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## **NYLS HOSTS DELEGATION FROM PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA**

A historic delegation of 17 judges and lawyers from the People's Republic of China has chosen New York Law School as one of the few stops on its trip to the United States to study the American legal system.

The delegation will be headed by Gen Liang Wang, Director of Foreign Affairs of the Supreme People's Court of China.

Professor Terry Cone, the new C.V. Starr Professor of the Law of International Trade and Finance, will act as host and Professor Jim George will be the featured speaker at a luncheon for our distinguished guests this Tuesday. The luncheon will be held at noon in The Dining Room.

Seating is limited. Anyone interested in attending should contact the Office of Development and Public Affairs at 431-2800.

## **☞ REMINDER !**

The NYLS Alumni Association's reception for minority alumni/ae and friends will be held on Thursday, September 26, from 6 to 8 p.m. in The Dining Room. Professor Annette Gordon-Reed will speak about her forthcoming book *Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings: An American Controversy*.

Students interested in attending should contact the Alumni Office today at ext. 2800.

## **CITY LAW BREAKFASTS**



Each year the Center for New York City Law invites distinguished speakers to a series of breakfasts held on Friday mornings. The breakfasts are open to the public and are all held at 8:15 a.m. in The Dining Room. Reservations are appreciated, please call ext. 2115.

The impressive list of speakers lined up for this year's series includes:

- **September 27** -- Commissioner of Parks and Recreation Hon. Henry J. Stern
- **October 25** -- Richard Cotton, general counsel of NBC and chair of the Primary Care Development Corporation
- **December 13** -- Gretchen Dykstra, president of the Times Square Business Improvement District
- **February 28** -- Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., professor, Pace University, and chief prosecuting attorney for Hudson Riverkeeper
- **March 21** -- Hon. Rudy Washington, deputy mayor for community development & business services
- **April 18** -- Comptroller Hon. Alan G. Hevesi

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## Student Services Update

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

### AWARD

The Catholic University of America will award two prizes to law students for their papers on Communications Law.

Topic: Any aspect of Communications Law

Prize: \$1,000.00 and \$300.00

Deadline: **February 15, 1997**

### VOLUNTEER TEACHING

New York Civil Rights Coalition is seeking volunteer teachers of its Civil Rights and Race Relations course. This course is taught at 40 public high schools and two junior high schools in Manhattan. The commitment will be 2 to 3 hours per week, including transportation time. Days and times of the courses will vary according to the schedules of the volunteers and available courses. Volunteers should have an interest in, and a broad knowledge of, civil rights issues. Volunteers do not need a professional educational background to effectively teach classes. Orientation/training will be in mid-September and classes will begin in October. For more information, contact Program Director, Jennifer Weiser, at (212) 563-9758.

### STUDENT ORGANIZATION ACTIVITIES

- The Law Enforcement Law Students Association General Meeting will be held Monday, September 16, 5 - 5:50 p.m. in room A700.
- Criminal Law Society will hold a general meeting on Tuesday, September 17 at 1 p.m. in room B300. Anyone interested should come to discuss ideas for the year. The Criminal Law Society apologizes to evening students for the early time but encourages evening students to join and will hold evening meetings in the future as needed. Anyone who cannot attend may drop a note in Nathan Semmel's or Jerika Giwner's mailfolder, or in the Society's mailbox in Student Services.

### STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION NOTES

- Nomination forms for Senate Elections will be available during Executive Board office hours. (Hours are posted outside the Student Bar Association's office and on its bulletin board.)
- Positions are for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Year, Senators and Evening Student Senators. We encourage as

many people as possible to run for a senatorial position.

- Please vote in the upcoming election on September 24 and 25! Every vote is extremely important for passage of the new constitution.

### STUDENT SERVICES NEW OFFICE HOURS

Mon., Wed. & Thurs. 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Tues. 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Fri. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

## SECURITY & SAFETY



### CAMPUS TELEPHONES

A telephone has been installed in each classroom, corridor and computer room. These telephones permit on-campus dialing only. A directory of the most frequently contacted departments is near each telephone.

