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RECEPTION TO HONOR MID-YEAR GRADUATES SET FOR FEBRUARY 6

A reception honoring February 1992 graduates will be held on February 6th in the Faculty Dining Room in 53 Worth Street from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Faculty, graduates, their friends and family, and other members of the Law School community are invited to attend.

For further information, and to R.S.V.P., please contact the Office of Development & Public Affairs at ext. 800.

ALUMNI LUNCHEON FEATURES HON. THEODORE KUPFERMAN AS GUEST SPEAKER

Alumni, faculty, students and friends of the Law School will gather for the New York Law School Alumni Association's annual luncheon at noon on January 31st at the Plaza Hotel.

The luncheon, one of the premiere social events on the Association's calendar, will feature an address by Hon. Theodore R. Kupferman, Associate Justice, New York Supreme Court, Appellate Division, 1st Department.

At the luncheon, the Distinguished Alumna-Alumnus Award will be presented to the Law School's first woman graduate, Elizabeth J. Schenkel '37, and to prominent New Jersey attorney Patrick T. McGahn, Jr. '58. The Judge Charles W. Froessel Award will be awarded to Hon. Eli Wager '54 and Elizabeth Eilender '92 will receive the Justice William Kapelman Memorial Award for excellence in moot court.

The luncheon chairman is Professor Zuhayr A. Moghrabi '67, and the committee includes Opal C. Bailey '88; Hon. Frederic S. Berman '51; David Cohen '82; Hon. Seymour Fier '52; Hon. Joseph G. Golia '65; Arnold S. Klein '77; Jason A. Oshins '91; Hon. Norman C. Ryp '57; and Sherwood Allen Salvan '69.

For further information, please contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at ext. 808.

FOURTH ANNUAL STIEFEL SYMPOSIUM PANEL TO DISCUSS EASTERN EUROPE

The fourth annual Ernst C. Stiefel Symposium entitled "The Privatization of Eastern Europe: Reinventing the Wheel" has been scheduled for March 3rd.

Begun in 1988, the Stiefel Symposium brings together a distinguished panel to discuss timely and important topics of interest to attorneys practicing foreign and international law. This year's panel includes leading specialists of Eastern Europe from academic and legal communities.

The panelists are: Michael Gruson, Shearman & Sterling; Richard A. Debs, Morgan Stanley and Company, Inc.; Roman Frydman, New York University; John I. Huhs, LeBoeuf, Lamb, Leiby & MacRae; Clyde E. Rankin III, Coudert Brothers; Andrzej Rapaczynski, Columbia University; Andrew L. Sommer, Debevoise & Plimpton; and Moderator, Virginia Ramadan, New York Law School.

The symposium is made possible by the Ernst C. Stiefel Fund established at the Law School in 1987 by Dr. Ernst C. Stiefel, a longtime member of the faculty. Dr. Stiefel is an internationally recognized practitioner of international law and is currently of counsel to the New York-based firm of Coudert Brothers.

For further information, please contact the Office of Development & Public Affairs at ext. 800.

P.L.E.A. PROGRAM TO EXAMINE THE SUPREME COURT IN THE NINETIES

The 1992 Alumni Association's P.L.E.A. (Practicing Legal Education for Attorneys) program on "The U.S. Supreme Court in the 1990's" has been scheduled for February 27th at 6:00 p.m. at New York Law School. Speakers will include: Michael Ross, Esq.; Dean James F. Simon, New York Law School; and Professor Nadine Strossen, New York Law School.

For further information, please contact Christina Bishop in the Office of Alumni Affairs at ext. 808.

EXHIBIT TO HONOR BLACK HISTORY MONTH ON DISPLAY IN MENDIK LIBRARY

The Mendik Library is proud to sponsor "Blacks and the United States Constitution," an exhibition which will be on display in the Froessel Reading Room, located on the first floor of the Library, through February 28. The exhibit, which is an overview of the pivotal role of race in American Constitutional history, is on loan from the Shomburg Center for Research in Black Culture of the New York Public Library.

The exhibit is made up of fifteen panels, with text and illustrations, and portrays the black presence in America, the dynamics of race relations in the United States, as well as the role of black freedom struggles in American constitutional history. Highlights of the exhibit include proceedings of the nineteenth century black conventions; David Walker's fiery Appeal using natural rights philosophy

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to justify slave violence in pursuit of freedom; Secretary of State William H. Seward's signed certificate attesting to the ratification of the Fourteenth Amendment; and the Supreme Court's formal judgment in Brown v. Board of Education.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR JANUARY/FEBRUARY PHONATHON

Volunteers are needed to call alumni for support of the Second Century Campaign and the new student lounge. This year's phonathon will be held on January 27th, 28th and 29th, and on February 4th, 5th and 6th.

For further information, and to sign up for as much time as you can give, please contact Christina Bishop in the Office of Alumni Affairs at ext. 808.

