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## ≈ Calendar of Events ≈ Week of October 30, 2006

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

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

**Afternoon. Foyer. Black Law Students Association (BLSA) Halloween-o-Grams.** Details on page 6, Student Organizations.

**6:00 p.m. Room 279.** General meeting of the **Briggs International Law Society.** Details on page 6, Student Organizations.

**6:00 p.m. Room G85. Cornell Law School Cyrus Mehri '88 Public Interest Speaker Series** presents **Kica Matos '99**, Executive Director, JUNTA for Progressive Action, speaking on *Immigration Policy and the Death Penalty: The Defining Civil Rights Issues of our Time*. Reception to follow talk. Details on page 3, Assistant Dean Comstock's column.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

**9:00-11:00 a.m. Room G80. Flu Shot Clinic.** Details on page 5, Director of Human Resources Sue Baudendistle's column.

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**3:00-7:00 p.m. Room 305. Office hours for Walter Bubl ,** Academic Support Counselor. Details on page 5, Walter Bubl 's column.

**4:00 p.m. Room 276. Moot Court-Cuccia Cup. Crash Course on the Cornell Style and Competition Rules.** Details on page 6, Student Organizations.

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

**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 5, Maurice Haltom, CAPS column.

**4:00 p.m. Moot Courtroom. David Frederick, Esq.,** a distinguished advocate, will give a talk titled **"Mastering Oral Advocacy."** Details on page 6, Student Organizations and on page 7, Law School Event column.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1 (CON'T.)**

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

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

**4:30 p.m. Room 390 (Moot Courtroom). Planning Your First Summer Job Search.** Presented by Deans DeRosa and Comstock. Details on page 4, Career column.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

**12:15 p.m. Room G85.** The Berger International Speaker Series presents, "Discriminatory Regional and Preferential Arrangements in the World Trading System," Armand de Mestral, Professor of Law, McGill University, Jean Monnet Chair in the Law of International Economic Integration. Please RSVP to Dawne Peacock at [dfp7@cornell.edu](mailto:dfp7@cornell.edu) by November 1, for the luncheon. Details on page 4, Berger Program column.

**4:30-6:00 p.m. Room 273. Clarke Program in East Asian Law and Culture Colloquium Series.** Donald Clarke, George Washington University School of Law will present *The Role of Non-Legal Institutions in Chinese Corporate Governance*.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

**10:00 p.m. Olivia's. Black Law Students Association (BLSA) Party.** Details on page 6, Student Organizations.



**FROM NAN COLVIN, REGISTRAR**

- **To the Classes of 2007 & 2008: On-Line Pre-Registration for Spring 2007 Law School courses** (at <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students>) has been extended until **4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 30.**
- **To the Classes of 2007 & 2008: University On-Line Pre-enrollment for Spring 2007 courses has ended.** You will be able to add non-law courses again during the University Online Add-Drop which begins on Thursday, January 18, 2007.
- **To the Class of 2009: First-Year Practice Exam** - A practice exam is given each year for students enrolled in first-year courses during the fall semester. Each student will be given an exam in one of his or her courses. The scheduled date for the practice exam is **Wednesday, November 8, 4:30-5:20 p.m.** You are encouraged to take the practice exam, but you are not required to do so. The exam roster will be posted in the glass-enclosed bulletin board the day before the exam.
- **Laptops for Practice Exam**  
**1L and LLM students (in first-year courses) taking the Practice Exam**  
In order to use your laptop for the Practice Exam, you had to register it at the Law School Online Laptop Registration site by **4:00 p.m. Monday, October 23, 2006.** If you did not register your laptop by the deadline, you will be assigned to a handwriting room for the Practice Exam, even if you successfully install Secureexam.

You also must download, install and test Secureexam, the exam software. **On October 27** Software Secure sent information about installing Secureexam directly to those students eligible to take the Practice Exam. It was sent to your Cornell NetID email address. You are required to install and test the software by **4:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 2.** You must also receive a **Confirmation email**

from **Software Secure, Inc.**, in order to use your laptop for the Practice Exam. Students who do not install the software will handwrite the Practice Exam.

