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## ≈ Calendar of Events ≈ Week of September 3, 2007

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

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Classes are in session at the Law School and the University.

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

**9:00 a.m.-5:10 p.m. Myron Taylor Hall. OCI #2 interviews.** Contact the Career Office for more information.

**3:00-7:00 p.m. Room 309. Office hours for Walter Bubl , Academic Support Counselor.** Details on page 5, Walter Bubl 's column.

**3:30-5:00 p.m. Room 263. Office hours for students with Dean Schwab.** Details on page 2, Dean Schwab's column.

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

**9:00 a.m.-5:10 p.m. Myron Taylor Hall. OCI #2 interviews.** Contact the Career Office for more information.

**2:30-4:30 p.m. Room 252. Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS). Free and confidential consultation for law students.** Details on page 5, CAPS column.

**4:15-5:15 p.m. Room G85. Informational session on the 2008 International Student Interview Program ("ISIP")** being held in NYC at the end of January for LL.M. students. We will cover registering for the ISIP and requesting interviews. Details on page 5, Assistant Dean Cramton's column.

**5:00-6:00 p.m. Room 290. Maximize Your Success in Law School.** Walter Bubl , the Academic Support Director, and a **panel of Lawyering Honors Fellows** will discuss various ways first-year students can get the most out of their time.

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 (CON'T.)**

**5:00 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheatre (room G90).** The U.S. Department of Justice Attorney General's Honors Program and Summer Law Intern Program information meeting presented by **Nathaniel Dorfman**. Details on page 4, Assistant Dean Comstock's column.

**6:00-7:00 p.m. Room 309. Office hours for Walter Bubl ,** Academic Support Counselor. Details on page 5, Walter Bubl 's column.

**6:00 p.m. Room 285. Informational session for the Moot Court External and International Competitions.** Details on page 6, Student Organizations column.



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

**Office Hours for Students**

I will be holding office hours for students this **Tuesday afternoon, September 4, between 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.** Students wishing to see me should sign up in advance with **Lynda Swafford** in room 263 or stop by and sign in during the office hours.

**FROM NAN COLVIN, REGISTRAR**

**Fall '07**

• **Schedule Verification and S/U Grade Election form** - You will receive an individual schedule verification and S/U grade election in your student mail folder. They must be completed and returned by **4:00 p.m. Friday, September 14, 2007.**

• **S/U Grading Option** - Each J.D. student may elect to take up to two upperclass courses at Cornell Law School on an S/U basis. At the close of Add-Drop students will be issued their schedule and grade option verification form. S/U grade elections, if made, shall be irrevocable. Students may not make this election in courses that they use to satisfy the Law School's upperclass writing requirement or the Law School's professional responsibility requirement. In addition, instructors may designate specific courses that they teach as not eligible for the S/U grade election. Check individual course descriptions in the on-line Fall 2007 Course Description memo at the Course Registration link:

[https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/forms/Registrar\\_Course\\_Descriptions.pdf](https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/forms/Registrar_Course_Descriptions.pdf) for more information.

• **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 July. **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 September 14, 2007.**

• **Registration Status** - Students will determine their own registration status by signing on to **UPortal and using Bear Access/Just the Facts.** Computers are available in the Saperston Student Lounge, the Computer Lab and the Foyer to determine your registration status. **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 **September 14, 2007,** and then proceed to the Office of the University Registrar, B7 Day Hall.

- **Information from the University's Bursar's Office** - A refund schedule for withdrawals and leaves of absence for the Fall 2007 semester follows:

<b>Percent</b>	<b>All Students</b>
No Charge	8/21-8/27
10%	8/28-9/4
20%	9/5-9/18
30%	9/19-9/25
40%	9/26-10/2
50%	10/3-10/9
60%	10/10-10/16
80%	10/17-10/23
100%	10/24

- **Student Transcripts - Official transcripts** are available only at the University Registrar's Office in B7 Day Hall. Processing time varies please allow 5-7 business days for processing. **Internal (unofficial) transcripts** are available at the Law School Registrar's office (written request required). Requests for unofficial transcripts should be made on-line at the Registrar's site:

<https://support.law.cornell.edu/students>, using the *Request for Certification, Unofficial Transcript Form* at the Academic Matters tab. **Please remember to make this request 24-hours in advance of your need for the materials.**

- **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.

- **Bar Registration** - The rules of certain states (not New York) require notification of the intent to begin study of law or registration with the bar admission authorities when a person begins studying law. The student should obtain instructions from the proper authorities (usually the state board of bar examiners of the clerk of the court of highest jurisdiction) in the state in which the student intends to practice. The Registrar's Office has on hand bar information for interested students.

- **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 the faculty member wishes to view the student's record. The release form is available on the Registrar's website: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students> at the Academic Matters tab, *Law School Permission to Examine Student Record* link.

- **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 on-line 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. Students can find this request form on-line at the Registrar's site under *Academic Matters* or at: <http://www.lawschool.cornell.edu/informationtechnology/StuAV.pdf>

- **Room Reservations** - For information on the room reservation procedure, please visit the following website: <http://ww3.lawschool.cornell.edu/StuEventInfo/>

- **Emergency Phone Number**

**On-Campus or Off-Campus: call 911**

for all safety, fire, medical, or other life threatening emergencies

- **Non-Emergency Phone Numbers**

**On-Campus**

**Campus Police:** 255-1111

**Campus Police Administration:** 255-1113

**Gannett Health Center:** 255-5155

**Environmental Health & Safety:** 255-8200

**Off-Campus**

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 KAREN COMSTOCK, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR PUBLIC SERVICE**

2Ls and 3Ls: *The U.S. Department of Justice Attorney General's Honors Program and Summer Law Intern Program* application deadline is **Monday, September 17**. Learn more about opportunities available for new attorneys and interns, and advice about the application process on **Wednesday, September 5, 5:00 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheatre (room G90)**. Presented by **Nathaniel Dorfman** Cornell University '99 and Harvard Law '02. Mr. Dorfman is a trial attorney with the DOJ's Tax Division.

