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A NEWSLETTER FOR THE NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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FORGER STEPS DOWN AS TRUSTEES CHAIRMAN; MENDIK IS ELECTED

Alexander D. Forger, Chairman of the Law School's Board of Trustees since 1985, has stepped down as Chairman, effective January 1, 1989. He has been succeeded by Trustee Bernard H. Mendik, who was unanimously elected by the Board at its November meeting.

Mr. Forger, Chairman of the Executive Committee of Milbank, Tweed, Hadley and McCloy, cited "pressing professional obligations" in his resignation message to the Board. He will continue to serve as a member of the Board of Trustees.

In a message to the Law School community, Dean James F. Simon said that, "In his three years as Chairman, Mr. Forger has introduced a series of initiatives that have strengthened the School in all aspects of operations and prepared us for a second century of excellence. We regret that we will no longer have his guidance as Chairman."

Mr. Mendik, a member of the Law School class of 1958 and a Trustee since 1985, is president of the Mendik Company, one of New York City's largest real estate development and management firms. He has been a leader in the Law School's plan to acquire and renovate the building at 240 Church Street for use as its library. The library, the focus of the School's Second Century capital campaign, will be named in his honor. "We look forward to Mr. Mendik's outstanding leadership as the Law School approaches its centennial," Dean Simon said.

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NATIONAL MOOT COURT TEAM WINS REGIONAL COMPETITION Advances to Finals, Jan. 23 - 26

New York Law School's national moot court team placed first in its regional round of the 39th National Moot Court Competition last month and qualified for the national finals, January 23 to 26.

The NYLS team of Sherri L. Eisenpress, John J.P. Howley and Kannan Menon defeated New York University School of Law to claim the Whitney North Seymour Cup, emblematic of the top team in the New York - New Jersey - Connecticut region. Other teams in the competition represented Fordham, Brooklyn Law School, St. John's, Seton Hall, Rutgers-Newark, Cornell, Cardozo, and Pace.

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Arguing a fact pattern based on preemptory challenges of female jurors in cases of domestic violence, Ms. Eisenpress placed second in the Best Oralist competition and the team's brief was judged runner-up behind N.Y.U. The final round, including participants from each of six regions across the country, will be held at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, 42 West 44th Street. The competition is sponsored by the Association's Young Lawyers Committee in cooperation with the American College of Trial Lawyers.

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COMMUNICATIONS LAW SEMINAR: TAX BENEFITS FOR SALE TO MINORITIES

On Friday, January 27, the Law School and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration will co-sponsor a seminar on "Tax Certificates in Telecommunications Ventures."

The seminar, offered by the NTIA's Minority Telecommunications Development Program, is designed to educate buyers and sellers of FCC-licensed broadcast properties and their legal advisers, about creative uses of Federal Communications Commission "tax certificates." The tax certificates, designed to encourage minority ownership in the telecommunications industry, allow sellers to defer taxes on the sale of broadcast stations when the property is sold to a minority-owned company. The program will include presentations by experts from the FCC, the Internal Revenue Service and the Washington law firm of Verger, Liiphert, McPherson and Hand.

The seminar will be held from 9 a.m. to noon in room A604 and is open to members of the Law School community at no charge. For reservations or more information, contact the Communications Media Center at extension 160.

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NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL FACULTY NEWS

"Vote No!" Professor Robert Blecker's one-man play about the Constitution and Bill of Rights was performed at the University of Connecticut in Storrs.

Professor Michael Botein spoke on "Regulation of Integrated Broadband Networks," at a conference on "Communications in the 1980's" sponsored by the Institut de l'audiovisuel et des telecommunications europe, in Montpellier, France on November 17. The same organization published his article, The Regulatory Status of Integrated Broadband Networks: A Preliminary Inquiry in its volume, 10 Journees Internationales de IDATE (1988).

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Professor George Dent spoke on "Current Proposals to Permit Selling of Corporate Proxies," at a conference on Proxy Voting at the World Trade Center on December 8.

Professor B.J. George, Jr. has published "Case Note on Perry v. Leeke," in ABA Preview of United States Supreme Court Cases: 1988-1989 Term, Issue No. 3, pp. 87-89 (October 28, 1988), and cassette tapes, 1986-1987 Supreme Court Digests; Criminal Law Decisions, Condyne ## 08-021-1-4 (Condyne/The Oceana Group, Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. 1988).

Professor Lawrence M. Grosberg spoke at a November 9 meeting of the State/Federal Judicial Council to review sanctions against frivolous litigation.

Professor Alfred S. Julien wrote on "Environmental Litigation," in the Product Liability section of the New York Law Journal on October 26.

Professor Arthur Leonard will moderate a program on "Family Diversity: A Focus For Legal and Social Change," at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York on January 12, at 7 p.m. He also commented on new the new federal policies regarding AIDS and employment discrimination in a television interview on the Financial News Network Evening News on October 21.

Professor Richard K. Sherwin's article, "A Matter of Voice and Plot: Belief and Suspicion in Legal Storytelling," appeared in 87 Mich. L. Rev. 543 (1988).

Professor Nadine Strossen has been elected to the Board of Directors of the National Coalition Against Censorship, a coalition of more than forty arts, education and civil liberties organizations dedicated to the preservation of freedom of speech and press.

