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## CITYLAW CONCLUDES SERIES FOR THIS YEAR

Throughout the academic year, the Center for New York City Law has hosted provocative talks from some of New York's most renowned government officials and business executives.

Concluding this year's City Law Breakfast Series will be Eugene R. McGrath, president and CEO of Consolidated Edison, Inc. on Fri., April 20, 8:15-9:30 am, Ernst Stiefel Room.

Mr. McGrath joined Con Edison of New York as an engineer following college graduation in 1963. He eventually held key executive positions in the utility's major operating and customer service areas and managed fossil-fired and nuclear generating plants. He was elected vice president in 1978, executive vice president in 1982, and president and chief operating officer in 1989. He became chairman and CEO in September 1990.

Con Edison is among the largest investor-owned energy companies in the US, with revenues of more than \$7 billion. Its service areas contain nearly nine million people, almost half the population of New York State.

Other City Law Breakfast speakers this year included: Mario Cuomo, former governor of the State of New York; Paul Taglibue, commissioner of the National Football League; Randi Weingarten, president of the United Federation of Teachers; Eliot Spitzer, New York State attorney general; and Matthew Goldstein, chancellor of the City University of New York.

Planning is already under way for the 2001-2002 Breakfast Series. Programs are free, but reservations are required.

For details and to RSVP, call 431-2115 or e-mail [nycitylaw.edu](mailto:nycitylaw.edu).

## SPECIAL COUNSELOR DEADLINES NOTED

*Counselor* is published weekly when school is in session by the Office of Development and Public Affairs. The final two issues of *Counselor* for this semester will be published on Monday, April 23 and Monday April 30. Copy for the Monday, April 23 issue must be submitted by noon today, April 16. The final Faculty Activities column will appear in the April 30 issue. The deadline for Faculty Activities copy is Friday, April 20. 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. Contact Ms. Spalter at 431-2187 with questions or to request an editorial schedule.

## Communications Media Center panel set

The New York Law School Communications Media Center will host a panel discussion on how New York City and the Internet co-exist. "Online In New York: Promises And Perils" will be held on Thurs., April 19, 6-8:30 pm, Mendik Library boardroom.

Participants will include: Alice O'Rourke, executive director of New York New Media Association; Sharon Greenberger, vice president for Economic Development at Alliance for Downtown New York; Kenneth Dreifach, chief of the Internet Bureau, at the Office of the Attorney General, State of New York; and Dr. Beth Simone Noveck, president of Bodies Electric LLC; and Brian Cohen, deputy commissioner, New York City Department of Information Technology and Telecommunications. Peter Johnson, Debevoise & Plimpton, NYLS adjunct professor will moderate the discussion.

The Communications Media Center was founded in 1977, in response to the explosive growth of communication technologies. The Center promotes education, discussion, research, and writing about mass communications law.

The event is free and open to the public. To register and for more information, contact Anna Abrigo, assistant director of the Communications Media Center, at 431-2163, or by e-mail at [aabrigo@nyls.edu](mailto:aabrigo@nyls.edu).

## Final Town Meeting for the semester set

Dean Matasar's last town meeting for the spring semester will be held on Tues., April 17, 5-7 pm, Student Center.

Dean Matasar has an open door policy: anytime he is not in a meeting and is 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.

In addition, the Dean's weekly schedule is posted outside his office on the 2nd floor of A building.

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

Recognizing that evening students have limited time availability, he will hold a call-in hour reserved for evening students on Thurs., April 19, 11 am-12 pm.

**FROM THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID**

For more information on the following, visit the Office of Financial Aid (fifth floor, A Building) or call 431-2828.

**Student loan exit counseling workshops**

June 2001 graduating students who have borrowed money through the Federal Stafford Loan and/or Federal Perkins Loan program are required by federal law to complete an exit counseling workshop.

Workshops are set for Tues., April 24 and Wed., April 25, 12:30-1:45 pm and 4:30-5:45 pm, room A700.

Financial Aid staff must know who plans to attend each workshop, as customized folders are made for each attending student. Note: Space is limited to 50 people per session.

RSVP to Financial Aid via e-mail at [financialaid@nyls.edu](mailto:financialaid@nyls.edu) or call 431-2828.

**2001-2002 financial aid application deadline**

The deadline for submitting 2001-2002 financial aid application materials for summer federal work-study and academic year grant-in-aid is today, April 16. Students applying for loan assistance for the 2001-2002 academic year only must submit all required materials by Aug 1. We suggest, however, that all applicants comply with the April 16 deadline to ensure that financial aid funds for fall 2001 can be disbursed by the start of the school year. Students seeking loans for summer enrollment should contact the Financial Aid Office for application instructions at 431-2828.

