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≈ Calendar of Events ≈ Week of August 28, 2006

All events will be held in Myron Taylor Hall unless otherwise noted.

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

9:00 a.m.-5:10 p.m. Myron Taylor Hall. OCI #1 interviews. Details on page 5, Career column.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

9:00 a.m.-5:10 p.m. Myron Taylor Hall. OCI #1 interviews. Details on page 5, Career column.

3:00-7:00 p.m. Room 305. Office hours for Walter Bubl , Academic Support Counselor. Details on page 6, Walter Bubl 's column.

3:20 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Statler Hotel. OCI #1 interviews. Details on page 5, Career column.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

8:40 a.m.-12:00 Noon. Statler Hotel. OCI#1 interviews. Details on page 5, Career column.

9:00 a.m.-5:10 p.m. Myron Taylor Hall. OCI #1 interviews. Details on page 5, Career column.

1:00-5:00 p.m. Room 252. Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS). Free and confidential consultation for law students with Maurice Haltom Therapist/Counselor, Counseling and Psychological Services. Complete details on page 7, Maurice Haltom, CAPS column.

5:00-7:00 p.m. Room 305. Office hours for Walter Bubl , Academic Support Counselor. Details on page 6, Walter Bubl 's column.

8:00 p.m. End of Law School online Limited Enrollment Add-Drop. Details on page 2, Registrar's column.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

4:00-5:00 p.m. Saperston Student Lounge. Women's Law Coalition Introductory Meeting. Details on page 7, Student Organizations.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

4:00 p.m. End of Law School online Add-Drop. Details on page 2, Registrar's column.



FROM NAN COLVIN, REGISTRAR

Fall '06

- **Law School Registrar's Office Hours** - The Registrar's Office is open to the community Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. - Noon and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. The office is closed between Noon and 1:00 p.m. The telephone number is 255-7190. Our email address is: registrar@postoffice.law.cornell.edu
- **Upperclass course changes** - Students must add or drop **limited enrollment** courses by **8:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 30**. Students may add or drop **unlimited enrollment** law courses through **Friday, September 1, 4:00 p.m.** **Non-law courses must also be added or dropped by 4:00 p.m. on September 1**. Please remember to notify the Law School Registrar if you add or drop a non-law course through the University Online AddDrop.
- **Credit hour requirements** - During the second and third years, students may not register for fewer than 12 hours or more than 16 hours during any one term, or fewer than 26 hours in any one academic year. Exceptions to the credit hours requirements must be approved by Dean Lukingbeal. The Exception to Hours request form is on the Registrar's webpage under the Course Registration link. In addition, a student electing a course outside the Law School for credit or otherwise, must also register for at least 9 credit hours in the Law School each term. Regardless of the number of courses elected outside the Law School, a student must earn 72 of the required 84 semester credit hours in professional law subjects. No exceptions
- **University Registration** is complete once tuition and other financial obligations have been met. Tuition statements and payment information were sent by the Office of the University Bursar in July. **Please** give special attention to the dates regarding tuition payment and finance charges. In addition to finance charges, **a \$350 late fee will be assessed beginning September 15, 2006**.
- **Registration Status** - Students will determine their own registration status by signing on to **Just the Facts** on Bear Access. Computers are available in the Saperston Student Lounge, the Computer Lab and the Foyer to determine your registration status. **Just the Facts** will direct you to the appropriate office if your registration is incomplete. You will need your NetID to check your registration status.
- **Bursar's Office** - If **Just the Facts** indicates your registration is on hold for financial reasons, you must first stop by the Bursar's Office, 260 Day Hall to clear your student account by **September 15, 2006**, and then proceed to the Office of the University Registrar, B7 Day Hall.
- **Local Address Information** - Students who have not submitted their local address online at the Registrar's website for the online local address directory are asked to do so no later than **Friday, September 1**. Please submit the information even if you do not wish that it be displayed in the directory. This information is requested should the office need to contact you when you are not at the school. Just go to the Registrar's site at: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students> and click on **Update Your Local Address**. Students also need to update their local address for the University using **Just the Facts**, through UPortal/Bear Access .
- **Law School Directory Information** - Students who have not submitted their directory (Facebook) information at the Registrar's website are asked to do so no later than **Friday, September 1**. Just go to the Registrar's site at: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students> and click on **Update Your Directory Information**.

