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≈ Calendar of Events ≈ Week of March 2, 2009

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

1:00-5:00 p.m. Room 252. Office hours for Walter Bubl , Academic Support Director. Details on page 4, Walter Bubl 's column.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

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

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

4:30-6:00 p.m. Ives Hall, ILR School. *The Employee Free Choice Act in Comparative Perspective: How Workers Organize on Three Continents* with Ana Virginia Gomes (Brazil), Keith Ewing (UK), Fred Feinstein (US). Details on page 6, University/Law School Event column.

4:30-5:30 p.m. Room G85. The Graduate Legal Studies Program and ISSO meeting for LL.M. and international J.D. student, with Sarah Hilsman, to discuss issues relating to Optional Practical Training (OPT) visa extensions and Curricular Practical Training (CPT). Details on page 4, Assistant Dean Cramton's column.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

1:00-5:00 p.m. Room 252. Office hours for Walter Bubl , Academic Support Director. Details on Page 4, Walter Bubl 's column.

5:00-7:00 p.m. Stella's. Paul Weiss networking reception for 1Ls.

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FRIDAY, MARCH 6

12:15 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheatre (room G90). Clarke Fund for the Middle East Speaker Series present **Radwan Ziadeh**, speaking on *“The Struggle for Democracy in Syria.”* RSVP to **Dawne Peacock**, dfp7@cornell.edu for the talk. Details on page 3, Berger International Studies Program column.

12:30 p.m. Room G85. Ken Vittor, Executive Vice President and General Counsel of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc. *“The Lawyer's Role in the Editorial Process: A Media Lawyer's Report from the First Amendment Litigation Front.”* Luncheon to follow. RSVPs required. Details on page 3, Career Services column.



FROM NAN COLVIN, REGISTRAR

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- **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

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. It is held at established test centers across the country. **The Clarion University Hotel and Conference Center, 1 Sheraton Dr., Ithaca, NY 14850** is the **March test center for the Ithaca area**. The exam is scheduled for Saturday, March 7, 2009, approximately 9:00 a.m.

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.

In order to be admitted to the test center, you must present your test center Admission Ticket with our photograph attached, as well as a current form of identification bearing your photograph and signature. Please bring a #2 pencil to the exam with you.

FROM ANNE LUKINGBEAL, ASSOCIATE DEAN AND DEAN OF STUDENTS

Law School Prize Nominations Sought

I am delighted to announce that the law school will be awarding a prize in memory of John J. Kelly (Law School Class of 1947) to a graduating Cornell Law student who, in the judgment of the Dean of the Law School, best exemplifies qualities of **scholarship, fair play and good humor**. The prize is a cash gift. Please submit written nominations to me before **Friday March 27, 2009** at Noon. It will be very helpful to the selection committee if you indicate the reasons why you think the nominee would be an excellent candidate for this award. Many thanks.

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

- **1Ls:** Paul Weiss will host a networking reception on **Thursday, March 5** from **5:00-7:00 p.m.** at Stella's.

- **All Students:** Ken Vittor, Executive Vice President and General Counsel of The McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc., will present a program entitled "**The Lawyer's Role in the Editorial Process: A Media Lawyer's Report from the First Amendment Litigation Front**" on **Friday, March 6** at **12:30 p.m.** in room **G85**. A luncheon will follow in the Saperston Student Lounge. Please **RSVP** to Suzanne (sch33@cornell.edu) if you wish to attend the lunch.

- **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

Friday, March 6

12:15 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheatre (room G90)

The **Clarke Fund for the Middle East Speaker Series** present **Radwan Ziadeh**, Fellow at the Carr Center for Human Rights, Harvard University, speaking on "*The Struggle for Democracy in Syria.*" Please **RSVP** to **Dawne Peacock**, dfp7@cornell.edu for the talk.

Radwan Ziadeh who was recently a Senior Fellow at the United States Institute of Peace (USIP), is the founder and director of the Damascus Center for Human Rights Studies and is the secretary of the Syrian Organization for Transparency. Prior to his time at USIP, Ziadeh was editor of Tyarat magazine and a researcher with the UNDP project "Syria 2025." In 2004, Ziadeh was named as best researcher in the Arab world in political science by Jordan's Abdulhameed Shoman Foundation. Ziadeh was one of the major players in "Damascus Spring," a period of intense debate about politics and social issues and calls for reform in Syria after the death of President Hafez al-Assad in 2000. He has lectured in institutions, universities, and conferences around the world. Ziadeh has published studies, research projects and articles in local and international magazines in Arabic, English, Spanish and French and has also written for a wide range of Arabic and International publications including Al-Hayat (London), Almustaqbal, an-Nahar (Lebanon), Alghad (Jordan), Al-Ahram (Cairo) and the International Herald Tribune. He is a frequent political commentator to several U.S, European, and Middle Eastern media, including Aljazeera, Alarabiya, B.B.C and Alhura. Ziadeh regularly contributes

articles in Arabic to various academic journals and writes a bimonthly op-ed for the leading Arab daily Al-Hayat.

