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## ≈ Calendar of Events ≈ Week of January 26, 2009

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

### MONDAY, JANUARY 26

**12:15 p.m. Saperston Student Lounge. Jill Miller '91**, will speak about **work-life balance** and **starting her own firm**. Please feel free to bring your lunch. Cookies will be served for dessert. Details on page 5, Career Services column.

**4:10 p.m. Room 249. Student Advisory Committee for Faculty Appointments (SACFA)** interview with **Justin Driver**, an entry level candidate for faculty appointment. Please contact **Jesse Horn**, CLSA Senior Vice President at [jth87@cornell.edu](mailto:jth87@cornell.edu) if you are interested in attending. Details on page 6, Student Organizations column.

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

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

**4:00 p.m. End of Unlimited Enrollment Add-Drop**. Details on page 2, Registrar's column.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

**1:00-4:30 p.m. Room 252. Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)**. Free and confidential consultation for law students. Details on page 6, CAPS column.

**3:00-4:00 p.m. Foyer. Warm Up From the Winter. Faculty/Student Coffee**. Details on page 5, Associate Dean Lukingbeal's column.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

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

**4:30-7:00 p.m. 1Ls: Painless Networking**. Invitations were sent to all 1L students via email. Details on page 5, Career Services column.

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## FROM NAN COLVIN, REGISTRAR

### Spring 09

- **Upperclass course changes** - Students may add or drop **unlimited enrollment** law courses until **4:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 27. Non-law courses must also be added or dropped by 4:00 p.m. on January 27.** Please remember to notify the Law School Registrar if you add or drop a non-law course through the University Online AddDrop. The enrollment period for limited enrollment law courses has ended.
- **Spring semester 2009 Cornell Store Book Return Policy** - Law School book returns for dropped courses must be made by **January 30** and must be accompanied by a copy of the student's schedule signed by Nan Colvin, Registrar or Nancy Osborn, Assistant Registrar.
- **Buying textbooks** - Please keep in mind that e-texts may not be used during exams. All permitted exam materials must be in hard copy.
- **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. The Exception to Hours request form is on the Registrars webpage under the Course Registration link. 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
- **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 February 6, 2009.**
- **Bursar's Office** - If **University Student Center** 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 6, 2009**, and then proceed to the Office of the University Registrar, B7 Day Hall.
- **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 the **Student Center**.
- **Student Transcripts - Official transcripts** are available only at the University Registrar's Office in B7 Day Hall. Processing time varies please allow 7-10 days for processing. **Internal (unofficial) transcripts** are available at the Law School Registrar's office (written request required). Please make the request for unofficial transcripts on-line at: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students> using the on-line Cornell Law School *Request Form* under the Academic Matters link. **Please remember** that we ask **you to make this request 24 hours in advance of your need for the materials.**
- **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.
- **Lost & Found** - Lost items and articles are usually turned in to the Registrar's Office or to the Law Library.

- **Mail Folders** (flexes) - Remember to check your mail folder daily for notices and remove your mail regularly. Please do not use the folder to keep books or for storage; there is not enough space.
- **Assignment Board** - Assignments and notices are posted in the glass case as they are received by the Registrar's Office. Students should also check for assignments on the course Blackboard site at: <http://blackboard.cornell.edu/>
- **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 form is available online at the Academic Matters tab, at the *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.
- **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
- **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 professors lecture, you must obtain the professors permission prior to submitting an AV request. Students can find this request form on-line at the Registrars site under *Academic Matters* or at: <http://www.lawschool.cornell.edu/information-technology/av.cfm>

## 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-New York does not)

**Fingerprinting is available** on campus at the **Public Safety Office**, G2 Barton Hall, 24-hours a day and at the **Ithaca Police Department**, 120 E. Clinton St., 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 charge a \$10.00 fee. Their number is (607) 272-9973 (Records Department-Option 0.)

- **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 2009. 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](http://www.ncbex.org/offices.htm) or [www.act.org/mpre](http://www.act.org/mpre).

