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CENTER FOR NEW YORK CITY LAW KICKS OFF BREAKFAST SERIES

The Center for New York City Law Breakfast Series will bring many prominent New Yorkers to NYLS to speak on topics pertaining to government and politics this academic year.

The series opens with Bernard H. Mendik '58, member of the NYLS Board of Trustees, discussing "Reminiscences, Real Estate and New York Law School," Fri., Sept. 17, 8:15-9 am, Ernst Stiefel Reading Room.

Mr. Mendik, the former chairman of the Mendik Company, was involved as a principle on more than 30 acquisitions of major office and residential properties in the New York Metropolitan area. He is involved with many philanthropic and civic organizations. A member of the New York Bar, he holds honorary Doctor of Law degrees from NYLS and City College of CUNY. Mr. Mendik received the City of New York's Fiorello H. La Guardia Award for civic achievement in 1996.

Other 1999-2000 breakfast series speakers include: Richard D. Parsons, president, Time Warner Inc.; Benno C. Schmidt, Jr., chairman, The Edison Project; Samuel I. Schwartz, P.E., president of The Samuel Schwartz Company; Kathleen Grimm '80, the state deputy comptroller for New York City, NYLS board member and adjunct professor; and Neil de Grasse Tyson, astrophysicist and director of the Hayden Planetarium, American Museum of Natural History.

The programs are free, but reservations are required. Call 431-2115 or e-mail nycitylaw@nlys.edu.

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.

Student Organization Fair

The Student Organization Fair will be held Thurs., Sept. 16, 12:30-2 pm and 5-6:30 pm, Student Center, lower level.

Representatives from NYLS student organizations will provide information about various organizations.

Student Bar Association to hold senate elections for 1999-2000

The executive board is currently accepting upper class student resumes for the secretary and American Bar Association representative positions. SBA Senate elections will be held Sept. 21 and 22. Petitions will be available Sept. 9 and must be returned by Sept. 14. Campaigning will run Sept. 14-22. For further details, call 431-2899, ext. 4203. The SBA office is located in the lower level of C bldg., office 5.

The Student Bar Association (SBA) is New York Law School's student government. It represents the student body and student organizations and acts as a liaison between faculty and administration. The SBA president and the ABA representative attend and vote at the ABA annual meeting. The senate body also serves as liaison to the governing body on behalf of its sections. It meets once a month on Friday evenings.

For the millennium academic year, the SBA will focus on leadership, increasing student helpfulness and diversifying its productivity. The SBA consists of a senate, which is elected in September and comprised of three elected senators and two alternative senators from each of the sections. It also is comprised of an executive board: Danielle Butler, president; Dawn Falco, day vice president; Lori Quinn, evening vice president; Darrin Ocasio, treasurer; and Joe Tornberg, attorney general.

ID cards amnesty

Continuing students may replace ID cards free of charge, Mon.-Fri., Aug. 30-Sept. 10, outside the Copy Center, A bldg, lower level.

Writing competition information

THE ROSCOE POUND FOUNDATION AWARDS

The Elaine Osborne Jacobson Award for Women Working in Health Care Law. **Requirements:** female law student with a demonstrated interest in health care law. Award: \$3,000
Deadline: Jan. 28, 2000

☐ HOGAN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW ESSAY CONTEST

Topic: Causation Standards for Toxic Torts

Award: \$5,000

Deadline: March 31, 2000

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

For more information on the following, visit the

Office of The Registrar (Second floor, A Building) or call 431-2300.

Attention February graduates

February graduates must submit applications for degree to the Registrar's Office by Sept. 10. Students may pick up the yellow application for degree form from the rack outside of the Registrar's Office. Students who do not submit forms will not be considered for graduation in February.

Research positions available

PROFESSOR SADIQ REZA is accepting applications for a research assistant for research on the privacy rights of criminal defendants and suspects. Applicants must have strong research and writing skills. Preference will be given to those who have taken or are taking one or both of the basic criminal procedure courses (CRI 100 & CRI 110), and/or are familiar with privacy law (e.g., from taking CIP 120, "Defamation, Privacy and Publicity: Protecting One's Image"). Applicants should submit cover letter, resumé, writing sample and grade information to Veronica Smith, faculty assistant, B-309, 431-2143.

