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WELCOME BACK STUDENTS!

New York Law School wishes you a Happy New Year and welcomes you to the Spring 2001 semester.

CityLaw Breakfast features New York State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer

The New York Law School Center of New York CityLaw Breakfast Series will feature Attorney General Eliot Spitzer on Fri., Jan. 19, 8:15-9:30 am, Ernst Stiefel Reading Room.

In the two years since becoming the State's 63rd attorney general, Mr. Spitzer has adopted a balanced, moderate approach to his position. His initiatives have put New York on the front lines of the struggles for environmental protection, public safety, civil rights, and consumer affairs.

The attorney general's lawsuit against Midwest power plants has been cited as one of the most promising recent developments in the fight against acid rain and pollution, while his office's development of a "code of conduct" served as a template for a settlement with the nation's largest gun manufacturer. Mr. Spitzer also has been a leader in the fight for on-line privacy rights and in the expansion of "e-commerce" in New York State.

Prior to his first candidacy for attorney general, Eliot Spitzer served as an assistant district attorney in Manhattan 1986-92 rising to chief of the Labor Racketeering Unit. He also worked at the prominent law firms Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom and Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison. Additionally, he founded the Center for Community Interest, a non-profit community advocacy organization, and served as a partner at Constantine & Partners. He graduated from Princeton University and Harvard Law School, where he was editor of the *Harvard Law Review*.

Admission to the breakfast is free, though reservations are requested. Contact the Center for New York City Law at 431-2115.

Dean Matasar's student meetings continue

Dean Richard A. Matasar will hold Town Meetings on Wed., Feb. 7, 5-7 pm and Tues., April 17, 5-7 pm, Student Center.

In addition, the Dean's weekly schedule is posted outside his office on the 2nd floor of A building. Dean Matasar has an open door policy: anytime he is not in a meeting and in the office, you are welcome to drop by. If he is busy you may make an appointment with his assistant, DJ Mazer, to meet with the Dean at your convenience.

You also should feel free to write to Dean Matasar at the e-mail account established especially for this purpose: deardean@nyls.edu.

Recognizing that evening students have limited time availability, the Dean will hold walk-in hours reserved for evening students during a specified evening each month. These monthly hours will be publicized in *Counselor* at the beginning of each month.

The walk-in hours for January are 5-8 pm, Tues., Jan. 16. The phone-in hour for evening students is Thurs., Jan. 25, 11 am-12 pm.

Finally, Dean Matasar will meet every other week with Joe Altavilla, SBA president, and at appropriate times with other SBA representatives. This is another avenue for passing along ideas and concerns you may wish to bring to his attention. As time goes by, other means to assure regular and healthy communication may develop. In the meantime, the Dean will look forward to seeing you and hearing from you through one means or another.

FROM THE OFFICE OF STUDENT LIFE

For more information on the following visit the Office of Student Life (fifth floor, A building) or call 431-2851.

The Student Life Office has moved!

The Office of Student Life is now located in room A502. The Office is located near the freight elevator on the 5th floor of the A building next to classroom A500.

Tutors needed

Students may volunteer to be tutors by contacting Sally Harding in Student Life.

Student lottery for Annual Alumni Luncheon

A lottery will be held for students interested in attending the Annual Alumni Luncheon on Fri., Jan. 26, 12-2:30 pm, The Pierre Hotel.

Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer will be this year's featured speaker. Interested students should contact Student Life by Thurs., Jan. 18. The lottery drawing will be held on Jan. 24.

Save the date for kickoff - NYLS/Bar 2001

Dean Matasar invites all NYLS students—not only those graduating in June—to attend the opening of NYLS/Bar 2001 on Mon., Jan. 29, 5:30-6:20 pm, the Stiefel Room. The Dean, Bryan Williams from the State Board of Law Examiners, Prof. Joseph Marino and others will speak about upcoming programs designed to help NYLS students succeed on the July 2001 bar exam.

Refreshments will be served. For further information, contact Vicky Ocasio at 431-2367; or e-mail vocasio@nyls.edu.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

For more information on the following, visit the Office of the Registrar (2nd floor A Building) or call 431-2300.

Add/Drop information

ADD/DROP WEEK FOR THE SPRING 2001 SEMESTER IS JAN. 16-JAN. 23.

A notice concerning procedures for Add/Drop Week was sent via e-mail to all continuing students on Jan. 8.

Students who wish to only drop courses should pick up an add/drop form outside of room B100 on Tues., Jan. 16, beginning at 10 am. Forms must be returned to the registration coordinator on Tues., Jan. 16, 10 am-7 pm, or Wed., Jan. 17, 10 am-4 pm.

