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## OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

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

### REGISTRAR'S OFFICE HOURS

Mon., Wed., Thurs.	9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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

### ATTENTION FEBRUARY BAR EXAM APPLICANTS:

Anyone needing certification to submit with your bar exam application should request the document as soon as possible. Each state has different requirements and procedures: Go to: <http://www.barexam.org/> to find your state's exam instructions, requirements, deadlines and fees.

### ATTENTION MARYLAND BAR APPLICANTS:

You must submit your Pre-Legal Certificate to your undergraduate institution. WCL Registrar's Office does not certify pre-legal education. You are also responsible for requesting a final transcript to be sent to the MD Bar.

**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

### **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](mailto:fpolo@wcl.american.edu) and must contain your name, telephone number, and e-mail address. Your space will be confirmed by return e-mail.

### **ABA Sponsored Meet & Greet - Friday, October 24th**

On next **Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 – 7:00pm at Holland & Knight's DC Office**, the American Bar Association (ABA) Section of Real Property, Trust & Estate Law (RPTE) will be hosting a Meet & Greet for Law Students & Practitioners in the District of Columbia metropolitan area. Panelists will discuss their careers in the real property, trust and estate law fields as well as opportunities within the ABA for career development.

Panelists include:

Leigh–Alexandra Basha, Esquire, Holland & Knight, LLP

John H. Brown, Esquire, Arent Fox LLP

Wayne Curry, Esquire, William H. Murphy, Jr. and Associates, P.A.

Kyrus Freeman, Esquire, Holland & Knight, LLP (Moderator)

Carmen Irizarry-Díaz, Esquire, Greenberg Traurig, LLP

### **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](mailto:lhartz@wcl.american.edu). You are advised to submit your documentation as soon as possible.

### **WCL Business Cards**

<http://www.wcl.american.edu/studentaffairs/businesscards.pdf>

### **Scholarship Opportunities**

The Offices of Student Affairs and Financial Aid are pleased to announce the release of the most comprehensive collection of outside scholarship available to law students. Culled from a number of sources during the summer session, there are presently more than 400 scholarships available, based on a number of factors and ranging from \$500 to \$50,000. Students can find the information at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/outsidescholarships/> and in hard copy outside the Office of Student Affairs, suite 300. Please take advantage of the opportunities these scholarships offer, and let us know when you are successful!

## OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

### **Supplemental Loans**

**The pool of lenders offering private/commercial educational loans is dwindling. Many lenders have discontinued private loan offerings or tightened eligibility criteria. Loans already in process for the year are secure; funding for new loans remains uncertain. Of particular concern is the availability of Bar Study loans. *Federal Stafford and Grad Plus loans are not affected and remain available to meet in-school costs.* Contact your financial aid counselor if you have questions.**

### **Fall Disbursements**

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

### **Funding Needs**

If you plan to borrow additional funds (*up to the cost of attendance*) and have eligibility remaining for the year you are encouraged to submit your request/application now. Check with your counselor for guidance.

### **Computer Purchase Notice**

Computer purchase receipts are due by December 1. Documentation is required to retain funds allotted for purchase.

### **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/>

**Financial Aid Counselors ~ A – H** Derek Thompson

I – P Judi Amey

Q – Z Barbara Williams

## 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](mailto:secle@wcl.american.edu) to find out how we can help you plan your program

## **THIS WEEK**

### **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<sup>rd</sup>**

**[Q and A with WCL’s First Jurist in Residence](#)  
2:00pm—3:15pm, International Student Lounge**

### **OCTOBER 23-25**

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

## **SAVE THE DATES!**

### **FALL 2008**

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

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

### **NOVEMBER 1**

**[Career Day for 1Ls](#)**

### **NOVEMBER 7**

**[How Legal Rhetoric Shapes The Law II – The Language of Violence and Torture](#)**

**NOVEMBER 14**

**[Dangerous Products – From Lead Toys to Tainted Drugs, A Discussion for Consumer Protection Professionals and the Media](#)**

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

**OFFICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST**

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

**Announcements:**

**Join the Public Interest Announcements Listserv**

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

**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.

**NEW! – Equal Justice Works Career Fair and Conference – Program Materials Review**

A copy of the Equal Justice Works Career Fair and Conference program is available for review in OPI. The program contains employer descriptions and available internships and full-time positions for all employers who participated in the career fair.