**Tuesday, March 24
1:15 p.m. Room 276**

The Berger International Legal Studies Speaker Series and The International Human Rights Clinic presents Asmita Basu, Consultant, Lawyers Collective, New Delhi, speaking on “Obstacles and Successes in Implementing India's Domestic Violence Act.”

Asmita Basu, as a Project Coordinator of the women's rights project of the Lawyer's Collective, drafted, campaigned and lobbied for enactment of the Domestic Violence Law of 2005 in India. In this process, she built consensus on the content of the domestic violence law among women's rights and human rights organizations at national, regional and state levels, lawyers, and lobbied members of Parliament. She has also extensively monitored and drafted reports on the implementation of the Domestic Violence Act. She has conducted trainings on domestic violence laws for women's organizations, judges and law enforcement authorities. Additionally, she has been involved with other legislative reforms efforts in India relating to women's rights such participating in the drafting committee of a sexual harassment law and the drafting committee formed by the government to propose amendments to the Medical Termination of Pregnancies Act.

FROM CHARLES CRAMTON, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR GRADUATE LEGAL STUDIES

On Wednesday, March 4 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. in room G85, Sarah Hilsman from ISSO will be at the Law School to discuss the OPT application process and other issues related to travel following graduation and prior to the bar examination. Please plan on attending if you have any questions about the OPT training extension or re-entering the U.S. to study for and take the bar examination. The ISSO staff will also be able to address Curricular Practical Training (CPT) issues for international J.D. students who will be working in the U.S. during the summer. Snacks will be provided.

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 Review

Congratulations to the Volume 95 Board of Editors

Editor-in-Chief: Christine I. Lee; **Managing Editors:** Josephine D. Djekovic, Julie Fukes, Zsaleh E. Harivandi, Julie B. Rubenstein, Naushin F. Shibli; **Executive Editor:** Bradford M. Flint; **Senior Article Editor:** Michael Klebanov; **Senior Note Editor:** Jill M. McCormack; **Article Editors:** Gregory L. Demers, Evan C. Ennis, Craig M. Fischer, Mark S. Grube, Agnetha E. Jacob, Lori P. Lewis, Maja Lukic, Colin R. Murray, Tejuana A. Roberts, Allison M. Wilson, Alexander S. Zolan; **Editors:** Geoffrey M. Collins, Kimberly D. Knudson, David A. Lau, Sung J. Lee, Jennelle D. Menendez, Sorrell E. Negro, Hong Nhung T. Pham, Daniel J. Rainer, Joseph M. Rancour, Lindsay K. Strauss, Jonathan B. Stroble; **Note Editors:** Alexander Coedo, Lauren N. Gillespie, Colleen D. Holland, Grace H. Hong, Joseph J. Ronca; **Symposium Editor:** Taylor S. Souter; **Legal Workshop Editor:** André M. Peñalver; **Events Coordinator:** Eve T. Jordonne.

WRITING COMPETITIONS

- **Foley & Lardner** announces its annual **Foley & Lardner Intellectual Property Writing Competition**. Papers can address such intellectual property topics as patents, copyrights, domain names, trademarks, computer law and trade secret law. The competition is open to JD student currently enrolled in their first or second year at an accredited law school. Submissions are due by **May 15, 2009**. For complete competition rules and information on topics visit their website at: <http://www.foley.com/ipwritingcompetition> .

- The **Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation** announces its annual **Brown Award** to recognize **Excellence in Legal Writing**. In order to be considered, four copies of a current legal writing must be submitted to the Foundation, with a letter of recommendation by a law school faculty member or legal professional. The submission must be postmarked no later than **May 15, 2009**. Guidelines can be found at: <http://www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm>

- The goal of the **American Bar Association Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Student Writing Contest** is to encourage and reward law student writings on real property, trust and estate law subjects of general and current interest. Students are invited to submit original essays on a current topic dealing with real property, trust and estate law. The Contest is open to any law school student in good standing, over the age of 18, who is currently attending an ABA-accredited law school. Entries must be received no later than **June 19, 2009**. For information on the contest, eligibility and submission guidelines, visit: http://www.abanet.org/rppt/section_info/lawstudents/WritingContestRules2009.pdf