John V. Thornton former adjunct professor and Honorary Chairman of the Law School's Board of Trustees, has been named Executive Vice President, Treasurer, and Chief Financial Officer of Columbia University. He had been vice chairman of Con Edison since 1982.

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NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL STAFF UPDATE

ETHEL FRANKLIN has joined the Law School as an Administrative Assistant in the Office of the Registrar. She has previous administrative experience and received an Associate's Degree from LaGuardia Community College.

OMELIA LEWIS has joined the Accounting Office as a Receptionist/Clerk-Typist. She previously had worked for Western Union Co. and the Bronx District Attorney's Office.

KENNETH LOUIS-JEUNE has been promoted to Word Processing Operator in the Office of Student Publications. He had been a Clerk-Typist/CRT Operator in the Office of Public Affairs.

MARTIN MALLOY is our new Controller. He was previously the Assistant Controller and Bursar at Borough of Manhattan Community College. He holds a B.S. from Manhattan College and a M.B.A. from St. John's University.

LAURIE MARTIN has been promoted to Programmer in the computer center. She had been a Computer Operator.

JOHN MC NEILL has joined the library staff as a Library Assistant. He previously worked as Security Supervisor for Action Protective Systems.

RAMONA NELSON joins the Law School as an Administrative Assistant in the Office of the Registrar. She has previous administrative experience with the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

JOHN PETUTIS is a new Computer Operator in the computer center. He holds a Diploma in Computer Programming from Grumman Data Systems Institute.

PETER STERN is our new Director of Communications in the Office of Public Affairs. He has held previous public relations positions at Columbia, Fordham and N.Y.U. He has a B.A. from Fordham University and a M.A. from Ball State University.

CHRISTINE STERSTROM, Reference Librarian/Government Documents, comes to the library staff from Pratt Institute Library where she was the Reference Librarian. She received a B.A. from Hunter, an M.S. at Pratt and an M.A. at New York University.

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NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL STUDENT AFFAIRS UPDATE

Graduate Clerkships

Students interested in a full-time graduate clerkship beginning in the Summer or Fall of 1990 must act now. **February 1, 1989** is the deadline for mailing applications for most clerkships. Graduate clerkship packets are available in the Office of Academic Services on the 2nd Floor of 57 Worth Street. Please pick one up as soon as possible.

An informational meetings on clerkships will be held early in the semester. Students should watch bulletin boards for postings and mailboxes for memos announcing the time and place. For more information, contact Phyllis Pryor at extension 867.

After the Bar Review...

Professor Martin Silfen will offer an all-day, "After the Bar Review Bar Review," on February 10, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The session is free and open to all New York Law School students, but seating is limited. To reserve a seat, contact Professor Silfen at 212/986-0890 not later than February 3.

Law Review Cited

The Law Review's most recent issue, Volume 32, No's 2 and 3, was cited in a December 12 Wall Street Journal article as "an example of depth in scholarly research." The volume's feature article, by Professor Arnold S. Jacobs, was "An Analysis of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934."

Yearbook...

The Yearbook photographer will be taking pictures of graduating students on Tuesday, February 7 and Wednesday, February 8 in the Student Lounge. Sign up for a time at the Yearbook office, room C-101.

Orders are now being accepted for the 1989 Yearbook. Graduating students may use the order form each received in the mail, or contact sales representatives Mark DeBenedittis and Bonnie Pollack, or editors Rob Fishkin and Steffi Propos. The books price of \$20 includes delivery by mail, which can be expected in the Summer of 1989.

Members of the Class of 1989 who wish to place personal advertisements, should mail the ad with their order form or contact the editors or sales representatives.

Weekly Respite

The first Weekly Respite of the semester, 4:30 p.m., Thursday, January 17 in the Student Lounge, will honor the NYLS National Moot Court Team of Sherri Eisenpress, John Howley and Kannan Menon. All are invited.

NYCLA NEWS: JANUARY FORUM

The New York County Lawyers' Association will present a forum on "The Crisis in the Thrift Industry," on Thursday, January 5 at 5:45 p.m. Speakers will be William M. Isaac, a former Chairman of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and Jordan Luke, General Counsel, Federal Home Loan Bank Board. The forum is free and open to the public.

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JANUARY DOCKET

- Thursday 5th New York County Lawyers' Association forum: "The Crisis in the Thrift Industry." 5:45 p.m., 14 Vesey Street.
- Thursday 12th Orientation for first year students, mid-year class. 7 p.m., Program on "Family Diversity: A Focus For Legal and Social Change," at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, 42 West 44th Street. Professor Arthur Leonard will moderate.
- Monday 16th Martin Luther King's Birthday. Legal holiday. No classes.
- Tuesday 17th Spring Term classes begin. All classes adhere to Monday schedule.
4:30 p.m., Weekly Respite, honoring the National Moot Court Team. Student Lounge.
- Friday 20th Noon to 2:30 p.m., Alumni Association Annual Luncheon. Call extension 800 for tickets and reservations. The Plaza Hotel.
- Monday 23th National Moot Court Competition Finals, Association of the Bar of the City of New York, 42 West 44th Street. (To Thursday, January 26.)
- Friday 27th 9 a.m. to noon, National Telecommunications and Information Administration seminar: "Tax Certificates in Telecommunications Ventures." Room A604. Call extension 160 for reservations.