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WAGNER COMPETITION RESULTS

Teams of students from 44 law schools competed in the 25th Annual Robert F. Wagner Sr. National Labor and Employment Law Moot Court Competition, which took place at the School, March 8-March 11. Presented by the New York Law School Moot Court Association, the Wagner is the largest student-run moot court competition in the country.

This year's case centered on sexual discrimination and retaliation claims in the workplace. Final rounds were argued before a distinguished panel of judges, which included Richard Matasar, dean; Prof. Nadine Strossen, president of the national American Civil Liberties Union; the Hon. John Truesdale, National Labor Relations Board chair; the Hon. Ida Castro, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission chair; and the Hon. Henry Solano, solicitor of the US Department of Labor.

The teams competed in a series of rounds over the four-day period, culminating in a final debate on March 11 between finalists Stetson University School of Law and Southern Methodist University School of Law. The Stetson group emerged as Best Team and Luis G. Zambrano of Southern Methodist was chosen Best Oral Advocate. Other winners included University of California Hastings College of the Law for Best Petitioner Brief and Seton Hall University Law School for Best Respondent Brief.

The judges were highly impressed with this year's contenders. In choosing the final winners, Wagner Chief Justice Castro confided that "it was extremely, extremely difficult for us. You are all winners!"

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 Asian American, Black, Hellenic, Irish, Italian American, Jewish, Latino, South Asian law students associations, the Federalist Society and the SBA sponsor the event. All are invited.

A message from Dean Matasar

As we prepare to celebrate our Multicultural Festival on Thurs., March 29, this seems a good time to observe and reaffirm the Law School's commitment to create and maintain a diverse community. This is a source of strength that has been a benefit to all at New York Law School from early in its history, and it is one we draw upon today in so many ways that make us a better and more vibrant institution.

We are fortunate to be part of a community devoted to learning and one that values discussion across a wide range of issues. Clearly, our interactions and learning opportunities are enriched by the variety of perspectives that come from our varied experiences and backgrounds. This highlights the importance for all of us whether we are here as a student or as a member of the staff or faculty, to respect one another, as we also try to learn from what each of us has to offer. A valued product of a healthy and thriving educational environment is the insight we gain into how best to communicate with and get along with others. These skills also are essential attributes in the repertoire of the effective professional.

The Multicultural Festival is a great way for us to celebrate our diverse community.

DEAN RICHARD A. MATASAR

Bridge the Gap program set

A "Bridge the Gap" program will be held on Fri., March 30, 8:30 am-3:30 pm, New York County Lawyer's Association, 14 Vesey St. The program provides tips on research strategies and ways to deal with time and cost constraints.

The afternoon panel on "Life as a Summer Associate" will feature a law partner, mid-level and newer associates, an ADA and, a Supreme Court judge.

Program cost is \$25(meals included). Pick up registration at the library reference desk. Mail checks payable to LLAGNY and forms to: Alma De Jesus, Proskauer Rose, LLP, 1585 Broadway, rm. B24, NY, NY 10036-8299.

For further information, contact Sarah Valentine, reference librarian, 431- 2385 or at svalentine@nyls.edu.

Spotlight on Women to honor Alumnae

Distinguished alumnae will speak at the ninth annual Spotlight on Women luncheon on Thurs., April 5, 12:30-2 pm, Wellington Center. Join outstanding NYLS alumnae as they talk about their diverse careers and accomplishments.

This year's panel features: Elenora L. Benz, Esq. '93, sole practitioner; Lynette Cunningham '87, associate for Ocean Affairs & Law of the Sea, United Nations; Margaret McIntyre-Enloe '82, associate general counsel, Price Waterhouse & Coopers, LLP; Helene C. Praeger '70, attorney, American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers and General Counsel of the ASCAP Foundation; Linda Sosnowitz '73, partner, Stapper & Van Doran; and Christina M. Storm '77, partner, Byrne & Storm and founder/director, Lawyers Without Borders, Inc.

