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≈ Calendar of Events ≈ Week of January 28, 2008

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

1:00-2:00 p.m. Room G85. 1L Students: The Intro to EZRA Program. Details on page 5, Career column.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

12:15-1:30 p.m. Room 273. Joel C. Haims will present: *Legal and Cultural Considerations for American Litigators Practicing in China and Japan*. RSVP required. Details on page 6, Clarke Program in East Asian Law and Culture Colloquium Series column.

12:30 p.m. Room 285. Making the Most of the Public Interest Legal Career Fair. Details on page 6, Assistant Dean Comstock's column.

1:00-5:00 p.m. Room 309. Office hours for Walter Bubl , Academic Support Counselor. Details on page 7, 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. End of Law School Online Add-Drop. Details on page 2, Registrar's column.

4:15-5:15 p.m. Room 279. Issues in Online Access to Federal Court Records with **Peter A. Winn**, an Assistant U.S. Attorney, and guest in Peter Martin's Impact of Technology on Law seminar. All interested students and faculty are invited. Details on page 8, Law School Event.

4:30-7:00 p.m. Moot Courtroom. 1L Students: The Painless Networking Seminar and Reception (in the Foyer and Atrium). Details on page 5, Career column.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

12:30-1:15 p.m. Room 273. Chinese Legal Materials is the focus of a special meeting for all interested law students **with Chinese librarians from the Wason Collection on East Asia**. RSVPs required. Details on page 6, Law Library column.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30 (CON'T.)

12:30-2:30 p.m. and 4:00-5:00 p.m. Room 309. Office hours for Walter Bubl , Academic Support Counselor. Details on page 7, Walter Bubl 's column.

1:00-4:30 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 7, Maurice Haltom, CAPS column.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

6:00-8:00 p.m. Saperston Student Lounge. Liz Peck and Karen Comstock will present The Myers Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI). Details on page 6, Career 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, January 29 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

Spring 2008

• **Upperclass course changes** - Students were required to add or drop **limited enrollment** courses by **8:00 p.m. Thursday, January 24.** Students may add or drop **unlimited enrollment** law courses through **Tuesday, January 29,** until 4:00 p.m. **Non-law courses** must also be added or dropped by 4:00 p.m. on January 29.

• **Spring semester 2008 Cornell Store Book Return Policy**

Law School book returns for dropped courses must be made by January 31 and must be accompanied by a copy of the student's schedule signed by Nan Colvin, Registrar or Nancy Osborn, Assistant Registrar.

• **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 December.

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 February 8, 2008.**

• **Registration Status** - Students will determine their own registration status by signing on to **Just the Facts through UPortal.** **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 **February 8, 2008** and then proceed to the office of the University Registrar, B7 Day Hall.

• **Credit hour requirements** - During the second and third years, students may not register for fewer than 12 hours or more than 16 hours during any one term, or fewer than 26 hours in any one academic year. Exceptions to the credit hours requirements must be approved by Dean Lukingbeal. In addition, 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 of the required 84 semester credit hours in professional law subjects. No exceptions!

- **Student Transcripts** - Official transcripts are available only at the University Registrar's Office in B7 Day Hall. Processing time varies. For more information about how to request transcripts, visit the University Registrar's Office website: <http://registrar.sas.cornell.edu/Student/transcripts.html> . Internal (unofficial) are available at the Law School Registrar's office (written request required) and students should make requests 24-hours in advance. You may make the request for unofficial transcripts on-line at: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students> using the on-line Cornell Law School Request Form at the Academic Matters link.

- **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.

- **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 a faculty member wishes to view the student's record. You may complete and submit the release form on-line at: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students> using the on-line Cornell Law School Permission to Examine Student Record form at the Academic Matters link or in person at the Law School Registrar's Office.

- **Local Addresses** - Any student who has changed their local address will need to change the address with the Law School at: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students> as well as with the University using **Just the Facts**.

- **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 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. The Student AV Request Form can be submitted online and is available at: <http://ww3.lawschool.cornell.edu/informationtechnology/StuAV.pdf>

- **Summer School Study** - Students may petition the faculty for permission to take courses in law summer school programs of ABA-approved law schools and, upon their successful completion, to receive credit toward the Cornell J.D. degree. Such petitions are considered on an individual basis, and in no case is credit in excess of six hours granted for all such summer school law study. For timely consideration of the petition, interested students should submit their petitions to the Law School Registrar's Office (addressed to Dean Lukingbeal) **prior to April 1**. Petition forms are available in the Law School Registrar's Office and online at the Registrar's site: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students> at the Course Registration/Registration Forms tab/Summer/Winter Intersession Course Credit Request.

