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Counselor

A newsletter for the New York Law School community

January 30, 1995

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Today's All-day Mock Trial Decides the Guilt of John Wilkes Booth

President Abraham Lincoln was assassinated on Good Friday, April 14, 1865. Good Friday of this year, which also falls on April 14, will mark the 130-year anniversary of that event.

In honor of the historic event, the SBA, Moot Court Association, and NYLS community will stage the trial of Lincoln's alleged assassin, John Wilkes Booth, on January 30 from 10:00 am-4:00 pm in the Ernst Stiefel Room. Come sit in on this landmark trial.

Admissions Phonathon

The Office of Admissions is looking for student volunteers to assist with the first Admissions Phonathon. We will be calling up prospects to encourage them to apply for admission to New York Law School. The Admissions Office strongly believes that a student's call to a prospective applicant is personalized, special, and can

perhaps turn a prospect into an applicant. The phonathon is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 16, 1995. The event will be approximately three hours long, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Students will be making calls from the 5th floor offices of the A building and the Faculty Dining Room Small Conference Room. Training will be provided as well as dinner and snacks. Students interested in volunteering should see Judy Elliott-Pugh in the Office of Admissions, or call her at ext. 888/889.

from the Office of Student Services

Income Tax Assistance Volunteers

The IRS wants to set up a VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) site at New York Law School. VITA is an IRS program that provides free tax help to people who cannot afford professional assistance. Volunteers are trained by the IRS and must be available for one or two hours per week throughout the tax season to assist taxpayers. Interested persons should sign up at the Office of Student Services (5th Floor, A building, ext. 851).

1995 Yearbook Reminders

Thornton Studios will be taking **yearbook photos** of all graduating students from Monday, February 6, through Thursday, February 9. The sitting fee is \$5. You can sign up for an appointment in the

Office of Student Services before February 6 (please stop by or call (212) 431-2852). If you have any pictures that you would like to submit to the yearbook, please put your name and address on the back. Every effort will be made to return pictures to you, although we can not guarantee their return. Please submit pictures to Sally Harding in Student Services.

Anyone interested in **helping out with the yearbook** should contact Bonnie Erdheim through her mail folder.

The 1995 yearbook is now **on sale**. Yearbooks are \$35 if purchased before 5:00 pm on Friday, February 3. Mailed checks must be in the Office of Student Services by Friday, February 3. Books purchased after Friday, February 3, will be \$45.

Student Organization Announcements

The **New York Law School Reporter** will be publishing its annual Valentine's issue on February 14 and will be editing articles and proofreading layout throughout this week. Please stop by their office in the Lower Level of the Student Center to lend a hand. All second-year students are extended a special invitation to join the staff.

The **Legal Association for Women** will be having a general meeting on Monday, January 30, in Room B-310 from 1:00-2:00 pm.

The **Public Interest Coalition** will be having weekly meetings every Thursday in A-600, 1:00-2:00 pm. The Public Interest Coalition will hold its annual **Goods and Services Auction** on Thursday, April 27, at 5:30 pm in the Student Cafeteria. If interested in helping out with the auction or know of anyone who will be willing to donate items, please contact Bonnie Erdheim or Elaine Avery through their mailfolders. Donations are tax deductible. Proceeds from the auction will be used to fund summer fellowships for students in public interest employment.

There will be a chapter meeting for all **Phi Alpha Delta** members on Tuesday, January 31, at 12:30 pm in their office on the Lower Level of the Student Center. Any students interested in joining them are welcome to attend.

The **Lesbian & Gay Law Students Association** will be having a "sloppy" Gay Bash on Friday, February 3, at 107 Reade Street, #2, at 9:00 pm.

Student Discounts

The Office of Student Services is compiling a list of local businesses that offer discounts to NYLS students. If you know of a business that offers a discount, please contact the Office of Student Services, ext. 851, and help make our list complete. All information will be placed in a Student Services binder and will be printed periodically in *Counselor*.

Reminder: Civil Rights Volunteer Teaching

New York Civil Rights Coalition **seeks** interested law students to volunteer as teachers in the Civil Rights and Race Relations Course. This course is taught at 40 public high schools throughout the city and two junior high schools in Manhattan. It will be offered this spring semester. The weekly commitment will be approximately 2 to 3 hours. Days and times the course is taught will vary according to the schedules of the volunteers and available classes. Classes will begin in early March 1995 and information/group interview sessions will take place in early February. For information and sign-up procedures, please contact Rachel Jones at (212) 563-9758.

Computer Rooms

The Computer Rooms in the Lower Level of the Student Center are now open for your word processing needs. If you have operation questions, please call the Computer Center, ext. 316. Please contact the Office of Student Services, ext. 852, if your printer runs out of paper or ink. **PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE EMPTY INK CARTRIDGES!** They are needed for inventory purposes. Thank you for your cooperation.

