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≈ Calendar of Events ≈ Week of January 22, 2007

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

12:15-1:15 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90). “ISIP 2007 Update and Interviewing Question and Answer” session for LL.M. Students. Lunch will be provided. Details on page 4, Dean Cramton’s column.

4:10 p.m. Room 239 (2nd Floor Conference Room). Cornell Law Students Association invites students to attend an interview with entry level faculty candidate **Camille Rich**. Details on page 6, Student Organizations.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

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

6:00-8:00 p.m. Stellas. 1L Law Firm Reception. Sponsored by **Clifford Chance**. Details on page 4, Career column.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

1:00-5:00 p.m. Room 252. Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS). Free and confidential consultation for law students with Maurice Haltom. Details on page 6, Maurice Haltom, CAPS column.

4:10 p.m. CLSA Office. CLSA interview with Lawyering Program candidate **Ursula Weigold**. Details on page 6, Student Organizations.

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, JANUARY 25

6:00 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90). Moot Court: Winter Cup Informational Meeting. Details on page 6, Student Organizations.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

4:30 p.m. Room 273. The Berger International Speaker Series presents Colloquium on "Land, Labor and Constitutionalism in the New World Economy: Lessons from the South." Details on page 5, Larry Bush's column.



FROM NAN COLVIN, REGISTRAR

Spring 2007

- **Upperclass course changes** - Students must add or drop **limited enrollment** courses by **4:00 p.m. Sunday, January 28**. Students may add or drop **unlimited enrollment** law courses through **Tuesday, January 30**, until 4:00 p.m. **Non-law courses** must also be added or dropped by 4:00 p.m. on January 30.
- **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 December. **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 February 9, 2007**.
- **Registration Status** - Students will determine their own registration status by signing on to **Just the Facts through UPortal**. **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 **February 9, 2007** and then proceed to the office of the University Registrar, B7 Day Hall.
- **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. 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!
- **Student Transcripts** - Official transcripts are available only at the University Registrar's Office in B7 Day Hall. Processing time varies. For more information about how to request transcripts, visit the University Registrar's Office website: <http://registrar.sas.cornell.edu/Student/transcripts.html> . Internal (unofficial) are available at the Law School Registrar's office (written request required) and students should make requests 24-hours in advance. You may make the request for unofficial transcripts on-line at: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students> using the on-line Cornell Law School Request Form at the Academic Matters link.
- **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.
- **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 a faculty member wishes to view the student's record. You may complete and submit the release form on-line at: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students> using the on-line Cornell Law School Permission to Examine Student Record form at the Academic Matters link or in person at the Law School Registrar's Office.

• **Local Addresses** - Any student who has changed their local address will need to change the address with the Law School at: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students> as well as with the University using **Just the Facts**.

• **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 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. The Student AV Request Form can be submitted online and is available at: <http://ww3.lawschool.cornell.edu/informationtechnology/StuAV.pdf>

• **Summer School Study** - Students may petition the faculty for permission to take courses in law summer school programs of ABA-approved law schools and, upon their successful completion, to receive credit toward the Cornell J.D. degree. Such petitions are considered on an individual basis, and in no case is credit in excess of six hours granted for all such summer school law study. For timely consideration of the petition, interested students should submit their petitions to the Law School Registrar's Office (addressed to Dean Lukingbeal) **prior to April 1**. Petition forms are available in the Law School Registrar's Office and online at the Registrar's site: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students> at the Course Registration/Registration Forms tab/Summer/Winter Intersession Course Credit Request.

• **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

Summer Faculty Research Assistant Opportunities

Students seeking paid summer positions working with Law faculty should leave a resume, cover letter, and transcript with me by **Friday, February 2, 2007**. To assist you in the process, the Registrar's Office

will provide an unofficial transcript at your request. Resumes, cover letters and transcripts will be distributed to interested faculty.

This service is informal and students should not assume that faculty members will necessarily take advantage of it. Therefore, students should feel free to also contact faculty about summer opportunities.

FROM KAREN COMSTOCK, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

Questions about the Public Interest Legal Career Fair? Mark your calendars! **“How to Make the Most of the PILC”** is scheduled for **Wednesday, January 31 at 4:00, room G80**. The program will include mock “good” and “bad” interviews, advice on using the “table talk” forum to your advantage, and general logistics. Interview schedules will be posted to the LCSS system on Thursday, February 1.