Only students who obtain lottery numbers may participate in the add/drop process on Wed., Jan. 17. Lottery numbers will be distributed outside of room B100 on Tues., Jan. 16, 12-8 pm, and Wed., Jan. 17, 12-4:30 pm.

On Wed., Jan. 17 (the first night to add and drop courses), students should report with lottery numbers to the Ernst Stiefel Reading Room at 5:45 pm. Students will be called according to lottery numbers until all students in the Reading Room at 8 pm have been assisted.

Students may add/drop classes in the Registrar's office on a first-come-first-served basis on the following days and times: Thurs., Jan. 18, 9 am-7 pm; Fri., Jan. 19, 9 am-5 pm; Mon., Jan. 22, 9 am-7 pm; and Tues., Jan. 23, 9 am-6 pm.

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.

Networking Lunch Series Program

The Networking Lunch Series connects students with alumni/ae practicing in various fields of law. Students must RSVP on the Career Services Online Resource Center and arrive promptly to ensure admittance. Lunches begin promptly at 1 pm (except when otherwise noted) in the Conference Center. Seating is limited. However, students who are on the waiting list and arrive in the Wellington Conference Center before 1 pm are likely to be admitted.

Four lunches have been scheduled through January and February: New Media, Jan. 31; Labor & Employment Law, Feb. 14; New York City Agency, Feb. 21, 12:30 pm; and Intellectual Property, Feb. 28.

Check the Career Services Online Resource Center's Program and Events Calendar for further information, program locations, and to RSVP.

Tips for job seekers panel

Tips for students seeking summer and permanent employment are available during a panel on Wed., Jan. 24, 1-2 pm, room B400. Topics will include: ways students can market themselves in their search for employment; what employers look for when conducting interviews; how to follow up on interviews; and general recommendations for conducting a summer/permanent job search in the spring.

Four featured panelists will speak: Richard Lunenfeld, associate at Goldstein and Greenlaw; Salvatore Macedonio, senior labor attorney at the New York City Transit Authority; Eileen McCrohan, immigration attorney at O'Malley & Associates; and Jennifer Siegel, managing attorney at the Commission on Human Rights.

RSVP: Career Services Online Resource Center.

First-Year Students of Color

The Association of the Bar of the City of New York conducts a summer fellowship program to place first-year students of color in NYC law firms.

Fellowship application materials are available in Career Services. Application deadline: Jan. 23, 5 pm.

Resource Center tours

Tours will be held in the Career Services Resource Center: Feb. 6, 1 pm and 5:15 pm; Feb. 15, 1 pm; and Feb. 22, 1 pm. Designed to introduce students to the numerous resources available, the 30-45 minute tours show how these resources can be used effectively in a job search. A full tour schedule is available on the Online Resource Center.

Special walk-in hours for first-year students

Special walk-in hours for reviewing resumes are available to first-year students on Tues., Jan. 16.- Tues. Feb. 6, 11 am-1 pm.

NYU Public Interest Career Symposium

NYLS students are invited to attend the New York University School of Law annual Public Interest Legal Career Symposium on Feb. 15-16. The symposium will feature interviews conducted by over 150 employers from public interest organizations and government agencies seeking students for summer or entry-level positions.

Submit resumes and other required materials to Career Services by Mon., Jan. 22. Binders containing employer application information are now available.

For further information, check *Counselor*, the Public Interest newsletter, the Career Services bulletin board near room B100, and the Public Interest bulletin board near room B500.

Wanda's resource tips

Happy New Year! Welcome back, students! Now that the break is over, it is time to begin that summer job search. Listed below are resources that will be helpful in your job search.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT SURVEYS: lists employers who have hired NYLS students in the summer. Can be found on our On-line Resource Center and in Career Services.

❑ **NYU LEGAL CAREER SYMPOSIUM 2001 INFORMATION BINDERS:** features information on more than 150 public sector organizations. Interviews for summer or entry-level positions, career panel discussions, and information tables will take place at the symposium. Binders are available in the Career Services Resource Center and the Mendik Library.

❑ **THE ESSENTIAL BOOK OF INTERVIEWING: EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE TABLE.** Available in the Career Services Resource Center.

❑ **PUBLIC SERVICE LAW NETWORK (PSLAWNet)** www.pslawnet.org contains job listings for government agencies and public interest organizations. It also includes information on their application criteria, deadlines, a brief description of positions available, and information on where to send your application. Although some of the deadlines are as early as December, most deadlines fall between January and March. Many of these positions are located in Washington, DC, but some positions are available in regional offices as well.

❑ **HOW TO GET THE JOB YOU WANT IN A LAW FIRM** (see chapter 2, "The Basic Tools for Your First-Year Job Search"). Available in the Career Services Resource Center.

