week during the fall and spring semester.

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

**Prof. Daniela Kraiem** is looking for a Dean's Fellow for the fall semester 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. This is a 5/hr week position.

**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 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). This position pays \$12/hour. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis.

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 Program on Law and Government** seeks a student who can dedicate between 15-20 hours per week serving as a Dean's Fellow. This position includes administrative assistance, program management, and some legal research and writing. The ideal candidate will be a full-time or part-time JD or LLM student who has office experience and wants to be part of a collaborative team. Interested students should submit a resume and cover letter (hard copy, please) to Associate Director Tabitha Acosta in Suite 515.

**The Program on Law and Government** is accepting applications for one Dean's Fellow who will work 10-20 hours per week and perform the following tasks associated with the SJD Program. Responsibilities include coordinating application information, performing research, and assisting

the infrastructure of the Program. 3 L and LLM students are encouraged to apply for this position. To apply for this positions please submit 1) a cover letter indicating interest and availability, and (2) a resume to Tabitha Acosta, Associate Director of the Program on Law and Government in Suite 515.

**PIJIP** seeks a Deans Fellow to research intellectual property policies and disputes related to economic development and trade. Fellow will monitor the ongoing negotiations for the Anti-Counterfeiting Trade Agreement, prepare reports and memos on bilateral actions by the US Trade Representative. Please email cover letter and resume to Mike Palmedo ([mpalmedo@wcl.american.edu](mailto:mpalmedo@wcl.american.edu)).

### **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**.

### **VOLUNTEERS**

**The Clinical Program** is seeking volunteers to assist student attorneys with interpretation/translation and simulation role-playing. If you would like to be available as a volunteer in the clinic, please contact Maribel Yamat at [myamat@wcl.american.edu](mailto:myamat@wcl.american.edu) or you can see her in Room 417 to get more information and fill out the appropriate forms. You may be able to receive credit for pro bono service with the public interest program.

**The Clinical Program** is seeking volunteers to assist student attorneys with case investigation in the Criminal Justice Clinic. Examples of case investigation tasks may include gathering documents, attending witness interviews, and visiting places and institutions relevant to the issues in a particular case. If you would like to be available as a volunteer case investigator in the clinic, please contact Maribel Yamat at [myamat@wcl.american.edu](mailto:myamat@wcl.american.edu) or you can see her in Room 417 to get more information and fill out the Volunteer Form. You may be able to receive credit for pro bono service with the public interest program.

### **Volunteer Reporters For Oxford Reports on International Law!**

Professor Claudia Martin, Co-Director of the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, is seeking Spanish speaking WCL LL.M. students for a research project that will provide them with a great opportunity to gain practical experience in legal research and writing on various topics of international law.

Prof. Martin is a member of the Editorial Board and Coordinator for Latin American of "Oxford Reports on International Law in Domestic Courts," an online research service of decisions from domestic courts applying international law principles. ORIL is coordinated and supported by

Oxford University Press, one of the most distinguished legal publishing companies in the world. Selected students will work as ORIL Reporters researching domestic cases in Spanish decided by Latin America courts. The selected cases may involve various legal subject areas including but not limited to human rights, business, investment, criminal law, immunities, that apply norms and principles of international law. The final case report will be written in English and published online. Students will be accredited in the final case report as authors. There is also an option to receive an academic credit for 10hrs of work per week.

Required Skills:

- Fluency in Spanish and English.
- Experience in legal research and drafting.
- Knowledge of core principles of international law.

The research project will be coordinated with the support of Dean's Fellows and LLM students Vladislav Michalcik and Ana-Maria Fernandez de Soto. If you are interested in being considered to participate in this project, please email CV/Resume and a brief writing sample to [vm3553a@american.edu](mailto:vm3553a@american.edu) and [af1657a@american.edu](mailto:af1657a@american.edu) by Friday, September 26, 2008.

## ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

*American University Washington College of Law  
Clean Air Task Force & Center for Biological Diversity*

Cordially invite you to a panel conversation

### **GLOBAL WARMING AND BLACK CARBON: AN OPPORTUNITY FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION**

**September 25, Noon – 1:30 PM 2322 Rayburn House Office Building**

*Featured Speakers Include:*

#### Introductions

Representative Jay Inslee (D-WA); Representative Frank LoBiondo (R-NJ) (*invited*),  
Representative Brad Miller (D-NC)

#### The Science: Causes, Impact and Potential Fixes

Ellen Baum, Staff Scientist, Clean Air Task Force

#### Multilateral Solutions

Durwood Zaelke, *Director*, INECE & *Adjunct Professor*, American University Washington College of Law; Brooks Yeager, *Executive Vice President for Policy*, Clean Air-Cool Planet

#### Domestic Fixes

Bill Snape, *Senior Counsel*, Center for Biological Diversity & *Fellow*, American University Washington College of Law

Please register at [www.wcl.american.edu/secle/registration](http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/registration)

For more information contact the Office of Special Events and Continuing Legal Education [secle@wcl.american.edu](mailto:secle@wcl.american.edu), 202-274-4075

### **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 meeting 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>

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

**Attention Job Seeking 3 & 4Ls:** Are you Concerned About the Current Job Market? Has the Job-search Process Left you Frustrated or Exhausted?

**Learn How to Breathe New Life into your job search efforts and gain better focus...and results!**

The **3L/4L Job Search Series** kicks-off with **3L/4L Counseling Week, September 22-26**. During this time, OCPD will reserve the majority of our counseling slots for 3 & 4Ls. Sign up for your appointment today by contacting the front desk in person or at 202-274-4090. The **3L/4L Job Search Series** will continue with additional programs covering Job-Search Identity and Focus; Job-Search Techniques in a Fluctuating Market; the Long Distance Job Search; Small-firm Outreach Strategies; Resources & Approaches for a Federal Attorney Search; Working with Placement and Temporary Agencies; and more!

#### **\*\*Upcoming Professionalism Series Programs\*\***

**Professionalism Series #1: Dress for Success – Business Attire Seminar** *featuring NORDSTROM's Special Occasions Manager, Gina Oberndorf*

*Wednesday, October 1 from Noon-1:20pm in WCL Room 401*

Do you know what to wear on an interview? Have you ever spent hours rifling through your closet to find appropriate “business casual” attire for an afternoon reception? Even seasoned professionals have difficulty navigating the ins and outs of business attire, so let OCPD take the pain out of professional dress as we bring Nordstrom to you with this highly informative seminar. Tuesday’s program will feature advice straight from the experts, along with Nordstrom merchandise! Pizza will be provided. Please register in advance on the “Events” section of CareerLink.

**Professionalism Series #2: Effective Communication with Employers** *featuring Dr. Ben Oipari, Writing Instructor*

**Office of Professional Development, Howrey LLP**

*Tuesday, October 21 from Noon-1:20pm in WCL Room 101*

Are you convinced that your cover letters and email communications with prospective employers are persuasive? Do employers have a good first impression about you before beginning the interview process?

Please join OCPD for an informative program with Dr. Ben Oipari, Writing Instructor in the

Office of Professional Development at Howrey. The speaker will discuss ways to strengthen your written communication and will provide perspective about this important first step in the hiring process.

**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.

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.symphlicity.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.

**Reminder to Upper-Class Students:** Don't forget that you can register for a variety of list serves on CareerLink. Listserv topics include: Alternative, Corporate, Diversity, Government, Judicial, and Private Practice/Law Firms.

**\*\*\*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).

**Fall Recruitment Program Updates**

**\*ATTENTION JOB-SEEKING THIRD AND FOURTH YEAR STUDENTS!!!\***

*Please read below for several newly added opportunities to interview on campus for permanent, post-graduate employment.*

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION** will be on campus Monday, October 13 and is accepting applications from 3L/4E students. To apply, log on to CareerLink and view “Fall Recruitment 2008 – Week Nine.”

