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≈ Calendar of Events ≈ Week of September 10, 2007

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

12:30 p.m. Room 277. The **Law Students in Action Project (LSAP)** presentation about pro bono legal work opportunities. Details on page 3, Assistant Dean Comstock's column.

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.

4:00 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheatre (room G90). **Women's Law Coalition (WLC)** presents "**Law School Basics.**" Details on page 6, Student Organizations.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

2:30-4:30 p.m. Room 252. **Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS).** **Free and confidential consultation for law students.** Details on page 6, CAPS column.

4:00 p.m. Room 290. **Mandatory meeting** on 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. Details on page 5, Full-Term Externship column.

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

2:30 p.m. G08 Uris Hall. China/Zambia Investments: The Challenges and Economic Development by **Muna Ndulo**, Professor, Cornell Law School and Director, Institute for African Development.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

9:00 a.m.-5:10 p.m. Myron Taylor Hall. OCI #3 interviews. Details on page 4, Career column.

4:00 p.m. Registrar's Office. Deadline for returning S/U Grade Option form. Details below, Registrar's 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 11, 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** - JD students received an individual schedule verification and S/U grade election form in their student mail folder. The S/U Grade Election form must be completed and returned by **4:00 p.m. Friday, September 14, 2007.**
- **S/U Grading Option** - Each J.D. student, after the first year, may elect to take up to two courses on an S/U basis, not counting courses in which the students must accept S/U grading as a condition of enrolling in the course. At the close of Add-Drop, students will be issued their schedule and Grade Election form and must make any S/U elections at this time. S/U grade election, if made, shall be irrevocable. Students may **not** make this election in courses 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 election. Check individual course descriptions in the on-line Fall 2007 Course Description memo (at the Course Registration link) 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.

- **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 or 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/>
- **October Fall Break** - Please mark your calendars. Fall break for all students begins **Saturday, October 6**. Classes resume Monday, October 15.
- **Past Notices** - Refer to previous issues of *Scoops* (available on-line in the Back Issues section) for information pertaining to transcript requests, certifications, etc.

FROM KAREN COMSTOCK, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

Pro Bono Opportunities - Upperclass students - here is a chance to do interesting and meaningful **pro bono legal work!** The **Law Students in Action Project (LSAP)** is now recruiting law students for fall semester projects. I invite you to attend the LSAP presentation on **Tuesday, September 11 at 12:30 in room 277**. The LSAP representative will also be **tabling in the Foyer throughout the afternoon**. **Available projects include:**

The **Pro Bono Assistance Project** pairs law student volunteers with attorneys assigned pro bono cases through two public interest organizations - **Volunteer Legal Services Project in Rochester**, and **Finger Lakes Volunteer Lawyer Service in Geneva**. Topics include: fair housing, public benefits, family law, debt/bankruptcy, special education, fair credit and predatory lending, consumer law, and employment discrimination.

Volunteer Research Assistance Team (VRAT). Volunteers will provide legal research assistance to legal service agencies in Rochester. The assigned research projects will be issues that the legal service agency needs brief assistance with in a relatively short time frame, usually 2-4 weeks.

Spanish Translation and Interpretation Assistance Team (STIAT). Law student volunteers who are fluent in Spanish will participate in phone conferences with legal service attorneys and assist them with communicating with their Spanish-speaking clients. Volunteers will also translate legal documents, brochures and various written materials into Spanish for legal service agencies.

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

• **OCI and Job Fairs: Mark Your Calendars**

Monday, September 10

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

Friday, September 14

9:00 a.m. - 5:10 p.m. Myron Taylor Hall. OCI #3 interviews.

Monday, September 17

9:00 a.m. - 5:10 p.m. Chicago Job Fair. Hotel Monaco, 225 North Wabash Ave, Chicago, IL

9:00 a.m. - 5:10 p.m. Dallas Job Fair. The Magnolia Hotel, 1401 Commerce Street, Dallas, TX

• **1Ls:** Welcome from Career Services! **We will be introducing ourselves and discussing the services** that our office provides based on your *Lawyering* sections on September 25, 26, or 27 in the Student Lounge. Please check below for information on your specific Career Services Orientation meeting date and time. Welcome to Cornell Law School! We look forward to meeting you!

Tuesday, September 25

9:15 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Saperston Student Lounge. 1L Career Services Orientation, *Lawyering Section B*

11:15 a.m.-12:00 Noon. Saperston Student Lounge. 1L Career Services Orientation, *Lawyering Section E*

Wednesday, September 26

2:30 p.m.- 3:15 p.m. Saperston Student Lounge. 1L Career Services Orientation, *Lawyering Section C*

3:15 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. Saperston Student Lounge. 1L Career Services Orientation, *Lawyering Section F*

Thursday, September 27

9:15 a.m.- 10:00 a.m. Saperston Student Lounge. 1L Career Services Orientation, *Lawyering Section D*

10:15 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Saperston Student Lounge. 1L Career Services Orientation, *Lawyering Section A*

• **OCIs**

2Ls and 3Ls

If you have an interview at the Statler Hotel. Like the job fairs, interviews will be held in individual hotel rooms. Be sure to arrive in plenty of time to find out the room your interview is in. There is also a reception/check-in room for each Statler OCI: the Taylor Room is where you will find Career Office staff, interview room numbers, refreshments, message boards, schedules, and the red research books.

