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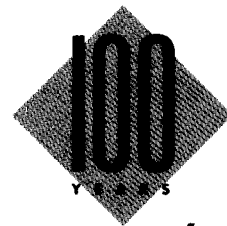
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LAW REVIEW TO PUBLISH A CENTENNIAL ISSUE IN HONOR OF JUSTICE HARLAN

This March, the Law Review will publish a centennial issue based on presentations offered at last spring's conference in honor of Justice John Marshall Harlan. The contributors to this issue form a group of preeminent legal scholars, many of whom knew Justice Harlan well, and who talk about his background, his character, and his jurisprudence.

ROBERT F. WAGNER, SR. LABOR LAW COMPETITION SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 19

On March 19, the New York Law School Moot Court Association will be hosting the Robert F. Wagner, Sr. Labor Law Moot Court Competition. The competition will run through the 22nd of March and is now in its sixteenth year. The competition is one of the largest student run competitions and the only one devoted entirely to labor law. This year, 31 schools from across the nation are competing.

RISA B. PROCTON '92 RECEIVES 2ND ANNUAL LEGAL AID SOCIETY FELLOWSHIP

Risa B. Procton, a former nurse who decided on law as a career, will receive the second annual Legal Aid Society Fellowship from New York Law School, announced Dean James F. Simon. Ms. Procton was selected by the Legal Aid Society from among three finalists chosen by the Law School for the fellowship, which awards \$5,000 each year for up to three years to a graduate of New York Law School who works at the Legal Aid Society (LAS). The LAS provides counsel to indigent defendants in criminal cases. This program was funded by a gift of the Leonhardt Foundation.

"Risa Procton is only the latest in a long line of top students at New York Law School who have been drawn to public service," said Dean Simon. "This Fellowship and other programs we have established are designed to insure that students who want to follow this path are not deterred by financial considerations."

Ms. Procton will start working with Legal Aid this semester and, following graduation, will work in the Criminal Defense Division.

WILLEM KORTHALS ALTES VISITS COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA CENTER

Willem Korthals Altes is visiting the Communications Media Center through July as a Visiting Scholar. He is an Associate Professor at the Institute for Information Law of the University of Amsterdam, where he specializes in press law, broadcasting law and telecommunications law, both at the national and at the European level.

Professor Korthals Altes is General Secretary of the Netherlands Association of Media and Communications Law. He has a Masters of Comparative Jurisprudence from New York University and is admitted to the Bar of the State of New York. He obtained his degree of Doctor of Law at the University of Amsterdam on the basis of a thesis on the journalist's privilege of confidentiality in the United States, Germany and the Netherlands.

He will be presenting a seminar for the Center, "Broadcasting in Europe: Regulation With a View Toward Deregulation," on March 17.

For further information about the seminar, contact Roberta Tasley in the Media Center at ext. 160.

STUDENT SERVICES UPDATE

MARCH 4TH LECTURE TO EXAMINE JUSTICE FOR BATTERED WOMEN

The Legal Association for Women will be sponsoring a lecture on "Clemency for Battered Women Who Have Killed Their Abusers" on March 4 at 5:00 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room. Michael Dowd, the Director of the Battered Woman's Justice Center, will be the guest speaker.

OPEN FORUM VOLUNTEER FAIR TO BE HELD IN STUDENT LOUNGE

The Office of Student Services will sponsor an Open Forum Volunteer Fair in the Student Lounge from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16. The Office has invited several local, state and national organizations to send a representative to the Fair to inform New York Law School students about the volunteer opportunities the various organizations have to offer. In order to encourage NYLS students to use the skills they have gained to benefit the community, the Office of Student Services hopes to successfully match students with an interest in serving their community with organizations that would benefit from their assistance.

STUDENT RESPITES AND COFFEE HOURS

Student Respites are held every Thursday from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Student Lounge.

The Evening Student Coffee Hour is held every Tuesday from 5:30 to 6:15 outside of A-300.

Faculty and staff are encouraged to attend. Come and meet New York Law School students in an informal environment!

STUDENT MEMBERS NEEDED FOR STUDENT CENTER STEERING COMMITTEE

The Law School will be renovating the student lounge area, the cafeteria, the locker area, and the other spaces in the basements of 53 and 57 Worth Street to create a unified Student Center. This project, which is part of the overall capital campaign for the School, will produce more attractive, comfortable and useful spaces for the student organization and for the whole student body.

Your involvement is needed to move forward with the project. Students are invited to become members of the Student Center Steering Committee. Members of this Committee will participate in many facets of the project, including discussion of planning options and fundraising.

The first meeting of the Committee will be on Thursday, March 5, at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room located on the third floor of the Mendik Library. The number of student members for the Committee is limited, so please contact the Office of Student Services at ext. 851 today!

