

The Docket is the official bulletin of the Administrative Offices of the Washington College of Law

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

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

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

E-mail: registrar@wcl.american.edu

REGISTRAR'S OFFICE HOURS

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

Tuesday 9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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

ADVANCE REGISTRATION FOR SPRING 2009:

Advance registration is continuing through Friday, Nov. 14. Once students have initially registered, they may continue to add/drop course through the end of the first week of classes, in January. Students may register for ANY section of Legal Ethics that is open.

Sufficient spaces will be held in evening section of classes that have more than one section for part-time students through December 5 at noon (part-time students WILL get into evening sections of their required courses). If a class closes, it will remain closed to all except students graduating in May. That class will remain reserved for these students through December 5 at noon.

NOTES ON THE WAITLIST PROCESS:

A Wait List process will again be utilized for the spring 2009 pre-registration period. It will begin during pre-registration once a class closes and will be available through December 23rd, at which point all classes will be opened up for students to register on a first come basis, throughout the holidays and until the end of the first week of classes in January 2009.

When a class closes and you try to register on <https://my.american.edu>, you will be given the WAITLIST option. If you click on this, you will automatically be placed on the wait list. An email will be sent your AU email address should your name come up on the wait list once a student has dropped, and you will have 48 hours to register for the course before the spot is made available to the next student on the wait list. Emails will be sent out twice a week, and not on weekends.

You will now be able to check course availability directly on our web site on the course schedule at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/registrar/coursesapp/searchcourse.html> to see how many students are registered for each class. Once a class that has closed and has generated a wait list shows open spaces again, you will see a notice on this site that this is a wait-listed class. If you are not already on the wait list for the course and wish to put yourself on the wait list, you may then attempt to register for the course on the <https://my.american.edu> site to put yourself on the wait list.

Students will be able to wait list for a maximum of 3 courses throughout the wait list process, which closes on December 23. Once you are placed on the wait list, no changes may be made.

MAIN CAMPUS HAS A SEPARATE WAITLIST PROCESS, SO IF YOU RECEIVE EMAILS FROM THE MAIN CAMPUS ON WAITLISTING, PLEASE IGNORE THEM.

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).

OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

Evening Office Hours for Academic Advising on Tuesday, November 18

Evening students are encouraged to schedule an appointment to meet with Academic Counselor Laura Hartz in the Office of Student Affairs (Suite 300) on Tuesday, November 18. Appointment slots are available in 30 minute increments starting at 1:00 p.m. that day. The last appointment slot of the day will be 8:00 p.m. Laura will be available to answer your questions regarding classes, credits necessary to graduate, how to finish law school in less than four years, stress, etc. Email Laura at lhartz@wcl.american.edu to schedule an appointment. Appointment requests must be made no later than Monday, November 17 at noon.

D.C. Bar Lawyer Assistance Program

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

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

WCL Business Cards

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

ADA Accommodations Deadline!!

Washington College of Law students with permanent or temporary disabilities may be eligible for special accommodations to facilitate their study of the law. Eligibility for accommodations requires that students self-identify and present documentation of their disabilities. Please note that state boards of bar examiners consider whether a student received accommodations in law school when determining whether to grant accommodations on the bar exam.

In order to be considered for accommodations during the Fall exam period, students must provide sufficient documentation by **December 1**. 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.

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY SERVICES

Sherry A. Weaver, Director – (202) 274-4032 – Suite 300 – sweaver@wcl.american.edu

ANNOUNCEMENT

Dean’s Diversity Council Annual Program and Dinner—Thursday, November 20

“The Intersection of Media, Law, and Politics, Part II: What Could/Should Communities of Color or Disadvantage Expect from the Obama Administration?”

The program portion of the day –4:00-6:00 PM—continues a conversation on the meaning of the current political year for the African-American community, which began at last April’s Sylvania Woods Conference on African Americans and the Law

Now that this historic election is over, we will broaden the participation in the conversation to focus on the election’s legal, political, and social ramifications for disadvantaged communities and communities of color. Topics to be considered may include education, immigration, the Supreme Court, criminal justice, social justice, and the environment.

Joe Johns, of CNN and a 2000 WCL alumnus, will again act as moderator. Other confirmed participants are:

Jim Asendio, News Director, WAMU (returning)
Midwin Charles (*99), Midwin Charles & Associates LLC, DDC member (returning)
Deepa Iyer, Executive Director, South Asian Americans Leading Together
WCL Professor Cynthia Jones (*87), DDC member
WCL Professor Jamin Raskin, Maryland State Senator (District 20)

Robert Raben, the Raben Group
Jayesh Rathod, Practitioner in Residence
Judy Smith ('86), Impact Strategies
Craig Thompson, Owner Thompson Communications and Partner, Venable LLP (returning)
Jacqueline Trescott, the *Washington Post* (returning)

A reception for program participants will follow the program. The day will end with the annual dinner for DDC members and students only, where the topics of such as bar passage, networking, and professionalism will be taken up in informal dinner conversation. No fee is required, but participants must register. **Students MUST RSVP for admission to the dinner. all are welcome.**

Please register and/or RSVP at http://www.wcl.american.edu/secle/cle_form.cfm

For more information, please contact:

Office of Special Events & Continuing Legal Education,

American University Washington College of Law

Phone: 202.274.4075; Fax: 202.274.4079; or secle@wcl.american.edu

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

Restricted Scholarship Notice

Committee deliberations have been delayed. Updates on the decision timeline will be provided as the process proceeds.

