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HARLAN CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

An all-day conference on Saturday, April 20, on the judicial career of U.S. Supreme Court Justice John Marshall Harlan '24, will be the centerpiece of activities celebrating the Law School's centennial. In addition to the conference, Alumni reunion receptions with an emphasis class years ending in "1" and "6", and the annual Harlan Fellowship Dinner will take place that day.

John Marshall Harlan, Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court from 1954 to 1971, ranks high among the most influential members of the modern Supreme Court. After his graduation from the Law School in 1924, Justice Harlan earned a formidable reputation as a trial lawyer with the New York firm now known as Dewey, Ballantine, Bushby, Palmer & Wood. This reputation and stints as Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York and counsel to the New York State Crime Commission helped him become appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in 1954. Nine months later, he was elevated to the U.S. Supreme Court by President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Three panels of distinguished legal scholars and members of the judiciary will address the following topics: Justice Harlan as a Judicial Conservative, Justice Harlan and the Bill of Rights and Justice Harlan's Legal Process: Judiciability, Civil Procedure, and Remedies.

The panel members are: Chief Judge James L. Oakes and Judge Roger J. Miner, U.S. Court of Appeals, Second Circuit; Professor Norman Dorsen, New York University School of Law; Professor Bruce Ackerman, Yale Law School; Professor Charles Fried, Professor Martha A. Field, and Professor Charles R. Nesson, Harvard University School of Law; Professor Kent Greenawalt, Columbia University School of Law; Professor Gerald Gunther, Stanford Law School; Professor William W. Van Alstyne, Duke University School of Law; Dean Jesse H. Choper, University of California at Berkeley School of Law; Professor Nadine Strossen and Professor Donald Zeigler, New York Law School; Charles Lister, Esq., Covington & Burling; and David L. Shapiro, Esq., Deputy Solicitor General, U.S. Department of Justice.

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The Luncheon speaker will be Professor Tinsley E. Yarbrough of East Carolina University and author of a forthcoming biography of Justice Harlan.

The conference will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on April 20th in the Froessel Reading Room. Admission to the panel discussions is free. Attendance to the conference is limited. Please respond to the Dean's Office before April 8.

In addition to the Harlan Conference, many activities for the Law School Community have been planned. Reunions will be held for alumni classes of years ending in "1" and "6" from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Mendik Library. The class of 1991 is invited to attend. For more information, contact the Office of Development and Public Affairs, ext. 800.

EXECUTIVE SPEAKERS SERIES FEATURES KOPELSON, SILVER

April marks the return of the Executive Speakers Series. The spring edition of the series, which brings distinguished alumni back to the Law School to speak about their careers in business, will begin on April 9 with a talk by Arnold G. Kopelson '59, Academy Award winning producer and president of Arnold Kopelson Productions. Joel Silver '60, Executive Vice President of Hoffritz for Cutlery, Inc., will speak on April 30. Both lectures will take place at noon in the Faculty Dining Room. Students interested in attending should contact Helena Prigal in the Office of Student Services at ext. 318. For further information on the Executive Speakers Series please contact the Office of Development and Public Affairs at ext. 800.

STUDENT LEADERS TO BE HONORED APRIL 30

Student leaders will be honored for their contributions to the Law School at the third annual Student Awards Ceremony on April 30. Over sixty Certificates of Merit will be awarded to graduating students who served on student organization executive boards, the Student Bar Association, the Moot Court Association and student journal editorial boards. In addition, three major awards will be presented to graduating students: the Award for Outstanding Contribution to Student Organizations, the Richard E. Organisciak Award and the Helen Dokas Memorial Award. The Organisciak Award was established in 1987 by Richard Organisciak '89 to honor "outstanding leadership and service by a graduating evening student." The Dokas Award was established this year by Cynthia A. Dokas '91 in honor of her mother to recognize "excellent achievement" by a graduating student. The ceremony will be held from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room. For further information contact Helena Prigal in the Office of Student Services or at ext. 318.

STUDENT GROUPS SPONSOR FIVE LECTURES AND PROGRAMS IN APRIL

The environment, campus speech codes, stolen art and alternatives to litigation will be the topics of student sponsored lectures and panel discussions this month.

Hudson River, Gulf War Are Subjects of Environmental Law Lectures

Robert Kennedy, Jr., Senior Staff Attorney of the National Resource Defense Council will speak on "Citizen Action on the Hudson River," a lecture sponsored by the Environmental Law Society. In addition to his work with the Defense Council, Mr. Kennedy is a Clinical Professor of Law at Pace University Law School and Supervising Attorney of the Hudson Fisherman's Association. The lecture, previously scheduled for March 7, will be at 4:30 p.m. on April 11 in the Froessel Reading Room.

The Environmental Law Society will sponsor a lecture on the effects of the Gulf War on the environment in the Middle East, on April 8 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room. Professor Zuhayr Mogrhabi will speak and other speakers are to be announced. For more information on either program, call the Environmental Law Society at ext. 116.