The test dates and postmark deadlines are:

<b>MPRE Test Dates</b>	<b>Regular Application Receipt Deadline</b>	<b>Late Application Receipt Deadline</b>
Saturday, March 7, 2009*	January 27, 2009	February 12, 2009
Friday, August 7, 2009	June 30, 2009	July 16, 2009
Saturday, November 7, 2009	September 29, 2009	October 15, 2009

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

Paper applications must be received in the MPRE Application Department in Iowa City, IA, by **5:00 p.m. Central Time**. Online registration must be received **before 12:00 Midnight Central Time**.

**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. All applicants must report to the test center by 9:00 a.m. Testing will begin as soon as all applicants have been checked in and seated. If you arrive after testing has begun, you will not be admitted. NCBE cannot be responsible if you are delayed or unable to reach the test center because of weather or road conditions. Beginning and ending testing times may vary depending on the size of the test center and the number of rooms used. Applicants can expect testing to be completed 2-1/2 to 3 hours after the time noted above.

The March and November test dates are on a Saturday morning. If your religious beliefs preclude you from taking the March examination on Saturday, March 7, or Saturday, November 7, you may apply to

take the MPRE on Sunday, March 8, or Sunday, November 8, 2009. 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**

**Warm Up From the Winter-Faculty/Student Coffee**

**Wednesday, January 28** (and every Wednesday until March 11)

**3:00-4:00 p.m. Myron Taylor Foyer**

Co-sponsored by the Dean's Office, the Dean of Students Office, and CLSA. Stop by for a cup!

## **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: Jill Miller '91**, will speak about **work-life balance** and **starting her own firm** on **Monday, January 26 at 12:15 p.m.** in the **Student Lounge**. Jill is the founder and principal of Jill Miller & Associates, P.C., a Trusts & Estates firm in NYC. Please feel free to bring your lunch. Cookies will be served for dessert.

- **1Ls: Painless Networking** will take place on **Thursday, January 29** from **4:30-7:00 p.m.** Learn how to network and then test your skills by talking with attorneys from **Allen & Overy, Morrison & Foerster**, and **Debevoise & Plimpton** at a cocktail reception. Invitations were sent to all 1L students via email. **RSVP to Suzanne Hess** ([sch33@cornell.edu](mailto:sch33@cornell.edu)) by Friday, January 23.

- **1Ls: Nixon Peabody** will host a networking reception on **Tuesday, February 3** from **5:00-7:00 p.m.** at **Stella's**. If you wish to attend, please RSVP to **Leah Yaworski** at [lyaworski@nixonpeabody.com](mailto:lyaworski@nixonpeabody.com) or 585-263-1148 by January 27.

- **1Ls:** If you have not yet **met with a career counselor** to discuss your summer job search strategy, we encourage you to do so now. Contact **Lisa Carberry** at [lac16@cornell.edu](mailto:lac16@cornell.edu) or 255-5873 to schedule an appointment.

## **FROM CHARLES D. CRAMTON, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR GRADUATE LEGAL STUDIES**

**LL.M. Student Spring Term Advisor Forms.** Once you have finalized your spring 2009 class schedule, please bring your Advisor Form to my office for my approval and signature. If you have any questions regarding your classes or schedule for the spring term, please set up an appointment to speak with me by contacting either Dawne Peacock or Ginny Starr.

## **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](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, 1:00-4:30 p.m.** (January 21 through May 20, 2009)

**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

### Cornell Law Students Association

**To ALL Interested Students.** The Faculty Appointments Committee continues to interview entry level candidates on campus this term. The **Student Advisory Committee for Faculty Appointments (SACFA)** are invited to meet with these and other faculty candidates visiting campus. Please contact, **Jesse Horn**, CLSA Senior Vice President at: [jth87@cornell.edu](mailto:jth87@cornell.edu) if you are interested in participating in SACFA, or otherwise attend any interview.