PROFESSOR RICHARD SHERWIN is accepting applications for a research assistant for 1999-2000. Applicants should have an interest in visual media; computer experience is a plus; strong writing skills required. Applicants should drop off a resumé at rooms C-205 or C-201. For details, e-mail Prof. Sherwin at rsherwin@nyls.edu or call 431-2868.

Center for International Law resources

The Center for International Law's bulletin board, outside of C-302 features information about international trade, private and government practice, international transactions, and ideas on how to start out in these areas of law. Free handouts are available. Also, visit the Center on-line at www.nyls.edu/CIL/ for more career advice.

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 Monday, September 13.

Students who wish to submit information to *Counselor* should e-mail copy to the Office of Student Life, cs Shields@nyls.edu, or bring a disk to the 5th floor, A bldg. by 12 pm Monday for the following Monday's edition.

Faculty and staff must 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.

Fall Recruitment Program information

Be sure to check the Fall Recruitment Program information board outside Career Services, B503/B505. Also, if you submitted a resumé through the Fall Recruitment Program, check the interview sign-up board outside our office for new interview schedules. Read your e-mail daily as we may need to reach you quickly.

Department of justice job opportunities

The US Department of Justice will begin hiring: third-year students who will receive a JD in winter 1999 or spring/summer 2000 for the Attorney General's Honor Program; and law students for the Summer Law Intern Program. Applications are available on the Internet at www.usdoj.gov or at Career Services. Applications must be received (not just postmarked) in the Department of Justice by Mon., Sept. 27, 1999. No exceptions will be made.

Public Interest and Government Practice: "How do I get a job?"

Network! Ask questions of NYLS alumni/ae about their practice and obtain information about various public interest and government career options at a panel Wed., Sept. 15, 1 pm, room C400. All are welcome!

Fellowships: How to be a successful applicant

A Career Services session will focus on fellowships, Thurs., Sept. 23, 1-2 pm, room C400. See upcoming issues of *Counselor* for details.

Arthur Abbey US Attorney's Office Fellowship

First- or second -year students interested in working for the US Attorney's Office during the summer of 2000 should contact Adjua Starks, associate director and public interest coordinator.

Black Law Students Association Job Fair interview prep session

Prepare for the BLSA Job Fair interviews on Sept. 10 at the interview prep session, Wed., Sept. 8, 1 pm, room B500. Evening Division students who are unable to attend should call Adjua Starks in Career Services at 431-2345. Refreshments served.

Second addendum posted

The second addendum, containing additions to the Fall Recruitment Program, is on the Fall Recruitment information board at rooms B503/B505 and in the Career Services Office.

Judicial externships available

A Judicial Externship Program will provide second- and third year students with information on Federal, State Appellate or State Trial judicial externships, Tues., Sept. 14, 1-2 pm, room B100 or 5-6 pm, room A700 (meeting repeated). Susan D'Ambra, externship coordinator, will also be available to answer questions. Students may pick up an information packet at the meeting or from Heather Walters, Lawyering Skills Center, room B107, beginning Sept. 15.

The Judicial Externship Program is an academic program enabling students (judicial externs) to earn law school credits by working with a judge as a volunteer and completing related assignments at the law school. This program places students with state and federal judges and federal magistrates in NYC and the surrounding jurisdictions. □

FACULTY ACTIVITIES

PROFESSOR KAREN GROSS spoke at the Northeast Bankruptcy Conference sponsored by the American Bankruptcy Institute and participated in the consumer forum addressing the proposed legislation and reaffirmation agreements in July. On Sept 14, she will give a community lecture on consumer bankruptcy and will sign the paperback edition of her book *Failure and Forgiveness*, at Borders bookstore in Stamford, CT.

On Sept. 22, Prof. Gross will speak to the staff at the Southern District of New York Bankruptcy Court on "The Profile of Individual Debtors: Who are They?"

She was appointed to the Consumer Committee of INSOL, the largest international insolvency organization. Additionally, Prof. Gross was named Outstanding Bankruptcy Law Professor for 1999 by Turnaround & Workouts, a major bankruptcy organization. She has also been named Godfrey Distinguished Visiting Lecturer for the spring 2000 semester at the University of Maine.

PROFESSOR TIMOTHY LYTTON gave presentations on tort suits against the gun industry at conferences in Boston and Washington this summer. He also was quoted in *Dallas Morning News* on gun liability. Prof. Lytton and second-year evening students Juan Jaramillo and Alcides Casares, gave lectures and workshops and conducted research on conflict resolution at the Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Nicaragua (UNAN) as part of the NYLS-UNAN Exchange Program for the Study and Resolution of Conflict in Nicaragua.

