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## CAREER ADVICE OPPORTUNITY

### Dean's Roundtable

Robert B. Jackson, Partner at Schneider, Kleinick, Weitz, Damashek & Shoot, is the

Dean's Roundtables, an opportunity for students to discuss career opportunities with successful alumni/ae in a relaxed setting, are a luncheon series. For reservations, please call Student Services at x851

featured guest at the Dean's Roundtable on March 12.

Mr. Jackson, who specializes in medical malpractice law, will speak informally about his professional life since

graduating from NYLS in 1975, and will answer students' questions. The Dean's Roundtable begins at 12:45pm and ends at 2pm in the Board Room (Mendik Library). Limited seats are available.

## MOOT COURT

### Wagner Competition

Get ready for the largest moot court competition in the nation -- the 20th Annual 1996 Robert F. Wagner, Sr. National Labor Law Moot Court Competition -- coming to NYLS the weekend of March 14 through 17. Prestigious judges from the National Labor Relations Board, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the U.S. District Courts of NY and attorneys in private practice, will serve as competition judges.

Students should call Juanita Gillus, Director of Co-Curricular Activities, at x109 to volunteer as timekeepers or judge's escorts.

## ANNUAL TRADITION

### Class of 1996 Class Gift Committee

The Class of 1996 Class Gift Committee will hold a special luncheon on Wednesday, March 6 from 1 to 2pm in the Board Room, 3rd floor, Mendik Library, to discuss ideas for the Class Gift. An invitation is extended to anyone interested in becoming involved in this annual tradition. Please RSVP to Brenda Guzman at the Office of Alumni Affairs (791-2138) by Tuesday, March 5. Members to date are Eileen McCrohan, Sonia Miller, Andrea Morgan, Maria Moukides, Adele Murray, Tim Lorah, Akiva Ofshstein, Lydia Payne, Gus Pantazis, Mike Tiliakos and Corrine Wright.

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## Library News

### LIBRARY WESTLAW AND LEXIS TRAINING

The library is now offering Westlaw and Lexis classes each Wednesday at 11:45 am and alternating Monday and Wednesday evenings at 5:30 pm. Please sign-up in advance at the library circulation desk. The following is the schedule of classes for the rest of the semester:

- March 6 11:45am Lexis Class**  
2nd Floor Westlaw Room, L214
- March 6 5:30pm Westlaw Class**  
3rd Floor Westlaw Room, L311
- March 11 5:30pm Westlaw Class**  
3rd Floor Westlaw Room, L311
- March 13 11:45am Westlaw Class**  
3rd Floor Westlaw Room, L311
- March 20 11:45am Lexis Class**  
2nd Floor Westlaw Room, L214
- March 20 5:30pm Lexis Class**  
2nd Floor Westlaw Room, L214
- March 25 5:30pm Lexis Class**  
2nd Floor Westlaw Room, L214
- March 27 11:45am Westlaw Class**  
3rd Floor Westlaw Room, L311

### LEXIS STUDENT OFFICE AND LAW SCHOOLS ONLINE SOFTWARE AND PASSWORDS

Students needing either the software or passwords (or both) may pick them up from Kate McLeod, L211, Monday and Wednesdays between 5 and 6:15pm, or when she is on the reference desk. Students whose passwords were not generated can pick up their passwords at the same times.

## **WRITING SPECIALIST WORKSHOPS**

### Rewriting Your Brief as a Team

Monday, **March 4**, 3pm, C200  
Tuesday, **March 5**, 10:30am, C200



## Student Services Update

### FREE TAX ASSISTANCE

The IRS VITA Program offers free assistance in filling out basic federal and state tax returns. An electronic filing service will also be offered free of charge. Volunteers will be available on an appointment basis and during certain hours starting **March 11**. The program will run through April 2. If interested in obtaining free tax help, contact Student Services at 431-2852.

### ESSAY CONTEST

The Alliance for Justice and the Program on Law and Government at American University's Washington College of Law announce the Bon Edwards 1996 Bill of Rights Award. Students are invited to write an essay on the topic of "Liberty Under Siege: Reclaiming the Constitution." The essay should identify one of today's assaults on liberty and propose creative and pragmatic ways to address it and/or advance the overall cause of justice. Prizes of \$5,000 each will be awarded to four winning students. Deadline is **June 30**.

