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≈ Calendar of Events ≈ Week of September 25, 2006

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

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.**”

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

3:00-7:00 p.m. Room 305. **Office hours for Walter Bublé**, Academic Support Counselor. Details on page 4, Walter Bublé’s column.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

12:15 p.m. Berger Atrium. The Berger International Speaker Series presents **Professor Okko Behrends** speaking on “**The Sources of Equity in Classical Roman Law - Individual Legal Ethics in a Sceptically Ordered World**” Details on page 4, Berger International Legal Studies Program 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. Details on page 4, Maurice Haltom, CAPS column.

4:00-5:00 p.m. Room 290. **Outlining Workshop.** **Walter Bublé** and a **panel of Lawyering Teaching assistants** will discuss outlining methods and present sage suggestions for creating exam-busting outlines.

4:30 p.m. Moot Court Room. The **Cornell Federalist Society** presents **Dr. Roger Pilon**, speaking on “**Should Judges Secure Unenumerated Rights (Yes).**” Constitutional Law **Professor Bernadette Meyler** will deliver commentary. Details on page 5, Student Organizations.

5:00-7:00 p.m. Room 305. **Office hours for Walter Bublé**, Academic Support Counselor. Details on page 4, Walter Bublé’s column.

5:00 p.m. Room G85. **Public Interest Advocacy Through Film.** **Abby Ginzberg**, Cornell University ’71, independent filmmaker and former lawyer, will present clips from a variety of her award winning films and discuss film as a medium for public interest advocacy and education. Details on page 3, Assistant Dean Comstock’s column.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 (CON'T.)

7:15 p.m. Willard Straight Hall. *Soul of Justice: Thelton Henderson's American Journey* - with filmmaker **Abby Ginzberg '71**. Cosponsored by the Black Law Students Association at Cornell, the Cornell Law School, Cornell Public Service Center and the School of Industrial and Labor Relations. Details available online at: <http://cinema.cornell.edu/series/ontrial.html>. Details on page 3, Assistant Dean Comstock's column.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

4:15 p.m. Room G85. Practicing Entertainment Law. All students are invited to attend this program on the practice of Entertainment Law, presented by **Distinguished Practitioner-in-Residence J. Jay Rakow**. Details on page 3, Career column.



FROM NAN COLVIN, REGISTRAR

• **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 ANNE LUKINGBEAL, ASSOCIATE DEAN AND DEAN OF STUDENTS

• **To the Class of 2009**

I hope that your first few weeks as a Cornell Law student have been 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 or the Assistant Dean for Student and Career Services, John DeRosa**. Dean DeRosa can be reached at 255-9982. If you would like to make an appointment with me, stop by the Registrar's Office or call my assistant, **Rosemary Lacey**, at 255-0565.

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 (321 MTH, 255-1348)

Larry Bush (107 MTH, 255-3014)

Angela Cornell (G55 MTH, 255-7497)

Glenn Galbreath (G51 MTH, 255-4196)

Stephen Garvey (324 MTH, 255-8589),

Valerie Hans (222 MTH, 255-0095),

Sheri Johnson (108 MTH, 255-6478),

Julie Jones (340B MTH, 255-5858),

Thomas Mills (353 MTH, 255-5859),

Andrea Mooney (303 MTH, 255-9933),

Annelise Riles (120 MTH, 255-2330).

FROM KAREN COMSTOCK, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

- **Public Interest Advocacy Through Film, Wednesday, September 27, 5:00 p.m. in room G85.**

Abby Ginzberg, Cornell University '71, independent filmmaker and former lawyer, will present clips from a variety of her award winning films and discuss film as a medium for public interest advocacy and education. For the past 20 years she has worked full-time helping the legal profession to overcome discrimination within its own ranks as well as profiling positive alternatives for at-risk youth. Co-sponsored by BLSA, SOLATA, PILU and NLG.

Her latest film, *Soul of Justice*, will be shown at Cornell Cinema, Willard Straight Hall on **September 27 at 7:15 p.m.** *Soul of Justice: Thelton Henderson's American Journey*, profiles one of the first African-American federal judges.

- **2Ls and 3Ls planning to attend the Equal Justice Works Career Fair and Conference** in Washington, DC (October 19 and 20) must register at <http://www.equaljusticeworks.org> . If you are interested in receiving job interviews, submit your resumes and cover letters directly to participating employers by **September 29 (deadline has been extended)**.

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

- **All Students: On Thursday, September 28 at 4:15 p.m. in room G85, the Career Office will present Distinguished Practitioner-in-Residence J. Jay Rakow discussing Practicing Entertainment Law.**

If you're pursuing this area of specialization or you're just curious about what entertainment lawyers really do, don't miss this excellent opportunity to learn from a Cornell alum who knows.

In addition to teaching a seminar on Entertainment Law at the law school this semester, **Mr. Rakow** is also a consultant to Metro-Goldwyn Mayer, Inc., where he previously served as Senior Executive V.P. and General Counsel. Prior to his position at MGM, he was Senior V.P. and General Counsel of Paramount Pictures. Don't miss what promises to be an enlightening program!

