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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/

Flu Shot Clinic

Wednesday, October, 15, 10am-2pm and 4pm-7pm

6th Floor JD Student Lounge.

No reservations; \$20 cash or check (payable to AU Health Center) only.

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

E-mail: registrar@wcl.american.edu

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE HOURS

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| 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 last week. 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.

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 10; after that the IDs will be returned to the AU Housing Office.

Clark, Lauren
Drabant, Anna
Grella, Jamison
Martinez, Andrea
Pearson-Moore, Samuel
Ramaley, Stephen
White, Dartania

Coleman, Lindsay
Gibson, Katherine
Lieberman, Michael
Nguyen, John
Quinn, Jeremy
Rosenholtz, Daniel
Young, Sharla

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.dcb.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).

Lunch with the Dean!

The Fall series of lunch meetings with Dean Claudio Grossman continues on **Tuesday, November 25 at 12:30pm**. Learn about plans for the semester, speak your mind about issues that affect you, and enjoy a free lunch courtesy of the Office of the Dean.

The lunch is limited to 14 students on a first-reply, first-invited basis. Requests to be included are addressed to fpolo@wcl.american.edu and must contain your name, telephone number, and e-mail address. Your space will be confirmed by return e-mail.

Brown Bag Lunch for Volunteer Opportunity at Washington Middle School for Girls

The Offices of Diversity Services and Student Affairs are proud to announce that WCL is partnering with the Washington Middle School for Girls to create mutual opportunities for service and outreach. If you like working with middle-schoolers and would like to share your enthusiasm

for the law with them, please join us for a brown bag lunch on **Tuesday, October 14 at noon in Room 500**. Cookies and drinks will be provided. Service and outreach opportunities include, but are not limited to participating in a holiday party with the middle school students, a donation drive, and creating and executing a fun, informative and interactive law curriculum for WMSG's after-school club program. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Sherry Weaver at sweaver@wcl.american.edu or Laura Hartz at lhartz@wcl.american.edu. Please also visit <http://www.washingtonmiddleschoolforgirls.org/> to learn more about the Washington Middle School for Girls.

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 well before the Fall exam period 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

Recruitment Travel—Sherry Weaver will be recruiting next Thursday at Hampton University. Should you have prelaw friends at Hampton please let them know that WCL will be represented at GAPS Day on the 16th.

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.

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
- 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

Important Supplemental Loan Notice

Because of the ongoing crisis in financial markets and changes in the student loan industry, many lenders have discontinued private/commercial educational loans. (*Federal Grad Plus and Stafford loans are not affected.*) Loans already approved for the year are secure but funding for new private loans may not be available going forward. Of particular concern is the ongoing availability of post-graduation (Bar Study) loans. Updates will be posted as conditions change. In the meantime, feel free to contact the office if you have questions.

Funding Needs

Now is also a good time to weigh your needs for the remainder of the school year. If you have remaining eligibility and feel you must borrow additional funds (up to the cost of attendance) you are encouraged to submit your request/application now as lender benefits and eligibility criteria are subject to change over the coming months. Check with your counselor for guidance.

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.

Computer Purchase Notice

If you obtained funding for computer equipment you must provide confirmation of purchase to retain the additional aid. Submit receipts (the original) by December 1 to avoid adjustment of your aid package.

Restricted Scholarships

Applications are available in the office. 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

Office correspondence is directed to 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.

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.

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, Lunch Provided

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:

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)
- Alternative Winter Break
- 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

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 14 *CLE*

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

OCTOBER 15

4:30pm—6:00pm, Dean's Suite Third Floor, Reception in honor of the recent publication *La Mirada de los Jueces*- Co-edited by Macarena Saez

OCTOBER 16

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

OCTOBER 17-18

[Reunion](#)

SAVE THE DATES!

FALL 2008

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

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 Events

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 (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.