### AUCTION CONTRIBUTIONS REQUESTED

The Public Interest Coalition requests contributions of goods and services to be offered at the PIC Auction on **March 21**. Money raised will fund summer fellowships. The value of your contribution is tax deductible, and all who contribute will be featured in the auction booklet. If you can contribute, please contact Helena Prigal, Director of Student Services, at 431-2318.

### BARRISTER'S BALL

You're invited to the Barrister's Ball Saturday, **March 30** from 7:30 to 12 midnight in the Student Center and Reading Room. Tickets, priced at \$15 -- which includes dinner, dancing and an open bar -- can be purchased from Nilie Pajoochi and from the Office of Student Services.

## REGISTRATION FOR 1996-97

Registration materials for the 1996-97 academic year and for Summer 1996, are available today through Friday in the Ernst Stiefel Reading Room. Please pick up your materials as soon as possible if you are interested in the following courses for which the deadline for submitting pre-registration applications is **FRIDAY, MARCH 8, BY 3PM.**

Alternative Dispute Resolution Workshop  
Civil and Human Rights Clinic  
Copyright Law Seminar & Workshop  
Corporation and Securities Law Seminar & Workshop\*  
Criminal Justice Seminar & Workshop  
Derivatives Market Regulation Seminar & Workshop  
Employment Practices Seminar & Workshop  
Externship Seminar & Placement  
Immigration Law Seminar & Workshop  
Import Trade Law Seminar & Simulation  
Internal Revenue Services Seminar & Workshop  
International Human Rights Seminar & Workshop  
Judicial Internship: State & Federal  
Media Law Seminar & Workshop\*  
Negotiating, Counseling, & Interviewing  
New York City Law Seminar & Workshop  
Trial Advocacy

\* The Registrar's Office will automatically provide the transcripts required for these courses directly to the faculty members for anyone submitting an application for the course.

### INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

There will be an informational meeting on the Copyright Law Seminar and Workshop with Professor Samuels on Wednesday, **March 6**, at 4pm in Room A700.

Informational meetings on the Externship and Judicial Internship courses will be held with Professor Mariana Hogan on Tuesday, **March 5** at 12 and 5pm in Room B100.

There will be a mandatory meeting for students interested in the Alternative Dispute Resolution Workshop with Professor Margaret Leibowitz on Tuesday, **March 12**, at 4:30pm in Room B100.

**Please see the reverse side of this page for a calendar of all registration events.**

**CALENDAR FOR REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER 1996, FALL 1996 & SPRING 1997****Monday, March 4 through Friday, March 8**

- \* Office of the Registrar distributes registration material in the Ernst Stiefel Reading Room.
- \* Students interested in taking a course requiring preregistration return an application form to the Ernst Stiefel Reading Room. At the time students return an application form for a course, they will sign up for an interview, if required.

**Friday, March 8**

- \* Preregistration applications due back to the Ernst Stiefel Reading Room.

**Wednesday, March 6 through Wednesday March 20**

- \* Students interviewed by professors for courses requiring preregistration.

**Monday, March 18 through Friday March 22**

- \* Students pick up lottery numbers for Trial Advocacy at the Office of the Registrar.

**Friday, March 22**

- \* Professors submit to the Office of the Registrar a list of students eligible to register for a preregistration course, as well as a waiting list (in order of most preferred to least preferred) with the names of the students the professor would like the Office of the Registrar to add to the course in the event there are openings.

**Monday, March 25**

- \* The Office of the Registrar will post outside of Room B-100 lists of students eligible to register for preregistration courses.

**Tuesday, March 26**

- \* Lottery for Trial Advocacy is conducted by the Office of the Registrar in the Faculty Dining Room.

**Wednesday, March 27**

- \* Lists of section assignments will be posted by 11am outside B-100.

**March 27 through April 1**

- \* The Office of the Registrar conducts registration for Summer 1996, Fall 1996 & Spring 1997. As it is now tentatively planned, students will be directed to submit their registration forms in the Stiefel Reading Room on Wednesday, March 27 and Monday, April 1 from 11am to 2pm and 4pm to 8pm, and on Thursday, March 28 and Friday, March 29 from 11am to 3pm.

**Monday, May 13**

- \* The Office of the Registrar will mail out program confirmations. Students closed out of a course will also receive material for early, free change of program.

**Monday, June 17 through Friday, June 28**

- \* Priority Change of Program period for students who were closed out of courses.