For more information and to RSVP, call Joy DuBois, assistant director for research, at 431-2169, or e-mail her at jdubois@nyls.edu.

Pro Bono Service topic of Otto Walter Lecture

"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, Wellington Center.

Evan A. Davis, president of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, will speak about lawyers' 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.

C.V. Starr Professor of Law Sydney M. Cone, III, director of the Center for International Law, will host the lecture.

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

Law in TriBeCa Series examines copyright

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.

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

Donations still 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.

Operation Laptop continues

A crime prevention officer will be on campus to discuss how to safeguard laptop computers against theft through "Operation Laptop" on Wed., April 4, noon-2 pm, Student Center. The program provides laptop stickers and serial numbers written in indelible ink that can only be seen with a black light. The serial numbers will be filed at the NYPD First Precinct, 16 Ericsson Place.

State of the death penalty panel discussion

A panel discussion on "The 25th Anniversary of *Gregg v. Georgia*: A Discussion on the Current State of the Death Penalty in America" will be held on Wed., April 11, 7:30-9 pm, Ernst Stiefel Reading Room. Panelists include Profs. Robert Blecker and Nadine Strossen, president of the ACLU, and Lawrence Hayes, former death row prisoner and international speaker for the Campaign to End the Death Penalty. The panel is sponsored by the NYLS chapter of Amnesty International.

A question and answer session with the audience will follow. Reservations are not required.

Exam packets on sale

The first-year exam packets will be on sale on Mon.-Fri., 10 am-10 pm; and Sat.-Sun., 10 am-6 pm beginning April 1 at the library circulation desk. Packet prices range from \$1-\$5, depending upon the number of exams provided.

Packets also are available on the NYLS Intranet. Log on; click the library button; and follow the link to "First-Year Exam Packets." Click on the appropriate links to download exams onto disk. Note: Adobe Acrobat Reader is required.

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, April 2. 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 Registrar

❑ **COURSES REQUIRING PREREGISTRATION:** Lists of students eligible to register for the preregistration courses will be posted on the Intranet and on the bulletin board outside of room B100 on Mon., April 2, 11 am.

❑ **THE TRIAL ADVOCACY LOTTERY** will be held on Mon., April 2, Ernst Stiefel Reading Room. Report at the time indicated on your lottery card. Note: the Registrar's Office will close at 4:45 pm that day.

❑ **REGISTRATION APPLICATIONS FOR SUMMER AND FALL 2001 AND SPRING 2002** will be accepted in the Ernst Stiefel Reading Room on April 3-4, 11 am-8 pm. Staff will be available to answer questions. Note: On these two days the Registrar's Office will close at 2 pm.

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. 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.

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.

Alumni Mentor Project Reception

An Alumni Mentor Project Reception will be held on Tues., March 27, 6 pm, Wellington 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 on 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.

Panel on Careers in Sports Law

Learn how to get your foot in the door when seeking a career in sports law at a panel discussion on Wed., April 4, 12:30-2 pm, Fordham University School of Law, room 430 B & C, 140 West 62nd St.

Participating panelists will include four attorneys in the field: Jeffrey Gewirtz, Esq., director of Legal Affairs, Meridian Management SA; Brett Goodman, Esq., director of Business Affairs and Business Development, NBC Olympics; Derrick Heggans, Esq., assistant counsel, Legal and Business Affairs, NFL; and William Skehan, Esq., former General Counsel, NY Islanders.

The event is free. Reservations are not required.

Attention third-year students

The 2001-2002 US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Attorney Honors Program is accepting applications. This collaboration between the EEOC and the National Labor Relations Board is designed to recruit qualified entry-level attorneys and train them for highly skilled legal work within each agency.

For more information and to obtain an application form, visit Career Services, or visit the Commission's Web site at <http://www.eeoc.gov>. Application deadline: Mon., April 16.

