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#### SUPREME COURT PANEL SET

As part of the new "Law in TriBeCa" series, New York Law School will host a panel discussion on "The Election, the Supreme Court, and You," Tues., Oct. 24, 5-7 pm, Ernst Stiefel Reading room.

Participating panelists will include Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-NY-8<sup>th</sup>; Jay Sekulow, legal director, American Center for Law and Justice; Prof. David Schoenbrod and Prof. Nadine Strossen, president, American Civil Liberties Union. Additional panelist are still being confirmed.

NYLS Associate Dean and Professor Stephen Ellmann will moderate the program.

The panel is cosponsored by TriBeCa Partnership, New York Law School and the Center for New York City Law.

The event is free and open to the public.

For further information, call 431-2850.

# Register and vote!

Throughout October, the Justice Action Center and NYLS Civil Liberties Union will be reminding the New York Law School community of the upcoming election and of the importance of fulfilling our civic responsibility by voting. As attorneys, educators and law students, we have a responsibility to be public leaders. We call upon all members of the New York Law School community to lead by example: Be counted and vote on Nov. 7, 2000!

FACT. Did you know that women were not granted the right to vote in all state and federal elections in the United States until passage of the Nineteenth Amendment in 1920? However, several states were more progressive and allowed women's suffrage before passage of the amendment. Wyoming (1869); Colorado (1893); Utah and Idaho (1896); Washington (1910); California (1911); and Kansas, Oregon and Arizona (1912).

# NYLS community invited to reception honoring Professor Arthur Leonard this week

The NYLS community is cordially invited to attend a cocktail reception honoring Prof. Arthur Leonard and his first 20 years of publication of the *Lesbian/Gay Law Notes*, Thurs., Oct. 12, 4-6 pm, Wellington Conference Center.

The reception will feature speeches by Jim Williams, executive director, National Employment Law Project and Dr. Arthur Flug, regional director, American Jewish Congress. RSVP: Cheryl Shields 431-2852.

#### Journal of Human Rights symposium set

The New York Law School Journal of Human Rights will present "Chronicling A Movement: A Symposium to Recognize the Twentieth Anniversary of the Lesbian/Gay Law Notes edited by Arthur S. Leonard," Sat., Oct. 14, 9 am-5 pm, Stiefel Room.

Featured scholars, practitioners and activists will present an in-depth program reviewing the victories and disappointments in the legal struggle against discrimination and inequality based on sexual orientation.

Following Dean Richard A. Matasar's welcome at 9:30, Prof. Arthur Leonard will open the symposium with a "Retrospective of Lesbian and Gay Law Notes."

The 10:10 am panel focusing on "Perspectives on Progress" will be moderated by the Hon. Rosalyn Richter, acting Justice New York State Supreme Court. Panelists will include professors from various law schools: Prof. Suzanne Goldberg, Rutgers-Newark School of Law; Prof. Nan Hunter, Brooklyn Law School; and Prof. Kendall Thomas, Columbia Law School.

"A Look at the Current Legislation and Litigation Involving the Lesbian/Gay Community" will be the focus of the 11:40 am panel moderated by Richard D. Burns, executive director, Lesbian & Gay Community Services Center. Panelists are Kevin Cathcart, director of Lambda Legal Defense and Ed. Fund; Matt Coles, director of the ACLU Lesbian/Gay Rights Project; and Shannon Minter, National Center for Lesbian Rights.

New York Law School's own Prof. Arthur Leonard became instrumental in chronicling the legal aspects of the lesbian and gay community with his publication of Lesbian/Gay Law Notes. For the past 20 years, Lesbian/Gay Law Notes has provided the community with an incredible wealth of timely information on national and international events.

A tribute in his honor will be presented at 1 pm by Armando Belly, general counsel of Soros Fund Management and former NYLS professor and by Danielle S. Petito, editorin-chief, *Journal of Human Rights*.

The program concludes with "Reaching Goals: Choosing Strategies and Issues for Advancement" moderated by Prof. William Eskridge, Yale Law School beginning at 2 pm. Addressing the topic will be Paula Ettelbrick, National Gay/Lesbian Task Force, Policy Institute; Prof. Chai Feldblum, Georgetown University Law Center; Prof. Nancy Polikoff, American University, Washington College of Law; and Prof. Ruthann Robson, CUNY Law School.

