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EXAM PERIOD HOURS

MENDIK LIBRARY

Monday - Thursday.....8 a.m. - 11 p.m.*

Friday.....8 a.m. - 10 p.m.*

Saturday & Sunday.....9 a.m. - 10 p.m.*

* Security staffs study hall until 2 a.m. No librarians will be on duty after official hours. The library study spaces remain open but Circulation and the Reserve Room are closed. All circulation transactions, including borrowing and return of books, and charge-in and charge-out of reserve materials must be completed by the regular closing time.

The last exam days have a different schedule and no study hall hours:

Friday, Dec. 20.....8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Sat. & Sun., Dec. 21 & 22.....10 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 23.....8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

STUDENT CENTER & ERNST STIEFEL READING ROOM

Now through December 19, the Student Center and the Ernst Stiefel Reading Room will also remain open to NYLS students as a late night study hall:

Monday - Thursday.....11 p.m. - 2 a.m.

Friday.....10 p.m. - 2 a.m.

Saturday & Sunday.....10 p.m. - 2 a.m.

REMINDER

DURING SPECIAL STUDY HALL HOURS, THE LIBRARY, STUDENT CENTER AND READING ROOM ARE OPEN ONLY TO THE LAW SCHOOL COMMUNITY. ONLY THOSE STUDENTS WHO ARE IN THE BUILDINGS AT THE TIME OF THEIR OFFICIAL CLOSING WILL BE PERMITTED TO REMAIN THROUGH STUDY HALL HOURS. STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR THEIR LAW SCHOOL IDENTIFICATION CARDS AT ALL TIMES DURING THE EXAM PERIOD.

CITY LAW BREAKFAST

Gretchen Dykstra, President of the Times Square Business Improvement District, will be the guest speaker at the City Law Breakfast on Friday **December 13** at 8:15 a.m. in The Dining Room. She will discuss "New Year's Eve in Times Square: The World's Biggest New Year's Eve Party." The breakfast is open to the public, but reservations are appreciated. Please call ext. 2115 to reserve a seat.



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Student Services Update



Student Services is on the fifth floor at 57 Worth St. Call us at 431-2851.

EXAM SERVICES CONTINUED..

PARKING LOT

Students who present a validated Fall 1996 New York Law School identification card will be permitted to park in the parking lot Monday, December 9 to Monday, December 23 on a first come first serve basis at the times noted below:

Weekdays: Monday-Friday, beginning at 5 p.m.

Weekends: Saturday and Sunday, during the times the buildings are officially open. The officer at the 47 Worth Street Command Desk will provide access. A NYLS ID card must be presented.

CAFETERIA

The cafeteria's extended hours during exams are as follows:

Sat. & Sun., Dec. 7&8, 14&15: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Monday - Thursday, Dec. 9-19: 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Fridays: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sandwiches, beverages & snacks will be available during the extended hours.

CLASSROOM ACCESS

With the exception of A900, B101-103, B108, and B200, all other classrooms are available for group study use during the exam period on a first come first serve basis when classes, exams, or special events are not in session. Classroom access is limited to normal hours and will not be available during extended late night study hall hours. Late night study hall hours are limited to the Student Center, the Ernst Stiefel Reading Room, and the Mendik Library.

COUNSELING SERVICES

Dr. Judith Rosenberger, a Mental Health Consultant who has worked with law students for many years, is available to NYLS students for a confidential consultation without charge. Appointments can be arranged directly with Dr. Rosenberger and take place in her private office. Dr. Rosenberger can be reached at (212) 987-8239. Any consultation with Dr. Rosenberger will remain completely confidential; New York Law School is not informed when students contact her. If you

would like additional information about this service, please contact Sally Harding in the Office of Student Services. The Office of Student Services also has information about other counseling services.

ESSAY COMPETITION

The International Law Journal of the University of Iowa College of Law, 1997 Dorothy Schramm World Affairs Student Writing Competition.

Topic: Any topic of contemporary transnational concern with legal implications

Prize: \$1,000.

Deadline: March 3, 1997

The New York Women's Bar Association announces The Florence P. Shientag Award Competition.

Topic: A recent legislative enactment or proposal that has particular consequences for women (such as, but not limited to) Welfare reform, enhanced criminal sanctions for drug addicted pregnant women, HIV testing of newborn babies, and the education of children of illegal aliens and address its legal ramifications.

Prize: \$1,000

Deadline: April 14, 1997

Loyola Law School Sixth Annual Joseph Bernfeld Essay Competition

Topic: Papers should focus on an issue of bankruptcy, insolvency law, or related matters, such as debtor-creditor relations, receiverships, assignments for the benefit of creditors, or out-of-court workouts.

Prizes: \$2,500; \$1,500; \$1,000

Deadline: July 1, 1997

Suffolk University Law School and Suffolk Lawyers Guild Second Annual Academic Convocation for Law Students

Topic: "Law in a Changing Society."

Prizes: \$300; \$200; \$100

Deadline: December 15, 1997



Externships

Attention first and second year students applying for a Summer or Fall 1997 FEDERAL OR STATE APPELLATE Judicial Externship (not State Trial Judicial Externship).