Supplemental Loans

If you plan to borrow additional funds, apply now. Private loan offerings, including bar study loans, are in short supply. Information and links to lenders still offering private loan products can be found at: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/finaid/alternativeloan.cfm>.

Note: Federal Stafford and Grad Plus loans remain available to meet in-school costs.

Cost of Attendance

Requests for budget adjustments are growing in number. It is therefore necessary to publicize that the cost of attendance is defined by Department of Education regulations as an estimate of educational expenses for a specified period of enrollment and must be applied uniformly to all students. Budget increases are limited to exceptional circumstances which must be documented; further, such adjustments are subject to strict application of federal guidelines. Budget increases are intended as the exception not the rule; it is also important to remember that increased eligibility adds to long-term debt and interest expenses.

Last Work Day ~ Dean's Fellows

The last day of work for the term is the last day of classes, December 4.

Full-time Students - Spring Course Load

Please notify the office if you will take a reduced course load spring term. For financial aid purposes fewer than 12 credits constitutes part-time study and limits aid to the part-time cost of attendance allotment. Aid must be adjusted if your status changes. (*Full-time cost of attendance =*

\$29,960 per semester; part-time = \$23,942.) **Note: full-time enrollment is a condition of award for need-based grant eligibility.**

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.

Public Interest/Public Service Information

Updates on the federal Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program are available at: www.ibrinfo.org.

2009-2010 Financial Aid

The time is drawing near. Although processing does not begin until after January 1, FAFSA renewal notices will soon be issued by the Department of Education. You must reapply to receive financial aid, i.e., Stafford and Grad Plus loans. Be sure your contact information is current with the processing center. Updates can be made at: www.fafsa.ed.gov. Call (800) 4-FED-AID if you have questions.

Outside Scholarships

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

OFFICE OF PUBLIC INTEREST

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

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.

Alternative Winter Break Applications Now Available – Due November 14

Three years later, the Gulf Coast continues to deal with the devastation of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and now Hurricane Ike has dealt a similar blow to the region. Your service is needed as much now as ever. Last year's trip to the Gulf Coast saw WCL take the largest group of law students in the country. Help make this year's trip even more successful!! The due date this year is **November 14**, by 12:00pm. Priority will be given to the first 40 students to return the application! Applications can be picked up and returned to Suite 122. Please contact ahr@wcl.american.edu if you have any questions.

Equal Justice America Fellowships Available for Spring Semester

Equal Justice America provides fellowships of **up to \$1,500** to students who work during the Spring 2009 semester for organizations providing direct civil legal assistance for the poor. Students must secure a part-time (at least 120 hours) placement for Spring 2009 working for a legal services organization. Students may also apply for a fellowship if they are unable to work a full 120 hours. The grant would be reduced on a pro-rated basis. Visit the Equal Justice America website at <http://www.equaljusticeamerica.org> for more information.

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:

1L Public Interest Roundtable Series, Thursday, November 20: 1Ls are invited to join Professor Anthony Varona for lunch on Thursday, November 20 from 12:00-1:20 p.m. in room 524. Prof. Varona (<http://www.wcl.american.edu/faculty/varona/>) will discuss his work as legal director for the Human Rights Campaign and founding chairperson of the AIDS Action Council's Legal Advisory Board. 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 by Monday, November 17. Registration is limited. Food will be provided.

Pro Bono Honors Pledge Program:

“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>.

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

**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

NOVEMBER 17

[Justice and the New Administration](#)

NOVEMBER 19

[Seven Hours From Death: A Conversation with William Neal Moore](#)

NOVEMBER 20

[Global Governance and the WTO: A Conversation About the Evolution of the WTO Dispute Settlement Mechanism and its Future](#)

NOVEMBER 20

[Dean's Diversity Council Program & Dinner](#)

NOVEMBER 21

[The Bailout Bill and the Rule of Law: A Public Participatory Roundtable on Plugging the Bill's Procedural Leaks](#)

**SAVE THE DATES!
FALL 2008**

DECEMBER 2

[Conference in connection with the 60th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights](#)

**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 Event

**KATRINA/RITA AWARENESS WEEK AT AU/WCL FEATURING THE
KATRINARITAVILLE EXPRESS**

Through Friday November 14, 2008

Co-sponsored by Student Activists for Katrina/Rita Survivors (SAKS), Action for Human Rights, AU Alternative Spring Break, and Campus Progress

Through Friday November 14, the 9th Annual Human Rights Film Series will be shifting its focus to the human rights concerns still plaguing the Gulf Coast area three years after Hurricane Katrina. On Thursday, AU's Center for Social Media will screen the third part of *When the Levees Broke* and host a discussion with Oscar-nominated producer **Sam Pollard** at the AU Weschler Theater.

Throughout the week, the KatrinaRitaVille FEMA trailer will be on campus to educate the campus community as well as the larger DC community about ongoing housing issues on the Gulf - brought by Gulf Coast activist **Derrick Evans**, founder and executive director of Turkey Creek Community Initiatives (TCCI), an organization serving the Mississippi Gulf Coast community settled by freed African-American ancestors in 1866. More than 150,000 Americans lived in Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) trailers following Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Today, more than 36,000 remain in them three years later. The tiny 8 ft x 30 ft (240 sq ft) trailers - found to have elevated and dangerous amounts of the cancer causing gas Formaldehyde - were intended to house families of up to 6.

