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A MEMO FROM THE DEAN TO STUDENTS

I am hoping there will be many chances to meet with and speak directly to you. To help get this started, here are some ways to reach me that I hope you will find convenient and inviting.

My schedule for each week is posted outside the Dean's office, on the 2nd floor of A building. I have an open door policy—anytime I am not in a meeting and am in my office, you are welcome to drop by. If I'm tied up you can make an appointment with my assistant, DJ Mazer, to meet with me at your convenience.

You also should feel free to write to me at the e-mail account established especially for this purpose: deardean@nyls.edu. I also will hold open meetings for all students from time to time, with the first one scheduled for Oct. 10 and the second for Nov. 8, both starting at 5 pm, Ernst Stiefel Reading Room.

Recognizing that evening students have limited time availability, in addition to the above, I will hold walk-in hours reserved for evening students, from 5-8 pm during a specified evening each month.

For October, these hours will be on Wed., Oct. 18. These monthly hours will be publicized in *Counselor* at the beginning of each month.

Also, I will have a phone-in time specified each month for those evening students who may find it more convenient to call during the day. For October, the evening student call-in hour is Tues., Oct. 24, 11 am-12 pm. Please call 431-2840.

Finally, I will meet every other week with Joe Altavilla, your SBA president, and at appropriate times with other SBA representatives. This is another avenue for passing along ideas and concerns you may wish to bring to my attention. As time goes on we may develop other means to assure regular and healthy communication. In the meantime, I look forward to seeing you and hearing from you, through one means or another.

—Dean Richard Matasar

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.

First Monday in October 2000 events set

On Mon., Oct. 2, First Monday programs across America will mark the beginning of the Supreme Court's new term with a day of action to say "Enough Already!" to gun violence.

First Monday is an annual program promoting education and action on a public interest topic. This year's program has been coordinated by the Alliance for Justice in conjunction with Physicians for Social Responsibility.

Several events commemorating the day will take place on campus and throughout the city:

❑ **FILM DEBUT SCREENING "AMERICA: UP IN ARMS,"** 12:45, Wellington Conference Center, rooms A and B. The film, by award-winning filmmakers Liz Garbus and Rory Kennedy, explores the epidemic of gun violence in America and provides examples of successful activism by citizens working to end it.

Lunch will be served. RSVP: Cheryl Shields, 431-2851.

❑ **FIRST MONDAY BROOKLYN BRIDGE MARCH:** NYC organizers will host a citywide march over the Brooklyn Bridge, 4 pm beginning at Cadman Plaza, Brooklyn.

❑ **FILM SCREENING AND PUBLIC MEETING:** 6 pm, Pace Downtown theatre.

For further information, contact Helena Prigal at 431-2318.

Writing Competition

THE THEODORE TENNENWALD JR. FOUNDATION FOR EXCELLENCE IN TAX SCHOLARSHIP AND THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF TAX COUNSEL COMPETITION

TOPIC: Any topic in the field of taxation

PRIZES: \$3,000; \$2,000; \$1,000

DEADLINE: February 1, 2001

All invited to PIC reception

Public Interest Coalition cordially invites members of the New York Law School community to the Public Interest Reception, Thurs., Sept. 28, 6-8 pm, Wellington Conference Center.

Lisa Schatz '97, National Association for Public Interest Law (NAPIL) 2000 Equal Justice Fellow and NYLS Summer 2000 Public Interest fellows will be honored.

This event is free, but donations of any amount are welcome. Make checks payable to the New York Law School Public Interest Coalition and submit them to Student Life.

The Public Interest Coalition strives to encourage the pursuit of legal careers in the public interest by providing members with resume workshops, job and networking opportunities and by building relationships with other public interest organizations and agencies, and hosting information panels and other school events. The coalition works to generate widespread concern among legal professionals for public interest issues such as capital punishment, AIDS, and political asylum.

Tutors needed

Students wanting to volunteer as tutors should contact Sally Harding, Office of Student Life or call 431-2851. □

International Law panel features alums

How difficult is it to break into the area of International Law? Are there many opportunities in the public sector? These and other questions will be addressed by experts at the International Law Career Panel, Wed., Oct. 4, 12:45 pm-1:50 pm, room C-400. Lunch will be served. Seating will be first-come, first-serve.