**Upcoming Programs and Events:**

**NEW! – 1L Public Interest Roundtable Series: Constitutional Challenges to Guantanamo Bay, Tuesday, October 28, 12:00pm-1:20pm:** 1Ls are invited to join Professor Stephen Vladeck (<http://www.wcl.american.edu/faculty/vladeck/>) for lunch on Tuesday, October 28 from 12:00-1:20 p.m. in room 601. Prof. Vladeck will discuss his work on *Hamdan v. Rumsfeld*, representation of Jose Padilla, and his experience challenging the constitutionality of "enemy combatant" status and the use of military tribunals at Guantanamo Bay. He will also share his thoughts on pursuing a career in public interest law and answer student questions. **You must RSVP to [wcl.1l.roundtables@gmail.com](mailto:wcl.1l.roundtables@gmail.com) by Monday, October 27.** Registration is limited. Food will be provided.

**NEW! – The Cool Human Rights Work I Did on My Summer Vacation, Thursday, October 30, 12:00pm-1:20pm, Room 602:** Your fellow law students will discuss their summer experiences and give advice on working both here in the United States and abroad on human rights issues. The event is co-sponsored by the Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, the Office of Career

and Professional Development, the Office of Public Interest, and the Women and International Law Program.

**Pro Bono Honors Pledge Program:**

**NEW! – “Getting Involved in Pro Bono” PowerPoint Available Online**

If you missed the “Getting Involved in Pro Bono” program, you can now download and review the PowerPoint presentation. It explains the Pro Bono Honors Pledge requirements, how to find a placement, and the various honors for students who meet the pledge. The presentation (along with other pro bono materials) is available at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/publicinterest/probono.cfm>.

**NEW! – Suggested Pro Bono Placements Booklet Updated for Fall 2008**

The OPI Suggested Pro Bono Placements booklet has been updated. The booklet includes over 100 nonprofit organizations who accept student volunteers. The information is organized in alphabetical order and by practice area. Please contact the Public Interest Coordinator with any questions about placements. The booklet (along with other pro bono materials) is available at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/publicinterest/probono.cfm>.

**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

**CENTER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW**

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

**Center Events**

**NINTH ANNUAL HUMAN RIGHTS FILM SERIES KICKS OFF IN OCTOBER!**

**October 15-November 14**

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](mailto:humlaw@wcl.american.edu) or visit [http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/humanrights\\_festival08.cfm](http://www.wcl.american.edu/humright/center/humanrights_festival08.cfm)

**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. **Jenny Johnson**, Senior Associate at the Latin American Working Group, will lead a post-screening discussion (co-sponsored by LaLSA) on October 22. 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Mary Graydon Center.

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

### **STUDENT ACTIVISTS FOR KATRINA/RITA SURVIVORS BAKE SALE**

**Wednesday-Thursday October 22-23, 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. 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. The bake sale will also 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](mailto:emleveridge@gmail.com).

### **“THE COOL HUMAN RIGHTS WORK I DID ON MY SUMMER VACATION”**

**Thursday, October 30, 12-1:20pm, Rm. 602**

Come hear fellow law students talk about the amazing human rights work they did over their summer break. Students will discuss working in the domestic and international spheres, how they got their positions, the best and worst parts of working abroad, and will offer advice on finding a great summer work experience. All students are invited to attend. Scheduled speakers:

- **Amalia Greenberg** (3L), ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project, San Francisco
  - **Shiwali Patel** (2L), Washington Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs, Washington DC
  - **Sara Ramey** (2L), Reebok Human Rights Fellow, Amnesty International, Paraguay
  - **Jabeen Reza** (2L), Al-Quds University Human Rights Clinic, East Jerusalem
  - **Alvir Sadhwani** (2L), Centre for Human Rights and Peace Advocacy, Bemenda, Cameroon
- This event is co-sponsored with the Office of Career and Professional Development (OCPD), the Office of Public Interest (OPI), and the Women and International Law Program (WILP).

### **EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM**

Room 413 (202) 274-4200

[www.wcl.american.edu/externship](http://www.wcl.american.edu/externship)

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

(evening hours available on request)

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

Avis Sanders, Director; Gregory Seidell, Program Assistant

### **ILs: Externship First Year Orientation (Mandatory):**

**Section 1 and Section 2:** Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00 p.m., Room 603

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

**Section 3 and Section 4:** Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:00 p.m., Room 603

*\*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.*

### **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.*

### **2L/3L/4L SPRING & SUMMER 2009 EXTERNSHIP OPEN HOUSE**

The Externship Program will be hosting an open house on Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 12 pm until 2 pm. Information regarding Spring and Summer 2009 externships will be available. Coffee and refreshments 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](http://www.wcl.american.edu/externship) to download an application. **The deadline for applications is November 16<sup>th</sup>.** After you have submitted the application, you will meet with the Director of the Externship Program to discuss your interests and to determine to which externships you should apply.

