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STUDENT TICKETS AVAILABLE

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DINNER DANCE GALA

There are still a few student tickets available for the Annual Dinner Dance Gala on **February 26**. The event, to be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Park Avenue and 42nd Street, will give guests the chance to mingle with leaders in the fields of real estate, business, investment banking and law. Alumnus Alvin Dworman '51, Chairman of the ADCO Group, will be honored with a lifetime achievement award presented by Jay Pritzker.

For more information on the special \$60 reduced price student tickets, please contact Stephen Johansen, Director of Alumni Affairs, at ext. 2808, or stop by the Office of Development and Public Affairs, 40 Worth Street, Suite 705.



REMINDER

ABA CLIENT COUNSELING COMPETITION

All are welcome to watch NYLS students defend the regional championship of the ABA Client Counseling Competition on **Friday, February 21** against students from other law schools in the state. Early rounds of the competition will begin at 9 a.m. and be held in rooms around the school. The final round will be held at 3 p.m. in the Moot Court Room. Please call the Lawyering Skills Center at ext. 2179, or stop by the Center's office on the first floor of 33 Worth Street, for further information.

ROBERT F. KENNEDY, JR. CITY LAW BREAKFAST

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Professor at Pace Law School and Prosecuting Attorney with Hudson Riverkeeper, will be the guest speaker at the City Law Breakfast on **Friday, February 28** at 8:15 a.m. in The Dining Room. He will discuss, "Pure Water for New York City: Protecting the Watershed." The breakfast is open to all, but reservations are appreciated. Please call ext. 2115 to reserve a seat.



REMINDER

DEAN'S ROUNDTABLE

Charles Guria '86, Bureau Chief of the Rackets Division of the Kings County District Attorney's Office, will be the guest speaker at the luncheon on **Thursday, February 20**, from 12:45 to 2 p.m. in the Board Room (Mendik Library). Seating is limited. For reservations, please call Student Services at ext. 2851.

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FINANCIAL AID

APPLICATION REMINDER

The deadline for completing your application to receive grant-in-aid assistance for 1997-98 from NYLS is April 15. Applications for NYLS grant-in-aid received or completed after the deadline will be considered only to the extent that funds remain available. Since a late application may result in a reduced, or no award, it is in your best interest to complete your application as soon as possible. To meet the April 15th deadline, we recommend that the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Need Access diskette be completed and mailed for processing by March 15.

Please be aware that applicants for grant-in-aid assistance must complete a Need Access application diskette, which can be completed on any IBM-compatible personal computer. Applicants for NYLS grant-in-aid funds must complete all sections of the diskette, including the parents' questionnaire, and mail it in the mailer provided to The Access Group, the Need Access data processor. The diskette must be obtained by calling The Access Group at 1-800-282-1550. The program can also be downloaded from The Access Group's Home Page at www.accessgrp.org.

Only applicants for federal aid are not required to file the Need Access diskette. However, recipients of merit-based scholarships that are renewable on the basis of academic performance are encouraged to complete the need-based

application materials by the April 15 deadline in the event that the merit award is not renewed for 1997-98.

Please contact the Office of Financial Aid if you have any questions regarding the 1997-98 application process, or if you have not received 1997-98 application materials.

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF 1996-97 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

We invite *currently enrolled* students to submit written requests to be considered for selection as a recipient of the following merit scholarship award:

The Jerry Finkelstein Scholarship

This endowed scholarship was established by Jerry Finkelstein '38, in memory of Robert F. Kennedy, to assist Civil Service Employees or their children in pursuing their legal education at NYLS. Mr. Finkelstein is a NYLS Trustee Emeritus and Chairman of the Board of News Communications.

Interested students should submit a letter of application including information regarding their family's Civil Service employment history or other factors that may support their application. Please include your full name, current address and current division and class year of enrollment. Letters of interest should be addressed to Eileen F. Doyle, Director of Financial Aid. **The deadline is 5 p.m. on March 3.**

Externships

Students applying for the summer or fall STATE TRIAL COURT Judicial Externship:

The binders listing the judges participating in the Summer and Fall Judicial Externship Program are now available in the Office of Career Services, The Mendik Library (on reserve) and in Susan D'Ambra's Office, (room C208).

Resume collection for the **summer** will take place on **Wednesday, February 26**, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. and on **Thursday, February 27**, from noon to 2 p.m. and 3 to 5 p.m. in room B511.

Resume collection for the **fall** will take place

on **Monday, March 3** from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m. and on **Tuesday, March 4** from noon to 2 p.m. and 3 to 5 p.m. in room B511.

Your application should include 20 resumes, 20 copies of a writing sample, the completed Judicial Externship Placement Choice Form listing the 20 judges you want to receive your resume and, if you wish, 20 copies of a recommendation letter.

It is strongly recommended that you have your resume reviewed by the Office of Career Services before you submit your application. The Office of Career Services offers walk in hours from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 5 to 5:45 p.m. on Wednesdays.

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.

