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## MOOT COURT ASSOCIATION SHINES

Since the 24th annual Charles W. Froessel Intramural Moot Court Competition, 34 students have accepted invitations to join the Moot Court Association.

After a successful fall 2001 the intermural campaign found NYLS represented in four appellate advocacy competitions. In Chicago, at the John Marshall School of Law Privacy, Information and Technology Law Moot Court Competition, Ikishea Al-Shabazz '01, Marisol Martinez '01, and coach Charlie Martin '01 advanced to the Quarter-Final Round in a field that included teams from Australia.

At the Southern Illinois National Health Law Competition in Carbondale, IL, briefs by Preethi Sekharan '01, Robert Vivien '01, and coach Michael Yorio '02 ranked fifth in a field of over 30 schools.

Andra Feiner '01, Jessica LaMarche '01, and coach Carol Giuliano '01 earned National Best Petitioner's Brief honors in the National Entertainment Law Moot Court Competition held at Pepperdine University School of Law, Malibu, CA.

Finally, Daniel J. Curtin Jr. '01, January Marsch '01, and coach Alexandra Standish '01 represented NYLS with a brief ranking sixth at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York National Moot Court Competition, held in Manhattan.

This spring, the Association has 14 teams competing in 11 competitions throughout the Northeast. The Association's new members, coached by students in their second year in the Association, will participate in competitions whose substantive legal areas range from Copyright Law to Securities Law to First Amendment Law.

The Association will also host the 25th Robert F. Wagner, Sr. Labor and Employment Law Competition, in which 44 schools will be competing at NYLS from Thurs., March 8 through Sun., March 11.

The Wagner Competition is the largest student-run Moot Court competition in the country. Prof. Strossen and Dean Matasar will be presiding as Final Round justices. Joining them will be the Hon. John C. Truesdale, chair of the National Labor Relations Board, who was (a Wagner Final Round justice last year); the Hon. Ida L. Castro, chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; and the Hon. Henry L. Solano, solicitor of the US Department of Labor.

Since 1992, the Association has earned over 40 first-place awards under the guidance of faculty advisor Adjunct Prof. Gerald Lebovits.

For more information on the Association, please email [moot-court@nyls.edu](mailto:moot-court@nyls.edu) or call 431-2175. Read more about the Wagner Competition's fact pattern and participants in next week's *Counselor*.

## Spotlight on Evening Reception set

Six distinguished alumni and alumnae will speak at the Seventh Annual Spotlight on Evening Reception on Tues., Feb. 27, 4-6 pm, Wellington Center.

The event offers Evening Division students the opportunity to meet recent evening graduates who will discuss their professional goals and accomplishments.

This year's panel features six evening alums: Teresa M. Barillas '90, chief, Housing Authority Unit, Tort Division New York City Office of Corporation Counsel; Susie J. Kim '93, solo practitioner, Susie Kim & Associates; Imran A. Kureshy '94, founder, Kureshy & Co.; Andrew J. O'Connell '97, associate, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP; Charles E. Phillips '93, managing director, Morgan Stanley, Dean Witter & Co.; and Suzy Yengo '97, director, Entertainment LeRoy Adventures.

Admission is free, but reservations are required. For information, call the Office of Development 431-2169.

## Otto Walter Luncheon

The NYLS International Law Society's annual Otto Walter Luncheon will be held on Thurs., March 1, 12:30-2 pm, Wellington Conference Center. The honoree and speaker is Christina Storm '77, founder and director of Lawyers Without Borders.

Everyone is welcome. RSVP: Student Life, 431-2851.

## Student workers wanted for spring phonathon

The Office of Development and Public Affairs will conduct its spring phonathon, March 19-26, 5:30-8:30 pm, Wellington Conference Center. Students will be paid \$10 per hour to call alumni/ae to request contributions for NYLS. The event provides students the opportunity to speak with alumni/ae and other students, eat dinner and win prizes.

Interested students should e-mail Inez Gonzalez, assistant director of alumni affairs and special events, at [igonzalet@nyls.edu](mailto:igonzalet@nyls.edu). Include your phone number and the days and times you're available.

