

The Docket

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Students, faculty, and staff are invited to place announcements in the Docket, published each week, by submitting text no later than **noon** on Thursday to docket@wcl.american.edu.

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

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

E-mail: 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.

DISCLOSURE OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION: The university has changed its policy on release of directory information. A sheet containing a description of the policy and a form for requesting that such information not be disclosed was sent to all students by email yesterday (Sept. 30). If you wish to have the information withheld, you must complete, **sign, date** and return the request form to the WCL Registrar's Office (Suite 304). If you do not have the email, forms and copies of the policy are available from the WCL Registrar's Office and outside the office.

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 no later than Oct. 10, 2008. 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

Left-over Student IDs:

The following IDs need to be picked up from the Office of Student Affairs (suite 300) no later than Noon on Friday, October 3; after that the IDs will be returned to the AU Housing Office.

Clark, Lauren

Drabant, Anna

Grella, Jamison

Lieberman, Michael

Nguyen, John

Quinn, Jeremy

Rosenholtz, Daniel

Young, Sharla

Coleman, Lindsay

Gibson, Katherine

Hentschel, Nicholas

Martinez, Andrea

Pearson-Moore, Samuel

Ramaley, Stephen

White, Dartania

D.C. Bar Lawyer Assistance Program

The Office of Student Affairs seeks students to serve on a focus group for an ongoing discussion of issues involving alcohol/substance abuse and mental health issues within the law student community. Focus group students will meet with the student liaison to the D.C. Bar Lawyer Assistance Program (see http://www.dcbbar.org/for_lawyers/bar_services/counseling/) 1-2 times per semester, to brainstorm on ways to assist the community. Students will also become knowledgeable about resources available to classmates who may be in crisis.

Students asking to be involved in the focus group do not need to be in recovery. To apply for this focus group or to request additional information, please email your student liaison, Sandy Freeman (sandra.c.freeman@gmail.com).

ADA Accommodations

Washington College of Law students with permanent or temporary disabilities may need special accommodations to facilitate their study of the law. If you are such a student and have documentation of your disability, and have not already self identified previously, please consider doing so. Of course, you are not required to disclose your disability or request an accommodation if you do not wish to do so.

It is the law school's desire to identify entering students with disabilities before the Fall semester begins in order to review information and documentation, determine appropriate accommodations, and provide those accommodations in a timely fashion. It is also the law school's desire to urge students with disabilities to come forward at the start of their legal education to learn if they will receive accommodations. We say this because many state boards of bar examiners are reluctant to provide accommodations when taking bar examinations if an applicant first seeks accommodations when taking a bar examination. A record of receiving accommodations in law school will be helpful in such cases.

Your privacy will be protected. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions or need more information. You may contact the Senior Academic Counselor, Laura Hartz, at 202-274-4031; lhartz@wcl.american.edu. **You are advised to submit your documentation as soon as possible.**

WCL Business Cards

<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

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

Friday, October 3—Noon-2:00PM—Room 600—2nd 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 or the Office of Diversity Services.

Restricted Scholarship Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office; deadline for completing them is October 17. These privately-funded scholarships have varying qualification criteria, and recipients will be honored during a reception early next year. A few copies of the application are available in Diversity Services.

The **Black Women’s Bar Association** of Suburban Maryland, Inc. will award two(2) \$500 book scholarships. The scholarship competition is open to 1L and 2L African-American, female law students, who will be enrolled in a full-time course of study for the fall 2008 semester. Also, please note that chosen finalists will be required to have a brief interview. Applications are available in DS.

Stuff on the Table:

- WCL: Restricted Scholarship Application
- Black Women’s Bar Association of Suburban Maryland
- AU GLBTA Resource Center
- AU GLBTA Resource Center Fall 2008 events
- Financial Aid Deadlines

Georgetown University Law Center Public Policy Fellowship Program Application
“Everyone is Entitled to Defend Our Country”: WCL Administration’s Statement on the
JAG Protest

SAALT Legal Internships

Program: Kauffman Foundation Distinguished Lecturer in Antitrust, Entrepreneurship and
Innovation Oct. 7

Program: Prosecuting Sexual and gender Based Crimes Internalized Criminal Courts

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

ALERT ~ Important Supplemental Loan Update ~ ALERT

Because of the ongoing crisis in financial markets and changes in the student loan industry, many lenders have discontinued private/commercial educational loans. Loans already approved for the current year are secure however funding may not be readily available going forward. This is of particular note for students planning to secure post-graduation (Bar Study) loans. Note: Grad PLUS loans are not affected. Contact the office if you have questions.

Attention - Restricted Scholarship applications are available

Apply now – avoid the rush! A statement of qualification and resume are required as part of the application. Need Access information must also be on file for need-based award consideration. Additional information is available at the financial aid counter.

Deadline: 5:00 pm, Friday, October 17.

Important Contact Notice

The office corresponds with you through your university assigned e-mail address. Be sure to establish a mechanism for retrieving notices if you use an alternate account.

Fall Disbursements

Contact the office if your aid is not posted to your student account. Account “stops” will be applied soon.

Repayment Information for Graduate PLUS Borrowers

Graduate PLUS loans enter repayment once funds for an award period are fully disbursed. (Summer/fall one semester only loans now qualify.) Automatic in-school deferment generally applies and no action is required of the borrower. Check with your lender if you have questions.

Loan Adjustments

Any change in loan awards must be initiated through the Financial Aid Office. Do **not** contact your lender directly for loan adjustments. Doing so may result in inconsistencies in award information, disbursement delays and possible misreporting of information to the Department of Education.

Prospective Graduates - December 2008

Notify the office if you will graduate this December. Federal loan borrowers must complete Exit Interview requirements prior to leaving the university. Details will be provided later.

Dean's Fellows

Your next scheduled pay day is November 26. Consider signing up for direct deposit payment if you are not enrolled. Contact the Payroll Office or WCL's Finance Office for details.

Outside Scholarships

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

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST

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

Announcements:

Join the Public Interest Announcements Listserv

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

Read Up on Public Interest Salaries and Benefits

The 2008 edition of the NALP Public Sector & Public Interest Attorney Salary Report has arrived. The biennial report provides salary information for employers in five categories: civil legal services, public defenders offices, local prosecuting attorney offices, attorney general offices, and public interest organizations. Stop by the Office of Public Interest to view the report and learn more about salaries and benefits at various public interest employers.

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. Onsite registration is also available.

Pro Bono Honors Pledge Program "Getting Involved in Pro Bono" Session at noon, October 14, Room 402

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.

