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CENTER FOR NEW YORK CITY LAW BREAKFAST SERIES SET

The Center for New York City Law will bring many prominent New Yorkers to New York Law School to speak this academic year during its popular CityLaw Breakfast series.

The series opens with former Governor of New York Mario Cuomo, Fri., Sept. 22, 8:15-9 am, Ernst Stiefel Reading Room.

Mario Cuomo has been a lawyer for more than 40 years and was governor of New York State from 1983 through 1995. He has appointed 112 judges, including all the judges of the Court of Appeals, as well as the first black and first Hispanic judge and the first woman to serve as chief judge. He declined invitations to run for President and to serve on the United States' Supreme Court. In 1995, Governor Cuomo returned to the practice of law at Willie Farr & Gallagher.

Other 2000-2001 CityLaw breakfast series speakers include: Paul Tagliabue, Commissioner of the National Football League, Sept. 22; Randi Weingarten, president of the United Federation of Teachers, Dec. 1; Eliot Spitzer, NY State Attorney General, Jan. 19; Matthew Goldstein, Chancellor City University of New York, Feb. 23; and Eugene R. McGrath, CEO of Con Edison, April 20.

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

Research assistant wanted

Prof. Richard Beck seeks a research assistant with a strong academic record who has some knowledge of tax law. The candidate should have taken a tax course or its equivalent. Please send resumes to: Prof. Richard Beck, New York Law School, 431-2307 or fax (212) 343 2039.

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 in September 11. 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.

Welcome new faculty members

New York Law School welcomes two new faculty members this semester.

Professor Seth Harris has joined the faculty and is teaching Torts this fall. For the past seven years, he has worked at the US Labor Department as a senior advisor to two Secretaries of Labor and has played a leading role in many of the Labor Department's highest priority policy initiatives.

In April 1998, he was named counselor to the Secretary of Labor Alexis Herman. He was also special assistant and policy advisor to then-Secretary-designate Robert Reich from early November to late January 1992 as part of the Clinton/Gore transition team.

Prof. Harris received his JD (cum laude) in 1990 from the New York University School of Law where he was editor-in-chief of the *Review of Law & Social Change*.

Professor Kenneth Kettering joins the NYLS faculty as an associate professor of law, teaching Bankruptcy/Debtor-Creditor Law.

Most recently he was a partner at Reed Smith Shaw & McClay, Pittsburgh, PA. He has taught Commercial Law at the University of Pittsburgh Law School.

Prof. Kettering holds a JD from Harvard Law School where he was an editor of the *Harvard Law Review*.

New staff members welcomed

Harry Althaus comes to NYLS as special assistant to Dean Richard A. Matasar. He will be working with Dean Matasar and the associate deans on a variety of projects relating to the growth and development of the Law School. He received a BS from Northwestern University.

Denise Batts has joined the Office of Development and Public Affairs as the assistant director for research. She has extensive experience in writing and editing promotional and legal materials. Ms. Batts holds a BA degree in Biological Anthropology from Harvard College.

Dr. Joanne Ingham, the School's institutional research specialist, will assist in the areas of institutional research, data collection and assessment. Dr. Ingham holds an EdD from St. John's University.

Donajeanne "DJ" Mazer has joined the NYLS staff as assistant to Dean Richard A. Matasar. Ms. Mazer has 17 years of experience as a legal administrator. She earned a MAT from Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, and a BA in Social Studies from Duquesne University.

Sarah Valentine joins the Mendik Library team as collection management librarian. She comes to NYLS from the Rockland County Legal Aid Society, where she was managing attorney for the New City and Middletown, NY, offices for the past three years. Ms. Valentine received her BA, MLIS, and her JD from Florida State University.

Jennifer Allred has joined the admissions staff as an admissions counselor. Ms. Allred is a graduate of Pomona College of Claremont, CA.

Promotions announced

Toby White is joining the admission staff as director of admissions operations. Ms. White has been a member of the NYLS staff as associate director of financial aid for the past six years.