### FROM THE OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

For more information on the following, visit the Office of Career Services (fifth floor, B building) or call 431-2345. RSVP for all Career Services programs using the On-line Resource Center. Career programs are videotaped.

## FCC media/telecommunications fellowships offered for students of color

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) seeks first- and second-year students of color to work in Washington, DC for the summer of 2001.

Fellows will research and write in the area of communications law, and attend various commission meetings with the commission's legal counsel or members of other divisions. Interested students should submit to Financial Aid a federal work-study application (even if you are ineligible for federal work-study). Submit to Career Services: four (4) copies of a resume; a grade report; and a writing sample.

Deadline: Tues., Feb. 27, 12 pm. Candidates must sign up for a Feb. 28 interview slot when submitting applications.

For additional information, visit [www.fcc.gov](http://www.fcc.gov).

## Post-Graduate Job Search discussion

Cyndy Wyatt, former director of Career Services, will discuss Post-Graduate Job Search: Strategies for Success on Tues., Feb. 27, 1-2 pm and 5-6 pm, room B300.

The program will address job search strategies that can be used during three distinct phases in the post-graduate job search:

- Steps to take now to get your job search rolling;
- Actions to take after graduation that won't detract from bar exam preparation; and
- Ways to meet financial needs and gain experience while

continuing your search for permanent employment after the bar exam. RSVP: Online Resource Center.

## Intellectual Property Networking Lunch

Network with alumni/ae practicing in intellectual property law at a luncheon on Wed., Feb. 28, 1 pm, Wellington Conference Center. Six alumni/ae will speak: Kevin Taylor '93, Brown Raysman Millstein Felder & Steiner; Dennis Prahl '89, Ladas & Parry; Leatha Sturges '93, sole practitioner; Jeffrey Jacobson '80, Jacobson & Colfin, PC; John Kwok '93, Lieberman & Nowak, LLP; and Sheldon Pontaoe '94, Oppenheimer Wolff & Donnelly. Lunch begins promptly at 1 pm.

RSVP: Online Resource Center.

## Career Services Resource Center tour

Are you interested in corporate counsels or judicial clerkships? To find out what resources are available and how to use them effectively, take a Career Services Resource Center tour (approximately 20 minutes) on Thurs., March 1, 1 pm, Resource Center.

RSVP: Online Resource Center.

## Corporate law panel

A panel focusing on corporate law will be held on Wed., March 7, 1 pm, room A700. Panelists will speak about different practice areas and settings and how they arrived at their current positions. RSVP: Online Resource Center.

## Wanda's Resource Tip

*Did you know . . .*

Career Services has an Alumni Mentor Project for students and alumni/ae?

The Alumni Mentor Project (AMP) puts students and alumni/ae in touch with New York Law School alumni/ae mentors who have volunteered to meet with NYLS students and graduates to answer questions about practice settings, practice areas, geographical locations, or discuss any other career planning concerns.

**TO USE THE ALUMNI MENTOR PROJECT:**

- Find a copy of the AMP choice form in the front of the binder;
- Locate the practice area sections that are of interest to you;
- Copy the mentor ID number, found on the top right hand corner of the profile form, onto your AMP choice form; and
- Return your completed choice form to Mara Steinbugler in Career Services.

Up to eight mentors may be selected at a time. Alumni contact information will be available to pick up the following day.

For more information, visit Career Services.

Read next week's *Counselor* for information about the Practice and Work Environment Resources.

## FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

**ADJUNCT PROFESSOR MARK BARNES**, who teaches public health law, was appointed to the National Human Research Protections Advisory Committee by former Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala. Ms. Shalala is now the president of the University of Miami.

**PROFESSOR MICHAEL BOTEIN** gave four lectures in December on US telecom regulation at the University of Poitiers, France. In Vienna, he gave a paper at a conference on structuring telecom regulatory bodies and he briefed the Austrian Secretary of State on the issue of regulatory agency structures.

