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LAW IN TRIBECA SERIES KICKS OFF SCHOOL'S NEW COMMUNITY INITIATIVES

"The Election, the Supreme Court, and You" kicks off New York Law School's Law in TriBeCa series on Tues., Oct. 24. The series of public forums is just one of the School's new community initiatives.

Cosponsored by the TriBeCa Partnership and the Center for New York City Law, the program is open to the public at no charge. The discussion will be held 5-7 pm in the Ernst Stiefel Reading room with refreshments provided by one of the city's premier restaurants, Bouley Bakery, TriBeCa.

The inaugural Law in TriBeCa panel promises to provide a no-holds-barred discussion. Leading opinion-makers and legal scholars will explore the profound impact the impending November election will exert upon the membership and decision-making of the Supreme Court.

Guest panelists Floyd Abrams, partner at Cahill Gordon & Reindel and the William J. Brennan Jr. Visiting Professor of First Amendment Issues, Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism; Professor John McGinnis, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law; Rep. Jerrold Nadler, (D-NY) 8th Congressional District; and Chief Counsel Jay Sekulow, American Center for Law and Justice; will be joined by NYLS Professors David Schoenbrod and Nadine Strossen, who is president of the American Civil Liberties Union.

The School is a new sustaining member of the TriBeCa Partnership which provides employment readiness training and job placement to recovering homeless individuals in NYC through community improvement projects.

In addition to programs on special legal issues, the Law School also plans to co-sponsor cultural events—musical programs, play readings, art shows, and book readings—beginning later in the 2000-01 academic year.

For details on these programs, call 431-2850.

Pioneering Distance Learning Program begins

Juris Alliance is a new online venture founded by New York Law School with Compass Knowledge, Inc. The distance learning program will deliver legal knowledge to working professionals through the latest technologies.

"Juris Alliance is the realization of a dream that I have had for many years," said Dean Richard A. Matasar. "Compass Knowledge is the perfect partner for creating a cutting-edge distance learning legal education system. Together, Compass and New York Law School anticipate bringing in other partners to offer a full array of legal educational products geared to the most important needs of Juris Alliance students."

Prof. Michael Perlin is teaching the inaugural 16-week program which leads to a certificate in Mental Disability Law. Twenty-five students—including mental health professionals from throughout the US and a public defender in Guam—are already participating online. In addition, many enrollees met Prof. Perlin in person at the first of two classes at NYLS.

The only ABA-approved law school offering a certificate in mental disability law in a distance learning format, NYLS will soon introduce an online employment law course designed for human resource professionals and employment lawyers.

Law Review honors Dean Emeritus Harry Wellington at upcoming symposium

The New York Law School Law Review will celebrate the illustrious work of Dean Emeritus Harry H. Wellington at a symposium on Sat., Nov. 4, 10 am-5:30 pm, Ernst Stiefel Reading Room.

This event brings together a prestigious group of scholars and practitioners who have made outstanding contributions to legal education. They include Dean Anthony Townsend Kronman, Yale Law School, and The Honorable Judge Ralph Winter Chief Judge, US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. RSVP: Jacqueline E. Esposito, 212-431-2118 or via e-mail jesposito.s@nyls.edu.

Be Counted! Register and Vote

The NYLS Civil Liberties Union and the Justice Action Center will hold a mock election for the presidency and US senate from NY, Tues., Oct. 31, 10 am-8 pm, Student Center. All students, faculty and staff are asked to participate in this election. Votes will be tallied and results announced on Thurs., Nov. 2.

Did you know . . . ?

In the 1960 presidential election 63% of the persons eligible to vote actually voted. In contrast, only 49% of those eligible voted in the 1996 election. While the 1996 election resulted in President Clinton's victory over Bob Dole by approximately 8.5 million popular votes, the 1960 race saw President Kennedy's margin of victory over Richard Nixon by a mere 118,000 popular votes.

The 2000 presidential election is shaping up to be one of the closest races in history. Many polls have George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore in a virtual dead heat. Third party candidates Ralph Nader and Pat Buchanan are taking away limited but crucial numbers of votes from the Democratic and Republican candidates. In this year's election every vote will count!

The Justice Action Center and the NYLS Civil Liberties Union remind you that the election is just weeks away! Get informed and vote on November 7, 2000.

Student workers wanted for fall phonathon

The Office of Development and Public Affairs will conduct its fall phonathon, 5:30-9:00 pm, November 6-9 and November 13-16 in the Wellington Conference Center. Students will be paid \$10 per hour to call alumni/ae to request contributions for NYLS. Callers have the opportunity to speak with alumni/ae and other students, eat dinner and earn extra cash while helping to raise funds for the School's continued growth.