### **EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM DATABASE**

To learn about externship 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/>

## **INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION PROGRAM**

**Interested in internship and career opportunities in arbitration?**

**Special Session on Internships and Career Development with the American Arbitration Association (AAA) International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR)**

**Wednesday, October 29, 12:30-1:15pm, Room 603**

Interested in international arbitration and/or curious to know how to get started in the field? Join **Luis Martinez**, Vice President of the American Arbitration Association International Centre for Dispute Resolution (ICDR) at a special session on the AAA's ICDR. Lunch will be available. The panel is co-sponsored by the International Arbitration Program, the Office of Career and Professional Development, and the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Society. For more information, send an e-mail to [arbitration@wcl.american.edu](mailto:arbitration@wcl.american.edu) or call (202) 274-4321.

**Interested in networking with young professionals in arbitration?**

**Networking Cocktail**

**Wednesday, October 29, 5:30-7:00pm, WCL Residence – 4745 Massachusetts Avenue, NW**

The networking cocktail is co-sponsored by the International Arbitration Program and AAA's ICDR Young & International which is a global networking group for arbitration and ADR practitioners under 40.

For more information, send an e-mail to [arbitration@wcl.american.edu](mailto:arbitration@wcl.american.edu) or call (202) 274-4321.

**Interested in learning more about the practice of arbitration?**

**Join us for some of our FREE activities during the Fifth Annual Seminar on International Commercial Arbitration: How to Handle Intellectual Property and Telecommunication Cases, October 27-30**

The annual seminar is designed to provide insights for handling arbitration cases and training legal practitioners to manage cases effectively in an international context. This exclusive seminar has been developed to help private practitioners and in-house counsel meet the challenges of this exciting practice area. Handling international arbitration cases, either as counsel or arbitrator, requires specialized expertise that varies from case to case. At this four-day seminar, a group of distinguished experts will teach participants the skills, strategies, and tactics to successfully handle, either as counsel or arbitrator, Intellectual Property and Telecommunication cases using interactive lectures and mock arbitration exercises.

**The following events are free and open to the public:**

**Monday, October 27, 9:00-10:00am, Room 603**

Opening remarks, *Dean Claudio Grossman*

Introduction to the Seminar and Presentation on Current Issues in the Practice of International Commercial Arbitration, *Dr. Horacio A. Grigera Naón*

**10:15-12:15pm, Room 603**

Current Developments in International Arbitration: An Institutional Perspective, *Betty Southward Murphy (Moderator)*

- Observations from the American Arbitration Association (AAA), *Eric Tuchman*
- Views from the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), *ICSID Representative*
- An International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) Court of Arbitration Update, *Jason Fry*

**WCL Students can participate in the entire seminar at a reduced rate! 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. *Registration is required.***

Find more information and a schedule of events, please visit the International Arbitration Program website at [www.wcl.american.edu/arbitration](http://www.wcl.american.edu/arbitration), call (202) 274-4321 or e-mail: [arbitration@wcl.american.edu](mailto:arbitration@wcl.american.edu)

### **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 Lexis classes are scheduled for you at various times the week of October 20. We strongly urge you to take advantage of this training opportunity to enhance your online legal research search skills. View and sign up for the classes by signing on to LexisNexis at <http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool> and then link to the MYSCHOOL tab.**

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Library or email [comptech@wcl.american.edu](mailto:comptech@wcl.american.edu).

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## PROGRAM ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT:

### **Jurist-in-Residence**

The Program on Law & Government is pleased to join Dean Grossman in welcoming WCL's first Jurist-in-Residence on October 23 through October 25. Judge Dolores Sloviter has been a federal appeals court judge for 29 years, since she was appointed by President Carter in 1979. She was the first woman appointed to the Third Circuit and served as chief judge of the Third Circuit from 1991 to 1998. Prior to becoming a judge, she practiced in Philadelphia and was a professor at Temple Law School from 1972 to 1979.

During her visit, Judge Sloviter will participate in numerous events at WCL. She will speak and answer questions at an **open student session on Thursday, October 23, from 2 p.m. to 3:15 p.m., in the International Student Lounge on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor.** This session is hosted by the Women's Law Association but is open to all. Refreshments will be served.

