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Professor Allen Hammond Granted Tenure

The Board of Trustees announced at its meeting on Tuesday, October 4, that Professor Allen S. Hammond has been granted tenure at New York Law School. A member of the law school faculty since 1989, he has been Director of NYLS Communications Media Center, which sponsors seminars, conferences and lectures on current issues in communications law, since 1991. The Center has performed research for a variety of organizations and co-produces the weekly Channel 25 television program, "The Telecommunications and Information Revolution."

Professor Hammond has published a number of articles on federal regulation and minority ownership in the communications industry. He teaches Telecommunications, Contracts and Torts Law at NYLS.

Professor Faith Kahn Promoted

Also announced at the Board of Trustees meeting was the promotion of Professor Faith Stevelman Kahn to Associate Professor of Law.

New Trustee Appointed

Sandra S. Weiksner, a partner at Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, was elected to the Board of Trustees for a three-year term. Her practice focuses on individual clients, closely held businesses, and charitable organizations including tax and property law aspects of estate planning and tax planning through the use of charitable gifts.

Telecommunications Policy Lecture Planned

The NYLS Communications Media Center will present its Sixth Annual Telecommunications Policy Lecture on Thursday, October 20. Past years' lectures have featured Senator Timothy E. Wirth, Judge Harold H. Greene, Senator Howard M. Metzenbaum, Sir Bryan Carsberg of the United Kingdom, and Thomas Sugrue, NTIA.

Scheduled to speak at the this year's lecture is Peter Huber, lawyer, journalist, freelance writer, and mass-technology expert. Huber has recently written 1994 and After, to be published this year, in which he points out that advances in communications and technology have not centralized government, as Orwell predicted, but have placed information and processing power in the hands of the masses. On October 20, Huber will speak on "Dismantling the Ministry of Love" in the Ernst Stiefel Reading Room at 7:00 pm. A reception will follow. Students and faculty are welcome to attend. RSVP with the Communications Media Center at ext. 160.

Dean's Roundtable Series: A Chance for Students to Meet Alumni

The third in the series of Roundtable Luncheons with Dean Wellington is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11. The Dean's Roundtable is an opportunity for students to meet informally with successful alums. The October 11 lunch features Eugene Clark '81, Managing Director of Smith Barney Shearson, Inc. Mr. Clark is in charge of employment-related litigation in the Finance and Administration Division of the company's general counsel's office.

The Roundtable will be held in the Boardroom, 3rd floor, Mendik Library, from 12:30-2:00 pm, and sandwiches will be served. Interested students can make reservations with Student Services at ext. 852.

Come Have Lunch with Alumnus James J. Egan, Jr.

The next speaker in this fall's Executive Speakers Series is the President and CEO of CIT Group/Sales Financing, Inc., James J. Egan, Jr. '65. Mr. Egan will relay his road to success following graduation from NYLS. He will also share the experience of a career in finance/banking. The lunch will be from 12:00-2:00 pm in the Faculty Dining Room, and students and faculty are welcome. Please make your reservations with the Office of Dev. & Public Affairs, 6th floor, A Building, ext. 800.

This Week is Fire Prevention Week at NYLS

National Fire Prevention Day was first recognized on October 9, 1911, on the 40th anniversary of the great Chicago fire of 1871. In 1920, President Woodrow Wilson made Fire Prevention Day an official national observance, and in 1925 President Calvin Coolidge officially proclaimed the entire week containing October 9th as Fire Prevention Week. Since that year every subsequent President has recognized this week.

The theme this year is smoke detectors and how they can save lives. Smoke detectors warn you of a fire in time for you to escape. In the lobby of 47 Worth Street is a display and hand-out

information on fire safety. Stop by to learn how simple it is to test and maintain a detector.

SBA Announcements

The Student Bar Association would like to congratulate the following students who were elected to serve as SBA Senators for the school year 1994-95:

First Year Day:

Tyrsa Jenae Cameron, Marna Albanses, Michele T. Pelo, Carolyn Meltzer, Nathaniel H. Weisel, Victor H. Saldarriaga, Samer Youssef, Leslie Emilie Singleton, Katina Despas

Second Year Day:

Derryl Zimmerman, Kurt Moody, Michele Barnett, Akiva Ofshtein

Third Year Day:

Osvaldo Ramirez, Jr., Scott Goldstein, Preeti Singh, Smita Butala, Rob Biener, Luis O. Diaz, Jeffrey Kimmel, Adam Karron, John B. Belmonte

First Year Evening:

Debra Cabassa, Robin Wakefield, Anne Stallman

Second Year Evening:

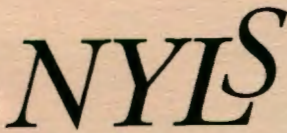
Susan Sullivan, Andrew L. Spence, Dawne McBarnette

Since vacancies in senate positions remain in the second year day and the third and fourth year evening classes, a special election will be held on Tuesday, October 18, to fill those senate seats. Senate nominating petitions may be picked up in either the SBA office or in the Office of Student Services, 5th floor, A Building, and are due back to the SBA office by Friday, October 14th at 5:00 pm.