On Jan. 22, Prof. Botein and Anna Abrigo '00, assistant director of the Communications Media Center held a briefing session on US telecommunications policy for a group of Russian high-tech telecom scientists from the State University of the Space Instrumentation at Saint Petersburg. They primarily were interested in the operation of the Internet and telecommunications control devices in the US.

**PROFESSOR JAMES BROOK** has completed a book, *Payment Systems: Examples and Explanations*, (Aspen Law and Business) to be published in the spring. This is his third contribution to Aspen's popular Examples and Explanations series of student study guides. His first book on Sales and Leases under Articles 2 and 2A of the Uniform Commercial Code was first published in 1994 and released in a second edition in 1999. His second book in the series covering Secured Transactions under Article 9 of the Code, was published in 1999.

**PROFESSOR KAREN GROSS** testified on Feb. 8 before the full House Judiciary Committee against the newly introduced bankruptcy legislation (H.R. 333). She was one of four witnesses on the Democratic side.

At the AALS annual meeting in January she moderated a panel at a joint meeting of the sections on Debtors and Creditors Rights, Civil Rights, and Federal Courts. The topic was "Electronic Filing and Privacy: Issues, Problems, and Solutions."

On Jan. 26, Prof. Gross discussed financial literacy education at the Second Annual Bear Stearns Max Recovery Consumer Bankruptcy Symposium. Prof. Gross recently completed a paper titled "The Impact of Insolvency on Women and Children: An Overview of the American Experience," which she will present at the First World Women Lawyers Conference in London on March 1.

The Coalition for Consumer Bankruptcy Debtor Education, a not-for-profit corporation of which Prof. Gross serves as president, received another grant for \$10,000 from the Ameri-

can College of Bankruptcy. Prof. Gross is happy to report the Coalition will commence a pilot financial literacy program for consumer debtors in April 2001 in the Eastern District of NY.

**PROFESSOR FAITH KAHN's** *Georgia Law Review* piece was selected for re-print in the *Corporation Practice Commentator*. She also presented at AALS and attended a Penn Conference on Corporation Law and Social Norms. On Feb. 5, Prof. Kahn presented her recent work during a faculty symposium at Rutgers-Camden Law School.

**PROFESSOR STEVEN L. KESSLER** spoke on Federal and State Criminal Procedure at General Practice Day at the Marriott Marquis on Jan. 23, as part of the annual meeting of the New York State Bar Association. He also moderated a panel discussion on "Ethics and the Limits to Aggressive Litigation." Prof. Kessler completed his 19-month tenure as chair of the General Practice, Solo and Small Firm Section of the NYSBA in January.

He was a keynote speaker at the winter meeting of the Southern Legislative Conference of the Council of State Governments in Coral Gables, FL, in December. Prof. Kessler spoke on recent revisions to federal and state forfeiture laws and their constitutionality in light of recent court decisions.

Release 12 of his three-volume treatise, *Civil and Criminal Forfeiture: Federal and State Practice* (West Group), was published on Dec. 22, 2000.

**PROFESSOR JETHRO K. LIEBERMAN** wrote the entry "Law," a 5000-word essay, for the next *Encyclopedia of American Studies* (Grolier). Prof. Lieberman also wrote the entry "Legalization," another 5000-word essay, for the next *International Encyclopedia of Behavioral and Social Science*, (Elsevier).

Prof. Lieberman prepared and submitted extensive revisions for the second edition of his book *The Lawyer's Guide to Writing Well* (University of California Press), which he co-authored with Tom Goldstein, dean of the Columbia Journalism School. The book will be published by next year.

After a mild bidding war, Anderson Publishing will be publishing *The Lawyer's Craft*, which he is writing with Cathy Glaser, associate director of the writing program, Lynn Su, writing specialist and NYLS adjunct professor and Bob Ruescher, assistant director of the writing program and NYLS adjunct professor. The text will be used in the first-year NYLS courses on Introduction to Legal Reasoning, Writing, and Research and Oral and Written Advocacy. The book will be ready by March 2002, for use beginning in the 2002-2003 academic year.