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 to find out how we can help you plan your program

THIS WEEK

OCTOBER 6

[Supreme Court Term Program](#)

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

OCTOBER 7

[Protect the Vote, Co-sponsored with the American Constitution Society](#)

OCTOBER 10-11 *CLE*

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

SAVE THE DATES!
FALL 2008

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

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 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.

CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW

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

Center Announcements

THE CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW IS LOOKING FOR A DEAN'S FELLOW!

The most fun you will ever have as a Dean's Fellow! This is a great time to get involved with the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law. This fall, the Center is looking for a Dean's Fellow to assist in the Center's exciting new initiatives. Dean's fellows will work alongside Center staff to provide support to many of our new exciting programs such as the new Human Rights Treaty Video Project, the Pakistan Initiative on Human Rights and Gender, and many more!

Attention to detail, organizational skills, familiarity with Microsoft Office programs, and proven interest in human rights issues are essential. Experience/skills in brochure/flyer design are a plus. A minimum commitment of 10 hours/week is required; however, up to 20 hours/week are available.

To apply: send a resume to Amelia Parker at aparker@wcl.american.edu. Please indicate that you are applying for a Center Dean's Fellow position in the subject line. Position will remain open until filled.

CENTER 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 **but not mandatory**. 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. **Position open until filled.** Please indicate that you are applying for a Center Human Trafficking Dean's Fellow position in the subject line.

Center Events

STUDENT ACTIVISTS FOR KATRINA/RITA SURVIVORS BAKE SALE

Monday, October 6, 9am-5pm, WCL Lobby

As our country deals with an uncertain economic future, the Diaspora of hurricane survivors dispersed throughout the US are still hoping to go home and rebuild. However, due to mismanaged government funds and the continued demolition of thousands of public housing units, many Gulf Coast residents remain homeless, without health care, without access to education or other basic services. On Monday, October 6th, SAKS - Students Activists for KatrinaRita Survivors - will hold a bake sale to help raise funds for Gulf Coast organizations working to raise awareness about the ongoing human rights crisis on the Gulf Coast. Funds will also go to support WCL students planning to go to the Gulf Coast as part of Alternative Winter Break. If you are interested in helping with the bake sale, either by baking or sitting at the table, please email Eric Leveridge at emleveridge@gmail.com.

MUNCHING ON HUMAN RIGHTS PRESENTS PROF. RICK WILSON DISCUSSING “THE UNIVERSAL BILL OF RIGHTS AND THE ABCS OF THE UDHR”

Tuesday, October 7th, 12-1:20pm, Rm. 602

Join us for the second session of the popular Munching on Human Rights lecture series as Prof. Rick Wilson discusses the Universal Bill of Human Rights and the ABCs of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). This series is an introductory program designed particularly for 1Ls who are looking to get a “taste” of international human rights and humanitarian law during their first year of study. Lectures will be held once a month and pizza will be served so bring your questions and your appetite! All students are welcome. Visit <http://www.WCLCenterforHR.org> for more information and future discussion topics.

SAVE THE DATE: NINTH ANNUAL HUMAN RIGHTS FILM SERIES KICKS OFF IN OCTOBER!

**First Screening on Wednesday, October 15, 6:00pm, Washington College of Law, 4801
Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC, Room 603**

Like to go to the movies? This fall, the Washington College of Law's Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, in conjunction with the American University's Center for Social Media, the Center for Global Peace, the Kay Spiritual Life Center, and School of International Service will sponsor the 9th Annual Human Rights Film Series. The film series explores ways in which film and media can be used to promote and protect human rights. This year's theme emphasizes human rights issues here in the United States, including a special event focused on the social and economic impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on the Gulf Coast. Films will be screened twice, first on Wednesday nights at the Washington College of Law and again on Thursday nights at the Wechsler Theatre on American University's Main Campus. All screenings are free and will feature post-screening discussions with award-winning filmmakers and human rights advocates.

A complete list of the films featured in this year's film series is listed below. For more information contact Amelia Parker at humlaw@wcl.american.edu or visit the Center's website at www.wclcenterforhr.org.

BANISHED: AMERICAN ETHNIC CLEANSINGS (2007; 87 min.)

A hundred years ago, whites cleansed their towns of Black Americans. Today, their descendants demand justice for this unknown chapter in the history of U.S. racism. Special visit with director **Marco Williams** on October 16.

Washington College of Law: Wednesday, October 15, 6:00 pm, WCL Room 603.

American University Main Campus: Thursday, October 16, 5:30 pm, Wechsler Theatre, 3rd floor Mary Graydon Center.

THE BALLAD OF ESEQUIEL HERNANDEZ (2007; 90 min.)

The story of Esequiel Hernandez, a young American man who was mistaken for a drug runner and killed by U.S. Marines on the Texas-Mexico border. Special visit with producer **Brendan Fitzgerald** on October 23.

Washington College of Law: Wednesday, October 22, 6:00pm, WCL Room 603.

American University Main Campus: Thursday, October 23, 5:30pm, Wechsler Theatre, 3rd floor Mary Graydon Center.

AT THE DEATH HOUSE DOOR (2008; 98 min.)

A look at the death penalty in Texas through the eyes of Pastor Carroll Pickett, death house chaplain for 15 years at the infamous "Walls Unit" prison in Huntsville. Special visit with filmmaker **Peter Gilbert** on October 30.

Washington College of Law: Wednesday, October 29, 6:00pm, WCL Room 603.

American University Main Campus: Thursday, October 30, 5:30pm, Wechsler Theatre, 3rd floor Mary Graydon Center.

CUT OFF (2008; 45 min.)

Public hospitals, schools, and housing in New Orleans are being eliminated and radically redefined. How will this shape the "New City" and affect those who live there? Special visit with filmmaker **Broderick Webb**.

Washington College of Law: Wednesday, November 12, 6:00pm, WCL Room 603.

WHEN THE LEVEES BROKE (Part 3) (2008; 45 min.)

Join Oscar-nominated producer **Sam Pollard** for Part 3 of *When the Levees Broke*, an examination of the U.S. government's role in the response to Hurricane Katrina and the disastrous series of events that devastated the city and its people.

American University Main Campus: Thursday, November 13, 5:30pm, Wechsler Theatre, 3rd floor Mary Graydon Center.

EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Room 413 (202) 274-4200

www.wcl.american.edu/externship

M, W, F: 9 am – 6:15 pm; T, Th. 10:25 am-6:00pm;

(evening hours available on request)

externship@wcl.american.edu Avis Sanders, Director Gregory Seidell, Program Assistant

ILs: Externship First Year Orientation:

Section 1 and Section 2: Wednesday, October 22nd at 12:00 p.m.

Students in Professor Abram's Wednesday Rhetoric class should attend the Thursday orientation

Section 3 and Section 4: Thursday, October 23rd at 12:00 p.m.

Students in Professor Spratt's Thursday Rhetoric class should attend the Wednesday orientation

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. Attendance at the First Year Orientation is necessary to learn how to take advantage of the Program. The Orientations have been scheduled to ensure that 100% of the first year students can attend. *Lunch will be served.*

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 and three credits for the concurrent Long Distance Externship Seminar (required) 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 to download an application. **The deadline for applications is November 16th.** 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 employers, search the Employer Database. This is not the same database as Careerlinks. It specifically provides information on externship employers who have hired WCL students in the past or have indicated an interest in hiring WCL students. The Database is searchable on keyword, as well as by employers who are "recently looking." The Database is available on the Externship website: <https://www.wcl.american.edu/externship/externshipapp/>

EMPLOYERS CURRENTLY SEEKING SPRING APPLICATIONS

Employers will begin to update listings and request Spring 2008 externs. Many externships have early deadlines, some in October. Please check the Docket for information on organizations seeking externs.

-The Arlington Immigration Court, part of the Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR) is currently seeking Spring 2008 Externs. Please check the database for more information.

-U.S. Government Agencies all have early deadlines, please prepare your applications accordingly.

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION PROGRAM

October 27 – 30 Fifth Annual Seminar on International Commercial Arbitration: How to Handle Intellectual Property and Telecommunication Cases

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. news; Mexico Bar Association. Media Partners include TDM and Global Arbitration Review.

Current J.D. students may participate in the International Arbitration Seminar as observers. LLM students can fully participate. Observers will be provided with access to all seminar sessions and events, however, they will be requested to yield the floor to participants of this advanced seminar. This would give participants the opportunity to ask all of their questions before observers present their questions.

For more information, please contact: International Arbitration Program, (202) 274-4321, arbitration@wcl.american.edu, Website: www.wcl.american.edu/arbitration

INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM

Pronunciation Seminar for non-native speakers of English

Presenter: Shirley Thompson

Shirley Thompson is a local ESL consultant who has taught at American University, the University of Maryland and George Washington University.

Friday, October 3rd | 3:00 – 5:30 Room # 500

Registration Fee: \$20

To register: Please e mail Philippa Moore at pmoore@wcl.american.edu or sign up in room 343.

Are you sometimes misunderstood when you speak English? Do you sometimes misunderstand others? Are you frustrated by how little written English resembles the way people actually speak? This seminar will provide you with practical suggestions and tips for immediate improvement. We will “demystify” spoken English.

Topics include:

Understanding what happens when native speakers speak naturally (rules of fast speech – linking, reductions, etc.); learning why the unique rhythm of North American English (stress patterns) is key to improving both speaking and understanding; learning about the melody of English (intonation patterns); using thought groups to increase clarity, and more...

Title: "Water and Peace in the Israeli Arab Conflict - Challenges and Opportunities. The impact of the World Bank proposed Red Sea to Dead Sea Canal."

Date: Monday, October 6th Time: 12-1.20pm Place: WCL, room 401

Speaker: Gidon Bromberg, LLM 1994

Short bio: Mr. Bromberg is the founder and Israeli director of “Friends of the Earth Middle East”. He has spearheaded the advocacy campaigns of the organization both in Israel and internationally

and developed the cross border community peace building program "Good Water Neighbors" that is seen as a model for other programs in conflict areas. Mr. Bromberg speaks regularly on water, peace and security issues; including at the UN Commission for Sustainable Development; before the US House of Representatives, International Relations Committee; the European Parliament; and before the advisory meeting to the UN High Level Panel on Security. He is a member of the Israeli inter-ministerial committee on the future of the Dead Sea, of the Israel UNESCO World Heritage Committee and the inter-ministerial committee for Sustainable Development in Israel. He has published over twenty academic and popular publications concerning Middle East environmental policy and water security issues. In April 2007 Yale University awarded him a 2007 fellowship for global leadership called the World Fellows program. (More information on the work he does is at http://veracity.univpubs.american.edu/magazine/magazine/spring07/spring07_bromberg-deadsea.html)

The Role of Media in Developing the Rule of Law in Africa

October 7th (1:30 - 3:30 pm) ABA Building, 740 15th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20005

The media plays an important role in our lives. It shapes our thoughts and opinions on an issue, how we perceive people and places, and can influence how we react to issues when they occur. Does the same hold true for the rule of law? Does dedicating more attention to negative issues such as Mugabe, Sudan, and AIDS over positive issues such as Malawi, Ghana, and the successful transitions of power/enforcement of groundbreaking decisions throughout the continent have an impact on how the rule of law is perceived both inside and outside those countries/regions? Please join us for a lively panel discussion on this and other issues as we explore the media's impact in developing the rule of law in Africa.

Registration required, e-mail eghebremicael@wcl.american.edu for registration form

Optional Practical Training (OPT) Workshop Coming Up

October 8th (12:00 to 1:00pm) Room 627

Are you a F1 (student) visa holder? If so, you may be interested in attending this session to learn more about how to apply for Optional Practical Training (OPT), the work authorization granted to you after your graduation from WCL programs. During this session, Immigration Specialist *Lori Reynolds* will address the procedure to apply for OPT and give you time frames and deadlines you need to know before applying. Registration is mandatory. Please register by accessing:

http://www.american.edu/ocl/iss/employment_opt_sessions.html Click on: "[SIGN UP FOR AN OPT SESSION](#)" and choose the session for WCL students *Registration closes on Tuesday, October 7 at 4:00pm*

Resume and Cover Letter Drafting Workshop for Foreign Attorneys

October 10th (10:30am– 1:00pm) Room 402

This workshop will teach you basic resume drafting skills to help you avoid common mistakes when drafting your resume and cover letters. This session is open for all foreign LL.M. students who wish to learn resume drafting skills and acquire the basic knowledge necessary to draft good job/ internship application materials for the US job market.