The SBA also wishes to congratulate third year day students Will Fahey and Osvaldo Ramirez, Jr. on their appointments as Student Directors of the NYLS Alumni Association Board of Directors.

There will be a meeting of the SBA Senate on Wednesday, October 12, from 5:00-6:00 pm in Room B-400. All students, faculty, and staff are invited and encouraged to attend. The SBA Social Committee will meet on Monday, October 19, in Room A-1002 from 1:00-2:00 pm. All students are invited to attend.

Any student wishing to serve on a committee to help plan the 1995-96 academic year should file a letter of intent with Dominic Esposito by October 13. Two students will be selected from both the day and evening divisions.



Calendar of Events

beginning the week of October 10, 1994

Monday, October 10:

Student Bar Association Social Committee Meeting, Room A-102, 1:00–2:00 pm.

Tuesday, October 11:

Dean's Roundtable. Eugene Clark '81, Managing Director, Smith Barney. Boardroom, 3rd Floor of Mendik Library, 12:30–2:00 pm.

Weekly Library Westlaw Class, 3rd floor Lexis Room, Mendik Library, 12:00 pm.

National Lawyers Guild General Meeting, Room B-400, 1:00–2:00 pm.

Career Services Lunch with Deborah Howard, Director of Career Services, Faculty Dining Room, 1:00 pm.

Lesbian and Gay Law Students Association Roundtable Discussion. Professor Arthur Leonard, "Gays in the Military—Current Cases and Controversies." Room A-1005, 5:30 pm.

Wednesday, October 12:

Career Services Faculty Career Planning Luncheon. Professor Carlin Meyer on career options in labor and employment law. Faculty Dining Room Conference Room, 1:00 pm.

Writing Workshop. Rewriting Problem 1. Room A-900, 1:00 pm.

Career Services Public Interest Panel, Faculty Dining Room, 5:00 pm.

Student Bar Association Senate Meeting, Room B-400, 5:00–6:00 pm.

Weekly Library Lexis Class, 2nd floor Westlaw Room, Mendik Library, 5:30 pm.

Thursday, October 13:

Executive Speakers Series. James J. Egan, Jr., President, CIT Group/Sales Financing, Inc. Faculty Dining Room, 12:00–2:00 pm.

Hindu Students Club General Meeting, Room A-402, 1:00–1:50 pm.

Writing Workshop. Rewriting Problem 1. Room A-900, 1:00 pm and 5:15 pm.

Friday, October 14:

Clinical Theory Workshop. Phyllis Goldfarb, Boston College. Boardroom, 4:10–6:30 pm.

Eleventh Annual Cook County Bar Association Minority Student Job Fair, John Marshall Law School, Chicago, IL (October 14 & 15).

Future Events

Tuesday, October 18:

Center for International Legal Studies discussion of its International Legal Intern Program, B-500 Conference Room, 3:00–6:00 pm.

Career Services STEP Self Assessment Workshop, Room A-1002, 1:00pm.

Connecticut/Westchester Alumni & Friends Cocktail Reception, Indian Harbor Yacht Club, Greenwich, Connecticut, 6:00–8:00 pm.

Student Bar Association Office Hours This Week

Mon., October 10: 1:00–2:00, Mia Dell
5:00–6:00 Melvin Simmons
Tues., October 11: 1:00–2:00 Ed Zelmanow
5:00–6:00 Tedd Van Buskirk
Wed., October 12: 1:00–2:00 Dominic Esposito
5:00–6:00 SBA Mtg., B-400
Thurs., October 13: 1:00–2:00 Laura McGinn
5:00–6:00 Mia Dell



Writing Workshop

There will be a Writing Workshop on **Rewriting Problem 1** on Wed., October 12, at 1:00 pm, Thurs., October 13, at 1:00 pm, and again on Thurs. at 5:15 pm in Room A900. Bring the mark-up of your Problem 1 memorandum (or your draft rewrite) to go over it systematically, using a checklist, and make sure you have followed all the principles of good memo writing.

Human Resources Update

The following positions have become available. Anyone interested should contact Kitty Reyes in the Office of Human Resources at ext 131.