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

- **First Year Students: Law firm Presentations and Receptions:** Throughout the spring, law firms will host receptions to introduce you to their firm and its summer associate program. The proper attire for these receptions is business casual, not business suits and not jeans. Email invitations will be forwarded to you by the Career Office. **Please be sure to RSVP if the sponsoring firm requests it in their invitation.**

- **First Year Students: Tuesday, January 23 at 6:00 p.m. at Stellas, Clifford Chance** will be hosting a **reception** to introduce first year students to their summer associate program. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to alexis.waldor@cliffordchance.com

- **First Year Students: Monday, January 29 at 1:00 p.m. in the Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90),** the Career Office will introduce first year students to the **EZRA** software program. EZRA will henceforth be a critical and necessary component of your job search as a Cornell Law student, so **don’t miss this very important program!**

- **First Year Students: Tuesday, January 30 at 4:00 p.m., room G85,** the Career Office and Lexis representative **Mike Poitras** will present **Using Lexis in the 1L Job Search**, a follow-up to Mondays EZRA program. Mr. Poitras will explain the specific features of Lexis that may be used for job searching.

FROM CHARLES D. CRAMTON, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR GRADUATE LEGAL STUDIES

- On **Monday, January 22, from 12:15-1:15 p.m. in the Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90),** Dean Cramton will be presenting an **“ISIP 2007 Update and Interviewing Question and Answer”** session for all LL.M. Students. Come and learn more about the mechanics of the ISIP in NYC and interviewing techniques. **Lunch will be provided.**

- **LL.M. Student Spring Term Advisor Forms.** Once you have finalized your spring 2007 class schedule, please bring your Advisor Form to my office for my approval and signature. If you have any questions regarding your classes or schedule for the spring term, please set up an appointment to speak with me by contacting either **Dawne Peacock or Ginny Starr.**

FROM LARRY BUSH, BERGER INTERNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM

Friday, January 26. 4:30 p.m. Room 273

The Berger International Speaker Series presents Colloquium on “Land, Labor and Constitutionalism in the New World Economy: Lessons from the South.”

Panelists: Professor **Gregory Alexander** of the Cornell Law School, Professor **Franco Barchiesi**, Ohio State University Department, African-American and African Studies, Professor **Karl Klare**, Northeastern Law School, Professor **Alan Hyde** of Cornell Law School (visiting) and Rutgers Law School, Professor **Cui Zhiyuan** of Cornell Law School (visiting) and Qinghua University School, Public Policy and Management and Professor **Sarosh Kuruvilla** of Cornell School of Industrial and Labor Relations. **Moderated** by **Michael Dowdle**, Clarke Program in East-Asian Law and Culture, Cornell Law School.

Over the past 15 years, South Africa has been experiencing contradictory trends in its constitutional evolution. On the one hand, its property regime seems to be moving away from a neo-liberal model, in which property is constitutionally equated solely with private wealth, towards a more neo-corporatist model that sees the ownership of private property as entitling social obligations. On the other hand, South Africa’s labor system seems to be moving in the opposite direction, away from a neo-corporatist model in which private employers assumed significant responsibilities for the social welfare of their employees and their families, towards a neo-liberal model in which employment is seen as a purely economic relationship.

In the case of labor, this shift toward a neo-liberal model may be attributable to changes in the world economy, in which investment succeeded banking as the principal source of private developmental capital. But why has the property regime moved in the opposite direction? Is it compensatory to the social vulnerabilities introduced by changes in South Africa’s labor organization? Is it the product of changes in the focus of investment and developmental capital? Is it due to changes in industrial organization, from a regime driven by economies of scale (‘Fordist’) to one driven by flexible production (‘post-Fordist’)?

And what does all this suggest about the possible evolutions in the constitutional roles of property and of labor, particularly in the developing South? The Anglo-American conception of constitutionalism historically has formally privileged private property over other means of economic structuring. With industrialization, many other constitutional systems, perhaps most famously those of early 20th century Germany and post-War Japan, have begun to include a labor component into their constitutional discourse. Both labor and property address similar constitutional concerns – the need to ensure that citizens are autonomous enough to contribute meaningfully to the constitutional project. But the relationship between these two devices has yet to be explored in the constitutional context. The experience of South Africa suggests that now might be the time to begin rectifying this oversight. **Reception following discussion.**

FROM THE LAW LIBRARY

Reserved Carrels

Applications for reserved carrels are available online on the Library Website: www.lawschool.edu/library or in paper at the Circulation Desk. These carrels are available to 2L, 3L, and LLM students. The applications are due **Friday, January 26, 2007**. Please indicate whether you had a reserved carrel last semester. The carrels will be assigned the following week.