We hope that you will be able to join us for the remaining activities this week. All screenings and discussions are free and open to the public. For more information contact Amelia Parker at aparker@wcl.american.edu or visit the Center's website at www.wclcenterforhr.org.

**The Nuts and Bolts of Doing Human Rights Work on the Gulf Coast
Thursday, November 13, 12pm-1:20pm (AU McDowell Formal Lounge)**
Derrick Evans, from Turkey Creek Community Initiatives, and **Steve Spires**, organizer with the AU Alternative Spring Break trip, will discuss ways to get involved with helping out on Gulf Coast recovery projects.

- **When the Levees Broke (runtime - 64 minutes)**

Thursday, November 13, 5:30pm, AU Weschler Theatre

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.

- **KatrinaRitaVille FEMA Trailer**
Thursday, Nov. 13 – Friday, Nov. 14, 9am – 6pm, AU Quad Visit this trailer to learn about housing issues facing KatrinaRita victims.

SAVE THE DATE: REALIZING THE PROMISE OF HUMAN RIGHTS: EXAMINING THE FIRST 60 YEARS AND BEYOND
Tuesday, December 2, 2008 (9am-5pm, Room 603)

As part of the global celebration of the 60th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), American University Washington College of Law and the American Society for International Law will present a day-long conference examining the past, present, and future of this landmark document. Yale Law School Dean **Harold Koh** will deliver the keynote address, *The Politics of Implementation: The Role of Human Rights in Foreign Policy*. For more information and to register, please contact: Office of Special Events & Continuing Legal Education, American University Washington College of Law, 202.274.4075 or www.wcl.american.edu/seclce.

EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Room 413 (202) 274-4200

www.wcl.american.edu/externship

M, W, F: 9 am – 6:15 pm; T, Th. 10:25 am-6:00pm; (evening hours available on request)
externship@wcl.american.edu Avis Sanders, Director Gregory Seidell, Program Assistant

Important Registration information for Spring Externs:

Seminars: If you are planning to receive credit for your field placement, you must register for a seminar. Seminars are listed under **LAW-769**. If you are unable to find a seminar that fits your schedule, please contact our office **right away**. *Students who fail to register for a seminar will be ineligible to receive academic credit for their externship.*

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

All 3 credit externships meet for two hours plus an additional hour every other week in small groups.

International Externship Information: INFORMATION SESSION Thursday, November 13, 2008 in room 602.

The Externship Program is proud to offer many diverse legal opportunities abroad. Placements are available at international courts and tribunals, non-profits, governments, law firms, and worldwide NGO's and IGO's. Students participating in the International Externship Program receive up to 3 academic credits for working in legal placements around the world and three credits for the concurrent Long Distance Externship Seminar (required) for a total of six credits. To apply to the

International Externship Program, come by suite 413 to pick up an application or go to the Externship Program website at www.wcl.american.edu/externship to download an application. **The deadline for applications is November 17th.** 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. Information Session is TODAY, Thursday, November 13th at 4:00 pm in room 602.

Many Spring 2009 Externships are Still Available:

Many employers are currently seeking WCL spring externs. 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.” Note: Almost all employers listed in our database, regardless of whether or not they replied to our recent request, are anxious to hire externs at this time as the number of field placements is much greater than the number of applicants during the spring semester. ***U.S. Government Agencies, including the Securities & Exchange Commission & DOJ all have early deadlines; please prepare your applications accordingly.***

Prestigious Summer 2009 International Externships: The International Chamber of Commerce – Court of Arbitration and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in Costa Rica have agreed to accept qualified. *Students interested in these or other international externships should stop by the Externship Office and fill out an international externship Questionnaire.*

-International Chamber of Commerce-Court of Arbitration: The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) is the world's leading organization in the field of international commercial dispute resolution. Established in 1923 as the arbitration body of ICC, the International Court of Arbitration has pioneered international commercial arbitration as it is known today. *Students must have professional or educational background in arbitration. 2Ls preferred.*

-Inter-American Court of Human Rights: Created by the Organization of American States in 1979 as an autonomous judicial institution charged to apply and interpret the American Convention on Human Rights, a treaty drafted by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in 1967 and adopted by the OAS in 1969. *Fluent Spanish is required. 2Ls and LLM students preferred.*

NEW LISTINGS:

-International Fund for Agricultural Development: The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) is a specialized agency of the United Nations. It was established to finance agricultural development projects primarily for food production in the developing countries. The position is in Rome, Italy.

-Friends of the Earth, Middle East: Friends of the Earth Middle East (FoEME) brings together Jordanian, Palestinian, and Israeli environmentalists. Their primary objective is the promotion of cooperative efforts to protect a shared environmental heritage. In so doing, they seek to advance both sustainable regional development and the creation of necessary conditions for lasting peace in the region. FoEME has offices in Amman, Bethlehem, and Tel-Aviv.

Externship Database

To learn about externship employers, search the Employer Database. This is not the same database as Careerlink. 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/>

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Washington College of Law Recycling

WCL is fortunate to have a waste management contractor that does not require pre-sorting. This makes it possible to recycle without having to have multiple containers in the building.

