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A NEWSLETTER FOR THE NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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## NYLS 1987 OTTO L. WALTER INTERNATIONAL DISTINGUISHED FELLOW

New York Law School is proud to announce the visit of Judge **Stephen M. Schwebel** of the International Court of Justice, The Hague, as our second **Otto L. Walter Distinguished International Fellow**.

The Otto L. Walter International Fellows program became an integral element of the Law School's curriculum in Comparative and International Law in the Spring of 1986. Made possible through the generosity of Dr. **Otto L. Walter '54**, a distinguished alumnus, adjunct faculty member and prominent author in the field of International Law, the program brings scholars, practitioners and public officials in the international field to the Law School for substantial dialogues with students, faculty and guests.

A native of New York, Judge Schwebel earned his B.A. from Harvard College in 1950 and his LL.B. from Yale Law School in 1954. From 1954 to 1959 he practiced law with the New York firm of **White & Case**. He joined the faculty of Harvard Law School in 1959, where he served as an assistant professor until joining the U.S. Department of State as Assistant Legal Adviser in 1961. During the next twenty years, Judge Schwebel served in several capacities at the State Department, including Consultant, Counselor on International Law and Deputy Legal Adviser. He represented the United States before the International Court of Justice in several cases during these years, including **U.S. v. Iran**, which eventually led to a condemnation of Iran's seizure of the American hostages. Judge Schwebel was elected to the International Court of Justice in January, 1981, by the United Nations General Assembly.

On Tuesday, April 7th at 4:30 p.m., Judge Schwebel will hold an Open Student/Faculty Forum in the Student Lounge.

MEDIA LAW NEWS

The NYLS Media Law Project will host a colloquium ("First Amendment Protection of Rock Music: A Colloquium") on Saturday, April 4th, in celebration of the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution. The discussion will focus on First Amendment protection issues as they relate to the performance, lyrics and promotion of rock music. Recent developments in this area warrant a thorough discussion to establish a framework for the future treatment of a controversial art. Dean James Simon, himself a Constitutional scholar, will moderate the discussion. The panelists will be: Ms. Nancy Marcussi, Promoter, Siren Productions; Mr. Brant Mewborne, Senior Editor, Rolling Stone Magazine; Norman Seigle, Esq., Executive Director, American Civil Liberties Union; Mike Jankowski, Esq., Attorney, Parents Music Resource Center; Clayton Knowles, Esq., Attorney, rock group "Twisted Sister"; Jimmy Allen, Ph.D., Southern Baptist Convention; Lois Sheinfeld, Professor, New York University; Seymour Feig, Professor, New York Law School; and Robert Perry, Professor, New York Law School.

This timely discussion promises to be informative and exciting. Attendance of NYLS students is free of charge; a minimal fee will be charged to other law students and non-students. For more information, please contact the Media Law Project at 431-2816.

LEGAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN

L.A.W. invites members of the Law School community to attend its spring lecture on the topic "The Victims of Domestic Violence, Who They Are and How They Cope." Professor James S. Bowen will be the main speaker, and he will focus on child custody alternatives and how to recognize battered-child-syndrome. Professor Bowen will draw from research he is currently doing for his upcoming articles on incorporating Afro-American family values into society, in an attempt to resolve what to do with large numbers of displaced minority children. Also speaking will be forensic psychologist, Vallerie Heller, on the plight of victims of rape, incest, battering and the need for expert witnesses. Wednesday, April 8th at 4:30 p.m. in the Student Lounge. Reception will follow.