Scheduled:

**Monday, January 26: Justin Driver.** Interests: constitutional law, civil rights, education law, criminal procedure

**Tuesday, February 10: Katharine Young.** Interests: international law, administrative law, environmental law, human rights

Also scheduled:

**Thursday, February 5: Professor Max Schanzenbach from Northwestern University** will be interviewing as a lateral tenured candidate. Interests: employment law, criminal sentencing, trust law

## POSITION AVAILABLE

Associate Clinical Professor **William Jacobson** seeks a **summer research assistant** to help with Securities Law Clinic cases and projects and other research projects. No prior securities law experience is required. Preference will be given to students who plan to participate in the Securities Law Clinic in the future. Interested students should submit a resume directly to **Professor Jacobson** at: [william-jacobson@lawschool.cornell.edu](mailto:william-jacobson@lawschool.cornell.edu)

## WRITING COMPETITION

The **American Judges Association annual Law Student Essay Competition** is open to any student regularly enrolled in and attending classes at an accredited law school in the United States or Canada. Essays submitted must be under the category of "The Admissibility of Evidence in Civil and Criminal Proceedings Obtained from Remote Electronic Devices." Papers should be the original, unpublished work of an individual student, and may have been prepared as a course assignment. Entries must be postmarked no later than **June 1, 2009** and sent to American Judges Association, Law Student Essay Competition, 300 Newport Avenue, Williamsburg, VA 23185-4147. Competition rules are available at the Law School Registrar's Office or at their website: <http://aja.ncsc.dni.us/htdocs/essaycontest.htm>

## FROM THE CORNELL LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI AFFAIRS OFFICE

### EVENTS IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

- **The Cornell Law School & Law Association New York Annual Luncheon**

**Friday, January 30, 2009**

Featured Speaker - **Sarah K. Abrams**, JD '84

The New York Helmsley Hotel, 212 East 42nd Street, New York City

\$75 / \$45 Public Service or Young Alumni (Classes of 1998-2008)

RSVP by **January 23** required.

- **Annual Public Service Awards Celebration**

**Thursday, February 5, 2009**

Please join us for the Annual Public Service Awards Celebration at The Cornell Club in New York City! Please RSVP by **January 29** at the link or phone number listed below.

- **Philadelphia Alumni Networking & Cocktail Reception**

**Friday, February 6, 2009**

7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Union League of Philadelphia, Grant East Room

140 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA

\$25 per person. Business Attire

Special thanks to **John C. Dorfman**, JD '49 for hosting this event.

Please RSVP by **Friday, January 30** at the link or phone number listed below.

- **Boston Alumni Reception and Program**

**Thursday, February 12, 2009**

*“Antitrust and Economic Regulation Under the New Administration”*

Featured Speaker – Cornell Law School Professor **George A. Hay**

Networking Reception: 6:00 p.m./Presentation and Q&A: 7:00 p.m., \$20 per person

Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C.

One Financial Center, Boston, MA 02111

A special thanks to **Neil H. Aronson**, JD '82 for hosting this event!

Please RSVP by **Friday, February 6** at the link or phone number listed below.

- **Washington D.C. Alumni Reception & Program**

**Wednesday, February 25, 2009**

*“New Technology, Old Rules: Ethical Issues Regarding Electronic ‘Metadata’.”*

Presented by **Brad Wendel**, Professor of Law

Sutherland

1275 Pennsylvania Avenue NW - 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Washington, DC

6:00 p.m. Reception / 7:00 p.m. Program; \$20 per person

Special thanks to **Jim Heffernan**, JD '52, **Fred Bellamy**, JD '79, **Mark Smith**, JD '80 and

Sutherland for hosting this event.

Please RSVP by **Wednesday, February 18** at the link or phone number listed below.

**For more information or to register or RSVP** for any events, please visit [www.lawschool.cornell.edu/alumni](http://www.lawschool.cornell.edu/alumni) or call Alumni Affairs at (607) 255-5251.

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