Since August 2002, WCL has been part of a unique "two bag - one collector" recycling program utilized by the entire AU Campus. WCL's waste management contractor collects all of our accumulated trash and breaks it down again into wastes and recyclables at their plant. This makes it possible to collect all of our trash in either clear bags or black bags. Black bags are used in bathroom containers and kitchen containers. Clear bags are used at every other container location and offices.

Black bags are not broken down at the plant but go directly to waste processing. The clear bags are opened at the plant and the contents separated into recyclable materials. WCL receives a report of how much material was recycled from our total trash weight collected and picked up from our trash compactor. At the end of each month the contractor provides WCL with its portion of any recycling rebate. This is used to off-set the total cost of waste management at WCL.

Using a separate company, WCL also collects and recycles all replaced fluorescent tubes used in the building.

Please visit the Facilities Management website to view the most recent recycling numbers at: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/facilities/recycling.cfm>

PENCE LAW LIBRARY

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

Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 12:00 am

Saturday – Sunday 9:00 am -12:00 am

24 hour access to the Library is available to currently enrolled WCL students, faculty and staff by using your ID in the card swipe at the entrance.

Thanksgiving Weekend Holiday Hours

Thursday, November 27, 2008 the Library will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Friday, November 28, 2008 the Library will be open 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday, November 29 - 30 the Library will be open regular hours 9:00 am – 12:00 am

During reading period and exams, December 5 - 20, 2008, access to the Pence Law Library will be limited to WCL and AU students, faculty, and staff, and WCL alumni and Government Depository users.

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.

Calling all student authors! If you have an article accepted for publication or recently published by a law review or other scholarly journal, please send your name, article title, and journal title to Billie Jo Kaufman, Associate Dean for Library and Information Resources at bkaufman@wcl.american.edu. The Library will host a reception in early March to honor student scholarship efforts and we don't want to leave anyone out!

Group Study Rooms Groups of current WCL students can sign up for one of our 14 study rooms up to one week in advance at the Circulation Desk. See library.wcl.american.edu/circulation.cfm (scroll down for the exact language) for details on the use of these rooms.

Help the Library Go Green! Turn off your carrel lights when you stop studying and use duplex printing whenever possible. Library printers **Yoda, Dilbert, Rocky and Researchtoo printers can print on both sides of paper.** To set this utility up on your laptop follow these instructions: To check to make sure that your printer driver is configured for duplexing click on your **'Start'** button, then choose (depending on your start menu setup) **'Printers and Faxes'** OR **'Settings'**, then **'Control Panel'** then **'Printers and Faxes'**. You should see a list of installed printers. Right click on the printer you wish to print to and choose **'Properties'** from the right click menu. Then click on the **'Device Settings'** tab. Towards the bottom of the list of available settings you will see **'Duplex Unit'** this should be set to **"Installed"** then click **'OK'**. **To Print:** Click on **'File'** then choose the **'Print'** option. Click on the **'Properties'** button near the top right. Under the **'Layout'** tab there will be options for **'Print on Both Sides'** just choose the style you want

either flip on long or short edge. Click on the 'OK' button to set your choice and click 'OK' again to send your print job to the printer. Step by step instructions are also posted at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/technology/ipp.cfm> and include special instructions for Apple computers. Questions? Stop by the Student Computer Help Desk on the 2nd floor of the Library or email comptech@wcl.american.edu .

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

PROGRAM ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT

Please join the **Program on Law and Government on Monday, November 17 from 11am-3pm** for an event entitled, "**Justice and the New Administration**". On the heels of the 2008 election, American University Washington College of Law will convene a high-level conference aimed at framing the agenda for the Department of Justice in the next administration. The conference will include two panels focusing on timely and critical issues: civil rights, including voting rights, affirmative action, education, and religion; and the Office of Legal Counsel, examining the Office's role in formulating legal opinions on issues ranging from the Second Amendment to torture. Lunch will be included.

When Congress Sues the Executive: Compelling Top Bush Aides to Testify

On **Tuesday, November 18 at 12 noon in Room 524**, the Legislation and Policy Roundtable and the Program on Law and Government invite you to attend a discussion with Irv Nathan, general counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives, on the lawsuit over the testimony and production of documents related to the 2006 firing of 9 U.S. Attorneys. The lawsuit handled by Mr. Nathan on behalf of the House seeks to compel former White House Counsel Harriet Miers and White House Chief of Staff Joshua Bolten to comply with House oversight. Mr. Nathan, a former senior partner at Arnold & Porter, was named general counsel to the House by Speaker Nancy Pelosi. Lunch will be served.

The Bailout Bill And The Rule Of Law: A Public Participatory Roundtable On Plugging The Bill's Procedural Leaks

This conference will discuss four significant problem areas in the recently enacted bailout bill and will follow up with suggested clarifications and amendments: (a) overlapping oversight mechanisms; (b) absence of processes for public participation in major decisions; (c) unclear and conflicting mandates on transparency; and (d) uncertain judicial review as a meaningful check.

Friday, November 21, 2008 9:00 am -- 3:00 pm Room 603

WAR CRIMES RESEARCH OFFICE

The WCRO invites you to apply to compete in the Jean-Pictet International Humanitarian Law Competition

The WCRO has begun preparing for the 2009 Jean-Pictet Competition. Unlike a moot court competition, the Jean-Pictet competition is a week-long international humanitarian law exercise involving simulated diplomatic negotiations. It's an excellent opportunity for students to immerse themselves in the study and practice of the laws of war and international criminal law.

