≈ Calendar of Events ≈

Week of November 21, 2011

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

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

9:00-11:00 a.m. Room 321. **Drop-In Office hours** with John Mollenkamp. Details on page 6, John Mollenkamp’s column.

9:05-10:00 a.m. Room G85. The Berger International Legal Studies Program Speaker Series presents **Hon. Delissa A. Ridgway**, U.S. Court of International Trade, speaking on **“The ABC’s of Drafting an Arbitration Clause.”** Details on page 4, Berger Program column.

12:20 p.m. Room 277. The Berger International Legal Studies Program Speaker Series presents **Anna di Robilant**, Associate Professor at Boston University, speaking on **“One Property, Many Properties: Designing the Liberal Egalitarian Commons.”** RSVP required for luncheon. Details on page 4, Berger Program column.

3:30 p.m. Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90). The Women’s Law Coalition **1L fall exam panel.** Details on page 7, Student Organizations.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22**

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Room 321. **Drop-In Office hours** with John Mollenkamp. Details on page 6, John Mollenkamp’s column.

1:25-2:15 p.m. Room 290. LLM and Exchange Students: **Exam Taking Session** with Professor **John Mollenkamp**, Director of Academic Support. Details on page 3, Assistant Dean Cramton’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.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23
1:30-4:30 p.m. Room 155A. Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS). Free and confidential consultation for law students. Details on page 6, Maurice Haltom/CAPS column.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24-FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25
Thanksgiving Break. No classes.

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FROM STEWART J. SCHWAB, THE ALLAN R. TESSLER DEAN
Office Hours for Students
I will be holding office hours for students on Tuesday afternoons between 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Students wishing to see me may either sign up in advance with Liz Flint in room 263, by email (es232@cornell.edu) or by phone (607-255-3539).

FROM NAN COLVIN, REGISTRAR
Fall 2011
• Fall Term Examination Period
  Examinations begin Wednesday, December 7
  Examinations end Friday, December 16

• First Year Students Lawyering for the 2012 Spring Term begins Tuesday, January 17, 2012.

• Grades - Assuming no unusual computer difficulties either here at the Law School or in the University Registrars Office, grades for Fall 2011 will be available to view online at the University Student Center on Monday, January 9, 2012.

• Tuition Statements - Students are reminded to check their billing address, for Spring 2012 tuition statements, in the University system by using the online Student Center (http://studentcenter.cornell.edu)

• Summer/Winter Study - Students may petition the faculty for permission to take law courses in summer-school of other ABA-approved law schools, and upon their successful completion, to receive credit toward their Cornell J.D. degree. In no case is credit in excess of 6 hours granted for all such summer law studies. Petition forms are available on line at the Registrar’s site in the Forms and Requests section: https://support.law.cornell.edu/students/forms/Summer_Winter_Credit_Petition.pdf. Interested students should submit this form request to the Law School Registrar’s Office (addressed to Dean Lukingbeal) by April 1 for summer 2012 programs.

• 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
• NY July 2011 Bar Results
  We recently received the official results of the July 2011 New York bar examination: 92% (121 out of 132) of Cornell JD first time test takers passed the exam. For Cornell LLMs who sat for the NY bar for the first time last summer, 69% (31 out of 45) passed the exam.

• End of semester Massage Party
  On Wednesday, November 30, the Offices of the Dean and the Dean of Students, the Cornell Law Students Association, LexisNexis and Themis present a therapeutic massage party in the
Saperston Student Lounge from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please stop by and enjoy a free 10-minute chair massage from one of seven licensed massage therapists. Healthy snacks will be served. Faculty and staff are welcome from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

**FROM PAT HALSTEAD, CERTIFICATION COORDINATOR**

**Registration with the Bar Authorities.** Deadlines 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* (call number: KF 266.A512.), published annually by the American Bar Association. See me in the Law School Registrar's Office for more information.

**FROM CHARLES CRAMTON, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR GRADUATE LEGAL STUDIES**

- **Tuesday, November 22**
  1:25-2:15 p.m.
  Room 290
  Exam taking session
  John Mollenkamp, Associate Clinical Professor and Director of Academic Support, will provide input and advice on how to study for and take American law school examinations. The program is specifically designed for LL.M. and Exchange students, though open to any law students who would like to attend.

