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## ≈ Calendar of Events ≈ Week of October 1, 2007

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

*Scoops* will not be published next week during Fall Break

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 1

**12:20-1:15 p.m. Room G85. Outlining Workshop.** Walter Bubl  and a panel of **Lawyering Fellows** will discuss outlining for exams.

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2

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

**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 4, Maurice Haltom, CAPS column.

**4:00-6:00 p.m. Saperston Student Lounge. Winning Brief Writing Techniques** presented by the Honorable Gerald Lebovits. Details on page 5, Law School Events.

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

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 6-SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

Fall Break. Law School classes not in session.

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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, October 2, 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

### • Dates to remember for Fall 2007

**Fall break:** Saturday, October 6 through Sunday, October 14

**Law School Pre-registration** for Spring 2008 will take place after Fall break

**University Pre-enrollment** for Spring 2008 begins Monday, October 15 & ends Friday, October 19

**Laptop Registration for exams:** after Fall Break; dates to be announced

### Fall Term Examination Period:

Examinations begin: **Thursday, December 6**

Examinations end: **Wednesday, December 19**

- **To the Class of 2010: 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 7, 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 on in the glass-enclosed bulletin board the day before the exam.
- **Exams and dictionaries - new Cornell 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 14**. 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 14**, to discuss examination procedures.
- **To the Classes of 2008 & 2009 - On-Line Pre-Registration for Spring 2008 Law School courses will take place after fall break. You will be notified by email when the pre-registration site is available.** Instructions and details for on-line Law School Course Pre-registration, updated course information, registration forms, and degree requirements will be available on-line after Fall break.
- **Spring 2008 Courses in Divisions Other than the Law School** - Students interested in enrolling in courses in other divisions of the University during Spring 2008 may pre-enroll using the University CoursEnroll process available through Bear Access/Just the Facts. You may use CoursEnroll for non-law courses starting at **6:30 a.m. on October 15 until at 4:29 p.m. on October 19, 2007, one week only.** Information about CoursEnroll 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 & CoursEnroll.** If you use Just the Facts/CoursEnroll 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-registration 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, available at the Registrar's website, Course Registration link, *Request for Credit for Outside Course*. 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.

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

**2Ls and 3Ls:** Please note the following NALP guidelines regarding the number of offers you may hold by particular dates:

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

If 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 **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 **were not previously employed** by the offering firm, you must respond by December 1.

**Also: You must reaffirm offers** after 30 days. Contact the employer and let them know that you are still interested, and that you will notify them of your decision as soon as it is made.

The above information can be found at: <http://www.nalp.org/content/index.php?pid=28>

## **FROM WALTER BUBLÉ, ACADEMIC SUPPORT COUNSELOR**

- **Outlining Workshop. Monday, October 1, 12:20-1:15 p.m. Room G85.** A panel of Lawyering Fellows and I will discuss outlining for exams.

- **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)

## 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. (August 29 - December 12)

**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

**Latino American Law Students Association (LALSA)**

**Hispanic Heritage Month:** Upcoming Events

**Monday, October 15. 12:30 p.m. Berger Atrium. Second Circuit Judge Sonia Sotomayor** will be speaking. Lunch will be provided.

**Wednesday, October 24. 12:30 p.m. Saperston Student Lounge. Vilma Santiago-Irizarry** will be speaking. Lunch will be provided. Ms. Santiago-Irizarry is head of the Cornell Latino Studies Program, Professor of Anthropology and was formerly a public interest attorney for 11 years in Puerto Rico.

**November 2.** Hispanic Heritage Month Party!

More information regarding specific events will be available on the LALSA Bulletin board throughout the month or contact **Mirna Cardona** at: [mrc23@cornell.edu](mailto:mrc23@cornell.edu). All events are co-sponsored by the GPSAFC.

## LAW SCHOOL AWARDS

### Fraser Prize-Class of 2008

The Fraser prizes are the gift of William Metcalf, Jr., LL.B., 1901, in memory of Alexander Hugh Ross Fraser, former librarian of the Law School. The prizes are awarded early each fall to third-year students whose law study through the end of the second year has been taken entirely at Cornell University and who have most fully evidenced high qualities of mind and character by superior achievements in scholarship and by attributes that earn the commendation of teachers and fellow students. The award is made on recommendation of the third-year class by vote, from a list of members submitted by the faculty as eligible by reason of superior scholarship. The holders of the Boardman Prize and the Kerr Prize are not eligible.

This year first prize goes to **Charles Stern**. Second prize goes to **Cecelia Sander**. Congratulations to the winners and to all nominees.

## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- **E-Government Research:** Law students needed for multi-disciplinary team doing government-sponsored research. No computer programming knowledge needed, but must have taken administrative law or be taking it next semester. Can start now or in January. Contact **Professor Farina**, [cynthia-farina@cornell.edu](mailto:cynthia-farina@cornell.edu)

- **Professor Joshua Teitelbaum** is seeking a research assistant to help him with a research project on judicial decision making. Applicants should have excellent legal research skills and should know how to use Microsoft Excel. Students will be paid the hourly research assistant rate. Any student interested in applying should contact his administrative assistant, **Anne Cahanin**, via email at [amc227@cornell.edu](mailto:amc227@cornell.edu)

## WRITING COMPETITION

The **Uniform Law Commission (ULC)** announces its annual **student writing competition**. Any article, note, or comment that addresses a uniform or model act, or an issue arising from a uniform or model act promulgated by ULC is eligible. The contest is open to all students enrolled in any United States law school. It is also open to students who have graduated from a U.S. law school within the last year. Entries must be submitted electronically to: [katie.robinson@nccusl.org](mailto:katie.robinson@nccusl.org) with the subject heading “2007 Essay Contest” by **December 31, 2007**. Competition rules and information on format for submission are available from the Registrar’s Office or from the National Conference of Commissioners at 211 E. Ontario St., Suite 1300, Chicago, IL 60611 or email: [katie.robinson@nccusl.org](mailto:katie.robinson@nccusl.org)

## LAW SCHOOL EVENT

**Wednesday, October 3**

**4:00-6:00 p.m. Saperston Student Lounge**

**Winning Brief Writing Techniques** presented by the Honorable Gerald Lebovits

Judge Lebovits’s talk will focus on how to compose effective components of a brief: questions presented, summaries of arguments, facts, and argument. It will also stress the elements of good legal writing: style, storytelling, organization, and legal method.

**Gerald Lebovits** is a judge of the New York City Civil Court, Housing Part, in Manhattan; an adjunct professor at St. John’s University School of Law; and a faculty member of the New York State Judicial Institute. Judge Lebovits was an adjunct professor at New York Law School. He is the author of the “The Legal Writer,” *New York State Bar Journal*.

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