- **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 PAT HALSTEAD, CERTIFICATION COORDINATOR

- **Registration with Bar Authorities**

Deadlines for bar examination applications may be approaching. The rules of certain states (not New York) require either notifying the bar admission authorities of intent to begin the study of law or registering with the authorities when law studies begin. Students should obtain instructions from the proper source (usually the state board of bar examiners or the clerk of the court of highest jurisdiction) in the state in which they intend to practice. Failure to comply with the instructions may substantially delay admission to the bar. For current bar requirements, applicants should consult the *Official American Bar Association Guide to Approved Law Schools*, published annually by the American Bar Association. This book is on reserve in the Law School library.

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

Fingerprinting is available on campus at the Public Safety Office, G2 Barton Hall, 24-hours a day and at the Ithaca Police Department on 120 E. Clinton Street, 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.

- **Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE)**

The MPRE is administered three times per year and is required as partial fulfillment of the requirements for admission to practice law in most jurisdictions. Other jurisdictions may begin requiring the MPRE during 2008. Check with the Board of Bar Examiners in the state in which you plan to seek admissions to the bar for updated information on MPRE requirements. Passing scores, which are established by each jurisdiction, are subject to change. Applications are available in the Law School Registrar's Office or Web Registration at www.ncbex.org/offices.htm or www.act.org/mpre. The test dates and postmark deadlines are:

MPRE Test Dates	Regular Application Receipt Deadline	Late Application Receipt Deadline
Saturday, March 8, 2008*	January 29, 2008	February 14, 2008
Friday, August 8, 2008	July 1, 2008	July 17, 2008
Saturday, November 8, 2008	September 30, 2008	October 16, 2008

*Test given at the Clarion University Hotel, 1 Sheraton Dr. Ithaca, NY 14850.

Online registration must be received before 12:00 Midnight Central Time on the published deadline date. Paper applications must be received in the MPRE Application Department in Iowa City, by 5:00 p.m. Central Time on the published deadline date. (Applicants needing accommodations due to a disability must apply by mail. See section on Testing of Applicants with Disabilities in the MPRE Information Booklet.)

The Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination is two hours and five minutes in length. Applicants for the March and November exams must report to their assigned test center no later than 9:00 a.m., and for the August exam by 12:30 p.m.

The March and November test dates are on a Saturday morning. If your religious beliefs preclude you from taking the examination on Saturday, March 8 or Saturday, November 8, you may apply to take the MPRE on Sunday, March 9 or Sunday, November 9, 2008. Requests to take the exam on Sunday must be in writing and must include a letter from your cleric confirming your affiliation with a recognized religious entity that observes its Sabbath throughout the year on Saturday. This documentation must be received by the late receipt deadline and must be sent with a copy of the online confirmation received after submission of an online application or with a completed paper application. The applicant will be notified whether or not the request is granted.

The MPRE is based on the law governing the conduct of lawyers, including the disciplinary rules of professional conduct currently articulated in the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct and the ABA Code of Judicial Conduct, and controlling constitutional decisions and generally accepted principles established in leading federal and state cases and in procedural and evidentiary rules.

FROM ANNE LUKINGBEAL, ASSOCIATE DEAN AND DEAN OF STUDENTS **Summer Faculty Research Assistant Opportunities**

Students seeking summer positions working with law faculty may wish to leave a resume, cover letter and transcript with me before **Friday, February 1, 2008**. I will distribute the resumes to interested faculty. This is an informal resume collection service, and students should not assume that faculty members will necessarily take advantage of it. Therefore, students should also feel free to contact faculty about such opportunities. In addition, faculty may list such opportunities in *Scoops*.

FROM JOHN DEROSA, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR STUDENT AND CAREER SERVICES, ELIZABETH PECK, DIRECTOR OF CAREER SERVICES AND SUZANNE HESS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CAREER SERVICES

- **1L Students:** The **Intro to EZRA Program** will be repeated on **Monday, January 28 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in G85**. Learn how EZRA, our online recruiting system, can aid your summer job search and how you will use it to participate in spring recruiting.
- **1L Students:** The **Painless Networking Seminar and Reception** will be held on **Tuesday, January 29 from 4:30-7:00 p.m. in the Moot Courtroom**. **Jodi Smith**, founder of **Mannersmith**, will teach you how to handle business situations, from conferences to cocktail parties, with poise and confidence. Immediately following the seminar in the Moot Courtroom, test your new skills and network with lawyers from Morrison & Foerster, Allen & Overy, and Debevoise & Plimpton at a **cocktail reception** in the **Foyer and Atrium!** An invitation to this event was been sent via email, and **you must have RSVPed to Elizabeth Peck** to attend. Dress is business casual.
- **All Students:** On **Thursday, January 31 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** in the **Saperston Student Lounge**, **Liz Peck** and **Karen Comstock** will present **The Myers Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI)**, at which they will

introduce MBTI concepts and work with students to determine their MBTI type. The MBTI provides a framework for understanding yourself and others and helps clarify preferred ways of taking in information and making decisions. Attendance is limited to 30 participants. To participate in the workshop, **you must have registered** at the Career Center. Dinner will be provided at the event.