Interested students should contact Inez Gonzalez, assistant director of alumni affairs, 431-2189 or e-mail her at igonzaez@nyls.edu to indicate the day(s) they are available.

Work-study eligible students are also welcome.

Research skills sessions offered

Research skills sessions offered by the staff of the Mendik Library are available on the following days and times: **LEXIS: INTRODUCTORY / BASIC CLASS**, Mon., Oct. 23, 1-2:15 pm, room L214; **INTERNET: SECURITIES, CORPORATE & INDUSTRY INFORMATION**, Tues., Oct. 24, 1-1:50 pm, room L214; **WORKSHOP: LEGISLATIVE HISTORIES**, Wed., Oct. 25, 1-1:50 pm, room L201; **WESTLAW REFRESHER CLASS**, Thurs., Oct. 26, 5-5:50 pm, room L311; and **LEXIS: REFRESHER CLASS**, Mon., Oct. 30, 1-2:15 pm, room L214. **NOTE:** Only the Oct. 25 workshop is open to first-year students. Students must sign up by the morning of the class at the circulation desk or by calling 431-2332 or by e-mailing at reference@nyls.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

Faculty Luncheon Series continues

The Faculty Luncheon Series will continue on Tuesdays, 12:45-1:45 pm, the Wellington Conference Center.

On Oct. 24, Prof. Robert Blecker will speak on "The Privileged and the Damned." On Oct. 31, Judge John M. Walker US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit will discuss "First Amendment Issues in the Brooklyn Museum."

Seating is limited. RSVP: Student Life, 431-2851.

Talk with ACLU president set

A conversation with Nadine Strossen about the current challenges to civil liberties will be held, Thurs., Oct. 26, 5-6 pm, the Wellington Conference Center.

The event is sponsored by the NYLS Civil Liberties Union. Refreshments will be served.

More student organization events

- ❑ **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT** will hold an uncontested divorce clinic, Wed., Oct. 25, 12-2 pm, room A700.
- ❑ **PUBLIC INTEREST COALITION** will hold a general meeting, Wed., Oct. 25, 1-2 pm, room A1002.
- ❑ **CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION** will hold a general meeting, Wed., Oct. 25, 5:30 pm, room L7, lower level of the C building.
- ❑ **CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION** will sponsor a Straw Poll on election 2000, Tues., Oct. 31, 9 am-8 pm, the Student Center. ❑

Fleet Bank on campus

Fleet Bank representatives will be on campus to discuss banking opportunities with Fleet, Tues.-Wed., Oct. 24-25, 10 am-noon and 4-6 pm, 1st floor, B building.

FROM THE ACADEMIC SKILLS PROGRAM

For more information on the following, call Vicky Ocasio, 431-2367.

Course outline workshop offered

A good course outline of your own making is the surest guarantee that you'll perform your best on law school exams.

Plan ahead to get the most out of this process, to make your outline an effective study tool, and to walk into every exam with a major issues checklist in your head. Attend "Constructing Legal Knowledge: How to Outline Your Courses" with Prof. Elaine Mills, Wed., Oct. 25, 1-2 pm and 5:15-6 pm, room B-400 and learn where to start, what to include (and what to leave out), and how to format outlines using your computer.

Materials are available at the door. All are welcome.

FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITIES

PROFESSOR LENNI BENSON was quoted in the Sept. 21 issue of the *San Francisco Chronicle*. She discussed the start up companies in Silicon Valley using "body shops" to hire foreign high-tech workers.

PROFESSOR MICHAEL BOTEIN announced that New York Law School is an associate member of the International Council of the National Academy of Arts and Sciences (IEMMY) with Dean Matasar serving as chief delegate. The Law School served as home base for the preliminary round judging of the "2000 International Emmy Awards," airing worldwide in November.

PROFESSOR ANNETTE GORDON-REED spoke about her book *Thomas Jefferson and Sally Hemings: An American Controversy* at the first Barbara Aronstein Black Lecture for 2000-2001 in October. The series focuses on work by or about women and their many connections to law.

On October 11, she presented a paper on "Logic and Experience: Slavery, Race and Thomas Jefferson's Life in the Law," at the Porter Fortune symposium on slavery in the United States, at the University of Mississippi. The University of Mississippi Press will publish the papers next year.