(SAVE THE DATE!) REALIZING YOUR VISION: FOUNDING AN NGO

Tuesday, October 21, 12-1:20pm, Rm. 503

WCL student Erik Swanson will discuss the journey he took from working as director of a secondary school in Guatemala to eventually founding Roots and Wings International, an NGO that promotes higher education in impoverished indigenous regions of Guatemala. He will describe the practical steps he took from first having only a vision to actually establishing an NGO that currently provides 17 university scholarships to indigenous students as well as afterschool tutoring to 250 elementary school students in the surrounding area. Lunch will be served. To learn more about Roots and Wings, visit <http://www.rootsandwingsintl.org/> For more information, please contact humlaw@wcl.american.edu.

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;

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 3 credits for the concurrent Long Distance Externship Seminar (required) for a total of 6 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

The Externship Program recently contacted all employers in the database to determine whether they were accepting applications for the Spring 2009 semester. Employers who have responded affirmatively can be found by scrolling to the bottom of the Externship Database page and clicking on "Recent Employer Request."

-The Arlington Immigration Court, part of the Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR) is currently seeking Spring 2009 Externs. Please check the database for more information.

-U.S. Government Agencies, including the Securities & Exchange Commission, all have early deadlines, please prepare your applications accordingly.

-The Department of Energy is seeking interns to begin immediately. Students may remain with the DOE through the end of the school year and receive academic credit in the spring.

FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT SERVICES

After October 17, 2008, the Course Packet Distribution Center (Room 465) will be closed in order to prepare for the Spring 2009 classes. Students who need to pick up photocopied course materials should visit the Course Packet Distribution Center on or before Friday, October 17. Thank you.

INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION PROGRAM

Interested in Arbitration? Save the Date for the **Fifth Annual Seminar on International Commercial Arbitration: *How to Handle Intellectual Property and Telecommunication Cases*** which will take place at American University Washington College of Law from October 27-30, 2008, in Washington, D.C.

This exclusive seminar has been developed to help mid-career legal practitioners meet the challenges of this exciting practice area – **as a WCL student, you are eligible to participate** and achieve the following:

- **Network with top arbitration specialists:** **John Townsend** (Hughes Hubbard & Reed LLP) was ranked in the first tier by Chambers USA 2007 as one of the top six international arbitration lawyers in the U.S., and described by Chambers USA in 2005 as "just a master," who "understands international ADR better than any other in the market." **Dana Freyer** (Skadden Arps Slate Meagher & Flom LLP) and **Jean Kalicki** (Arnold & Porter LLP) are included as one of "The All-Female Top 30" arbitrators worldwide in the September 2007 issue of Global Arbitration Review. **Richard Kreindler** (Shearman & Sterling LLP) has authored over 300 other publications and lectures in international arbitration, litigation and compliance/anti-corruption issues in English, German and French languages
- Learn from practitioners and arbitrators through dynamic interactive lectures and scenario-based exercises based on a mock case.

Take advantage of this unique opportunity you have as a WCL student – JD, LLM, and SJD students are eligible to participate (JD students as observers) at a reduced rate of \$250. Fees cover materials, breakfasts, lunches, the opening dinner, and closing reception.

Also, please note that the session "Current Developments in International Arbitration" which will take place on Monday, October 27 from 9:00 AM to 12:15 PM is free and open to the public.

The Seminar is co-sponsored by the American Arbitration Association (AAA); International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID); and International Court of Arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). Cooperating institutions include: ASIL Dispute Resolution Interest Group; Inter-American Bar Association; Inter-American Commercial Arbitration Commission; and U.S. Mexico Bar Association. Media Partners include TDM and Global Arbitration Review.

For further information and registration, please visit the International Arbitration Program website at www.wcl.american.edu/arbitration, call (202) 274-4321 or e-mail: arbitration@wcl.american.edu

INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM

October 16

(12:00pm-2:00pm) Professor James Thurber on the U.S. Presidential Election, JD Student Lounge –Lunch will be served

Are you an international student and want to learn more about the US presidential elections? Join Professor James Thurber from AU's School of Public Affairs on a discussion about the US presidential election.

PENCE LAW LIBRARY

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

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 12:00 am

Saturday –Sunday 9:00 am -12:00 am

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

Attention 1L's Westlaw classes are scheduled for you at various times the week of **October 13**. We strongly urge you to take advantage of this training opportunity to enhance your online legal research search skills. Sign up at <http://lawschool.westlaw.com/desktopdefault.aspx> and link to **Training Calendar** under **Support**. Lexis classes are scheduled for the week of October 20. Further information will be posted here for Lexis next week.