We are looking for three students (J.D. or LL.M) who are interested in representing WCL in this year's competition, which will be held in Evian-les-Bains (in the French Alps, on the shores of Lake Geneva) from March 28 through April 4. WCL's participation in the Jean-Pictet Competition is dependent on the qualifications of its team members. Therefore, selection is competitive. Students with experience in humanitarian or international criminal law are particularly encouraged to apply for our team. Interested applicants should send us their names, year, resume, transcript (unofficial is fine), and a description of any experience with international criminal / humanitarian law, as well as answers to one of the following questions:

On May 30, 2008, a Convention on Cluster Munitions was adopted. Draft a critical assessment of this new treaty: what are the main contributions of the Convention to International Humanitarian Law, and what are its weaknesses?

During a non-international armed conflict on State X's territory, an organized armed group captures three members of the government armed forces. The organized armed group decides to transfer those detainees to the authorities of State Y, the neighbour of State X.

What is the status of the detainees on the territory of State Y?

Responses to each question should be limited to 500 words.

Note, applicants who will be 30 years old or older on the day the competition begins do not qualify for the competition. Any person who has previously attended the Competition is also ineligible to compete.

Email your application to warcimes@wcl.american.edu. **The deadline for applications is Monday, November 24th at 10 am.**

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

Graduating Class of 2009 Class Gift Committee - Commemorate your accomplishments at WCL by coming together as a class! Get involved with the Graduating Class Gift Committee and help determine the mark that the Class of 2009 will make before you graduate!! For more information, please email Dianne Buckley, Assistant Director of Annual Giving at dbuckley@wcl.american.edu or call on 202.274.4056.

Black Law Students Association

BLSA WEEK: a five-day series of events meant to promote the organization's goals of fostering unity amongst members, celebrating diversity, and serving the community. BLSA Week will kick off on Monday, November 17th and conclude on Friday, November 21st. Please see the list of events below.

1) Food & Clothing Drive (all week): Embrace the generous spirit of Thanksgiving and give back to the community! Please donate canned food to be given to the Capital Area Food Bank and used clothing/blankets to be given to My Sister's Place, a shelter for battered women and their children.

BLSA will be collecting donations in the lobby all week.

2) Bake Sale (Monday, 11/17): Enjoy delicious baked goods for sale in the lobby! All proceeds will benefit the Washington Middle School for Girls located in the Anacostia region of DC (www.washingtonmiddleschoolforgirls.org).

3) Alumni Dinner (Tuesday, 11/18): BLSA will be hosting its annual Alumni Dinner on Tuesday, November 18th from 6:30 to 8:30pm in the JD Student Lounge (on the 6th floor). This year, we have the privilege of having WCL alumnus, Portia Brown, speak at our dinner. She is a 2001 WCL graduate and is currently working at the Department of Justice. Please come and help BLSA honor Ms. Brown along with other prominent WCL alumni. **Lastly, this event will feature a delicious three-course meal and it is FREE! Don't miss this great networking opportunity!! Please RSVP by e-mailing blsa@wcl.american.edu with your full name and year.**

4) A Two-Part Event for 1Ls: Summer Job Search From the Minority Perspective and Exam-Taking Techniques (Wednesday, 11/19): Get a headstart on finding a job and studying for exams by joining BLSA for an exciting event: Landing a Job and Making the Grades--The Minority Perspective on the Summer Job Search and Exam Taking. On **Wednesday, November 19, 2008 in the International Student Lounge at 6:30 p.m.**, the Black Law Student Association is holding a panel focused on the Minority job search. The panel will include practitioners, professors, and law students who will discuss their job search experience as minorities. Eliza Musallam from OCPD will be the moderator. Assistant U.S. Attorney Mervin Bourne along with other practitioners and law students will give their perspective from the private, public interest, and government sector. The panel will also give exam advice, and discuss exam taking techniques. The Topic What is your secret to Success on Law School Exams. Please RSVP to Anna Bercaw at anna.bercaw@gmail.com by **Tuesday Nov. 18th at 2 p.m.**

5) Dean's Diversity Council Annual Program and Dinner (Thursday, 11/20): BLSA will be co-sponsoring the Dean's Diversity Council event, "The Intersection of Media, Law, and Politics: Part II," along with the Office of Diversity Services. This event will run from 4 to 6pm and will feature an all-star panel that will be participating in a post-mortem discussion on the recent election. This discussion will be immediately followed by dinner. **Please RSVP on the WCL website using the "special events" link.** More information about this event can be found in the Docket announcements under the Office of Diversity Services heading.

6) BLSA Happy Hour (Friday, 11/21): In order to reconnect and let loose before the brutal exam period, we encourage all members to come out to BLSA Happy Hour! Time and location TBD. This event will substitute for family dinner this month and will most likely be the final BLSA social event of the semester. Don't miss out!!

Federalist Society

Luncheon Debate- Come hear a debate between WCL Professor Robert Tsai and Ilya Shapiro of the Cato Institute over Professor Tsai's book: [Eloquence and Reason: Creating a First Amendment Culture](#). Chipotle Burritos will be served.