The panel will include experts from various International law fields. Meryl P. Sherwood '81 will discuss international corporate and banking law. Lynette Cunningham '87 will speak about the United Nations. Dennis S. Pahl '89 of Ladas & Parry will discuss his work in intellectual property law. Chan Woo Sung '94 of Burke & Parsons will speak about admiralty and maritime law.

NYLS Prof. Sydney M. Cone, III, who spent over 40 years in the law firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, will moderate the panel.

The panel is sponsored by The Center for International Law, the Office of Career Services, and the *Journal of International and Comparative Law*.

For more information, call Michael Rhee at the Center for International Law at 432-2893.

Research assistants wanted

Professor Nadine Strossen, president of the American Civil Liberties Union, is currently accepting applications for research assistants. Applicants should have strong research, writing and interpersonal skills. Attention to detail is a must.

Interested applicants should submit a cover letter, resume, writing sample and three job-related references to Kathy M. Davis, Prof. Strossen's academic assistant, room A903, by Mon., Oct. 2.

NOTE: Original deadline on posted notices has been extended.

Reference sessions offered

Reference sessions focusing on various topics will be offered by the staff of the Mendik Library on the following days and times: **Congressional Materials:using the Internet**, Mon., Sept. 25, 5-5:50 pm, room L214; **Workshop on Legislative Histories**, Tues., Sept. 26, 5-5:50 pm, room L201; **Introductory/Basic Westlaw class**, Wed., Sept. 27, 1-2:15 pm, room L311; and a **Westlaw Refresher class**, Thurs., Sept. 28, 1-1:50 pm, room L311.

NOTE: Only the Sept. 26 workshop is open to first-year students. Students must sign up at the reference desk or by e-mail at reference@nyls.edu by the morning of the class.

For further information, contact Michael McCarthy, 431-2384, or fax at (212) 965-8839 or via e-mail at mmccarthy@nyls.edu.

FROM THE ACADEMIC SKILLS PROGRAM

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

Bar FAQs: Straight talk about the Bar exam

Prof. Joseph Marino will present important information about the bar examination for all students graduating in February and June at four sessions: today, Mon., Sept. 25, 1-2 pm, room A900; Tues., Sept. 26, 5:15-6 pm, room A900; Mon., Oct. 2, 7:40-8:45 pm, room A900; and Thurs., Oct. 5, 1-2 pm, room A700. Come to one of these sessions and learn about the application process, about how bar examinations are scored, and get advice about how to choose a bar review course.

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 2. 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

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 431-2345.

Report your interview callbacks

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

To RSVP Career programs

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

Career Services welcome reception

The Career Services welcome reception will be held Thurs., Oct. 5, 4-6 pm, Wellington Center.

Refreshments will be served.

The NAPIL 2000 National PIC Fair set

The NAPIL 2000 National Public Interest Career Fair, the largest public interest job fair in the country, will be held Fri., Oct. 20, the Renaissance Washington, DC Hotel.

To interview for summer and permanent positions, students must first apply directly to employers. The list of participating employers information is currently available in Career Services along with travel information.

Approximately 200 employers are expected to attend the fair.

Wanda's Resource Tip**ON-LINE STUDENT PERSONAL PROFILE**

To use the Career Services On-line Resource Center, each student must complete a personal profile, which includes information about employment preferences and student contact information.

By completing a profile on-line, each student will be automatically notified via e-mail of jobs that meet their criteria.

To access Career Services Online Resource Center/Emplawyernet™, go to www.emplawyernet.com; enter your career services ID and password. To enter a personal profile, scroll down to EmplawyerNet Services, click on the "Personal Profile" icon head or link.

You may access Emplawyernet™ from any NYLS terminal or from home as long as you have an Internet provider.

Students who have not received a Career Services ID and password should contact Career Services at career@nyls.edu.

Read next week's *Counselor* for tips on Practice and Work Environment Resources. □

A message from security

Students must show identification cards when entering the buildings and before entering the Mendik Library.

