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≈ Calendar of Events ≈ Week of March 26, 2007

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

MONDAY, MARCH 26

6:00 p.m. Room G85. Why Clerk? The Advantages of Post-Graduation Judicial Clerkships. Alumni talk about their clerkship experiences and how clerking influenced subsequent employment opportunities. Details on page 4, Assistant Dean for Public Service Comstock's column.

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12:30 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheatre (room G90). New York Bar Application information will be discussed at the handwriting session. Details on page 3, Certification Coordinator Pat Halstead's column.

3:00-5:00 p.m. Room 263. Office hours for students with Dean Schwab. Details on page 2, Dean Schwab's column.

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

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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.

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5:00 p.m. Room 279. An information session on becoming a Judicial Codes Counselor for the 2007-2008 academic year. Details on page 7, University Position: Judicial Codes Counselor.

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and 3:45-5:00 p.m. Room G85. Public Interest Law Career Symposium. Detailed schedule on page 4, Assistant Dean for Public Service Comstock's column.

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

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FROM STEWART J. SCHWAB, THE ALLAN R. TESSLER DEAN

Office Hours for Students

I will be holding office hours for students this **Tuesday afternoon, March 27 between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.** Students wishing to see me should sign up in advance with **Sandy Most** in room 263 or stop by and sign in during the office hours.

FROM NAN COLVIN, REGISTRAR

Spring 2007

- **To the Classes of 2008 & 2009 - Pre-Registration for Fall 2007 Law School courses** will occur over the summer recess. Students will be notified by email (to their Cornell NetID email address) of registration dates.
- **Fall 2007 Courses in Divisions Other than the Law School** - Students interested in enrolling in courses in other divisions of the University for the Fall 2007 semester may pre-enroll using the University CourseEnroll process available through Bear Access/Just the Facts. **You may use CourseEnroll for non-law courses starting at 6:30 a.m. on Monday, March 26 through 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 30, 2007.** Information about CourseEnroll is available on-line at: <http://registrar.sas.cornell.edu/Student/coursenroll.html>
The course and time roster for the University is available on-line at: <http://www.cornell.edu/academics/courses.cfm>
- **Note about Advisor Key & CourseEnroll.** If you use Bear Access/CourseEnroll to pre-register for University courses, it will ask you to enter your Advisor Key. **We do not use an Advisor Key at the Law School and you should just leave it blank.** Your selections will be saved when you activate the submit key.
- **Please Note: Pre-enrollment does not guarantee enrollment in the course.** Students enrolling in non-law courses for JD credit will also need to complete the required petition with the Law School Registrar's office, at the Registrar's website, Course Registration link, *Request for Credit for Outside Course* (<https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/forms/FormsLogin.cfm?action=OutsideCourseCredit>). 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 semester credit hours in professional law subjects. This applies to all law students, including those in joint degree programs.

- **Spring 07 Final Examinations** - Students who have **exam conflicts** are reminded to notify the Law School Registrar's Office, in writing, using the online Deferral Request link at the Registrar's website: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students> by **Wednesday, April 18, 2007**, of the conflict, and should note which exam they wish rescheduled. The exam schedule is available at the Registrar's website at: https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/forms/Spring_Exam_Schedule.pdf

- **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, April 18, 2007**. 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**.

- **Laptops for exams** - The Law School will be using Software Secure exam software. **All students will be required to install the Spring 2007 version of Securexam for the spring exam period.** The exam schedule indicates which exams offer the laptop option. An information memo about laptop exams will be emailed and flexed to all students mid-week during the week of March 26. If you have any questions after reading the materials emailed/flexed to you, please contact **Nan Colvin** or **Nancy Osborn** in the Registrar's Office.

- **Using Securexam** - All students who wish to use their laptop for exams must have the spring 2007 version of Securexam software installed. You will receive an email directly from Software Secure sent to you at your Cornell NetID email address the week of April 9, with complete instructions on how to install and test the software.

FROM PAT HALSTEAD, CERTIFICATION COORDINATOR

Reminders To All Graduating Students

- **New York Bar Application information** will be discussed at the handwriting sessions scheduled on **March 27 at 12:30 p.m. in the Mancuso Amphitheatre** (room G90) and on **March 29 at 2:00 p.m. in room G85**.

On-line applications and instructions for submitting the New York State Bar application will be available on **Monday, March 26** at <http://www.nybarexam.org>. Please print the Specimen of Applicants Handwriting form and bring it to one of the handwriting sessions.

Those who are unable to attend either session should stop by the Registrar's Office to make an appointment to complete the handwriting specimen. Applications for the New York State Bar for the July 2007 Exam **must be postmarked between March 26 and April 25, 2007**.

