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## AALS-ABA SITE EVALUATION SET FOR FEBRUARY 24 - 27

A five-member site evaluation team will visit the Law School February 24 -27 as part of the joint American Association of Law Schools -- American Bar Association reaccreditation procedure. The AALS and ABA examine and reaccredit law schools every seven years; New York Law School was last reaccredited in 1983.

The site evaluation is the final step in a year-long process which has also included preparing an in-depth "self study report" describing the current state of the Law School and its plans for the future.

While at the Law School, the team headed by Leigh Taylor, Dean of the Southwestern University School of Law, will set its own schedule and select its own activities but it is expected that team members will observe classes, tour the library, inspect the physical plant, examine financial records and meet with faculty, staff, students and trustees. At the conclusion of its visit, the team will compile a written report to be forwarded to the ABA and AALS Accreditation Committee, along with a response from the Law School, if one is appropriate.

The 1983 evaluation resulted in a complimentary report and constructive suggestions for improvement, according to Dean Simon. "Many of those suggestions have been acted upon, and I am confident that the site evaluation team will find a Law School that is even stronger and better prepared to carry out its mission than seven years ago," he said.

## 1991 WALTER FELLOW TO ADDRESS GERMAN REUNIFICATION

Ambassador Rudiger von Wechmar, former German Ambassador to the United Nations and present member of the European Parliament, will visit the Law School for two days, January 29 and 30, as the 1991 Otto L. Walter Distinguished International Fellow. His address on the reunification of Germany is scheduled for the Froessel Reading Room on January 29 at 4:30 p.m. On January 30, Ambassador von Wechmar will co-teach Professor Nadine Strossen's International Human Rights class.

Ambassador von Wechmar's address is free and open to members of the Law School Community. Seating is limited. Please make reservations in the Office of Development and Public Affairs at (212) 431-2805.

### LAW SCHOOL TO HOST INFORMATIONAL PROGRAMS

New York Law School will host a Law Day for minority students interested in careers in law and the communications industry from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 26. The program is sponsored by the Foundation for Minority Interests in Media, Inc., an organization established to provide minority access to educational and career opportunities in the media.

Discussions will explore the law school admissions process, financial assistance programs and employment prospects in the field. Professor Michael Botein, Director of the Communications Media Center, and Professor Allen Hammond, Assistant Director, will take part in the Law Day events which will include a model class and a panel discussion featuring prominent media law practitioners. A question-and-answer session and lunch will follow.

The Law School will also host a forum for City University of New York pre-professional advisors on Thursday, January 17th. The program is designed for the C.U.N.Y. pre-law advisors to help them inform students interested in legal careers of the opportunities available at New York Law School. The Law School has historically attracted students from the C.U.N.Y. system, and in keeping with this tradition, ten percent of the Law School's recent entering class are City University graduates, representing eleven colleges in the system. The forum will be held in the Faculty Dining Room at 5:30 p.m.

#### PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE IS FORMED

The Personnel Office has announced the formation of a staff Public Services Committee. The committee will organize school-wide programs that will be of service to the New York City community. The committee members are:

*George Hayes	Facilities Management
Ned Burke	Development & Public Affairs
Bob Cook	Accounting
Sally Harding	Student Services
Millie Johnson	Financial Aid
Joe Molinari	Library
* Chairman	-

Suggestions are encouraged and should be directed to the committee members.

The Public Services Committee would like to thank the members of the Law School community who participated in the "Toys for Tots" campaign. The "Toys for Tots" program is operated by the Marine Corps' Office of Public Affairs and provides toys to children who would not normally receive them. This year the Law School community generously contributed over 75 toys for children in the metropolitan New York area.

## MID-YEAR GRADUATE RECEPTION

A reception honoring September, 1990 and February, 1991 graduates will be held January 31 in the Faculty Dining Room from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Graduates, their friends and family, and other members of the Law School community are invited to attend. For more information call Jeannette Richardson in the Office of Development and Public Affairs at ext. 806.

### THIRD FLOOR, 47 WORTH STREET UNDERGOING RENOVATIONS

As part of the Law School's continuing renovation project, work is under way on the third floor of the 47 Worth Street building. Scheduled to be completed January 15, the third floor faculty and administrative offices will be painted and carpeted and the Legal Writing Center's offices will be expanded. All third floor faculty and administrative offices have been temporarily relocated to the spaces noted below. All telephone extensions will remain the same.

Faculty First Floor, 53 Worth Street B101 - Professor David Chang B103 - Professor B.J. George B105 - Professor Park McGinty B102 - Professor Laura Stein Faculty Services Fifth Floor, 47 Worth Street Large Conference Room -Faculty mailboxes, copier and fax machine

Legal Writing	<b>Business</b> Operations
Basement, 53 Worth Street	Fifth Floor, 53 Worth Street
BB1 - Fernando Cruz	B502 - Catherine MacLeod
BB9 - Professor Cathy Glaser	B503 - Patricia Spence
Professor Jethro Lieberman	•

## NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL FACULTY NEWS

Professor Michael Botein spoke to the Societe Mediateque in Paris on December 7 on "Financial Problems of the U.S. Media." His article, "The U.S. Experience with New Video Media: Implications for Australian Regulatory Policy," was published in 58 <u>Media Information</u> <u>Australia</u>, 70-74, (November, 1990).

Professor B.J. George's case note on "United States v. R. Enterprises & MFR Court Street Books" was published in the ABA's <u>1990-91 Term Preview of Unites States Supreme Court</u> <u>Cases 70-72</u>, Issue No. 3, November 9, 1990.

Professor Karen Gross has been appointed to the advisory board of the Bureau of National Affairs's <u>Bankruptcy Law Reporter</u>.