A key on each telephone is programmed to dial the security desk emergency number (2123) when pressed. **This key should only be pressed to contact an officer in an emergency.** For other inquiries, please contact a security officer on one of the following extensions:

47 Worth Street	X4184
57 Worth Street	X4185
Mendik Library	X4186

All of the telephones are digital and will not operate off the Law School premises. Please report telephone problems to the telephone help line at extension 4399.

### NYLS SCHOOL SMOKING POLICY

In the interest of providing a safe and healthy environment for faculty, students, employees and visitors, and in accordance with the **Clean Indoor Air Act of the City of New York (Rule Number 915-A)**, the following revised smoking policy, effective July 1, 1993, has been adopted by New York Law School:

**SMOKING IS PROHIBITED IN ALL NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL BUILDINGS, INCLUDING INDIVIDUAL OFFICES AND INSIDE AND OUTSIDE STAIRWELLS AND LANDINGS.**

Your cooperation is appreciated.

## 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.**

### NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

New York Law School is committed to a policy which prohibits discrimination in employment based on sex, sexual orientation, marital and parental status, race, color, religion, ethnic and national origin, age or handicap. The Office of Career Services facilities are available only to employers whose practices are consistent with this policy. Any student who feels an employer has violated this policy should contact Danielle Aptekar, Associate Director of Career Services.

### REMINDER -- LUNCHEON TODAY! CAREER PLANNING LUNCHEONS

Attend today's Career Planning Luncheon to learn about different post-graduate fellowships and funding opportunities. The panel will feature Susan Plum, director of the Skadden Fellowship Foundation and John Downer, Career Services associate director and public interest coordinator.

On Wednesday, students can learn about different career paths in government at a luncheon with Lynell D. Canagata '86, an attorney in Comptroller Alan Hevesi's office.

A luncheon on careers in computer & telecommunications law will be held on Wednesday, September 23.

All luncheons are held at 1 p.m. in room C400. Lunch will be served to the first 20 students who R.S.V.P. Late R.S.V.P.'s are welcome to attend. The R.S.V.P. list is located on the Bulletin Board between rooms B503 & B505.

### MATERIALS NOW AVAILABLE NAPIL CAREER FAIR & STUDENT CONFERENCE

Informational materials for The National Association for Public Interest Law (NAPIL) Career Fair are now available in Career Services. NAPIL does not schedule interviews for student participants. **You must contact participating employers directly by mail only.** Employers MUST receive resumes by September 28. This is a wonderful opportunity to interview

with a host of public interest employers and attend panels on public interest careers and job search techniques. The Career Fair will be held on October 18 and the Student Conference will be October 19 and 20 at American University in Washington, DC. There is no registration fee for the Career Fair and students from all classes are invited to attend.

### NJ SUPERIOR COURT CLERKSHIP

Graduating students interested in applying for a graduate clerkship in the chambers of Judge Herbert Friend in Morristown should submit a resume and cover letter to the Office of Career Services by 6 p.m. on September 25.

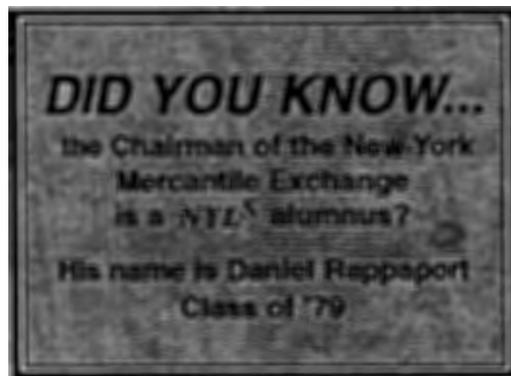
### FELLOWSHIPS:

#### *Pacific Legal Foundation's College of Public Interest Law Fellowship*

The College of Public Interest Law is offering one- and two-year fellowships to study and practice public interest litigation and to conduct guided research in public interest law leading to the publication of an article on a current issue in the law. Applications are available. **The deadline is October 4.**