- **Student Transcripts - Official transcripts** are available only at the University Registrar's Office in B7 Day Hall. Processing time varies please allow 7-10 days for processing. **Internal (unofficial) transcripts** are available at the Law School Registrar's office (written request required). Please make the request for unofficial transcripts on-line at: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students> using the on-line Cornell Law School *Request Form* under the Academic Matters link. **Please remember** that we ask **you to make this request 24-hours in advance of your need for the materials.**

- **Loan Deferment Certifications** - Students who need to have loan deferments completed by the school need to submit them to the Registrar's Office, 160 Myron Taylor Hall, as quickly as possible to assure timely processing.

- **Bar Registration** - The rules of certain states (not New York) require notification of the intent to begin study of law or registration with the bar admission authorities when a person begins studying law. The student should obtain instructions from the proper authorities (usually the state board of bar examiners of the clerk of the court of highest jurisdiction) in the state in which the student intends to practice. The Registrar's Office has on hand bar information for interested students.

- **Lost & Found** - Lost items and articles are usually turned in to the Registrar's Office or to the Law Library.

- **Book and Coat Lockers** - Students who do not live in Hughes Hall have been assigned a book and coat locker. Most students will need to share a coat locker. Coat lockers assignments are available on the Registrar's website (under My Information) at <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students>

- **Mail Folders**("flexes") - Remember to check your mail folder daily for notices and remove your mail regularly. Please do not use the folder to keep books or for storage; there is not enough space.

- **Assignment Board** - Assignments and notices are posted in the glass case as they are received by the Registrar's Office. Students should also check for assignments on the course Blackboard site at: <http://blackboard.cornell.edu/>

- **Release of information** - A reminder to all students. Students asking faculty members to write recommendations will need to complete a release form with the Law School Registrar's Office if the faculty member wishes to view the student's record.

- **Attendance** - Regular attendance is required to sit for examinations, to receive a degree, and for certification to appropriate bar examiners. Irregular attendance or neglect of work may result in a student's being barred from taking an examination or being removed from the school.

- **Absences** - A student who must be absent from class for a period of three or more days should contact Associate Dean for Student Affairs Anne Lukingbeal and discuss the reasons for the absence.

- **Religious Holidays and the Academic Calendar** - The University policy concerning the academic calendar and religious holidays states, "In enacting the academic calendar, the University has scheduled classes, laboratories and examinations on religious holidays. It is the intent of the University that students who miss these activities because of religious observances be given adequate opportunity to make up the missed work." A faculty member may request audio or videotaping of a class if he or she wishes. Any student who seeks an accommodation should approach his or her instructor. All requests for taping must be submitted on-line to the IT Department at least 48 hours in advance. If you are requesting to videotape or record a professor's lecture, you must obtain the professor's permission prior to submitting an AV request. Students can find this request form on-line at the Registrar's site under *Academic Matters* or at: <http://www.lawschool.cornell.edu/informationtechnology/StuAV.pdf>

• **Room Reservations** - Room reservations are handled by the Law School Registrar's Office. Room reservations for all functions require advance notice of five (5) business days to process all necessary arrangements for staffing within a reasonable period of time. A reservation may be canceled if a classroom is needed to hold a makeup class. For room requests involving **AV support for after-hours or weekend events**, **10 days** advance notice is required.