Please remember that before you schedule an individual counseling session with me for resume and cover letter review, you are **required to attend one of our basic resume and cover letter drafting workshops. Since the workshops are mandatory, the earlier you attend the better! **** New foreign LL.M. students encouraged to attend! **** Registration is required. If you plan on attending this

session, please send me an email including your full name and country of origin:
avito@wcl.american.edu

PENCE LAW LIBRARY

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Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 12:00 am

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On Monday, October 6 the Library will be celebrating the 25th anniversary of its membership in the Federal Library Depository Program. There will be brief remarks and a reception between 1 and 4 pm on the 1st floor in the Library. The Library will remain open throughout the celebration.

Thank you if you participated in our carrel lottery! Lottery winners have been notified by email. If you have questions about the carrel policy see <http://library.wcl.american.edu/carrel/>

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

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 2nd floor of the Library or email 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 2nd 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 . 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:

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. **PIZZA WILL BE SERVED!**

YOU ARE INVITED! PLEASE COME TO THE *PROTECT THE VOTE! Voting Rights in the 2008 Election: How do we ensure every vote counts?* on Tuesday, October 7, from 11:45am-1:30pm in Room 603. The Program on Law and Government with the American Constitution Society for Law and Policy is sponsoring this program which will look at legal issues that will likely affect voting rights this year. **LUNCH 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; interested students are encouraged to email hague@wcl.american.edu and request to be added to the listserv.

WOMEN AND THE LAW PROGRAM

Save the Date

The Greatest Silence: Rape in the Congo

October 13, 6:00- 8:00pm

Room 603, RSVP to wilp@wcl.american.edu.

Please join the Women and International Law Program, the War Crimes Research Office, and the Journal of Gender, Social Policy & Law for dinner, movie and a discussion to open our full day conference on *Prosecuting Sexual and Gender-Based Crimes before International/ized Criminal Courts* on October 14, 2008.

Winner of the Sundance Special Jury Prize in Documentary, this extraordinary film, shot in the war zones of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), shatters the silence that surrounds the use of sexual violence as a weapon of war. Many tens of thousands of women and girls have been systematically kidnapped, raped, mutilated and tortured by soldiers from both foreign militias and the Congolese army. A survivor of gang rape herself, Emmy Award-winning filmmaker Lisa F. Jackson travels through the DRC to understand what is happening and why. Produced in association with HBO Documentary Films and the Fledgling Fund, this film features interviews with activists, peacekeepers, physicians, and even – chillingly – the indifferent rapists who are soldiers of the Congolese Army. Harrowing moments of the film come as dozens of survivors recount their stories with an honesty and immediacy that is pulverizing in its intimacy and detail, but this powerful film also provides inspiring examples of resiliency, resistance, courage and grace.

This movie is free and open to all students and members of the public.

To RSVP for the Movie email: wilp@wcl.american.edu.

To register for the conference on *Prosecuting Sexual and Gender-Based Crimes before International/ized Criminal Courts*, visit: www.wcl.american.edu/go/gendercrimesicc.

Save the Date:

Prosecuting Sexual and Gender-Based Crimes before International/ized Criminal Courts

October 14, 9:00am- 5:00pm (reception to follow)

Room 603

Sponsored by the Women and International Law Program and the War Crimes Research Office in partnership with the Journal of Gender, Social Policy & the Law

Please join us for a full-day conference bringing together experts in international criminal law and feminist jurisprudence to examine advances and missed opportunities in the prosecution of sexual and gender-based crimes before the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the *ad hoc* and hybrid criminal tribunals.

Confirmed Speakers Include:

Kelly Askin, Open Society Justice Initiative
Rhonda Copelon, International Women's Human Rights Law Clinic, (CUNY)
Florence Darques-Lane, The International Criminal Court (ICC)
Justice Teresa Doherty, The Special Court for Sierra Leone
Brigid Inder, Women's Initiatives for Gender Justice
Maxine Marcus, International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY)
Chiseche Salome Mibenge, Netherlands Institute for Human Rights Research, Utrecht University School of Law
Gabriela Mischkowski, Medica Mondiale
Valerie Oosterveld, University of Western Ontario, Faculty of Law
Susana SáCouto, War Crimes Research Office, (WCL)
Beth Van Schaack, Santa Clara University School of Law

Keynote Address: *Gender Strategy is not a Luxury for International Courts*

Patricia Viseur Sellers, former legal advisor for gender and trial attorney at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY).

To register for the conference and for more information, please visit:

www.wcl.american.edu/go/gendercrimesicc

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

Action for Human Rights

BAKE SALE next Monday!!! Monday, **October 6th** Action for Human Rights is co-sponsoring a Bake Sale with SAKS (Students Activists for Katrina-Rita Survivors). The proceeds will go towards SAKS's efforts to bring speakers and a FEMA trailer to campus during Katrina Week (Nov. 10-14th) in order to raise awareness within the WCL and DC communities about the ongoing problems at the Gulf Coast. Our joint efforts with SAKS will be a great way to draw support from and educate the community about the very cause we are going to work for this winter break. Taking action starts now!

Join **Action for Human Rights** for **HOOR**. Action for Human Rights is a student organization that brings together students and faculty to promote awareness of domestic and international human rights issues and their legal implications. We provide a forum for discussion about different issues and encourage you to take action. Come meet people with similar interests and aspirations in human rights and learn more about our organization and how you can take action! The event will be held on **Wednesday, October 8th @ 5:00 p.m.** in the **JD Student Lounge**. Coffee and snacks will be served. If you have any questions, write us at ahr@wcl.american.edu. See you there!

Alternative Winter Break: General Information Meeting

We're going to New Orleans!

Action for Human Rights will be holding its first **general meeting** and one of the first items on the agenda is ALTERNATIVE WINTER BREAK. All those who have signed up to participate and anyone interested in joining Action for Human Rights are welcome to come! Action for Human Rights is a student organization that brings together students and faculty to promote awareness of

domestic and international human rights issues and their legal implications. We provide a forum for discussion about different issues and encourage you to take action.

Regarding Alternative Winter Break, we will discuss details about where we are going, the goals for the trip, planning logistics, etc. If you, or anyone you know, are interested in helping to plan this year's trip, please join us as we will begin establishing the committee at this meeting. If you cannot make it, please send Action for Human Rights an email (ahr@wcl.american.edu) to indicate your interest and we will send you all the information you need. **The meeting will be held Wednesday, October 8th Room 503 at 12pm.**

Health Law and Justice Initiative (HLJI)

will have a **Bake Sale on Tuesday, October 7th from 9am to 1pm** in the front hallway. Money raised will go towards HLJI activities.

Israel and Law Society

"What This Election Means for Israel: A Discussion of the Candidates' Views Towards Israel" October 7, 12-12:50 Room 402.