Registration for the symposium is free and is required. Contact Jacqueline Flug, 431-2100 ext. 4110.

#### New staff member announced

Ms. Anna Abrigo '00 has joined the NYLS staff as assistant director of the Media Center. In addition to her JD, Ms. Abrigo holds a BA from Goucher College. While in Law School she worked at the Federal Communications Commission and the New York City Law Department (telecommunications policy.)

Ms. Abrigo can be reached at 431-2163.

#### 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

### Counseling available to students

New York Law School has retained the services of a mental health consultant, Dr. Judith Rosenberger, who is available to New York Law School students for a free, confidential consultation at her off-campus office.

Contact Dr. Rosenberger at (212) 987-8239.

### Moot Court recruitment meeting set

A recruitment meeting for students interested in competing for a spot on the NYLS delegation to the Jessup Competition will be held, Tues., Oct. 10, 5 pm, room A600.

Speakers will include Prof. Gerald Lebovits, faculty advisor, NYLS Moot Court Association; Dan Curtin, '00 Jessup team member, and Roy Kreitner, Harlan visiting research fellow.

The Jessup International Law Moot Court competition is an international law advocacy competition where oral and written pleadings are presented on timely international law issues and argued before the International Court of Justice in The Hague, the Netherlands. This year's case deals with border disputes, treaty interpretation, international environmental law, and international terrorism and other issues.

Participants must first compete in regional and national competitions in their respective countries. Winners from these competitions advance to the international rounds in Washington, DC.

#### **Legal Ethics Award**

The New York State Bar Association announces the Legal Ethics Award Competition.

CRITERIA: A proposal outlining how members of the Bar can demonstrate their commitment to professional responsibility or legal ethics; a written article, essay or other exposition, on the subject of legal professional responsibility or legal ethics, or a substantial action or activity in furtherance of legal professional responsibility or legal ethics, performed or instituted in the year of this competition.

Award: \$750

DEADLINE: Submit papers to the Office of Student Affairs by Thurs., Feb. 1, 2001 for submission to the New York State Bar Association.

#### Internships available

The Dr. M.L. "Hank" Henry Jr., Fund for Judicial Internships awards a \$3,500 stipend to a qualified law student to support a 10-week summer judicial internship in New York City under the auspices of the Lesbian and Gay Law Association Foundation of Greater New York ("LeGaL Foundation").

The program will be designed to give the intern exposure to a variety of courts or tribunals. The Fund for Judicial Internships was established in memory of Dr. Henry, whose ground breaking work encouraged openly lesbian and gay lawyers to seek and achieve judicial office in New York City.

The internship is intended for students with a demonstrated interest in, and commitment to, lesbian and gay rights.

The Hank Henry Jr., Fund values diversity. All interested students are encouraged to apply.

Applicants for the 2001 summer internship should provide the following information in a letter to the LeGaL Foundation, 799 Broadway, Suite 340, New York, N.Y. 10003: Law school name and anticipated graduation date; law school grades and class rank (if available), any academic honors earned, extra-curricular and co-curricular activities; undergraduate and/or other graduate degrees earned specifying the academic institution, major field of study, and extra-curricular and co-curricular activities; community activities or affiliations or other activities indicating public service; statement of interest which shall be no longer than 500 words; and names, addresses and telephone

numbers of two references who are familiar with the applicant's character and qualifications. A personal interview may be required.

The letter must be received no later than January 5, 2001. The selection committee will communicate its selection by February 5, 2001.

Questions concerning the application process or the specifics of the internship program can be directed to the LeGaL Foundation office at (212) 353-9118 or to Arthur S. Leonard, professor, New York Law School at ALeonard@nyls.edu or ASLeonard@aol.com.

#### 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**

Check the on campus interview sign-up board outside Career Services for new interview lists. Also see the Fall Recruitment information board between B503/B505 for additional fall recruitment information.

For further information, stop by Career Services or contact us at *career@nyls.edu* or call 431-2345.

#### Report your interview callbacks

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

# Postgraduate Judicial clerkships

Classes of 2001 and 2002 students interested in clerking in state and federal courts may make individual appointments with Prof. Seth Harris and Cyndy Wyatt, director of Career Services, to discuss their options. The meetings will take place, Tues., Oct. 10 and Wed., Oct. 11. Sign up for an appointment Career Services.