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APRIL EVENTS

- Wed.  
1st Substance Abuse. Discussion by **Mr. Gordon Stewart** of the New York Counseling and Guidance Service. Student Lounge at 4:30 p.m.
- Sat.  
4th Media Law Project will host a colloquium entitled "First Amendment Protection of Rock Music: A Colloquium." Froessel Library from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Tues.  
7th **Judge Stephen M. Schwebel** of the International Court of Justice, The Hague, will hold an Open Student/Faculty Forum beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the Student Lounge.
- Wed.  
8th Legal Association of Women holds its Spring Lecture on the topic "The Victims of Domestic Violence, Who They Are and How They Cope." Student Lounge at 4:30 p.m.
- Thur.  
9th NYLS Blood Drive. Student Lounge from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Law Review Symposium co-sponsored with NYCLA Committee on Trade Regulation. Location to be posted as soon as available; time 6:00 p.m.
- Mon.  
13th **SPRING RECESS** ...through Sunday, April 19th.
- Mon.  
20th Videotape on Exam Taking Techniques at 11:00 a.m. in room B405. The same videotape will be shown on Wednesday, April 22nd at 5:00 p.m. in room A604, and on Tuesday, April 28th at 5:00 p.m. in room A301.
- Tues.  
21st Coffee and Conversation with **Dean Simon** at 4:30 p.m. in the Student Lounge.
- Thur.  
23rd National Lawyers' Guild celebrates its 50th Anniversary. Student Lounge, 5:00 p.m.

### SUBSTANCE ABUSE PROGRAM

Today, April 1st, NYLS will host a Substance Abuse discussion with Mr. Gordon Stewart of the New York Counseling and Guidance Service. His presentation will address the following topics: definition of substance abuse and its physical and psychological components; the effects of such problems on families; substance abuse in the workplace and how companies are responding; and the kinds of treatments that are available and how to seek such assistance. Mr. Stewart's presentation will include a video tape, as well as a question and answer period. Members of the Law School community are encouraged to attend this presentation at 4:30 p.m. in the Student Lounge.

### NYLS BLOOD DRIVE

On Thursday, April 9th, NYLS is sponsoring a BLOOD DRIVE from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Student Lounge. There exists a great demand for blood at this time and so it is especially important that as many of us as possible sign up. Persons interested in donating blood are asked to complete a brief appointment form which they may pick up at Amy Grossman's office.

### STUDENT CLERKSHIP PROGRAM: STATE COURTS

Opportunities are still available for students to be placed as student clerks to judges in the New York State Supreme Court, the New York Surrogate's Court, the New York Family Court, the New York City Civil and Criminal Courts, and the New Jersey Superior Court. Student clerks are generally expected to commit between 25 to 30 hours a week during the summer semester and between 12 to 15 in the fall semester at their placement. You may receive academic credit for serving as a student clerk.

Interested students should attend a meeting scheduled for Monday, April 6th at 5:00 p.m. in the Moot Court Room. At this meeting, the application process and the student clerkship program will be further explained. Students interested in applying for the program for either the summer or fall semesters should:

- Bring five (5) copies of an up-to-date resume to the meeting of April 6th or submit five (5) copies of their resume to Amy Grossman's office prior to the meeting of April 6th.

- Pick up a copy of the memo outlining, in detail, the Student Clerkship Program and the application procedures and requirements (copies available in the Placement Office and in Ms. Grossman's Office).

## LIBRARY NEWS

A new exhibit has been put on display in anticipation of the upcoming **Otto L. Walter International Distinguished Fellow Program**. The display, located in the lobby of 57 Worth Street near the Froessel Room, highlights the career of this year's Otto L. Walter Distinguished Fellow, **Judge Stephen M. Schwebel**, a member of the International Court of Justice.

Also on display are new additions to our Supreme Court photograph collection -- a group photograph of the new Supreme Court and an individual color photograph of Justice Scalia, on display on the 2nd floor in the Library. Our first floor collection of Supreme Court Chief Justice photographs now includes a black & white photograph of Chief Justice Rehnquist.

On March 20, 1987, Reserve Assistant **Ivonne Guzman** attended a meeting sponsored by METRO at the Donnell Library Center. The speaker was **Ms. Ellen Rappaport** of SUNY/OCLC. Some of the topics covered included ordering products from METRO and efficient use of METRO regional Union List of Serials on microfiche for interlibrary loan requests.

**Fred Shapiro**, Head of Reference Services, recently taught a session of **Professor Morris Cohen's** seminar on Legal Research: Methods and Sources at Yale Law School. The class included computer-assisted legal research. This is the second year that Fred has assisted with Professor Cohen's seminar.