Judge Sloviter will also meet with faculty at lunch on Thursday, October 23 at the WCL residence, and will speak to two first-year sections: one on Thursday afternoon, October 23 at 4 p.m. in Room

603 where she will discuss issues related to the *Erie* Doctrine, and the other on Friday morning, October 24 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 401, where she will reflect generally on her court and her role as a judge. She will attend part of an oral advocacy workshop Saturday afternoon, October 25, in conjunction with the Wechsler First Amendment Moot Court Competition at the Federal Circuit Courthouse and will preside over the very prestigious panel for the final round of the Wechsler competition, as well.

For questions or information about Judge Sloviter's visit, contact Steve Wermiel at 202-274-4263 or [swermiel@wcl.american.edu](mailto:swermiel@wcl.american.edu).

**YOU ARE INVITED!** Please come and join Professor Raskin and the Program on Law and Government in welcoming our new 2008-2009 Fellow in Law and Government, Linda Singer, former Attorney General of the District of Columbia on **October 24 at 10am in Room 602**. In a presentation entitled, "The Other Attorney General in Washington: State and Local Law Enforcement in the District of Columbia," Mrs. Singer will describe the Office of the Attorney General of the District of Columbia, define its functions and operations, and discuss her involvement in a wide range of cases as Attorney General. In Spring 2009, Professor Singer will be teaching the "Role of State Attorneys General: Current Topics in Enforcement". Please RSVP by October 21 with Chasantia Preer at [cpreer@wcl.american.edu](mailto:cpreer@wcl.american.edu). Space is limited. BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED!

## WAR CRIMES RESEARCH OFFICE

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

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

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

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

### **War Crimes Speaker Series: Interactive Radio for Justice**

#### **Wednesday, October 22**

On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, the War Crimes Research Office (WCRO) War Crimes Speaker Series presents "Radio for Justice: Making Sense of Rule of Law in Communities where the International Criminal Court (ICC) is Investigating" with Wanda Hall, Founder and Director of Interactive Radio for Justice. Interactive Radio For Justice (IRfJ) broadcasts programs over community radio in regions

where the International Criminal Court (ICC) is investigating the most serious crimes (genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes) to promote dialogue between local populations and the national and international authorities responsible for rendering justice to them. Wednesday, October 22, 12:00 – 1:30 pm, WCL Room 401. For more information, contact the WCRO at [warcimes@wcl.american.edu](mailto:warcimes@wcl.american.edu).

## WOMEN AND THE LAW PROGRAM

### **Taking the Heat: Gender Discrimination in Fire Fighting**

**October 21, 12:00 – 2:00 pm, WCL, Room 603**

Sponsored by the Program on Law and Government and the Women and the Law Program

In 1979, Brenda Berkman had to sue to become a New York City fire fighter. Join us as we discuss the long-term implications of Captain (Ret.) Berkman's pioneering employment discrimination lawsuit, which resulted in the opening of fire fighting opportunities for countless qualified women across the United States. Panelists 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, and made employers reassess the employment of women in firefighting and other physically demanding and dangerous jobs. They will also explore the extraordinary challenges still confronting women firefighters.

Featuring :

Brenda Berkman (FDNY, Ret.) , Lead Plaintiff, *Berkman v. City of New York*

Marc Bendick Jr., Bendick and Egan Economic Consultants, Inc

Deborah L. Gebhardt, Human Performance Systems Inc.

The program will be moderated by Richard S. Ugelow, Practitioner in Residence, Washington College of Law (formerly a trial attorney in the Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice)

*General Registration* – no charge but please register at

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

For more information, please contact:

Office of Special Events & Continuing Legal Education

Phone: 202.274.4075; or [secle@wcl.american.edu](mailto:secle@wcl.american.edu)

## STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

### **Action For Human Rights**

Action For Human Rights invites those of you interested in participating in this year's **Alternative Winter Break** to its first committee meeting. Although you are not required to be in a committee to participate, we highly encourage you to contribute a small amount of your time to make this program a great success. At this meeting, we will split everyone up into the designated committees so we strongly urge you to be present. We have lots to do and the clock is ticking. Join us on **TUESDAY, October 21 at 12:30pm in Rm. 501**. Lunch Will Be Provided. If you absolutely cannot make it, please let us know by writing us at [ahr@wcl.american.edu](mailto:ahr@wcl.american.edu).

Join Action For Human Rights for **Happy Hour**. *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 22nd @ 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](mailto:ahr@wcl.american.edu). See you there!