Executive Secretary—Development & Public Affairs, Grade Level 15

Provides administrative and secretarial support to the Associate Dean for Development & Public Affairs. Candidate should possess a high school degree, proficiency with WordPerfect for Windows and Lotus, and skill with transcribing tapes. Excellent telephone skills are required. Must be extremely well organized with the ability to handle a variety of tasks quickly.

Administrative Assistant—Student Services, Grade Level 15

Provides office support to the Office of Student Services. Responsibilities include word processing, filing, answering phones, responding to student inquiries (phone and walk-in), overseeing bulletin board posting, and assisting with student and school events. The administrative assistant also prepares copy for the Law School's weekly newsletter, the *Counselor*, working with members of other Student Affairs offices to provide coverage as needed. Must have strong verbal communication and interpersonal skills, proficiency with WordPerfect for Windows, and data entry skills. College degree is preferred, though not required.

Hours are Monday–Thursday, 9:00 am–6:00 pm, and Friday, 9:00 am–1:00 pm.

from the **Office of Student Services**

Tutors Available

Anyone interested in receiving tutoring from an upperclass student should contact Sally Harding in the Office of Student Services, 5th floor, A Building.

Counseling Services

The Law School has retained the services of a mental health consultant, Dr. Judith Rosenberger, who is available to NYLS students for a confidential consultation at her off-campus office without charge. Her phone number is (212) 737-0296. The Office of Student Services also maintains an up-to-date list of private therapists and counseling centers which have expressed an interest in working with students, often with sliding scale fees. All referrals are done on a confidential basis and no record is kept of the referral.

Paper Call

The Texas Journal of Women and the Law is now accepting papers for its Volume 4 (Spring 1995) issue, which will be devoted to the topic of our 1994 Symposium, "Women in the Workplace." The journal is seeking additional pieces on this subject. Scholarly legal articles as well as papers on the social sciences that deal with issues relating to women in the workplace are being accepted. The journal is also interested in receiving book reviews, student notes, creative writings, essays, and recent developments. For more information, visit the Office of Student Services.

Student Program

The Ella Baker Student Program is a project of the Center for Constitutional Rights (CCR) which provides students with legal and other training, as well as a background in movements for social change. Students would work with a team of lawyers on various legal issues, do research, and write memoranda on active CCR cases. For further information, visit Student Services.

ATLA Membership

The Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA) is now accepting applications for Law

Student Membership. ATLA is a vast organization of attorneys, legal assistants, judges, and law students—the largest association in the U.S. and Canada devoted to Trial Advocacy. Reap the benefits of trial skills programs, networking opportunities, and attorney contacts. Applications are available in Student Services.

Association of the Bar of the City of New York Conference

The Association of the Bar of the City of New York will be holding a conference on Tuesday, October 25, at 7:00 p.m. Lawyers who are directly involved in innovative litigation under the Americans with Disabilities Act will discuss their cases, other noteworthy cases, and future litigation trends under the ADA. Members of the association, their guests, and all other interested persons are invited to attend. No fees or reservations are required. The conference will be held at 42 West 44th Street, New York, NY, (tel.) 382-6695.

Student Organizations

☞ **National Lawyers Guild** general meeting: Tuesday, October 11, 1:00–2:00 pm, Room B-400.

☞ The **Lesbian and Gay Law Students Association** presents a Roundtable Discussion with Professor Arthur Leonard on Gays in the Military—Current Cases and Controversies. The Roundtable will take place on Tuesday, October 11, National Coming Out Day, at 5:30 pm in Room A-1005. Everyone is invited to attend.

☞ The **Hindu Students Club** will be holding a general meeting on Thursday, October 13, from 1:00–1:50 pm in Room A-402.

Library Announcements

📖 Weekly Lexis and Westlaw training classes are being offered by the library. Classes will be held on Tuesdays at Noon and Fridays at 5:30 pm. Tuesday classes are Basic/Refresher level, and Friday classes are Advanced/Refresher level classes. Class size is limited. Please sign up at the library circulation desk. Special arrangements for other class times can be made by calling Kate McLeod at ext. 385.

📖 Advanced subject specific classes will be offered by both Westlaw and Lexis this month. Westlaw will offer classes the week of October

17th and Lexis the week of October 24. Class size is limited so please sign up at the library circulation desk.

Faculty Activities

An article by **Professor Richard Beck** entitled "Is Compromise of a Tax Liability Itself Taxable? A Problem of Circularity in the Logic of Taxation" was published in 14 *Virginia Tax Review* 153 (1994).

