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A NEWSLETTER FOR THE NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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## MAYOR DINKINS TO OFFICIALLY OPEN MENDIK LIBRARY RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY ON APRIL 5

On Thursday, April 5, New York Law School will officially open the Mendik Library with a ribbon cutting ceremony featuring Mayor David N. Dinkins. Mayor Dinkins will be joined by the former mayors Robert F. Wagner, Jr. and Edward I. Koch, as well as many local politicians and members of the legal community as special guests.

Dean Simon, Board Chairman Bernard Mendik and Mayor Dinkins will speak in the Froessel Reading Room at 11:00 a.m., followed by the ribbon cutting at the main entrance to the Library at 11:45 a.m. All members of the Law School community are welcome to assemble for the ribbon cutting and receptions to follow. Due to the limited capacity of the Froessel Room, a limited number of seats will be set aside for students. Seats may be reserved at the Office of Development and Public Affairs, 6th Floor, 57 Worth Street. All others are invited to view the proceedings via closed circuit television in the Student Lounge, where refreshments will be served.

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## LEFRAK MOOT COURT ROOM UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Renovation of the space left vacant by the relocation of the library began on March 16. Construction has begun on the first and second floors of 53 Worth Street, and the eighth floor of 57 Worth. The work is expected to require eight weeks to complete.

The centerpiece of the 53 Worth Street project is the Samuel J. and Ethel LeFrak Moot Court Room, a gift of Samuel J. LeFrak, chairman of the LeFrak Organization and a Trustee of the Law School. The room will be constructed on the first floor, providing a realistic setting for students to sharpen their oral argument skills and for the Law School to hold moot court competitions. Other features of the renovation will include a video center as well as offices for students and faculty.

Space on the eighth floor of 57 Worth Street is being converted to offices and work rooms for student journals and publications.

CONFERENCE ON STATE SPONSORED MASS MURDER SET FOR APRIL 3

The New York Law School Journal of International and Comparative Law will sponsor "Crime and Punishment: Accountability for State Sponsored Mass Murder" on Tuesday, April 3 in the Faculty Dining Room. The symposium is made possible by the Ernst C. Steifel Fund and is presented in cooperation with the Boston College Law School Holocaust/Human Rights Research Project.

The program will bring together prosecutors and scholars to discuss the implications of prosecuting the crime of mass murder perpetrated by state actors. European prosecutors of World War II-era mass murders join with Latin American colleagues currently prosecuting state crimes.

The first panel, "Prosecutions of State Sponsored Mass Murder: Five Case Studies," on the reasons for and the ramifications of punishment will be from 2:15 to 4:15 p.m. The panel members include Benjamin Ferencz, former prosecutor, the Nuremberg Trials; Walter Griebel, senior public prosecutor, Frankfurt, the Federal Republic of Germany; Hon. Elizabeth Holtzman, comptroller, the City of New York; and Luis Moreno Ocampo, chief prosecutor, Federal Republic of Argentina. Professor Lung-chu Chen will moderate.

From 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., the second panel will discuss "When There is No Punishment: Barriers to Criminal Accountability - Amnesties and Pardons." Panel members will include Mr. Ocampo; Roberto Garretón Merino, legal advisor of the Vicaría, Chile; Felipe Michelini, human rights activist, Center for the Study of Legal and Social Issues, Uruguay; Jaime Malamud-Goti, former state solicitor, the Republic of Argentina; and Professor Alejandro Garro, Columbia University School of Law. Professor Ruti Teitel will moderate. A reception will follow the second panel at 6:30.

HUMAN RIGHTS SYMPOSIUM TO EXAMINE SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

The Journal of Human Rights will sponsor a symposium on Monday, April 23, 1990 on recent United States Supreme Court decisions and their impact on affirmative action, employment discrimination and civil rights.

Symposium panel members include Samuel Rabinove, The American Jewish Committee; Dianne E. Dixon, the Center for Law and Social Justice; Professor Merrick T. Rossein, CUNY Law School at Queens College; Julian Birnbaum, Valdeck, Waldman, Elias & Enselhard; Frank Deale, Staff Attorney for Constitutional Rights; Judith Reed, assistant counsel, NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund; and Professor Denise S. Carty-Bennia, Northeastern School of Law.

The program will be held in the Froessel Reading Room from 10:00 a.m. from 4:30 p.m. and a reception will follow.

## STUDENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

### Student Successes...

The New York Law School team of M. Colburn Williams and Michael Volpe finished second in the Nassau Academy of Law moot court competition on March 22. Mr. Williams won the competition's best oralist prize.

Third year student Lynn A. Mourey won a recent ABA writing competition with her article, "Prehire Agreements: Do the Deklewa Rules Effectuate Labor Policy." It will be published in the summer 1990 issue of The Construction Lawyer.

### April Events...

U.S. Rep. Thomas J. Downey, (D-2nd District, N.Y.) a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, the Armed Services Committee, and the youngest person ever elected to Congress will speak at the Law Review Banquet on April 27 at the St. Moritz Hotel. The Journal of Human Rights will hold it's banquet on April 4th at Windows on the World. The International and Comparative Law Journal banquet is scheduled for April 23 at Garrin's Restaurant at 19 Waverly Place.