**Financial Literacy workshop set**

Prof. Karen Gross will conduct a financial literacy workshop on Thurs., April 26, 12:45-1:45 pm, room A900. Prof. Gross will discuss credit cards and minimum payments; credit scoring; credit reporting; and permissible debt collection practices. The workshop is sponsored by the Financial Aid Office.

Refreshments will be served.

RSVP: Financial Aid via e-mail at [financialaid@nyls.edu](mailto:financialaid@nyls.edu), or call 431-2828. Reservation deadline: April 20. □

**Work-study positions available**

The Lawyering Skills Office has full-and part-time positions available this summer. Duties include assisting professors and staff with various projects, general office duties, and data entry. Interested students should see Jill Jackson, room B106, 431-2186, or Susan D'Ambra, room C208, 431-2388.

**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 18, 4-6 pm, the first floor corridor at 53 Worth St.

**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

**Writing competitions announced**

**NATHAN BURKAN MEMORIAL COMPETITION** (*open to all students*). The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) sponsors the Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition for law student papers on any phase of copyright law. Each participating school may select a first- and second-prize winner, and award \$600 and \$250 respectively.

Interested students should pick up a copy of the competition rules in Student Life and should submit papers to Student Life by 6 pm on Mon., April 30.

**NEW YORK STATE BAR ASSOCIATION STUDENT LEGAL ETHICS AWARD 2000-2001** (*For participating law schools in New York State*).

Open to all NYLS students, the contest intends to encourage activities in connection with the lawyer's role as representative of clients, officer of the legal system, and public citizen having special responsibility for the quality of justice.

To enter, submit evidence of a contribution or activity that has engaged you into further legal and professional responsibility or legal ethics. This might include an article you have written, a statement detailing an activity in which you had significant involvement, or a letter(s), attesting to your contribution to furthering professional responsibility and/or legal ethics. (An examination answer does not qualify as a basis for the award).

Prizes: \$750; and the possibility of publication for an article (if that is the basis of the award).

Deadline: 6 pm, Mon., April 30. Submit material to Student Life.

**Wanted commencement speaker**

Graduating students who wish to be considered as candidates for student commencement speaker should submit to Student Life your proposed speech of approximately 5 minutes in length, a resume, and short statement indicating reasons for wishing to deliver the speech by 6 pm, Thurs., April 19. Copies of the speeches will be posted on the bulletin boards on the first floor of B building and in Student Life.

A selection committee will use the following criteria to choose the entrants: speech content; a personal interview; and, if necessary, fellow students preferences.

Members of the Class of 2001 who wish to register their speaker choice should visit Student Life or may call 431-2851 by noon, Tues., May 1.

## Yearbook orders due

The last day to purchase 2000-2001 yearbooks is Fri., April 20. Yearbooks may be purchased at \$30 for the first 100 buyers and \$40 thereafter in Student Life or in the Student Center. Checks or cash are acceptable.

## Summer Housing at the St. George

All students planning to reside at the St. George Hotel during the summer must return a summer housing agreement to the Housing Office in Student Life by Fri., April 27. For further information, call 431-2166.

## Help wishes come true

The Make-A-Wish Foundation represented by NYLS student organization members, will be selling \$2 "Make-A-Wish Clouds" in the Student Center on April 17-19, 10 am-4 pm. Each cloud will feature a sponsor's name and will be posted in designated areas throughout the school. All proceeds from the clouds support granting wishes to children with life-threatening illnesses. For more information, e-mail [mooremny@aol.com](mailto:mooremny@aol.com), [rupalag@aol.com](mailto:rupalag@aol.com), or [bblauer.s@nyls.edu](mailto:bblauer.s@nyls.edu).

## SBA Executive Board elections

Elections for SBA Executive Board positions will be held on Wed., April 18, and Thurs., April 19, 10 am-2 pm and 5-8 pm, outside B100. Interested candidates should pick up applications in Student Life. Deadline: 6 pm, Mon., April 16.

## A thank-you note from PIC

Thanks to everyone who participated in the PIC auction. A record amount of money was raised. We look forward to working with you all again next year!

## Lost & Found

The Lost & Found is located in the Office of Security and Safety, room AL2, lower level. You may return all found items to any security personnel.

## Writing-On is "Right on!"

The NYLS Law Review, Human Rights Journal and Journal for International and Comparative Law Write-on Competition for continuing students interested in participating on the NYLS Journals will be held, June 15-29. Students interested in participating in the competition should register by e-mail at [WriteOn@nyls.edu](mailto:WriteOn@nyls.edu).