- **Certificates of Attendance/Graduation.** A certificate of law school attendance/graduation is required by most state bar authorities. Some states require that the certificate be made on a form they provide, and others require it on Law School letterhead. Certificates are completed and mailed directly from the Law School Registrar's Office. **Certificates of graduation will be sent after May 27, 2007.**

- **Official Transcripts.** Please remember that they are not processed at Cornell Law School. Students can request an official transcript (**including Spring 07 grades**) in May at the University Registrar's Office, B7 Day Hall. The request should include the following information: **Hold for Grades and Degree - Graduating Law** and where you want it sent.

- **Applications Requiring Fingerprinting (not all bar applications require fingerprinting)**

Fingerprinting is available on-campus at the Public Safety Office, G2 Barton Hall, 24-hours a day and at the Ithaca Police Department, 120 E. Clinton St., Ithaca. You will need to take the fingerprint card from your bar application packet with you, and **two** forms of picture ID. The Ithaca Police Department is only available to process the cards on Wednesdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and charges a \$10.00 fee. Their number is (607) 272-9973.

FROM KAREN COMSTOCK, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

- **Why Clerk? The Advantages of Post-Graduation Judicial Clerkships**

Monday, March 26, 6:00 p.m. Room G85

Alumni talk about their clerkship experiences and how clerking influenced subsequent employment opportunities.

Jeffrey O'Neill '05, Associate, Wolf Greenfield, Boston, MA
Clerkship: Hon. Juan R. Toruella, U.S. Court of Appeals, 1st Circuit

Judy Amorosa '05, Associate, Alston & Byrd, New York, NY
Clerkship: Hon. Roberto Rivera-Soto '77, New Jersey Supreme Court

April Rieger '06, Clerkship: Hon. Paul Crotty '67, U.S. District Court Southern District of NY

Maymangwa Miranda '06, Clerkship: Hon. Emily Clark Hewitt, U.S. Court of Federal Claims

- **Public Interest Law Career Symposium**

Friday, March 30-Saturday, March 31. Room G85.

Friday, March 30

International Relief Work 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Lunch provided

Joe Iarocci '84: Senior Vice President, Strategic Support, CARE, Atlanta, GA

Katina Grays '02: Senior Staff Attorney, Habitat for Humanity International, Atlanta, GA

Environmental/Energy Law 3:45 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Sean Carman '89: Staff Attorney, U.S. DOJ, Environmental and Natural Resources Division, Washington, D.C.

Suedeem Kelly '74: Commissioner, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, Washington, D.C.

Daniel Sosland '85: Executive Director, Environment Northeast, Rockport, ME

Saturday, March 31

Civil and Human Rights 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Lunch provided.

Lisa Graves '94: Staff Attorney, Center for National Security Studies, Washington, D.C.

Nicole M. Austin-Hillery, Associate, Mehri & Skalet, PLLC, Washington, DC

Criminal Law Practice 1:30 p.m.-2:45 p.m.

Ryan Norwood '02: Staff Attorney, New Hampshire Public Defender, Concord, NH

John Lynch '93: Staff Attorney, U.S. DOJ Criminal Division, Washington, D.C.

Christopher Seeds '98: Visiting Fellow, Cornell Death Penalty Project, Ithaca, NY

FROM THE CLARKE PROGRAM IN EAST ASIAN LAW AND CULTURE

- **Professor Annelise Riles is seeking applications from JD or SJD students who wish to serve as teaching assistants for Government 313, the Nature, Function and Limits of Law, a course in legal studies offered at the law school for undergraduate students, in the Fall of 2007. Teaching assistants lead**

a weekly small group meeting of the course, hold office hours, attend lectures, and grade a short paper and the final exam. Teaching assistants can elect to receive course credit or payment on an hourly basis. If interested, please submit a resume to **Donna Hastings** by **April 1**.

- **The Clarke Program in East Asian Law and Culture sponsors an annual student essay prize competition** to recognize scholarly work that expands the purview of our understanding of legal institutions, ideas or practices in East Asia. We welcome submissions of papers authored by Cornell J.D. students in their second or third years, Cornell L.L.M. students, or graduate students from other departments or schools within the university by **May 30, 2007**. The winner will receive a cash award of \$300 and will be invited to present his or her paper in the Program workshop in the following semester. Papers can be submitted by students or by their advisors on their behalf. Papers should be no more than 10,000 words in length. Please submit papers to **Donna Hastings** at: donna-hastings@lawschool.cornell.edu

- **Coming Events**

Wednesday, March 28, 3:00-4:10 p.m. Uris Auditorium

Ezra Rosser, American University Washington School of Law will present: *“Cooperation in the Shadow of Conquest: The Need for Skepticism Regarding the Transformative Power of Negotiated Sovereignty.”*

Clarke Program in East Asian Law and Culture Colloquium Series

Tuesday, April 3, 12:00-1:30 p.m. Room 277.

John Ohnesorge, University of Wisconsin Law School will present: *“Law and Development Theory and the Northeast Asian Experience.”* A lunch will be served.