On April 6, the Black Law Students Association, Latino Law Students Association and the Urban Law Society will sponsor an outreach program which invites inner-city high school students to the law school to experience a day in the life of a law school student. The program will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Froessel Room.

On April 24 BLSA will sponsor a panel discussion on the of the legalization of drugs. The panel will be held in the Faculty Dining Room from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

On April 4 the Environmental Law Society will sponsor a panel on "Protecting the Environment in the 1990's." Dr. Marwan M. Sadat, P.E., Environmental Consultant and former "Engineer of the Year" will speak on the RCRA-hazardous waste disposal. Environmental attorney Ellen Radow will discuss the clean air act, NYLS Professor Steven Faber will address the conservation of water resources and Professor Zuhayr Moghrabi will speak on international regulation of the environment. The panel will be held at 6:00 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room.

The New York Law School Civil Liberties Union will sponsor a lecture by long time American Civil Liberties Union member Corliss Lamont on April 17. Mr. Lamont will speak in the student lounge from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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On April 24 the Jewish Law Students Association will present a lecture by Mrs. Elizabeth Roth, a survivor of the Nazi concentration camp at Auschwitz. The event will take place in the student lounge at 3:00 p.m.

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Professor Carlos Cuevas was quoted in an article on the legal issues of the cash bonuses paid by Drexel Burnham Lambert in the March 1 New York Law Journal.

Professor George Dent's article, "Toward Unifying Ownership and Control in the Public Corporation," was published in the 1989 Wisconsin Law Review (pp. 881-924). A previous work was cited by the New York Court of Appeals in Ware v. Valley Stream High School District

Professor Aleta Estreicher's article, "Securities Regulation and the First Amendment" will be published in the 24 Georgia Law Review 223. She will be participating as a discussion leader in "The Voices of Women," a conference on women in legal education at NYU School of Law on April 20-21.

Professor Seymour I. Feig was interviewed by WNYE-TV's Telecommunications and Information Revolution series. The program, will appear on the Paragon and Manhattan cable system on channel C on April 5 at 4:30 p.m. and channel D on April 2 at 8:00 p.m.

Professor Karen Gross spoke at a Federal Judicial Center training session for bankruptcy judges on March 8 on the topic, "Women Debtors: Who are They and What Questions Should We Begin to Ask About Them." She will repeat the speech at another training session in Nashville in May. She has been asked by the American Law Institute- American Bar Association Committee on Continuing Education to participate in a video tape to be distributed to lawyers on personal bankruptcy. She will participate in the 15th annual Stetson College of Law Bankruptcy Seminar to be held December 7-8, 1990 Tampa, Fla. Her article on Bankruptcy and the Thirteenth Amendment is expected to appear in the Notre Dame Law Review in April and she expects a book review/essay to appear in the Michigan Law Review in June.

Professor Randolph Jonakait was interviewed by WCBS-TV on February 27 discussing the "battered wife's defense" in a murder case. His article, "The Supreme Court, Plain Meaning, and the Changed Rules of

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Evidence" was published in the 68 Texas Law Review 745. An earlier article, "When Blood is Their Argument: Probabilities in Criminal Cases, Genetic Markers, and Once Again, Bayes' Theorem," was reprinted in 3 DNA: Understanding, Challenging and Controlling the New Evidence of the 90's. He will be speaking on scientific evidence at the Seminar on biotechnology, at Cornell University on April 24.

Professor Alan Kolod has become a partner at Moses & Singer, a Manhattan firm where he will be practicing bankruptcy law.

Professor Arthur Leonard's article "On a Need for a Realistic View of the Epidemic" was excerpted in the February 27 Advocate. An article he has written has been accepted for publication by The Nation and will appear within the next month. His editorial citing the need for improved AIDS education in the State Police and the courts appeared in the March 8 New York Law Journal. He has been appointed to the Human Rights Workgroup which will review and comment on the New York State Inter-Agency AIDS Five Year Plan. He will attend the first meeting of the Workgroup on March 23.

Professor Carlin Meyer's letter on the appeal of a man who was found to have AIDS after his sentencing appeared in the March 7 New York Law Journal.

Professor Stephen Newman's "Treatment Refusals for the Critically and Terminally Ill," from the 1985 New York Law School Human Rights Journal, was excerpted in the February 1990 Pediatrics.

Professor Michael Perlin spoke to the staff attorneys of New York Lawyers for the Public Interest on "Shifting Strategies in Mental Health Litigation: Reading the Supreme Court's Tea Leaves" on March 20. On June 6, he will lead the plenary session of the National Association of Protection and Advocacy Systems' annual national conference in Bethesda, Md. on "Ethics in Advocacy: Hidden Issues in Vocational rehabilitation Law," and will conduct a workshop on "Alternative Non-litigation Strategies in the Representation of Handicapped Clients." His presentation at the University of Houston Law Center's conference, "Competency, Deinstitutionalization and Homelessness: A Story of Marginalization," was video taped for presentation to three different Houston Law School courses.