• **Emergency Telephone Number**

On-Campus or Off-Campus call 911

for all safety, fire, medical, or other life threatening emergencies

On-Campus/Non-Emergency Telephone Numbers

Campus Police: 255-1111; Police Administration: 255-1113

Gannett Health Center: 255-5155

Environmental Health & Safety: 255-8200

Off-Campus/Non-Emergency Telephone Numbers

Ithaca Police: 272-3245 (in the City of Ithaca)

Cayuga Heights Police: 257-1011 (in the Village of Cayuga Heights)

Tompkins County Sheriff 272-2444 (if not in the City of Ithaca or Cayuga Heights)

New York State Police: 273-4671

Suicide & Crisis Counseling Services: 272-1616

Rape/Sexual Violence Hotline: 1-800-656-4673

FROM ANNE LUKINGBEAL, ASSOCIATE DEAN AND DEAN OF STUDENTS

• **Welcome to new students and welcome back to returning students!** As the academic year begins, I would like to remind you that all students are expected to be familiar with the contents of the Law School Code of Academic Integrity (Honor Code), the Law School Code of Professional Standards, and the Campus Code of Conduct. Incoming students should have received a new Cornell Law School Student Handbook in the form of an academic planner at orientation which contains these documents as well as other information. Upper class students will find the new Handbook in the flex room. The 2006-07 Student Handbook will soon be online at the Registrar's web site under the Cornell and Law School Policies link. If you are using the online version of the Handbook and won't be needing your print copy, we would appreciate it if you could drop it off at the Registrar's Office.

• **To the Class of 2009:** I hope that your first few weeks as a Cornell Law student are exciting, challenging, and productive. In the event that you would like to seek advice about any matter relating to your education, please feel free to make an appointment to see me. To do so, stop by the Registrar's Office or call my assistant, **Rosemary Lacey** at 255-0565.

• **Faculty Advisors:** You are also welcome to call on your primary faculty advisor (your small section teacher) or any of the following faculty members who have volunteered to serve as advisors:

Joel Atlas	room 321	255-1348
Larry Bush	room 106	255-3014
Angela Cornell	room G55	255-7497
Glenn Galbreath	room G51	255-4196
Steve Garvey	room 324	255-8589
Valerie Hans	room 222	255-0095
Sheri Johnson	room 108	255-6478
Julie Jones	room 340B	255-5858
Thomas Mills	room 353	255-5859
Andrea Mooney	room 319	255-9933
Annelise Riles	room 120	255-2330

- **Child care grants available to Law students with children under 12 through Cornell University program**

Cornell University's Child Care Grant Subsidy (CCGS) program for students is designed to assist Cornell University students with covering the costs of eligible child care, including infant and toddler day care, pre-school/pre-k programs, school holidays, summer camps and programs, and before/after school care. Students can receive a taxable grant subsidy of up to \$5,000 a year to assist with the cost of child care. Eligibility for the grant is based on annual household income, the age of child(ren) in care, and the student's annual cost of child care.

Applications are available in my office (room 165) or on line at <http://www.ohr.cornell.edu/benefits/childcareGrant/> Applications must be sent by U.S. mail and postmarked by the deadline, **September 10, 2006** to Child Care Grant Subsidy Program, Box 43, Day Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853. You will receive acknowledgment of your application via email. I would encourage interested students to submit an application.

- **New brochure about Ithaca gorges**

Kent Hubbell, Cornell University Dean of Students, together with **Peggy Beach**, Director of Campus Information, have produced a new brochure about the gorges. The material contains important safety information, especially about their dangers. 1L's received the brochure at Orientation. If you would like a copy of the brochure, stop by the Registrar's Office.

FROM KAREN COMSTOCK, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

2Ls and 3Ls: The U.S. Department of Justice Attorney Generals Honors Program and Summer Law Intern Program application deadline is **Monday, September 18.**

Learn more about opportunities available for new attorneys and interns, and advice about the application process on **Tuesday, September 5, 6:00 p.m. in the Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90)**. Presented by **Louis DeFalaise, Esq.**, Director, U.S. Department of Justice Office of Attorney Recruitment and Management.