- **Upperclass Students: The following NALP guidelines govern how many job offers you may hold open by various dates:**

After September 15: 5

After October 1: 4

After October 15: 3

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

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

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 25, 2:30 p.m. Room 277**

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- **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 Skeptically 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. RSVPs to Dawne Peacock were required for the luncheon.

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> .

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

- **Outlining Workshop**

Wednesday, September 27, 4:00-5:00 p.m. room 290. A panel of **Lawyering Teaching Assistants** and I will discuss outlining methods and present sage suggestions for creating exam-busting outlines.

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

Federalist Society

Wednesday, September 27, 4:30 p.m. Moot Court Room. The Cornell Federalist Society presents **Dr. Roger Pilon**, founder and director of the CATO Institute's Center for Constitutional Studies, speaking on “**Should Judges Secure Unenumerated Rights (Yes).**” Constitutional Law **Professor Bernadette Meyler** will deliver commentary. An open question period will follow the program. Questions? Contact **Yosef Ibrahimi** at yi44@cornell.edu.

LAW SCHOOL AWARD

Fraser Prizes-Class of 2007

The **Fraser prizes** are the gift of William Metcalf, Jr., LL.B., 1901, in memory of Alexander Hugh Ross Fraser, former librarian of the Law School. The prizes are awarded early each fall to third-year students whose law study through the end of the second year has been taken entirely at Cornell University and who have most fully evidenced high qualities of mind and character by superior achievements in scholarship and by attributes that earn the commendation of teachers and fellow students. The award is made on recommendation of the third-year class by vote, from a list of members submitted by the faculty as eligible by reason of superior scholarship. The holders of the Boardman Prize and the Kerr Prize are not eligible.

This year first prize goes to **Micaela McMurrough**. Second prize goes to **Joanna D’Avella**. Congratulations to the winners and to all nominees.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- **Professor Kalantry** seeks a research assistant to research, review and draft portions of a report assessing the compliance by several conflict and post-conflict countries (including the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Iraq, Kosovo, Lebanon, Nigeria, Rwanda and Sudan) with international legal standards relating to women's economic, social and political rights. The anticipated release date of the report is September 2007 so the ideal candidate will be a second year student who is able to work on this project on a long-term basis. This semester we only need a commitment for approximately 5 hrs/per week. If interested, please send resume and transcript to **Professor Kalantry** at sk49@cornell.edu
- **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 by the law school in Spring 2007. 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 hrs/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**.

WRITING COMPETITIONS

- The **Intellectual Property Law Section of the New York State Bar Association** is pleased to announce its **Annual Law Student Writing Contest**, with prizes to be awarded at the Section's Annual Meeting at the Marriott Marquis in New York City on January 23, 2007. The deadline for submissions is **November 6, 2006**. Information on the contest is available at the Registrar's Office.
- Submissions are being accepted for the **2006 Emanuel Stein Memorial Writing Competition** sponsored by the **NYS Bar Association Labor and Employment Law Section** on any current issue involving labor law or employment law. The scope of permissible topics for the article is broad; i.e. any aspect of public or private labor or employment law. All law school students are eligible to apply. Articles must be emailed or postmarked no later than **December 1, 2006**. Complete competition rules are available in the Registrar's Office.

- The **American College of Legal Medicine** announces its annual Student Writing Competitions: the **Letourneau Award for an outstanding paper on Legal Medicine** and the **Hoffman Student Writing Competition for outstanding papers on topics in Bioethics**. Papers must be at least 3000 words and not more than 5000 words in length. They must be received by the American College of Legal Medicine, 1111 N. Plaza Drive, Suite 550, Schaumburg, IL 60173 no later than **January 5, 2007**. Complete competition details are available in the Law School Registrar's Office or at the following web site: <http://www.aclm.org>
- The **Federal Bar Association Section of Taxation** invites law school students to participate in its **annual writing competition**. All law students currently seeking a JD degree at an accredited law school are eligible. Students may submit any original, unpublished, paper concerning federal income taxation. Submissions must be postmarked by **February 1, 2007**. Complete competition details are available at the Law School Registrar's office or online at the following website: <http://www.fedbar.org/tax-writing.doc>
- The **NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund** is sponsoring a writing contest which commenced June 1, 2006 and concludes May 31, 2007 for law students. The subject of the contest is **"The Right of the Individual to Keep and Bear Arms as a Federally Protected Right."** The contest is open to all individuals who are law students at the time of submission and who have not been previously admitted to practice last in the U.S. Admission to practice after submission is not disqualifying. Papers should not exceed 30 pages and are to be submitted to: NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund, Office of General Counsel, 11250 Waples Mill Road, Fairfax, VA 22030 on or before **May 31, 2007**. Contest details are available at the organization's website: <http://www.nradefensefund.org/writingcontest.aspx>
- The **NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund** also awards **scholarships** to law students who submit articles on the constitutional right to keep and bear arms of quality suitable for publication in a law review journal. The contest is open to all individuals who are law students at the date of submission and who have not been previously admitted to practice law in the United States; such students shall be in good standing in an accredited law school as a third year student as of the fall of 2006. The article must be received by the Fund on or before **June 1, 2007**. Contest details are available at the organization's website: <http://www.nradefensefund.org/writingcontest.aspx>

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.