- **Laptops for final exams.** For those students who wish to use laptops for final exams, you will be receiving information in November about registering your laptop for exams and installing Secureexam.
- **Exams and dictionaries - JD students** whose native or working language is not normally English may request the use of a non-legal dictionary for examinations by submitting a written request to the Dean of Students by **Wednesday, November 22**. The non-legal dictionary must be supplied by the student and the dictionary may be in print or electronic format; provided, however, that any electronic dictionary must be a stand-alone dictionary with a set memory (e.g., a dictionary program that is loaded on a laptop computer does not qualify). All electronic dictionaries must be approved by the Registrar well in advance of the examinations. **LL.M. students** with questions regarding the use of a non-legal dictionary for examinations should contact **Assistant Dean Charles Cramton**.
- **Examinations - For J.D. students who are studying in English for the first time**, please make an appointment with Dean Lukingbeal, room 165, by **Wednesday, November 22**, to discuss examination procedures.
- **Examination Conflicts** - Students who have exam conflicts are reminded to notify the Law School Registrar's Office of the conflict by **Wednesday, November 22**, using the online Deferral Request link at the Registrar's website: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students>
- **Winter Intersession and Summer Study** - Students may petition the faculty for permission to take law courses in summer-school programs or winter intersession programs of other ABA-approved law schools, and upon their successful completion, to receive credit toward their Cornell J.D. degree. In no case is credit in excess of 6 hours granted for all such summer or intersession law studies. **Petition forms are available on line at the Registrar's site under Course Registration/Registration Forms** ([https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/forms/Summer\\_Winter\\_Credit\\_Petition.pdf](https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/forms/Summer_Winter_Credit_Petition.pdf)). Interested students should submit this form request to the Law School Registrar's Office (addressed to Dean Lukingbeal) by **November 1** for winter intersession programs and by **April 1** for summer 2007 programs.
- **Tuition Statements** - Students are reminded to check their billing address, for Spring 2007 tuition statements, in the University system by using Just the Facts (JTF).

## **FROM KAREN COMSTOCK, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR PUBLIC SERVICE**

**Cornell Law School Cyrus Mehri '88 Public Interest Speaker Series**

**Monday, October 30, 6:00 p.m. Room G85.** Reception to follow.

**Kica Matos '99**, Executive Director, JUNTA for Progressive Action speaking on *Immigration Policy and the Death Penalty: The Defining Civil Rights Issues of our Time*

**Kica Matos** is the executive director of JUNTA for Progressive Action, New Haven's oldest Latino community based organization. She is also a Clinical Visiting Lecturer in Law at Yale Law School. Ms. Matos is a graduate of Victoria University of Wellington (New Zealand), has an M.A. in Political Science from the New School, and a J.D. from Cornell University.

For most of her adult life, she has devoted herself to advocacy in the area of human rights and civil rights, working in non-profit organizations including Amnesty International and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund. Prior to joining the staff at JUNTA, she was an Assistant Federal Defender in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where she represented death sentenced inmates in state post-conviction and federal habeas corpus proceedings. She is the recipient of several awards, including the 2005 John F. Kennedy New Frontier Award, given annually to two individuals under 40 who are changing their communities with their commitment to public service; the 2005 New Haven Register Person of the Year award, and a 2006 Exemplary Public Service Award from Cornell Law School.

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

- **All Students:** If you attended the **October 26** presentation on **Choosing a Practice Area** by Major, Lindsey & Africa but were unable to obtain handouts, you may stop by the Career Office to pick them up.
- **First Year Students:** On **Thursday, November 2 at 4:30 p.m. in room 390**, Career Services will conduct an informational workshop on **Planning Your First Summer Job Search**. Learn the essentials of conducting a legal job search for next summer. Materials will be distributed and the ins and outs of conducting a job search will be discussed. Please plan to attend!
- **First Year Students:** On **Monday, November 6 at 4:00 p.m. in the Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90)**, Career Services will present a **Resume Workshop for First Year Students**. Please plan to attend this session on drafting an effective legal resume!
- **Number of Offers You May Hold by Certain Dates (according to NALP):**  
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**

**Friday, November 3, 12:15 p.m. Room G85**

The **Berger International Speaker Series** presents, "**Discriminatory Regional and Preferential Arrangements in the World Trading System**," **Armand de Mestral**, Professor of Law, McGill University, Jean Monnet Chair in the Law of International Economic Integration.

Regional and bilateral trade agreements represent one of the most active fields of contemporary treaty making, and have become a central feature of international trade law. The United States, the EU, China and Japan are all pursuing active programs of negotiations. With the likely demise of the Doha Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations, they assume even greater significance. Do these agreements make good policy, good economics and good law? Do they enhance the multilateral trading system enshrined in the World Trade Organization or are they a threat to its future integrity?

Please RSVP to **Dawne Peacock** at [dfp7@cornell.edu](mailto:dfp7@cornell.edu) by November 1, for the luncheon.

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

**November 3, 4:30-6:00 p.m. Room 273. Donald Clarke**, George Washington University School of Law will present: *The Role of Non-Legal Institutions in Chinese Corporate Governance*.