Applications are due on Thursday, January 16, 1997 no later than 3 p.m. at the Lawyering Skills Office room B107. Your application should include 3 resumes, 3 copies of your writing sample, and your Judicial Externship Preference Form. **Be sure to staple your writing samples and paper clip your resumes to your writing samples.**

As the Judicial Externship Packet indicates, students applying for Federal and State Appellate Externships must interview with members of the NYLS Placement and Clerkship Committee. Interviews will take place on **January 21 and 22, 1997.** You can sign up for an interview slot when you submit your application in Room B107.

Extra Judicial Externship packets are available in the Lawyering Skills Office (Room B107). If you have any questions, see Susan D'Ambra, Externship Coordinator in room C208.

DID YOU KNOW...

the Counsel to Siemen's Corporation is a NYLS alumna?

**Her name is Ellen Roth
Class of '69**

SECURITY AND SAFETY



TIS THE SEASON TO BEWARE OF PICKPOCKETS

The holiday season provides many opportunities for the pickpocket. Here are some tips on how to keep your holiday crime free:

- Carry your handbags over the shoulder and close to the body, not dangling by the handle. A wallet should be placed at the bottom or within a zippered compartment of your bag. Consider dividing a portion your money between clothing pockets and a handbag or briefcase.

- Carry your wallet in an inside coat or front pant pocket.

- Avoid overloading your arms with packages or other items.

- Stay alert and be aware of what is going on around you, especially in crowded settings-walking along streets, in elevators, on staircases, in stores and while riding on mass transit.

- Pickpockets often work with the assistance of others. Be alert of loud and disruptive outbursts, and of being stopped by strangers seeking directions. These actions have been used by pickpockets to divert your attention from an accomplice.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR....

Exam numbers for final examinations will be available at the Registrar's Office **beginning today, December 2.** All students are required to use this number on their final examinations.

The Registrar's Office hours are as follows:
Monday - Thursday: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Friday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

During the examination period from December 10 to December 20 the Registrar's Office will be open as follows:

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

If you wish to check the daily examination schedule, you may call the Registrar Hotline 212-431-2301 and press no. 7.

Please note that no grades will be posted until after the completion of the examination period. You may call the Registrar Hotline at 212-431-2301 and press no. 6 beginning December 26th to learn which grades have been posted.

ATTENTION FEBRUARY 1997 GRADUATES

The New York State Bar Applications for the February Bar Examinations are now available in the Office of the Registrar.

Any student who intends to sit for the New York State Bar in February 1997 is required to complete a Handwriting Sample. Be advised that the Handwriting Sample must be completed in its entirety before an officer of the Law School. Please call Sharon Walsh at 431-2300 to schedule an appointment.

Be sure to present your New York Law School ID at the time you complete your Handwriting Sample.



Faculty Activities

On Tuesday, November 19th, **Professor Emeritus B.J. George** was awarded a *kunsantozuihoshō* (*kunshō*) decoration by the Japanese government, in Tokyo. The decoration was recommended by former students and colleagues.

Professor Karen Gross had dinner with President Clinton and bankruptcy professionals at the home of William Brandt on September 17.

On November 21, **Professor Randolph Jonakait** gave a talk on "Objections, Limiting Instruction, and the Doctrine of Completeness" for the New York State Bar Association's program, "Practical Evidence." Professor Jonakait has been appointed a member of the ABA Committee on Law and the Regulation of Scientific Research.

On November 14, **Professor Arthur Leonard** spoke on "Homosexuality and the Law" for a sociology class at Hunter College of the City University of New York taught by Professor Yaffa Schlesinger. On November 26, he was quoted on confidentiality issues surrounding HIV status in an article titled "Confidentially Speaking" in the national lesbian and gay magazine *The Advocate*.

Professor Carlin Meyer wrote a review of the book *A Guide to America's Sex Laws* by Richard A. Posner and Katherine B. Silbaugh, for the *New York Law Journal*. The review was published on November 8.

Professor Michael Perlin visited the University of Iowa last week as the Ida Beem Distinguished Visiting Professor at the College of Law and School of Medicine. He presented a Grand Rounds talk to the Medical School (on development in the law of competency to waive counsel and competency to plead guilty), and a special lecture to the law school on the insanity defense. This latter paper -- "The Borderline Which Separated You From Me": The Insanity Defense, the Authoritarian Spirit, the Fear of Faking, and the Culture of Punishment -- will be published as the lead article in an upcoming issue of the *Iowa Law Review*. While at the university, he also presented a lunchtime talk to the law faculty (on other insanity defense topics), taught the Law and Psychiatry class at the law school, and spoke to faculty in the forensic psychiatry, child psychiatry and pediatrics departments at the medical school about recent legal developments related to those areas of specialty practice.

On November 13, **Professor Richard Sherwin** appeared on "Inside the Law" a nationally syndicated public television series, hosted by Jack

Ford. The subject was the interconnections between law and film. Filmmaker Alan Pakula (*To Kill A Mockingbird*, *Presumed Innocent*, *The Pelican Brief*,) also appeared on the program.