**Friday, June 28th**

- \* Last day to drop a binding registration course



## Faculty Activities

An article written by **Professor E. Donald Shapiro** (with Stewart Reifler, '92) entitled "Forensic DNA Analysis and the United States Government" was published in the January 1996 issue of the British scholarly medical journal *Medicine, Science and the Law*.



**Adjunct Professor Daniel Alterman** was quoted in the February 26 issue of *New York* magazine, in a story on his client Betty Weems, who has filed a sex-discrimination complaint against Barnard College.



On February 21, **Professor Ross Sandler** moderated a panel discussion at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York entitled "New York City's Taxi Industry: Getting Street Smart," about regulation of NYC's taxi and livery industry and innovations aimed at improving the quality of drivers and cabs.

On February 20, **Professor Nadine Strossen** was interviewed on CNN-FN's "Digital Jam" program, about the ACLU's lawsuit challenging the Communications Decency Act (barring "indecent" and other expression in cyberspace). On February 22, she debated censorship of pornography with Stanley Fish, Professor of English and Law at Duke University, on the North Carolina affiliate of National Public Radio. On February 24, she spoke about her book on that subject at the Stanford University Bookstore in Palo Alto. On that same date, she addressed the Annual Law Students' Conference of the Federalist Society, at Stanford Law School, on "Feds Fighting Crime: When and How?" (her fellow panelists were Ninth Circuit Judge Alex Kozinski and former head of the Civil Division, U.S. Justice Department, Richard Willard). On February 25, she lectured at West Virginia University, in Morgantown, as part of the University's "Festival of Ideas." On February 26, she made a "Showcase Presentation" to the National Convention of the National Association of Campus Activities in Nashville.

### GREAT SUCCESS FOR THE CIVIL LAW CLINIC

The Civil Law Clinic is pleased to announce several recent successful efforts on behalf of its clients. In the last year, the Clinic has obtained political asylum for five refugees, including a political dissident from China, a lifelong political prisoner from Albania, a Kurdish journalist from Turkey, and refugees from ethnic persecution in Bosnia and Burundi. The Clinic also reached settlements on behalf of clients in housing discrimination and community reinvestment cases. Several Clinic clients obtained not-for-profit status and exemption from federal taxes, including a community group that promotes public schools in New York City and a group that educates the public about drug abuse treatment and policy.

Professors Carol Buckler, Larry Grosberg, and Richard Marsico supervise students in the Clinic. Among the students who worked on these cases are Felicity Lung, Jennifer Drayton, James White, Kristen Snyder, Nilie Pajoochi, Stephanie Elmore, Liam McLaughlin, Rachel Marshall, Julian Miller, Joylette Hairston, Brenda Hall, Janine McQuilkin, Maureen Duffy, David Brookstone, Diane Constantine, Allen Cremer, Gareth Bullock, Greg Pietrzak, Dominic Kong, Simone Nicholson and Audra Barrow.

Starting next year, the Clinic will change its name to the **Civil and Human Rights Clinic**, concentrating its efforts on political asylum and discrimination cases.



## 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.

### NETWORKING LUNCHES

Seating is limited for the Networking lunches but students are no longer limited to 2 lunches per semester. The RSVP list is located on the bulletin board between B503 & B505. The following are the next two lunches:

#### 1. Immigration Law

Wednesday, March 6  
1pm in The Dining Room

#### 2. Network With Leaders in NYC Government

*This special networking lunch, co-sponsored by The Center for New York City Law and the Office of Career Services is for students interested in careers in NYC government. Guests include General Counsels of 16 city agencies and prominent alumni.*

Wednesday, March 13  
1pm in The Dining Room

### SPRING ON-CAMPUS RECRUITMENT PROGRAM

Resume Referral Employer: **Matthew Bender & Co., Inc.** (for Classes of 1997 & 1998). Matthew Bender is a legal publishing company whose large legal department is hiring clerks for the summer. Submit resumes by Friday, **March 8.**

### CONGRESSIONAL FELLOWSHIPS ON WOMEN AND PUBLIC POLICY

The Women's Research and Education Institute is accepting applications for this fellowship, which places graduate students as legislative aides in Congressional offices and on

strategic committee staffs, working 30-hour weeks on policy issues affecting women. Orientation begins September 9 and office placement is from October 7, 1996 to May 30, 1997. The deadline is **March 15.**

### ATTENTION EVENING STUDENTS WALK-IN HOURS LOCATION

Paula Whitney Best, Associate Director and Evening Division Counselor, will be available on Wednesdays from 5:15 - 5:45pm to meet with evening students privately to answer quick career related or job search questions. The March 6th location will be in Room B103.

