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≈ Calendar of Events ≈ Week of September 18, 2006

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

2:30 p.m., Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90). Semester Abroad (Spring 2007; Fall 2007) Information Meeting. For 2L and 3L students, moderated by **Larry Bush**, Executive Director, Clarke Center for International and Comparative Legal Studies, and Berger International Legal Studies administrator. Details on page 5, Berger International Legal Studies Program column.

4:15 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90). Constitution Day Event. Showing of “**A Conversation on the Constitution: Judicial Independence**” featuring Supreme Court Justices Sandra Day O’Connor, Stephen Breyer and Anthony Kennedy. Discussion following with Law School Constitutional Law **Professors Sheri Johnson and Bernadette Meyler.**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

9:00 a.m. Room 290. Professor Okko Behrends from University of G ttingen, Germany will give a general university lecture as AD White Professor-at-Large at on the subject: “**The Classical Roman Law of Sale, and What Is Classical About It.**” This event is open to the public.

9:00 a.m.-5:10 p.m. Myron Taylor Hall. OCI #4 interviews. Contact Career Office for more information.

12:00 p.m. Noon. Saperston Student Lounge. The **Berger International Speaker Series** and the **Jewish Law Students Association** present, “A Discussion with Professor **Hanoch Dagan**, Dean of the Tel Aviv University Law Faculty.”

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. Details on page 7, Maurice Haltom, CAPS column.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 (CON'T.)

4:15 5:30 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheater (G90) Cornell Law Faculty Book Celebration honoring **Gregory S. Alexander**, A. Robert Noll Professor of Law and his newly published book, *The Global Debate over Constitutional Property: Lessons for American Takings Jurisprudence*. Symposium speakers include **Hanoch Dagan**, Dean and Professor of Law, Tel Aviv University; **Laura Underkuffler**, Professor of Law, Duke University; **Eduard Penalver**, Associate Professor of Law, and **Gregory S. Alexander**, A. Robert Noll Professor of Law. A **reception will follow in the Foyer**. All members of the Law School community are invited to attend.

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

6:00-8:00 p.m. Faculty/Student Reception for Public Interest Law Union (PILU) at Associate Dean Anne Lukingbeal's home. Details on page 4, Associate Dean Lukingbeal's column.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:00 a.m.-5:10 p.m. Myron Taylor Hall. OCI #4 interviews. Contact Career Office for more information.

12:00 Noon-1:30 p.m. Room 273. Clarke Program in East Asian Law and Culture presents **Judge Li Jiansong**, Supreme People's Court of the People's Republic of China, "**The Chinese Judiciary: Current Reforms and Challenges.**" A lunch will be served.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

12:15 p.m. Room G85. The Berger International Speaker Series presents, "**The Constitutional Treaty for Europe,**" **Professor Dr. Dr. Peter-Christian M ller-Graff**, University of Heidelberg. RSVPs to Dawne Peacock at dfp7@cornell.edu were required for the luncheon.

4:00-6:15 p.m. Room 276. Clarke Program in East Asian Law and Culture Workshop: Citizen Participation in East Asian Legal Systems. Details on page 6, Clarke Program in East Asian Law and Culture column.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Room 276. Clarke Program in East Asian Law and Culture Workshop: Citizen Participation in East Asian Legal Systems. Details on page 6, Clarke Program in East Asian Law and Culture column.



FROM NAN COLVIN, REGISTRAR

Fall '06

• Dates to remember for Fall 2006

Fall break:

Begins Saturday, **October 7**

Classes resume **Monday, October 16**

Law School Pre-registration for Spring 2007: will take place after Fall break

University Pre-enrollment for Spring 2007: begins Monday, October 16 & ends Friday, October 20.

Laptop Registration for exams: after Fall Break; dates to be announced

Fall Term Examination Period:

Examinations begin **Thursday, December 7**

Examinations ends **Wednesday, December 20**

- **Past Notices:** Refer to previous issues of *Scoops* (available on-line in the Back Issues section) for information pertaining to transcript requests, certifications, bar registration, attendance and absences, etc.

FROM PATRICIA HALSTEAD, CERTIFICATION COORDINATOR

- **Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE)**

The MPRE is administered three times per year and is required as partial fulfillment of the requirements for admission to practice law in most jurisdictions. Other jurisdictions may begin requiring the MPRE during 2007. Applicants are advised to contact the jurisdictions directly for the most current information regarding passing scores, rules, and policies. Websites for many of the jurisdictions can be accessed via the National Conference of Bar Examiners website using the following address: www.ncbex.org/offices.htm.

MPRE Applications are available in the Law School Registrar's Office and the following website addresses: www.act.org/mpre or www.ncbex.org. The test dates and postmark deadlines for the November 2006 exam are:

MPRE Test Date: November 4, 2006

Regular Application Receipt Deadline: September 26, 2006

Late Application Receipt Deadline: October 12, 2006

Online registration must be received before **12:00 Midnight Central Time on the published deadline date**. **Paper applications** must be received in the MPRE Application Department in Iowa City, by **5:00 p.m. Central Time on the published deadline date**. Applicants needing accommodations due to a disability must apply by mail. See section on Testing of Applicants with Disabilities in the MPRE Information Booklet. 2007 MPRE deadline dates and information will be forthcoming.