**FROM THE LEGAL AID CLINIC**

The **Legal Aid Clinic** is looking for students interested in **role-playing for the Clinical Skills Course**. The class is Thursday, November 2 from 12:20-2:20 p.m. and requires some prep time. Students will be paid for their time. Please contact **June Gee** at 5-7448 or email [jeg16@cornell.edu](mailto:jeg16@cornell.edu)

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:mh84@cornell.edu)

## **FROM SUE BAUDENDISTLE, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES**

### **Flu Shot Clinic**

We have scheduled a **Flu Shot Clinic for October 31 from 9:00- 11:00 a.m. in room G80**. Cornell provides flu shots as an employee benefit for all staff and faculty at no cost. Shots are \$25.00 for students, which can be paid for with cash or bursared for convenience. Getting a flu shot is still the best protection against the flu. Get yours this year for the benefit of your families, co-workers, and students, as well as for yourself. Please bring your Cornell ID with you.

Your work is important. So is staying home from work when you are sick. In fact, its one of the best ways to limit the spread of colds and flu within the Cornell community. If you are sick, and possibly contagious to others, please don't expose others to your germs. Stay home and recover. Questions? Contact **Sue Baudendistle**, 255-4299 or by email at: [sue-baudendistle@lawschool.cornell.edu](mailto:sue-baudendistle@lawschool.cornell.edu)

For the complete listing of flu shot clinics on-campus, please visit Gannett's website at:

<http://www.gannett.cornell.edu/top10Topics/cold-flu-strepthroat/VaccineApptClinic/Schedule.html>

## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- **Black Law Students Association (BLSA)**

**Halloween-o-Grams are back!** The Black Law Students Association will be tabling on **Monday, October 30 and Tuesday, October 31 in the Foyer, during the afternoon.** Come by and send Halloween-o-grams to your favorite professor, law school fling or that weird guy that sits next to you in Con Law.

**BLSA will be having a party at Olivia's on Saturday, November 4 starting at 10:00 p.m.** Come hear good music and dance the night away!

**Questions?** Contact **Nicole Sandoz** at: [nms39@cornell.edu](mailto:nms39@cornell.edu)

- **Briggs International Law Society**

There will be a general meeting of the **Briggs International Law Society** on **Monday, October 30 at 6:00 p.m. in room 279.** We will be discussing World AIDS Day, potential speakers, and a 1L summer international work program. Questions? Contact **Elizabeth Rabe** at [err38@cornell.edu](mailto:err38@cornell.edu)

- **Moot Court**

We will be offering a “**crash course**” on the **Cornell Style and Rules** on **Tuesday, October 31 at 4:00 p.m. in room 276.** This is intended mainly for those who did not attend the Langfan crash course or who feel that they need a refresher on the Cornell Style. It is completely optional (but will probably be very helpful). For more information, email **Amy Phillips** at [ajp48@cornell.edu](mailto:ajp48@cornell.edu) . Also, remember that that **conflict sheets are due on Wednesday, November 1 at 5:00 p.m.!**

**David Frederick, Esq.** will be speaking on oral argument on **Wednesday, November 1 at 4:00 p.m., in the Moot Courtroom.** Mr. Frederick has argued 19 cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, has written several excellent books on oral argument and practice before the Supreme Court, and is a former member of the Solicitor General's Office. More information, including Mr. Frederick's biography, is available on our website at <http://mootcourt.lawschool.cornell.edu/frederick.html> . For more information, contact **Mor Wetzler** at: [mw278@cornell.edu](mailto:mw278@cornell.edu) .

## POSITION AVAILABLE

The **Law School Development Office** is looking for a Law School student interested in working as an **office assistant** (Student Administrative Assistant 1, \$7.15/hour) to work 6-12 hours per week on a temporary basis. Afternoon work availability is preferred, but we are willing to attempt to work around your schedule. Working on occasional Fridays may also be a possibility, but not required.

**Responsibilities** include background research, data entry, filing, typing, answering telephones, assisting with projects, and possible other diverse assignments. Knowledge of word processing and Internet is necessary. **Confidentiality** is required and of the utmost importance. There may be an opportunity to continue in this position throughout the academic year. If you are interested, please email your resume to **Dawn Milbyer** ([dawn-milbyer@lawschool.cornell.edu](mailto:dawn-milbyer@lawschool.cornell.edu) ), room 260, Myron Taylor Hall.

## LAW SCHOOL AWARDS-NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

**Attention second and third-year students.** Please give some thought to possible nominees for the following three Law School prizes. Nominations are due to Dean Lukingbeal by **Wednesday, November 15, 2006.**

- **The Freeman Award for Civil-Human Rights** was established from the estate of Professor Emeritus Harrop A. Freeman, J.D. 1930, J.S.D. 1945. A cash prize of **\$1,500** is awarded to the law student or students (with strong preference given to third-year students) who have made the greatest contribution during their law school career to civil-human rights. Nominations, in the form of a one-

page statement concerning the nominee, should be submitted to Dean Lukingbeal by **Wednesday, November 15, 2006**.

