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≈ Calendar of Events ≈ Week of October 15, 2007

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15

12:30 p.m. Berger Atrium. Second Circuit Judge Sonia Sotomayor speaking. Lunch will be provided. A LALSA Hispanic Heritage Month event. Details on page 7, Student Organizations.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16

3:00-7:00 p.m. Room 309. Office hours for Walter Bubl , Academic Support Counselor. Details on page 4, 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 17

9:30-10:30 a.m. Foyer. Donuts with the Dean. Dean Schwab invites you to join your fellow students and him at this informal forum. Donuts, coffee, bagels, fruit and pastries will be served.

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.

5:00-7:00 p.m. Room 309. Office hours for Walter Bubl , Academic Support Counselor. Details on page 4, Walter Bubl 's column.

6:00-8:00 p.m. Associate Dean Anne Lukingbeal's home. Faculty/Student Women's Law Coalition Potluck Dessert Reception. Details on page 3, Associate Dean Anne Lukingbeal's column.

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

- *Donuts with the Dean.*

Wednesday, October 17. 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Foyer. I invite you to join your fellow students and me at this informal forum. Donuts, coffee, bagels, fruit and pastries will be served.

- **Office Hours for Students**

I will be holding office hours for students this **Tuesday afternoon, October 16, 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

- **To the Classes of 2008 & 2009 - On-Line Pre-Registration for Spring 2008 Law School courses will take place the week of October 15. 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.

- **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.

- **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.

- **Laptops for November 7 First-Year Practice Exam**

- 1L and LLM students in First-Year courses taking the Practice Exam**

- If you wish to use your laptop for the First-Year Practice Exam, you will be asked to do two things.

- 1. Download, install and test the Fall 2007 version of the exam software, Secureexam.** You will be receiving information about installing Secureexam, at your Cornell email address, directly from Software Secure, Inc. during the week of October 22. You will be required to install and test the

software **by Noon on Friday, October 26 and have the installation confirmed by Software Secure, Inc.** in order to use your laptop for the Practice Exam. Students who do not install the software, or who do not received a Confirmation or whose laptops do not meet the hardware and software requirements of Software Secure, Inc. will be assigned to a handwriting room for the Practice Exam.

2. Register for the Practice Exam at the Law School Online Laptop Registration site. The site will be available the last week of October. When you register, you will be asked to verify that your laptop meets the hardware and software requirements of Software Secure, Inc. Students who do not register will be assigned to a handwriting room for the Practice Exam even if they have successfully installed and tested Securexam.

- **Laptops for final exams. For those students who wish to use laptops for exams** you will be receiving information about registering your laptop for exams and installing Securexam in early November.
- **Examination Conflicts** - Students who have exam conflicts are reminded to notify the Law School Registrar's Office of the conflict, using the online Deferral Request link (available as of October 15) at the Registrar's website: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students> by **Wednesday, November 14, 2007.**
- **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.
- **Past Notices:** Refer to previous issues of *Scoops* (available on-line in the Back Issues section) for information pertaining to transcript requests, certifications, bar registration, attendance and absences, etc.

FROM ANNE LUKINGBEAL, ASSOCIATE DEAN AND DEAN OF STUDENTS

- **Faculty/Student Women's Law Coalition Potluck Dessert Reception at Associate Dean Anne Lukingbeal's home, 21 Beckett Way. Wednesday, October 17, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Hosted by the Women's Law Coalition.** For information and maps to 21 Beckett Way, stop by the Registrar's Office or contact **Tina Geraghty** (ktg3@cornell.edu) or **Nicole Naples** (nmn23@cornell.edu) via email. Everyone welcome.
- **Extra time on exams for J.D. students studying in English for the first time.** Cornell Law School has a policy which allows a student additional time on law exams if he/she has not previously **studied in English for at least a year.** If you have not previously studied in English and would like to request extra time on your exams this year, please make an appointment to see me **by November 14, 2007.** To schedule an appointment, please call my assistant, **Rosemary Lacey**, at 255-0565 or come to the Registrar's Office.