(Deadline to apply: Monday, September 22 at 11:59PM)

There are many more opportunities to meet with employers from the government, non-profit, and private sectors on CareerLink. Log on at <https://law-american-csm.symphlicity.com/students> and select the OCI tab to get started. If you don’t know your log in information, send an email to [careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu](mailto:careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu) for assistance, or stop by the OCPD front desk in Suite 122.

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**Public Interest & Government**

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

**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 now closed.**

**However, if you are interested in this event, please contact Heather Fine, Public Interest Specialist, in OCPD to be added to the waiting list. *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, the FCC, and DHS, among many others, have September and early October deadlines. If you have any questions about government job search strategies, please contact OCPD to make an appointment with a career counselor.

**EXCITING Program for Government Students!**

***Profiles of Legal Careers In Federal Government:*** Join OCPD and American University’s Career Services Office for a panel discussion about careers in federal government, on **October 2, 2008, from 5:30pm-7:00pm** in the **6<sup>th</sup> Floor Student Lounge**. Four distinguished alumni will serve as panelists and discuss their careers in federal government, how they got to where they are, advice and tips on the job search, and answer any questions students may have. Panelists include: **Department of Justice**, Anti-Trust Division; **Securities & Exchange Commission**, Enforcement Division; **Office of Management & Budget** (this alumni was a former Presidential Management Fellow (PMF)); and the **Department of Homeland Security**, US Citizenship & Immigration

Services. **Do not miss this exciting event!** Please register via CareerLink under the Events tab today!

**Paid Internship Opportunity at American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME)**

The AFSCME Office of the General Counsel seeks a law clerk for the fall and winter 2008 semesters. A successful candidate should possess good research and writing skills, demonstrated academic excellence and a serious commitment to work for the labor movement. AFSCME is the fastest growing union in the country with over 1.4 million members and primarily represents employees within the public sector. 2Ls are preferable and will receive \$20/hour. Please go to CareerLink for additional details.

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

**Postgraduate Public Interest FELLOWSHIPS!**

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:

**Soros Justice Advocacy Fellowships: September 24<sup>th</sup>** - application and information available at:

[http://www.soros.org/initiatives/usprograms/focus/justice/programs/justice\\_fellows/guidelines/advocacy](http://www.soros.org/initiatives/usprograms/focus/justice/programs/justice_fellows/guidelines/advocacy)

**Skadden Fellowship: 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, 12:00pm-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. The Public Interest Specialist in OCPD is also available to discuss any other fellowships as well.

**Robert Bosch Foundation Fellowship Program**

**September 19, 2008, 4:00pm-5:00pm, Application Writing Workshop, American University's Career Center Library on the 5th Floor of Butler Pavilion.**

**The Bosch Foundation Fellowship Application is due on October 15, 2008.**

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 Register Now!** 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. Register now! 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 Friday, September 26<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 listed on the EJW website.

**JOB SEARCH RESOURCES!!**

It's not too late to line up a fall internship or externship. Also, you should begin thinking about summer and post-graduate opportunities. 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.

**Judicial Clerkships & Internships**

**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.

### **This week! 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/secle/cle\\_form.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle_form.cfm)

### **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.

### **Interviewing Resources**

Two of the best resources to start researching your judges with whom you have upcoming interviews are the Almanac of the Federal Judiciary (available in the Resources area of the OCPD – no appointment necessary!) and our very own alumni – check out the Alumni Clerkship Survey Database and the Clerkship Interview Feedback Database as a starting point, or contact me for help in tracking down additional alumni whose names you found elsewhere on the Judicial section of the OCPD website.