- **Wednesday, November 30**
  4:00-5:00 p.m.
  Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90)
  Exam Procedure Session for LL.M. and Exchange Students
  Nan Colvin and Nancy Osborn from the Registrar’s Office and I will review examination procedures at the law school. This session is mandatory for all LL.M. and Exchange students.

**FROM KAREN COMSTOCK, ASSISTANT DEAN FOR PUBLIC SERVICE AND LIZ PECK, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICE**

Register now for the Public Interest Legal Career Fair (PILC) February 9 and 10, 2012
New York University School of Law, New York, NY

At the PILC job fair, public interest and government employers interview 1Ls and 2Ls for summer internships and 3Ls for post-graduate jobs. More than 200 employers typically attend. These employers are primarily, but not exclusively, from the Northeast.

To participate you must register by Thursday, December 1. It is OK to register and ultimately not attend, but you cannot apply for any interviews if you do not register by the deadline.

To register:
- Go to [http://pilcfair.law.nyu.edu/studentinformation/index.htm](http://pilcfair.law.nyu.edu/studentinformation/index.htm)
- Select “PILC Fair Student Registration”
- Complete and submit the registration form.
- You will be asked for a student ID number. Please use your Cornell net ID (e.g., kvc2).
Within a day or two you will receive an email that your registration was approved. That email will contain instructions for utilizing the employer database and deadlines for uploading resumes. While the deadlines occur after exams, you should read the instructions as soon as you receive them.

1Ls: do not worry about doing anything else until after exams are over
2Ls and 3Ls: you should begin uploading resumes ASAP.

FROM LARRY BUSH, THE BERGER INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM

• Monday, November 21
  9:05-10:00 a.m.
  Room G85

The Berger International Legal Studies Program Speaker Series presents Hon. Delissa A. Ridgway, U.S. Court of International Trade, speaking on “The ABC’s of Drafting an Arbitration Clause.”

Delissa Ridgway is a Judge on the U.S. Court of International Trade. The Court -- based in New York -- is a specialized federal court with nationwide jurisdiction over matters involving U.S. international trade and customs laws. Prior to her 1998 appointment to the Court, Judge Ridgway served as Chair of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the U.S. ("FCSC"), adjudicating expropriation claims against countries including Iran and Albania, as well as Holocaust claims against Germany. At the time of her appointment to the FCSC by President Clinton in 1994, Judge Ridgway was a member of the International Practice Group at Shaw Pittman Potts & Trowbridge in Washington, D.C., where she worked primarily in international commercial arbitration and international transactions.

She has been a member of the panels of both the ICC International Court of Arbitration (Paris) and the American Arbitration Association (AAA), and has served as arbitrator, counsel, or secretary to the tribunal in arbitrations under the rules of most of the major arbitral institutions. In addition, she has served as a consultant on international law to organizations including the U.N. Centre on Transnational Corporations, the Helsinki Commission, the Council of Europe, and the U.S. Information Agency (advising developing countries on matters of international law and commercial law reform).

As an Adjunct Professor of Law here at Cornell, she co-taught International Commercial Arbitration with Professor Barceló in the Fall of 1999 and 2001. She also taught International Business: Transactional Law and Dispute Settlement in the Fall of 2001. Judge Ridgway recently served as Chair (2009-2010) of the National Conference of Federal Trial Judges. The NCFTJ represents the interests of all federal trial judges nationwide (including all federal district court judges, federal magistrate judges, bankruptcy judges, and judges on the U.S. Court of International Trade, the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, and the U.S. Tax Court). Judge Ridgway received her law degree from Northeastern University School of Law in 1979.

• Monday, November 21
  12:20 p.m.
  Room 277

The Berger International Legal Studies Program Speaker Series presents Anna di Robilant, Associate Professor at Boston University, speaking on "One Property, Many Properties: Designing the Liberal Egalitarian Commons.” Please RSVP to Dawne Peacock at dfp7@cornell.edu for the Luncheon.

Professor di Robilant writes about the history of property law in Europe and teaches property law, European history and comparative law.
FROM THE LAW LIBRARY

- **Thanksgiving Hours**
  - Wednesday, November 23: 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
  - Thursday, November 24 - Saturday, November 26: Closed
  - Sunday, November 27: Resume regular hours: Noon – 8:00 p.m.

- **Study Spaces in the Law School**
  When you want to get together with a group of students to study together, you can use informal spaces, such as the Atrium and the Student Lounge. Or more formally, you can use reserve rooms G80, G81, 273, 387, 389, and the Library’s Casual Reading Room (these six rooms are referred to collectively as the “Study Rooms”).