FROM KARLA VARGAS, DIRECTORY, FINANCIAL AID

How to Renew Your Financial Aid (Grants do not need to be renewed)

- **Follow these easy steps and you will renew your Federal Loans.**

1. File your tax returns
2. Complete your FAFSA no later **April 15, 2007**
3. Send a copy of your Tax returns or Non-filing statement to the Financial Aid Office.
4. Complete the Federal Verification Worksheet

Please note: If you complete your FAFSA later than **April 15**, and do not alert the Financial Aid Office, we cannot ensure timely payment of loan funds.

The Non-Filing Statement and the Federal Verification Worksheet can be picked up at the Financial Aid office after March 15.

- **Follow this easy step and you will renew your Private Loans.**

Contact your lender and apply for a new loan for 2006-2007

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 Spring 2007 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

• Intellectual Property Students Association (IPSA)

On **Thursday, March 29, 12:15 p.m.** in the **Saperston Student Lounge**, the **Intellectual Property Students Association (IPSA)** is hosting a talk by **Professor Oskar Liivak** on gene patenting. Please join us and learn about the legal issues at the forefront of this rapidly changing technology area. Lunch will be provided. Questions? Please contact **Robin Davis**, VP of IPSA, at rmd42@cornell.edu

• Women's Law Coalition (WLC)

The **Women's Law Coalition** presents "**Women in Public Interest Law**," an informal conversation with three women with diverse public interest careers: **Mary Beth Grant**, Judicial Administrator, Cornell University; **Bernadette Meyler**, Assistant Professor of Law; and **Brenda Sannes**, Appellate Chief and Assistant United States Attorney for the Northern District of New York. **Wednesday, March 28, 12:15-1:15 p.m. Saperston Lounge.** Lunch will be provided. Questions? Contact **Renuka George** at renuka.george@gmail.com

The **Women's Law Coalition** announces the **2007 Dean Lukingbeal Award**. The annual award was established in 1999 by the Women's Law Coalition to celebrate contributions to the experience of women at the Law School and honor the Law School's Associate Dean and Dean of Students, Anne Lukingbeal. The entire law school votes to select each year's winner. Past winners include Karen Comstock, Dean Holden-Smith, and Professor Kysar. **Nominees for the 2007 Dean Lukingbeal Award** are: Professor **Cynthia Bowman**, Professor **Bernadette Meyler**, Director of Legal Aid Clinic and Clinical Professor of Law **JoAnne Miner**, and Director of Career Services **Liz Peck**.

The Women's Law Coalition also invites students, faculty and staff to nominate additional candidates. When nominating, please include a short paragraph about your nominee's contributions toward the experience of women at the law school. **We will accept nominations and supporting documents**

until **March 30** and conduct voting for all nominees in the Foyer April 2-4. The **Dean Lukingbeal Award ceremony will take place Wednesday, April 11**. More information about the ceremony will follow in future *Scoops*. Please send nominations to **Renuka George** at renuka.george@gmail.com

WRITING COMPETITION

The **Howard C. Schwab Memorial annual essay contest presented by the ABA Section of Family Law**, is held annually to encourage interest in the field of family law. The subject may be any aspect of Family Law. All second and third year full-time students enrolled in ABA-approved law schools, are eligible to compete. The deadline for entries is **May 1, 2007**. Contest rules are available at the contest website: <http://www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwabrules.shtml>

NEWS FROM ALUMNI AFFAIRS

Upcoming 2007 Events: April-June

April 19: Young Alumni Event, New York, NY

April 25: Cornell Law Alumni Reception with Vice Provost David Wippman, Boston, MA. "Applying the Laws of War to the War on Terror"

May 16: Annual New Jersey Alumni Spring Dinner with The Honorable Barry Albin JD '76, Maplewood, NJ

June 7-9: Reunion

June 28: Reception with Students and Young Alumni, New York, NY

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.

UNIVERSITY POSITION: JUDICIAL CODES COUNSELOR

Become a Judicial Codes Counselor! Make \$13 an hour!

Attention all 1Ls and 2Ls, there will be an **information session on becoming a Judicial Codes Counselor** for the 2007-2008 academic year on **Thursday March 29 at 5:00 p.m. in room 279**. Pizza will be served. **Applications for the position will be due Monday April 2**. Interviews for finalists will be Tuesday April 17 (dates subject to change).

The Judicial Codes Counselors act as advisors, similar to public defenders, for members of the Cornell community who are accused of academic integrity and conduct violations. Come to this meeting on Thursday to learn more about the position from law students who currently serve as JCCs. This is a great way to serve your community, make some extra money, and develop real legal skills.

If you are interested in becoming a Judicial Codes Counselor but cannot attend the information session, please e-mail **Jonathan Sclarsic** at sclarsic@gmail.com for more information.

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