Lambda Law Society

Is Hosting a panel discussion in honor of **National Coming Out Day**

"Out in the Legal Field" Panelists from firms, non-profits, and government are joining us to speak about coming out and being out in the workplace, dealing with discrimination, working on diversity panels, and other issues facing LGBTQ practitioners.

Come learn new strategies & approaches to ensure that all LGBTQ individuals are treated equally in the workplace!

Tuesday, October 7th, Room 503 12:30-1:30 pm --Lunch will be provided!

lambda@wcl.american.edu

American Law Revue

Calling all theater geeks who will soon be lawyers!

American Law Revue will be holding **general interest meetings on Tuesday, October 14, at 12:00pm in Room TBA, and also at 10:00pm in Room 603.** Anyone who is interested in participating in Law Revue in any way - performing, technical work, or pit band - should attend and see personally how awesome we are. We'll show clips from past years, have lunch (or perhaps snacks at the 10pm meeting), and answer any questions you may have. If you can't make either of the meetings or have any questions, please email our producer, Kara Fischer, at kara.fischer@gmail.com.

Law Revue is also starting its **Annual Open Call for applicants to its Creative Board.** We have the following positions for the coming year:

1. **DIRECTOR** --in charge of all final creative and technical decisions related to the show
--will work closely with the Executive Board
--needs some directorial experience, experience that demonstrates ability to work well with large groups and to make decisions under stressful conditions.
2. **MUSIC DIRECTOR** --in charge of creative and technical decisions related specifically to the music component of the show
--will acquire any and all instrumentalists required by the script and Director and will teach/direct

the vast majority of the numbers

--needs some experience with teaching vocal technique, experience that demonstrates an ability to work with various skill levels.

3. ASSISTANT WRITERS --will help the Head Writer, Ben Moss, as necessary on specific scenes or songs.

--need a creative spirit and a willingness to help!

4. CHOREOGRAPHERS --will work on assigned numbers (usually up to 3 or 4) under the oversight of the Director

--needs experience in any number of dance forms, should also exhibit a willingness to work with many skill levels.

5. ASSISTANT DIRECTORS --will work with the Director as needed on specific scenes and/or songs.

6. DESIGN & PUBLICITY --will work with the Producer, Kara Fischer, on the design for posters, tickets, and any other promotional materials

--needs experience with computer based design, a creative spirit, and a relatively small time commitment exclusively in the Spring.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please send an email to Kara Fischer at kara.fischer@gmail.com by October 15, 2008. Please include:

1. Your name

2. Your year in school (1L, 2L, 3L, 4L, LLM, etc)

3. Any relevant experience

4. A brief explanation of why you want to do the job and why you think you'd be good at it!

Legislation & Policy Roundtable

Call for Articles

The Legislation & Policy Roundtable invites students, faculty and alumni to submit articles for publication in its inaugural issue. This fall, the Roundtable's electronic publication will focus on election law and ethics issues. Please submit articles in final form to

roundtable@wcl.american.edu by October 17. Submission guidelines are available at www.wcl.american.edu/org/roundtable.

Moot Court-Mock Trial-ADR Society Joint Info Session

The Moot Court Honor Society, Mock Trial Honor Society, and the Alternative Dispute Resolution Society (ADR) will be hosting Info Sessions on Monday October 6th at noon and 10:10PM. Come learn about the differences between these oral advocacy societies and find out how you can become a member. Pizza will be served!

12PM: Room 602

10:10PM: Room 526

Contact Information: ADR: adr@wcl.american.edu; Mock Trial: mocktrialhonorsociety@gmail.com; Moot Court: moot@wcl.american.edu.

Phi Alpha Delta

Tuesday, 10/07/2008 4-5 PM in Room 603 - Phi Alpha Delta Chapter Meeting. Mandatory for all Members."

"It's not too late to join Phi Alpha Delta! Look for our table next week in the Lobby on Wednesday (10/8) 12-3 PM, or look for P.A.D. officers wearing purple and gold Mardis Gras beads to turn in

your application. E-mail pad@wcl.american.edu for more information."

IN SEARCH OF

Prof. David Aaronson seeks two or three second and third year Dean's Fellows for 10-20 hours per week for research and related assistance on one of the following projects:

1. Research on a supplement for a book on Maryland criminal law and jury instructions; research consists primarily of reviewing recent appellate court cases in the criminal law area and preparing drafts of case summaries and related changes to the manuscript;
2. Research and administrative support as Chair, ABA, Criminal Justice Section, Committee on Rules of Criminal Procedure, Evidence, and Police Practices; research involves identifying proposed changes to the federal rules of criminal procedure and evidence and certain proposals relating to reform of police policies and practices;
3. Assistance with materials for Criminal Procedure I class and police ride-a-longs; and, possibly research on another project, such as drafting an op ed article on ways to reduce mistaken eyewitness identification.

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; Room 410.

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

Visiting Prof. Balakrishnan Rajagopal is urgently looking for a Dean's Assistant for the remainder of fall term 2008 continuing through spring term 2009. Students with strong research and writing skills, and interest in international law (human rights, economic law) are invited to apply. Students should indicate if they wish to be considered for fall 2008, spring 2009 or both. Please submit your resume, a copy of your transcript, a writing sample and a covering letter to Prof. Rajagopal's Administrative Assistant, Kristina Hilton, at room 384. This is a 10-20 hour/week position.

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.

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. 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.

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.

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 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 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.

The Specialized Human Rights Program of the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law is looking for volunteers to help out in research, mailings and other small projects. There is no required number of hours to volunteer and we will buy you lunch! Please send an email to Salinas@wcl.american.edu if you are interested in getting involved.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Honor Code Violation Settlement: A second-year J.D. student has been sanctioned for an admitted violation of the American University Student Code of Conduct, as incorporated into the WCL Honor Code. The publication of this announcement is part of a settlement reached after investigation by the Honor Code Prosecution Team. The student was accused of engaging in conduct prohibited by Article VIC of the American University Student Conduct Code. This section provides in pertinent part:

“Article VI. Prohibited Conduct

...The following misconduct is subject to disciplinary action:

C. conduct of a sexual nature, including, but not limited to, sexual contact or physical exposure directed at another person(s) without consent....”

The student admitted to this violation and received a sanction that includes a prohibition of any contact with the victim and successful completion of a course of counseling. A note will be placed in the student’s official file summarizing the Honor Code violation. The note will be released to authorized persons and entities as set forth in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act or any other applicable statute or regulation. The Honor Code Prosecution Team is composed of Faculty Prosecutor, Professor Richard S. Ugelow, and Student Prosecutor Suriya Jayanti.

EXTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

Students who will have completed Business Associations and Securities Regulation by the end of the Fall semester of 2008 and are prepared to enroll in the seminar on Derivatives for the Spring Semester 2009 or who, having completed Business Associations by the end of the Fall semester 2008 and will be enrolling in the course on Securities Regulations and the seminar on Derivatives for the Spring 2009 Semester, are eligible to participate in a Field Component at the Commodity Futures Trading Commission. Please submit your resume, a copy of your transcript, a list of subjects you are taking in the Fall 2008 Semester and intent to take in the Spring Semester 2009, a writing sample and a cover letter as soon as possible to Professor Guttman’s mailbox in room 465 or to Carolyn Wright, his Sr. Legal Assistant in room 325. Two hundred and ten (210) hours of working with a staff attorney or an Administrative Law Judge at the Commission will earn three credits. There will also be a meeting with Professor Guttman on Tuesday of every second week, between 12:00 –2:00 p.m. [Time subject to change and governed by classes of participating students]

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

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

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

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

Applications are invited for a student internship at the Department of State Office of the Legal Adviser. The work involves 210 to 420 hours over the Spring 2009 semester and enables a student to earn up to six credits. (At seventy hours of work per credit). Areas under consideration by the Department include subjects in the fields of Economic & Business Laws, Diplomatic Law, Law Enforcement, Human Rights & Refugee Laws, etc.

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

KERMIT & Co. FASTING TO FEED THE HUNGRY

Oct. 1-5 on the AU Quad

American University alumnus and former NBA star Kermit Washington ('73) is fasting for five days on the AU campus in an effort to raise funds and awareness for hunger relief in Africa. Sleeping in a tent on the quad, Washington's goal is to raise enough money to feed TWO MILLION hungry people in Africa.

The fast began at **12 noon on Wednesday, Oct. 1** with a kickoff event on the main quad.

Other events associated with the fast include:

From **11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 2**, an education fair will be held on the quad, with exhibits and information by students and NGOs on hunger relief and African cultures.

At **4 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 3**, in the SIS Lounge, the International Development Program Student Association and the Africa Council present *Hunger and Development in Africa: Finding solutions beyond discourses* a discussion to examine issues surrounding hunger relief in Africa and food supply featuring speakers from TransAfrica Forum, USAID–Africa Bureau, and Bread for the World.

Washington began a nonprofit organization, [Project Contact](#), in 1995 after a memorable trip to Rwanda with an organization that brings medical relief to various African nations in need. The visit exposed him to such a large degree of human suffering and poor living conditions that he was inspired to make a difference. His efforts with Project Contact, based in Nairobi, Kenya, have expanded to include a health clinic and community center. The doctors and nurses who accompany him bring medical relief where there is not running water nor electricity. Every day citizens, including some 20 AU students, have volunteered in recent years to assist in trips to Nairobi.

OFFICE OF CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Suite 122

Hours

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

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

Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

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

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

Upcoming Programs, Dates & Deadlines & Important Reminders

ATTENTION 1L's!!!!!! This event is just for you!!!!!! Ready to jump start your job search and learn more about what OCPD can offer you? Registration for OCPD's annual **CAREER DAY** will open on **October 13, 2008 and close on October 24, 2008**. Register at the OCPD office located in Suite 122.

Learn how to maximize your job search skills using OCPD resources and services
Hear upper class students and WCL alumni discuss their job experiences and share strategies for success

Create a valuable network of alumni and area practitioners

Learn effective marketing and networking techniques to help you secure a great summer internship

This year's **CAREER DAY** will be **November 1, 2008** at the Hyatt Regency Bethesda. Mark your calendars and register early for one of *the most beneficial career planning programs offered just for 1L's!* **CAREER DAY IS FREE!** However, you will be responsible for a \$50 "no show" administrative fee *IF* you fail to cancel your reservation before October 27 *AND* fail to attend the event.

*****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.

**ABA Section of Antitrust Law Presents:
Why Antitrust? A Discussion of Antitrust Law as a Career Option**

Tuesday, October 14 from Noon-1:20pm in WCL Room 401

Many programs and opportunities have been developed to introduce law students to various careers. “Why Antitrust?” is one such program designed as an outreach to law students. Students will have the chance to meet and listen to experienced antitrust practitioners discuss the realities of practicing antitrust law. They can also learn about potential career opportunities in government, private practice and in-house corporate positions.

Participants: James Frost, Attorney, Federal Trade Commission (JD’95); Jeffrey S. Jacobovitz, Partner, Schiff Hardin LLP (JD ’80); Michele C. Lee, Associate, Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati LLP (JD ’05); Wilson D. Mudge, Partner, Arnold & Porter LLP (JD ’96); Philip Schreiber, Associate, O’Melveny & Myers LLP (JD ’06)

Don’t miss this fantastic opportunity! The focus of this session will be on internship/externship opportunities for students interested in antitrust and consumer protection. Lunch will be provided. Register in advance on the “Events” section of CareerLink. First year students are welcome to attend and are asked to register by emailing careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu.

****Upcoming Professionalism Series Programs****

Professionalism Series #1: Dress for Success – Business Attire Seminar *featuring*
NORDSTROM’s Special Occasions Manager, Gina Oberndorf
(Rescheduled—new date to be determined)

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. First year students are welcome to attend and are asked to register by emailing rfulton@wcl.american.edu.

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.

Pizza will be provided. Register in advance on the “Events” section of CareerLink. First year students are welcome to attend and are asked to register by emailing careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu.

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.

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.

Public Interest & Government

Public Interest Committee Dean’s Fellow Announcement

The Public Interest Committee is seeking a **Dean’s Fellow** to work **10 hours/week** on a number of projects, including outreach to students, public interest employers and WCL alumni; programming; revisions to public interest student materials; among other tasks. The Dean’s Fellow will work closely with the Public Interest Specialist in the Office of Career & Professional Development. Excellent writing, computer and interpersonal skills are required. Interested candidates should submit a current resume and brief cover letter (stating that you are applying for the Public Interest Committee Dean’s Fellow position) to Jarrod Shirk, Public Interest Coordinator,

at jshirk@wcl.american.edu. Resumes will be reviewed on a rolling basis until the position is filled.

ATTENTION 2Ls & 3Ls - ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR YOU!

