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## NYLS STUDENT IS 1999 NAPIL HONOREE

The New York Law School community congratulates Sharon Finkel (2L) on receiving a 1999 Exemplary Public Service Award from the National Association for Public Interest Law (NAPIL). Ms. Finkel was honored on Oct. 29 at the annual awards dinner in Washington, DC. One of three winners to receive this award nationally, Ms. Finkel was recognized for her summer associate work with Americorps VISTA in her position with the Florence Immigration and Refugee Rights Project in Florence, AR.

Working under the supervision of Director Chris Nugent, she provided refugees with legal services, gave group legal presentations and created, both in English and Spanish, an extensive information manual for INS detainees. She also created a 15-page theoretical writing on *pro se* representation before the INS, which will soon be distributed nationwide through the Detention Watch Network.

Joining Ms. Finkel at the ceremony were her father, Mikhail Finkel, Adjua Starks, public interest coordinator/associate director of Career Services, and NYLS students. Also honored and present at the ceremony were First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and Gregory Williams, dean of Ohio State University College of Law and author of *Life on the Color Line: The True Story of a White Boy Who Discovered He Was Black*.

Ms. Finkel also received a 1999 NYLS summer public interest fellowship. The Law School community applauds Sharon for her hard work, dedication, and commitment to public interest and public service work in the legal profession.

## Student workers wanted for fall phonathon

The Office of Development and Public Affairs will conduct its Fall Phonathon, 5:30-8:30 pm, Nov. 8, 10, and 11 and Nov. 15-18 in the Wellington Conference Center. Students will be paid \$10 per hour to call alumni/ae to request contributions.

Dinner will be served. Contact Gwen Greenberg, assistant director of alumni affairs, at 431-2189 or e-mail her at [ggreenberg@nyls.edu](mailto:ggreenberg@nyls.edu). Work-study eligible students are also welcome.

## Employment law colloquium set

New York Law School and the National Employment Lawyers Association of NY (NELA/NY) will sponsor "The Practice of Employment Law" colloquium, Tues., Nov. 16, 4:40-5:30 pm, Ernst Stiefel Reading Room.

Expert attorneys will highlight various aspects of employment law. Prof. Carlin Meyer will moderate the discussion.

A reception will follow. The event is free, but reservations are required. RSVP: Suzanne Kufner in the Office of Development and Public Affairs at 431-2851 or via e-mail at [salfano@nyls.edu](mailto:salfano@nyls.edu).

## Time Warner's Richard Parsons to speak

The CityLaw Breakfast on Fri., Nov. 12 will feature Richard D. Parson, president of Time Warner Inc, discussing "Government and Entertainment," 8:15-9:30 am. Since assuming his position in October 1994, Mr. Parsons has served as Time Warner's chief negotiator of several transactions, including the company's joint venture with AT&T to offer AT&T-branded cable telephony service to residential and small business customers over Time Warner's existing cable television systems.

The program is free, but reservations are required. Call 431-2115 or e-mail at [nycitylaw@nyls.edu](mailto:nycitylaw@nyls.edu).

## International Law career panel videotape available

A videotape of the Oct. 6 International Law Career panel discussion, with Professors Lenni Benson, Terry Cone, and Paul Dubinsky is available in Career Services. Call (212) 431-2345.

## Exam packets on sale

The first-year exam packets are on sale (\$1 to \$5) at the Mendik Library circulation desk, Mon.-Fri., 10 am -10 pm, and Sat.-Sun. 10 am- 6 pm. Packets are also available on the NYLS Intranet. Log on; click on the library button; and follow the link to "First Year Exam Packets." Click on the appropriate links to download exams on to disk. Note: Adobe Acrobat Reader required.

## Bankruptcy assistance program seeks students

New York Law School, in conjunction with the Legal Aid Society, is continuing its Bankruptcy Assistance Program for indigent clients and seeks new counselors.

The program provides training and excellent experience working directly with clients, along with supervision from experienced Legal Aid Society attorneys. Interns gain practical experience assisting clients in consumer finance matters. Student volunteers and federal work-study eligible students are welcome.

Following an application and selection process, student participants complete a training program offered by Prof. Karen Gross, and Legal Aid Society attorneys Mort Dicker, and John McManus. The training sessions will begin either over winter break or at the beginning of the spring semester. Eligible students will be paid for training and for hours worked after successfully completing the training sessions. Participants must be able to commit at least six hours per week, in blocks of at least three hours. A limited number of slots are available and preference may be given to those who have taken or are currently taking courses related to Bankruptcy Law.