AskPenceLibrary and chat with a librarian for help with your research! IM a reference librarian and get an instant answer to your question. Just send your message to AskPenceLibrary using AIM, MSN, Yahoo or Google Talk or through the Virtual Reference webpage at <http://library.wcl.american.edu/ask.cfm>. Email us at reflib@wcl.american.edu if you have questions about this service.

Be a good library citizen and classmate and keep your personal conversations in the Library to a minimum or leave the library to chat with friends and associates. Set your cell phone to vibrate or text. Need an absolute quiet place to study? Use the Quiet Study Room on the first floor of the Library. Your fellow students are studying and deserve your respect!

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.

Did you know that the Pence Law Library is open to the public during regular hours, except during Reading Period and Exams? The Library is a member of the Federal Depository Library Program and therefore required to be open to the public. Through the depository program we obtain publications that you may not think of as official government documents, such as Ben's Guide to the US Government for Kids, the FTC Consumer Alert, and the Child Support Report. More familiar titles might be the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) and the Federal Register, the Congressional Record, the US Code, US Reports, and US treaties. You can find all of our government documents, electronic or paper, in our online catalog at <http://leagle.wcl.american.edu/search/X>.

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 compotech@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.

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

The Greatest Silence: Rape in the Congo

October 13, 2008, 6:00- 8:00pm

WCL 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.

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

October 14, 2008, 9:00am- 5:00pm (reception to follow)

WCL, 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.

For a full schedule, list of confirmed speakers, and to register, please visit:

www.wcl.american.edu/go/gendercrimesicc.

Save the Date

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, 2008, 12:00 – 2:00 pm

WCL, Room 603

In 1979, Brenda Berkman sued to become a New York City fire fighter. As a result of the litigation, she became one of the first female fire fighters in New York City. Captain (ret.) Berkman's pioneering effort resulted in fire fighting opportunities to countless qualified women throughout the United States and help shape policy at all levels of government. In this session, Captain Berkman will discuss the case that bears her name and its effect upon her and for other women. Panelists also will explore how the Berkman litigation changed the U.S. Department of Justice's policy on women in fire fighting; affected the role of unions that represent fire fighters, caused employers voluntarily to reassess their position on the employment of women as fire fighters, and discuss the progress that has been made and what the future holds.

General Registration – no charge but please register at

http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle_form.cfm

For more information, please contact:

Office of Special Events & Continuing Legal Education

Phone: 202.274.4075; or secle@wcl.american.edu

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

Action For Human Rights

Election 2008: take action & get involved!! Interested in being 1 of 10,000 legal volunteers monitoring polls and ensuring the right of every individual to cast a vote on election day?? Join Action For Human Rights in a discussion on voting rights, the issues that voters will face on election day, and election protection: **Tuesday, October 14th @ 12 p.m., room 101**. Guest speaker and presenter: Jon Greenbaum, Director of the Voting Rights Project at the lawyers' committee for civil rights under law, organizers of the largest election protection coalition in the U.S.! Lunch will be served. 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. Questions?? Contact ahr@wcl.american.edu.

ADR Society

Competition Team Try-Outs

Date: Saturday and Sunday October 18 & 19

The ADR Society is having try-outs for the ADR Competition Team. This year we will be sending teams to the ABA Mediation competition, the ABA Client Counseling competition, and the ICC International Mediation competition. All interested 2Ls and 3Ls should email adr@wcl.american.edu to be added to the list. Alternatively, you may sign up at the table in the lobby on Tuesday October 14 from 9am - 5pm. It is not necessary to register with a partner, one will be assigned to you on Saturday. The problem will be released on Tuesday October 14 at 6pm. These are try-outs for competitions this year. 1Ls and those interested in competing next year will have the opportunity to try out in the spring.

