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NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL MOOT COURT COMPETITORS RISE TO THE OCCASION

New York Law School's Moot Court competitors have gleaned many honors at various competitions this year.

At the 2001 Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, NYLS beat Columbia, NYU, Cornell and eight other schools to earn Best Brief honors for the Atlantic Region. The team also advanced to the Semi-Final Round where they argued against Columbia, the eventual winner of the Atlantic Region for oral argument.

NYLS's brief will go on to the national competition where the Best Brief in the nation will earn the Hardy C. Dillard award. Because of its outstanding performance, the NYLS Moot Court Association has invited the NYLS Jessup Team to become candidates for membership in the Association.

The 2001 NYLS Jessup Team consisted of A.J. Kamra (2L), Agnieszka Twarog (2L), Damaris Rosario (2L), Natalie Suarez (3L), and Joseph Tornberg (4L Evening). The team was coached by Janet Abrams (3L), Souren Israelyan (3L Evening) and Daniel J. Curtin Jr. (3L).

The Jessup is the largest Moot Court Competition in the world, where schools from over 60 countries compete.

NYLS moot court competitors advanced to the National Rounds of the National Appellate Advocacy Competition (NAAC) after being finalists in this past month in Boston. The NAAC National Rounds will be held in Chicago later this month. This year's NYLS NAAC team consisted of Rebecca Ulisse (2L), Frank Valverde (3L), and Coach Alexandra Standish (3L). The NAAC is hosted by the American Bar Association. NYLS's Moot Court Association also earned honors in Fordham's Kaufman Securities Law Competition this past month. Maria Mauro (2L Evening), Anna Paeslar (3L Evening) and January Marsch (3L), coach, advanced to the Octofinal Round of the competition.

NEXT WEEK IN COUNSELOR: The Wagner Competition.

Multi-Cultural Festival features food, fun. . .

Join NYLS student organizations in celebrating diversity at the Law School on Thurs., March 29, 5-10 pm, Ernst Stiefel Reading Room. The festival will include food from many cultures, music, and entertainment. The event is sponsored by the Asian American, Black, Hellenic, Irish, Italian American, Jewish, Latino, South Asian law students associations, the Federalist Society and the SBA. All are invited.

Otto L. Walter Lecture set

"A Lawyer has an Obligation: Pro Bono and the Legal Profession will be discussed during the 2001 Otto L. Walter Lecture on Tues., April 10, 4:30-6 pm, Ernst Stiefel Reading Room.

Evan A. Davis, president of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, will discuss a lawyer's ethical responsibility to provide *pro bono* services. He will examine what the legal profession can do to support and expand *pro bono* opportunities; and what the future holds for lawyers and students interested in public interest law. Mr. Davis is a partner at Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton.

Pro bono work remains one of a lawyer's greatest obligations to society. But as the legal profession has become more stressful in recent years, some lawyers are committing less time and fewer resources to *pro bono* work. And, as public funding for legal aid programs remains inadequate, there is reason for concern that the need for *pro bono* assistance will not be met.

The lecture will be hosted by C.V. Starr Professor of Law Sydney M. Cone, III, director of the Center for International Law.

Admission is free. RSVP: Michael Rhee at 431-2865 or via e-mail at mrhee@nyls.edu.

Three NYLS students receive fellowships

Three first-year students have been named City Bar Fellows. The fellows will work at leading New York law firms during summer 2001.

Congratulations to Maya M. Grant, Johnson & Johnson; Cynara Hermes, Willkie Farr & Gallagher; and Sonia Murray, Morrison & Foerster. Ten law schools throughout the New York Metropolitan area participated in the program. NYLS was among the law schools receiving the largest number of 2001 fellowships.

Law in TriBeCa Series continues

Professor Edward Samuels will be the featured speaker during the latest in the Law in TriBeCa series. "Copyright, Art, & Technology: A Discussion of and Questions and Answers on Copyright Issues" will be held on Wed., April 4, 6 pm, Wellington Conference Center. Join Prof. Samuels' discussion of issues concerning the impact of recent technology on copyright and art, the recent Napster case, and the Internet.

The event is free and open to the public. RSVP: 431-2802.