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

- **Professor Hay** will be hiring **one or more law students to act as a TA** next Fall in his undergraduate course, **Competition Law and Policy**. He welcomes applications from 2Ls who took the basic Antitrust Law course last fall. The preferred form of compensation is course credit but be aware that there is a limit on the total number of credits students can collect for activities like being a TA. If that creates a problem, alternative forms of compensation will be considered. Interested students should send Professor Hay a brief indication of interest: gah7@cornell.edu

- **Professor Annelise Riles** is seeking applications from **JD or SJD students** who wish to serve as **teaching assistants for Government 313, The Nature, Function and Limits of the Law**, a course in legal studies offered at the Law School for undergraduate students in the fall of 2009. Teaching Assistants lead a weekly small group meeting of the course, hold office hours, attend lectures, grade a short paper and the final exam. Teaching assistants can elect to receive course credit or payment on an hourly basis. If

interested please submit a resume by email to **Donna Hastings** at: donna-hastings@lawschool.cornell.edu by **March 15, 2009**.

UNIVERSITY/LAW SCHOOL EVENT

**The Employee Free Choice Act in Comparative Perspective
How Workers Organize on Three Continents**

Presented by: **Ana Virginia Gomes** (Brazil), **Keith Ewing** (UK), **Fred Feinstein** (US)

March 4

4:30-6:00 p.m.

Ives Hall, ILR School

Ana Virginia Gomes is Professor of Labor Law at the Universidade-Catolica de Santos Law School in São Paulo, Brazil. She was a Visiting Scholar at the Cornell ILR School in 1997.

Keith Ewing is professor of Labor Law at Kings College London School of Law and a Board Member of the International Centre for Trade Union Rights (ICTUR).

Fred Feinstein is Visiting Professor and Senior Fellow at the University of Maryland's School of Public Policy. He was General Counsel of the National Labor Relations Board from 12995-1999.

Co-sponsored by Cornell Law School and ILR International Programs. For more information, visit: <http://www.ilr.cornell.edu/events/>

UNIVERSITY EVENT

Asian/Asian American Center Forum

Monday, March 2

6:30-8:00 p.m.

Goldwin Smith, HEC Auditorium (room 132)

It has been one year since the first community forum in spring 2008 where Cornell's administrators pledged their commitment to the formation of an Asian/Asian American Center. What progress has been achieved since then? What will happen in the future? Discuss these matters with **President David Skorton** and **Dean of Students Kent Hubbell**, who will be at the forum. If you would like to be added to the A3C listserv for updates on the progress of A3C please email Clara at csn7@cornell.edu. Open to Public, Alumni, Students, Faculty, and Staff.

FROM THE CORNELL LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI AFFAIRS OFFICE

• **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 & 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.

RSVPs were required by **Thursday, March 5**

⇒ Alumni Events continue on next page ⇒

- **Seattle, WA Alumni Program & Reception**

Tuesday, March 17

“Voice; A Look Inside The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation” with Robert Rosen

You are invited to an alumni reception co-sponsored with Cornell Entrepreneur Network (CEN) and the Cornell Club of Western Washington.

Guest Speaker: **Robert Rosen**, JD '96, Deputy Director, Leadership Communications, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Stoel Rives, LLP

600 University Street, Seattle, WA

A special thank you to our host, **Kenneth Odza**, JD '94.

Please log onto the CEN website to make your reservation:

<http://cen.cornell.edu/index.cfm/events.list/Seattle.htm?regionID=3>

- **Syracuse, NY Alumni Luncheon & CLE Program**

Wednesday, March 18

“Some Thoughts on the Proposed Federal Journalists' Privilege”

Featured Speaker - **Steven D. Clymer**, Professor of Law, BA '80, JD '83

Luncheon: 11:30 a.m. / Program: 12:30 p.m.

Julie's Place

770 James Street, Syracuse, New York

Cost \$25 per person for the lunch

CLE is free

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

Please RSVP by **Wednesday, March 11**

- **Silicon Valley Alumni Reception & Program**

Wednesday, March 18

“Digital Information: Balancing Privacy & Transparency”

You are invited to a Cornell Law School and Cornell Law Association Panel Discussion Co-sponsored with Cornell Entrepreneur Network, the Legal Information Institute and Justia.com

Featuring: **Jane Horvath**, Senior Privacy Counsel at Google & **David Schellhase**, JD '90, Senior VP and General Counsel at Salesforce.com

6:00 p.m. Reception , 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Program

Fenwick & West, LLP, Silicon Valley Center

801 California Street , Mountain View, CA

- **Paris, France Alumni Networking Reception**

Thursday, March 19

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Latham & Watkins

53 Quai D'Orsay

Paris, 75007

A special thanks to **Emmanuel G. Baud**, LLM '93 and Latham & Watkins for hosting this event.

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.

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