On October 12, Prof. Gordon-Reed gave a speech at the Louisville public library. On October 13, she spoke at the University of Louisville's Brandeis School of Law.

Prof. Gordon Reed was interviewed for the Arts and Entertainment "Biography" of Sally Hemings. The show is scheduled to air, Oct. 26. In November, A & E's documentary on the "Founding Fathers" is set to feature her as the Jefferson expert.

Prof. Gordon-Reed also reports that this past August she and a group of academics and writers went to Sweden as part of an African American Women Speak group to discuss race and democracy in the 21st century. The group met with several officials in the Swedish government. Prof. Gordon-Reed also was profiled in a major Swedish newspaper. "Sally and Tom follow me everywhere," she said.

Also, she has written the introductory essay about Thomas Jefferson for the recently published book for young adults, *Jefferson's Children* (Random House).

PROFESSOR KAREN GROSS addressed various topics concerning bankruptcy this fall. In September, she spoke on "Debtor Education and Financial Literacy Initiatives" at the Nassau County Bar Association, bankruptcy section.

At the National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges Academic Liaison Committee in October, she discussed "Bankruptcy and Electronic Data Collection: What Information Do You

Want, Why Do You Want It, and What Are You Going to Do With It?" At another October conference at the American Bar Association, Business Bankruptcy subcommittee on legal education, Prof. Gross discussed "Creative Ways of Using Bankruptcy Judges and Bankruptcy Practitioners in the Law School Curriculum."

Prof. Gross also spoke about the "New Data, New Experts: The Way They Can Enhance Your Courtroom" at the American Bar Association's, Business Bankruptcy subcommittee on secured creditors and data collection.

PROFESSOR LAWRENCE GROSBERG was recently appointed chair of the Committee on Legal Education and Admission to the Bar of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

PROFESSOR SETH HARRIS' op-ed entitled "The Pizza Hut Subsidy" appeared in the Oct. 4 issue of the *Washington Post*. He discussed the sub-minimum wage for so-called "tipped employees" which Speaker Hastert has proposed freezing at its current level of \$2.13 per hour.

PROFESSOR ARTHUR LEONARD appeared before the Montclair (NJ) Civil Rights Commission to give a briefing on the current law under the 14th Amendment and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 concerning voluntary affirmative action plans by municipalities. Prof. Leonard was invited to appear before the Commission by NYLS trustee Peter Phillips '87, who is a Commission member.

Prof. Leonard was honored at the *New York Law School Journal of Human Rights* symposium for his work over the past 20 years as editor of the *Lesbian/Gay Law Notes* newsletter.

ASSOCIATE DEAN JETHRO LIEBERMAN has been interviewed in the media including *The New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Newsweek*, *Hartford Courant*, *New Haven Register* and, *the Yale Daily News* about his recollections of his college classmate and old friend Joe Lieberman, vice presidential candidate.

DEAN RICHARD MATASAR & PROF. MICHAEL PERLIN were featured in a front-page story of the Sept. 29 issue of the *NY Law Journal*. The article introduced the Law School's new venture with Compass Knowledge (see p. 1) and the new distance learning course in mental health law presented by Prof. Perlin.

PROFESSOR EDWARD SAMUELS' new web site at www.nyls.edu/samuels/copyright explains and promotes his upcoming book *The Illustrated Story of Copyright* due to be published in December by St. Martin's Press.

PROFESSOR DAVID SCHOENBROD and Marci Hamilton, visiting professor of law at New York University have filed an *amicus brief* with the Supreme Court in a delegation case for the fourth time. The case, *Browner v. American Trucking Assoc.*, concerns the EPA's new air pollution standards. Deborah Paulus '93 also is on the brief. Nine members of Prof. Schoenbrod's environmental law class will accompany him to the upcoming oral argument. Before the argument, Deborah Duseau Simpson '93, who co-authored another *amicus brief* in the case, will lead a discussion for NYLS students.

PROFESSOR NADINE STROSSEN was interviewed on Oct. 2, on Ollie North's syndicated radio show about pending Supreme Court cases. On Oct. 3, NYLS students accompanied her to the Supreme Court to hear oral arguments in *Indianapolis v. Edmund*. The major Fourth Amendment case was the basis for this year's Froessel Competition Fact Pattern.