FROM JOHN DEROSA, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR STUDENT SERVICES, LIZ PECK, DIRECTOR OF CAREER SERVICES & STACEY WILEY, ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR FOR CAREER SERVICES

- **1Ls: Welcome from the Career Services Office!** We will be meeting with you in small groups in October (by Lawyering section) to introduce ourselves and discuss the services that our office provides. We will be in touch via email prior to that time to let you know your specific Career Services Orientation time and location. Until then, welcome to Cornell Law School!

- **2Ls and 3Ls. OCIs. If you have an interview at the Statler Hotel:** Like the job fairs, interviews will be held in individual hotel rooms. Be sure to arrive in plenty of time to find out the room your interview is in. There is also a reception/check-in room for each Statler OCI. The reception room is where you will find Career Office staff, interview room numbers, refreshments, message boards, schedules, and the red research books. The reception room for each OCI will be posted on the Career Offices door the morning of the interviews, or, if possible, the night before. **If you have an interview in Myron Taylor Hall:** These interviews will take place in faculty, administrator, and student organization offices and classrooms in Myron Taylor Hall. On the day of the interview, check the Career Office door to find your interview room.

- **2Ls and 3Ls. Dean DeRosa's call-back interview workshop** (audio) is accessible via the Career Offices website (Explore Resources). Try to listen to the presentation before attending callbacks. If you have problems accessing the audio, please let us know.

- **3Ls.** If you worked for a law firm this past summer and **did not receive** a permanent offer of employment, it is extremely important to make an appointment with a counselor as soon as possible to discuss future job search strategies. Stop by the office or contact **Judy Mather** to make an appointment.

- **2Ls and 3Ls.** **NALP's Standards for the Timing of Offers and Decisions** govern timelines associated with accepting offers of employment from member law firms. **Pay close attention to the following:**

- * If you are a 2L/3L student and you **were previously employed by the offering firm** (i.e., you spent a summer there), and the firm made you a permanent offer **before September 15**, you must respond by November 1.

- * If you are a 2L/3L and you **were previously employed by the offering firm** and the firm made you an offer after September 15, you have until December 1 to respond.

- * If you are a 2L/3L and you **were not previously employed by the offering firm**, you must respond by December 1.

The following guidelines govern **how many offers** you may hold open by various dates:

After September 15: 5

After October 1: 4

After October 15: 3

After November 1 (w/employers' consent, and only **if you were previously employed** by the offering firm **and** you received an offer **prior to September 15**): 2

After December 1 (w/employers' consent only): 1

The above information can be found at: <http://www.nalp.org/content/index.php?pid=28>

FROM THE LAW LIBRARY

Carrel Reservations

Applications for reserved carrels on the ground level and basement are available to 2nd, 3rd, and LLM Law students who need them for writing projects. The applications are due **September 1, 2006**.

Applications are available online at www.lawschool.cornell.edu/library or at the Circulation Desk in the Reading Room.

FROM PAUL WEBER, DIRECTOR, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES

Additional laptop support sessions have been added the **weeks of August 28 and September 5**. Laptop support will be available as follows:

Monday, August 28 - Thursday, August 31: 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Friday, September 1: 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 5 - Thursday, September 7: 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Friday, September 8: 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Sign-up sheets are found at the Computer Lab Managers office. Appointments can be made for Bear Access and Red Rover connectivity issues only. Starting September 11, laptop support hours are Mondays and Thursdays from 2:00-4:00 p.m. and Fridays from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

FROM WALTER BUBLÉ, ACADEMIC SUPPORT COUNSELOR

Office hours for individual consultations on academic matters with 1L JD students:

Tuesdays 3:00-7:00 p.m. and Wednesdays 5:00-7:00 p.m., room 305. Drop in or arrange an appointment by email at: wgb7@cornell.edu

FROM MAURICE HALTOM, COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS)

University Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS), in collaboration with the Law School Dean of Students' Office, have arranged for the continuation of services in the Law School during the Fall 2006 semester.