Faculty Activities

Adjunct Professor Mariana Hogan, presently NYLS's Acting Director of Externship Programs, has agreed to serve as Director of Externships for the 1995-96 academic year.

Professor Randolph Jonakait gave the talk, "The Psychiatric Expert Witness and New Technologies: A Legal Perspective," to a conference entitled "Forensic Neuropsychiatry:



Calendar of Events

beginning the week of January 30, 1995

Monday, January 30:

John Wilkes Booth Mock Trial, Ernst Stiefel Reading Room, 10:00–4:00 pm.

Legal Association for Women Meeting, Room B-310, 1:00–2:00 pm.

Career Services "Step by Step" Networking and Interviewing Workshop, Room B-410, 2:00 pm.

Monday, January 30–Friday, February 3:

First-year Westlaw Classes (several each day), 3rd Floor Westlaw Room, Mendik Library.

First-year Lexis Classes (through February 4, several each day), 2nd Floor Lexis Room, Mendik Library.

Tuesday, January 31:

Career Services "Step by Step" Networking and Interviewing Workshop, Room B-310, 11:00 am.

Phi Alpha Delta Meeting, Phi Alpha Delta Office, Lower Level, Student Center, 12:30 pm.

Wednesday, February 1:

Career Services Faculty Career Planning Luncheon. Professor Karen Gross and Selinda Melnik '84 on Career Options in Commercial Law. Faculty Dining Room, 1:00 pm.

Thursday, February 2:

Public Interest Coalition Meeting, Room A-600, 1:00–2:00 pm.

Career Services "Step by Step" Networking and Interviewing Workshop, Room A-1002, 5:00 pm.

Friday, February 3:

LGLSA Gay Bash, 107 Reade Street, #2, 9:00 pm.

Future Events

Tuesday, February 7:

Faculty Presentation on Colonial Courts. Barbara Black, Professor of Law, Columbia Law School. Open to faculty and deans. Mendik Library Boardroom, 12:30–2:00 pm.

Board of Trustees Meeting, Boardroom, 4:00 pm.

Wednesday, February 8:

Career Services Faculty Career Planning Luncheon. Adjunct Professor Myron Cohen, Partner at Cohen, Pontani, Lieberman & Pavane, on Career Options in Intellectual Property. Faculty Dining Room, 1:00 pm.

Monday, February 13:

Midyear Reception, Faculty Dining Room, 4:00–6:00 pm.

Scans and Scams" given by a chapter of the American Academy of Psychiatry and the Law on January 21.

Professor Rudolph J.R. Peritz was a speaker on the subject of "Teaching Antitrust: Antitrust's Special Role in the Law School Curriculum" at the Antitrust and Economic Regulation Section session of the AALS Conference in New Orleans on January 6. He was also voted Chair-elect of the AALS Contracts Section for 1995-96.

On January 19, **Professor Nadine Strossen** discussed her new book, Defending Pornography: Free Speech, Sex, and the Fight for Women's Rights, on the Charlie Rose TV show in a debate with Norma Ramos of Women Against Pornography. It was reviewed in the *New York Times* Sunday Book Review section on January 22. Strossen's interview about her book was published in the January 23 *New York Native*, and an excerpt from the book was published in the February issue of *Cosmopolitan* magazine.

Dean Harry Wellington, along with 12 law professors from law schools around the country, wrote a letter that appeared in the *Legal Times*, week of January 9. The letter was to Representative Newt Gingrich of Georgia, House Speaker, and attacked the House's January 4 vote to require a three-fifths vote, instead of a simple majority, on any measures that would increase the income tax.

Library Announcements



1L Westlaw and Lexis Training

Introductory training sessions in Lexis and Westlaw, computer-assisted legal research databases, are currently being offered to first-year students by the library. Westlaw classes will continue through February 15 and Lexis classes through February 18. Several instruction sessions of approximately one and 1/2 hours will take place each day. Sign up for classes at the library circulation desk.

Human Resources Update

The following newly-created position has become available. Anyone interested should contact Kitty Reyes, Office of Human Resources, ext. 131.

Director of Annual Giving/Development & Public Affairs, Grade Level 22

The Office of Development & Public Affairs is in need of a fund raiser with a proven track record in planning and implementing a successful annual giving campaign in an academic setting. Experience should include reunion class giving, phone-a-thons, major gift clubs, and direct mail campaigns. He/she must be an outgoing, self-assured individual, able to work with board members, alumni/ae, and students, as well as other staff members on the development team. The Director of Annual Giving will report directly to the Associate Dean for Development & Public Affairs. Candidate must have a Bachelor's degree.