TENTH ANNUAL ROBERT M. COVER PUBLIC INTEREST LAW CONFERENCE

The focus of this year's retreat, entitled *Without A Net: Public Interest Practice in a Mean-Spirited Age*, is the impact of recent budget cuts and legislation on the future of public interest advocacy. This conference will take place **March 7-9**, at the Boston University Sargeant Camp in Peterborough, New Hampshire. Interested students should pick up a registration form in the Career Services Office.

NETWORKING LUNCHES

Seating is limited. Please RSVP on the list located on the bulletin board between rooms B503 & B505. All lunches will be held in the The Dining Room.

- Civil Rights Lunch
Wednesday, February 19 at 1 p.m.
- Starting Your Own Practice
Wednesday, February 26 at 1 p.m.

LEXIS JOB SEARCH TRAINING CLASSES

Learn how to use Lexis as a powerful job search tool. Three training courses will be given in the Lexis Training Room in the Mendik Library as follows:

February 25 at 1 p.m.
February 27 at 5 p.m.
March 4 at 1 p.m.

Sign up on the RSVP list located on the bulletin board between B503 & B505. Seating is limited.

KICK STARTING YOUR JOB SEARCH

This session, to be held **February 25** at 1 p.m. in Room A500, is geared toward helping graduating students "Kick-Start" their job search. Lunch will be served to the first twenty students who arrive. RSVP on the list located on the bulletin board between rooms B503 & B505.

FELLOWSHIP DEADLINES

- **The Rockefeller Foundation - Warren Weaver Fellowship Program - DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 28.**
- **Northwestern School of Law of Lewis & Clark College - Natural Resources Law Institute Fellowship - DEADLINE: MARCH 4.**
- **The Joseph Solomon Public Fellowship and Endowment Fund - Postgraduate Fellowship - DEADLINE: MAY 16.**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR PDS II: JOB SEARCH STRATEGIES

Attendance is a prerequisite to using the counseling services of the Career Services Office. The Evening Division seminars are as follows:

Section E1: **February 19** at 6 p.m. in room A900
Section E2: **February 24** at 6 p.m. in room A900.

PDS III: INTRODUCTION TO THE RESOURCE ROOM

All seminars will be held in the Career Services Resource Room and will be presented to each legal writing section. The following is a listing for this week's and next week's seminars:

Section C1: **February 18** at 1 p.m.
Section B1: **February 19** at 1 p.m.
Section A1: **February 20** at 1 p.m.
Section A2: **February 24** at 1 p.m.
Section B2: **February 26** at 1 p.m.
Section E1: **February 26** at 6 p.m.
Section C2: **February 27** at 1 p.m.



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DID YOU KNOW...

the Deputy General Counsel for
Unilever, U.S. is a
is a *NYLS* alumna?
Her name is Nancy L. Schnell
Class of '79



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ATTENTION CLASS OF 1998

RESUME REFERRAL EMPLOYER

Barst & Mukamal, a NYC Immigration Law Firm, is participating in our Resume Referral Program. Resumes, cover letters addressed to Martin Rothstein, Hiring Partner, and a short writing sample must be submitted by Tuesday, February 18 to the Office of Career Services.

SUMMER PROGRAM

● **Office of Minority Affairs, Law School Admission Council, Summer Internship -**
DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 20.

● **Funding for New York Law School Summer Public Interest Fellowships**

These fellowships provides support to students seeking work with nonprofit organizations or with federal, state, or local government agencies. DEADLINE RANGES FROM: MARCH 3 to MARCH 31, **not April 30** as previously advertised.

● **Schulte Roth & Zabel Summer Associate Fellowship**

This fellowship is open to students who will have completed their first year of law school by June 1997. The fellow will work with staff attorneys on impact litigation and the other work of the NYLPI office in either the disability or environmental law field. During the summer following the second year of law school, the student will work as a summer associate with attorneys at the firm of Schulte Roth & Zabel and spend one week working again with NYLPI staff attorneys. DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 21.

NEW YORK INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ASSOCIATION MENTOR PROGRAM

The New York Intellectual Property Association has established a mentor program for students interested in pursuing careers in patent, copyright and trademark law. Interested students can send a letter describing their background and interest in intellectual property law to: Nate Levin, Esq., Robin Blecker, Daley & Driscoll, 330 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10017. Students will be contacted and provided with the names and phone numbers of their mentors.



Faculty Activities

Professor Carlin Meyer's book review of *No Mercy: How Conservative Think Tanks and Foundations Changed America's Social Agenda*, by Jean Stefancic and Richard Delgado, was published in the *New York Law Journal* on February 3. She was also quoted in *The Wall Street Journal* on January 29 concerning the Appellate Division's decision that Comex, a division of the New York Mercantile Exchange, is a place of public accomodation covered by New York State Human Rights Law and hence could be sued for its role in condoning a sexually hostile environment that allegedly led to harassment of and injury to a female trader.