When: Wednesday, August 30 through Wednesday, December 13, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., room 252 Myron Taylor Hall.

Who: Any law student registered in the Law School wanting to consult about:

- personal growth and challenges
- depression, anxiety and stress
- relationship issues
- family issues
- cultural, racial and ethnic issues
- sexual health concerns
- negotiating academic environment
- any other issue of concerns
- referral and information

How: No need to make an appointment. Just stop by and follow the instructions on the door.

Contact: Maurice Haltom, Therapist/Counselor, Counseling and Psychological Services, Gannett: Student Health Services, 255-5208, mh84@cornell.edu

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Women's Law Coalition

On **Thursday, August 31, 4:00-5:00 p.m.**, the **Women's Law Coalition** will be holding an Introductory Meeting in the Saperston Student Lounge. Join us for snacks to talk about upcoming events and projects we have planned for the year. Contact **Bryn** at bl59@cornell.edu for more information.

WRITING COMPETITIONS

• *The Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law and Justice*, a continuation of the *Berkeley Women's Law Journal*, invites students and public interest practitioners of all disciplines to submit articles for consideration. BGLJ publishes pieces that address the lives and struggles of underrepresented women. In particular, we seek submissions that examine the intersection of gender, with one or more other axes of subordination including, but not limited to, race, class, sexual orientation, and disability. Articles must be received by **November 1, 2006**. Please send articles to the *Berkeley Journal of Gender, Law and Justice*, bwlj@socrates.berkeley.edu (preferred), or 491 Simon Hall, Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA 94720.

• The **American College of Trial Lawyers** is sponsoring an essay contest for law students on the topic of Judicial Independence and the Separation of Powers Doctrine. Essays should be approximately 5000 words in length. All students at U.S. law schools are eligible to compete, including those studying for J.D., LL.M. or other graduate degrees. Essays are due by **March 1, 2007**. You may submit by email to: essaycontest@actl.com or send hard copy to: Dennis J. Maggi, Executive Director, American College of Trial lawyers, National Headquarters, 19900 MacArthur Blvd., Suite 610, Irvine, CA 92612.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- **Admissions Office.** If you are interested in meeting prospective applicants, giving tours of the Law School, etc. the Admissions Office is now taking resumes. Work-study is helpful but not essential. Please submit resumes to **Linda Humble**, room 226 by **September 8**.
- **Assistant Judicial Codes Counselor.** The position will be responsible for assisting the Judicial Codes Counselor with providing representation within the campus system to those charged with violation of the Campus Code of Conduct and to students charged with violations of the Code of Academic Integrity. The Assistant Judicial Codes Counselor will aid the Judicial Codes Counselor in explaining how the campus judicial system works and will consult with the JCC in assisting the accused person in the selection of counsel or an adviser. **To be eligible for this position, you must be a member of the JD Class of 2008.** The average weekly hours are variable with an hourly rate of \$15.00. Please contact **Marc Hennes** at msh52@cornell.edu or by phone at 732-300-0935, if you are interested in getting more information regarding this position.
- **Research/editorial assistant needed** for final stages of employment and labor law casebook. It is not necessary to have taken either course. CV and writing sample to **Visiting Professor Alan Hyde**, room 224 MTH, 5-1698, ash62@cornell.edu, or **Susan Tosto**, room 244.
- **Professor Annelise Riles** is seeking several 2L or 3L students to serve as **teaching assistants in Government 313**, Nature, Function and Limits of Law, the undergraduate legal studies course offered at the law school in the spring 2007 semester. Teaching assistants lead one break-out session per week, and are responsible for grading papers and final exams. These duties, plus attending lectures and weekly teaching assistant meetings and preparation should constitute a time commitment of approximately 15 hours/week. Teaching assistants can choose to receive course credit or an hourly wage. If interested, please submit a resume and cover letter to Professor Riles' administrative assistant, **Ms. Donna Hastings**, by **September 30**.
- **Business Law I Graders Needed.** Attention 2L and 3L law students. Business Law I, offered through the Johnson Graduate School of Management and the College of Agriculture, needs grader/TA's for the fall semester. This is a large lecture course and topics covered included contracts, property and agency. Traditionally, grading for this course has involved a minimum of 2 hours per week (holding office hours) with a maximum of 8-10 hours when an assignment or exam is being graded. Interested students should forward a resume to **Professor Dale Grossman** at dag14@cornell.edu and should plan to attend an informational meeting on **Wednesday, September 6 at 8:00 p.m. in room G81** at the Law School.