On Oct. 4, Prof. Strossen was the keynote speaker at a luncheon of the ACLU of Delaware in Wilmington. She also delivered the Dean's Distinguished Scholar Lecture at Widener Law School in Wilmington. On Oct. 7, Prof. Strossen chaired and spoke on a panel entitled "Silencing Voices" at the Tenth anniversary symposium on Academic and Intellectual Freedom at the University of Michigan. The presentation was the basis for a chapter in a forthcoming book about academic freedom (University of Michigan Press). On that same day, Prof. Strossen delivered the keynote address at the annual award ceremony of the ACLU of Illinois in Chicago.

Prof. Strossen's chapter on "Speech and Privacy" appears in the recently published *The Rule of Law in the Wake of Clinton*.

On Oct. 11, she delivered a lecture on "Civil Liberties in the Impending Elections" at Johnson County Community College in Overland Park, Kansas. On Oct. 13, she was a panelist for a special live production of ABC-TV's "Politically Incorrect with Bill Maher," along with conservative commentator Ann Coulter, comic Gilbert Gottfried, and Guardian Angels' founder Curtis Sliwa. The program will be televised on the College Television Network. (Look for NYLS students in the audience, including during the Q&A segment!) On Oct. 16, Professor Strossen testified at an en banc hearing of the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, DC on

Children's Television Programming and Public Interest Obligations of TV Broadcast Licensees. She was on a panel that addressed "Protecting Children from Sexually Explicit or Violent Content."

PROFESSOR RUTI TEITEL attended a Sept. 6 panel for the "Anglo-American Dialogue" Conference at New York University School of Law. She was a guest panelist speaking on transitional justice as a liberal narrative at a September conference, "Cultures of Political Transition: Memory, Identity and Voice," University of London. Prof. Teitel also was a featured panelist, addressing international issues concerning gender, attire, and rule of law at the "Women, Religious Institutions and The Law: Shaping Cultural Values," DePaul University, September 15-16.

DIRECTOR OF CAREER SERVICES CYNTHIA WYATT was interviewed in a Sept. 11 *Christian Science Monitor* article, "Keeping Up Appearances." The article focused on the changing dress codes in business. Ms. Wyatt wrote an article focusing on the importance of working effectively with support staff, "Success Depends on More than Your Legal Ability" which appeared in the Sept. 5 issue of the *New York Law Journal*.

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 October 30. 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 Career Services Online Resource Center. Career programs are video-taped.

New staff member in Career Services

The Office of Career Services welcomes Cynthia Weissman, JD, the new associate director. Ms. Weissman worked as a litigator and was recently deputy director of the American Indian Alliance. Ms. Weissman begins her new position on October 23 and will be available for career counseling appointments. Her office is located in room B503.

Fall Recruitment Program

☐ THE US ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, EDNY will conduct on-campus interviews for 1L and 2L students for the volunteer summer program, Tues., Oct. 31. (Volunteers may seek funding through the federal work-study program). Interested students must submit a resume and writing sample. 2L students also must submit a transcript to the Career Services. Deadline: Mon., Oct. 23.

☐ THE STATEN ISLAND'S DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE will conduct on-campus interviews, Tues., Oct. 24.

Law Firms/Corporation Panel Options

The Law Firms/Corporations panel will be held, Wed., Oct. 25, 1 pm, room C400.

Learn about practicing law in a variety of law firms and corporate settings from practitioners who work in large and small law firms, and corporations.

Lunch will be served to the first 20 students to arrive.

Alternative Careers for lawyers

A discussion on alternative careers for lawyers will be held, Wed., Nov. 1, 6:30 pm, New York County Lawyers' Association (NYCLA), 14 Vesey St.

Bruce Blackwell, president, Career Strategies Executive Services will speak. The program is free. To RSVP and for further information, call 212-267-6646, extension 211.

Law Practice Options panel

The Law Practice Options/Private and Public Sector panel will be held, Wed., Nov. 8, 5 pm, room B400. Learn what it is like to practice law in a variety of settings including law firms, corporations, and government. Meet and network with former evening students.

Refreshments will be served.

Report your interview callbacks

Report all callbacks to Valerie Plummer at career@nyls.edu or by phone at 431-2345.

Orientation for students of color

An orientation for students of color will be held, Wed., Nov. 8, 1 pm, room B500. Lunch will be served.

Hear fellow students share their experiences and give application pointers on opportunities available to students of color. A handout listing the opportunities and application deadlines will be available at this session and in Career Services.

Business cards available to students

Are you planning to attend a networking event and want to keep in touch with an employer, but don't have a business card? We have a wonderful opportunity for you. Career Services is providing a service for students interested in purchasing his/her own NYLS business cards. Students will receive 200 cards for \$25. At least 100 student orders are needed to maintain the \$25 price. Interested? E-mail the following information: your name; class year; home address; home telephone number; cellular number (if applicable); fax number (if applicable); and your e-mail address. Submit your information to Career Services at career@nyls.edu. Deadline: Mon. Nov. 6.