  Same-day reservations for Study Rooms can be made in the afternoon and/or evening, on a sign-out sheet available at the Circulation Desk in the Library Reading Room. Reservations shall be made in person at noon or thereafter – not earlier. Only same-day reservations will be accepted – no advance reservations permitted.

  Evening reservations must be made prior to the last sign-up time for the day. In cases in which a room reservation extends beyond 7:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, or beyond 4:30 p.m. on Friday or Saturday, the student making the reservation will be responsible for securing the room in question (closing windows and locking doors) at the end of use. Evening reservations that begin after 7:30 p.m. (Sunday-Thursday) or 4:30 p.m. (Friday & Saturday) must be reserved as of those times to insure the room remains open for their use. Students making such reservation will be responsible for the room starting at 7:30 or 4:30, respectively. If no reservation is made for a room to be used after hours, the library staff will lock it at 7:30 or 4:30.

  During study periods, Study Rooms will be available on a first-come, first-served basis 24 hours a day, with no reservation procedure.

- **Call for Papers**
  The Cornell Law Library invites 2Ls, 3Ls, and LLMs to submit scholarly research papers to be considered for the Cornell Law Library Prize for Exemplary Student Research. All papers must have been written in the time period spanning June, 2011 – May, 2012. Entries may include, but are not limited to, papers written for a class or journal notes. Work product generated through summer or other employment will not be accepted. Papers must be a minimum of 10 pages in length, must be written in proper Bluebook format, and must be properly footnoted. First prize is $500, second prize is $250, and both winners will be invited to publish their papers in Scholarship@Cornell Law, a digital repository of the Cornell Law Library. For submission procedure and selection criteria, please visit the Law Library homepage, click on “For Students” and then on “Publication and Prizes.” Papers will be accepted on an ongoing basis through May 2, 2012.

- **Faculty/Pet Matching Contest**
  Have you heard the old adage that people look like their pets? Visit the Law Library’s Reading Room display case for a glimpse at the variety of pets kept by Cornell Law School faculty and see if you can match each pet to its rightful owner. From iguanas to horses to dogs, the critters vary from large to small, slippery to cuddly. Perhaps at some point in your law school career, your professors made mention of their pets and you can draw on those memories. If not, no worries – the law library will be providing clues on Facebook and Twitter throughout the month of November. Make your matches, complete the contest entry form, and submit it at the circulation desk during regular library hours for a chance to win a $50 gift card to Amazon. Contest forms are available at the display case. Contest ends November 30, 2011.
**Fun Stuff to Borrow**

Did you know you can borrow more than books from the law library? We have items to help further your work or take a break from it:

- 2 Laptops with wireless Internet access and the full Microsoft Office Suite
- 1 Flashdrive
- 5 Digital Voice Recorders (written permission from professor required)
- Several Earphones/Ear Buds
- 1 Calculator
- 10 Umbrellas
- 1 Soccer Ball with Goal
- 1 Frizbee
- 1 Football
- Scrabble
- Chess/Checkers

Coming soon:

- 2 iPads
- 1 Kindle
- 1 Digital Flip Camera
- 1 Portable DVD Player
- 2 Computer Mice

All items are available at the circulation desk in the Reading Room.

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**FROM PATINA JANIKSO, DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL AID**

*Drop In Office Hours for the Academic Year 2011-2012*

- **Monday:** 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- **Tuesday:** 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- **Wednesday:** 10:00-11:00 a.m., 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- **Thursday:** 2:00-3:00 p.m.
- **Friday:** 10:00-11:00 a.m.

*Or by appointment:* (607) 255-5141 or financialaid@lawschool.cornell.edu

The financial aid staff is also available to help with any questions that you may have if I am unavailable.