### **Black Law Students Association**

#### **WCL FLAG FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT**

In conjunction with BLSA, Randy Seriguchi is organizing a one-day flag football tournament for all students to be held on **Saturday, November 8**. Come out and play!!

**Time: 10 am to 3 pm**

**Location: Tenley Campus Field (behind Constitution Hall)**

**\*Note: Registration closes at 11:59 pm on Monday, October 27, 2008**

#### Additional Tournament Details:

7 on 7 play

Registration is free! Please email [randal.seriguchi@gmail.com](mailto:randal.seriguchi@gmail.com) with your **complete** team.

Only teams will be registered, not individuals.

Tournament style will be one of the following, depending on the number of registered teams: round robin (low #), double elimination (mid #), single elimination (high #)

Due to field and time constraints, the maximum registered teams allowed will be 16.

The University of Michigan IM Flag Football Rules will largely govern game play, amended slightly to fit our needs. Each registered team will be emailed an amended set of rules within 24 hours of registration.

Stay alert for rumblings of a prize!

Bring your own lunches! And blankets, and the whole nine. Make it a picnic! And come watch if you're not playing! It should be fun!

### **EJF**

Interested in working in public interest over the summer? Don't think you can afford it? Think again!!!

Learn how you can apply for a grant for this summer to work for a public interest organization!

Please attend one of the mandatory information sessions next week.

**Monday, October 20 at 5pm in Room 524**

**Wednesday, October 22 at 8pm in Room 601**

**Thursday, October 23 at 12pm in Room 528**

\*\* Attending one of the sessions is a mandatory requirement to be eligible for the EJF grant, even if you attended a session last year. If you cannot make either of the sessions, please contact me at

[jessica.millward@gmail.com](mailto:jessica.millward@gmail.com)

### **Law and Government Society**

#### **Open Q&A Session for WCL students with WCL's first Jurist-in-Residence**

Come hear and ask questions of Judge Dolores Sloviter of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Judge Sloviter will be visiting WCL next week. The open session is on **Thursday, October 23, 2008, from 2 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. in the International Student Lounge on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor.**

The session is sponsored by the Women's Law Association and is open to all. Refreshments will be served. Judge Sloviter has been a federal appeals court judge for 29 years, since she was appointed by President Carter in 1979. She was the first woman appointed to the Third Circuit and served as chief judge of the Third Circuit from 1991 to 1998. Prior to becoming a judge, she practiced in Philadelphia and was a professor at Temple Law School from 1972 to 1979.

### **Native American Law Students Association**

**Monday October 20, 5 pm Room 528**

(NALSA) will be hosting a **discussion on the upcoming Supreme Court argument in *Carciari v. Kempthorne***. The guest speaker will be Ian Gershengorn who argued the case before the First Circuit.

### **Phi Alpha Delta**

#### **Tennis Tournament**

Show off your backhand in Phi Alpha Delta's Fall Tennis Classic! FREE for all PAD members and \$5 dollars for all other law students. This year's Fall Tennis Classic will be **Sunday, October 26th, at the AU tennis courts from 10am-3pm**. All skill levels welcome. Tournament format will be singles with male and female divisions with the possibility of doubles and mixed doubles if there is enough interest. Repeat. All skill levels welcome. Refreshments provided. Tennis balls provided. Prizes include bragging rights. Spectators are heartily invited to come and enjoy the sweet tennis action. Look for tabling and posters for more information, or contact Bryan j. Bach at [Bryan.Bach@american.edu](mailto:Bryan.Bach@american.edu)

#### Disgrace Judicata

The Cahn Chapter (UDC) has invited the Brandeis Chapter (WCL) to their annual **Halloween Party! PAD Members Only**

**When:** October 24, 8pm - 1am; **Where:** Union St. Pub - 201 Massachusetts Ave NW

**How much:** Advanced Tickets \$7, tickets at the door \$10

Costume Contests! Prizes!

Come meet students from other Chapters! Every year the costumes are great, so dig out those wigs and put on those fake teeth, and come party with all the ghouls and gals! This is a party you don't want to miss!

To get the advance tickets please rsvp to [pad@wcl.american.edu](mailto:pad@wcl.american.edu) by Tuesday October 21.

### **Poverty Law Society**

Living without a Home: A Legal Perspective. Join the Poverty Law Society for a discussion on the laws and policies impacting the homeless. **Thursday, October 23, from 12pm-1pm in Room 601**. Speakers: Anne Smetak, from Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless and Jeremy Rosen, Executive Director of the National Policy and Advocacy Council on Homelessness. Lunch 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](mailto: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](mailto:bvsmith@wcl.american.edu) and [jyarussi@wcl.american.edu](mailto:jyarussi@wcl.american.edu).