#### *Office of the Solicitor General Bristow Fellowship*

The Office of the Solicitor General is taking applications for its one-year Bristow Fellowship Program. Bristow Fellows help draft briefs in opposition to certiorari filed against the government in the Supreme Court of the United States. They also prepare recommendations to the Solicitor General regarding authorization of government appeals in the lower courts. Applicants typically come to the fellowship after completion of a one-year judicial clerkship, most frequently with a federal appellate court judge. **The deadline is October 15.**



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**The Skadden Fellowship Program**  
Application deadline is October 7.

**The Robert Bosch Foundation Fellowship Program**  
Application deadline is October 15.

### **Harlem Legal Services**

This organization is interested in sponsoring an applicant for the 1997 NAPIL Fellowship and the 1997 Kirkland and Ellis Public Services Fellowship. HLS is committed to providing free civil legal services to low-income residents of Central Harlem, Inwood and Washington Heights. **The deadline is September 30.**

### **REMINDER FOR 1997 GRADUATES** **CHIEF COUNSEL'S EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM**

The Chief Counsel's Employment Program for law school graduates offers extensive legal experience and substantial individual responsibility. There is no deadline for filing applications, but students and graduates should **apply by mid-September** to be considered for the first round of job offers to be made by mid-December 1996.

### **FALL RECRUITMENT PROGRAMS** **THIRD ADDENDUM SHEET**

New employers have been added to the Fall Recruiting Programs. Come pick up the Third Addendum Sheet.

### **REMINDER- THIS WEEK!** **STUDENTS OF COLOR**

The BLSA Job Fair Interview Prep Session, on Tuesday at 1 p.m. in room B500, will provide you with the information you need to make the most of your interviews with potential employers at the Job Fair. The BLSA Job Fair will be held on Friday, September 20 at the Sheraton, New York Hotel.

### **ATTENTION FIRST YEAR STUDENTS!!!**

If you did not receive "The Office of Career Services Student Manual" at orientation, please stop by to pick up your copy.

### **THE JOB SEARCH PUZZLE:** **HOW TO PUT IT TOGETHER AND PUT YOURSELF ON THE PATH TO SUCCESS**

This program, sponsored by the Nassau Academy of Law, is created for students job hunting on Long Island. It covers how to be

concrete and creative in the job search, what firms and agencies are looking for and the interview process. It will be held Wednesday, October 9 at 6 p.m. at the Nassau County Bar Association. R.S.V.P. by calling (516) 747-4464.

### **FALL TRAINING SCHEDULE** **NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD** **STREET LAW PROJECT**

The mission of the Street Law Project is to empower people by helping them to understand and assert their legal rights through free, community-based "know your rights" workshops. These workshops provide information on police confrontation, housing, employment, and immigration law.

### **BAR ASSOCIATION EVENTS**

**Association of the Bar of the City of New York,**  
42 West 44th St., (212) 382-6600

1. Exploring Career Alternatives: Opportunities in the Political Process, September 19 at 6 p.m.
2. Conducting an Effective Job Search: Daily Strategies for Success, September 24, at 6 p.m. fee: \$25
3. Regulation of Tobacco Advertising, September 26, at 7 p.m.

### **FAMILY COURT INTERNSHIP**

This project, co-sponsored by the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and the court-based Legal Information for Families Today Project (LIFT), seeks law students to serve as pro bono volunteers under the supervision of Project LIFT's staff attorney. Volunteers provide information about family court proceedings to individuals not represented by counsel and provide community resource information. The commitment is 16 - 20 hours over the course of a semester. Training will be provided.

### **REMINDERS!!!**

- Equal Justice America will offer New York Law School students grants of \$2,000 to work part-time at MFY Legal Services. See John Downer in Career Services before applying.
- October 1 is the deadline for The United States Department of Justice Attorney General's Honor Program and the Summer Law Intern Program



## Faculty Activities

**Richard C.E. Beck's** article titled, "The Kiddie Tax: A Nuisance Solution to a Nonexistent Problem" was published in the Spring 1996 issue of *Family Law Quarterly*, (Vol. 30 No. 1).