- **National Conference of Bar Examiners Announcement**

Expansion of MEE Test Specifications (Multistate Essay Exam)

Effective with the July 2007 administration, the MEE will expand to include nine questions instead of seven, with three questions drawn from Multistate Bar Exam (MBE) topics. This change is important and may affect students who take a bar examination in a jurisdiction that uses the MEE as a component of its bar examination. These changes are the product of more than two years of study by the NCBE's MEE Policy Committee, with input from both MEE and non-MEE jurisdictions.

As of 2006 the following are MEE jurisdictions: Alabama, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Texas, West Virginia, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands.

New MEE coverage topics include:

Business Associations

A. Agency & Partnership

B. Corporations & LLCs

Conflicts of Laws

Constitutional Law

Contracts

Criminal Law and Procedure

Evidence

Family Law

Federal Civil Procedure

Real Property

Torts

Trusts and Estates

A. Decedents Estates

B. Trusts & Future Interests

Uniform Commercial Code

A. Negotiable Instruments (Art. 3)

B. Secured Transactions (Art. 9)

Conflict of Laws will continue to be an embedded topic in any of the above areas, including the new MBE topics. Sales (UCC, Art.2) will be eliminated as a separate subject area, as it is subsumed under the MBE Contracts outline. The detailed subject matter outlines for the new MEE will be available online and in *The MEE 2007 Information Booklet* (expected to be available after September 29, 2006.)

FROM ANNE LUKINGBEAL, ASSOCIATE DEAN AND DEAN OF STUDENTS

- **Faculty/Student Reception for Public Interest Law Union (PILU)**
Wednesday, September 20, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Faculty/Student Reception for Public Interest Law Union (PILU) at Associate Dean Anne Lukingbeal's home, 21 Beckett Way. Hosted by PILU students. For information and maps to Dean Lukingbeal's home, stop by the Registrar's Office.
- **Frederick J. Scullin Scholarship deadline extended**
The deadline for submitting applications for the **Frederick J. Scullin Scholarship** has been extended by the Northern District of New York Federal Court Bar Association to October 1. **Applications may be picked up at the Registrar's Office, 165 Myron Taylor.** Details about this scholarship were in *Scoops* the week of September 11, 2006. This issue can be found at the Scoops site, at the back issues link: http://support.law.cornell.edu/technology/scoops/Back_Issues_2006-2007/

FROM KAREN COMSTOCK, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

This week's programs

- **Constitution Day Event Monday, September 18, 4:15 p.m., Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90)**
Join us for a **showing of the DVD "A Conversation on the Constitution: Judicial Independence"** featuring Supreme Court Justices Sandra Day O'Connor, Stephen Breyer and Anthony Kennedy.
Discussion following with Law School Constitutional Law Professors **Sheri Johnson and Bernadette Meyler.**
- **2Ls and 3Ls planning to attend the Equal Justice Works Career Fair and Conference** in Washington, DC. (October 19 and 20) must register at www.equaljusticeworks.org. If you are interested in receiving job interviews, submit your resumes and cover letters directly to participating employers by September 22.

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

- **Mark Your Calendars: OCIs and Job Fairs**
Monday, September 18
9:00 a.m. - 5:10 p.m. Chicago Job Fair

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9:00 a.m. - 5:10 p.m. Dallas Job Fair

Wednesday, September 20
9:00 a.m. - 5:10 p.m. Myron Taylor Hall. OCI #4 interviews

Thursday, September 21
9:00 a.m. - 5:10 p.m. Myron Taylor Hall. OCI #4 interviews
- **Upperclass students: 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 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 LARRY BUSH, BERGER INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM

- **Monday, September 18, 2:30 p. m. Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90)**

Semester Abroad Information Session

For 2Ls and 3Ls who are interested in participating in a semester abroad during the Spring 2007 semester (both 2L and 3L students are eligible), the Fall 2007 and Spring 2008 semesters (for current second year students) at one of our partner law schools--Bucerius Law School, Hamburg, Germany; University of Cape Town, Cape Town, South Africa; Central European University, Budapest, Hungary; ESADE, Barcelona, Spain; Heidelberg University, Heidelberg, Germany; the University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong; Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany; Keio University, Tokyo, Japan; University of Paris I, Paris, France; Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, Spain; University of Sydney, Sydney, Australia; Semester in London, University College London, London, England; Waseda University, Tokyo, Japan--or who might wish to develop an individual semester term away at a foreign law school with which we do not have an agreement.