**Prof. Michele Pistone** is seeking a dean's fellow to help with research and scholarship on immigration, asylum, human rights. Apply by sending a letter of interest and resume to Professor Michele Pistone at [mpistone@wcl.american.edu](mailto:mpistone@wcl.american.edu) or stop by Room 428.

**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**

Have you been told you have a "voice for radio"? Want to put it to good use?

**The Office of Student Services** seeks one male and one female voice to provide narration to a PowerPoint presentation designed to heighten awareness of alcohol and substance addictions and abuses. The presentation in its final form will be presented to professional responsibility classes, wellness programs and the like at WCL as well as to the other five D.C. law schools, with a possible eventual distribution at the national level.

Interested students need not be in recovery nor have knowledge of the subject matter. Advance preparation time of the 30-minute presentation, followed by actual recording time is all that is needed. This is not a paid opportunity but will be an interesting addition to a resume. Please express your interest to [djaffe@wcl.american.edu](mailto:djaffe@wcl.american.edu)

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

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

## ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **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](http://www.wcl.american.edu/chile) or contact Macarena Saez, Program director at [msaez@wcl.american.edu](mailto:msaez@wcl.american.edu)

### **MPRE REVIEW**

All students taking the November administration of the MPRE are invited to attend a review session taught by WCL Legal Ethics Professor Gene Shipp. The review will take place on **Wednesday, November 5 from 6-8 pm in Room 503**. Please e-mail [nr8013a@american.edu](mailto:nr8013a@american.edu) with any questions.

### **Reminder: The Deadline for Application to the JD/MA Joint Degree Program for Spring 2009 is November 7!**

If you are interested in applying for Spring 2009 admission to the JD/MA joint degree program, please pick up an application packet outside 400 WCL or SIS 12 . The deadline for applications for Spring 2009 admission is November 7, 2008. Note: *All 3L JD students currently not enrolled in the joint degree program and who wish to apply to the program must do so by the November 7, 2008 deadline.* Any questions, please e-mail Natalie Lempert, the JD/MA Peer Advisor, at [jdmapeeradv@gmail.com](mailto:jdmapeeradv@gmail.com) or Marley Crutcher, the JD/MA Academic Advisor in SIS, at [crutcher@american.edu](mailto:crutcher@american.edu).

### **Tuesday October 21: Brick by Brick: A Civil Rights Story - FREE FILM SCREENING & DISCUSSION WITH FILMMAKERS HOUSING AND DISCRIMINATION:**

Film screening with a discussion of the federal US v Yonkers litigation that began in 1980 and challenged neighborhood and educational discrimination. Brick by Brick: A Civil Rights Story (2007:51 mins.) follows three families in New York as they confront racial discrimination in housing and schools, and struggle to achieve justice. The film describes how a ghetto was created

through public policies, and brings to the screen the fiery legal and political crucible of a contemporary city and its larger implications for our nation.

Followed by a Q&A with film director William Kavanagh and Louise Howells, Co-director of UDC's Community Development Clinic.

Where: UDC's David A. Clarke School of Law, Bldg 38, B Level, Studio.

Tuesday October 21, Refreshments from 5:45pm, Program begins 6:15pm.

SCREEN JUSTICE 3: Giving Voice to Smart Socially-Conscious Films

A Presentation of the Office of University Advancement and the David A Clarke School of Law

RSVP preferred but not required: [DEvansPritchard@udc.edu](mailto:DEvansPritchard@udc.edu)

**Start & Build your own Immigration Practice** - Experienced immigration attorneys who each started a law firm will tell you what it takes – what equipment you need, how you find your clients, how you find your mentors. Plus, you will get one-on-one time with experienced immigration practitioners to seek advice and get answers. Cost: \$150 (\$50 for law students). To register or for more information - e-mail: [mike.meier@internationallawgroup.com](mailto:mike.meier@internationallawgroup.com) or call (202) 544-7745

**Practical Immigration Skills** - This seminar will explain the principles of business immigration, visas, and other fundamental concepts through video and practical training. For example, participants will prepare a sample business visa petition, and learn through interaction with experienced immigration practitioners. It is directed at paralegals, new practitioners and students of immigration law. Cost: \$150 (\$50 for law students). To register or for more information - e-mail: [mike.meier@internationallawgroup.com](mailto:mike.meier@internationallawgroup.com) or call (202) 544-7745

## OFFICE OF CAREER & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Suite 122

Hours

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

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

Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

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

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

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

**ATTENTION 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** runs through **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](mailto:tjenkins@wcl.american.edu).

