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≈ Calendar of Events ≈ Week of February 16, 2009

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

6:00 p.m. Saperston Student Lounge. Cornell Law Students for Reproductive Justice Movie Night: “4 Months, 3 Weeks, and 2 Days.” Pizza and a discussion following. Details on page 5, Student Organizations.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

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.

7:00-9:00 p.m. Statler Hotel (Yale / Princeton Room). 1Ls: Linklaters networking reception.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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.

4:00 p.m. Room G85. Full Term Externship Fall, 2009 Mandatory Meeting. Details on page 5, FTE column.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

4:00-4:30. Mancuso Amphitheatre (room G90). The **Office of the Judicial Codes Counselor** **informational session** on hiring process for student positions. Details on page 5, Student Organizations and on page 6, Positions Available.

6:00-8:00 p.m. Stella's. 1Ls: White & Case networking reception.

6:00 p.m. Room G85. Berger International Legal Studies Program and The Briggs International Law Society present **Delissa Ridgway**, Judge, U.S. Court of International Trade, NYC speaking on **"Tradition on Trial: Cross-Cultural Issues in the Courts."**Details on page 4, Berger Program column.



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

- **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.

- **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 PAT HALSTEAD, CERTIFICATION COORDINATOR

Second online MBE practice examination released

National Conference of Bar Examiners announced the **release of a second online MBE practice examination**. This study aid, called the **MBE Online Practice Exam 2**, joins its earlier release, the **MBE-AP**, which has now been renamed the **MBE Online Practice Exam 1** but is otherwise unchanged.

The National Conference of Bar Examiners has developed these two practice tests in order to make high-quality, authentic MBE test materials available to bar examinees at a nominal cost. Each online practice exam is priced at \$26.00 for a one-year subscription that allows unlimited use of the online product by the candidate. These study materials are available on the NCBE website, www.ncbex.org at the "Items for Purchase" link.

Each online test consists of 100 items, most of which were recently administered; therefore, purchasing both subscriptions will allow a candidate to prepare for the Multistate Bar Examination by using test materials that are equivalent in length to the actual MBE. Both products include annotations that explain the reason that each of the four multiple-choice options is correct or incorrect. These

annotations have been written by members of the same drafting committees that prepared the MBE. We believe that this feedback can strengthen examinees' preparation by serving as an effective teaching tool in terms of test content and gaining familiarity with MBE item style.

FROM ANNE LUKINGBEAL, ASSOCIATE DEAN AND DEAN OF STUDENTS

- **Monday, February 23, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Reception for faculty and minority students** at my home. Hosted by the Asian Pacific American Law Students (APALSA), Native American Law Students Association (NALSA), Black Law Students Association (BLSA), Latino American Law Students Association (LALSA), South Asian Law Students Association (SALSA) and LAMBDA. **Everyone welcome.** For information and maps to Dean Lukingbeal's home, stop by the Registrar's Office.
- **Multicultural Work Environments I & II**
2010 and 2011 JD students with F1 Visas. The law faculty offers a course in the law school to encourage multicultural work experience: **Multicultural Work Environments I & II.** This course **does** enable international students in F-1 visa status to use Curricular Practical Training work authorization.

Eligibility & Procedures: The course is open only to those students who will be working during the summer in a country other than that of their citizenship. Course II is open only to those students who have completed course I. Each is a one (1)-credit, S/U course and may be taken as an elective in addition to the required degree credits. The course grade will appear on the student's transcript.

Registration occurs in the spring, with a grade posted in the fall after the requirements are satisfied. Registration is online at: <http://www.isso.cornell.edu/immigration/f1/law673.php> **beginning February 2, 2009 and ending June 1, 2009.** Prior to registering for the course, students must obtain a summer internship offer. The internship may be in an organization which previously employed the student, but the position and work assignments should not substantially duplicate earlier work for the organization. Once that has been done, registration can be done online.

After you register on line for the course, you will receive an approval email from Sarah Hilsman at the International Students & Scholars Office. The email will explain that you need to bring a copy of that email along with your job offer letter to the ISSO (B50 Caldwell Hall) in order to obtain your work authorization. More information about Curricular Practical Training work authorization is available on the ISSO website at: <http://www.isso.cornell.edu/immigration/f1/law673.php>. The ISSO contact is **Sarah Hilsman** (email sw57@cornell.edu; phone 255-8735).

You must notify the Law Schools Registrar if you change or drop the internship after registration. The internship may not be extended beyond the summer, and you may not drop the course after performing the internship without invalidating your work authorization.

