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≈ Calendar of Events ≈ Week of October 20, 2008

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21

1:00-5:00 p.m. Room 252. Office hours for Walter Bubl , Academic Support Director. 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, OCTOBER 22

1:00-4:30 p.m. Room 252. Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS). Free and confidential consultation for law students. Details on page 5, CAPS column.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23

12:30 p.m. Saperston Student Lounge. Thomas Lang '95, Cornell Law School's Distinguished Practitioner in Residence: "Life as an Antitrust Trial Lawyer." Details on page 4, Career Services column.

1:00-5:00 p.m. Room 252. Office hours for Walter Bubl , Academic Support Director. Details on page 5, Walter Bubl 's column.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

12:00 Noon. Saperston Student Lounge. LALSA hosts Justice Rivera-Soto, their final guest speaker for Hispanic Heritage Month. Lunch will be served. Details on page 5, Student Organizations.

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

Office Hours for Students

I will be holding drop-in office hours for students on **Tuesday afternoons between 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.** Students wishing to see me may sign up in advance with **Rachel Lukens** in room 263 or stop by and sign in during the office hours.

FROM NAN COLVIN, REGISTRAR

- **First-Year Practice Exam: Class of 2011**

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 **Monday, October 27, 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 Friday before the exam.

- **Laptops for October 27 First-Year Practice Exam**

1L and LLM students in First-Year courses who plan to use their laptop for the October 27 Practice Exam must install and test the Exam4 software between **Monday, October 20 and Wednesday, October 22.**

Students who are eligible to take the First-Year Practice Exam are automatically registered to use a laptop for the Practice Exam. **If you want to change your registration to handwriting**, please contact the Registrar's Office at: registrar@lawschool.cornell.edu

You will receive an email on Monday, October 20 when the Practice Exam registration site is available. The email will provide information on how to download the software. It is a very easy process.

1. Log-in to the Practice Exam registration site at the Registrar's site (<https://support.law.cornell.edu/students>) and confirm that your laptop is in good working order.
2. The Exam4 link for downloading the software will display after you have confirmed that your laptop is in good working order.

Be sure to test the Exam4 software including the upload procedure before you arrive at the Practice Exam. There is no time available at the Practice Exam to learn how to use the software. Information about using Exam4 and how to do a practice test are part of their online *FAQ and User Guide* at the Extegrity Exam4 site. It is your responsibility to read through this document before downloading and installing the software.

- **University Course Pre-registration** for spring 2009

Courses in Divisions Other than the Law School - Students interested in enrolling in courses in other divisions of the University for the Spring 2009 semester may pre-enroll using the University Enrollment process. Law students will use the University system to select their non-law courses. **The pre-registration period for law students to select non-law courses is scheduled for October 28-30, 2008.** To pre-enroll you must use the Student Center at: <http://studentcenter.cornell.edu> . The University Registrar's Office strongly encourages you to review the **Enrollment Tips Sheet** located at <http://registrar.sas.cornell.edu/Student/TIPS.html> to optimize your enrollment period.

Please Note: Pre-enrollment 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, at the Registrar's website (<https://support.law.cornell.edu/students>), 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.

- **Law School Course Pre-registration** for spring 2009

To the Classes of 2009 & 2010 - On-Line Pre-Registration for Spring 2009 Law School courses is scheduled for **October 28-November 14, 2008**. **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.

- **Fall Term Examination Period**

Examinations begin **Monday, December 8**

Examinations end **Friday, December 19**

- **Using your lap top for fall 2008 exams**

Installation of Exam4 software: November 3-12, 2008. You will receive information about the process by email to your Cornell NetID email address during the week of October 27.

- **Fall 08 Final Examinations - Exam Conflicts**

Students who have **exam conflicts** are reminded to notify the Law School Registrar's Office, in writing, using the online Deferral Request link, which will be available starting at Noon on Monday, October 6, at the Registrar's website: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students> by **Wednesday, November 12, 2008**, of the conflict, and should note which exam they wish rescheduled. The exam schedule is available at the Registrars website at: https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/forms/Fall_Exam_Schedule.pdf

- **Exams and dictionaries**

New 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 12, 2008**. **Continuing JD students who received permission to use a non-legal dictionary previously do not need to make another request**. 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 12**, 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

- **To All Second, Third Year and LLM Law Students with an Interest in Labor and Employment Law: Academic Credit Available for January Intercession Opportunity**