On Friday, April 3rd, Assistant to the Librarian, **Ms. Catherine MacLeod**, will be attending a micro-computer users' group meeting, sponsored by the Association of College and Research Libraries at Manhattan Community College. **Mr. David Turkiew** of New York City Technical College will be speaking on the "Design of Complex Databases."

## NEW YORK COUNTY LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

"Tort/Insurance Law Reform," will be the topic discussed at the NYCLA Forum Evening on Thursday, April 2nd at 5:45 p.m. in the Association's Auditorium. This discussion comes at a time when numerous jurisdictions are attempting to devise or revise legislation to protect the public and professional practitioners. **Eugene P. Souther**, a Vice President of the Association and Chair of the Task Force on Tort Reform, will act as moderator. Forum Evenings are free and open to the public.

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On Wednesday, April 8th at 12:30 p.m., **The Honorable Theodore R. Kupferman**, Appellate Division, First Department, will moderate a discussion on "Litigation or Arbitration?" in the Auditorium of the Association, 14 Vesey Street. **Milton S. Gould, Esq.**, name partner of Shea & Gould will be speaking for litigation. Arguing for arbitration will be **Jeffrey A. Fillman, Esq.**, of Finley, Kumble, Wagner, Heine, Underberg, Manley & Casey. The program is sponsored by the Committee on Arbitration & Conciliation, chaired by **Harold A. Easton '28**. Reservations may be made by calling the Association at: 267-6646.

NYLS Law Review and NYCLA Committee on Trade Regulation will co-sponsor a symposium on Thursday, April 9th beginning at 6:00 p.m., to explore the federal and state laws applicable to dealer relationships and the dealers' increasing reliance upon state statutory and common law remedies in litigation against suppliers.

#### FACULTY NEWS

**Professor Michael Botein** recently spoke to the Listeners' Guild in New York City on "The Role of Citizen Advocacy Insuring Quality and Diversity in Programming." In addition, the article he co-authored with **Mr. Erwin G. Krasnow**, "Deregulation of Broadcasting in the United States: Quo Vadimus," was published in the Fall 1986 issue of Journal of Media Law and Practice, a British publication.

**Professor Arthur S. Leonard** spoke March 4th at a National AIDS Symposium in Washington, D.C. sponsored by the Labor Relations Section of the District of Columbia Bar, on Employee Rights and Responsibilities with respect to AIDS.

**Professor Seymour I. Feig** will be the guest speaker at the upcoming American Christian Television Service Cable Network Awards Dinner in Fort Worth, Texas. Professor Feig, who is media counsel to the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, the chief supplier of programs to the ACTS Network, will speak on the subjects of music, copyright law and television packaging.

#### STAFF NEWS

**Ms. Leonie Barnes** is working on a temporary assignment as a Word Processing Operator in the Student Publications Office. Ms. Barnes also works for The American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

**Ms. Vielka Brown** is working as a temporary Clerk Typist in the Office of Student Affairs. Ms. Brown received secretarial training at the Private Industry Council.

**Ms. Letitia Levy** is a new Administrative Assistant in the Registrar's Office. Ms. Levy is a graduate of Empire Technical School.

**Mr. Medrano McPherson** has been appointed to the position of Supervisor of the Mail Room and Copy Center. Prior to this position, Mr. McPherson worked as the Manager of the Copy Center. He began working at NYLS in March 1979.

**Ms. Myrna Mohel-Kane** has joined the staff of the Office of Career Development and Placement as Placement Assistant. Ms. Levy's prior work experience includes work as a legal secretary.

**Ms. Mercelda Obas** is a new Clerk Typist/CRT Operator in the Office of Public Affairs. She attended Empire Technical School and has prior clerical experience.

The next issue of The NYLS Counselor will appear on Friday, May 1st. Items for that issue should be sent to **Fermin Garcia**, Editor, Office of Public Affairs. Deadline for submission is Thursday, April 23rd.