Objective & Assignment: The goal of this course is to promote an understanding of the challenges encountered in the work environment as a result of cultural differences. To that end, students are required to complete a ten-page paper by September 15 following their summer internship.

For more information about this course, stop by the Registrar's Office and ask for the one-page handout.

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:** Linklaters will host a networking reception on **Tuesday, February 17** from **7:00-9:00 p.m.** at **The Statler Hotel (Yale / Princeton Room).**
 - **1Ls: White & Case** will host a networking reception on **Thursday, February 19** from **6:00-8:00 p.m.** at **Stella's.**
 - **1Ls:** Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events:
Cahill Gordon will host a **corporate law program** on **Tuesday, February 24** from **4:00-5:00 p.m.** in **room 285.** A **reception** will follow from **5:00-7:00 p.m.** in the **Atrium.**
- Kasowitz Benson** will host a networking reception on **Thursday, February 26.** Time and place TBA.
- Paul Weiss** will host a networking reception on **Thursday, March 5.** Time and place TBA.
- **1Ls:** Occasionally, students seeking summer employment in the **private sector** come across opportunities with corporations which are unpaid and which require **academic credit.** These jobs are especially common in the sports and entertainment industry. While Cornell Law School does not have a formal summer internship program for the private sector (we **do** have such a program for government agencies, non-profits and judges), we may be able to assist in arranging for credit on a case-by-case basis. Please contact **Dean DeRosa** if you come across this sort of opportunity and wish to pursue it.
 - **All Students:** For those of you seeking summer housing, NALP sponsors an **apartment exchange.** Visit www.nalpexchange.org for more information.

FROM LARRY BUSH, BERGER INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM

- **Thursday, February 19**
6:00 p.m. Room G85

Berger International Legal Studies Program and The Briggs International Law Society present **Delissa Ridgway**, Judge, U.S. Court of International Trade, NYC speaking on ***“Tradition on Trial: Cross-Cultural Issues in the Courts.”*** Please **RSVP** to Dawne Peacock, dfp7@cornell.edu for the talk. Pizza and soft drinks will be served.

What does “the rule of law” mean in today's multi-cultural society? In a growing number of cases in state and federal courts all across the country, immigrants are pleading “the cultural defense” -- invoking the customs and traditions of their homelands to explain their actions. Even when it is not raised per se, culture plays a role in many cases, both civil and criminal.

In this engaging and highly-interactive program, vignettes drawn from a wide range of fascinating and controversial real-life cases "ripped from the headlines" will be presented. After audience members “vote” on the verdict in each case, the actual outcome in the real-life case will be disclosed and debated.

Do the adages that "all men are presumed to know the law" and “ignorance of the law is no defense” apply to recent immigrants? Should immigrants be held to the same standards as everyone else, on the theory of “When in Rome ?” **You be the judge!**

FULL-TERM EXTERNSHIP

Full Term Externship Fall, 2009

Mandatory Meeting

Wednesday, February 18

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

- **Cornell Law Students for Reproductive Justice**

Cornell Law Students for Reproductive Justice will be hosting a movie night on **February 16 at 6:00 p.m.** in the **Saperston Student Lounge**. The movie will be "*4 Months, 3 Weeks, and 2 Days*," a Romanian film that won the Palme D'Or at the Cannes Film Festival in 2007. There will be pizza and a discussion afterwards. This event is co-sponsored by GPSFAC. Questions? Contact **Lindsay Strauss** at: lks57@cornell.edu

- **Office of the Judicial Codes Counselor**
Information Session

The Office of the Judicial Codes Counselor is **beginning its hiring process for 2009** with an informational session. The session is on **Thursday, February 19 in the Mancuso Amphitheatre (room G90) from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m.** The Office of the Judicial Codes Counselor will soon be interviewing 1Ls and 2Ls for paid positions representing Cornell students in the University judicial system. **Questions** about this exciting opportunity to gain real advocacy experience? Contact **James Saeli** at: jls472@cornell.edu or jccoffice@cornell.edu

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- **Professor Cynthia Bowman** is taking applications for a **part-time position as summer research assistant**. Being in Ithaca over the summer is a definite plus, as well as ability to read French. To apply, send a transcript and resume to Professor Bowman at cgb28@cornell.edu
- **Professor Peter Martin** needs a **full-time summer assistant** to assist with his research on issues raised by conversion of the litigation process from paper to electronic media (electronic filing, remote document access, electronic transcripts and exhibits). Interested students should apply by email to: peter-martin@lawschool.cornell.edu . Applications should include a resume, one or more law school references, and brief description of any relevant prior experience.
- The **Office of the Judicial Codes Counselor** seeks **one 1L and one 2L** to work representing University students in the Cornell judicial system. This is a paid, variable-hour position. Informational session on February 19, 4:00 p.m. in the Mancuso Amphitheatre (room G90). Send resume and short letter of interest to jccoffice@cornell.edu . **Resume deadline is February 23**. Questions? Contact **James Saeli** at jls472@cornell.edu