The ILR School is again offering its January intercession internship program to Law students in a three-week internship in a Massachusetts or New York unemployment office. A number of sites are available. The internship begins on January 2, 2009. Upon completion of the internship, participating law students will receive one S/U Law credit for the course (as well as a \$200 stipend). **The application deadline is October 22, 2008.** Please note that you must attend an orientation on **November 18** in Ithaca. **Law students will be supervised by Professor Angela Cornell.** For more information go to:

www.ilr.cornell.edu/dolapuinternship/

- **Wednesday, October 29, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Faculty/Student Women's Law Coalition evening reception** at Associate Dean Anne Lukingbeal's home, 21 Beckett Way. Hosted by the Women's Law Coalition. For information and maps to 21 Beckett Way, stop by the Registrar's Office. 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 12, 2008.** 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 AND CAREER SERVICES, ELIZABETH PECK, DIRECTOR OF CAREER SERVICES AND SUZANNE HESS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CAREER SERVICES

- **All Students: Thomas Lang '95**, Cornell Law School's Distinguished Practitioner in Residence, will present a program entitled "*Life as an Antitrust Trial Lawyer*" on **Thursday, October 23 at 12:30 p.m.** in the **Saperston Student Lounge**. Feel free to bring your lunch, and cookies will be served for dessert.

- **1Ls:** Please mark your calendar for the following important dates:
Monday, November 3 is the **first day you may utilize the Career Services Office's resources and/or meet with a counselor.** All 1Ls are encouraged to meet with a counselor at least once before the start of the spring semester (phone appointments are available over winter break). To make an appointment, contact **Lisa Carberry** at lac16@cornell.edu or 255-5873.

On **Tuesday, November 4**, **Dean DeRosa and Dean Comstock** will present a program entitled "**Planning Your First Summer Job Search**," from **4:00-5:00 p.m.** in the **Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90).**

On **Wednesday, November 5**, **Liz Peck and Suzanne Hess** will present a **Resume and Cover Letter Workshop** from **12:15-1:15 p.m.** in **390 (Moot Court Room).**

- **2Ls and 3Ls:** Please remember that NALP's "**Standards for the Timing of Offers and Decisions**" do **not** permit you to hold open more than **5 offers of employment** at any one time. For each offer received that places you over the offer limit, you must release an offer within one week. Also remember that **offers expire in 45 days if you have not been previously employed by the firm, or on November 15 if you have been previously employed by the firm.** Please speak to a counselor if you have questions about the timing of offers.

FROM THE LAWYERING PROGRAM FACULTY AND HONORS FELLOWS

First-Year Students

On **Wednesday, October 29, at 4:00 p.m., in the Mancuso Amphitheater** (room G90), the **Lawyering Program Honors Fellows** will present an optional, **one-hour workshop on legal-writing style**. The workshop will focus on some difficult aspects of legal writing. Take advantage of this great opportunity to hone your legal-writing skills. Contact your Lawyering professor with any questions.

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.-4:30 p.m. September 3 - December 17

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 1L JD students **Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:00-5:00 p.m., room 252**. Drop in or arrange an appointment by email at wgb7@cornell.edu

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

- **Environmental Law Society**

Defining Sustainable Development: Land Use, Climate Change, and Water Resources

Friday, November 7 and Saturday, November 8

Program begins at 1:00 p.m. Friday and 9:00 a.m. Saturday

Mancuso Amphitheatre (G90)

The conference will bring professors, practitioners, students, and community leaders together to consider what sustainability really means and what role law may have in accomplishing sustainable development. Speakers include **Roger Martella**, former general counsel to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, **Paul Morris**, Vice President of Sustainable Planning and Development for Cherokee Fund, and **Shelley Poticha**, President and CEO, Reconnecting America: Center for Transit-Oriented Development. Please register for conference sessions online at:

www.lawschool.cornell.edu/research/ELS/ For more information, contact **Liz Leaderman** ENL6@cornell.edu

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

The **Latino American Law Students Association (LALSA)** reminds you that our **final guest speaker** for Hispanic Heritage Month will be coming to Cornell Law School on **Friday, October 24 at 12:00 Noon in Saperston Student Lounge**. Don't miss **Justice Rivera-Soto**, Associate Justice, New Jersey Supreme Court. Lunch will be served. All are welcome, and we hope to see you there! For more information contact: **Marina Cristine Gruber**, President at mcg66@cornell.edu or **Catrina Cartagena**, Social Chair, at: cmc334@cornell.edu

LAW SCHOOL EVENTS

- **Wednesday, October 29**

4:15-5:45 p.m. Room G85

Planning a Career in Law Teaching: Strategies in Law School and Beyond

Professors **Valerie Hans, Bernadette Meyler, Annelise Riles, and Brad Wendel**, as well as Cornell Law School alumnus **Darian Ibrahim**, who is now a professor at the University of Wisconsin Law School, will talk about **how students can plan for careers in law teaching**. Topics to be discussed include writing for publication, thinking about clerkships and advanced degrees beyond the J.D., considering Visiting Assistant Professor (VAP) or fellowship programs, undergoing the interview process at the annual American Association of Law Schools meeting, and preparing for job talks. The session will take place on **October 29 from 4:15-5:45 p.m. in room G85**.