**ATTENTION 1Ls - Save the Date for These Events:**

**CareerLink Training for 1Ls:** Join OCPD for an introduction to **CAREERLINK**, the comprehensive job search and legal recruiting software used to communicate job opportunities, advertise upcoming career-related events, and administer the fall and spring recruitment programs. The program will instruct 1Ls how to *Log On & Complete Profile, Search for Jobs, Register for Events, Find Online Resources*, and more! Pizza and instructional materials will be provided base on the number of registrants. Please RSVP to [careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu](mailto:careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu)

**Tuesday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> from 12-1:20pm in Room 401**

**Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 12-1:20pm in Room 602**

**Please Note: Additional evening sessions will be added once rooms are confirmed**

**1L Resume and Cover Letter Workshops:** First year students should plan to attend one of the two sessions offered by OCPD.

**Monday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 12-1:20pm in Room 401**

**Thursday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, 12-1:20pm, Room 602**

**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**. **Space is still available, but please register soon in order to secure a spot.**

**\*\*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](mailto:careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu).

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

*Thursday, October 30, 12:00-1:20pm in WCL Room 100*

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

**Please Note:** If you are currently going through the Fall Recruitment Program, administered on CareerLink, you will not be able to access the OCI tab until you have completed the survey. Please

keep this in mind so that you do not experience any inconvenience when utilizing CareerLink to apply to upcoming Fall Recruitment opportunities.

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

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### **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](mailto: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](http://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.

### **JOB SEARCH RESOURCES!!**

It's not too late to line up a fall internship or externship. Also, you should begin thinking about summer and post-graduate opportunities. Visit the following websites for a jumpstart on your job search.

1. **CareerLink** – WCL's on-line jobs database. Remember to update your profile and **select public interest and government listserv options** to receive regular email updates. Also remember to check CareerLink regularly for post-graduate and internship opportunities!
2. **PSLawnet** ([www.pslawnet.org](http://www.pslawnet.org)) – Recently updated, the Public Service Law Network includes an organizational and opportunities database and compiles the most recent fellowship information found in the "Postgraduate Fellowship" section. It also provides excellent resources in the "Career Central" and "International Resources" sections.
3. **Idealist** ([www.idealist.org](http://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](http://www.opajobs.com)) – Your top resource for Capitol Hill, Public Relations, and Public Affairs jobs in the Washington, DC area. Log onto CareerLink to access the online version and username and password.
5. **The Government Honors & Internship Handbook**. The best resource for federal internship and honors attorney programs. Available in hard copy in the OCPD library, or log on to CareerLink to access the online version and username and password.

### **Judicial Clerkships & Internships**

#### **Open Q&A Session with WCL's Inaugural Jurist-in-Residence**

Come hear and ask questions of Judge Dolores Sloviter of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit

Judge Sloviter will be visiting WCL next week. The open session is on Thursday, October 23, 2008, from 2 p.m. to 3:15 p.m. in the International Student Lounge on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor.

The session is sponsored by the Women's Law Association and is open to all. Refreshments will be served.

Judge Sloviter has been a federal appeals court judge for 29 years, since she was appointed by President Carter in 1979. She was the first woman appointed to the Third Circuit and served as chief judge of the Third Circuit from 1991 to 1998. Prior to becoming a judge, she practiced in Philadelphia and was a professor at Temple Law School from 1972 to 1979.

#### **Save the date! Join us for a LUNCH and LEARN about: Staff Attorney and *Pro Se* Law Clerk Positions with Trial and Appellate Courts!**

Current staff attorneys and a former *pro se* law clerk will discuss their experiences in this panel discussion on Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, time and room TBA. Pizza will be provided, so please RSVP in the Events section of CareerLink.

#### **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](http://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](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](mailto:killoran@wcl.american.edu) to let her know if you have secured a judicial clerkship!

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

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

## **SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, & JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

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

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

The selected applicant **will receive a salaried summer clerk position and a \$10,000 scholarship.**

To be eligible, law students must be admitted or already attending an ABA-accredited law school as a first-year 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](http://www.dinslaw.com/careers/diversityscholarship) or send inquiries to [dinsmore.legalrecruiting@dinslaw.com](mailto:dinsmore.legalrecruiting@dinslaw.com).