Also, the Career Services Online Resource Center/Emplawyernet job database consists of listings posted with Career Services as well as national listings provided by Emplawyernet.

To enter the job database, click on the "Job Search" link. To access the Career Services Online Resource Center/Emplawyernet™, go to www.emplawyernet.com; enter your career services ID and password. Emplawyernet™ may be accessed from any NYLS terminal or from home with an internet provider. Students without a Career Services ID and password should contact career@nyls.edu.

Read next week's *Counselor* to learn about Resource Center Tours. □

FROM THE LAWYERING SKILLS OFFICE

For more information on the Externship Program, call 431-2186

Judicial Externship Program Information

APPLICANTS FOR FEDERAL OR STATE APPELLATE COURT

JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIPS may check the binders listing judges participating in the Summer and Fall Judicial Externship Program on Mon., Jan. 29, in Career Services, the Mendik Library (on reserve) and in room B106 the office of Jill Jackson, assistant lawyering skills coordinator.

Resume collection for both summer and fall applicants will take place on Thurs., Feb. 1, 9:30 am-2 pm and 4-6 pm, room B511. Applications 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.

FOR STUDENTS APPLYING FOR A STATE TRIAL COURT JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP: binders listing judges participating in the Summer and Fall Judicial Externship Program will be available on Thurs., Feb. 8 in Career Services, the Mendik Library (on reserve) and in Ms. Jackson's office, room B106. Resume collection for the summer will take place on Wed., Feb. 21, 9:30 am-2 pm and 4-6 pm, and Thurs., Feb. 22, noon-2 pm and 3-5 pm, room B511. Resume collection for the fall 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.

Your application should include (21) resumes, (21) 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, (21) copies of a recommendation letter.

It is strongly recommended that you have your resume reviewed by Career Services before submitting your application.

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 January 22. 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 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.

CALENDAR

JANUARY 16-22

TUESDAY 1/16

FRIDAY 1/19

☐ DEAN MATASAR'S WALK-IN HOURS FOR EVENING STUDENTS

5-8 pm

☐ CITYLAW BREAKFAST

8:15-9:30 am, Ernst Stiefel Reading Room.

Featured speaker: NY Attorney General Eliot Spitzer

RSVP: 431-2115

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 1/24

THURSDAY 1/25

FRIDAY 1/26

MONDAY 1/29

☐ CAREER SERVICES TIPS FOR JOB SEEKERS

1 pm, room B400. RSVP: Online Resource Center

☐ DEAN MATASAR'S PHONE-IN HOUR FOR EVENING STUDENTS

11 am-12 pm. Call 431-2840

☐ ANNUAL ALUMNI LUNCHEON

12-2:30 pm, The Pierre Hotel

Featured speaker: Bronx Borough President Fernando Ferrer.

☐ NYLS/BAR 2001 KICKOFF

5:30-6:20 pm, the Stiefel Room. Open to all NYLS students.

WEDNESDAY 1/31

MONDAY 2/5

TUESDAY 2/6

WEDNESDAY 2/7

MONDAY 2/12

☐ CAREER SERVICES NETWORKING LUNCH SERIES: "NEW MEDIA"

1 pm, Wellington Conference Center. RSVP: Online Resource Center.

☐ MOCK TRIAL OF DOROTHY GALE

5 pm, Ernst Stiefel Reading Room. Admission is free, but seating is limited.

☐ CAREER SERVICES RESOURCE CENTER TOURS

1 pm and 5:15 pm

☐ DEAN RICHARD A. MATASAR TOWN MEETING

5-7 pm, Student Center

☐ LAW AND TRIBECA SERIES: "PROTECT AND DEFEND"

6 pm, Ernst Stiefel Reading Room.

Featured speaker: Richard North Patterson, best-selling author of *Protect and Defend*. Expert commentators, including: Prof. Alan Dershowitz, Harvard Law School; Jay Alan Sekulow, chief counsel, American Center for Law and Justice and the European Centre for Law and Justice; NYLS Prof. Nadine Strossen, president ACLU; Prof. Sol Wachtler, Touro Law School, former justice of the NY Supreme Court, and former chief judge, NY Court of Appeals. RSVP required: 431-2802.

WEDNESDAY 2/14

THURSDAY 2/15

FEB. 15 & 16

☐ CAREER SERVICES NETWORKING LUNCH SERIES
"LABOR & EMPLOYMENT LAW"

1 pm, Wellington Conference Center

☐ CAREER SERVICES RESOURCE CENTER TOURS

1 pm

☐ NEW YORK UNIVERSITY LEGAL CAREER SYMPOSIUM

New York University