- **The Stanley E. Gould Prize for Public Interest Law** was established by Stanley E. Gould, J.D. 1954. A cash prize of **\$1,000** is awarded each spring to a third-year student or students who have shown outstanding dedication to serving public-interest law and public-interest groups. Nominations, in the form of a one-page statement concerning the nominee, should be submitted to Dean Lukingbeal by **Wednesday, November 15, 2006**.

- **The Seymour Herzog Memorial Prize** was endowed in honor of the late Seymour Herzog, LL.B. 1936. A cash prize of **\$500** is awarded each year to a student or students (with strong preference given to third-year students) who demonstrate excellence in the law and commitment to public-interest law, combined with a love of sports. Nominations, in the form of a one-page statement concerning the nominee, should be submitted to Dean Lukingbeal by **Wednesday, November 15, 2006**.

## WRITING COMPETITIONS

- The **Grammy Foundation Ninth Annual Entertainment Law Initiative (ELI) Legal Writing Contest** is open to J.D. candidates currently enrolled in an ABA-accredited law school. Submissions must be postmarked no later than **January 5, 2007**. Complete contest rules are available at the Grammy Foundation website: [http://www.grammy.com/PDFs/GRAMMY\\_Foundation/ELI\\_Rules\\_07.pdf](http://www.grammy.com/PDFs/GRAMMY_Foundation/ELI_Rules_07.pdf).

- The **Jackson Lewis law firm** and **Chicago-Kent College of Law's Institute for Law and the Workplace** announces the **Louis Jackson National Student Writing Competition in Employment and Labor Law**. This competition is open to all students who have completed or are currently taking courses in employment or labor law and are enrolled in an accredited law school during the Fall 2006 semester. The paper can be on any topic relating to the law governing the workplace, such as employment law, labor law, employee benefits, or employment discrimination but should not exceed 35 pages. **Only the first two submissions per law school will be accepted as entries for consideration.** The deadline for submission is **January 16, 2007**. Entries should be mailed to: Louis Jackson Writing Competition, c/o Institute for Law and the Workplace, Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology, 565 West Adams Street, Chicago, IL 60661-3691. Complete competition rules are available in the Law School Registrar's Office or at the following website: <http://www.kentlaw.edu/academics/plel/LouisJacksonNWC.html>

- The editorial staff of *Family Court Review (FCR)* in cooperation with **Hofstra's Center for Children, Families & the Law** is pleased to announce its **2007 Family Law Writing Competition**. The subject of entries may be within any area of family law, although topics that focus on international or interdisciplinary subjects of family law are especially encouraged. The deadline for submission is **March 15, 2007**. Questions and entries should be emailed to [lawfcr@hofstra.edu](mailto:lawfcr@hofstra.edu). Competition rules are available at the Registrar's Office.

## LAW SCHOOL EVENT

**"Mastering Oral Advocacy"** - Cornell Law School proudly presents guest speaker **David C. Frederick**, on **Wednesday, November 1, 2006 at 4:00 p.m. in the Moot Courtroom**.

**Mr. Frederick**, award-winning advocate, author and scholar, has argued 19 cases in the United States Supreme Court, including seven in the past two terms. In addition to numerous articles, Mr. Frederick is the author of *Supreme Court and Appellate Advocacy*, *The Art of Oral Advocacy* and *Rugged Justice: The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and the American West*.

## UNIVERSITY EVENTS

- **The Institute for the Social Sciences**

- ISS Networks Team Workshop: Search and Diffusion on Social Networks**

- 423 ILR Conference Center

- Starting **November 8 at 1:00 p.m.** with a public lecture by **Ronald S. Burt**, University of Chicago Graduate School of Business, titled "*Creativity and Social Networks*". The workshop runs through **Saturday November 11, ending at 12:30 p.m.** For more information on this workshop, visit:

- [http://www.socialsciences.cornell.edu/0508/Diffusion\\_Conf.html](http://www.socialsciences.cornell.edu/0508/Diffusion_Conf.html)

- **Family Life Development Center Reception**

- Wednesday, November 15 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.**

- The **Family Life Development Center** invites interested law students to a **welcoming reception on Wednesday, November 15 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at Beebe Hall**. The staff and faculty of the Center will discuss a variety of opportunities for research. Refreshments will be served. More information? Contact **Patty Thayer** at 255.7794 or [pmt6@cornell.edu](mailto:pmt6@cornell.edu), or check the website at [www.human.cornell.edu/fldc](http://www.human.cornell.edu/fldc)

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