**2009 Minority Fellowship in Environmental Law:** Sponsored by the New York State Bar Association Environmental Law Section & the New York Bar Association Committee on Environmental Law - Open to minority 1L, 2L and evening 3L students who are enrolled in a NY State law school **OR** a permanent resident of NY and currently enrolled in law school in the US. Selected applicants will: 1) receive a \$6000 stipend to spend the 2009 summer (10 weeks minimum) working on legal matters for a government environmental agency or public interest environmental organization in New York State; 2) be invited to the New York State Bar Association's Environmental Law Section's Annual Meeting; 3) participate in monthly dinner meetings on NYCBA's Committee on Environmental Law; and 4) be assigned a mentor from the environmental bar.

**Application deadline is November 17, 2008.** For complete details and an application form, stop by the OCPD office (Suite 122) OR email [kplog@nysba.org](mailto:kplog@nysba.org)

### **ATTENTION 2Ls!!!! THIS IS FOR YOU! Thompson Hine Diversity Scholarship Program:**

Open to 2L students who believe they will contribute to the diversity at Thompson Hine.

Applicants who have not already been offered a summer associate position with the firm will be considered for one upon completion of the scholarship application. If chosen, the recipient will be awarded \$10,000 at the conclusion of their summer position for tuition and other law school expenses. Recipient must complete at least 10 weeks of service during the 2009 summer.

**Applications must be received no later than midnight on October 20, 2008.** For more information, please contact Eliza Park Musallam in the OCPD office at 202-274-4339 or [Musallam@wcl.american.edu](mailto:Musallam@wcl.american.edu).

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

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### **Announcements for LL.M. Students**

#### **From Adriana Vito**

#### **Assistant Director for International Career Programs**

### **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 17, from 10:30-11:30pm, Room 601

**Registration is required for ISIP 2009 Information Sessions:** please email Adriana Vito at [avito@wcl.american.edu](mailto: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](mailto:avito@wcl.american.edu)

**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](mailto:careerdevelopment@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](mailto:avito@wcl.american.edu). Also, you may include information about your career goals in your email message. This information will help me better evaluate your needs and help you in a personalized manner.

**EVENTS FOR THE WEEK OF October 20, 2008**

**Thru Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> Registration for Career Day for 1L's: Launching Your Successful Job Search Campaign**

## **Monday, October 20**

8:30am—5pm, Rm 603, **Advocacy Before the Inter-American and African Human Rights Bodies**

5pm, Rm 528, **a discussion on *Carcieri v. Kempthorne***

5pm, Rm 524, **EJF mandatory information session**

## **Tuesday, October 21**

12-1:20pm, Rm 503, **Realizing Your Vision: Founding an NGO**

12 –2pm, Rm 603, **Taking the Heat: Gender Discrimination in Fire Fighting**

12-1:20pm, Rm 101, **Professionalism Series #2: Effective Communication with Employers**

12:30pm, Rm. 501, **Alternative Winter Break committee meeting**

5-8pm, 6<sup>th</sup> Fl, **4th Annual Finnegan Distinguished Lecture in IP (“TRIPS 3.0”)**

## **Wednesday, October 22**

9am-5pm, WCL Lobby, **SAKS Bake Sale (also on Thursday)**

12 pm, Rm 603, **Section 1 & 2, IL Externship Orientation (Mandatory), Please see the Externship Heading**

12-1:30 pm, Rm 401, **Interactive Radio for Justice**

5pm, JD Stu Lng, **Action for Human Rights Hour**

6pm, Rm 603, **Screening of “The Ballad of Esequiel Hernandez”**

8pm, Rm 601, **EJF mandatory information session**

## **Thursday, October 23**

12-1pm, Rm 601, **Living without a Home: A Legal Perspective**

12 pm, Rm 603, **Section 3 & 4, IL Externship Orientation (Mandatory) Please see the Externship Heading**

12-2pm, Rm 100, **Live from the SEC – Videoconference cosponsored w the ABA Section of International Law**

12pm, Rm 528, **EJF mandatory information session**

2-3:15pm, Int’l Stu Lng, **Q&A Session w/ Judge Dolores Sloviter of the US Court of Appeals, Third Circuit**

6-7:pm, Int’l Lng, **Opening Reception- Burton D. Wechsler First Amendment Moot Court Competition**

**Friday, October 24**

10am, Rm 602, "The Other Attorney General in Washington: State and Local Law Enforcement in the District of Columbia"

12-4pm, Rm 503, **Job Search for Graduating Students**

8-6pm, Multiple Rooms, **Burton D. Wechsler First Amendment Moot Court Competition**