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PIC AUCTION:

DON'T WAIT 'TIL IT'S

GOING, GOING, GONE!

Don't let this once-a-year opportunity pass you by! This is your chance to get a great bargain while supporting a worthy cause.

The Seventh Annual Public Interest Coalition auction will be held on Thurs. April 5, in the Stiefel room 5:30 pm. The event is always a festive occasion chock-full of one-of-a-kind items up for bid. This year's auctioneer will be Prof. Robert Ruescher.

Some of the items already donated for the auction include: A \$50 gift certificate for Block Buster Video; a gourmet food basket; lunch for three at Zutto's with Prof. Estreicher; a chiropractic exam at Harris Chiropractic Clinic; one month all-access membership to Equinox Fitness Clubs; a tour of Ellis Island with Prof. Lenni Benson; a pair of Knicks home-opener tickets; two weeks free parking in the NYLS lot; a week at The Sugarhouse Lodge; and a pair of tickets to a 92nd St. YMCA event.

Donations of goods and services are still being accepted. A silent auction for books is taking place outside of B100 all this week up until the day of the auction. Refreshments served. Admission is free.

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.

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; 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.

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 and Wed., April 18, 4-6 pm, the first floor corridor/53 Worth St.

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.

A reminder 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 today, Mon., April 2, 11 am.

☐ THE TRIAL ADVOCACY LOTTERY will be held today, 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 today.

☐ 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.

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. Mr. Hayes speaks internationally 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.

You got game?

The SBA is sponsoring a three-on-three basketball tournament on Thurs., April 12 and a co-ed volleyball tournament on Tues., April 17 at Stuyvesant High School (10 minute walking distance from NYLS). Both tournaments run from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Each team will play two games. Teams must register in Student Life by 3 pm one day prior to playing in the tournament.

For further information, contact Michael Arcati, SBA senator at 212-349-8656 or by e-mail at marcati.s@nyls.edu.

Student volunteers needed

The Community Outreach Law Program of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York is looking for student volunteers to help immigrant families file family petitions by the April 30 deadline for a one-time special immigration waiver which allows families to regularize immigration status under section 245(i) of the Immigration and Nationality Act.

Student volunteers should have some familiarity with Immigration law.

Experienced immigration attorneys will train volunteers on Wed., April 4, 4-6 pm. Volunteers also should attend the informational session for the general public on 245(i) on that day at 7-9 pm. At the conclusion of the training session, student volunteers will sign up for specific time slots to assist applicants on Sat., April 14. All sessions will take place at the House of the Association of the Bar at 42 W. 44th St.

For further information, or to volunteer, contact Helena Prigal, director of Student Affairs, 431-2318.

Write-On is "Right on!"

Each year the NYLS Law Review, Human Rights Journal and Journal for International and Comparative Law conduct the Write-on Competition for continuing students interested in participating on the NYLS Journals. This year's competition runs from June 15 through June 29. Students interested in participating in the competitions should register by email at WriteOn@nyls.edu.

For additional information, contact Steve Goot, sgoot@nyls.edu, or Michelle Ottley, mottley@nyls.edu.

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.+

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 9. 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.

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.

Corporate Practice Program

Learn what it means to be a minority attorney practicing corporate law. Students of color are invited to join corporate practitioners from leading NYC law firms at a panel discussion on Tues., April 10, 5-6 pm, Board Room (3rd Floor, Mendik Library). Students will have the opportunity to speak one-on-one with panelists following the discussion.

The program is sponsored by the Committee on Mergers, Acquisitions and Corporate Control Contest of The Association of the Bar of the City of New York Career Services, AALSA, BLSA, SALSA and LaLSA. Refreshments will be served.

RSVP: Online Resource Center.

Wanda's Resource tip

CAREER SERVICES BINDERS

Binders filled with information about symposia, seminars, networking opportunities and other events taking place outside of NYLS are available in Career Services. The Office also has an "Articles of Interest" binder categorized by area of interest with information on salary; law and the Internet; opportunities and articles for students of color and women in the law; and more. Stop by and take a look!

Read next week's *Counselor* for information on alternative/non legal resources.

CALENDAR

APRIL 2-8

TUESDAY 4/2-WEDNESDAY 4/3

SUMMER AND FALL REGISTRATION

11 am-8 pm, Ernst Stiefel Reading Room

WEDNESDAY 4/4

OPERATION LAPTOP

Noon-2 pm, Student Center (Repeats 4/18, 4-6 pm, 1st fl. corridor/53 Worth St.)

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

THURSDAY 4/5

SPOTLIGHT ON WOMEN LUNCHEON

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

FRIDAY 4/6

NYLS JOURNAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS BANQUET

Honoring Patricia Ireland, president of the National Organization for Women; Beekman Tower Suite Hotel. For further information, contact Jackie Flug, 431-4110.

JEWISH LAW STUDENTS ASSOC. PASSOVER INFORMATION TABLE

1-2 pm, outside B100. Please stop by.

SEVENTH ANNUAL PIC AUCTION

5-9 pm, Ernst Stiefel Reading Room

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

CORPORATE PRACTICE PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS OF COLOR

5-6 pm, Stiefel Room. Sponsored by Career Services.

RSVP: On-line Resource Center.

APRIL 11

PREPARING FOR & HANDLING CAREER CHANGE

For evening students. 5 pm, Wellington Center.

RSVP: On-line Resource Center.

STATE OF THE DEATH PENALTY IN AMERICA

25th Anniversary of *Gregg v. Georgia* 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.

SBA BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

6:30-8:30 pm, Stuyvesant High School. Register in Student Life.

SBA CO-ED VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

6:30-8:30 pm, Stuyvesant High School. Register in Student Life.

APRIL 13

GOOD FRIDAY—NO CLASSES

APRIL 20

JOURNAL BANQUET

Honoring Barry C. Scheck and Peter Neufeld, Cochran, Neufeld & Scheck.

200 Fifth Club in Manhattan. Sponsored by the NYLS Law Review & the NYLS Journal of International & Comparative Law.