ADMISSIONS UPDATE

L.L.S.S., B.L.S.A. and A.A.L.S.A TO HOST MINORITY LAW DAYS

The Latino Law Students Society, Black Law Students Association, and Asian American Law Students Association will host their annual Law Days for prospective Law School students on the following days:

L.L.S.S. -- Saturday, March 7

**Guest speaker: The Honorable Richard Rivera,
New York City Civil Court, Kings County.**

B.L.S.A. -- Saturday, March 21

**Guest speaker: Alton Waldon '73, Commissioner,
New York State Commission of Investigation.**

A.A.L.S.A. -- Saturday, March 28

**Guest speakers: Professor Lung-chu Chen, New York Law School;
Raymond Wong '87; and other alumni.**

Each program is scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room. The programs are designed to provide information and advice to minority students interested in pursuing a legal education.

Faculty, students and staff are welcome to attend. For more information, please call Paula Bryan, Office of Admissions, at ext. 890.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COUNSELING

All students who have questions regarding Academic Affairs should feel free to make an appointment to see either Stephen Goot, Director of Academic Affairs, or Ellen Sovern, Assistant Director of Academic Affairs.

Members of the Academic Affairs staff will also be available during the following times:

Monday - Thursday **1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**
 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Friday **1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**
 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For further information, please contact Stephen Goot at ext. 860 or Ellen Sovern at ext. 870.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES UPDATE

MENTOR/NETWORK PROGRAM HOURS ANNOUNCED

Due to an overwhelming response to the Mentor/Network Program, Beth Ann Sferazza, Career Services Assistant/Alumni Relations, has set up hours to meet with students who are interested in joining the program or who are already participants.

The program's hours are: **Tuesdays**, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and **Fridays**, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Evening students should call Beth Ann to make an appointment if these hours are not convenient.

FALL 1991 RECRUITING SURVEY NEEDS TO BE RETURNED

Second- and third-year students are requested to return their completed survey forms about the Fall 1991 recruiting season. The Office of Career Services needs the input so they can compile the most accurate statistics. This form needs to be returned whether or not students participated in the on-campus program. Survey forms are available in the Office of Career Services.

A.A.L.S. AND CAREER SERVICES CO-SPONSOR ASIAN AMERICANS IN THE LAW PANEL

A panel discussion on "Asian Americans in the Law," co-sponsored by the Office of Career Services and the Asian American Law Students Association, will take place on Wednesday, March 11, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Faculty Dining Room.

SMALL AND MEDIUM LAW FIRM BREAKFAST

Students wishing to mingle with alumni who practice in small and medium size law firms are invited to attend a breakfast from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in the Faculty Dining Room on March 12.

TRANSCRIPT REQUEST REMINDER

The Office of Career Services would like to remind students that transcript requests to the Registrar take about three to four business days to be processed. Please, therefore, plan ahead when applying for positions.

DEBEVOISE & PLIMPTON PARTNER TO SPEAK ON APRIL 2ND

Mario Baeza, a prominent partner at Debevoise & Plimpton, will be speaking at the Law School on April 2 at 6:30 p.m. This event is co-sponsored by the Office of Career Services and the Black Law Students Association in honor of Black History Month. The location will be announced.

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

PHI DELTA PHI ANNOUNCES ITS RETURN

Phi Delta Phi is please to announce that the club is on its way back to an active life at the Law School. The organization is the nation's oldest professional fraternity and started out at NYLS before the turn of the century. The fraternity is open to men and women within the legal field and is dedicated to professionalism and ethics.

Anyone who wishes to sign up for the fraternity should contact Phil Hoffman or Seth Weinstein, at ext. 846, preferably before the initiation ceremony and reception on March 7.

STAFF UPDATE

John McNeill, specialist with the 301st Area Support Group bases at Fort Totten, Queens, represented New York State at the annual First U.S. Army Chaplain's Convention held in Arlington, Virginia, in January. He spoke of his experiences during the Persian Gulf War.

Margaret B. Perrin joined the Mendik Library as a cataloguer on January 27. Her professional background includes employment as a librarian at John Jay College, as an editor at the Macmillan Company, and as an English teacher. She holds an M.L.S. from Queen's College, and a B.A. and an M.A. from Hunter College.

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Elsa Riley, of Faculty Services, is currently serving at the Children's Aid Society on a voluntary part-time basis as a counselor for children. This is as a direct result of information obtained by the Public Services Committee at the Law School.

Larry Starkey joined the Development & Public Affairs staff as Director of Communications. He is a two-time winner of the Public Relations Society of America's "Silver Anvil" award for publicity campaigns, as well as Financial World's Bronze Medallion and IABC's First Place awards for annual reports. He is the author of Wilkes Booth Came to Washington (Random House) and a novel, O'Brian's Hole. He acquired his experience in higher education while working as Press Secretary at Drew University. Mr. Starkey holds a B.S. from the University of Cincinnati.

FACULTY NEWS

Professor Michael Botein was quoted on February 4 in The Age (Australia) on alternatives to network television and in The Australian, on open airwaves policy in Australia.