Earlier this month, **Professor Denise C. Morgan** appeared on a panel entitled "Re-Orientation: Critical Perspectives to Help You Make Sense of Your Law School Experience," at NYU Law School.



**Adjunct Professor Judith Bresler '74** lectured to a national gathering of art appraisers on June 1 at New York University on the subjects of expert opinions, liability, and the properly prepared appraisal contract as part of a program jointly sponsored by New York University and the Appraisers Association of America.



**Professor Nadine Strossen's** op-ed piece, "No Safer, But a Little Less Free," was published in the September 2 edition of the *Washington Post*. Her latest monthly column for the "e-zine" *Intellectual Capital*, "Don't Let Terrorism Win," was published on August 29. On September 4, Professor Strossen delivered the Donaldson Distinguished Lecture at Rocky Mountain College in Billings, Montana. The next day, she addressed the school's Opening Convocation and was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Laws degree. On September 7, she appeared on NBC's "Today" show to address the issue of civil liberties problems with some of the new airport security measures proposed by the Presidential Commission. On September 10, she spoke at a conference on terrorism sponsored by the Cato Institute and the Frontiers of Freedom

Institute in Washington, D.C.; she addressed the question "Do Anti-Terrorism Laws Secure or Threaten Our Civil Liberties?"



**Professor Michael L. Perlin** recently published two articles: "'I'll Give You Shelter From the Storm': Privilege, Confidentiality, and Confessions of a Crime," in volume 29 of *Loyola of Los Angeles Law Review* (1996), page 1699; and "Is It More Than 'Dodging Lions and Wastin' Time'? Adequacy of Counsel, Questions of Competence, and the Judicial Process in Individual Right to Refuse Treatment Cases," in volume 2 of *Psychology, Public Policy and Law* (1996), page 114, (with Deborah Dorfman, Esq. '92). His article "'No Direction Home': The Law and Criminal Defendants with Mental Disabilities," will be published next month as part of a special 20th anniversary retrospective issue of *Mental & Physical Disability Law Reporter*. Last month, he spoke to the Oklahoma Patients Advocacy Council on designing an internal patient advocacy program for state hospitals and on implications of the Supreme Court's 1996 decision of *Lewis v. Casey*. He presented a series of five lectures to a day-long program at the University of Oklahoma (co-sponsored by the State Department on Mental Health, the University, and the Oklahoma Bar Association) on recent constitutional developments in mental disability law.



**Professor Richard K. Sherwin** contributed a chapter to the recently published book *Legal Reelism*, edited by John Denvir. His contribution, (chapter 4), looks at how three contemporary films "postmodernize" law, eroding causation, free choice, and the autonomy of the self in the process.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*for the week of September 16, 1996*

## **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

- Career Services Career Planning Luncheon Series: Fellowship Information  
1 p.m., Room C400

## **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

- Luncheon and Discussion for Visiting Delegation from People's Republic of China  
12 noon, The Dining Room
- Career Services BLSA Job Fair Interview Prep Session  
1 p.m., Room B500

## **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

- Career Services Career Planning Luncheon Series: Careers in Government  
1 p.m., Room C400

## **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

- Minority Alumni/ae Reception  
6 p.m., The Dining Room



## **FUTURE EVENTS**

## **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23**

- Yom Kippur -- No Classes

## **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25**

- Career Services Career Planning Luncheon Series: Careers in Computers and Telecommunications Law  
1 p.m., Room C400

## **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26**

- Staten Island Alumni/ae Reception  
6 p.m., The Lake Cafe, Clove Lake Park, Staten Island
- Dean's Roundtable Luncheon - Michael Weber '72, Labor & Employment Law  
12:45 p.m., The Board Room in Mendik Library

## **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27**

- City Law Breakfast  
8:30 a.m., The Dining Room