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**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, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

*Where:* Myron Taylor Hall, Room 155A

*Who:* Maurice Haltom, LMSW, Counselor from Gannett Health Services

For additional hours and counselor biographies: [www.gannett.cornell.edu/LetsTalk](http://www.gannett.cornell.edu/LetsTalk)

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**FROM JOHN MOLLENKAMP, ASSOCIATE CLINICAL PROFESSOR AND DIRECTOR OF ACADEMIC SUPPORT**

- **Office Hours the week of November 21 (room 321)**
  - **Monday:** 9:00-11:00 a.m. office hours
  - **Tuesday:** 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. office hours
Wednesday: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. office hours  
Thursday-Sunday: Thanksgiving Break  
**Or by appointment:** (607) 255-0146; John-mollenkamp@lawschool.cornell.edu

**LLM and Exchange Student Exam Taking Session: Tuesday, November 22:** 1:25-2:15 p.m. Room 290.

**I hope that all of you travel safely (if you’re traveling) for the Thanksgiving Break.** This is a time of year when lots of other obligations can be piled on top of our law work. Whether it is missing family (or seeing them) that causes you stress, make sure you are getting a little time to relax over the upcoming long weekend. You have no surer way of feeling miserable than telling yourself that you’re going to study twelve solid hours a day for four days. Not only will you not do it, you’ll feel bad for thinking you could and failing. **Set some reasonable and realistic goals for what you’re going to accomplish over the break.** For one thing, you should make sure you take at least one day completely off. Don’t touch a law book for 24 hours. But, do it on your terms, of course. Pick which day, and pick what you’re doing instead. That is a nice way to get ready for exams, by taking some control over your life rather than merely reacting to what other folks are doing (or telling you to do). Plus, if you get a nice slice of pie, a chance to talk to your grandma, or a ticket to some movie about vampires or werewolves or whatever, all the better.

**If you want more advice about benefiting from the break** (by studying effectively during the time without increasing your stress), **stop by my office hours.** I’m more or less having a “Going out of Business” Sale on office hours this week and next. **My last day being the Academic Support Advisor is November 29.** I’ll be doing the best I can to set you up with good advice between now and then. Drop in and we can chat.

**STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

**Women’s Law Coalition (WLC)**

The Women’s Law Coalition is hosting a **1L fall exam panel on Monday, November 21 at 3:30 p.m. in the Mancuso Amphitheater (room G90).** Professors Clermont, Dorf, Herstein, and Hillman will answer questions about studying for law school exams. All 1Ls are welcome to attend. Questions? Contact **Alice Choo** at akc33@cornell.edu

**WRITING COMPETITIONS**

**The American College of Legal Medicine’s Student Writing Competition in Law, Medicine and Bioethics.**

Papers may deal with any aspect of legal medicine, including medical licensure and regulation of the profession, business aspects of medical practice, liability of physicians, hospitals, managed care organizations, and pharmaceutical manufacturers, public health law, the physician-patient relationship, care of special patients, food and drug law, medical research, forensic science and the history of legal medicine. The papers must be submitted by the end of the business day, **January 5, 2012** by email.  
Competition guidelines and submission information is available at: [http://www.aclm.org/resources/swc/pdfs/swc%202012.pdf](http://www.aclm.org/resources/swc/pdfs/swc%202012.pdf)

**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 on the topic: “**Is it constitutional for a legislative body to require a DNA test for all persons arrested and charged with a felony.**” Entries must be emailed no later than **June 1, 2012.**  
Competition rules are available at their website: [http://aja.ncsc.dni.us/essay-contest/pdfs/essayrules.pdf](http://aja.ncsc.dni.us/essay-contest/pdfs/essayrules.pdf)
The Theodore Tannenwald, Jr. Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship and the American College of Tax Counsel announce their 2012 Tannenwald Writing Competition. Papers may be submitted by JD, LLM or JSD students. Submitted papers may focus on any federal or state tax-related topic. Deadline for submission: July 3, 2012. Complete competition rules are available online at: http://www.tannenwald.org

POSITION AVAILABLE

Take Note. Attention: Law Students. A paid note-taker position is available for Business Law II for the Spring of 2012. The position requires attending Business Law II lectures (AEM 3210/NBA 5610 on Monday and Wednesday, 8:40-9:55 a.m.) taught by Professor Dale Grossman and submitting them electronically to the professor and the TakeNote® office on a weekly basis. The course is a fast-paced overview of laws and legal concepts relevant in the modern business world (including contracts, property, agency, liability, etc.). This is an excellent opportunity to review a wide range of business-related legal concepts and is a well-compensated position. Interested students should email their resumes to Lena Germinario, TakeNote® Manager, at info@tnote.com, or call 607-793-4789. Do not delay - the offer will go to the first qualified applicant.

INSTITUTE FOR THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

November 28
12:00-1:30 p.m.
225 ILR Conference Center
ISS Immigration Seminar

Labor Market Access and Immigrant Flows Within Europe: The Role of the State in Shaping Destination Choices

John Palmer, Princeton University