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≈ Calendar of Events ≈ Week of February 2, 2009

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

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.

5:00-7:00 p.m. Stella's. 1Ls: Nixon Peabody will host a networking reception. Details on page 4, Career Services column.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

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.

3:00-4:00 p.m. Foyer. Warm Up From the Winter. Faculty/Student Coffee.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

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 p.m. Room 249. The **Student Advisory Committee for Faculty Appointments (SACFA)** will be meeting with **Professor Schanzenbach**. Please contact **Jesse Horn**, CLSA Senior Vice President at: jth87@cornell.edu if you are interested in attending. Details on page 6, Student Organizations column.

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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

Spring 09

- **JD Students Only - S/U Grading Option Verification Form.** Classes of 2009 and 2010. Students must return their Grading Option Verification form for Spring 2009 course enrollment to the Law School Registrars Office no later than **4:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 10, 2009.**
- **Spring 09 Final Examinations** - Students who have **exam conflicts** are reminded to notify the Law School Registrar's Office, in writing, of the conflict and should note which exam they wish rescheduled. The online Deferral Request link will be available the week of February 2 at the Registrars website: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/>
The request must be made by **4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 8, 2009.** The exam schedule is available at the Registrars website at: https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/forms/Spring_Exam_Schedule.pdf
- **Buying textbooks** - Please keep in mind that e-texts may not be used during exams. All permitted exam materials must be in hard copy.
- **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. **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.**
- **Registration Status/Bursar's Office** It is your responsibility to be sure you are officially registered with Cornell University for the spring term. 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.**
- **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 Registrars Office and online at the Registrars site: <https://support.law.cornell.edu/students> at the Course Registration/Registration Forms tab/Summer/Winter Intersession Course Credit Request.
- **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.**

- **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.
- **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.

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 or www.act.org/mpre.

The test dates and postmark deadlines are:

<u>MPRE Test Dates</u>	<u>Regular Application Receipt Deadline</u>	<u>Late Application Receipt Deadline</u>
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 JOHN DEROSA, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR STUDENT AND CAREER SERVICES, ELIZABETH PECK, DIRECTOR OF CAREER SERVICES AND SUZANNE HESS, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CAREER SERVICES

- **1Ls: Nixon Peabody** will host a networking reception on **Tuesday, February 3** from **5:00-7:00 p.m.** at **Stella's**.
- **1Ls: Hogan & Hartson** will host a networking reception on **Tuesday, February 10** from **6:00-8:00 p.m.** at **Stella's**. If you wish to attend, please RSVP to Nancy Merriman at nmerriman@hhlaw.com by Wednesday, February 4.

FROM LARRY BUSH, BERGER INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM

Friday, February 13
12:15 p.m.
Room G85

The **Berger International Legal Studies Program** presents **Markus G. Puder**, Associate Professor of Law, the Loyola University School of Law (New Orleans) speaking on ***“Resolving Energy-Environment Encounters in the Maze of Global and Regional Frameworks.”*** Please **RSVP** to **Dawne Peacock**, dfp7@cornell.edu by **February 11** for the luncheon.

FROM CHARLES CRAMTON, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR THE GRADUATE LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM

Thursday, February 12

12:15 p.m.

Room G85

The Graduate Legal Studies Program and the LL.M. Association present **Bouke Anthonie Boersma**, LL.M. Candidate, May 2009, speaking on "*Euthanasia in the Netherlands.*" Please **RSVP** to **Dawne Peacock**, dfp7@cornell.edu by **February 10** for the luncheon.

FULL-TERM EXTERNSHIP

Full Term Externship Fall, 2009

Mandatory Meeting

Wednesday, February 18, 2009

4:00 p.m. Room G85

If you are a **2L now** and considering the possibility of spending **Fall, 2009** as an extern working full time for a non-profit organization, government agency or judge, you **must** attend this one-hour meeting. The instructor, **Glenn Galbreath**, will discuss the course, its requirements and the process and timetable for gaining admission. The session will start with three or four externs from last fall briefly sharing some of their insights. Feel free to review materials on the BlackBoard web site at <http://www.blackboard.cornell.edu> under the course title - Full Term Externship (Fall - Professor Galbreath). Also, there are binders in the Legal Aid Clinic (G40) describing many placements previously used.

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

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

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

• BarBri Bar Information Session

A BarBri Bar **Information Session** will take place on **Monday, February 9, 3:30-4:15 p.m.** in the **Mancuso Amphitheater** (room G90). The session will contain information for all law students. For more information contact **Renee Pristas**, BarBri representative at rmp37@cornell.edu

- **Cornell International Law Journal Annual Symposium**

The *Cornell International Law Journal* would like to invite you to attend its **annual Symposium** entitled: “**Comparative Antitrust Policies in Mergers and Acquisitions.**” The Symposium will take place on **February 27 and 28**. We hope to see you there! Please direct any questions to **Dovid Duchman** at dad83@cornell.edu

Friday, February 27

2:30 p.m. Keynote Address by Mr. **Kevin Arquit** of Simpson Thacher & Bartlett (room 290)

4:00 p.m. “Merger Review Policies Outside the U.S.” (room 290)

Saturday, February 28

10:00 a.m. “Institutional Differences in Merger Control and Their Implications” (room 285)

1:30 p.m. “The Cooperation of Antitrust and Competition Authorities in Merger Regulation” (room 285)

- **Cornell Law Students Association**

To **all** Interested Students The Faculty Appointments Committee will be interviewing **Professor Max Schanzenbach from Northwestern University** as a lateral tenured faculty candidate at **3:30 p.m., room 249** on **Thursday, February 5**. The Student Advisory Committee for Faculty Appointments (SACFA) is invited to meet with faculty candidates visiting campus. Please contact **Jesse Horn, CLSA Senior Vice President** at: jth87@cornell.edu if you are interested in participating in SACFA, or otherwise attend any interview.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- **Professor Hoffman** is looking to hire a **research assistant for the semester**, to work on two ongoing projects (on corporate veil piercing and dispute resolution on Wikipedia). Interested students should email **Professor Hoffman** at david-hoffman@lawschool.cornell.edu

- 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

- **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 email a transcript, resume and writing sample to **Professor Yale-Loehr** at SWY1@cornell.edu . Please also indicate your dates of availability and the name of your Lawyering instructor.

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