PROFESSOR MICHAEL PERLIN's chapter, "Big Ideas, Images, and Distorted Facts: The Insanity Defense, Genetics, and the Political World," has been published in *Genetics and Criminality: The Potential Misuse of Scientific Information in Court*. The chapter is an outgrowth of a keynote address he gave at a conference on genetics and the criminal law, sponsored by the Snowbird Institute and the Departments of Psychiatry and Medical Ethics at the University of Utah School of Medicine. He recently published a teacher's manual for his casebook, *Mental Disability Law: Cases and Materials*. Additionally, Prof. Perlin was quoted in *The New York Times* on a case in which a judge set aside a jury verdict ordering the conditional release of the notorious insanity acquittee, Albert Fentress, and in the *Arizona Republic* on issues related to a defendant's claim of somnambulism (sleep-walking).

PROFESSOR NADINE STROSSEN appeared this summer on many TV shows to discuss a variety of constitutional law and civil liberties issues: "Politically Incorrect;" "The Today Show;" "This Morning;" 60 Minutes;" "Crossfire, 5;" "Both Sides with Jesse Jackson;" CNN's "Hannity & Colmes;" "The Crier Report;" "The O'Reilly Factor;" "Fox Files;" "The Johnnie Cochran Show;" "Snap Judgment" on Court TV; "Cross Talk;" and "POV". Her radio interviews included "Justice Talking" and "The Diane Rehm Show" on National Public Radio, and syndicated talk shows hosted by Oliver North and Sean Hannity.

Prof. Strossen delivered the commencement address at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She also gave the keynote addresses at the annual conventions of the association of Alternative Newsweeklies, American Library Association, National Youth Leadership Forum on Politics and Law, and American Bar Association Section on Litigation. Recent lectures also took her to Mexico, Germany, New Zealand, and Australia.

PROFESSOR RICHARD SHERWIN organized one of the core "theme" panels entitled "Law in the Age of Images" for the annual Law & Society conference in May. The theme of the panel was "The Legal Imagination: Law and the Image." On August 19, his paper at UCLA's annual "Visible Evidence" conference discussed "How can truth be visually represented; or can it?" □

Did you know...

An attorney who negotiated licensing agreements for Tiger Woods is a New York Law School alumnus?

His name is **Stuart Dembre '73**.

CALENDAR.

SEPTEMBER 1999

TUESDAY, 9/14

☐ **JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP INFORMATION MEETING**

1-2 pm, room B100 or 5-6 pm, room A700

WEDNESDAY, 9/15

☐ **CAREER SERVICES LAW PRACTICE OPTIONS SERIES**

Public Interest/Government Panel "How do I get a job?"

1 pm, room C400. All are welcome!

THURSDAY, 9/16

☐ **THE STUDENT ORGANIZATION FAIR**

12:30-2 pm and 5-6:30 pm, Student Center, lower level

☐ **JESSUP INTERNATIONAL LAW MOOT COURT COMPETITION**

Recruitment meeting

1 pm, room A-700; For information or to read this year's Jessup topic, visit www.kentlaw.edu/ilsa/ or contact Michael Rhee, 431-2865, room C-301

☐ **THE STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION WELCOME BACK PARTY**

Time and place TBA

FRIDAY, 9/17

☐ **THE CENTER FOR NEW YORK CITY LAW BREAKFAST SERIES**

"Reminiscences, Real Estate and New York Law School"

Bernard H. Mendik '58

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

MONDAY, 9/20

NO CLASSES

Yom Kippur Observance

WEDNESDAY, 9/22

☐ **POST-GRADUATE JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP INFORMATION SESSION**

Career Services, 1 pm, room C400

THURSDAY, 9/23

☐ **CAREER SERVICES FELLOWSHIPS: HOW TO BE A SUCCESSFUL APPLICANT**

1 pm, room C400

FRIDAY, 9/24

☐ **SBA SENATE ASSEMBLY MEETING**

Time and place TBA

WEDNESDAY, 9/29

☐ **CAREER SERVICES LAW PRACTICE OPTIONS SERIES**

Law Firms/Corporations

1 pm, room C400

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, 10/6

☐ **CAREERS IN INTERNATIONAL LAW PANEL**

1 pm, room A700, presented by Career Services