Tuesday, November 18th 12:00-1:00pm Room 503

Legislation and Policy Roundtable

When Congress Sues the Executive: Compelling Top Bush Aides to Testify

On **Tuesday, November 18 at 12 noon in Room 524**, the Legislation and Policy Roundtable and the Program on Law and Government invite you to attend a discussion with Irv Nathan, general counsel to the U.S. House of Representatives, on the lawsuit over the testimony and production of documents related to the 2006 firing of 9 U.S. Attorneys. The lawsuit handled by Mr. Nathan on behalf of the House seeks to compel former White House Counsel Harriet Miers and White House Chief of Staff Joshua Bolten to comply with House oversight. Mr. Nathan, a former senior partner at Arnold & Porter LLP, was named general counsel to the House by Speaker Nancy Pelosi. Lunch will be served.

Modern American

BECOME AN EDITOR FOR THE MODERN AMERICAN:

Are you interested in cutting edge legal issues affecting race, gender, class, religion, and sexuality? Do you want to be a part of one of WCL's fastest growing publications? Then come **join our staff!** *The Modern American* is WCL's student-run publication dedicated to diversity and the law. Our mission is to provide a forum for a frank, yet healthy discourse of issues facing minority groups within the United States today. Specifically, the publication discusses the legal system's treatment of racial, sexual, ethnic and other underrepresented people. We will be accepting applications for Junior Staff, Articles Editors, and Publications Editors, starting **November 10, 2008**.

To apply, please email a cover letter explaining why you are interested in joining *The Modern American* and what positions you are applying for, resume, and writing sample to tma@wcl.american.edu. The application packet, including instructions, is currently available on *The Modern American* website. Apply soon, and please note the **deadline is November 23, at midnight.**

Feel free to check out our past issues on the stands at Pence library or online at <http://wcl.american.edu/modernamerican/>.

Phi Alpha Delta

Tuesday, November 18, 12-1 PM in Room 401: Phi Alpha Delta's "Quick & Dirty Tips for Summer 2009." Lunch provided.

Phi Alpha Delta's "Quick & Dirty Tips for Summer 2009" (Tuesday, November 18, 12-1 PM in Room 401) - Attention all 1Ls! It is not too early to start thinking about what you want to do next summer. In fact, some deadlines occur in December and January, before and during Winter Break. Phi Alpha Delta has put together a panel of 2Ls and 3Ls that will give you the low-down on how they secured their legal internships/externships/jobs as a 1L. You won't want to miss out! Lunch will be provided.

Hot Chocolate & Apple Cider Social

Come one and all and join PAD next Thursday as we wind down the week with a few hours of good company, hot beverages, and a classic legal film. Join the largest legal fraternity in the nation's local Brandeis chapter for a few hours of stress-free, seasonal, fun and film. **Free** for all PAD members and only **\$2** for everyone else! We hope to see you there! Look for the billboard in the Lobby next week. **Thursday, November 20, 4 - 7 pm. Room: 415; Film: TBA**

IN SEARCH OF

The War Crimes Research Office (WCRO) is seeking Dean's Fellows for Spring 2009. JDs (2L and 3L) and LL.M students are eligible to work on major legal research projects prepared exclusively for international criminal courts and tribunals on issues of critical importance to these institutions. Interested students with a background in public international law, particularly international criminal / humanitarian / human rights law, are especially encouraged to apply, as are those with prior volunteer experience at the WCRO. The time commitment will be 20 hours per week. Please submit a resume and a cover letter, along with a short writing sample and a transcript (unofficial is fine) to Susana SáCouto, Director, War Crimes Research Office, by email at warcimes@wcl.american.edu. The deadline for applications is Monday, December 1st.

VOLUNTEERS

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

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

The Marshall-Brennan Constitutional Literacy Project needs your help!!!! We will host our annual fall Moot Court competition for the high school students in our D.C.-area classes on Saturday, November 22, 2008. The day-long event will take place at the E. Barrett Prettyman Federal Courthouse at 3rd St. and Constitution Ave. NW. We need 1Ls to help out with a wide variety of tasks on November 22. For 1Ls, this is a great way to learn more about the program, to get to greet and observe the high school students in the Marshall-Brennan Project and to meet and talk with this year's Marshall-Brennan teachers, most of whom are current 2Ls. You can sign up for the whole day or any part of the day. Contact Steve Wermiel, associate director of the Marshall-Brennan Project, at 202-274-4263 or swermiel@wcl.american.edu.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Turkey Summer Law Program will hold a Question-and-Answer session on Tuesday, November 18 at noon in room 501.

Have you ever been to Istanbul, Ephesus, Ankara or the Aegean Sea?

Istanbul's location is prime, the education first-rate, extracurricular activities abound, and the opportunity to travel after the program awaits. This unforgettable experience will change your views on the world and in the area of international law. Turkey Summer Law Program participants earn six credits for the two courses: (1) International Legal Perspectives on the Rule of Law, Human Rights, and Current Issues in Turkey, Central Asia and the Middle East and (2) Legal Perspectives on Business and Investment

Issues in Turkey. Students will gain a better understanding of the social and political developments in the Middle East and Central Asia regions in general and of Turkey in particular, including human rights, environment and security issues. For additional Information please see the Turkey Summer Law Program's brochure at <http://www.wcl.american.edu/turkey>. Lunch will be provided.