Professor Allen Hammond spoke on "The Future F.C.C. Policies on Minority Ownership in Electronic Media" at the Association of American Law Schools program on Mass Communication in Washington on January 4.

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Professor Randolph Jonakait addressed students at the Newton High School, Elmhurst, N.Y. on December 3 on the topics of forensic science and the duties of a criminal defense attorney.

Professor Arthur Leonard's article, "Ethical Challenges of HIV Infection in the Work Place," has been published in 5 <u>Notre Dame Journal of Law, Ethics & Public Policy</u> 53-73, (1990). His letter to the editor, "Giving Domestic Partners Recognition, Not Quasi Marriage" appeared in the December 3 <u>New York Times</u>.

Professor Richard Marsico was featured in the December issue of <u>American Lawyer</u> for his role in the Housing Clinic's study on East Harlem banking.

Professor Martin Minkowitz was quoted in the article, "WC Sex Cases Help to Fuel Frequency Rise, Lawyer Says," appeared in the November 26 <u>National Underwriter</u> (Property & Casualty/Risk & Benefits Management Edition). He will speak at a conference sponsored by the Institute for International Research Law Division on "Preventing & Minimalizing Policyholder Losses in Insurance Company Insolvency" on January 28.

Professor Michael Perlin's article, "Psychodynamics and the Insanity Defense: 'Ordinary Common Sense' and Heuristic Reasoning," has been published in 69 <u>Nebraska L. Rev.</u> 3 (1990), as the lead article in the journal's Law and Psychology Symposium issue. He spoke on "Power Imbalances in Therapeutic and Forensic Relationships," at the University of Pennsylvania Department of Psychiatry on November 2 in Philadelphia. He has been named to the manuscript peer-review panel of <u>The Journal of Law and Human Behavior</u>. He will speak at the University of Nebraska Law/Psychology Colloquium in March. His will address the law and psychology faculties on "Therapeutic Jurisprudence and the Power of Therapists," and speak to law students about "Refusal of Medication by Mentally Disabled Defendants and Prisoners: What are the Courts Really Doing?"

The Legal Aid Society of Alameda County, California, received an attorney's fee award of over \$577,000 for its work on <u>Keyhea V. Rushen</u>, a case, in which Professor Perlin was an expert witness. The case involved the right of prisoners to refuse certain psychotropic medications. The award is one of the most important fee awards ever granted in a state court on the right to refuse medication.

Professor David Schoenbrod was quoted in the November 26 <u>Insight</u> on recent environmental legislation in California.

Professor E. Donald Shapiro's article "DNA Data Banking: The Dangerous Erosion of Privacy" has been accepted for publication in 38 Cleveland State University Law Review No. 3 (1990).

Professor Richard Siegler's article "An Update on IRC section 277" appeared in the "Cooperatives and Condominiums" column of the November 7 New York Law Journal.

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Professor Nadine Strossen was quoted on campus speech regulations in the November 28 <u>Washington Times</u> and hate crime laws and free speech questions in the November 30 <u>Washington Times</u>. On November 30, she addressed the Yale College Political Union about current civil liberties controversies. On December 6 she participated in a panel discussion on campus free speech issues at Harvard College. On January 30 she will speak at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York on "The First Amendment in the 90's: The Bounds of Sexually-Explicit Speech Today." She will speak on "Harmful and Offensive Speech and Expressive Conduct" this spring as part of the Annenberg Washington Program's lecture and debate series, "Visions of the First Amendment in the New Millennium." She was interviewed on WNTR radio on November 30 and December 7, regarding recent hate crimes legislation and litigation.

Professor Ruti Teitel's essay, "Bush, the Veto President," appeared on the December 9 <u>New</u> <u>York Times</u> Op-Ed page. She gave the keynote address at a conference in Washington, D.C. on "The First Amendment at 200: Has Liberty Reached its Limit." On December 13 she gave a talk on crimes of the military at the Institute of for Comparative Legal Studies in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

#### STAFF UPDATE

Christina Bishop is the new Alumni Assistant in the Office of Development & Public Affairs. She is a graduate of Carleton College where she worked as a records assistant in the alumni office.

Robert Clemons has been promoted to Security Supervisor. He has been at the Law School for a year.

Karen Cooper has been promoted to Circulation Assistant in the Mendik Library's Public Services Department. She had been a Serials Assistant in Technical Services since October, 1989.

Cathy M. Jenkins joined the staff of the Lawyering Skills Center. She had been a temporary employee in Student Services, Faculty Services and the Lawyering Skills Center.

Cyril Whyte has been hired as a part-time security officer. He is also employed by American Building Maintenance.

## JANUARY DOCKET

Wednesday 16th	Spring 1991 Term Begins
Thursday 17th	C.U.N.Y. Pre-Law Advisors Forum Faculty Dining Room - 5:30 p.m.
Monday 21st	Martin Luther King Day (Staff Holiday)
Friday 25th	Annual Alumni Association Luncheon Guest Speaker Tom Wolfe Plaza Hotel, Terrace Room - Noon
Saturday 26th	Minority Media Law Day Various Rooms - 10:00 a.m 2:00 p.m.
Tuesday 29th	Otto Walter Distinguished International Fellowship Lecture - Ambassador Rudiger von Wechmar Froessel Reading Room - 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday 30th	Walter Fellowship Continues
Thursday 31st	Mid-year Graduate Reception Faculty Dining Room - 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

## LAW SCHOOL BULLETIN RECEIVES AWARD

The 1989-91 New York Law School Bulletin has received the 1990 Neographics Gold Award, Peter Stern, Director of Communications has announced. The Gold Award is presented for outstanding quality and craftsmanship in the art of graphic reproduction.

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