- **1L Students:** On **Tuesday, February 5** from **6:30-8:30 p.m.** at the **Johnson Museum, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP** will be hosting a reception to introduce first year students to their summer associate program. Please **RSVP by February 1** to recruit@weil.com
- **1L Students:** On **Thursday, February 7** from **7:00-9:00 p.m.** at **Stella's, Vinson & Elkins** will be hosting a reception to introduce first year students to their summer associate program. Please **RSVP** to **Megan Thompson** at methompson@velaw.com or 212.237.0269
- **All Students:** Looking for housing for the summer? NALP is providing a **free apartment exchange service** from January 18 through May 16, 2008. Visit www.nalp.org and follow the link to "Apartment Exchange" to learn more.

FROM KAREN COMSTOCK, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR PUBLIC SERVICE

Making the Most of the Public Interest Legal Career Fair

Tuesday, January 29 12:30 p.m. Room 285

Any student attending the PILC for the first time (1Ls primarily) should attend this program. Job fair logistics will be covered, including how to make the most of table talk interviews. Upper class students will share their PILC job fair experiences what their interviews were like, how they navigated table talk, what kind of questions to expect, etc.

Remember, only students who registered for the PILC by the December 5 deadline may attend the Career Fair (NYU School of Law on February 7 and 8). If you uploaded your resume to PILC employers, interview schedules will be available on-line no later than Friday, February 1.

CLARKE PROGRAM IN EAST ASIAN LAW AND CULTURE COLLOQUIUM SERIES

Tuesday, January 29

12:15-1:30 p.m. Room 273

Joel C. Haims, Partner, Morrison & Foerster and **Karen Hagberg**, Partner Morrison and Foerster will present: *Legal and Cultural Considerations for American Litigators Practicing in China and Japan*. A lunch will be served. **RSVP** to: donna-hastings@lawschool.cornell.edu

FROM THE LAW LIBRARY

Wednesday, January 30

12:30-1:15 p.m. Room 273

Chinese Legal Materials is the focus of a special meeting for all interested law students, **with Chinese librarians from the Wason Collection on East Asia**, part of Cornell University Library.

Join **Liren Zheng**, Curator, and **Xian Wu**, Chinese Studies Bibliographer and Digital Librarian, to learn about digital and print resources available from the Wason Collection, and share with them your ideas as they build the law-related collection of materials at the Wason Collection. Please contact librarian **Pat Court** (pgc1@cornell.edu) to **RSVP**. Meeting is in room 273, with Chinese tea and cookies.

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, 1:00-4:30 p.m. (January 23 through May 21, 2008)

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 WALTER BUBLÉ, ACADEMIC SUPPORT COUNSELOR

Office hours for individual consultations on academic matters with JD students in **room 309:**

Tuesdays: 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Wednesdays: 12:30-2:30 p.m. and 4:00-5:00 p.m.

Drop in or arrange an appointment by email at: wgb7@cornell.edu

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- **Research Assistant sought** for Visiting Professor. Approximately 8-10 hours/week during spring semester. Duties will include research and writing, including interdisciplinary work (see faculty page at <http://www.lawschool.cornell.edu/faculty/bio.cfm?id=268> for examples). Please submit **resume**, **transcript** (unofficial is fine), and **writing sample** to Professor Jeremy A. Blumenthal at: jeremy-blumenthal@lawschool.cornell.edu with research assistant in the subject line. Submission by **Friday, February 1** appreciated.
- **Research Assistants Needed.** Professor Eisenberg wishes to hire students to help update a treatise on Debtor-Creditor Law. Interested students should leave a resume with **Karen Wilson** in room 115.
- **Professor Gorga** is looking for a research assistant in the area of corporate governance. This project will involve a maximum of three days work, editing a journal article and will start in the middle of January. If interested, Please email **Professor Gorga** at: erica-gorga@lawschool.cornell.edu
- **Professor Yale-Loehr** needs some research assistants this summer to help update his immigration law treatise. Prior exposure to immigration law is helpful but not required. Pay is at the standard law school rate. This is an excellent job for a bright 1L. If interested, please leave a transcript, resume and writing sample with Professor Yale-Loehr's administrative assistant, **Jan Rose**, in room 115. Please also indicate your dates of availability.