Prof. Lieberman wrote and privately published two pamphlet essays, "On the Pleasures of Connecting and Collecting or How a Book Buyer Obsessed On-Line" and "War Story: Thirty Years without a Cup of Coffee, or a Sailor's Oath." The 2000 supplement to Prof. Lieberman's book, *A Practical Companion to the Constitution*, (Dialogue Press) was recently published. In addition, Prof. Lieberman served as an "expert" on constitutional law for the Microsoft Encarta Encyclopedia web site, which posts and answers about 100 questions a year on a variety of topics.

He was interviewed extensively during fall 2000 in connection with Sen. Joseph I. Lieberman's vice presidential campaign, which included interviews by *The New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *Newsweek*, the *Hartford Courant*, the *New Haven Register*, and even the *Yale Daily News*. He was quoted and pictured in a *New York Times* article in late October on the subject. In addition, he was quoted in a December *Newsday* article about *Bush v. Gore*.

**PROFESSOR MICHAEL PERLIN** discussed the insanity defense in the *Richmond Times Dispatch* on Feb. 5. In addition, the supplements to volumes 1 and 2 of the second edition and volume 3 of the first edition of his treatise *Mental Disability Law: Civil and Criminal* have been published. Prof. Perlin's article "For the Misdemeanor Outlaw: The Impact of the ADA on the Institutionalization of Criminal Defendants with Mental Disabilities" was published in an ADA Symposium issue of *Alabama Law Review*. Also, "Their Promises of Paradise: Will *Olmstead v. LC* Resuscitate the Constitutional 'Least Restrictive Alternative' Principle in Mental Disability Law?" was published in an ADA Symposium issue of the *Houston Law Review*.

Prof. Perlin was quoted in the *Hamilton* (Ontario) *Spectator* on Nov. 25, on politicians' use of popular music in efforts to appeal to younger voters. He was also quoted in the *Washington Post* on Jan. 26, on the ethical issues involved in the decision to medicate death row inmates so as to make them competent to stand trial. Finally, the *Newark Star Ledger* continued his comments on recent NJ legislation that would allow for the Internet publication of the names of juvenile sex offenders in a Jan. 31 story.

Prof. Perlin was recently re-appointed to the editorial board of *Psychology, Public Policy and Law*.

Through video conferencing, he taught a seminar on criminal competencies to students in the University of Rochester Medical Center's Forensic Psychiatry Fellowship Program on Jan. 17.

Prof. Perlin was co-host for the premiere of a new video, *Jurist Voices* (in which he appears) at NYLS on Tues. Feb. 6.

Directed by Prof. Jamie Cooper of California Western School of Law, the video was produced by that law school in cooperation with the ABA's section on Creative Problem Solving.

**PROFESSOR RUDOLPH PERITZ** gave a talk entitled "Toward a Political Economy of 'The New'" at a Roundtable on Novelty, sponsored by the Centre for Theoretical Studies in the Humanities and Social Sciences, at the University of Essex, UK on Nov. 1. The program included talks by three Essex faculty members from the Philosophy department, the Political Science department, and the Language & Linguistics department.

On Dec. 5, 2000, Prof. Peritz gave a talk entitled "An Introduction to Innovation Economics and Competition Policy," which included a gathering of economists and legal scholars, senior antitrust practitioners, and EC regulators at the Centre for Law and Social Policy, at Kings College, University of London, UK.

Prof. Peritz will deliver a paper entitled "Antitrust and Innovation" at an Antitrust Bulletin and Ohio University conference in Columbus, OH, May 3. The conference topic will be "Shaping Today's Antitrust and Economic Policies to Tomorrow's High-Tech Challenges: Facing the Millennium and the Nation's High-Tech Revolution."

**PROFESSOR EDWARD SAMUELS** discussed the Napster case in *The New York Times* Business section on Feb. 14.

**PROFESSOR RICHARD SHERWIN** was on the air with KPFK, where he was interviewed about his book *When Law Goes Pop: The Vanishing Line Between Law and Popular Culture*. His book was used as a "reward" for contributors in their fundraising drive.