## To RSVP Career programs

Students attending Career Services programs are encouraged to RSVP using the Career Services Online Resource Center.

### **Public Interest/Government panel**

The Law Practice Options: Public Interest Government panel will be held, Wed., Oct. 11, 1 pm, room C400.

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

# Welcome reception for law students of color

A welcome reception for students of color will be held, Thurs., Oct. 19, 6-8 pm, The Association of the Bar of the City of New York (42 West 44th St.).

The program is free. Refreshments will be served. RSVP by Oct. 13 to Tamara Stephen by e-mail at tstephen@kayesc-holer.com or by fax at (212) 836-8689.

#### Wanda's Resource Tip

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT SURVEYS

Summer employment surveys from the classes of 2001 and 2002, are available for viewing in the Resource Center. These surveys provide information on summer employers who have hired first- and second-year NYLS students.

The surveys are divided by the type of employer, such as small firms, large firms, public interest, government agencies, and judicial internships. Also available on the On-line Resource Center is a list of employers who have hired NYLS students during the summer of 2000.

To access the Career Services Online Resource Center/Emplawyernet™, go to www.emplawyernet.com; and enter your career services ID and password. To enter the "Summer Employment Information-Employers Who Hired NYLS Students in the Summer" click on the "Manual and Resources" icon; then click on the "Career Services Online Resources" link.

You can access Emplawyernet™ from any NYLS terminal or from home with an internet provider. If you have not received your Career Services ID and password, contact Career Services at career@nyls.edu.

Read next week's Counselor for tips on Government Resources.

#### 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.

The Early Change of Program period for the Spring 2001 semester will take place from Oct. 16 through Oct. 20. Forms will be processed simultaneously after the deadline.

Students who wish to place their name on the wait list for a closed course may sign the wait list binder. in the Registrar's Office during regular office hours.

Note: the last day to drop a binding registration course for the Spring 2001 semester without permission is Fri., Oct. 20.

An e-mail has been sent to all continuing students explaining the procedure.

#### 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 16. 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.

# CALENDAR

#### OCTOBER 10-16

TUESDAY, 10/10 ☐ LEGISLATIVE MONDAY

Monday classes meet.

Office of Career Services 5th Floor, B Building

Contact the Office of Career Services, 431-2345, to schedule an appointment.

WEDNESDAY, 10/11 ☐ CAREER SERVICES LAW PRACTICE OPTIONS

Public Interest/Government Panel

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

☐ NYLS CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION GENERAL MEETING

1-2 pm, room L7 (Student Center lower level, C building)

☐ LATINO LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

1-2 pm, room A602

**□** PUBLIC INTEREST COALITION GENERAL MEETING

1-2 pm, room A1002

☐ SOUTH ASIAN LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER-SOMOSA SALE

1-3 pm, outside room B100

THURSDAY, 10/12 COCKTAIL RECEPTION IN HONOR OF PROFESSOR ARTHUR LEONARD

The NYLS community is cordially invited to attend.

4-6 pm, Wellington Conference Center, RSVP: Cheryl Shields, 431-2851 or cshields@nyls.edu

"Chronicling A Movement: A Symposium to Recognize the

Twentieth Anniversary of the Lesbian/Gay Law Notes edited by Professor Arthur S. Leonard"

9 am - 5 pm, Stiefel Reading Room.

☐ DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT TRAINING SESSION

11 am - 4 pm, Wellington Center conference rooms A and B (5th Floor, C building)

☐ BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

1-2:30 pm, room A700 (Please note room change.)

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY 10/18 ☐ DEAN MATASAR'S WALK-IN HOURS FOR EVENING STUDENTS

5-8 pm

6-8 pm, The Association of the Bar of the City of New York, 42 West 44th St.

FRIDAY, 10/20 THE NAPIL 2000 NATIONAL PUBLIC INTEREST CAREER FAIR

The Renaissance Washington DC Hotel

TUESDAY, 10/24 ☐ DEAN MATASAR'S CALL-IN TIME FOR EVENING STUDENTS

11 am - 12 pm

☐ "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

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Law Firms/Corporations

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