Spring Semester: SOCIAL JUSTICE RESEARCH SEMINAR

This country is currently undergoing a major economic crisis which will have its worst effects on those at the bottom of the economic ladder; unfortunately, the recent election paid almost no attention to these people even though they number in the tens of millions and are increasing all the time.

This course consists of discussions led by experts on issues affecting these Americans. We will discuss unemployment and underemployment, homelessness, migrant workers, the public schools, AIDS, as well as tax, health care and other relevant public policies. In addition to the in-class work, students will intern at some of the public policy centers in the DC area working on these problems. The seminar meets Tuesdays at 4 pm and is taught by Professor Herman Schwartz.

Environmental Externship Seminar w/ Professor Snape

Spots are still available for the Environmental Externship Seminar (769-007), where you can gain 4-6 credits working for such exciting places as Natural Resources Defense Council, Greenpeace, Department of Justice, E.P.A., the D.C. Government, Capitol Hill, National Wildlife Federation, Defenders of Wildlife or any other public interest entity (including pro bono firms or arms of firms). The externship is supplemented by practical teaching by a twenty-year veteran of environmental legal policy battles, and includes guest speakers who are leaders in the field. Please contact wsnape@wcl.american.edu with a resume for more information.

ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES LAW SCHOLARSHIPS

Professor Jim Day announces the Spring Semester '09 Energy & Natural Resource Law Fund scholarships to encourage student interest in the fields. Cash scholarships are awarded each semester for the best exam or paper in the following courses:

The Regulation of Energy (3 credits)

Federal Public Lands and Natural Resources seminar (2 credits)

Advanced Oil & Gas Law seminar (2 credits)

In the spirit of Thanksgiving and to honor American Indian Heritage month, *Harvest of Hope: A Symposium on Reconciliation* will take place on **Thursday, November 13, 2008, from 4:00 – 6:30 pm in the Rasmuson Theater at the National Museum of the American Indian, 4th Street and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC.** The symposium focuses on topical issues of reconciliation and highlights national apologies made to Native peoples. This non-partisan public program covers the eloquent apology recently issued by the Canadian government for the abuse and cultural loss suffered by Aboriginal peoples in Canada's residential schools. The forum includes a

presentation on the official apology from the United States government to Native Americans that was recently passed in the U.S. Senate as well as a discussion of reconciliation efforts in Guatemala and the government apology for human rights abuses in that country. A wrap-up presentation examines the issues involved in apologies and reconciliation processes in a broad scope.

Distinguished speakers include: Caroline Davis, Assistant Deputy Minister, Resolution and Individual Affairs, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, Government of Canada; Phil Fontaine (Sagkeeng First Nation), National Chief, Assembly of First Nations, Canada; Ben Nighthorse Campbell (Northern Cheyenne), former United States Senator from Colorado, currently senior policy advisor in the Washington, D.C., office of Holland & Knight; Victor Montejo (Jakalteq Maya), University of California, Davis; formerly Minister of Peace in the Guatemalan Republic and member of the Guatemalan National Congress; Gabrielle Tayac (Piscataway), historian, National Museum of the American Indian. The program is free and open to the public.

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

2008 Fall Recruitment Program Reminders

Direct Application: Natural Resources Defense Council – The organization is recruiting 2L-Day and 3L-Evening students for its 2009 Summer Legal Internship in the following locations: Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York, Washington, DC, and Chicago. **Deadline to Apply: Friday, Nov. 14 at 11:59PM**

Direct Application: DOJ, Office of Justice Programs – 2009 SMART Summer Internship. OJP runs its own summer intern program; law students would be brought on by OJP and could then be assigned to the SMART Office. **Deadline to Apply: Friday, November 21, 2008 via <http://www.usajobs.gov>** (Search title: "Grants and Program Support Intern (OA)")

Direct Application: Cleveland Clinic's Office of General Counsel is now accepting applications for the 2009 Summer Associate Program. Special consideration will be given to 2Ls and those law students who demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career in the health care field. **Deadline to Apply: Sunday, November 30 at 11:59PM**

Notice Regarding 2008 Summer Evaluations and the Student Professional Network

Many thanks to those who joined OCPD's Student Professional Network by adding 2008 Summer Employment Evaluations to CareerLink. OCPD is currently collecting information regarding

students' summer and academic year employment experiences for the purpose of updating the Student Professional Network, which current WCL students can use to reach out to one another and inquire about specific employers and employment experiences.

As a law student, your peers are some of the most valuable professional contacts you have. If you have not already done so, please contribute to this valuable job search resource by completing a brief evaluation on CareerLink . You can choose whether to share your contact information with current WCL students or to remain anonymous. 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.

Instructions for accessing the evaluation: Log on to CareerLink at <http://law-american-csm.symphlicity.com/students>. You will find the link "Student Summer Evaluation" under "Quick Links" on your CareerLink homepage. Click that hyperlink, and select "Add New" on the subsequent page. If you do not know your log in information, please send an email to careerdevelopment@wcl.american.edu.

Public Interest & Government

Save the Date – Washington, DC/Baltimore Public Service Career Fair

The **Washington, D.C./Baltimore Public Service Career Fair** will be held on **Friday, January 30, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.** at George Mason University School of Law in Arlington, Virginia (the location is Metro accessible.) Student registration for the career fair opens Friday, November 21, 2008. Additional information about the registration process will be available shortly.