FIRST-YEAR LEXIS TRAINING SESSIONS HELD IN MENDIK LIBRARY

The Mendik Library will be offering training sessions in both Lexis and Westlaw, computer assisted legal research databases, to first-year students beginning the week of January 27th and ending Friday, February 14.

Each day, several instruction sessions will be offered, each session lasting one and a half hours. These sessions will provide an introduction to the databases. At the conclusion of the session, personal passwords and software for home computer access will be available.

As the training rooms contain ten terminals, attendance will be limited to ten persons. The complete session schedule, along with sign up sheets, are available at the Library circulation desk.

CENTENNIAL EXHIBIT RELOCATES TO MENDIK LIBRARY

The New York Law School Centennial Exhibit, which made its debut at the New York State Supreme Court Building on September 9, 1991 is now on display on the third floor of the Mendik Library.

Following its run at The Supreme Court Building, the exhibit was relocated to the New York County Lawyers' Association, before a one-night stand at the Grand Hyatt Hotel for the Centennial Dinner Dance. The exhibit was then moved to the New York State Department of General Services at 80 Centre Street.

An outcome of many months of research, the exhibit traces the 100-year history of the Law School through pictures, newspaper articles, memorabilia and artifacts, many donated by alumni.

STUDENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

The Lesbian and Gay Law Students Association, in conjunction with the Lesbian and Gay Lawyer's Association, the Bar Association of the City of New York, and the Office of Career Services, will sponsor a symposium on "Coming Out in the Law Firm Setting" on February 22nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room. Admission for students is \$5 in advance, and \$8 at the door. For all others, admissions is \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. Breakfast will be served. Make checks payable to LeGaL, and send to: Erica Bell, Esq., 350 5th Avenue, 6918, New York, NY 10118 by February 17th. For further information, please call Erica Bell at (212) 967 - 5710 or Paul Jeselsohn at (212) 477 - 2400.

The Law Enforcement Law Students Association and the Office of Career Services will co-sponsor an event called "Careers for Attorneys in Law Enforcement" at 5:00 p.m. on February 26th in the Faculty Dining Room.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION/OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES EVENTS

Mentor/Network Reception

A reception for all students and alumni who are participating in the Mentor/Network Program will be held on February 4th in the Faculty Dining Room from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. By invitation only.

Environmental/Bankruptcy/International Law Reception

All students who specialize in environmental, bankruptcy and international law are invited to attend a reception on February 13th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room. Alumni who specialize in these areas will be available at the event to share their experiences and expertise informally with students.

Negligence/Personal Injury/Medical Malpractice Reception

Students who are interested in the areas of negligence, personal injury and medical malpractice are invited to attend a reception at the Law School on February 25th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room. Alumni who specialize in these fields will also be invited to attend the event to share valuable information about their fields of interest.

For further information on any of these three events, please contact the Office of Career Services at ext. 345.

CAREER SERVICES UPDATE

Summer Programs For First- And Second-Year Minority Students

Information concerning two summer internship programs is available from the Office of Career Services. They are:

* The New York County Lawyers' Association Minority Judicial Internship Program is open to first- and second-year minority students. The deadline is January 31, 1992.

* Wachtell Lipton Rosen & Katz First-Year Minority Student Summer Program is open to first-year students.

1993-1994 Graduate Clerkships

This new employment section for second-year students can be found in the Alumni/Graduating Student Job Binder. Many graduate clerkships require students to apply during their second year, so second-year students should keep this in mind even while searching for employment for the summer of 1992.

Interview Skills Workshop

The Office of Career Services is conducting an Interview Skills Workshop on February 14th for students to develop and improve their interviewing technique. Interviews will be conducted in teams of two and videotaped for a later critique by a Career Services' counselor. Any year student may sign up on a first come, first served basis. There are only 36 slots available so students should sign up ASAP.

For further information on any of the above, please contact the Office of Career Services at ext. 345.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE REPORTS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL HOLIDAY DRIVES

The New York Law School's Public Services Committee would like to thank all those who participated in the wonderfully successful 1991 holiday canned food and gift drives.

The Law School collected 55 pounds of food for City Harvest, which helped them "raise a record 1.1 million pounds during the "Harvest Season" of November - December," according to City Harvest Public Relations Director John Mooney in a thank you letter to the School.

Over 60 toys were collected to donate to children and young adults who are suffering with AIDS, and were distributed at the Northern Lights holiday party in late December. All gifts were enjoyed by the children, and the members of the Northern Lights Organization would like to extend their appreciation to all those who gave gifts and/or volunteered their services.

STAFF UPDATE

Camille Broussard began as Head of Reference Services in the Mendik Library. Camille has most recently served as Collection Services/Reference Librarian at the Law Library of New York University. She earned her B.S. at the University of Nevada-Reno, her J.D. from Northwestern School of Law, and her M.L.S. from Columbia University.