For additional information, contact Steve Goot, [sgoot@nyls.edu](mailto:sgoot@nyls.edu), or Michelle Ottley, [mottley@nyls.edu](mailto:mottley@nyls.edu).

## Theft reported

On April 3, a wallet was reported stolen from the 1st floor copy machine in the Mendik Library, or from B500. Anyone with information should contact Security & Safety, 431-2837.

## 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.

## Attention Classes of 2002 and 2003

A Fall Recruitment Program information meeting will take place on Wed., April 18, 1-2 pm, room B500. Important information about program procedures will be discussed.

## NYLS's FCC Summer Fellows 2001

The Communications Media Center and the Office of Career Services are pleased to announce the 2001 New York Law School Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Summer Fellows: Tanessa Cabe '03; Rachel David '03; Carla Davis '03; Heather Ellis '03; Jan-el Martinez '03; Reema Sheikh '03; Laura Tills '02; Jisha Vachachira '03; and Supna Zaidi '03.

The fellows will be in Washington DC for approximately eight weeks researching and writing in the area of communications law and attending various commission meetings with the commission's legal counsel or members of other divisions.

Each year New York Law School students are invited to apply during the spring semester.

For additional information, contact Career Services.

## Summer work-study positions available

The Office of Career Services has summer full- and part-time positions available for work-study students. Responsibilities include: Assisting staff with various projects, data entry, Internet research, and general office duties. Skills required: Knowledge of Corel WordPerfect and/or Word, typing (minimum 35 wpm), and a commitment to following through on tasks. Interested students should bring a resume to Career Services.

## Wanda's Resource tip

### MARTINDALE-HUBBELL SEARCH ON THE WEB

Students can search the entire Martindale-Hubbell database of over 900,000 lawyers and law firms in 150 countries all in a matter of seconds on Lexis.com. Benefit from fast, flexible access to the most complete and reliable information on lawyers available anywhere. Listings are updated monthly, and include such details as contact data, areas of practice, education, clients, languages and representative cases. You'll also find attorney ratings, information on corporate legal departments, law schools, and more.

To begin your search, go to [www.lexis.com](http://www.lexis.com), click the "Login Now" button and type in your Lexis-Nexis ID. Under Option (Explore Sources), click the Reference link; then, click the Career Development link.

Read next week's *Counselor* for information on legal associations that law students can join.

# CALENDAR

APRIL 16-23

- MONDAY 4/16**       **SBA GRADUATION RECEPTION**  
5:30-8:30 pm, Wellington Center
- TUESDAY 4/17**       **DEAN MATASAR'S TOWN MEETING**  
5-7 pm, Student Center
- SBA CO-ED VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT**  
6:30-8:30 pm, Stuyvesant High School. Register in Student Life.
- WEDNESDAY 4/18**       **CAREER SERVICES FALL RECRUITMENT INFORMATION SESSION**  
1 pm, room B500
- OPERATION LAPTOP**  
4-6 pm, first floor corridor at 53 Worth St.
- SBA EXECUTIVE BOARD ELECTIONS**  
10 am-2 pm and 5-8 pm, outside B100. Repeats 4/19
- THURSDAY 4/19**       **DEAN MATASAR'S CALL-IN HOUR FOR EVENING STUDENTS**  
11 am-12 pm, 431-2840
- PHI ALPHA DELTA GENERAL MEETING**  
1-1:45 pm, A1002
- "ONLINE IN NEW YORK: PROMISES AND PERILS" PANEL**  
6-8:30 pm, Mendik Library boardroom, Sponsored by the Communications Media Center  
RSVP: Anna Abrigo, 431-2163 or by e-mail at [aabrigo@nyls.edu](mailto:aabrigo@nyls.edu).
- FRIDAY 4/20**       **NYLS LAW REVIEW & JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL & COMPARATIVE LAW BANQUET**  
Honoring Barry C. Scheck and Peter Neufeld of Cochran, Neufeld & Scheck.  
200 Fifth Club in Manhattan. Contact 431-2118.
- CITYLAW BREAKFAST**  
8:15-9:30 pm, Ernst Stiefel Room.  
Featured speaker: Eugene R. McGrath, president and CEO of Con Ed.  
For details and to RSVP, call 431-2115, or e-mail [nycitylaw.edu](mailto:nycitylaw.edu).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- APRIL 24-25**       **GRADUATING STUDENT EXIT COUNSELING WORKSHOPS**  
12:30-1:45 pm and 4:30-5:45 pm, room A700
- APRIL 26**       **FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOP**  
Conducted by Prof. Karen Gross. 12:45-1:45 pm, room A900

