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## **MAYOR DINKINS TO SPEAK AT JUNE COMMENCEMENT**

The Honorable David N. Dinkins, Mayor of the City of New York, will receive an honorary doctor of laws degree and will be the featured speaker at the Law School's commencement ceremony in June, Dean Simon has announced.

"Ours is a uniquely urban institution and we count among our founding principles a commitment to serve the city that is our home. It is, therefore, a singular and appropriate honor to have the Mayor take part in our centennial commencement," he said.

Dean Simon also noted that the Law School has always enjoyed a close relationship with City institutions and that "the links between the Law School and City Hall have been especially strong." Three New York Law School graduates have served as mayor and many graduates have gone on to careers in public service with city agencies. In addition, many municipal employees are enrolled in the Law School's evening program.

Mayor Dinkins will join a distinguished list of elected officials who have received honorary degrees from the Law School, including former President Gerald R. Ford, Senators Daniel Patrick Moynihan and Alfonse D'Amato, New York Governor Mario M. Cuomo, Connecticut Governor Lowell P. Weicker, former New Jersey Governors Thomas H. Kean and Brendan T. Byrne and former New York City Mayors Robert F. Wagner and Edward I. Koch.

The 1991 commencement ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, June 9 at 2 p.m. in Avery Fisher Hall at Lincoln Center.

## **LAW SCHOOL TO CELEBRATE BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Lectures, exhibits and special events, organized through the joint efforts of the Black Law Students Association and the Office of Student Services will highlight the Law School's observance of Black History Month throughout February.

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Patricia Williams, Associate Professor at the University of Wisconsin at Madison and author of The Alchemy of Race and Rights: Diary of a Law Professor, will lecture on a date and time to be announced. On February 19th and 20th, the award winning film "Eyes on the Prize II" will be shown continuously in the student lounge from noon to 6:00 p.m. Last year, the Black Law Students Association purchased the film series and donated it to the library for the Law School's use.

Also planned is a series of changing displays on "Black Achievement in Law." On exhibit will be information on black New York Law School alumni who have gone on to have successful careers. For more information on Black History Month events, please contact Monica Coen in the Office of Student Services, 2nd Floor, 57 Worth Street.

## **CAREER SERVICES, ALUMNI OFFICES TO HOST PUBLIC SERVICES SALUTE**

Students interested in public service careers will have the opportunity to meet and talk with prominent Law School alumni serving in city and state government at a reception on February 28 in the Faculty Dining Room at 5 p.m. Special guests at the event sponsored by the Office of Career Services and Office of Alumni Affairs will include Kathleen Grimm '80, First Deputy Commissioner, New York City Department of Finance, Hon. Milton L. Williams '64, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge, New York City Courts, and Angelo Aponte '91, New York State Commissioner of Housing.

The alumni committee for the reception includes; Monica L. Blum '80, Mayor's Advisory Committee on Appointments; Nathan Burkan, Jr. '58, New York City Law Department; Matthew A. Cresser '89, Securities and Exchange Commission; Arcangelo Distefano '68, Federal Bureau of Investigation; Joseph T. Gunn '85, New York City Public Development Corp.; George Jeffords '76, New York City Corporation Counsel; Albert Knaus '85, Mayor's Office on Homelessness and SRO Housing; Ronda Lustman '72, New York State Attorney General's Office; Donald Westervelt '86, Internal Revenue Service; and Michael B. Zapantis '78, New York/New Jersey Port Authority.

To reserve a place at the reception students should come to the Office of Alumni Affairs, 6th floor, 57 Worth Street, or call ext. 809 before February 22.

## **HUDSON RIVER SUBJECT OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAW LECTURE**

"Citizen Action on the Hudson River" will be the topic of a lecture sponsored by the Environmental Law Society at 4:30 p.m. on March 7 in the Faculty Dining Room. Robert Kennedy, Jr., Senior Staff Attorney of the National Resource Defense Council will be the guest

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speaker. In addition to his work with the Defense Council, Mr. Kennedy is a Clinical Professor of Law at Pace University Law School and Supervising Attorney of the Hudson Fisherman's Association. For more information call the Environmental Law Society at ext. 116.

## **DONORS TO BE RECOGNIZED ON FEBRUARY 5**

Rooms and facilities throughout the Mendik Library and Centennial Renovations will be dedicated on February 5. Brass plaques have been installed throughout the Law School buildings to identify alumni and friends of the School who have dedicated facilities ranging from the Starr International Law Center in the Mendik Library to chairs in the LeFrak Moot Court Room and study carrels throughout the library.

All donors to the Second Century Campaign have been invited to a dedication celebration in the Mendik Library at 6 p.m on February 5, and tours of the new facilities will be conducted throughout the evening.

## **NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL FACULTY UPDATE**

### **PROFESSOR STROSSEN ELECTED A.C.L.U. PRESIDENT**

**Professor Nadine Strossen** was elected president of the American Civil Liberties Union on January 26. She is the first female president in the 71 year history of the organization. Professor Strossen, the A.C.L.U. general counsel since 1986, succeeds N.Y.U. law professor Norman Dorsen, who served as president since 1976. As president, she will lead the group's policy making board in recognizing issues concerning civil liberties and appropriating the organization's budget.

**Professor Robert Blecker** was quoted in the November 24 Ashville, N.C. World on violence among young people.

**Professor Michael Botein** was quoted in a profile on FCC Chairman Al Sikes in the December 15 Telephone Engineer & Management.

**Professor B.J. George's** case notes on Burns v. United States, 1990-91 Term Preview of United States Supreme Court Cases 1929-31 (Issue No. 4, December 14, 1990) were  
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published in the ABA Preview of United States Supreme Court Cases. He was quoted on a California court ruling on the mental competency of a convict on death row in the December 10, National Law Journal.