Professor Virginia Ramadan was interviewed by WABC-TV "Eyewitness News" on December 26, WNBC-TV "Live at Five" and WNYW-TV "Fox 5 News" on January 4, on the international law implications of the capture of and assertion of extraterritorial jurisdiction over Gen. Manuel Noriega following the U.S. invasion of Panama.

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Professor Stuart Schlesinger's article "Obstructing Discovery with the Court's Imprimatur" appeared in the March 21 New York Law Journal

Professor Nadine Strossen appeared on the PBS broadcasts of "Hard Drugs, Hard Choices," panel discussions about legal issues involved in the drug crisis on February 6, 13, and 20. On April 11-12, she will participate in a workshop on campus rules regarding racially and sexually derogatory speech sponsored by the Annenberg Program of Communications Policy Studies at Northwestern University. On April 19, she will address a symposium concerning the regulation of sexual vilification and pornography on campus, at Dickinson School of Law in Carlisle, Pa. On April 28 she will deliver the keynote address at the annual meeting of the Maryland chapter of the National Organization for Women. A previous article was cited by the New York Court of Appeals in Ware v. Valley Stream High School District.

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NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL STAFF UPDATE

Dean Simon has announced that Professor Donald Zeigler, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, will step down from his post and return to the faculty next school year. Dean Zeigler has been a member of the Law School faculty since 1985 and has served as Associate Dean for nearly a year.

Additions

MATTHEW COYNE joined the security staff on March 15 as a parking lot attendant. He is currently a student in history and elementary education at Hunter College.

SANDRA SUWEIDAN became the administrative assistant to the Registrar on March 19. She earned a B.S. in Applied Social Science from S.U.N.Y.-Binghamton. While at S.U.N.Y. she served as a peer advisor, a member of the career development staff, and interned at the Binghamton public defender's office.

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Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. BLSA Outreach Program.  
20th Student Lounge.

Monday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Journal of Human Rights  
23rd sponsoring a symposium on Supreme Court decisions and  
their impact on affirmative action, employment  
discrimination and civil rights. Froessel Reading  
Room.

Tuesday 3:00 p.m. Lecture by Holocaust survivor, Mrs. Elizabeth  
24th Roth, sponsored by the Jewish Law Students Association.  
Student Lounge.

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Class of 1988 Reception. Home of  
Louisa Spencer.

6:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m. Panel on Drug Legalization sponsored  
by BLSA. Faculty Dining Room.

Wednesday 4:30 p.m.- 6:30 p.m. Awards Ceremony for student  
25th organization members and law journal editors. Faculty  
Dining Room.

Thursday Board of Trustees Meeting, Faculty Dining Room.  
26th

6:00 p.m. International and Comparative Law Banquet.  
Garrin's, 19 Waverly Place.

Friday 6:00 p.m. Law Review Banquet, Guest Speaker U.S. Rep.  
27th Thomas J. Downey. St. Moritz Hotel

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GRADUATION

Volunteers are needed to assist with the Law School's 98th Commencement Exercises, June 10th. The ceremony will be held at Avery Fisher Hall in Lincoln Center at 2:00 p.m. Students and staff members interested in serving as hosts and ushers should contact Jeannette Richardson in the office of Public Affairs, 6th floor, 57th Worth, or at ext. 806.

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Tuesday  
3rd 2:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. "Crime and Punishment:  
Accountability for State Sponsored Mass Murder"  
sponsored by the Journal of International and  
Comparative Law and the Ernst C. Steifel Fund. Faculty  
Dining Room.

Wednesday  
4th 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Harlan Professorship  
Faculty Workshop. Speaker will be Prof. Karen Gross.  
Faculty Dining Room.

6:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. Human Rights Banquet, Windows on  
the World.

6:00 p.m. "Protecting the Environment in the 1990's"  
sponsored by the Environmental Law Society. Speakers  
will be Dr. Marwan M. Sadat, P.E., attorney Ellen Radow,  
and NYLS Professors Faber and Moghrabi. Faculty Dining  
Room.

Thursday  
5th 11:00 a.m. Mendik Library Official Opening and  
Ribbon Cutting. Froessel Reading Room. Reception to  
follow.

Friday  
6th 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. BLSA, LLSA, and the Urban Law  
Society co-sponsoring outreach program. Froessel Room.

Wednesday  
11th 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Admissions Information Session  
for evening candidates. Faculty Dining Room.

Tuesday  
17th 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Harlan Professorship Faculty  
Workshop. Speaker will be Prof. Robert Blecker. Large  
Conference Room.

5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. ACLU member Corliss Lamont to  
lecture, sponsored by the NYLS Civil Liberties Union.  
Student Lounge.

Wednesday  
18th 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Snow Dinner for past and  
present Snow Scholars. Faculty Dining Room.

Thursday  
19th 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Admissions Conversion  
Luncheon. Faculty Dining Room.

Environmental Law Society Information Day, all day info  
session on Environmental Issues. Student Lounge.

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