WRITING COMPETITIONS

The **American College of Employee Benefits Counsel** is pleased to announce the **Fourth Annual Employee Benefits Writing Competition**. The competition is open to all JD and graduate students (LLM or JSD). Students may write on any topic in the field of employee benefits law. Papers must be submitted by pdf attachment to an email by **May 31, 2008**. Competition rules and submission instructions are available at: http://www.acebc.com/content/2008_Compensation_Announcement.pdf

LAW SCHOOL EVENT

Tuesday, January 29

4:15-5:15 p.m. Room 279

Issues in Online Access to Federal Court Records

Peter A. Winn, an Assistant U.S. Attorney, who teaches Privacy Law at the University of Washington Law School will be a guest in **Peter Martin's** Impact of Technology on Law seminar.

Mr. Winn will discuss privacy and related issues raised by the online access to federal court records now available under the PACER program, including those underlying a Justice Department proposal now under consideration by the Judicial Conference of the U.S. Concerned about threats to defendants who cooperate, DOJ wants plea agreements removed from the public access system. Its request draws attention to the existence of such sites as <http://www.whosarat.com/>. (Public comments on the proposed policy change are available at: <http://www.privacy.uscourts.gov/2007comments.htm>) Professor Martin invites students and faculty interested in the area to join his class for the first hour of the seminar.

UNIVERSITY EVENT

Wednesday, January 30

4:00-5:00 p.m. 301 College Avenue, Seminar Room

Reception 3:45-4:00 p.m. Following the talk, the reception will continue from 5:00-5:15 p.m.

IS Colloquium

On-Line Access to Court Records: A Study of the Interaction of Technology with Law

Peter A. Winn, Assistant U.S. Attorney and Adjunct Professor, University of Washington Law School

Beginning In 2002, with almost no debate, courts throughout the United States began to adopt electronic filing systems, and blithely jettisoned a system of paper record keeping dating from the 13th Century in England. Under the earlier paper system, a set of legal rules was developed under which court records were kept public in order to maintain the accountability of the legal system. However, given the difficulty of accessing paper records, most legal files remained practically obscure, thus still protecting the privacy of litigants. This balance between accountability and privacy has been dramatically changed by the shift to electronic court records, which has subjected a vast treasure trove of sensitive personal and commercial information to uses for which it was never intended from wholesale extraction by commercial data-miners to individualized mischief by identity thieves. What is the proper balance between accountability and privacy in an age of electronic judicial information?

If you cannot attend in person, it will be streamed live and archived at <http://ucpl.cornell.edu> . **Sponsored by University Computer Policy and Law.**

Scoops is the weekly publication of the Cornell Law School. *Scoops* publishes notices of Law School events, administrative notices, notices from student organizations and other informational notices of general interest to the Law School community. It is published every Monday while classes are in session. Items for the newsletter should be submitted to the Law School Registrar's Office or by email to: scoops@lawschool.cornell.edu no later than 12:00 Noon on Thursdays for inclusion in the following week's edition. Please note that items may be edited if necessary.

**Cornell Law School
2008-09 Academic Calendar**

https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/forms/2008-09_Academic_Calendar.pdf

Fall Term 08

Monday, August 18	Orientation & University Registration for new LL.M. students [one-year Masters program]
Monday, August 25	Orientation & University Registration for all new J.D. students [three-year J.D. program]
Thursday, August 28	Fall term instruction begins
Saturday, October 11	Fall recess begins
Monday, October 20	Instruction resumes
Thursday, November 27	Thanksgiving recess begins
Monday, December 1	Instruction resumes
Friday, December 5	Instruction ends
Monday, December 8	Final examinations begin
Friday, December 19	Final examinations end

Spring Term 09

Tuesday, January 13	Lawyering Program instruction begins for first-year students
Monday, January 19	Spring term instruction begins in all other first-year courses & for upperclass students
Saturday, March 14	Spring recess begins
Monday, March 23	Instruction resumes
Friday, April 24	Spring term instruction ends
Monday, April 27	Final examinations for upperclass students begin
Thursday, May 1	Final examinations for first-year students begin
Friday, May 8	Final examinations for upperclass students end
Sunday, May 10	Law School Convocation
Tuesday, May 12	Final examinations for first-year students end
Sunday, May 24	University Commencement