TODAY: GOVERNMENT PANEL Program FOR 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, **today, Thursday, October 2, 2008, from 5:30pm-7:00pm** in the **6th 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**, Antitrust 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!

INTERESTED IN Government Employment?

Please make sure to review the **Government Honors & Internship Handbook** on the home page of CareerLink regularly, as many deadlines for **post-graduate government Honors Program** for **3Ls** 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, GAO, EPA, HHS, SEC, NLRB, and DHS, among many others, have October deadlines. If you have any questions about government job search strategies, please contact OCPD to make an appointment with a career counselor.

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 - INFORMATION AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU!!

Postgraduate Public Interest FELLOWSHIPS!

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

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

If you are in the process of completing a fellowship application, please contact OCPD at 202-274-4090 to schedule an appointment with a career counselor to review your application materials and/or discuss questions.

Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) Program – Application Open!

The application period for the PMF Program is now open! The application period will last from **October 1st-October 15th**. **Please remember that to be nominated by WCL, you must meet our internal nomination requirements by October 15th**. If you are interested in this program and did not attend the Information Session on September 10, 2008, and have not talked to a career counselor about WCL's internal nomination process, please contact Laura Friedgood in OCPD at lfried@wcl.american.edu or at 202-274-4090 for application and nomination details. For more information about this program generally and to access the application, please go to <https://www.pmf.opm.gov>.

National Labor Relations Board Honors Program

The National Labor Relations Board Honors Program deadline for 3Ls is **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2008**. For more information, please go to http://www.nlr.gov/about_us/careers/attorney_honors_program.aspx or go to the Government Honors and Internship Handbook on the CareerLink homepage. Please also note that the National Labor Relations Board maintains three separate Honors Programs, one for offices on the General Counsel side, one for offices on the Board side, and one for specific Regional Offices. Application to and acceptance by or rejection from any one of the three programs has no reflection on consideration by the other two programs. **Apply now!**

Robert Bosch Foundation Fellowship Program

The Bosch Foundation Fellowship Application is due on October 15, 2008. This intensive work study program allows graduate students to work in the federal government and private sector in Germany for a period of nine months. "The Robert Bosch Foundation sponsors a fellowship program that enables young American professionals to participate in an intensive work and study program in Germany. Although a prime goal of this program is the advancement of transatlantic relations, it also contributes to the participants' professional competence and expertise, and broadens their cultural horizons." To learn more about the Bosch Fellowship, please go to <http://www.cdsintl.org/fromusa/bosch.htm>

ATTENTION ILs – ANNOUNCEMENT FOR YOU!

We apologize, but the **Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) unpaid Summer Internship Program** deadline was changed from October 10th to September 30th. We were notified of the change on September 30. Please contact OCPD with any questions.

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 10th & 11th at the Omni Shoreham Hotel** in Washington, DC. **Registration is now closed.** However, you have the opportunity to register onsite and participate in the table talk portion of the Career Fair. Please go to

www.equaljusticework.org for more information. A list of participating employers including available positions is located 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) – Recently updated, the Public Service Law Network includes an organizational and opportunities database and compiles the most recent fellowship information found in the "Postgraduate Fellowship" section. It also provides excellent resources in the "Career Central" and "International Resources" sections.
3. **Idealist** (www.idealist.org) – This website lists hundreds of internship and employment opportunities, not only in the legal field.
4. **Opportunities in Public Affairs** (www.opajobs.com) – Your top resource for Capitol Hill, Public Relations, and Public Affairs jobs in the Washington, DC area. Log onto CareerLink to access the online version and username and password.
5. **The Government Honors & Internship Handbook**. The best resource for federal internship and honors attorney programs. Available in hard copy in the OCPD library, or log on to CareerLink to access the online version and username and password.

Judicial Clerkships & Internships

NEW! Paid Judicial Internship Opportunity for 2Ls

The American Bar Association's Judicial Intern Opportunity Program is a full-time, six-week minimum, summer internship program open to all first- or second-year minority and/or financially disadvantaged law students who want to do legal research and writing for state or federal judges in participating cities. Participating judges are from Illinois; Texas; Miami, FL; Phoenix, AZ; Los Angeles and San Francisco, CA; and Washington DC. Students may indicate geographic location preferences on their applications. Interns will receive an award of \$1,500.

The program seeks to provide internship opportunities for minority or financially disadvantaged law students, those who are members of traditionally underrepresented groups in the legal profession. Candidates are considered on a rolling basis, so it is best to apply ASAP before the December 31 deadline. For additional information about this internship, please see the posting in CareerLink or visit www.abanet.org/litigation/jiop.

NEW! Judicial Clerkship Opportunity for 3Ls/4Ls

The Circuit Court for the Fourth Judicial Circuit, Norfolk, VA, will be hiring 4 law clerks for a period of one year commencing August 1, 2009 through July 31, 2010. The Circuit Court is a trial court of general jurisdiction dealing with civil, criminal, and chancery matters. Apply by **October 15** to allow the court to review the applications and to arrange interviews before final exams begin. The court will attempt to notify applicants it wishes to interview by mid-November. For additional information about this clerkship, please see the posting in CareerLink.

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.

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 5th Annual Judicial Clerkship and Internship Conference. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by September 26 to johnctruong70@yahoo.com. See CareerLink for more details.

Clerkships and Clerkship Interviews

If you have interviewed for any judicial clerkships this fall, please fill out a questionnaire about your experience at http://www.wcl.american.edu/career/survey/clerkship_interview_form.cfm. We will keep this information private until you have secured a clerkship.

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.

Contact the OCPD to schedule an individual counseling appointment with Amy Killoran, Judicial Clerkship Coordinator. Email Amy at killoran@wcl.american.edu to let her know if you have secured a judicial clerkship!

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 & FELLOWSHIPS

Proctor & 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 have submitted 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 or send inquiries to dinsmore.legalrecruiting@dinslaw.com.

ATTENTION 3L'S!!!!!! Fried Frank Fellowship Program: is a unique program that effectively bridges the worlds of private law firm litigation and public service law by joining with two of the country's leading civil rights advocacy organizations, the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF) and the Mexican-American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), along with one of New York's leading legal services providers to indigent women, inMotion.

The LDF and MALDEF fellowships each give an entry-level lawyer the opportunity to spend two years as a Fried Frank litigator and then two years as a staff attorney with the LDF or MALDEF.

At the end of their four-year commitment, our successful Fellows are encouraged to interview to return to Fried Frank and, in some cases, they may continue on the staff of their civil rights organization. We are proud that a number of our former Fellows hold high-level positions on the staffs of both LDF and MALDEF.