American Civil Liberties Union

Monday, October 13 12:00-1:20 p.m., Rm 401, American Civil Liberties Union introductory meeting/panel, "Drug Law Reform"

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 12:00 p.m. in Room 527, and also at 10:00 p.m. 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 10 p.m. 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, 2008. Submission guidelines are available at www.wcl.american.edu/org/roundtable

The Modern American

TMA Marketing Editor POSITION OPEN

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

Moot Court Honor Society

Moot Court Honor Society's **Alvina-Reckman Myers 1L Competition Information Session**. Come learn about your opportunity to compete in an appellate advocacy competition. **12-1 p.m. Wednesday, October 15, Room 602**. Pizza will be served!

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.

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.

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 VI, Section C 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.

International JD Dual Degree Programs—Reminder for Spain Applicants:

Friday, October 10, 2008 is the registration deadline for the **D.E.L.E.** (Diploma de Español como Lengua Extranjera) required for all students who may be interested in applying for the International JD Dual Degree Program to Spain for the 2010-2012 term. The exam will be given **November 22, 2008**. All students must pass the intermediate level. Visit the Instituto Cervantes website www.cervantes.org for application information as well as to check for any changes in the date of the exam. WCL students receive a discounted exam rate if they mention to the institute they are AU—WCL students. For more information, please visit <http://www.wcl.american.edu/dualdegree/carlos.cfm> or contact Jamie Welling at jwelling@wcl.american.edu / (202) 274-4177 or Macarena Sáez at msaez@wcl.american.edu .

CHILE SUMMER LAW PROGRAM 2008

Get an early start on your 2009 summer plans!

Join fellow law students from WCL and other schools around the country for an amazing and enlightening summer experience in the beautiful cities of Santiago, Chile and Buenos Aires, Argentina.

For more information please visit our website at www.wcl.american.edu/chile or contact Macarena Saez, Program director at msaez@wcl.american.edu

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 1Ls!!!!!! This event is just for you!!!!!! Ready to jump start your job search and learn more about what OCPD can offer you? Registration for the OCPD's **CAREER DAY FOR 1L's: LAUNCHING YOUR SUCCESSFUL JOB SEARCH CAMPAIGN** will open on **October 13, 2008 and close on October 24, 2008**. Register at the OCPD office located in Suite 122 and look for our table in the lobby starting next week!

- 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 IL'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.

Exploring Business Law as a Career Option

Thursday, October 16 from noon-1:20pm in room 602:

Are you interested in learning more about business law practice areas, the various settings in which lawyers practice and the skills needed to succeed? If so, please attend this discussion and hear about the career paths and experiences of several attorneys. Panelists include WCL alumni Ben Winter (IBM), Roxan Kerr (Holland & Knight LLP), and John Fieldsend (SEC). The panel will be moderated by WCL Professor David Snyder. Pizza will be provided. Please RSVP on CareerLink or for first year students, by contacting careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu.

Attention Job Seeking 3L/4L Students

For the first time, OCPD is offering the services of a recognized attorney life coach to work with job seeking 3/4Ls. Ursula Bass, a WCL alumna and founder of UBU Coaching, LLC, specializes in working with lawyers to help them identify and transition into their ideal careers. This three hour,

interactive workshop, “Top Ten Tips for Realizing Your Dream Job” will offer in-class exercises and innovative coaching techniques. Given the hands-on nature of the workshop, registration is limited. The program will be held on **Friday, October 24** from 12:30-4:00pm. Lunch will be provided. Please register on CareerLink no later than **Friday, October 17**.

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

Professionalism Series #2: Effective Communication with Employers *featuring*

Dr. Ben Oipari, Writing Instructor

Office of Professional Development, Howrey LLP and Tiffany Wood, Recruiting Manager at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe 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.

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.

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.symplicity.com/students> to complete the 2008 Summer and Academic Year Employment Evaluation. Select the “Profile” button, and then select the “Evaluations” tab. To start the evaluation, click “Add New” at the bottom of your screen. If you do not know your log in information, please send an email to careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu.

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!

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. If you are in the process of completing a fellowship application, please contact OCPD at 202-274-4090 to schedule an appointment 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>

Calling All Public Interest Students!!