The Legal Aid Society Consumer Law Unit is located at 90 Church St., just north of the World Trade Center and south of the Law School.

Contact Helena Prigal in Student Affairs by Nov. 15 at 431-2318.

## Exams available in library

Exams given in the "Principles of Legal Analysis" course this semester and written summaries of the issues they present, are available on reserve in the library. These exams and summaries, written by Prof. Aleta Estreicher, cover material presented in her "Property" course. Those enrolled may check out and copy the materials for one hour. Later in the semester, exam questions and summaries for Prof. Lieberman's "Constitutional Law" course will also be available.

### 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.

## Call for papers

Suffolk University Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild and Suffolk University Law School invites all law students to submit academic papers for the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Academic Convocation for Law Students. The "Law in a Changing Society" conference will be held on March 3-4, Suffolk Law School Boston, MA. Student authors, grouped by subject matter of papers, will present their work to a series of panels with a professor or practitioner serving as moderator. Six \$500 first prizes and six \$250 second-place prizes will be awarded. **Deadline:** December 31.

### FROM THE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

For more information on the following, visit the Office of Financial Aid (fifth floor, A Building) or call 431-2828.

## Scholarships available for students

The special committee to administer the C. Bainbridge Smith Scholarship Fund has asked NYLS to nominate eligible NYLS students for these awards for the 1999-00 academic year.

These scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,750 (or as determined by the scholarship committee), are made to needy law students who come from the five boroughs of NYC and who attend law schools within NYC.

To be eligible you must: be enrolled full- or part-time; and/or secondary school in NYC; demonstrate financial need; and face special disadvantages in meeting the cost of law school attendance. "Special disadvantages" include unusual hardship due to lack of funds, and physical disabilities or cultural handicaps. Students must complete the C. Bainbridge Smith scholarship nominee application and an information release authorization. For forms and information, contact Toby L. White, associate director of Financial Aid. **Deadline:** Application and release forms are due by Nov. 22.

### FROM THE LAWYERING SKILLS OFFICE

For more information on the Externship Program, contact Susan D'Ambra (C208) or call 431-2388.

## Judicial Externship program information

First- and second-year students are encouraged to attend the Judicial Externship information meeting, Tues., Nov. 16, 1-2 pm, room B100 and 5-5:45 pm, room B100 (meeting repeated). The meeting will provide information about federal, state appellate and state trial court judicial externships.

Susan D'Ambra, externship coordinator, will also be available on Thurs., Nov. 18, 1-2 pm and 5:15-5:45 pm outside room B100 to answer questions about the Judicial Externship Program. Packets will be available Nov. 16.

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.

### 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 Nov. 15.

Students who wish to submit information to Counselor should write to the Office of Student Life, 5th floor, A Bldg. by 12 pm 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.

**Fall Recruitment Program information**

Check the Fall Recruitment board outside Career Services, B503/B505 for announcements. Report all callbacks to Valerie Plummer or Jennifer Tan at [career@nyls.edu](mailto:career@nyls.edu) or 431-2345.

**Career Services survey information**

All upper-class students will receive a Career Services Program and Employment survey via e-mail, Mon., Nov. 15, to assist Career Services in developing new programs and to increase students' employment and other opportunities. Complete and return the survey by reply e-mail or by hard copy to Career Services.

**Networking in an Active Job Search Part II**

The Association of the Bar of the City of New York, 42 West 44th St., will host "Networking in an Active Job Search Part II," Tues., Nov. 16, 6-8 pm. The event is free. No reservation is required.

**International Law Career forum set**

The 1999 International Law Career Forum will be held Sat., Nov. 13, Washington College of Law at American University. The ABA's Section of International Law and Practice, the International Law Society, and the American University's Career Services Office sponsor the annual event, which offers law students ideas and advice on building legal careers with global components. The forum attracts law students and young lawyers from the mid-Atlantic region. Last year more than 200 students attended from 26 different law schools. Registration fee: \$15. An optional networking lunch, from 12-2 pm, is offered for an additional \$10. Luncheon keynote speaker Michael Penders, special counsel to Criminal Enforcement at the US Environmental Protection Agency, will discuss his career path and fighting environmental crime globally. Details are available at [www.american.edu](http://www.american.edu).

**Clerkship forum for students of color set**

The Fourth Annual Federal Clerkship Forum will be held, Tues., Nov. 9, 5:30 pm, Stiefel Room. A panel on clerkship opportunities for students of color and a round-table discussion with judges will be followed by a wine and cheese reception. US District Court Judges from the Southern District, Eastern District, US Court of Appeals 2<sup>nd</sup> Circuit, and US District Court of NJ will attend this event. RSVP: in the "Programs and Events" section of the On-line Resource Center, call 431-2345, or via e-mail at [career@nyls.edu](mailto:career@nyls.edu).