WRITING COMPETITIONS

- The **Federal Circuit Bar Association** announces the **2009 George Hutchinson Writing Contest**. Entries may discuss any topic that lies within the substance, procedure, or scope of the specialized jurisdiction of the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals. The competition is open to all law students enrolled for the 2008-09 academic year in an ABA-accredited law school. All papers shall be prepared during the 2008-09 school year. Submissions must be postmarked no later than **June 26, 2009**. Entries and any questions regarding the competition should be addressed to: Alexandra Manolas, Administrative Coordinator, George Hutchinson Writing Competition, Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione, NBC Tower - Suite 3600, Chicago, IL 60611-5599 amanolas@brinkshofer.com . Competition rules are available at: <http://memberconnections.com/olc/filelib/LVFC/cpages/9005/Library/docs/Hutchinson%20Writing%20Contest%20Rules.pdf>
- The **Robert T. Matsui Annual Writing Competition** was established by AEF in 2005 to honor the late Congressman Robert T. Matsui and his many accomplishments. Through this writing competition, AEF seeks to encourage legal scholarship on issues of importance to the Asian Pacific American legal community and, more generally, the publication of law review articles on topics of relevance to racial and ethnic minorities and the law. The competition is open to all law students nationwide in the United States. Submissions for the 2009 competition must be received by **June 1, 2009**, and the winner will be announced by September 1, 2009. Submissions must be original works and not previously published. For additional information and an application, please visit: http://www.aefdc.com/?page_id=93

FROM THE CORNELL LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI AFFAIRS OFFICE

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

Wednesday, February 25

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

Presented by Cornell Law School Professor **W. Bradley Wendel**

Sutherland, 1275 Pennsylvania Avenue NW - 2nd Floor, Washington, DC

6:00 p.m. Reception / 7:00 p.m. Program

Cost \$20 per person

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

Sutherland for hosting this event.

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

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• **New York, NY CLE Program & Reception**

Thursday, March 12

“The Model Rules Have Arrived! A Preview of Comprehensive Changes to the New York Disciplinary Rules”

Featured Speaker - Cornell Law School Professor **W. Bradley Wendel**

11:30 a.m. Registration and lunch available

12:00 Noon-1:00 p.m. Presentation ; 1:00-1:30 p.m. Q&A

Cost \$25 per person

Attendees will be eligible to receive 1 hour of NY CLE Credit in Ethics.

Clifford Chance, 31 W. 52nd Street, New York, NY

A special thanks to **Allison Harlow**, BA '99, JD '02 for hosting this event.

Please RSVP by **Thursday, March 5** at the link listed below.

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

UNIVERSITY OPPORTUNITY FOR FACULTY, GRADUATE STUDENTS, UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

Call for Cornell Prison Education Program Instructors & TAs, Fall 2009

Informational Session

February 23, 12:15-1:30 p.m.

165 McGraw Hall

The **Cornell Prison Project**, a liberal arts outreach program **invites applications** from faculty and doctoral-level graduate students to teach in regional correctional facilities. For the past nine years, Cornell at Auburn has been offering Cornell courses for credit to inmates at the state prison in Auburn.

If you would like to teach **or TA** at either Auburn or Cayuga Correctional, please attend the **February 23 informational session, 165 McGraw Hall, 12:15-1:30 p.m.** and email **Jim Schechter**, the executive director of the program, at jas349@cornell.edu or call him at 255 2852.

If interested in teaching, co-teaching, or TAing, please submit a CV, transcripts, and when appropriate a brief course proposal. Faculty are asked to volunteer as instructors (course materials are covered by the program). Eligible grads must have completed their qualifying exams or have an MA to teach for a stipend (\$3k or \$1.5K if a course is co-taught). Exceptions are made for grads in the professional schools (i.e., Law and Johnson School of Business) with summer or professional experience.

Cornell law students are permitted to teach in the program and receive Cornell Law School. Credit would be awarded for supervised teaching. Courses taught by law students would not carry a LAW course designation, and the student would be responsible for securing a course designation from some other department within the University. The students would also be responsible for finding a tenured or tenure-track member of the Law School faculty willing to supervise them. Law students are not eligible for the paid positions mentioned above for doctoral candidates.

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