2008 EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS CONFERENCE & CAREER FAIR! 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.idealists.org) – This website lists hundreds of internship and employment opportunities, not only in the legal field.
4. **Opportunities in Public Affairs** (www.opajobs.com) – 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

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.

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.

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, & JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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. **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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PAID JUDICIAL INTERNSHIP FOR 1L's & 2LS!!!!!!!!!!

The 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 is only open to students who have not previously participated as an intern in the program. Students applying to the program must submit a completed application, resume, legal writing sample and a statement of interest. Students may rank location preferences on their application; however students may not request particular judges or courts.

For more information, visit: <http://www.abanet.org/litigation/jiop> to download and complete an application. **The deadline for registration is December 31, 2008.**

RECEPTIONS

New York City Law Department's Annual Diversity Reception

The reception is scheduled for Monday, **October 27** from 6 to 8 pm at the **New York County Lawyers Association at 14 Vesey Street in lower Manhattan**. This year's guest speaker will be United States District Court Judge Stephen Robinson followed by a presentation from several Law Department attorneys about their career paths. Students will be able followed by a reception where students can meet one on one with our attorneys. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Chia Kang (ckang@law.nyc.gov)

*** 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

Our Next Resume and Cover Letter Workshop for Foreign Attorneys:

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

Is your US-Style Resume in good shape?

Do you want to participate in upcoming career fairs for LLMs? You need a winning resume!!

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

Registration closes on Friday, October 10 at 9:00am

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. Over 1,100 candidates representing 75+ countries will have an opportunity to be considered for internship and permanent positions in the United States and abroad. The program attracts more than 120 of the top legal employers from around the world, continues to grow substantially each year. ISIP 2009 will take place on NYU School of Law’s campus in Greenwich Village on January 23rd and 24th, 2009.

Registration for ISIP 2009 already started and will be open during the month of October 2008. WCL will offer information sessions to teach students how to register and participate in the program. If you want to participate in ISIP 2009, you **MUST** attend **ONE** of the following sessions:

- Friday, October 10, from 3:00-4:00pm, Room 601
- Monday, October 13, from 12:00-1:00pm, Room 601
- Tuesday, October 14, from 5:00-6:00pm, Room 501

Registration is required for ISIP 2009 Information Sessions: please email Adriana Vito at avito@wcl.american.edu - > Please remember to include your full name and country of origin in your email.

Please note: 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 13, 2008

Oct 13-24, Registration for Career Day for 1L's: Launching Your Successful Job Search Campaign

Monday, October 13

12-1:20 pm, Rm 401, ACLU introductory meeting/panel, "Drug Law Reform"

12-1 pm, Rm 601, ISIP 2009 Information Session (for foreign lawyers)

6- 8 pm, Rm 603, The Greatest Silence: Rape in the Congo (movie)

Tuesday, October 14

9am-5pm- Rm 603, Prosecuting Sexual & Gender Based Crimes before International/ized Criminal Courts

12 pm, Rm 500, Brown Bag Lunch for Volunteer Oppty at Washington Middle School for Girls

12 pm, Rm 101, Election 2008: take action & get involved

12-12:50 pm, Rm 402, Getting Involved in Pro Bono

12 pm, Rm 527, American Law Revue general interest meeting

12-1:20 pm, Rm 401, Why Antitrust? Presentation by the ABA

5-6 pm, Rm 501, ISIP 2009 Information Session (for foreign lawyers)

10 pm, Rm 603, American Law Revue general interest meeting

Wednesday, October 15

12-1 pm, Rm 602, Moot Court Honor Society's Alvina-Reckman Myers 1L Competition Information Session

4:30-6 pm, Dean's Suite, Reception in honor of the recent publication *La Mirada de los Jueces*

6 pm, Rm 603, Screening of "Banished" to kickoff the 9th Annual Human Rights Film Festival

Thursday, October 16

12-2 pm, JD Student Lounge, A discussion on the U.S. Presidential Election

12-1:20 pm, Rm 602, Exploring Business Law as a Career Option

6:30-9:30pm, 6th Fl, A Dinner and Keynote Address in Celebration of Our Shared History