FROM JOHN DEROSA, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR STUDENT SERVICES AND LIZ PECK, DIRECTOR OF CAREER SERVICES

- **1Ls: If you missed your Career Services Orientation**, please stop by the Career Services Office (room 144) and pick up your copy of *The Official Guide to Legal Specialties*, an excellent book profiling practicing lawyers in various legal specialties. It's a fantastic resource that you will use throughout your career.
- **Upperclass Students:** You should now be holding **no more than 3 offers of employment!**
- **Number of Offers You May Hold by Certain Dates (according to NALP):**
After October 15: **3**
After November 1: **2** (w/employers' consent, and only if you were previously employed by the offering firm **and** you received an offer prior to September 15)
After December 1: **1** (w/employer's consent only)
The above information can be found at: <http://www.nalp.org/content/index.php?pid=28>

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

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

FROM LARRY BUSH, THE BERGER INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM

Coming Events

- **Monday, October 22**
1:15 p.m. Room 273

The **Berger International Legal Studies Program** and **The International Human Rights Clinic** invite you to a lecture entitled, "**Rethinking Human Rights Advocacy**," by **Monika Kalra Varma**, Director, Robert F. Kennedy Memorial (RFK) Center for Human Rights, Washington, D.C. Please **RSVP to Dawne Peacock at dfp7@cornell.edu by October 19.**

The **RFK Center** is dedicated to advancing the global human rights movement by providing innovative support to courageous human rights defenders around the world. Through long-term partnerships and cutting edge advocacy and legal tools, RFK Center assists advocates who have won the RFK Human Rights Award to boldly confront injustice in support of human freedom. Ms. Varma directs the implementation of this mandate by developing and overseeing the RFK Center's programs, its day-to-day operations and long-term strategies.

A member of the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Center for Human Rights (CHR) team since 2002, **Ms. Varma** previously served as Program Director and a Legal and Program Officer of the Center. In these capacities she has spearheaded the Center's extensive and innovative economic and social rights advocacy, including efforts to hold international actors accountable for extra-territorial economic rights violations and directed advocacy campaigns targeting the United Nations, U.S. government, OAS Member States, International Financial Institutions, and regional bodies, and directed RFK Center's domestic and regional legal actions. In addition, Ms. Varma has provided direct programmatic support for the RFK Center's programs in Haiti, India, and New Orleans.

Ms. Varma currently serves on the editorial board of the Harvard-based Francois-Xavier Bagnoud *Health and Human Rights Journal*. She is also a member of the Advisory Board for the Global India Fund. Ms. Varma received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of California, San Diego. She attained a Juris Doctorate degree from the University of California at Davis School of Law.

Prior to joining the RFK Center, Ms. Varma worked for the U.N. International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia in Hague, Netherlands as a legal officer with the Office of the Prosecutor. She was a member of the trial team which secured the Tribunal's first indictment and eventual conviction of the crime of terror against General Stanislav Galic, the Serb military commander in Sarajevo from 1992-1994. Ms. Varma also served as a law clerk at the U.N. International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda.

• **Friday, October 26**

12:20-1:15 p.m. Room G85

The **Berger International Legal Studies Program** invites you to a lecture entitled, “**Anatomy of an ICC Arbitration Case,**” by **Robert Wrede '69**, Counsel to Russ, August & Kabat LLP. Please **RSVP** to **Dawne Peacock** at dfp7@cornell.edu by **October 23**.

June 1969 to April 30, 1984: employed by, or partner in, McCutchen, Black, Verleger & Shea, a prominent Los Angeles law firm specializing in complex litigation and business transactions. Major engagements included antitrust (*Purex v. Procter & Gamble and Clorox*), products liability (*McDaniel v. Porsche; Barkan v. Upjohn*), entertainment law (*Marlon Brando v. Salkind* (“Superman”); *Marlon Brando v. Zoetrope Studios* (“Apocalypse Now”), insurance coverage (*Garey v. Connecticut Mutual*); defended NFL in 1973 Superbowl “blackout” litigation; also, admiralty, and environmental litigation and extensive regulatory and other administrative proceedings