We’re trying to track judicial interviews this year, so please let us know if you have an upcoming clerkship interview. Additionally, after your interview, please fill out the interview feedback survey so future WCL students can benefit from your experience! Once you have lined up a judicial clerkship, be sure to let us know about your success!

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

\*\*\* Please be sure to update your profile on CareerLink and subscribe to the Diversity Listserv for the most up-to-date announcements, events, and scholarships relating to diversity outreach and initiatives. \*\*\*

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Procter & Gamble Company and Dinsmore & Shohl LLP Diversity Scholarship Program:**

This scholarship is offered to law students who are members of groups traditionally under-represented in the legal profession, or individuals who contribute meaningfully to diversity in their communities. The chosen scholar will gain valuable experience in P&G's legal department for six weeks, followed by six weeks in Dinsmore & Shohl's Cincinnati office. The scholarship winner also will be assigned mentors from both organizations, providing a dedicated resource to assist with professional development.

The selected applicant **will receive a salaried summer clerk position and a \$10,000 scholarship.** To be eligible, law students must be admitted or already attending an ABA-accredited law school as a first-year or second-year law student, have a record of academic or professional achievement, and display leadership qualities through past work experience, community involvement, or student activities. **2L students must submit all information before September 15, 2008 and 1L students must submit all information between December 1 and December 31, 2008.**

For more information regarding eligibility requirements or the Procter & Gamble Company/Dinsmore & Shohl LLP Diversity Scholarship Program, please visit [www.dinslaw.com/careers/diversityscholarship](http://www.dinslaw.com/careers/diversityscholarship) or send inquiries to [dinsmore.legalrecruiting@dinslaw.com](mailto:dinsmore.legalrecruiting@dinslaw.com).

**McDermott Minority Scholarship:** McDermott is pleased to announce the *McDermott Minority Scholarship*. McDermott awards a \$15,000 scholarship to **two 2L 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.**

### **RECEPTIONS**

#### **Howrey Diversity Cocktail Reception for 2L's:**

Are you interested in litigation? Would you like the opportunity to conduct a mock trial from start to finish, including taking your own deposition and doing opening and closing arguments? Do you want to practice law in a firm with 600+ attorneys and 14 offices around the world?

If you answered "Yes" to these questions, please join Howrey for a cocktail reception for diverse second-year law students.

**Tuesday, September 23rd, 2008**

**5:30 – 7:30 PM**

**Howrey LLP**

**1299 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW (Corner of 12<sup>th</sup> & E)**

**Washington, DC**

Cocktails & Appetizers will be served. Business casual attire recommended. Please RSVP to [johnsonk@howrey.com](mailto:johnsonk@howrey.com) by Monday, September 22nd.

If you want to do something different this summer, join us on Tuesday and hear about our unique summer associate program, Howrey Bootcamp®. We team the best law students with some of the most experienced litigators in the country in a challenging advocacy skills training program. The program emphasizes hands-on experience, teamwork, feedback and maximizes partner-student interaction. Please visit our website [www.howreybootcamp.com](http://www.howreybootcamp.com) to learn more about Howrey and to apply on-line.

#### **Womble Carlyle Diversity Golf Open 2008:**

The Open provides area minority law students the unique opportunity to network with local business leaders through the sport of golf. This year's Diversity Open will take place at TopGolf Game Centre, which features a new and interactive way to play golf using revolutionary technology. To encourage interaction among participants (and some friendly competition), teams will be assigned by tournament organizers. Teams will include business leaders, Womble Carlyle attorneys, and minority law students. After a few games of golf, the fun will conclude with an awards dinner.

**Where:** [TopGolf Game Centre](#)

6625 South Van Dorn Street

Alexandria, VA 22315

Phone: (703) 924-2600

**When:** October 6, 2008

3:30 p.m. until early evening

**How Much:** FREE!

To register, please log onto the “EVENTS” tab on CareerLink and register under the link provided for the Womble Diversity Golf Open. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Elizabeth Grau at 202-857-4420 or Todd Ross at 202-857-4496.