Sandra Miller is temporarily working as a receptionist/administrative assistant in the Office of Development & Public Affairs, where she is filling in for **Patria Pabon**, who is on maternity leave. Sandra has worked for Norrell Services, and for American Express and Merrill Lynch.

Professor Richard Sherwin and his wife, Gilda, became the parents of a 6 lb., 2 oz. daughter, Elliana Gabrielle, on December 30th.

Peter Stern has left his position as Communications Director at the Law School and has moved to Chicago to work for Lions International.

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Professor Seymour Feig has been appointed Media Counsel to the FAMILYNET Cable Network which is operated by the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. He has also been appointed counsel to Mountain View Productions, Ltd., in Schenectady, NY, a producer of low-budget theatrical film and television programs.

Professor Lawrence Grosberg led a Civil Procedure discussion group in the workshop on "Theory and Practice" at the AALS convention in San Antonio in early January.

Professor Randolph Jonakait's article "Stories, Forensic Science, and Improved Verdicts," which is part of a symposium on "Decision and Inference in Litigation," has been published at 13 *Cardozo Law Review* 343 (1991). He has also signed a contract with Michie Publishing Company to be a co-author of a book, New York Evidentiary Foundations.

Professor Arthur Leonard's essay on changing the procedures for confirming appointees to the United States Supreme Court will be published as part of a symposium in Vol. 7 of the St. John's Journal of Legal Commentary in 1992. His brief article entitled "California Court Questions Pre-employment Psychological Testing" was published in 5 Employment Testing 875-876 on November 15th. He was interviewed for an article in the December 1991 issue of Manhattan Lawyer dealing with the experiences of homosexuals in the legal profession. On December 10th, he presented a talk on Equal Protection and Lesbian and Gay Rights at the monthly colloquium of the City University of New York's Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies. He was elected to the Board of Governors of the Society of American Law Teachers (S.A.L.T.)

Professor Martin Minkowitz was quoted in a November 14th article which appeared in the

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Journal of Commerce on "More Sexual Harassment Victims are Filing Workers Comp Claims."

Professor Martin B. Pavane has been associated with the firm indicated of Cohen, Pontani, Lieberman & Pavane since January 1st.

Professor Rudolph Peritz has been invited to participate in a conference on "The Emerging Convergence of Progressive Legal Theory and Practice" at the University of California, Hastings College of Law in late February. The Hastings Law Journal will publish a theme issue in the spring.

Professor Michael Perlin's paper on "Sanism" which he presented at the AALS Section on Law and Mental Disability earlier in January at the annual convention in San Antonio, will appear this summer in a special symposium issue on Psychological Jurisprudence in the S.M.U. Law School's Law Review. His article, "Psychiatry and the Homeless Mentally Ill" A Reply to Dr. Lamb, co-authored with Dr. Douglas Mossman, will appear in an upcoming issue of the American Journal of Psychiatry. In December, he served as a member of a pro bono panel of law professors and Supreme Court litigators assisting in the pre-argument preparation of Riggins v. Nevada, a death penalty/insanity defense/medication refusal case argued before the U.S. Supreme Court in January. He is also serving as a member of the manuscript peer review panel for a special issue of Behavioral Sciences & Law on Criminal Competencies.

Professor E. Donald Shapiro was quoted in Time magazine's November 11th cover story "Nowhere to Hide" on privacy rights. This article was read over the 'In Touch Networks,' a radio program whose reporters read current news to the visually and physically print-impaired public.

Professor Martin E. Silfen's second edition of "Law and Business of the Entertainment Industries," which he co-authored, was published in December. First published in 1987, the text is being used in over 50 law schools throughout the United States and Canada. He addressed the Foundation for Accounting Education on December 9th as part of an Advanced Litigation Seminar on domestic relations and litigation support. On December 20th, his article, co-authored with his law partner Janna Glasser, on "Licensing of Managers Cuts Both Ways" appeared in the National Law Journal.

Professor Nadine Strossen appeared on NBC Nightly News talking about free speech on campus on December 10th. On the December 11th, she gave a lecture on "The Supreme Court and Privacy," at a meeting sponsored by the ACLU and the American Jewish Congress in Dallas, Texas. On December 14th, she was a panelist on a panel sponsored by the American Bar Association on free speech, sponsored by PBS-TV. On December 18th, she was a panelist for the Federal Bar Council program on "The Bill of Rights - Where Is It Going?" in Philadelphia, Pa. On December 19th, she debated Brooklyn College Sociology Professor Robert Brannon on "Rights and Conflicts Within the Women's Movement" focusing on pornography on the American Jewish Committee Women's Network in New York City. On the same day, she appeared on PBS's Charlie Rose Show, "The Treatment of Women by the Legal System" with co-panelists Linda Fairstein, sex crime prosecutor and NOW attorney Ruth Jones.

JANUARY DOCKET

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31 Annual Alumni Luncheon
Plaza Hotel, 12 noon

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President's Day

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