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## **PROFESSOR HAMMOND NAMED DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA CENTER**

Professor Allen S. Hammond, IV has been appointed director of the Law School's Communications Media Center effective April 1, Dean Simon has announced.

Professor Hammond succeeds Professor Michael Botein, who founded the Center in 1977 and who will assume the title of Founding Director. Professor Botein has been awarded a Fulbright Fellowship and will be on sabbatical leave in France for the 1991-92 academic year. He will return to the Law School in September 1992.

In his new position, Professor Hammond will oversee the operations of the Communications Media Center, which enriches students' education and stimulates debate on current issues in communications law.

The Center, which sponsors seminars, conferences and lectures, has performed research for a variety of organizations including the Federal Communications Commission, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, the RAND Corporation and the Max Planck Institute. It co-produces the weekly Channel 25 television program "The Telecommunication and Information Revolution."

In making the announcement, Dean Simon said, "Al Hammond's broad knowledge, intellectual acumen and curiosity, and his legal experience in the communications industry are tremendous assets for the Law School's Communications Media Center."

Professor Hammond is a graduate of Grinnell College (B.A., 1972), the Annenberg School of Communications at the University of Pennsylvania (M.A., 1977) and the University of Pennsylvania School of Law (J.D., 1975). He has held a variety of high level positions in the private and public sectors including: Attorney and Program Manager at the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (1977-79); General Counsel, WJLA-TV (1979-82); Consultant and Lecturer at Howard University (1982-83); Visiting Associate Professor of Law at Howard University (1982-83); Visiting Associate Professor of Law at Syracuse University College of Law (1983-85); Senior Attorney at MCI Communications Corporation/Satellite Business Systems (1985-87); and Associate General Counsel at MCI Communications Corporation.

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He has published a number of articles on Federal Regulation and Minority Ownership in the communications industry, including: "To Be or Not to Be: FCC Regulation of Video Subscription Technologies" (Catholic University Law Review); "Now You See it, Now You Don't: Federal Policy and Minority Ownership in the Video Industry" (Urban League Review); "Minority Audiences, Producers and the FCC" (Take One); "The Rewrite of the Communications Act: Are Minorities Written Out?" (Cross Reference), and "The FCC's Cable Access Rule and the Fiction of Public Participation" (Black Law Journal).

## L.L.S.S. AND B.L.S.A. TO HOST MINORITY LAW DAYS

The Latino Law Students Society and Black Law Students Association will host their annual Minority Law Days for prospective law school students in March. The Latino Law Day will be held on Saturday, March 9 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and the Black Law Day on Saturday, March 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., both in the Froessel Reading Room. The programs are designed to provide information and advice to minority students interested in pursuing a legal education.

On March 9, guest speakers will include Sandra Otero, Attorney, Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, Real Estate Division, and Vice President of the Puerto Rican Bar Association; Franklyn Perez, Prosecuting Attorney, State Education Department, Office of Professional Discipline and Margarita Lopez-Torres, Director, Brooklyn Legal Services, Family Law Unit. The Honorable Milton L. Williams '63, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for New York City Courts will speak on March 16.

Faculty, students and staff are welcome to attend. For more information, please call the Office of Admissions. ext.888

## UJAMAA INSTITUTE PROPOSAL DEBATED

The controversial Ujamaa Institute proposal was debated at a symposium held at the Law School on March 5. The program, sponsored by B.L.S.A. and L.L.S.A., brought together a distinguished panel of legal and academic experts to discuss the plan for an "Africa Centered" high school in New York City.

The Ujamaa proposal, created by New York City Board of Education member Basir Mchawi, calls for a staff of mostly black teachers to serve as role models, and a curriculum emphasizing unity, self determination, responsibility and racial pride. The concept has raised concerns among civil liberties groups who fear that "voluntary segregation" departs from the doctrine of racially integrated public schools established by Brown v. Board of Education.

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The panel included Mr. Mchawi, as well as Norman Siegel, of the New York Civil Liberties Union; Maria Diaz of the Puerto Rican Educators Association; Dianne Dixon, Esq. of the Center of Law & Social Justice; Angelo Falcon of the Institute of Puerto Rican Policy, Inc.; Michael Myers, Esq. of the American Civil Liberties Union, and Jenny Rivera of the Puerto Rican Defense and Education Fund. The symposium was moderated by New York Law School Professor Marjorie Silver.

## **SAUNDERS WINS 1991 HARLAN MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

A distinguished bench of jurists, lawyers and professors heard four student finalists present oral arguments in 1991 Harlan Moot Court Competition in the Faculty Dining Room on February 25.

First year student Gary Saunders was selected as the overall winner from a field of finalists that also included Edward McGowan, Greg Valenza, and Erik Jacobs. Mr. Jacobs and Elizabeth Dowell were judged Best Team. The Best Brief Award went to Mr. McGowan and Steven Goldstein and Mr. McGowan was named Best Individual Advocate.

On the bench to judge the finals were: Hon. Ernst H, Rosenberger, Associate Justice, New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Department; Hon. Leslie Crocker Snyder, Acting Justice, Criminal Court of the City of New York; Deborah Stephens, Bureau Chief, Kings County District Attorney's Office; Professor B.J. George, and Adjunct Professor Gerald Lebovits.

## **NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL FACULTY NEWS**

**Professor Michael Botein** appeared on Reuter's Television about "Legislative Developments in Cable Regulation" on January 25.

**Professor B.J. George's** paper, "Rights of the Criminally Accused (in Japan)," originally given at Duke Law School in September, has been published in 53 Law & Contemp. Problems 71-107 (1990).