**FACULTY ACTIVITIES**

PROFESSOR MICHAEL BOTEIN represented NYLS at a two-day meeting of the Council of Europe's media program in Strasbourg, France in October. He was the only non-European member of the program's board.

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR MARK F. DEWAN participated in a panel on "Sex and Money: The Ethics They Didn't Teach in Law School," as part of the Brooklyn Bar Association's CLE program. Prof. DeWan explained the new provisions of the Code of Professional Responsibility which limit sexual relations between attorneys and clients. He is senior counsel to the Grievance Committee for the Second and Eleventh Judicial Districts.

PROFESSOR FAITH KAHN spoke at the University of Georgia's two-day conference on Teaching Corporation Law on October 15. She also attended an interdisciplinary conference on "The Corporation in Modern Society" at George Washington University.

PROFESSOR TIMOTHY LYTTON was quoted in the *Des Moines Business Record* in an article about municipal lawsuits against the gun industry.

PROFESSOR CARLIN MEYER attended a two-day, interdisciplinary conference at George Washington University.

PROFESSOR MICHAEL PERLIN conducted a seminar on constitutional issues in civil mental health law for the University of Rochester's post-doctoral forensic fellows. He lectured on psychiatric tort issues to psychiatric residents at University of Rochester.

PROFESSOR ANN THOMAS' review of Linda K. Kerber's new book, *No Constitutional Right to be Ladies: Women and the Obligation of Citizenship*, was published in June on *H-Law*, the *H-Net* Humanities and Social Science Online discussion network.

PROFESSOR NADINE STROSSEN delivered the Annual Poliak Lecture on the State of the First Amendment at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism on Oct. 26. On Oct. 27, Prof. Strossen's talks and media interviews in Detroit included a public lecture at Detroit Institute for Arts. On Oct. 29, she was a guest on Court TV's "DC Insider" and was also filmed making a series of presentations for "The Freedom Channel," an Internet public affairs program set to debut in November. She was also a guest on Oliver North's "Common Sense" radio program. One of 10 women in the "law and education" category and among "The 100 Most Important Women in America" in the November *Ladies Home Journal*, Prof. Strossen is described as "Head Honcho of Liberty's Law Firm."

# CALENDAR.

NOVEMBER 8-15

## TUESDAY, 11/9

### ☐ LEXIS ON THE WEB

1 pm, 2nd Floor Lexis Room L214

### ☐ FEDERAL CLERKSHIP FORUM FOR STUDENTS OF COLOR

5:30 pm, Stiefel Room

## WEDNESDAY, 11/10

### ☐ THE ART OF SCHMOOZING

6 pm Association of the Bar of the City of New York (42 West 44<sup>th</sup> St.)

### ☐ LEGAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN GENERAL MEETING

1-2 pm, room B410.

## FRIDAY, 11/12

### ☐ WESTLAW ON THE WEB

5:30 pm, 3rd Floor Westlaw Room, L311

### ☐ CITYLAW BREAKFAST

Speaker Richard Parsons, 8:15-9:30 am, Ernst Stiefel Room

## SATURDAY, 11/13

### ☐ IRISH LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING

10 am-5 pm, room B500.

### ☐ PHI ALPHA DELTA INITIATION MEETING

11 am-2 pm, the Wellington Conference Center (A & B)

### ☐ FINALS PREPARATION WORKSHOP

by Prof. Elaine Mills, 1:30-3:30 pm, room A900

Topics include reviewing effectively, creating useful outlines, memorizing more easily, managing your time wisely, and producing well-written exams. All are welcome; materials will be available at the door.

## TUESDAY, 11/16

### ☐ NETWORKING IN AN ACTIVE JOB SEARCH, PART II

6-8 pm, Association of the Bar of the City of New York (42 West 44<sup>th</sup> St.)

### ☐ JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM INFORMATION MEETING

1-2 pm, and 5-5:45 pm, room B100.

### ☐ THE PRACTICE OF EMPLOYMENT LAW COLLOQUIUM

4:30-5:30 pm, Ernst Stiefel Reading Room, moderated by Prof. Carlin Meyer  
RSVP: Suzanne Kufner at 431-2857 or e-mail at [salfano@nyls.edu](mailto:salfano@nyls.edu).

### ☐ JUDICIAL EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM INFO. MEETING

1-2 pm, room B100 and 5-5:45 pm, room B100 (meeting repeated).