Please consult our Semester Abroad web site for a list of partner schools and the program standards and procedures:

http://www.lawschool.cornell.edu/international/study_abroad/semester_abroad/index.cfm

Our new law school web site might not have the web-based application form up when you visit it (please **do not use the pdf format** originally placed there). Also, not all of the links to the descriptive pages for our partner schools were operational when the site went up, and may not be there in time for the Monday meeting.

Please note: The **deadline for applying** for a semester abroad during the **Spring 2007 semester is October 1, 2006 (except Hong Kong, for which the deadline was September 1)**. October 1, 2007, is the deadline for Spring 2008 applications (again, except for Hong Kong, for which the deadline will be September 1, 2007).

The **deadline for applying** for a semester abroad during the **Fall 2007 semester is January 20, 2007**.

⇒ More Berger International Legal Studies Program events on the next page ⇒

- **Wednesday, September 20, 12:00 Noon. Saperston Student Lounge**
The **Berger International Speaker Series** and the **Jewish Law Students Association** present, “A Discussion with **Professor Hanoach Dagan**, Dean of the Tel Aviv University Law Faculty.”
- **Friday, September 22, 12:15 p.m. Room G85**
The **Berger International Speaker Series** and **LALSA** presents, “**The Constitutional Treaty for Europe**,” **Professor Dr. Dr. Peter-Christian Müller-Graff**, University of Heidelberg. RSVPs to Dawne Peacock were required for the luncheon.
- **Monday, September 25, 2:30 p.m. Room 277**
The **Berger International Speaker Series** presents, **Dr. José Evenor Taboada Arana**, Abogado y Notario Consortium-Taboada & Asociados, Nicaragua, speaking on the “**Central America Free Trade Agreement**.”
- **Wednesday, September 27, 12:15 p.m. Berger Atrium**
Berger International Speaker Series presents, “**The Sources of Equity in Classical Roman Law - Individual Legal Ethics in a Sceptically Ordered World**,” **Professor Okko Behrends**, Chair of Roman Law, Civil Law and the History of Modern Private Law at the University of Göttingen, Germany, visiting as the A. D. White Professor-at-Large.

Professor Okko Behrends (2003-2009) holds the Chair of Roman Law, Civil Law and the History of Modern Private Law at the University of Göttingen. Professor Behrends' work describes the way law influences society as well as the way society influences the law. He has published extensively on classical Roman law including private law, constitutional legal history, legal science and philosophy in the history of Roman jurisprudence, the constitutional economic and social significance of Roman private law and theory, the Twelve Tables' and the nature and limits of positivism in ancient and modern legal thought. His areas of interest also extend to other aspects of ancient life such as: surveying land and legal rights, the quartering system, defeated non-citizen barbarians, mercenaries, grave robbery and tomb desecration.

For a list of publications: <http://www.gwdg.de/~ujrg/behrends.htm> .

Please RSVP to Dawne Peacock at dfp7@cornell.edu by **September 22** for the luncheon.

FROM ANNEISE RILES, DIRECTOR, CLARKE PROGRAM IN EAST ASIAN LAW AND CULTURE

- **September 21, 12:00 Noon-1:30 p.m. Room 273.**
Judge Li Jiansong, Supreme People's Court of the People's Republic of China, “**The Chinese Judiciary: Current Reforms and Challenges**.” A lunch will be served.
- **Friday, September 22, 4:00-6:15 p.m. & Saturday, September 23, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Room 276**
Workshop: Citizen Participation in East Asian Legal Systems
This workshop examines the proposed introduction of lay decision makers into the legal systems of Japan, Korea, and other countries in East Asia. These proposed changes raise fascinating questions about the relationship between the citizenry and the legal system. The law reform process and the impact of such changes will be discussed. For more information go to www.lawschool.cornell.edu/international/asianlaw/

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

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

For a **translation project of a text from French into English**, Professor Barcelo would like to hire several students as research assistants. If you are a native English speaker and fluent in French and are interested in one of these positions, please send an e-mail to **Professor Barcelo** at: jib16@cornell.edu. Please attach your resume and an explanation of your French proficiency.

WRITING COMPETITIONS

• The **American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers** is pleased to announce that they will present awards for (a) the best book chapter or book, (b) the best publishable article or substantial book review, and , (c) the best student case note or comment on a topic dealing with consumer financial services law. Entries must be submitted to the College before **December 1, 2006**. Details about the writing competition are available at the Registrar's Office.

• **Jones Day** announces its **Second Annual William E. Swope Writing Competition** to commemorate the legacy established by the former Jones Day Partner's pioneering and fact-intensive approach to the practice of antitrust law. The competition is open to all students currently enrolled in a full-time or part-time Juris Doctorate or more advanced degree program at an AALS-accredited law school (or a law school of equivalent standing if outside the U.S.), to current judicial clerks who have graduated from such a program, and to practicing lawyers who graduated from such degree programs in May 2001 or later. Submissions are due by **December 31, 2006**. For more information about the competition visit the Jones Day site at: <http://www.jonesday.com/swope>

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