Hate Speech on Campus Examined

A distinguished panel of experts will debate hate speech on campus, presently one of the most controversial civil liberties issues, on April 4. The panel of Professor Nadine Strossen; Katherine Frankie, Executive Director of the National Lawyer's Guild; Sally Greenberg, General Counsel in cases dealing with hate speech on the East Coast for the Anti-Defamation League, and Matthew Foreman of the Anti-Violence Project will focus on hate speech at private institutions. The program, to be held from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Student Lounge, is sponsored by the Lesbian and Gay Law Students Association, the Bias Committee, the National Lawyers Guild, the Latino Law Students Association, the Legal Association for Women, the Jewish Law Students Association and the Black Law Students Association.

Christian Legal Society Presents Discussion on Litigation

The Christian Legal Society will sponsor a panel discussion on litigation and its alternatives on April 3 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room. Guest speakers will include Anders Enemark, Esq., Allie Detierre, Esq. and Mark Berner, Esq.

Media Law Project Presents Art Law Panel

The Media Law Project will sponsor a panel discussion on "Stolen Art and the Law" on April 26 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room.

JOURNAL BANQUETS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL

Three distinguished members of the legal community will be the guest speakers as the New York Law School Student Journals host their annual banquets this April. Professor Nadine Strossen, president of the American Civil Liberties Union, will speak at the Journal of Human Rights banquet on April 18; noted defense attorney F. Lee Bailey will speak at the Law Review banquet on April 25, and Soviet law expert Christopher Osakwe will speak at the Journal of International and Comparative Law banquet, also on April 25.

The Journal of Human Rights Banquet will be at Delmonico's, 56 Beaver Street at 6:00 p.m. The Law Review Banquet will be at the New York Marriott Financial Center, 85 West Street at 6:00 p.m. The Journal of International and Comparative Law Banquet will be held at the New York Hilton Hotel, 1335 Avenue of the Americas at 6:00 p.m. For further information please contact the student journal offices on the 8th floor, 57 Worth Street, or the Journal of Human Rights at ext. 112, the Law Review at ext. 118, and the Journal of International and Comparative Law at ext. 113.

FIRST EVER SCHOLARS/DONORS DINNER SET FOR APRIL 2

On Tuesday, April 2, the Law School will host its first Scholars/Donors Dinner. The Dinner has been established to provide students who have received Law School scholarships the opportunity to meet the people who have made the scholarships possible. All students who are recipients of named scholarships are encouraged to attend.

The annual Snow Scholars Dinner will be held Tuesday, April 9. The John Ben Snow Foundation has been a long-time supporter of New York Law School and has provided scholarship funding for 15 years. All Snow Scholars are encouraged to attend.

Both dinners will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room. Scholars interested in attending should contact Jeannette Richardson in the Office of Development and Public Affairs at ext. 806.

HOUSING CLINIC REPRESENTING COALITION AGAINST MANUFACTURERS HANOVER

The New York Law School Housing Law Clinic, on behalf of a coalition of community-based organizations, filed a Community Reinvestment Act challenge against Manufacturers Hanover Trust's proposed acquisition of 11 Goldome Bank branches. The challenge prepared by Professor Richard Marsico and Housing Law Clinic students Maria Fernandez-Gomez and Rhonda Cooper, alleges that MHT has made a minuscule number of home mortgage loans in Harlem compared to similarly situated white neighborhoods. The challenges also asserts that MHT's continuing ties to South Africa harm MHT's ability to work with community groups and other African-American and Latino communities. The challenge, which was covered by numerous media including the New York Times and American Banker, is pending before the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

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Professor Michael Botein spoke at the National Engineering Consortium on March 15 in Phoenix, Ariz. on "Regulatory Trends in Telecommunications for 2021 A.D."

Professor David Chang has been appointed Visiting Professor of Law at the Georgetown University Law Center for the fall 1991 term, teaching constitutional and criminal law.

Professor Seymour I. Feig, Media Counsel to the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, will conduct a seminar for the station managers and cable operators who receive programming from the American Christian Television Service at their yearly meeting in Fort Worth, Tex. on April 25th and 26th. He will speak on the most recent cases involving cable operators and music performing rights societies and will discuss packaging of family programs for use over the ACTS Network and the Family Television Network which has recently become affiliated with the ACTS Network.

Professor B.J. George's case notes on Yates v. Evatt, 1990-91 Term Preview of United States Supreme Court Cases 185-87 (Issue No. 4, February 19, 1991) were published in the ABA Preview of United States Supreme Court Cases.

Professor Lawrence Grosberg's "Defining Clinical Scholarship," was published as the introduction to the New York Law School Law Review colloquium issues on clinical education. He spoke at the New York State Division of Human Rights conference on March 7 on the subject of fair lending requirements under the Community Reinvestment Act.