Wanda's resource tip

EXPLORING LEGAL JOB SOURCES ON LEXIS

Lexis.com, the leader in career-related information for law students, has a variety of online resources. Use the career library to develop your job search strategy and use the resources of *lexis.com* to prepare for your interview.

Here are two sample searches available in the *lexis.com* research system:

❑ To find descriptions of judicial clerkship programs in a particular city: **SOURCE:** NALP's Judicial Clerkship Directory
TERMS: address(new york)

❑ To obtain the profile of a particular public interest employer
SOURCE: LEXIS Public Interest Employer Directory
Terms: name(southern center for human rights)

To locate one of the above Career Sources:

❑ Go to www.lexis.com;

❑ Log in (Go to the Mendik Library if you need an ID);

❑ Under the "Look for a Source" heading, click on Reference; then click on Career Development;

❑ Choose a source in option 2 (e.g. NALP's Judicial Clerkship Directory); and

❑ Click the "Terms and Connectors" button and type in your terms (e.g. address) (new york).

For more information, visit Career Services.

Read next week's *Counselor* for information on Career Services binders.

FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

PROFESSOR KAREN GROSS was a panelist on "Women and Debt: The Impact of Insolvency on Women and Families" at the World Women Lawyers Conference in London, England held in March.

PROFESSOR SETH HARRIS' article "Conceptions of Fairness and the Fair Labor Standards Act" appeared in the recent issue of the *Hofstra Labor and Employment Law Journal*. The article examines the history of the debate over fairness in wages.

PROFESSOR RICHARD MARSICO was a presenter at the annual conference of the National Community Reinvestment Coalition on March 5. He critiqued the federal banking regulatory agencies' application of the Community Reinvestment Act regulations to the home mortgage lending record of large banks in their examination reports.

DEAN RICHARD A. MATASAR was interviewed for a March *New York Lawyer* magazine article on "Thinking of Clerking Your Way to the Top?", addressing the realities and rewards of clerkships.

PROFESSOR DENISE MORGAN spoke about the Campaign for Fiscal Equity litigation on the Education Workshop Panel at the New York State Association of Black and Puerto Rican Legislators Conference weekend in February.

PROFESSOR MICHAEL PERLIN's article "Stepping Outside the Box: Viewing Your Client in a Whole New Light" was published as part of a creative problem solving symposium which appeared in 37 *Cal. West. L. Rev.* 65 (2000).

He was quoted in the Feb. 9 issue of the *New York Law Journal* regarding Amianna (Patel) Stovall, a former student/ballerina, and in the Feb. 5 *Richmond Times-Dispatch* on the use of the insanity defense in cases of serious felonies.

PROFESSOR EDWARD PURCELL has won the Griswold Prize for his book *Brandeis and the Progressive Constitution: Erie, the Judicial Power, and Politics of the Federal Courts in Twentieth Century America* (Yale University Press, 2000). The award is given by the Supreme Court Historical Society once every three years. He will lecture in the Supreme Court Chambers on May 23.

PROFESSOR EDWARD SAMUELS' book review of Michael White's *Acid Tongues and Tranquil Dreamers: Tales of Bitter Rivalry That Fueled the Advancement of Science and Technology*, was published in the April 2001 issue of *Wired* magazine. It will appear on the *Wired* Web site beginning next month.

PROFESSORS DAVID SCHOENBROD AND ROSS SANDLER have published an article on the New York City school financing case, "After the Court's Ruling-What Next for the Schools?", which appears in 7 *City Law* 1 (2001).

Prof. Schoenbrod and Marci Hamilton, a professor of law at Cardozo Law School, have written an op-ed, "Congressional Review Act Gives Lawmakers a Much-Needed Power", which was

published in the March 11 issue of the *Philadelphia Inquirer*. Prof. Schoenbrod was quoted in the March 5 issue of *Legal Times* and in a March 4 *Boston Herald* editorial on the *American Trucking Association v. Browner* case. *The Legal Times* also quoted him on the Congressional Review Act in its March 12 issue.