Student workers for phonathon

The spring phonathon begins tonight and runs through March 26, 5:30-8:30 pm, Wellington Conference Center. Students are still needed to call alumni/ae to request contributions for NYLS. Callers are paid \$10 per hour. Interested students should contact Inez Gonzalez, assistant director of alumni affairs and special events, ASAP by e-mail at igonzaalez@nyls.edu.

Safety First Program

A two-day seminar on sexual assault prevention and personal safety-first program will be held on Wed., March 21-Thurs. March 22, 12:45-2 pm, room B108.

On March 21, Police Officer Gail Douglas from Crime Prevention and Detective Lydia Martinez from the Special Victims Liaison Unit of the New York City Police Department will discuss sexual assault prevention and personal safety tips. The fears and frustrations women face daily while traveling alone will be the focus of Thursday's video. Learn the simple methods women can use to protect themselves. A discussion will follow.

Pizza will be served. Late-comers are welcome.

The Office of Security & Safety, Student Life, and the Shield & Gavel Law Enforcement Students Association will sponsor the program. Students who wish to introduce topics for future presentations, should contact the Director of Security & Safety George H. Hayes at ghayes@nyls.edu, or 431-2837.

Looking for housing?

A small single occupancy room is available immediately at the St. George Residence Hall. Call Tracy Mc Donagh in the Housing Office, 431-2166.

Summer housing available at the St. George

Summer housing for the 2001 summer term (June 16-Aug. 15) is still available at the St. George Residence Hall in Brooklyn Heights. During this period, small rooms are available at \$600 per month and large single rooms at \$750 per month.

Interested students must e-mail their name, phone number, date of graduation, and room size preference to housing@nyls.edu by Fri., Feb. 16. Students who wish to rent a room for less than the two-month period should indicate this in the e-mail; the housing staff will try to accommodate you.

For further information, call 431-2166.

Barristers' Ball this Saturday

The annual Barristers' Ball will be held on Sat., March 24, 8 pm-1 am, Pier Sixty. Subsidized tickets are still on sale at \$50 each for NYLS students and \$90 for each guest. Tickets may be purchased by visiting Student Life, or by phone at 431-2851. Tickets will not be sold at the door.

Cash, checks, MasterCard, and Visa are accepted.

Calling all talent! Annual talent show set

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 by Tues., March 20. For those who don't wish to perform, but wish to attend, tickets are on sale for \$6 in advance or \$8 at the door. Tickets may be purchased from any CLU member. Refreshments will be provided. All proceeds will go to the New York Civil Liberties Union. Doors open at 6 pm.

Donations needed for PIC auction

The Public Interest Coalition is counting on the NYLS Community's support. Donations of goods and services are still needed for the Seventh Annual Public Interest Coalition auction scheduled for Thurs., April 5, 5-9 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.

FAQ's about Commencement 2001

Q: Do I have to pay for my cap & gown?

A: The fee is included in your tuition.

Q: What do I need to fill in on the cap & gown form?

A: Fill in the box in the middle of the form and include name, height and "JD." Note that caps are one-size-fits-all, so your cap size is not needed. Regalia will be distributed May 15-May 17.

Q: Are there assigned seats?

A: For graduates, yes. Guests are seated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Q: May I have more than five tickets?

A: There will be a lottery for additional tickets in May. It is possible, but we will not know until then.

Q: What if friends/family arrive without a ticket?

A: They will not be allowed admission.

Q: May children attend?

A: Children under age two may sit on a lap, if over two, the child will require a seat and ticket. Adults also must be responsible for making sure that any children are quiet.

Q: Is there parking?

A: Yes, Avery Fisher Hall has a parking lot on W. 65th St.

Q: Is the Hall wheelchair accessible?

A: Yes, contact Inez Gonzalez (431-2189) for arrangements.

Q: How long is commencement?

A: The ceremony is two hours long and is followed by a reception.

Q: May my best friend give me my diploma?

A: No, only family members who are NYLS alumni/ae.

Q: May my family videotape the ceremony?

A: Yes.

Q: Do I keep my cap & gown afterwards?

A: Only the caps may be kept. You must return your gown that day.

Writing competition

NEW YORK WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION, INC.

ANNUAL FLORENCE P. SHEINTAG COMPETITION.

TOPIC: A current legal issue concerning constitutional law or question.

PRIZE: \$5,000

DEADLINE: April 23

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 26. 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.

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.