Refreshments will be served.

- **Thursday, October 30**

11:15 a.m. Room 276

Jeffrey A. Mishkin, '72, who previously served as executive vice president and chief legal officer of the National Basketball Association and is currently a partner with Skadden Arps **will speak in Professor Cornell's Labor Law, Practice and Policy class on October 30, 11:15 a.m., room 276**.

His representation in the sports field includes the PGA Tour, National Football League, National Hockey League, United States Tennis Association, Major League Baseball Advanced Media, Arena Football League, the football-playing universities of The Big East Conference, New York Knicks, New Jersey Nets, Boston Celtics, Phoenix Suns, and the Toronto Raptors. He will discuss labor issues that surface in the context of his sports law practice. Feel free to join us, if you are interested in this area.

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 12, 2008**.

- **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 12, 2008**.

- **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 12, 2008**.

- **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 12, 2008**.

WRITING COMPETITIONS

- The **Public Justice Foundation** announces the **Roscoe Hogan Environmental Law Essay Contest**. Any student currently enrolled in an accredited American law school may submit a legal essay on the

topic: ***"Pollution Preemption: Federal Preemption of State Tort Law and Environmental Protection."*** An Intent to Enter form, due by **January 30, 2009**, must be submitted by a student's faculty advisor. **Final essays** must be received by the Public Justice Foundation by **March 31, 2009**. The competition rules and an Intent-to-Enter form may be downloaded from:
<http://www.publicjustice.net/Essay%20Contest/essaycontest.htm>

- The ***American Indian Law Review*** is pleased to announce its annual writing competition. The competition is open to students at accredited law schools in the United States and Canada who are enrolled as of the competition deadline. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law. However, topics recently published in the *American Indian Law Review* will not be favored. Submissions must be postmarked no later than **January 31, 2009**. Competition rules are available at the Registrar's Office.

- The **2008-09 Trandafir International Business Writing Competition** is open to all graduate and law students. The winning student will receive a cash prize of \$2,000 and the winning submission will be published in an upcoming edition of the law journal, *Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems*. Submissions may address any topic of contemporary international business or economic concern with a legal nexus. Mail entries must be postmarked by **February 1, 2009**; electronic submissions must be received by **5:00 p.m. CST on February 1, 2009**. The winning submission will be selected by a panel of journal editors and university professors by early April 2009. Complete competition rules are available at the journal's website: http://www.uiowa.edu/~tlcp/html/trandafir_competition.html

- The **Special Committee on Animals and the Law of the New York State Bar Association** is pleased to announce the **Second Annual Special Committee on Animals and the Law Writing Competition**. Law students (which include J.D., L.L.M., Ph.D., and S.J.D. candidates) are invited to submit to the Special Committee on Animals and the Law an article on any topic on animal law. The deadline for submission is **June 15, 2009**. Competition rules and submission information are available at the Registrar's Office.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Technology background/skills? Professor Farina wants to hire one or more people with any of the following proficiencies: Oracle, website management, web design, coding, Drupal, digitization of documents. Hours highly flexible and negotiable. Email crf7@cornell.edu with statement of abilities and resume.

UNIVERSITY EVENTS

- **"Visas After Graduation" Talk**

Monday, October 20

7:00 p.m.

Hollis E. Cornell Auditorium in Goldwin Smith Hall

Carolyn Lee of Miller Mayer, LLP will give a presentation to international students (including foreign law students) about working in the United States after graduation on **Monday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hollis E. Cornell auditorium in Goldwin Smith Hall** on the main arts campus. Members of the Cornell International Students and Scholars Office and Ms. Lee will discuss F-1 and J-1 practical training, H-1B temporary worker visas, and green cards. They will also provide tips on how to conduct an effective job search. For more information, visit

<http://isso.cornell.edu/immigration/visasaftergrad/vagworkshop.php>

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UNIVERSITY EVENTS

- **Informational Meeting Cornell Prison Project**

Monday, October 20

12:15 p.m.

McGraw 165

For law students or faculty interested in teaching in the Cornell prison program in the spring, there will be an informational meeting on. Further inquiries: please contact **Jim Schechter**, Executive Director, Cornell Prison Program, jas349@cornell.edu

- ***“Living in the Era of Mass Incarceration; Implications for our Communities and for our Democracy,”* Jeremy Travis**, President of John Jay College of Criminal Justice .

Thursday, November 6

4:30 p.m.

142 Goldwin Smith



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