On November 11, **Professor Nadine Strossen** gave two lectures at Harvard University. On November 13, she lectured at the University of Southern Indiana in Evansville, Indiana. On November 14, she gave the keynote address at the Annual Banquet of the ACLU of Pennsylvania. She was also interviewed on Radio America's "Dateline Washington" program about the ACLU's constitutional challenge to the California anti-affirmative action ballot initiative. On November 15, she gave two talks in Chicago, sponsored by the ACLU of Illinois. On November 16, she spoke at the Annual Awards Dinner of the ACLU of New Jersey in New Brunswick. She received that organization's Roger N. Baldwin Civil Liberties Award, along with John J. Gibbons, retired Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, and New Jersey Congressman Donald Payne. On November 18, she was taped for two upcoming "Freedom Speaks" programs, to be aired on PBS-TV, on "Fashion, Advertising, and Media Responsibility," and "Kids, Clothes, and Free Expression." On November 20, she debated Julius Chambers, former Director-Counsel of the NAACP-LDEF, for an audience of New York City high school students, in a program sponsored by the Board of Education. The topic was hate speech codes on college and university campuses. On November 21, she spoke at a reception for the ACLU of Southern California in Los Angeles, and was a guest on CBS TV's "Late Late Show" with Tom Snyder.

On November 12, **Professor Ann F. Thomas** spoke about prospects for tax policy change in the second Clinton administration at the Annual National Economic Policy Forum of the Women's Economic Round Table in New York. This year's program focused on trade, taxation and the Federal Reserve System. The other panelists were the Honorable Nancy Hays Teeters, former Federal Reserve Governor and the Honorable Barbara Hackman Franklin, former Secretary of Commerce. Elizabeth E. Bailey, Professor of Public Policy and management at the Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, moderated the forum which also included Constance Mitchell Ford, Economic Editor of the *Wall Street Journal* and MaryAnn Busso of Bloomberg Business News.

Career Services Update

For applications or more information on any of these opportunities, please contact the Office of Career Services on the fifth floor at 53 Worth Street, or call us at 431-2345.

NYU LEGAL CAREER SYMPOSIUM

New York University School of Law will be holding their annual Legal Career Symposium February 13 & 14, 1997. It will feature panel discussions, information tables for individual meetings with representatives from more than 100 public sector organizations, and interviews by employers seeking students for summer or entry-level positions. More information will be made available as soon as it comes in.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINARS (PDS) ON VIDEO

For those students who missed the Professional Development Seminars, we have videos available in the Office of Career Services. Viewing of these seminars is a prerequisite to using the counseling services of the Office of Career Services.

FALL RECRUITMENT PROGRAMS

The Fall Recruitment Programs are coming to an end. Please remember to report all callbacks and offers to the Office of Career Services.

STUDENTS OF COLOR

City Bar Summer Fellow Program: Take Advantage of this Opportunity! This program is offered by the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. It is designed to address the under-representation of attorneys of color in New York City law firms. Participation in the program enables students to experience work in a law firm or corporation as a summer associate. Applications are available in the Office of Career Services. Application deadline is February 3, 1997.

FELLOWSHIPS

- **Human Rights Watch** - Fellowship in International Human Rights application DEADLINE is December 8.
- **Minority Fellowship in Environmental Law** application DEADLINE is December 16.
- **Northwestern School of Law of Lewis & Clark College** - Natural Resources Law Institute

Fellowship application DEADLINE is March 4, 1997.

HOLIDAY HOURS

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the Office of Career Services will be closing early on Wednesday, November 27. The hours will be from 9 a.m. to noon.

The office will have special hours over winter break. Starting Friday, December 6, and ending January 10, 1997 the office hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Appointments after 5 p.m. will be available upon request. Walk-in appointments will be held from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday, except for the week of Christmas.

CAREER SERVICES INFORMATION TABLE:

Information tables have ended for the fall semester; look for the information table outside of room B100 to resume after winter break.

REMINDER OF UPCOMING DEADLINES

● **Charles H. Revson Law Students Public Interest (LSPIN) Fellowship Program**

This program will provide summer grants for first- and second-year law students to work with public interest organizations in the New York metropolitan area. It is designed to give qualified and committed law students the opportunity to explore career opportunities in public interest law and public service. Approximately forty-two grants of \$3,250 will be awarded to students attending law school in New York and New Jersey for ten weeks of full-time work during the summer of 1997. The application DEADLINE is December 3.

● **Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI)**

Summer Internship Program application DEADLINE is January 13, 1997.

● **Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund (PRLDEF) Scholarships** application DEADLINE are January 31, 1997.

● **New Jersey Summer Public Interest Legal Intern Program** application DEADLINE is February 14, 1997.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

for the week of December 2, 1996

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

- Last Day of Classes

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

- Reading Period Begins

FUTURE EVENTS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

- Last Day of Reading Period

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

- Final Examinations Begin

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

- City Law Breakfast - Gretchen Dykstra, President of the Times Square Business Improvement District
8:15 a.m., The Dining Room

Next week's **Counselor** will be the last issue for the Fall Semester.
Following next week's issue, **Counselor** will stop publication until January 13.