\*\*\* 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**

**Our Next Resume and Cover Letter Workshop for Foreign Attorneys:**  
**Friday, September 19, 11:00am – 1:30 pm, room 527**  
***Is your US-Style Resume in good shape?***

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

**New and current foreign LL.M. and SJD students and alumni welcome to attend!**

*Pizza will be served.*

\*\* Please remember NEW foreign LL.M. and SJD students are required to attend *one* Resume and Cover Letter Workshop before they can use our office's counseling services!! The earlier you sign up, the better! \*\*

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

I am available to meet with you for resume and cover letter review and to answer your job search questions. **You are required to attend a Basic Resume and Cover Letter Writing Workshop before meeting with me for an individual counseling appointment.** (Our next Workshop is on September 19, Friday at 11:00am! See above for more information).

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 22, 2008**  
**OCPD's 3L/4L Counseling Week**

**Monday, September 22**

**8am-6pm, WCL lobby, voter registration drive**

**12-1:15pm, [apestone@gmail.com](mailto:apestone@gmail.com), The Immigrant Detainee Health Care Crisis: The Role of Civil Rights Litigation**

**12:30-1:45pm, Rm 601, Federalist Society Election Discussion**

**4-6pm, [sweaver@wcl.american.edu](mailto:sweaver@wcl.american.edu), Hispanic Hrtg. Mth. Prog&Reptn- "Building a Career: Motivating Factors"**

**Tuesday, September 23**

**12-12:45 pm, Rm 601, Law Students for Reproductive Justice Introductory Meeting**

**12-1:15pm, Rm 603, Obama vs. McCain, Forum on Health Care Reform Platforms**

**12-1:20pm, Rm. 101, Boumediene v. Bush and the Future of US Detention Policy**

**4:30pm, [rahel.j.kifle@gmail.com](mailto:rahel.j.kifle@gmail.com), BLSA 1L ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

**5-5:50pm, Rm 504, JD/MBA Club meeting**

**5-6pm, Rm 501, Refugee and Asylum Committee Introductory Meeting**

**5-6pm, Rm 401, Bar Exam Informational Session**

**5:30-7:30pm, Dining Room and Student Lounges, Public Interest Speed Networking**

**Wednesday, September 24**

**WCL Lobby, Lambda Law Society Tabling against Don't Ask, Don't Tell**

**9am-1pm, Rm 603, Constitutional Interpretation and Litigation After *Heller***

**12-1:15pm, Rm 504, JLSA Winter Break Israel Legal Trip Info Session**

**4:30pm, Rm 402, Criminal Law Society Intro Meeting**

**Thursday, September 25**

**[amirmatar@gmail.com](mailto:amirmatar@gmail.com), Students for Justice in Palestine Intro Meeting**

**10:30am-12:30pm, Rm 603, Just the Beginning Foundation: Robes in the Schools Program**

**12-1:20pm, Rm 401, Hope Fellows Presentation**

**12-12:50pm, Rm 504, Christian Legal Society meeting**

**12-1:20pm, Rm 401, The Importance of EU&NATO membership for Kosovo, Albania, Montenegro & Macedonia**

**12-1:20pm, Rm. 601, Nuts and Bolts of Doing Human Rights Work: Grant Proposal Writing Skills Session**

**5:30-7pm, Rm 603, Establishing Claims for Damages, Costs and Interest in International Arbitration**

**6:45-9:30pm, 6<sup>th</sup> Fl Lngs, Islamic Legal Forum Student/Alumni Networking Iftar**

**Friday, September 26**

**9-1pm, Rm 524, Bringing Human Rights Home: Building Proactive Policy to Ensure Racial & Gender Equity**

**12:30-5pm, Rm 503, Mediation Skills Training Session**

**12:30- 3:15pm, Dng Rm & Rm 603, Just the Beginning Foundation: Pathfinders Panel and Lunch**