**Professor Arthur Leonard** has been appointed co-chair of the new Special Committee on Lesbians and Gay Men in the Legal Profession of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. He was interviewed on WFAS-AM's "The Law and You" program on December 19. On December 28 he spoke at the American Historical Association's annual meeting in New York on a panel on "The History of Sodomy Law Reform in the United States." His letter to the editor "The Real World" appeared in the January 1 Village Voice. On January 4 he spoke at the Association of American Law Schools annual meeting in Washington D.C. on panels on "Teaching AIDS Law" and "Non-Traditional Families and the Law." He was quoted on the subject of teaching AIDS law in an article in the January 11 issue of the Chicago Daily Law Bulletin. His letter to the editor "Public Health Doesn't Gain From AIDS Edict" appeared in the January 23 New York Law Journal. On January 23 he spoke at the New York State Bar Association annual meeting on a program on The Legal Issues of HIV and AIDS, discussing employment law issues. On January 25 he spoke at Duke University's "Frontiers of Legal Thought," participating in a panel on gay and lesbian rights and the law. On January 30 he spoke at the University of Pennsylvania on the Legal Rights of Lesbian and Gay Employees. On February 3 he will moderate a panel discussion on lesbian and gay family law issues at the Congregation Beth Sinchat Torah, New York. He is co-author with Professors Robert Jarvis (Nova Law School), Michael Closen (John Marshall Law School) and Donald Hermann (DePaul Law School) of AIDS Law in a Nutshell (West Publishing Co., 1991). His extensive legal bibliography on AIDS is included as Chapter 14 of the new treatise, Legal Aspects of AIDS, published by Callaghan & Company during December.

**Professor Gerald Meyer** prepared the English language version of International Copyright and Neighboring Rights Law, published by VCH Publishers.

**Professor Zuhayr Moghrabi** spoke on international environmental legal problems at a symposium sponsored by the New York Law School Environmental Law Society on November 1.

**Professor Stephen Newman** spoke on "Legal Problems in the Use of Stress Response Syndrome Testimony" at the Conference on Psychiatry and Law sponsored by the Tri-State Chapter of the American Academy of Psychiatry & the Law on January 26.

**Professor Michael Perlin's** paper, "Power Imbalances in Therapeutic and Forensic Relationships," has been accepted for a special symposium issue of Behavioral Sciences and the Law. He will be giving the keynote address at the American College of Forensic Psychiatry's yearly national conference this spring on "Predicting Judicial Behavior in Civil

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and Criminal Right to Refuse Treatment Cases" which will be published in a future issue of the American Journal of Forensic Psychiatry. He moderated a panel discussion on "Approaching the 21st Century: 'Therapeutic Jurisprudence,' Cognitive Psychology, and the Future of Mental Disability Law" at the Law and Mental Disability Section meeting of AALS in January, and has been elected section chair for 1991-92.

**Professor Stuart Schlesinger's** article "Depositions of Employees; Videotapes" appeared in the Product Liability column of the December 21 New York Law Journal.

**Professor E. Donald Shapiro** will lead a delegation of bioethics and medical-legal specialists to meet with their counterparts in England, Poland and Czechoslovakia as a Delegation Leader of the Citizen Ambassador Program.

**Professor Richard Siegler's** article, "Medical Waste; Commercial Use; Inspection of Records" appeared in the "Cooperatives and Condominiums" column of the January 2 New York Law Journal.

**Professor Martin Silfen** was made an honorary citizen of New Orleans in appreciation of his contribution to the Continuing Legal Education Program in Entertainment Law held in New Orleans on December 7. For the 15th consecutive year he will chair the Practicing Law Institute Program entitled "Counseling Clients in the Entertainment Industry." The program will be held in Manhattan in March.

**Professor Marjorie Silver's** article, "Giving Notice: An Argument For Notification of Putative Plaintiffs in Complex Litigation, will be published in 66 Washington Law Review #3 (June/July 1991).

**Professor Michael Sinclair's** article "Employment at Pleasure: An Idea Whose Time Has Passed" is to be published in the Banking Law Journal. His review essay, "Group Dynamics and the Law" is to be published in the Legal Studies Forum.

## STAFF UPDATE

**Richard Alston** has been promoted to Library Assistant in the Mendik Library's Circulation Department. He joined the Library staff in May, 1989 and he is currently a student at Bronx Community College.

**Mandy Cummings** has joined Technical Services as a Library Assistant. She is a 1990 graduate of Swarthmore College with a degree in History. She was a house manager of Swarthmore's performance facility and was a violinist in the college orchestra.

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## FEBRUARY DOCKET

Tuesday 5th	Donor Dedication & Celebration Mendik Library, 4th Floor - 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday 12th	Criminal Law Lecture Speakers to be announced Faculty Dining Room - 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Monday 18th	Presidents Day (Staff Holiday)
Tues-Wed. 19th-20th	Continuous showing of "Eyes on the Prize" Sponsored by the Black Law Students Association Student Lounge - 12:00 Noon to 6:00 p.m.
Thursday 28th	Public Sector Alumni/Students Reception Faculty Dining Room - 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Special Guests -Hon. Milton Williams '64, Kathleen Grimm '85, and Angelo Aponte '91.

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**Norman Dawkins** is the new Purchasing Assistant. He has most recently worked at Cardozo School of Law and has a diploma in supervision from the Institute of Management and Production in Kingston, Jamaica.

**C. Moono Mupotola** has been appointed an intern in the Office of the Dean of Academic Affairs until February, 1991. She is a student at Bennington College.

**Roman Perez-Contreras** has joined Technical Services as a Serials Assistant. He holds a B.A. in English from Hunter College and has been employed by the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the library of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.