### REMINDERS:

\* The Suffolk County Bar Association invites law students who are residents of or planning careers in Suffolk County to a reception on Friday, **March 8** from 4 to 6pm. For more information and to RSVP call the Bar Association at 516-234-5511.

\* The Northwestern School of Law Natural Resources Law Institute Fellowship deadline, for graduating students, is **March 4.**

### **DID YOU KNOW...**

a Partner with Coudert Brothers  
is a *NYLS* alumna?

Her name is Pamela Ostrager  
Class of '73

### ROBERT BOSCH FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM FOR GRADUATING STUDENTS

This nine-month fellowship aims to provide young American professionals and executives with a comprehensive overview of the political, economic and cultural environment of Europe, especially Germany. Applicants  
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should possess a graduate or professional degree. The deadline is October 15, 1996.

**ATTENTION EVENING DIVISION STUDENTS**

We cordially invite all Evening Division students to our new Success Stories Soiree Series, which will be held the first three Tuesdays in March (the 5th, 12th and 19th) from 5:15 to 6pm. Meet with successful graduates of the Evening Division over sandwiches, and take the opportunity to discuss their career paths and their practice areas.

In another program designed especially for Evening Division students, we are conducting a Networking Skills Development Mini-Series, taking place on the same three Tuesday evenings in March, from 7:15 to 8pm. Refreshments will be available.

Both events on March 5th will be held in Room B200. Please RSVP on the Career Services 5th Floor Bulletin Board (to assist us with our food orders). Whether you RSVP or not, you are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**WORK-STUDY POSITION AVAILABLE**

The Office of Career Services has a position available for a work-study student. Responsibilities include assisting staff with various projects, data entry and general office duties.

**ADMINISTRATOR'S NEWS**

Deborah Howard conducted a diversity training for the 80-member Barnstable Police Department on Cape Cod on February 24 and 25.

# THE CENTER FOR NEW YORK CITY LAW

The Center for New York City Law seeks applications from February and June 1996 graduates of New York Law School for the Center's Fellowship. Applications should include resume and transcript and be delivered to the office of the Center (A1001) or to Professor Ross Sandler's office (B404) by April 19.

The Fellowship, a one-year appointment from August 1996 to August 1997, is modeled after judicial clerkships. The Fellow will develop expertise in New York City law and governmental operations, and will also have an opportunity to develop personal relationships with many governmental and political officials. Under the supervision of Professor Sandler, the Fellow will assist in the research, writing, editing, and management of *City Law*. Salary is \$36,000 with benefits.

For further information, please contact Margaret Peckham '95, Fellow in New York City Law, or Meg Reuter, Consulting Editor of *City Law* at 431-2115, or Prof. Ross Sandler at 431-2869.

The Center for New York City Law will hold an Information Session for students interested in learning about the work of the Center, and the Fellowship position at 5pm Tuesday, March 11. RSVP by calling 431-2115.



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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*for the week of February 26, 1996*

## MONDAY, MARCH 4

- Registration Material Available
- Writing Specialist Workshop  
3pm, Room C200

*Ellen Ryerson*

## TUESDAY, MARCH 5

- Writing Specialist Workshop  
10:30am, Room C200
- Informational Meetings on the Externship/Judicial Internship Courses  
12 and 5pm, Room B100
- Career Services Success Stories Soiree Series  
5:15 to 6pm, Room B200
- Career Services Networking Skills Development Mini-Series  
7:15 to 8pm, Room B200

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

- Lexis Class  
11:45am, 2nd Floor Westlaw Room, L214
- Informational Meeting on the Copyright Law Workshop/Seminar  
4pm, Room A700
- Westlaw Class  
5:30pm, 3rd Floor Westlaw Room, L311
- Career Services Networking Lunch on Immigration Law  
1pm, The Dining Room
- Class of 1996 Class Gift Committee Luncheon  
1 to 2pm, Board Room, Mendik Library

## THURSDAY, MARCH 7

- Criminal Law Society General Meetings  
1 to 1:30pm, Room B310; 6 to 6:30pm, Room A600
- International Law Society Tea  
4 to 5:30pm, Room A600

## FRIDAY, MARCH 8

- Pre-registration Applications Due