Professor John Chapman was a featured speaker at the Fifth International Congress on Computer Law held in January in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Professor Keri Gould was appointed to a three-year term on the Bar of the City of New York's Committee on Problems of the Mentally Ill. She was accepted as a panelist for the International Congress on Law & Mental Health in Vancouver this June.

Professor Randolph Jonakait was quoted in an article on forensic evidence in the courtroom in the Record on January 6. Because the Harvard Law Journal of Law and Technology received more letters about his article, "Forensic Science: The Need for Regulation" 4 Journal of Law & Technology 109 (1991), than any other article it has published, the Journal decided to depart from its tradition and print a representative selection of those letters along with a response from Professor Jonakait. The letters and response are published at 5 Harvard Journal of Law & Technology 1 (1991).

Professor Linda Keenan's husband, Jeremy L. Goldberg, an appeals attorney with the Legal Aid Society of Nassau County, will be playing bass with Esencia, a Latin Jazz band at Les Poulets (corner of Duane and Hudson) on March 26 at 9:00 p.m.

Professor Richard Marsico testified before the New York State Assembly Banks Committee on January 22 regarding discrimination in home mortgage lending.

Professor Martin Minkowitz will be lecturing at the "Insurance Education Day Seminar" sponsored by the Society of CPCU, The College of Insurance, National Association of Insurance Women, the

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New York Claims Association and the Risk and Insurance Management Society, which will be held at the Sheraton Centre in New York City.

Professor Rudolph Peritz has been invited to participate in a conference on "Technology & Law" at the Law Technology Centre, University of Warwick, Coventry, UK in the spring.

Professor Michael Perlin's essay, New Directions in the Legal Regulation of the Mental Health Professions, is the Foreword to Psychiatric Malpractice: Cases and Comments for Clinicians, by Drs. Robert L. Simon and Robert L. Sadoff, published this month by the American Psychiatric Press, Inc. His article, Fatal Assumption: A Critical Evaluation of the Role of Counsel in Mental Disability Cases, has been published in 16 Law & Human Behavior 39 (1992). This month, he will present a talk on "Pleading and Litigating Complex Mental Health Cases" to a training conference given by the NY State Mental Hygiene Legal Services. He will also be presenting a paper in March on Pretexts, "Morality," Competency and the Legal Process: The Case of the Heuristic Experts and the Sanist Courts at a University of Miami Law School Symposium on Law and Competence. That paper will also be published in a special issue of the University of Miami Law Review.

Professor Richard Siegler's article, "Cumulative Voting" appeared in the Cooperatives and Condominiums column of the New York Law Journal on January 8.

Professor Martin Silfen will chair the "Counseling Clients in the Entertainment Industry" program presented by the Practising Law Institute from March 11-13.

Professor Nadine Strossen was the subject of a two-part interview for the New Voice (Texas) on January 10. On January 18, she was the keynote speaker at the annual banquet of the ACLU of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. On January 21, she had an op-ed piece published in the New York Times on the impending Supreme Court abortion decision. On the same day, she appeared on PBS's Charlie Rose Show, discussing reproductive freedom issues. On January 22, she was the keynote speaker at the annual banquet of the ACLU of Northern Illinois in Rockford. On January 29, she was the luncheon speaker for the Media Institute on "Constitutional Protection for Commercial Speech." She debated Edwin Meese III on "Censorship - legal necessity or unlawful infringement on personal rights?" at Pennsylvania State University on January 30. On January 31, she appeared on CNN's Larry King Live program, debating the Pornography Victims Compensation Act. On February 1, she gave a speech at the Federalist Society Conference at Vermont Law School on "How Free Should Speech Be?" She gave a talk at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York on "International Business and International Human Rights" on February 4 and on "Politically Correct Speech on Campus" on February 7. On February 11, she appeared on PBS Roundtable Discussion on Hate Speech. On February 17, she addressed the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council Conference and debated conservative constitutional scholar Bruce Fein on the current Supreme Court, in Portland, Oregon. She gave a luncheon address at The Women's City Club in New York on February 19.

MARCH DOCKET

- Tuesday**
3 **Fourth Annual Ernst Stiefel Symposium**
"The Privatization of Eastern Europe: Reinventing the Wheel"
Reading Room, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 a.m.
For information, please contact the Office of Development & Public Affairs at ext. 800.
- Wednesday**
4 **Legal Association for Women Lecture**
"Clemency for Battered Women Who Have Killed Their Abusers"
Faculty Dining Room, 5:00 p.m.
- Friday**
6 **"Lawyering Theory: Thinking Through the Legal Culture"**
Moot Court Room, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For information, please contact the Office of Development & Public Affairs at ext. 800.
- Saturday**
7 **Latino Law Students Association/Admissions Law Day for Prospective Law Students**, Faculty Dining Room, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Tuesday**
10 **Scholars/Donors Dinner**
Faculty Dining Room, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Wednesday**
11 **"Asian Americans in the Law"**
Faculty Dining Room, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday**
12 **Small/Medium Law Firm Breakfast**
Faculty Dining Room, 8:30 a.m.
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