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF CAREER SERVICES ADJUA STARKS moderated a panel discussion at the annual New York University Public Interest and Public Service Symposium in February. The "Careers in Criminal Law" panel included Michael Judge, the chief public defender from the Los Angeles Public Defender's Office.

PROFESSOR NADINE STROSSEN has spoken on a range of constitutional law issues at various campuses, including: the Distinguished Speaker Lecture at Duke Law School in Durham, NC; Keynote Lecture, Annual Winter Forum, Emory and Henry College, Emory, VA; the Public Interest Law Summit hosted by the Center for Public Interest Law, University of San Diego School of Law; a forum sponsored by the Annual Survey of American Law, New York University School of Law; debated former US Attorney General Edwin Meese on "Pornography and Censorship," University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN; and Annual Distinguished Speaker Program, Albion College, Albion, MI.

Prof. Strossen also has discussed constitutional and civil liberties issues on TV programs, including: ABC-TV's "Nightline," on the Child Pornography Prevention Act; PBS-TV's "Debates, Debates" ("Should the Government Give Money to Churches for Social Services?" and "Should Religion be Taught in Public Schools After School?"); ABC-TV's "Politically Incorrect with Bill Maher"; and Fox News TV's "Hannity & Colmes," discussing the death penalty for mentally retarded individuals and the issue of prosecuting children as adults. Prof. Strossen also has addressed a range of groups, including: the Atlanta Executive Network (the largest lesbian/gay business organization in the US), Atlanta, GA; the International Expert Network on "Self Regulation of Internet Content" in Singapore; and the Annual First Amendment Forum, Association of Women in Communications, Purchase, NY.

PROFESSOR RUTI TEITEL's article, "The Constitutional Canon: The Challenge Posed by a Transitional Constitutionalism," appeared in Vol.17 (2000) of *Constitutional Commentary* as part of a symposium on the canons of constitutional law.

In a March 4 *New York Review of Books* article, "Bringing Monsters to Justice," author Aryeh Neier refers to Prof. Teitel's book, *Transitional Justice* (Oxford University Press, 2000), as "a valuable contribution to the growing body of scholarly literature."

CALENDAR

MARCH 26-APRIL 2

TUESDAY 3/27

THURSDAY 3/29

FRIDAY 3/30

❑ ALUMNI MENTOR PROJECT RECEPTION

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

❑ ASIAN AMERICAN LAW STUDENTS ASSOC. EXECUTIVE MEETING

1-2 pm, room B500

❑ MULTI-CULTURAL FESTIVAL

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

❑ STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

6-8 pm, room B100

❑ "WEAVING BRIDGES INSTALLMENT 1" EXHIBIT RECEPTION

6:30-8 pm, Student Center. Refreshments will be served.

❑ BRIDGE THE GAP PROGRAM

8:30 am-3:30 pm, New York County Lawyer's Association, 14 Vesey St.

For further information, contact Sarah Valentine, reference librarian, 431-2385 or at svalentine@nyls.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 4

❑ AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL GENERAL MEETING

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

❑ CAREER IN SPORTS LAW: HOW TO GET YOUR FOOT IN THE DOOR

Fordham University School of Law, 12:30 pm-2 pm
(140 W. 62nd St., Rm. 430 B&C)

❑ LAW IN TRIBECA SERIES

"Copyright, Art, & Technology: A Discussion of and Questions and Answers on Copyright Issues." Featured speaker: Prof. Edward Samuels, 6 pm.
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, Wellington Center

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.

❑ STATE OF THE DEATH PENALTY IN AMERICA

Panel discussion, 7:30-9 pm, Ernst Stiefel Reading Room.
Sponsored by the NYLS chapter of Amnesty International.
Reservations are not required.

APRIL 12

❑ BI LESBIAN & GAY LAW STUDENTS ASSOC. GENERAL MEETING

5:30-6:30 pm, room B410. All are invited. Newcomers welcome.