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, January 24 through Wednesday, May 23, 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

• Cornell Law Students Association (CLSA)

CLSA Members and All Students

Entry level candidate, **Camille Rich** will be interviewing on campus on **Monday, January 22**. A student interview has been scheduled at **4:10 p.m. in room 239** (2nd floor Conference Room). Ms. Rich's areas of special interest include employment discrimination, torts, women and the law. Refreshments will be served. Please contact **Jamie Rogers**, CLSA Sr. Vice President at jpr46@cornell.edu if you are interested in participating in the Student Advisory Committee to Faculty Appointments (SACFA) or otherwise attend an interview.

CLSA will be interviewing **Ursula Weigold**, a candidate for a position in the Lawyering Program, on **Wednesday, January 24, at 4:10 p.m.** in the **CLSA Office**. She is currently a Visiting Clinical Professor in the Lawyering Program. Ms. Weigold's fields of interest include legal research and writing skills. Please contact **Jamie Rogers** at: jpr46@cornell.edu if you are interested in participating in this interview.

• Moot Court Board

The **Moot Court Board** is proud to announce the **2007 Winter Cup**. The Winter Cup is a solo tournament that always proves to be exciting and interesting. All interested second and third-year students, LLM's and transfer/exchange students are invited to an **information meeting on Thursday, January 25 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90). At that meeting, we will distribute the problem, discuss the Cornell style, and the brief, and explain elevation to the Moot Court Board.

Information Meeting: Thursday, January 25, 6:00 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90)
Preliminary Rounds: February 5-9
Brief due: February 5

Elimination Rounds: February 12-15

Final Round: February 17, 5:00 p.m.

This is an individual tournament, and has historically had strong participation and a great deal of interest from upperclass students. For those students in their third year, the Winter Cup represents the final opportunity to compete in an internal Moot Court Competition at Cornell Law School. Individuals compete once as petitioner and once as respondent in the preliminary rounds. Successive rounds are judged by members of the Moot Court Board, faculty and staff, and a panel of federal Court of Appeals judges.

For more information, visit <http://mootcourt.lawschool.cornell.edu/winter.html>, or email Moot Court Board Chancellor **Mor Wetzler** at mw278@cornell.edu.

WRITING COMPETITIONS AND AWARDS

- The **2007 Bert W. Levit Essay Contest** sponsored by the **Sponsored by the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability** topic for this year concerns lawyer liability for aiding and abetting a client's breach of fiduciary duty. Submission deadline is **February 16, 2007**. Complete contest information, contest hypothetical and submission guidelines are available at: <http://www.abanet.org/legalservices/lpl/levitinfo.html>
- The *Journal of Business & Securities Law* is now accepting submissions for the **Elliot A. Spoon Business Law Writing Competition**. Submit a journal style article on a current topic concerning business and/or securities law. Submissions should be fully researched with correct citations and sent via email in a Word/WordPerfect format. Deadline: **February 23, 2007 (11:59 p.m. EST)**. The competition is open to any student at an ABA-accredited law school. Competition details are available at the Registrar's Office.
- The **Second Annual NAELA Student Journal Writing Competition** sponsored by the **National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA)** is open to all part- and full-time law students. The article should address any topic related to the intersection of law and aging, elder or disability planning. All entries must be submitted electronically **between March 1, 2007 and May 1, 2007**. Competition information is available at the Registrar's Office or at the following website: <http://www.naela.org/Applications/News/index.cfm?fuseAction=fullArticle&ArticleID=216>
- The **Sidney B. Williams Jr. Scholarship** sponsored by the **American Intellectual Property Law Education Foundation** will be awarded to minority students developing a career in intellectual property law or holding a past, present, full or part-time position in an area related to intellectual property law. The application deadline is **March 2, 2007**. For information and an application, please visit the website at: http://www.aiplef.org/scholarships/sidney_b_williams/
- The **Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship and the American College of Tax Counsel** announce their **2007 Tannenwald Writing Competition**. Papers may be submitted by JD, LLM or JSD students. Submitted papers may focus upon technical or policy-oriented topics relating to any type of existing or proposed U.S. federal or state tax or taxation system (including topics relating to tax practice ethical and professional responsibility matters). Each submitted paper must be sponsored by a professor at the student's law school. There is a limit in the number of papers a law school may submit, so if you are interested in submitting a paper, please contact the Registrar's Office by **April 13, 2007**. Complete competition rules are available at the Registrar's Office or online at: <http://www.abanet.org/lpd/competitions/writing-contests/07tannenwald-rules.pdf>
- The **New York State Bar Association's Committee on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar** announces the **2007 Law Student Legal Ethics Award competition**. The competition is open to all students. A prize of \$750 will be awarded at the end of the academic year. The award is intended to

encourage scholarship and service relating to the lawyer's role as a representative of clients, officer of the legal system and public citizen having special responsibility for the quality of justice. The Award is made by the law school to the student(s) in recognition of an extraordinary accomplishment in one of the following areas:

1. A proposal outlining how members of the Bar can demonstrate their commitment to professional responsibility or legal ethics;
2. A written article, essay or other exposition, on the subject of legal professional responsibility or legal ethics; or
3. A substantial action or activity in furtherance of legal professional responsibility or legal ethics, performed or instituted in the year of this competition.