INTERESTED IN Government Employment?

Please review the **Government Honors & Internship Handbook** on the home page of CareerLink regularly. There are still opportunities for 3L/4Ls, as well as summer opportunities for 1Ls (starting December 1) and 2Ls. Depending on student level, **Tables 2, 3 and 4 in the Handbook** provide the best guidance regarding upcoming deadlines. If you have any questions about government job search strategies, please contact OCPD to schedule an appointment with a career counselor.

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 the CareerLink homepage to access the online version and username and password.

Judicial Clerkships & Internships

ATTENTION 1Ls/2Ls:

Interested in obtaining a judicial internship/externship for summer 2009? Hear from WCL students who worked within federal and state courts on Tuesday, November 18 **from 12-1 in Room 401**. Get all the information you need to apply. Pizza will be provided, so an **RSVP** in the Events section of CareerLink is **required**.

Paid Judicial Internship Opportunity for 1Ls/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. 1Ls may begin applying December 1. 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

\$7500 1L DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP!!!!!! Davis Wright Tremaine LLP is offering three scholarships (two positions in the Seattle office and one position in the Portland office) which consists of a paid Summer Clerkship AND \$7500 towards the students’ second year tuition and expenses. For more information and full application materials, please contact Eliza Park Musallam at Musallam@wcl.american.edu or 202-274-4339. The deadline for application submissions is **January 21, 2009**.

ARENT FOX DIVERSITY \$15,000 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: The firm will award three **first-year law students \$15,000**. The scholarship recipients will also join Arent Fox’s 2009 Summer Associate Program; one will summer in Los Angeles, one in New York City and one in Washington, DC. **Applications will be accepted from December 1, 2008 through January 15, 2009 only.** For more information, including information regarding program eligibility and application requirements, please visit <http://www.arentfox.com/firm/diversity/index.cfm?fa=scholarship>

FAEGRE & BENSON DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP FOR 1LS!!!!!! The firm will offer **two \$12,000 scholarships** as well as a Summer Associate position in one of the U.S. offices between the students’ first and second years of law school. To be eligible for the scholarship, candidates must be currently enrolled in a J.D. program in 2008-2009 with an anticipated graduation date of

2011. Scholarship recipients will receive \$6,000 for their second year of law school and an additional \$6,000 for their third year. Scholarship recipients will be chosen partly on the basis of a short essay that explores how diversity has influenced their lives and how it affects the legal profession. **Applications are due January 9, 2009.** The Diversity Scholarship Announcement and Application Form on the firm's website at <http://www.faegre.com/diversityscholarship>.

1L DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM!!!!

Bullivant Houser Bailey PC, a leading West Coast law firm, is offering two first-year law students with **salaried summer associate positions** (one in the Sacramento office and one in the San Francisco office) and a **\$7,500 fellowship** for use during the student's second year of law school. For **FULL** information about the necessary application materials and candidate requirements, please contact Eliza Park Musallam at Musallam@wcl.american.edu or at 202-274-4339. All students applying for the 2009 Law Student Diversity Fellowship Program must submit their application **no later than Wednesday, January 21, 2009.** For more information on Bullivant Houser Bailey PC please visit www.bullivant.com

PROCTOR & GAMBLE COMPANY and DINSMORE & SHOHL DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM: 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 or send inquiries to dinsmore.legalrecruiting@dinslaw.com.

2009 MINORITY FELLOWSHIP IN 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

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

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

*** For more information on DIVERSITY INITIATIVES, please visit <https://law-american-csm.symplicity.com/> and search under “JOBS & RESUME COLLECTION” for fellowships and scholarships, or search under the “EVENTS” tab on CareerLink for JOB FAIRS, RECEPTIONS, AND OTHER NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES.***

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

**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.

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 November 17, 2008

All week (M-F), 9 AM-8PM, WCL Lobby: Mock Trial and Moot Court 1L competition sign-ups

Monday, November 17

WCL lobby, BLSA Bake Sale

11am-3pm, Rm 603, "Justice and the New Administration"

Tuesday, November 18

12pm, Rm 501, Turkey Summer Law Program Q&A session

12-1pm, Rm 503, Luncheon Debate Eloquence and Reason: Creating a First Amendment Culture

12pm, Rm 524, When Congress Sues the Executive: Compelling Top Bush Aides to Testify

12-2pm, JD Stu Lounge, Seven Hours From Death: A Conversation with William Neal Moore

12-1 pm, Rm 401, "Quick & Dirty Tips for Summer 2009"

12-1:20pm, Rm 401, Judicial Internship Panel, RSVP Required to camiller@wcl.american.edu

6:30-8:30pm, JD Student Lounge, BLSA Alumni Dinner

Wednesday, November 19

6:30 p.m, Int'l Stu Lng, Summer Job Search From the Minority Perspective & Exam-Taking Techniques

Thursday, November 20

12-1:20pm, Rm 524, 1L Public Interest Roundtable Series

12-20pm, Rm 603, Global Governance and the WTO

3 -8pm, secle@wcl.american.edu, Dean's Diversity Council Program & Dinner

4-7pm, Rm 415, Phi Alpha Delta Hot Chocolate & Apple Cider Social

Friday, November 21st

9am-3pm, Rm 603, The Bailout Bill and the Rule of Law: A Public Participatory Roundtable on Plugging the Bill's Procedural Leaks