Prof. James Elkin's lengthy review of his book appeared in the *Journal of Criminal Justice and Popular Culture*, offering some friendly criticism and refers to the book as "masterful, exhilarating. . . ." The entire review can be read on the website at [www.albany.edu/scj/jcpc/vol18is1/elkins.html](http://www.albany.edu/scj/jcpc/vol18is1/elkins.html). His book also has been reviewed in German, Swedish and Polish media.

On Feb. 23, he presented a paper "Nomos and Cinema," at UCLA Law Review's law and popular culture conference. Prof. Perlin will also present a paper at next month's Law, Culture & Humanities conference.

PROFESSOR NADINE STROSSEN's speaking engagements and media appearances have covered a wide range of constitutional law and civil liberties issues. She and Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia engaged in "A Dialogue about Liberty" at a First Amendment conference in Honolulu, HI.

She lectured at the University of Georgia on UGA's affirmative action admissions programs at Albion College on the role of the media in youth violence, and at Emory and Henry College on the state of civil liberties in America. She spoke at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York in connection with her newly republished book *Defending Pornography: Free Speech, Sex and the Fight for Women's Rights*.

On television, she discussed whether the electoral college should be abolished or reformed on WNET's "Debates, Debates." She debated church/school issues on two February PBS programs, and appeared on "Politically Incorrect" and Oxygen Media's "Ether."

On the radio, Prof. Strossen participated in a nationwide press conference discussing the nomination of John Ashcroft as Attorney General. Each Wednesday evening between 7 pm and 8 pm EST, her interview program on the Talk American Radio Network's is devoted to current constitutional and civil liberties issues.

PROFESSOR RUTI TEITEL spoke at the United States Institute of Peace on Thurs., Jan. 25. The discussion, entitled "Putting the Demons to Rest: Two New Books on Confronting the Legacy of Human Rights Abuses," included a comparative analysis from her book, *Transitional Justice* (Oxford 2000). Prof. Teitel attended a conference at UCLA on Feb. 3-5 entitled "Confronting the Past" where she discussed her book on a panel on reparatory justice. She also spoke on Feb. 6 about her work "Transitional Justice as a Liberal Narrative" at UCLA Law School on Feb. 6.

Prof. Teitel was a judge in a Moot Court convened by the Anti-Defamation League on Feb. 12 to prepare the attorneys for the NY School Board who will be arguing the Good News Prayer Club case in the US Supreme Court on Feb. 28.

On Feb. 13, she responded to a paper at an international law workshop on the subject of the law and policy concerning veiling and other genderized cultural practices at Columbia University Law School.

### About Counselor

*Counselor* is published weekly when school is in session by the Office of Development and Public Affairs. The next issue of *Counselor* will be published on Monday, March 5. Students who wish to submit information to *Counselor* should write to the Office of Student Life, 5th floor, A bldg. by 9 am Monday for the following Monday's edition. Faculty and staff should e-mail copy via [counselor@nyls.edu](mailto:counselor@nyls.edu) to Donna Spalter, assistant director of communications and public relations, by noon Tuesday, for the next Monday's issue. Contact Ms. Spalter at 431-2187 with questions or to request an editorial schedule.

## Summer/Fall 2001 Judicial Externships

Second- and third-year students interested in working with a judge during the Summer/Fall 2001 semester should pick up the Judicial Externship Information Packet from the Lawyering Skills Center, room B107.

### STUDENTS APPLYING TO STATE TRIAL COURTS

Resume collection for the Fall 2001 semester will take place on Mon., Feb. 26, 9:30 am-2 pm and 4-6 pm and Tues., Feb. 27, noon-2 pm and 3-5 pm, room B511.

## Calling all talent!

Calling all talented faculty, staff and students!

The second annual NYLS Civil Liberties Union First Amendment talent show "Uncensored but Stiefeled" will be held on Thurs., March 22, 7-10 pm, Ernst Stiefel Reading Room.