Intro to Career Services Resources

Meet the Career Services staff! Learn about the Online Resource Center, upcoming programs, the Alumni Mentor Project, and how Career Services can be a resource for you. Join us on Thurs., March 22, 1 pm, Student Center. Refreshments will be served.

Alumni Mentor Project Reception

An Alumni Mentor Project Reception will be held on Tues., March 27, 6 pm, Wellington Conference Center. Meet alumni/ae mentors and learn how to obtain assistance with career paths, job searches, interviewing skills, and more.

Students are encouraged to look through the binders of listed participants to find NYLS contacts in their field of interest before the March 27 reception. Binders are located in Career Services and the first floor of the Mendik Library near the reserve room. The NYLS Alumni Association and Career Services sponsor the program. RSVP: The Development Office, 431-2800, or by e-mail at alumniaffairs@nyls.edu.

How evening students change careers

Evening students are encouraged to attend a program on "Preparing For and Handling Career Change" on Wed., April 11, 5 pm, room B400. Hear tips on how to maximize future job possibilities. Light refreshments will be served.

Intellectual Property Networking update

Students who did not attend the Intellectual Property Networking lunch in February may still obtain information on the practice area through the Alumni Mentor Project. Many of the attending alumni and alumnae are available to speak individually with students. All of the mentors who spoke at the program have been invited to the Alumni Mentor Project Reception on Tues., March 27, 6 pm, Wellington Conference Center. Contact Career Services for details.

Wanda's Resource tip

Missed a Career Services Program?

The following Career Services programs are available on videotape:

- "How to Interview with a Judge";
- "Tips for Job Seekers: Summer & Permanent"; and
- "Your Post-Graduate Job Search: Strategies for Success."

Students may borrow videotapes for 48 hours.

Read next week's *Counselor* for information on exploring legal job sources on Lexis.

CALENDAR

MARCH 19-25

MONDAY-THURSDAY 3/19-26

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WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY 3/21-22

WEDNESDAY 3/21

THURSDAY 3/22

SATURDAY 3/24

SPRING PHONATHON

VOTING FOR CLASS GIFT 2001

SAFETY FIRST PROGRAM

12:45-2 pm, room B108. Pizza will be served.

FEDERALIST SOCIETY LECTURE ON INTERNATIONAL LAW

3:30-5pm, room A600

Featured speaker: Prof. Jeremy Rabkin, Cornell Law School.

All are invited.

DEAN MATASAR'S CALL IN HOUR

11 am-12 pm. Call 431-2840

INTRO TO CAREER SERVICES' RESOURCES & PROGRAMS

1 pm, Student Center

ASIAN AMERICAN LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION ELECTIONS

1-2 pm, room A600

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT GENERAL MEETING

1-2 pm, room B400

PHI ALPHA DELTA GENERAL MEETING

1-1:45 pm, room A1002

"UNCENSORED BUT STIEFELED" NYLS CLU TALENT SHOW

7-10 pm, Ernst Stiefel Reading Room. Tickets on sale now!

BARRISTERS' BALL

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARCH 27

ALUMNI MENTOR PROJECT RECEPTION

6 pm, Wellington Center. RSVP: The Office of Development, 431-2800.

MARCH 29

MULTI-CULTURAL FESTIVAL

5-10 pm, Ernst Stiefel Reading Room. Food, music, and entertainment.

APRIL 4

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL GENERAL MEETING

3:30-4:30 pm, room A600. All are invited.

LAW IN TRIBECA SERIES

"Copyright, Art, & Technology: A Discussion of and Questions and Answers on Copyright Issues" Featured speaker: Prof. Edward Samuels.

Free and open to the public. RSVP: 431-2802.

APRIL 5

SPOTLIGHT ON WOMEN LUNCHEON

12:30-2 pm, Wellington Center. RSVP: 431-2169.

SEVENTH ANNUAL PIC AUCTION

Donate now! 5-9 pm, Ernst Stiefel Reading Room

APRIL 10

OTTO L. WALTER LECTURE

4:30-6 pm, Ernst Stiefel Reading Room

Featured speaker: Evan A. Davis, president of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, discusses pro bono work.

APRIL 11

PREPARING FOR & HANDLING CAREER CHANGE

For evening students. 5 pm, Wellington Conference Center.

RSVP: On-line Resource Center.