**Professor Randolph Jonakait** was quoted on the use of DNA "fingerprinting" as evidence in the February 14 New York Times.

**Professor William P. LaPiana** spoke on "Federal and New York Qualified Domestic Trust Provisions" as part of the program of the Trusts and Estates Law Section of the New York

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State Bar Association at the Associations's annual convention on January 23. On March 6 he will address the monthly meeting of the Columbian Lawyers Association on "Common Pitfalls in Basic Estates Practice."

**Professor Arthur S. Leonard** will be the keynote speaker for the annual dinner of the Ohio Human Rights Bar Association in Columbus, Ohio, on April 13.

**Professor Joseph I. Rosenbaum's** article "Global Trends and Local Responses - International Information Technology in the 1990's," based on his speech given at the A.B.A. Annual Convention in Chicago, was published in the September International Computer Law Adviser. He is also on the planning committee for the first World Computer Law Congress to be held in Los Angeles in April.

**Professor Nadine Strossen** has been interviewed and profiled by numerous print and electronic media since her election as A.C.L.U. President. She has been featured on TV and radio shows including CNN's "Sonya Live," PBS's "Evening Exchange," and NPR's "On the Line" and "As It Happens." Articles about her have appeared in newspapers and magazines including U.S News and World Report, The Economist, the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Wall Street Journal, the New York Law Journal, the Los Angeles Times, New York Newsday, the Miami Herald, and the Boston Globe. She has recently spoken at: the Cato Institute for Constitutional Studies in Washington, D.C.; the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, where she debated former U.S. Attorney General William Bradford Reynolds; a conference on "Ending the Cold War at Home," jointly sponsored by 50 organizations in Washington, D.C., where she commented on a speech by Congressman Ron Dellums; the ACLU Affiliate Executive Directors Conference in Hollywood, Fla.; Dartmouth College, where she debated Kathryn Franke, the Executive Director of the National Lawyers Guild; Wesleyan University, the University of Nebraska and the Nebraska Civil Liberties Union in Lincoln, Nebraska; and Tulane University, where she debated former U.S. Attorney General Ed Meese and Phyllis Schafly, president of the Eagle Forum. She also submitted testimony to Senator John Glenn's Government Affairs Committee, criticizing the Pentagon's restrictions on press coverage of the Persian Gulf crisis.

## STAFF UPDATE

**I. Michael Alzate** has joined the Accounting Office as Assistant Controller. He is a C.P.A. and holds a B.S. from Villanova University. His most recent employer was J. Wallberg & Company.

**Mandy Cummings** was promoted from Library Assistant to Serials Assistant in the Technical Services Department of the Library.

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**Kitty Montanez-Reyes** has joined the Personnel Department as a Personnel Assistant. She had been a temporary employee in Faculty Services and the Office of Development and Public Affairs. She is currently attending the Katherine Gibbs School.

**Maria V. Szulc** joined the Library Technical Services staff as a Library Assistant. She has studied library science at the University of M. Kopernick in Torun, Poland and worked as a librarian in Zahorski's Emigration Library in Rome.

**Robinette Yearwood** was been promoted from a temporary position to Library Assistant. She is currently a student at Borough of Manhattan Community College.

**Christine Stenstrom's** review of The Collected Poems, 1952-1990, by Yevgeny Yevtushenko, was published in the December 1 Library Journal.

## COMMITTEE FORMED TO HONOR PROFESSOR STROSSEN

The Law School community will congratulate Professor Nadine Strossen at a reception later this month on her election as president of the American Civil Liberties Union. A committee chaired by Law School Trustee Alexander D. Forger, Chairman of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy, has been formed to sponsor the reception. Other members of the committee are:

- Denis Berger, The Nation Institute;
- Michael Cooper, Sullivan & Cromwell;
- Frank Deale, Center for Constitutional Rights;
- Norman Dorsen, Professor of Law at New York University and former president of the ACLU;
- Fred Friendly, Edward R. Murrow Professor Emeritus at Columbia University;
- Leanne Katz, National Coalition Against Censorship;
- William F. Kuntz II, Milgrim, Thomajan & Lee;
- Gara LaMarche, The Fund for Free Expression;
- Victor Navasky, The Nation;
- Helen Neuborne, NOW Legal Defense & Education Fund;
- Harriet Pilpel, Weil, Gotshal & Manges;
- Michael Posner, Lawyers Committee for Human Rights;
- Bruce Rabb, Strook & Strook & Lavan;
- Norman Redlich, Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz and former dean of the New York University School of Law, and
- Napoleon Williams, NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

**MARCH DOCKET**

Saturday  
9th                    Minority Law Day, hosted by L.L.S.S.  
                          Froessel Reading Room - 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday  
12th                   Small & Medium Size Law Firm Program  
                          Faculty Dining Room - 9:30 a.m.

Thursday  
14th                   Reception Honoring Professor Nadine Strossen  
                          Faculty Dining Room - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday  
16th                   Minority Law Day, hosted by B.L.S.A.  
                          Froessel Reading Room - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday  
20th                   Reception Honoring Professor Allen Hammond  
                          Faculty Dining Room - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**SMALL AND MEDIUM SIZE LAW FIRMS TO VISIT LAW SCHOOL**

The Office of Career Services and the Office of Alumni Affairs has organized a special program, bringing alumni representatives from small and mediums sized law firms to the Law School to provide information on their firms. On March 12th, after meeting with Dean Simon, the alumni will set up information tables and personal interviews in private rooms at 9:30. Students are encouraged to visit the information tables to find out what life is like in a small/medium sized law firm. For more information on the program, please contact the Office of Career Services, ext. 345.

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