Students, faculty and staff interested in performing should e-mail Stephanie Weaver at [sweaver.s@nyls.edu](mailto:sweaver.s@nyls.edu).

For those of you who don't wish to perform but merely wish to attend and see your talented cohorts, tickets go on sale on March 1. Tickets cost \$6 in advance and \$8 at the door. Refreshments will be provided. All proceeds will go to the New York Civil Liberties Union. The doors open at 6 pm on the night of the show.

## Barristers' Ball information announced

The annual Barristers' Ball will be held on Sat., March 24, 8 pm-1 am, Pier Sixty. Black tie is optional.

Subsidized tickets are available at \$50 each for NYLS students and \$90 each for their guests. After the first 450 tickets are sold, the cost of the tickets will be \$100 each.

Tickets for the event are on sale now in Student Life, Mon.-Thurs., 10 am-6 pm, and Fri., 10 am-5 pm. Cash, checks, MasterCard and Visa are accepted.

## Donations needed for PIC auction

Donations of goods and services are requested for the Seventh Annual Public Interest Coalition auction scheduled for Thurs., April 5, 6-8 pm, Ernst Stiefel Reading Room. Some examples of popular donations include gift certificates, theater tickets, sports memorabilia, autographed collectibles, antiques, and baked goods. Students or friends should bring donations to Student Life.

For further information, e-mail Shani Friedman at [sfriedman.s@nyls.edu](mailto:sfriedman.s@nyls.edu).

## Summer housing deadline extended

The summer housing deadline has been extended to Fri., March 2. E-mail requests to [housing@nyls.edu](mailto:housing@nyls.edu).

# CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 5

**MONDAY 2/26**

**FIRST-YEAR ORIENTATION**

For evening students in Written & Oral Advocacy sections  
E5, E6, E7, E8, 7:30-8:30, room A400. Refreshments will be served.

**TUESDAY 2/27**

**POST-GRADUATE JOB SEARCH: STRATEGIES**

1 pm and 5 pm, room B300.  
Presented by Cyndy Wyatt, former director of Career Services.

**SPOTLIGHT ON EVENING RECEPTION**

4-6 pm, Wellington Center  
Admission is free, but reservations are required.  
RSVP: the Office of Development 431-2169.

**WEDNESDAY 2/28**

**LATINO LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING**

1-2 pm, A500

**CAREER SERVICES INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY NETWORKING LUNCH**

1 pm, Wellington Conference Center. RSVP: On-line Resource Center

**THURSDAY 3/1**

**OTTO WALTER LUNCHEON**

12:30-2 pm, Wellington Conference Center.  
Speaker and honoree Christina Storm '77, founder and  
director of Lawyers Without Borders.  
RSVP: Student Life, 431-2851

**CAREER SERVICES RESOURCE CENTER TOUR**

1 pm, Resource Center

**JAZZ TOUR OF HARLEM**

6 pm, meeting place: Adam Clayton Powell Office Bldg., 163 125th St.  
\$20, NYLS students; \$30 non-students. Tickets available in Student Life.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**WEDNESDAY 3/7**

**CAREER SERVICES CORPORATE LAW PANEL**

1 pm, room A700. RSVP: Online Resource Center

**FIRST-YEAR ORIENTATION**

For evening students in Written & Oral Advocacy  
Sections E1, E2, E3, E4, 7:30-8:30, room A400. Refreshments will be served.

**THURS. 3/8-SUNDAY 3/11**

**WAGNER MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

Final round 3/11, Ernst Stiefel Reading Room

**"UNCENSORED BUT STIEFELED" TALENT SHOW**

7-10 pm, Ernst Stiefel Reading Room

**MARCH 24**

**BARRISTERS' BALL**

8 pm-1 am, Pier Sixty. Tickets available in Student Services.

**APRIL 5**

**SEVENTH ANNUAL PIC AUCTION**

Mark your calendar and donate now!  
6-8 pm, Ernst Stiefel Reading Room