Written entries should be submitted to the Law School Registrar's Office by **Friday, April 20, 2007**.

• The **National Association of Women Lawyers** has established the annual **Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition** to encourage and reward original law student writing on issues concerning women and the law. Essays will be accepted from law students enrolled any time during the 2006/07 school year. Entrants should submit a paper on an issue concerning women's rights or the status of women in the law. Entries must be received by **April 30, 2007**. Competition rules are available at the Registrar's Office.

UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COMMUNITY ASSISTANTS POSITIONS AVAILABLE FOR 2007-08

Like people? Want to help students adjust to Cornell? Think you could do a good job as a Graduate Community Assistant (GCA), live-in staff at one of Cornell's housing complexes?

Graduate and Professional Student Housing (part of Campus Life) is hiring GCAs for its graduate housing areas for 2007-08. This is a position in which 2Ls or 3Ls receive housing, utilities, ResNet, local telephone and a stipend, at Hughes. In other residential areas you have the opportunity to work and live with people from all around the world and make a difference in their lives.

Duties include advising, creating and running activities and programs, building a community and maintaining its standards, being on-call, attending training sessions and staff meetings, and dealing with general administrative/facility issues. It is a great experience. GCAs also work with other GCAs concerning programs and the general welfare of the residents. To obtain an application online and to find out more go to: http://campuslife.cornell.edu/graduate_housing/employment_opportunities.asp.

Printed applications are available at the Hughes Service Center or the Law School Registrar's Office.

Completed application packets must be turned in by 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 30, 2007. If you turn in your completed application early, we will interview you first.

NEWS FROM ALUMNI AFFAIRS

Upcoming 2007 Events: January - March

January 26

New York Annual Luncheon with The Honorable **Paul A. Crotty** LLB '67, New York, NY. **"In the Public Service: The Rewards and Challenges of Serving as New York City's Corporation Counsel and as U.S. District Court Judge."**

February 5

CEN Discussion with **Robert Wrede** '61 JD '69, co-sponsored by Cornell Silicon Valley, Cornell Club of Los Angeles & the Western Regional Office, Los Angeles, CA. **"Managing Commercial Conflict."**

February 8

The **2nd Annual Exemplary Public Service Awards & Celebration**, New York, NY.

March 15

Pre-Reunion Happy Hour, New York, NY.

March 20

Corporate Integrity Program/CLE Panel, New York, NY. Speakers include: **Ron Goldstock '66**, Cornell Law School Adjunct Professor, **Neil Getnick JD '78**, **Mary Gail Gearns JD '85**, **Marion Bachrach JD '77** & **Kathryn Quirk JD '79**.

For more information about specific events, visit the Alumni Affairs Events Calendar at: www.lawschool.cornell.edu or call **Vicki Simarano**, Director of Alumni Affairs at 255-3408.

UPCOMING EVENT OF THE INSTITUTE FOR THE SOCIAL SCIENCES AND LAW SCHOOL

ISS Evolving Family Theme Project Seminar “*Social Science and Legal Policy: The Case of Heterosexual Cohabitation*”

Thursday, February 15, 8:30-10:00 a.m. 146 Myron Taylor Hall (ISS Conference Room)

Cynthia Bowman, Marc & Beth Goldberg Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law

This seminar examines the social science literature about heterosexual cohabitation and concludes that unmarried couples together for two years or with a common child should be given the legal rights and obligations attached to marriage. Social scientific findings that cohabiting unions are less stable than marriage and harmful in a variety of ways both to the partners and their children are grounds, the author contends, to extend such legal protections rather than to deny them. Because cohabitants are statistically likely to come from economically disadvantaged groups, to have children, and to be economically interdependent, she argues that it is appropriate to impose upon them not only the property and support obligations of marriage but also rights to inheritance, against third parties, and from the state. Historical and cross-national evidence is adduced to demonstrate that extension of these legal protections will not harm the institution of marriage. For more information contact **Anneliese Truame**, ISS Administrative Coordinator at: amt58@cornell.edu .

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