Identification card holders and clips are available at the 47 Worth Street security desk.

About security and personal safety

Security guards are on duty during the hours which the Law School is officially open. The main security desk is located on the first floor of C Building. There are also security officers in the lobbies of A Building and in the Mendik Library (240 Church St.).

Should an emergency arise, you can contact security by either of the following means:

- Dial ext. 2123 on any campus phone (for emergencies only)
- Press the key marked "EMERGENCY" on any campus phone.

If you require non-emergency first aid assistance, see the security officer on the first floor of C Building.

Laptop computer security

When using, transporting and storing your laptop computer, treat it as you would cash:

- Do not leave it unattended-even for a brief moment.
- When transporting, avoid placing the laptop on the floor or other surfaces.
- Back-up all important information periodically to ensure availability in the event of theft.
- Store it in a secure location where few persons would have access.

If at all possible, carry the laptop in a nondescript briefcase or padded backpack, and consider purchasing laptop security devices.

Did you know...

that the Executive Director of Corporate Outreach for AOL, Inc. is an NYLS graduate?
His name is B. Keith Fulton '98

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 25- OCTOBER 2

MONDAY, 9/25

☐ **BAR FAQS: STRAIGHT TALK ABOUT THE BAR EXAM**

Presented by Prof. Joseph Marino, 1-2 pm, room A900

☐ **LIBRARY REFERENCE SESSION**

Congressional Materials Using the Internet, 5 pm, room L214;

For further information on all sessions, contact Michael McCarthy, 431-2384 or mmccarthy@nyls.edu.

TUESDAY, 9/26

☐ **LIBRARY REFERENCE SESSION**

Workshop on Legislative Histories, 5 pm, room L201; open to first-year students

☐ **BAR FAQS: STRAIGHT TALK ABOUT THE BAR EXAM**

Presented by Prof. Joseph Marino, 5:15-6 pm, room A900

WEDNESDAY, 9/27

☐ **SOUTH ASIAN LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING**

1-2 pm, room A1005

☐ **PUBLIC INTEREST COALITION GENERAL MEETING**

1-2 pm, room A1002

☐ **LIBRARY REFERENCE SESSION**

Introductory Basic Westlaw class, 1 pm, room L311

THURSDAY, 9/28

☐ **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROJECT GENERAL MEETING**

1-2 pm, room A602

☐ **LIBRARY REFERENCE SESSION**

Westlaw Refresher Class, 1pm, room L311

☐ **PIC COCKTAIL RECEPTION**

6-8 pm, Wellington Conference Center

MONDAY, 10/2

☐ **BAR FAQS: STRAIGHT TALK ABOUT THE BAR EXAM**

Presented by Prof. Joseph Marino, 7:40-8:45 pm, room A900

☐ **FIRST MONDAY AT NYLS: "ENOUGH ALREADY!" A DAY TO END GUN VIOLENCE**

Film screening: "America: Up in Arms," 12:45 pm, Wellington Conference Center, RSVP 431-2851.

For further information, contact Helena Prigal at 431-2318.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, 10/4

☐ **INTERNATIONAL LAW CAREER PANEL**

12:45-1:50 pm, room C400; first-come-first-serve

THURSDAY, 10/5

☐ **CAREER SERVICES WELCOME RECEPTION**

4-6 pm, Wellington Conference Center (5th Floor, C Bldg.)

☐ **BAR FAQS: STRAIGHT TALK ABOUT THE BAR EXAM**

Presented by Prof. Joseph Marino, 1-2 pm, room A700

WEDNESDAY, 10/11

☐ **CAREER SERVICES LAW PRACTICE OPTIONS PANEL**

Public Interest & Government

1 pm, room C400

WEDNESDAY 10/18

☐ **DEAN MATASAR'S WALK-IN HOURS FOR EVENING STUDENTS**

5-8 pm

TUESDAY, 10/24

☐ **DEAN MATASAR'S CALL-IN TIME FOR EVENING STUDENTS**

Call 431-2840; 11 am-12 pm