Career Services Update

Reminder: Faculty Career Planning Luncheons

On February 1 at 1:00 pm in the Faculty Dining Room, Professor Karen Gross and Selinda Melnik '84, of Rogers and Wells, will speak about career options in commercial law. On February 8, Adjunct Professor Myron Cohen, Partner at Cohen, Pontani, Lieberman & Pavane, will speak on career options in intellectual property law at 1:00 pm in the Faculty Dining Room. The luncheons will give you an opportunity to get to know faculty members and will help you plan your career path. Each lunch will have limited seating. RSVP with Simonne Boyeau in the Office of Career Services, ext. 345. Reserved seats will be given to students on the wait list if you are not on time.

Cardozo School of Law's Seventh Annual International Law Careers Day

The International Law Careers Day will be at Cardozo Law School at 55 Fifth Avenue, NYC, on Monday, February 20, from 8:30 am-5:30 pm. Panelists will include attorneys from the major sectors of private and public international law. Participants will have an opportunity to meet with the panelists at a reception at the conclusion of the day's events. For more information, come to the Office of Career Services, 5th floor, C Building.

Important Information about the Public Interest/Public Service Symposium at New York University
Interview schedules will be available on Monday, February 13, in the Office of Career Services. In the event that you must cancel an interview,

please see Susan D'Ambra in the Office of Career Services by Tuesday, February 14, 12:00 noon.

Evening Students "Making the Transition to a Legal Position" Program

Career Services is planning a Program for evening students called "Making the Transition to a Legal Position" on February 15 at 5:00 pm. The program will begin by 5:15 pm and will run no later than 6:00 pm. Evening students are encouraged to attend, even if only for a portion of the program. Please RSVP with Simonne Boyeau in the Office of Career Services, ext. 345.

New York Law School Graduate and Student Summer Funding Opportunities

Presently, there are four sources of funding available to NYLS students seeking public interest internships for the Summer of 1995, in addition to those from outside sources. The NYLS funding opportunities include: *Public Interest Coalition (PIC) Fellowship Program, New York Law School Public Interest Fellows, Federal Workstudy Program, and Joseph Solomon Public Service Internships*. While the Solomon program is described below, information concerning the other three sources of funding will be available shortly.

Joseph Solomon Fellowship

Graduating Students: If you have secured a position with a non-profit public service organization upon graduation, you are eligible to apply for the Joseph Solomon Fellowship. The deadline for application is MAY 15, 1995, at 5:00 pm. The grant offers \$5,000/year for up to three years.

First- and Second-year Students: If you have secured a non-paying, full-time summer position with a non-profit public service organization, you are eligible to apply for the Joseph Solomon Internship Stipend. The deadline is MARCH 31, 1995, at 5:00 pm. The grant provides \$325/week for ten weeks. Pick up an application for either of these grants from Career Services. Early is better, so apply now.

Outside Sources of Funding

American Bar Association John J. Curtin, Jr. Justice Fund: The Curtin Justice Fund Legal

Internship Program, which is managed jointly by the ABA Commission on Homelessness and Poverty and the Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants, will pay a \$2000 stipend to students who spend the summer months working for a bar association or legal services program designed to prevent homelessness or assist homelessness clients or their advocates. The application deadline is MARCH 1, 1995.

New Jersey Public Interest Summer Legal Intern Program: For the sixth year, Legal Services of New Jersey (LSNJ) will sponsor a summer intern program which places first- and second-year law students in public interest legal organizations in New Jersey. The 1995 interns will be paid at a weekly rate of \$335/week, first-year students, and \$415/week, second-year students. Applications can be picked up in the Office of Career Services. The application deadline is MARCH 1, 1995.

Reminders:

The first **Spring On-Campus Employer**, Matthew Bender, a legal publishing company with a large legal department, will interview class of 1996, 1997, and 1998 students for its Summer Law Clerk Program on March 7, 1995. The deadline to submit resumes to the Office of Career Services is FEBRUARY 23.

Students who do not already receive the **Public Interest Newsletter** and would like to receive it in their mailfolders every other week should visit or call the Office of Career Services and leave their names with Simonne Boyeau.

Career Services' walk-in hours are as follows:

Office walk-in hours (C Building, 5th floor),

Monday: 10:30 am-12:30 pm and

Friday: 10:30 am-12:30 pm.

Student Lounge walk-in hours (B Building, 1st floor, outside Room B-100)

Monday: 5:15-5:45 pm and

Wednesday: 1:00-1:30 pm.

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Submit items for publication to A624, x805, by 9:00 am on the Wednesday preceding publication.