Inez Gonzalez has been promoted from fund development assistant to assistant director of alumni affairs & special events in the Office of Development and Public Affairs. Ms. Gonzalez has been a member of the NYLS staff since 1998.

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

NYLS student organizations will provide information about the clubs at the Fair, Thurs., Sept. 14, 12:30-2 pm and 4:30-6 pm, Student Center (C building), lower level.

Lockers assigned

Only the Office of Student Life assigns lockers. Please contact the Office of Student Life at 431-2851 to request a locker. Locks put on unassigned lockers will be clipped and removed.

Students welcome on faculty committees

Each year, the Office of Student Life invites students to serve on faculty and school committees to apply for membership. Student members provide student representation on committees responsible for evaluating and improving the academic and student service aspects of student life at New York Law School. The faculty committees that have designated student membership are the Academic Responsibility Committee, the Curriculum Committee, and the Student Affairs Committee. The School committees with student membership are the

Health, Safety, and Access Committee, the Art Selection Committee, and the Human Rights Review Board.

Students interested in applying for positions on the faculty committees must submit a resume and cover letter to the Office of Student Life. Deadline: Mon., Sept. 11, 6 pm. □

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

New York Law School's Fall Recruitment Program is in full swing with updated information on fall recruiters arriving daily. Please check the on campus interviews sign-up board outside Career Services for new interview lists. Also, see the fall recruitment information board (between B503 and B505) for additional fall recruitment information. For details, visit Career Services or contact us at career@nyls.edu or 212-431-2345.

Department of Justice opportunities

Applications for the US Department of Justice are available on the Internet at www.usdoj.gov or at Career Services. Applications must be received (not just postmarked) at the Department of Justice by Mon., Sept. 25. No exceptions will be made.

Second addendum posted

The Second Addendum listing additional employer participants in the Fall Recruitment Programs is available in Career Services. It will be posted on the fall recruitment information board between B503 and B505 this week Sept. 5 or pick up a copy in Career Services.

Fall Recruitment Season Check Up for Success

The Fall Recruitment Season Check up for success will be held Wed., Sept. 20, 1 pm, room B410. The session will provide the opportunity to review the steps you have taken in your job search. Find out else can be done to increase your chances of obtaining interviews with the large law firms' recruiters. Refreshments will be served. RSVP as soon as possible to reserve a seat.

What every evening students needs to know

Learn about various Fall 2000 Career Services events and programs available for evening division students at a special program, Wed., Sept. 6, 5:15 pm, room B400. Adjua Starks, evening division career counselor, will provide information about staff resources and functions of the Career Services Office. A question and answer period will follow.

BLSA Job Fair interview prep session

Prepare for the Sept. 8 BLSA Job Fair interviews at the prep session, Thurs., Sept. 7, 1 pm and 5:15 pm, room B500. Refreshments will be served. RSVP: Online Resource Center.

Wanda's Resource Tips for the Week

ONLINE JOB DATABASE:

Career Services Online Resource Center/Emplawyernet job database consists of listings posted with the Career Services Office as well as national listings provided by Emplawyernet.

To enter the job database, click on the "Job Search" link. To access Career Services Online Resource Center/Emplawyernet™, go to www.emplawyernet.com; enter your career services ID and password. You can access Emplawyernet™ from any NYLS terminal or from home if you have an internet provider. Students who have not received a Career Services' ID and password, should contact career at career@nyls.edu. Read next week's *Counselor* for information on our new 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.

To help maintain a safe Law School environment, you are requested to take the following preventive steps:

- 1) Notify security immediately if you see any suspicious persons, incidents, or conditions.
- 2) Do not leave your personal articles unattended.
- 3) Get to know your fellow students. When possible travel to and from the Law School with a group.
- 4) Familiarize yourself with the neighborhood and the safest routes to public transportation. Maps of public transportation

and local streets are available from the Office of Student Life. When traveling to and from the Law School always travel with others and **BE SURE TO**. . .