Wanda's Resource Tips

HERE'S A LIST OF NEW RESOURCES IN THE CAREER SERVICES RESOURCE CENTER:

The Great Firm Escape: Harvard Law School's Guide to Breaking Out of Private Practice and Into Public Service;
How to Access the Federal Government on the Internet: Washington Online; Knock 'Em Dead: With Great Answers to over 200 Tough Interview Questions; The Official Guide to Legal Specialties; Profiles of America's Leading Corporate Counsel: In-House Counsel Yearbook; Resumes that Knock 'Em Dead; and Vault.com Guide to the Top 50 Law Firms.

CAREER SERVICES BOOK LOAN POLICY

Books may only be borrowed for two days. If the borrowing date falls on a Friday, the book should be returned on Monday.

A validated school ID must be presented before a student can borrow our books. Also, in the event we may need to contact the student, a current phone number will be requested by a Career Services staff member.

For more information, stop by the Career Services Resource Center.

Read next week's *Counselor* for tips on Exploring Job Opportunities on Lexis.

CALENDAR

OCTOBER 23-30

MONDAY, 10/23

LEXIS: INTRODUCTORY/BASICS CLASS

1-2:15 pm, room L214, RSVP: Library circulation desk, 431-2333

TUESDAY, 10/24

FACULTY LUNCHEON: "THE PRIVILEGED AND THE DAMNED"

Prof. Robert Blecker

12:45-1:45 pm, Wellington Conference Center, RSVP: Student Life, 431-2851

DEAN MATASAR'S CALL-IN TIME FOR EVENING STUDENTS

11 am - 12 pm, 431-2840

INTERNET: SECURITIES, CORPORATE & INDUSTRY INFORMATION WORKSHOP

1-1:50 pm, room L214, RSVP: Library circulation desk, 431-2333

"LAW IN TRIBECA" PANEL DISCUSSION

"The Election, the Supreme Court, and You"

5-7 pm, Stiefel Reading Room; RSVP: Office of Student Life, 431-2851

NEW YORK CITY LAW DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL MINORITY RECEPTION

6-8 pm, The City Hall Rotunda, RSVP: 212-341-9847

WEDNESDAY, 10/25

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT UNCONTESTED DIVORCE CLINIC

12-2 pm, room A700

CAREER SERVICES LAW PRACTICE OPTIONS PANEL

Law Firms/Corporations

1 pm, room C400, RSVP: Online Resource Center at emplywernet.com

PUBLIC INTEREST COALITION GENERAL MEETING

1-2 pm, room A1002

LEGISLATIVE HISTORIES WORKSHOP

1-1:50 pm, room L201, RSVP: Library circulation desk, 431-2333

NYLS CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION GENERAL MEETING

5:30 pm, room L7 (Lower level, C building)

CONSTRUCTING LEGAL KNOWLEDGE: "HOW TO OUTLINE YOUR COURSES"

1-2 pm and 5:15-6 pm, room B400; 6-8 pm, rooms A900 and C200

For more information, contact Vicky Ocasio, 431-2367.

THURSDAY, 10/26

CONVERSATION WITH PROFESSOR NADINE STROSSEN

"Current Challenges to Civil Liberties"

5-6 pm, Wellington Conference Center (Please note room change).

WESTLAW REFRESHER CLASS

5-5:50 pm, room L311, RSVP: Library circulation desk, 431-2333

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, 10/30

LEXIS REFRESHER CLASS

1-2:15 pm, room L214, RSVP: Library circulation desk, 431-2333

TUESDAY, 10/31

NYLS CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION STRAW POLL AND MOCK ELECTION

9 am-8 pm, Student Center

FACULTY LUNCHEON: "FIRST AMENDMENT ISSUES IN THE BROOKLYN MUSEUM"

Judge John M. Walker, US Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit

12:45-1:45 pm, Wellington Conference Center, RSVP: Student Life, 431-2851

YOUR BAR APPLICATION: FILLING IN THE BLANKS

1-2 pm, room B300; for more information, contact Vicky Ocasio, 431-2367.

WEDNESDAY, 11/1

RECEPTION: ALTERNATIVE CAREERS FOR LAWYERS

6:30 pm, NY County Lawyers' Association, 14 Vesey St.