The inMotion fellowship gives an entry-level lawyer the opportunity to spend two years as a Fried Frank litigator and then one year as a staff attorney at inMotion providing direct legal services to indigent, often battered, women in need of family law services. As with the other fellowships, at the end of the year at inMotion the Fellow is encouraged to interview to return to Fried Frank.

The ideal candidate for a Fried Frank Fellowship is a third-year law student or recent graduate currently in a judicial clerkship. Candidates for the MALDEF and LDF fellowships should have a genuine interest in both corporate and civil rights litigation. For the MALDEF and inMotion Fellowships, Spanish language skills are highly desirable.

The application deadline for all programs is October 15, 2008.

For more information, please contact:

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fellowship@friedfrank.com

RECEPTIONS

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.symplcity.com/> and search under "JOBS & RESUME COLLECTION" for fellowships and scholarships, or search under the "EVENTS" tab on CareerLink for JOB FAIRS, RECEPTIONS, AND OTHER NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES.***

Announcements for LL.M. Students

From Adriana Vito

Assistant Director for International Career Programs

Attention foreign students graduating in December 2008:

OPTIONAL PRACTICAL TRAINING (OPT) WORKSHOP NEXT WEEK!

Wednesday, October 8, 12:00 to 1:00pm - Room 627

Pizza will be served

Are you a F1 (student) visa holder? If so, you may be interested in attending this session to learn more about how to apply for Optional Practical Training (OPT), the work authorization granted to you after your graduation from WCL programs. During this session, Immigration Specialist **Lori Reynolds** will address the procedure to apply for OPT and give you time frames and deadlines you need to know before applying. **Registration is mandatory. Please register by accessing:**

http://www.american.edu/ocl/iss/employment_opt_sessions.html - Click on: "**SIGN UP FOR AN OPT SESSION**" and choose the session for WCL students. *Registration closes on Tuesday,*

October 7 at 4:00pm

Our Next Resume and Cover Letter Workshop for Foreign Attorneys:

Friday, October 10, 10:30am – 1:00 pm, room 402

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 about 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

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

** 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! **

Electronic tool will help you draft your resume:

OCPD invites all LL.M. students to try Optimal Resume – software that will build a professional and stylish resume for you! All registered students can use this tool for free. We suggest you use Optimal Resume *after* attending our basic resume workshop.

The Office of Career & Professional Development offers resume software called OptimalResume© to LL.M. students. The software is available at <http://wcl.optimalresume.com> and can also be accessed through the hyperlink on the CareerLink homepage. OptimalResume is a user-friendly system that will help you create a great resume quickly and easily. Start today by creating an account, and work on your customized resume at your leisure. It's easy! This service is sponsored by OCPD and is free to you as an LL.M. student at the Washington College of Law.

OptimalResume will allow you to access your resume via the web and to keep it updated on an as-needed basis. There are numerous examples and wording to help you throughout the process and plenty of resume output formats to choose from. Spell check and format assistance is also provided. OptimalResume does the hard work; all you have to concentrate on is content.

To begin using OptimalResume: Go to: <http://wcl.optimalresume.com> and select the “Get Started” function on the OptimalResume homepage and create an account. As a WCL LL.M. student you are pre-registered in the system, so just enter your full *@american.edu* email address and create a personal password. If you have any questions or comments regarding this software, please email careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu.

International Student Interview Program (ISIP 2009) - NYU Job Fair for LL.M. Students next year:

What is ISIP 2009?

Every year in January the New York University (NYU) organizes a job fair for **international** LL.M. and S.J.D. students. 130 or more law firms, corporations, and international institutions will interview students for jobs and internships abroad and in the United States. Registration for ISIP 2009 will be open during the month of October 2008. WCL will offer 4 information sessions to teach students how to register and participate in the program. Information sessions start on the week of October 6 (next week). Please stay tuned-in to your emails for ISIP 2009 updates and information sessions' times/ locations. ALL ISIP 2009 communication will be done through email and Docket announcements. Please remember to check your emails for updates! Questions? Email Adriana Vito at: avito@wcl.american.edu

General Reminders for Foreign LL.M. Students:

I am available to meet with you for resume and cover letter review and to answer your job search questions. **You are required to attend a Basic Resume and Cover Letter Writing Workshop before meeting with me for an individual counseling appointment.**

To schedule an appointment, please contact the OCPD front desk at (202) 274-4090 or stop by Suite 122. After obtaining an appointment with our front desk, please make sure you send me an email with your resume and/ or cover letter at least 48 hours prior to your appointment. My email address is avito@wcl.american.edu. Also, you may include information about your career goals in your email message. This information will help me better evaluate your needs and help you in a personalized manner.

EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF October 6, 2008

Monday, October 6

9am – 5pm, WCL Lobby, Student Activists for Katrina/Rita Survivors Bake Sale

12-1.20pm, Rm 401 Water & Peace in the Israeli Arab Conflict-The impact of the World Bank proposed Red Sea to Dead Sea Canal

12-1:30pm, Rm 603, Looking Ahead at the New Supreme Court term

12pm, Rm 602, Moot Court-Mock Trial-ADR Society Joint Info Session

2-4pm, Rm 102, 25th Anniversary of WCL as a US Federal Depository

10:10pm, Rm 526, Moot Court-Mock Trial-ADR Society Joint Info Session

Tuesday, October 7

9am-1pm, WCL Lobby, Health Law and Justice Initiative Bake Sale

11:45am-1:30pm, Rm 603, PROTECT THE VOTE!

12-1:20pm, Rm. 602, “The Universal Bill of Rights & the ABC’s of UDHR”

12-12:50, Rm 402, "What This Election Means for Israel: A Discussion of the Candidates' Views Towards Israel"

12:30-1:30pm, Rm 503, "Out in the Legal Field"

4-5pm, Rm 603, Phi Alpha Delta Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, October 8

12-1pm, Rm 503, AHR & Alternative Winter Break General Information Meeting

12-1pm, Rm 627, Optional Practical Training (OPT) Workshop for F1 (student) visa holders

5pm, JD Student Lounge, Action for Human Rights Hour

Friday, October 10

9am—5pm, Rm 603, Baha’i Conference on Law Series: Exploring Intersections of Religion & Governance

10:30am– 1pm, Rm 402, Resume and Cover Letter Drafting Workshop for Foreign Attorneys

Saturday, October 11

8:30am—5pm, Rm 603, Baha’i Conference on Law Series: Exploring Intersections of Religion & Governance