May 1, 1984, to December 31, 1987: Senior partner, Finley, Kumble, Wagner, Heine, Unterberg, Manley, Meyerson & Casey: General commercial litigation including entertainment *Lynn Redgrave v. Universal Studios* (“Housecalls”); *Steenbergen v. MGM* (“The Natural”); *Saul Zaentz v. Polygram Records* (“Amadeus”); Bob Evans (“Cotton Club,” “Two Jakes”); securities (*Universal Savings Bank v. Unity*); banking (*In re Conservatorship of Universal Savings Bank; Baadi v. Imperial Savings Bank*); construction defects; regulatory and administrative proceedings (*California Energy Commission v. Bonneville Power Administration*); and hostile acquisition litigation in the Delaware Court of Chancery (*Garrett and Stater Bros v. Brown*). Member - Finley, Kumble litigation committee.

Spring 1988 through December 1996: Of counsel to, or partner in, Lewis, D'Amato, Brisbois & Bisgaard, a firm with offices throughout California specializing in a broad range of litigation, including the successful defense and prosecution of several professional negligence cases (*HOH v. Lyon & Lyon; Self-Cleaning Environments v. Christie, Parker & Hale; Flores v. Marvin Mitchelson*); a precedent-setting toxic tort case (*Home Federal Savings Bank v. Rossmoor Corp.*,

et al.); a major antitrust and unfair competition case (*Pennsylvania Life Insurance Co. v. Connecticut Mutual Life Insurance Co.*); and the successful prosecution of several cases involving enforcement of finder's fee contracts (*Kurini v. Bear, Stearns*), antitrust and patent/trademark infringement (*Phrobis v. Buck Knives*), and trade secret misappropriation (*Spectra Star v. ERO, Inc.*). Commercial litigation engagements also included successful arbitration before the International Chamber of Commerce Court of Arbitration involving allegedly defective ammunition provided to the United Arab Emirates by Swiss munitions broker Heckler & Koch, S.A., and federal litigation involving foreign sales of U.S. defense equipment by General Dynamics.

January 1997 through September 1999: Of counsel to, or shareholder in, Parker, Milliken, Clark, O'Hara & Samuelian, specializing in complex commercial litigation and arbitration. (*Pace Healthcare Management v. ASA* (breach of joint venture agreement, trade secrets theft); *Richie's Electronic Supply v. ITC Electronics* (antitrust); Extradition of Blaxland (extradition for alleged violation of Australian securities law); *Kulperger v. Pacific Innovations* (sexual harassment); *Kaptein v. Los Angeles County*, University of Southern California and Dr. Shaul Massry (sexual harassment, constructive discharge.))

October 1999 to present: Of counsel to Russ August & Kabat, a Los Angeles firm specializing in complex commercial litigation, business transactions, and the protection and exploitation of intellectual property. Employments have included the successful resolution of litigation by the Hawai'i Attorney General to remove and surcharge trustees of the Estate of Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop (the Bishop Estate/Kamehameha Schools litigation) and defense of extended arbitration proceedings arising from the death of, and paternity claims against the estate of Larry Hillblom (the founder of DHL) and the defense of multi-party, multi-jurisdiction class action litigation challenging recruiting and employment practices in the garment industry in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (Saipan).

• **Friday, November 2**

12:20-1:15 p.m. Room G85

The **Berger International Legal Studies Program** invites you to a lecture by **Judge Delissa Ridgway** entitled, "**Drafting an International Commercial Arbitration Clause.**" Please **RSVP** to **Dawne Peacock** at dfp7@cornell.edu by **October 31**.