Professor Michael Perlin's article, "'The Executioners Face is Always Well-Hidden': The Role of Counsel and the Courts in Determining Who Dies," was just published as part of a mini-symposium on psychiatry, the death penalty and professionalism in the *New York Law School Law Review*, volume 41, page 201 (1996). He was selected as a member of the National Advisory Board of a State Justice Institute project that will develop and publish a benchbook for state court judges on psychiatric and psychological evidence and testimony. *The Rocky Mountain News* ran *The New*

York Times story quoting him on the Michael Irvin case. The *Albany Times-Union* published an interview quoting him on the use of the insanity defense in infanticide cases on Sunday, February 9. The following Sunday, *The Washington Post* published his brief reminiscence of attending the Martin Luther King, Jr. "I Have a Dream" speech in August 1963. On Tuesday, January 20, he was interviewed on National Public Radio's morning edition on the "Guilty but Mentally Ill" verdict. Finally, he was one of the faculty members for an online CLE seminar on the ADA presented on Counsel Connect.

On February 3 and 4, **Professor Nadine Strossen** spoke in Denver and Boulder, Colo., including a presentation to the faculty at the University of Denver College of Law. On February 8, she gave a lecture on "The First Amendment and the Internet" to the Annual Convention of the First Amendment Lawyers Association in San Jose, Costa Rica. Two recently published books include chapters by her: *Hate Speech on Campus: Cases, Case Studies, and Commentary* (Northeastern University Press 1997); and *Contemporary American Speeches: A Sourcebook of Speech Forms and Principles* (Kendall/Hunt Publishing Co. 1997).



Student Services Update



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

STUDENT EVENTS

The Legal Association for Women will host the Fourth Annual *Women at NYLS Lunch* on **February 19**, from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the Ernst Stiefel Reading Room. The luncheon speaker will be Professor Lenni Benson, who will discuss "The Phenomenon of Immigration & Women & Why Women Practice Immigration Law." Students must R.S.V.P. on the sign up sheet outside room L7 in the Student Center. Seating is limited.

The Italian American Law Student Association is hosting a panel discussion on **Wednesday, February 19**, at 6 p.m. in the Ernst Stiefel Reading Room. The Panel is titled "*How Independent is the Judiciary: Should Judicial Decisions be Criticized.*" Featured speakers are: NYLS Professor Nadine Strossen, NY Supreme Court Justice Gerald Scheidlin, NY Supreme Court Justice Margaret Finerty, NYSBA Committee Chair on Professional Ethics, Joel Berger, Esq., NYSBA Committee member on Professional Ethics, Steven Finell, Esq., and the *New York Post's* Supreme Court Reporter, Al Guart.

Softball Tournament: Students interested in participating in the 14th Annual Softball Tournament at the University of Virginia Law School in Charlottesville on April 5 - 6, are invited to attend an informational meeting on **Thursday, February 20**, at 5 p.m. in room B400. If you are interested but unable to attend please leave your name and phone number in Rich Barrett's mailfolder.

The Irish Law Students Association will host a speaker event, featuring Cody McCone of O'Dweyer & Bernstein, on **Thursday, February 20**, at 6:15 p.m. in the Large Conference Room in The Dining Room. Mr. McCone will speak about current changes in labor law and plaintiff's recovery. For further information, please contact Jessica O'Kane through her mailfolder.

The Public Interest Coalition's Domestic Violence Project Training will be held **Thursday, February 27**, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. If you have questions, contact Beth Feder or Tamra Katcher at Public Interest Coalition, ext. 4320.

A Law Students For Child Advocacy general meeting will be held on **February 27** from 5 to 7:50 p.m. in room B400.

WRITING COMPETITION

New York Intellectual Property Law Association, William C. Conner Writing Competition.

Topic: Any subject on Intellectual Property

Prize: \$1,000; \$500

Deadline: March 15

RETREAT

Women of Color Coalition at Columbia Law School presents "Women of Color Law Students Empowerment Retreat, exploring the question "What Does it Mean To Win?" on **Friday, February 28**, through **Saturday, March 1**. Registration fee is \$40.00 per participant. This price includes meals, accommodations, lodging, linen, and all meals. For more information please contact Lisa Baltazar at (212) 749-8333.

REMINDERS

Yearbook photos will be taken on **Monday, February 24** through **Thursday, February 27** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. outside the Copy Center located in the basement of 57 Worth Street.

Contact Student Services at ext. 2851 to donate items for the **Public Interest Coalition Goods and Services Auction**. Anyone interested in helping with the auction should contact Beth Feder through her mailfolder, or attend a PIC meeting (on Tuesdays from 12:30 to 2 p.m. in room C400). The auction will be held on **April 10** at 5 p.m. in the Ernst Stiefel Reading Room.



WRITING SPECIALIST WORKSHOP



Writing Your Team Brief: Working Together As Professionals

Thursday (Legislative Monday), February 20, 1:30-3:30 p.m., C200

Monday, February 24, 1:30-3:30 p.m., C200

Saturday, March 1, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., A400