Professor Karen Gross spoke at Community Legal Services in Philadelphia on February 11 on women debtors. She was on the faculty of the Federal Judicial Workshop for Bankruptcy Judges held in Hilton Head, S.C. on February 25, speaking on "Set-off and Recoupment: A Difference With or Without Distinction?" She will speak to bankruptcy judges on the same topic in Mystic, Conn. on May 13. She will serve as a group leader at the Seventh Annual Retreat of the Southern Florida Bar Association on May 2-5. She will speak at the National Bankruptcy Judges Conference being held in San Francisco on October 30 through November 2 on recent developments in consumer bankruptcy.

Professor Allen Hammond was quoted in the February 28 New York Times on a recent F.C.C. ruling approving applications by three major cable companies to build experimental telephone networks.

Professor Randolph Jonakait was interviewed on WCBS-TV Channel Two News on February 18 on the case of an abused woman who killed her father and on March 8 on the battered wife defense. He was panelist at the Cardozo Law School conference, "Decision and Inference in Litigation," on March 24.

Professor Arthur Leonard was interviewed on radio station WFAS-AM on March 21 about the new

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City Bar Association Committee on Lesbians and Gay Men in the Legal Profession, of which he is co-chair. He was quoted in the April 1991 issue of American Health on the subject of HIV-infected health care workers. He was quoted in the March 27 New York Times on Montefiore Medical Center of the Bronx becoming the largest private employer in the nation to provide the same health benefits to homosexual workers and their partners as for heterosexual employees and their spouses.

Professor Jethro K. Lieberman has signed a contract with Random House for a book entitled The Almanac of the American Constitution, a comprehensive single volume reference on the Constitution to be published in December 1992.

Professor Richard Marsico spoke at the New York State Division of Human Rights conference on March 7 on the subject of fair lending requirements under the Community Reinvestment Act.

Professor Michael Perlin's article "Fatal Assumption: A Critical Evaluation of the Role of Counsel in the Trial of Mental Disability Cases," will be published in a special symposium issue of Law and Human Behavior. The paper is an expansion of remarks he made at the National Center for State Courts' Symposium on Interactions Between the Legal and Mental Health Systems, held last November in Arlington, Virginia. His book review essay of Ann Braden Johnson's Out of Bedlam: The Truth About Deinstitutionalization, entitled "The Myths of Social Discourse: Making Sense of the Relationship Between Homelessness and Deinstitutionalization," will appear in the upcoming issue of the N.Y.L. Sch. J. Hum. Rts. He will present a paper this summer at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society on "Tarasoff and the Dilemma of the Dangerous Patient: New Directions for the 1990's."

Professor Stuart Schlesinger's article "Discovery in Design-Defect Cases" appeared in the Product Liability Column of the March 20 New York Law Journal.

Professor David Schoenbrod will speak at the Indiana University School of Law on April 10 on the topic of his book in draft, "When Congress Delegates, Does the Public Lose."

Dean James F. Simon will deliver Manhattan College's Robert Christen Lecture, entitled "The Rehnquist Court and the Future of the Bill of Rights," on April 18.

Professor Nadine Strossen appeared on Law Line, which will be broadcast on Manhattan & Paragon Cable, CTV-Staten Island, and UA Columbia Cable throughout March. She spoke at the Providence Journal/Brown University Public Affairs Conference on March 13 and was quoted in the March 18 Chicago Tribune on hate speech on campus.

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Professor Ruti Teitel was a commentator at a conference on "The Gulf War and International Criminal Law," sponsored by New York University Law School on March 27. She was one of seven women interviewed for "The Alumnae of the Law School," an article in the March issue of the Cornell Law Forum.

STAFF UPDATE

Patricia D. Hammons has joined the Office of Facilities Management as a part-time Security Officer. She also works as a Nurse's Aide at New York Infirmary - Beekman Downtown Hospital.

Johnnie Sanders has joined the Office of Facilities Management as a part-time Security Officer. In addition to security experience, he worked in the Law School's Bookstore from 1980 to 1986.

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Saturday
20th Harlan Fellowship Dinner
 The Merchant's Club - 6:30 p.m.

Thursday
25th Law Review Annual Banquet
 Guest Speaker - F. Lee Bailey, Esq.
 Marriot Financial Center - 6:00 p.m.

Journal of International and Comparative Law Annual Banquet
Guest Speaker - Dr. Christopher Osakwe
New York Hilton - 6:00 p.m.

Friday
26th Media Law Project
 Panel Discussion on Stolen Art and the Law
 Faculty Dining Room - 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday
30th Spring Executive Speakers Series
 Guest Speaker - Joel Silver '60
 Faculty Dining Room - Noon

Student Awards Ceremony
Faculty Dining Room - 4:30 p.m.

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Student Lounge - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
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8th Environmental Law Society
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9th Spring Executive Speakers Series
Guest Speaker - Arnold Kopelson '59
Faculty Dining Room - Noon
- Snow Scholars Dinner
Faculty Dining Room - 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Thursday
11th Environmental Law Society
Hudson River Symposium
Froessel Reading Room - 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday
18th Journal of Human Rights Annual Banquet
Guest Speaker - Professor Nadine Strossen
Delmonico's - 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday
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Froessel Reading Room - 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Centennial Reunions
Throughout the school - 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

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