UPCOMING UNIVERSITY EVENT

September 6-7, 2006

Inaugural Celebration

Preparations are well underway for the inauguration of **David J. Skorton, Cornell's 12th President**. The schedule of events appears on the next page.

Scoops is the weekly publication of the Cornell Law School. *Scoops* publishes notices of Law School events, administrative notices, notices from student organizations and other informational notices of general interest to the Law School community. It is published every Monday while classes are in session. Items for the newsletter should be submitted to the Law School Registrar's Office or by email to: scoops@lawschool.cornell.edu no later than 12:00 Noon on Thursdays for inclusion in the following week's edition. Please note that items may be edited if necessary.

Inaugural Celebration Information

<http://www.inauguration.cornell.edu>

September 6-7, 2006

Preparations are well underway for the September 7 inauguration of **David J. Skorton, Cornell's 12th President**. The inauguration will certainly be a memorable occasion and the Cornell community is invited to the following events.

Academic Symposium

Wednesday, September 6, 2006

4:30 p.m. Bailey Hall

This event is free and open to the community.

The relationship between culture, identity, and conflict has long been a focus of faculty research and student interest at Cornell. This symposium will kick off a campus-wide conversation by delving into the significance of cultural allegiances and formations in world affairs.

Introduction: Biddy Martin, Provost

Guest Speaker: Robert Kagan, Senior Associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, expert in U.S. foreign policy and national security, and best-selling author.

Discussants will include **Isabel Hull**, the John Stambaugh Professor of History, and **Peter J. Katzenstein**, W. S. Carpenter Jr. Professor of International Studies. Time will be set aside for questions from the audience.

Inauguration

Thursday, September 7, 2006

3:00 p.m. Arts Quad

A limited number of tickets are reserved for staff and students, and will be available on a first come first served basis at the Information and Referral Center in Day Hall. Tickets will be available starting Monday, August 21, 2006. Staff and students may request up to two tickets after presenting a Cornell ID. There will be standing room on the Quad for non-ticketed guests.

Ticketed guests are asked to be seated no later than 2:45 p.m. The procession will begin at 3:00 p.m., proceeding from Ho Plaza to the Arts Quad. This event will be webcast live on the Cornell website.

Visit this site (<http://www.inauguration.cornell.edu/events/>), or www.cornell.edu, on the day of the event for a link to the webcast.

Reception

Thursday, September 7, 2006

4:30 p.m. Arts Quad

Immediately following the ceremony a reception, including entertainment, will be held on the Arts Quad. Even if you are not able to attend the inauguration, we hope that you will join us on the Arts Quad to enjoy food & entertainment with our guests and the entire Cornell community.

Concert-Simon Shaheen

Thursday, September 7, 2006

9:00 p.m. Bailey Hall

Free tickets will be available Monday, August 21 on campus at the Day Hall Information and Referral Center, and downtown at the Clinton House.

Shaheen is one of the most significant Arab musicians, performers, and composers of his generation. His work incorporates and reflects a legacy of Arabic music, while it forges ahead to new frontiers, embracing many different styles in the process.