- **MAINTAIN VISIBILITY.** Walk in the middle of the sidewalk away from dark doorways, parked cars, subway entrances, and other locations where visibility is impaired.
- **AVOID SHORT-CUTS** with few pedestrians and vehicular traffic. Stay alert. Trust your intuition. If you feel uncomfortable, leave the area immediately.
- **USE CASH MACHINES DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS.** If you must use a machine at night, find one near a busy intersection. Carry small amounts of cash and divide money between pockets and a handbag or briefcase. Be aware of the people near you when using a pay phone. Do not place a wallet, handbag or calling card on any exposed surface. Be careful when using of bank and calling card account codes; avoid being overheard or allowing the code to be seen.
- **AVOID DARK OR DESERTED PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES.** Wait for a bus or train at a busy stop. Have your fare ready—do not hunt for change at the last minute. Avoid entering the subway at off hours and in the evenings. When waiting for the train stand near the token booth; ride in the subway car with the conductor.
- **AVOID OVERLOADING YOUR ARMS WITH PACKAGES.** Handbags should be carried over the shoulder, close to the body. Wallets are safer in front pockets.
- **AVOID WEARING EXPENSIVE JEWELRY AND CLOTHES.** When possible wear comfortable clothing and dress casually. Avoid shoes and clothes that restrict mobility.
- **CALL FOR HELP.** If an uncomfortable situation confronts you, cross the street or change direction. Go to a well-populated or lighted area. Do not ignore the person following you—look back to acknowledge his/her presence. Do not hesitate to scream to attract assistance. Yell "FIRE." (It can be more effective in getting attention.)
- **RELINQUISH PERSONAL PROPERTY TO AVOID INJURY.** Do not struggle to protect personal property. Relinquish wallets and handbags and note details about the person(s) that you could provide to the police.
- **PERSONAL SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAMS** are sponsored by the Office of Security and Safety and provide the community with a forum to discuss personal safety and security topics.

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 5-11

WEDNESDAY, 9/6

SOUTH ASIAN LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING ON
1-2 pm, room A1005

WHAT EVERY EVENING STUDENT NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT CAREER SERVICES
1 pm, room B500; 5:15 pm, room A500

PROFESSOR SHERWIN'S BOOK READING
Professor Richard K. Sherwin will read excerpts of his book
When Law Goes Pop: The Vanishing Line between Law and Popular Culture;
7:30 pm, Community Bookstore, 143 7th Avenue, Brooklyn
For further information contact the bookstore, (718) 783-3075.

THURSDAY, 9/7

CAREER SERVICES BLSA JOB FAIR INTERVIEW PREP SESSIONS
1 pm, room B500; 5:15 pm, room A500

SATURDAY, 9/9

BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING
1-2 pm, room A700

LEGAL WRITING: BASIC SKILLS WORKSHOP
11 am-12:30 pm, room A400; presented by Prof. Lynn Su, writing specialist;
repeats Tues., 9/12, 12 pm -1:30 pm, room B400

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, 9/14

STUDENT ORGANIZATION FAIR
12:30-2 pm and 5-6:30 pm, Student Center (lower level, C building)

9/14-10/14

ART EXHIBITION
Featured artist Karen Lebergott, Student Center. Opening reception 9/15, 6 pm.

WEDNESDAY, 9/20

CAREER SERVICES FALL RECRUITMENT SEASON CHECK-UP FOR SUCCESS
1 pm, room B410

FRIDAY, 9/22

CITYLAW BREAKFAST
Mario Cuomo, former governor of NY
8:15-9:30 am, Stiefel Reading Room, RSVP 431-2115 or at nycitylaw@nyls.edu

WEDNESDAY, 9/27

CAREER SERVICES POST-GRADUATE JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP INFORMATION SESSION
1 pm, room C400

THURSDAY, 10/5

CAREER SERVICES INFORMATION RECEPTION
1 pm, room C400

WEDNESDAY, 10/11

CAREER SERVICES LAW PRACTICE OPTIONS PANEL
Public Interest & Government
1 pm, room C400

WEDNESDAY, 10/25

CAREER SERVICES LAW PRACTICE OPTIONS PANEL
Law Firms/Corporations
1 pm, room C400