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

Mark Your Calendars and contact the Career Office for more information.

- **Tuesday, September 4**

**9:00 a.m.-5:10 p.m. Myron Taylor Hall. OCI #2 interviews.**

- **Wednesday, September 5**

**9:00 a.m.-5:10 p.m. Myron Taylor Hall. OCI #2 interviews.**

- **Friday, September 7**

**9:00 a.m.-5:10 p.m. San Francisco Job Fair, Crowne Plaza Hotel, San Francisco, CA.**

- **Monday, September 10**

**9:00 a.m.-5:10 p.m. Los Angeles Job Fair, Millennium Biltmore Hotel, Los Angeles, CA.**

## **FROM CHARLES CRAMTON, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR GRADUATE LEGAL STUDIES**

On **Wednesday, September 5 from 4:15-5:15 p.m. in room G85** we will have an informational session on the *2008 International Student Interview Program* ("ISIP") being held in NYC on January 25-26, 2008. I will discuss the ISIP process, including key dates, how to register for the ISIP on Simplicity, uploading your resume and requesting interviews with employers. LL.M. students interested in participating in the ISIP job fair or applying for jobs in the U.S. should plan on attending.

## **FULL-TERM EXTERNSHIP-SPRING 2008**

There will be a **mandatory meeting on Wednesday, September 12, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. in room 290** for all students who are considering the possibility of spending next spring (2008) away as an extern working full time for a non-profit organization, government agency or judge. The instructor, **JoAnne Miner**, will provide specific instructions about the course, its requirements, and the process and timetable for gaining admission to the course.

The meeting will last approximately an hour. You also can review this falls materials on the BlackBoard web site <http://www.blackboard.cornell.edu> under the course title {law7831-1 Fall 2007: Full Term Externship}. Also there are three-ring binders in the Legal Aid Clinic's secretarial area that contain information about many of the placements that have been used in the past. You are welcome to review those before or following the September 12 meeting.

## **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 309**. Drop in or arrange an appointment by email at: [wgb7@cornell.edu](mailto:wgb7@cornell.edu)

- **Maximize Your Success in Law School**. On **Wednesday, September 5, 5:00-6:00 p.m., room 290**, a panel of **Laywering Honors Fellows** and I will discuss various ways first-year students can get the most out of their time.

## **FROM MAURICE HALTOM, COUNSELING AND PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES (CAPS)**

**Let's Talk**

**Free and confidential support is available to all students.**

No appointment necessary. Just drop in.

- \* stress \* academic problems \* anxiety \* relationships
- \* adjustments to a new culture \* family problems
- \* depression \* financial \* other concerns

**When: Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.**

**Please note** that on **September 5 and September 12** I will be out of town.

**Matt Boone**, my replacement, will be available from **2:30-4:30 p.m.** in room 252, Myron Taylor Hall.

**Where:** Myron Taylor Hall, Room 252

**Who:** Maurice Haltom, LMSW, Counselor from Gannett Health Services

For additional hours and counselor bios: [www.gannett.cornell.edu/LetsTalk](http://www.gannett.cornell.edu/LetsTalk)

## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

### Moot Court

The **informational session for the Moot Court External and International Competitions** will be held at **6:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 5 in room 285**. Try-out rounds for Moot Court External and International Teams will be held throughout the week of September 10.

The Moot Court Board sends teams to represent Cornell Law School at external and international competitions each year. External competitions provide a rewarding opportunity to represent the Law School at prestigious events, hone your oral advocacy and brief-writing skills, and have a blast traveling with classmates to schools around the country and the world. If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail **Andrew Keisner** at [ak286@cornell.edu](mailto:ak286@cornell.edu) or **Patricia Astorga** at [pa69@cornell.edu](mailto:pa69@cornell.edu)

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- The **Admissions Office** has positions available. If you are interested in meeting prospective applicants, giving tours of the Law School, etc., the Admissions Office is now accepting resumes. Work-study is helpful but not essential. Please submit resumes to **Patina Janisko**, room 226, by **Friday, September 14**.
- **Professor Aziz** is seeking a research assistant to help her locate and collect materials for a research project on European Union and US cultural policy and law. Expertise and/or interest in international trade law, intellectual property, US/EU social security law or immigration law would be useful. Students will be paid the hourly research assistant rate. Any student interested in applying should contact her administrative assistant, **Allen Czelusniak** via email at [ahc85@cornell.edu](mailto:ahc85@cornell.edu)
- **Professor Aziz** is seeking a research assistant to help her locate and collect materials for a research project on comparative European Union and US health care law and policy. Students will be paid the hourly research assistant rate. Any student interested in applying should contact her administrative assistant, **Allen Czelusniak** via email at [ahc85@cornell.edu](mailto:ahc85@cornell.edu)
- **Professor John Barceló** seeks the assistance of students who are fluent in English and French to translate chapters of *L'Union Europeenne: Institutions Ordre Juridique Contentieux*, by Philippe Manin, from French into English. Students will be paid the hourly research assistant rate. Any student interested in participating in the translation project should contact Professor Barceló's administrative assistant, **Allen Czelusniak**, via e-mail at [ahc85@cornell.edu](mailto:ahc85@cornell.edu) or phone, 255-5883, for more information.

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