Delissa Ridgway is a Judge on the U.S. Court of International Trade. The Court -- based in New York -- is a special federal court with nationwide jurisdiction over matters involving U.S. international trade and customs laws. Prior to her 1998 appointment to the Court, Judge Ridgway served as Chair of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the U.S. ("FCSC"), adjudicating expropriation claims against countries including Iran and Albania, as well as Holocaust claims against Germany. At the time of her appointment to the FCSC by President Clinton in 1994, **Judge Ridgway** was a member of the International Practice Group at Shaw Pittman Potts & Trowbridge in Washington, D.C., where she worked primarily in international commercial arbitration and international transactions. She has been a member of the panels of both the ICC International Court of Arbitration (Paris) and the American Arbitration Association (AAA), and has served as arbitrator, counsel, or secretary to the tribunal in arbitrations under the rules of most of the major arbitral institutions. In addition, she has served as a consultant on international law to organizations including the U.N. Centre on Transnational Corporations, the Helsinki Commission, the Council of Europe, and the U.S. Information Agency (advising developing countries on matters of international law and commercial law reform). As an Adjunct Professor of Law here at Cornell, she co-taught International Commercial Arbitration with Professor Barceló in the Fall of 1999 and 2001. She also taught International Business: Transactional Law and Dispute Settlement in the Fall of 2001. Judge Ridgway received her law degree from Northeastern University School of Law in 1979.

FROM LARRY BUSH, THE CLARKE FUND FOR THE MIDDLE-EAST SPEAKER SERIES

Friday, October 26, 2007

4:30 p.m. Kaufman Auditorium, Goldwin Smith Hall

The Clarke Fund for Middle-East Speaker Series, Near Eastern Studies, Program of Jewish Studies, The Mario Einaudi Center for International Studies and Religious Studies invite you to a lecture entitled, "Islamic Commitments, Liberal Commitments and Public Reason Strategies for Principled Political Reconciliation," by **Mohammad Fadel**, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto.

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, fund raise 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 worlds 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

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 . All events are co-sponsored by the GPSAFC.

LAW SCHOOL AWARDS-NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

Attention second and third-year students. Please give some thought to possible nominees for the following three Law School prizes. Nominations are due to Dean Lukingbeal by **Wednesday, November 14, 2007.**

- **The Freeman Award for Civil-Human Rights** was established from the estate of Professor Emeritus Harrop A. Freeman, J.D. 1930, J.S.D. 1945. A cash prize of **\$1,500** is awarded to the law student or students (with strong preference given to third-year students) who have made the greatest contribution during their law school career to civil-human rights. Nominations, in the form of a one-page statement concerning the nominee, should be submitted to Dean Lukingbeal by **Wednesday, November 14, 2007.**
- **The Stanley E. Gould Prize for Public Interest Law** was established by Stanley E. Gould, J.D. 1954. A cash prize of **\$1,000** is awarded each year to a third-year student or students who have shown outstanding dedication to serving public-interest law and public-interest groups. Nominations, in the form of a one-page statement concerning the nominee, should be submitted to Dean Lukingbeal by **Wednesday, November 14, 2007.**
- **The Seymour Herzog Memorial Prize** was endowed in honor of the late Seymour Herzog, LL.B. 1936. A cash prize of **\$500** is awarded each year to a student or students (with strong preference given to third-year students) who demonstrate excellence in the law and commitment to public-interest law, combined with a love of sports. Nominations, in the form of a one-page statement concerning the nominee, should be submitted to Dean Lukingbeal by **Wednesday, November 14, 2007.**

POSITION AVAILABLE

The **Law School Alumni Affairs Office** is looking for a law student to work three (3) hours per week in the mornings, beginning immediately. Responsibilities include: general office support, alumni database entry and other duties as assigned. Confidentiality, discretion, strong organizational skills, and dependability required. Please send resume to: **Valerie Kelly**, vlk3@cornell.edu or room 382 Myron Taylor Hall.

LAW SCHOOL FLU SHOT CLINIC

Flu Shot Clinic

Tuesday, October 30

1:30-4:30 p.m. Berger Atrium

To the Law School Community: it's that time of year again when we need to start thinking about the flu season. A **Flu Shot Clinic** has been scheduled at the Law School on **Tuesday, October 30 from 1:30 4:30 p.m.** in the **Berger Atrium. This is free to faculty, staff and students.** For information on other locations and dates, see the Gannett Health Center's website at:

<http://www.gannett.cornell.edu/top10Topics/cold-flu-strepthroat/VaccineApptClinic/Schedule.html>

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