If you have an interview in Myron Taylor Hall. These interviews will take place in faculty, administrator, and student organization offices and classrooms. On the day of the interview, check the Career Office door to find your interview room.

• **2Ls and 3Ls:** NALPs Standards for the Timing of Offers and Decisions govern timelines associated with accepting offers of employment. **Pay close attention to the following:**

* If you are a 2L/3L student and **you were previously employed by the offering firm** (i.e., you spent a summer there), and the firm made you a permanent offer **before** September 15, you must respond by November 1.

* If you are a 2L/3L and you **were previously employed by the offering firm** and the firm made you an offer **after** September 15, you have until December 1 to respond.

* If you are a 2L/3L and you **were not previously employed by the offering firm**, you must respond by December 1.

The following guidelines govern how many offers you may hold open by various dates:

After September 5: 5

After October 1: 4

After October 15: 3

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 CHARLES CRAMTON, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR GRADUATE LEGAL STUDIES

On **Wednesday, September 12 from 4:00-5:30 p.m. in room G85**, Professor **John J. Barceló** and I will discuss the standards of **academic integrity** for examinations and research papers at Cornell. **This session is mandatory for all LL.M. students.** Refreshments will be served.

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

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

Where: Myron Taylor Hall, Room 252

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

Please note that on **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.

For additional hours and counselor bios: www.gannett.cornell.edu/LetsTalk

FROM JAMIE HOFFMIER, DIRECTOR OF THE LAW SCHOOL ANNUAL FUND AND SARAH BURTON, INTERIM ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF THE LAW SCHOOL ANNUAL FUND

Attention 3L Students

The Cornell Law School Annual Fund is very excited to announce the creation of the **3L Campaign Committee** and we sincerely hope you will consider joining our efforts! Through the Committee's work, we hope to encourage participation of the Law School's current 3L class in the Law School Annual Fund and allow 3L students the opportunity to interact with Cornell Law alumni, as well as, fundraise for the School.

As a volunteer, you will represent the Law School through contact with your peers. In addition to fundraising, committee members will participate in kick-off events and be included in special alumni networking opportunities.

Volunteers are an invaluable part of our program, encouraging support of the School and helping advance Cornell's position among the world's top law schools. We are very pleased to have this opportunity to work with our Law School student volunteers and are looking forward to supporting the efforts of this committee.

If you would like to join the 3L Campaign Committee, or have any questions regarding this volunteer role, please contact **Sarah** at 254-4722.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

• Federalist Society

"Parker v. District of Columbia: Is D.C. Gun-Ban Law Unconstitutional?" A speech by **Clark Neily**. Mr. Neily is Co-Counsel for the Plaintiffs in *Parker v. District of Columbia*, on **Wednesday, September 12, 4:30 p.m., Mancuso Amphitheatre (room G90.)** Sponsored by the Federalist Society. Co-Sponsored by GPSAFC. For more information contact **Craig Minerva** at cdm29@cornell.edu

• Women's Law Coalition (WLC)

Attention all 1Ls. "Law School Basics" on **Tuesday, September 11 at 4:00 p.m.** in the **Mancuso Amphitheatre (room G90)**. Interested in learning some helpful hints from a panel of 2Ls and 3Ls?

Join us for a 40-minute session of tips that will help you succeed in law school, while achieving a healthy work/life balance. Please contact **Renee Pristas** at rmp37@cornell.edu if you have any questions. This event is brought to you by the **Women's Law Coalition**.

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 28**.
- **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 or phone, 255-5883, for more information.

UPCOMING UNIVERSITY EVENT

September 18, 2007. 7:00 p.m. Sage Chapel.

Angela Y. Davis, noted scholar, political activist and Professor of History of Consciousness at the University of California, Santa Cruz, will visit Cornell's campus and give a **free public lecture titled, "The Prison: A Sign of U.S. Democracy?"** The event is co-sponsored by The Society for the Humanities, The Carl Becker House, United Religious Works, COSEP, Ujamaa Residential College, and the Office of the Vice Provost for Diversity and Faculty Development. For more information visit the John Henrik Clarke Africana Library website at: <http://www.library.cornell.edu/africana/> or contact **Eric Kofi Acree**, Africana Librarian at: ea18@cornell.edu

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