Professor Randolph Jonakait wrote the article "Judicial Decisions Generally Ease Burdens of Prosecution: Knowledge Element of Drug Possession is Exception" which was printed in the October 3 *New York Law Journal*. The piece appeared in the special report section *Court of Appeals: Reshaping the Bench*.

Professor Nadine Strossen spoke at the Federalist Society's Annual Lawyers Convention on "Civil Liberties Issues in Health Care Reform" on September 23. She met with various members of Congress, including Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell, on September 26 to discuss pending civil issues in Congress. On September 27, she participated in a press briefing about the new Supreme Court Term for members of the Supreme Court press, which was covered by C-Span and the Arts & Entertainment Network. On September 28, PBS-TV taped her for an upcoming documentary on campus hate speech. On September 29, she gave a lecture to an audience at the University of New Hampshire which included Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. On October 2, she addressed the first annual conference of the Women's Freedom Network in Washington, D.C., and gave a speech about former Supreme Court Justice William Brennan's First Amendment opinions at a banquet honoring him in Newark, New Jersey. Professor Strossen was also quoted as an opponent of anti-pornography feminists in an article entitled "X-Rated" that addressed Canada's 1992 Butler ruling to ban obscenity in the October 3 issue of *The New Yorker*.

Career Services Update

Step by Step Job Search Skills Workshop Series
The Office of Career Services announces the return of its Workshop Series designed to

provide students with the tools they need to conduct a successful job search. The series consists of six basic workshops: the Self-Assessment Workshop, Resume and Cover Letter Workshop, Networking Workshop, Resource Room Workshop, Lexis Workshop, and Interviewing Workshop. The first of the series, the Self-Assessment Workshop, will help you explore your interests and the kind of work environment you are seeking. It will be held on October 18 and 19 at 1:00 and October 20 at 5:00 in Room A-1002. Please sign up in advance for the time slot that is best for you. If you did not receive information in your mailfolder, please come to the Office of Career Services.

Meeting of Entertainment, Arts & Sports Law Section of the New York State Bar Association

The fall meeting will be held on Friday, October 21, and may be of interest to students contemplating a career in entertainment law. A flyer is available in the Office of Career Services.

Fall Recruitment Program

Any students who have received an offer through one of the Fall Recruitment Programs should make sure they pick up a copy of the National Association for Law Placement Principles and Standards in Career Services for times of the offers and acceptances.

Attention All Graduating Students

The Honorable Alan H.W. Shiff, United States Bankruptcy Judge, is in the process of interviewing clerks for 1995-1996. For more information about this clerkship and how to apply, come to the Office of Career Services.

Attention Minority Students

Insurance Defense, medical malpractice firm with offices in Manhattan, Garden City, Long Island and White Plains, is accepting resumes from minority students. For more information, come to the Office of Career Services.

Reminders:

Join Director of Career Services Deborah Howard on October 11 for lunch in the Faculty Dining Room, 1:00pm. Interested students should notify Simmone Boyeau in Career Services (5th floor, B-Building), ext. 345.

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Editor, Carolyn Poppe. The next issue of *Counselor* will be published on Monday, October 17, 1994.

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

Upcoming Faculty Career Planning Luncheons:
On October 12, Professor Carlin Meyer will speak about career options in labor and employment law; on October 19, Professor David Schoenbrod will discuss career options in environmental law; and on October 26, Professor Katie Pratt and Professor Richard Beck will discuss tax career options in law firms, government agencies, corporations, and as tax Court clerks, as well as provide information about tax LLM programs. All luncheons are at 1:00 pm. Be sure to reserve your place right away with Career Services.

The Office of Career Services' annual **Public Interest Panel** will be held on Wednesday, October 12. RSVP with Simmone Boyeau in Career Services. Refreshments will be served.

Pass It On: Keeping Job Opportunities with NYLS

If you are about to leave or have recently left a position with a legal employer, you should consider passing it on to another NYLS student. Please pick up a form in the Career Services Office to increase job opportunities and help fellow NYLS students gain valuable experience.

Office of Career Services Walk-in Hours

Office Walk-In Hours (B-Building 5th Floor), Monday: 10:30 am-12:30 pm and Friday: 10:30 am-12:30 pm.

Student Lounge Walk-In Hours (1st Floor B-Building, outside room B100), Monday: 5:15 pm-5:45 pm and Wednesday: 1:00 pm-1:30 pm.

A representative from the **Center for International Legal Studies** will be at New York Law School on October 18 to discuss the International Legal Intern Program with graduating students. For more information, come to Career Services or contact Eileen McCrohan of the International Law Students Association.

Did You Know That...

Pamela Ostrager, a Partner with Coudert Brothers, is a NYLS alumna, Class of 1973?

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