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CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW SYMPOSIUM SET ON "BURMA LAW"

May states and localities pass laws impinging upon foreign commerce and obligations under international trade agreements? If the case is reversed and the law upheld, what will be the implications of the World Trade Organization? These provocative questions and others will be addressed at The Center for International Law Symposium on States' Rights v. International Trade: The Massachusetts "Burma Law." The event will be held on Wed., Oct. 13, 7-9 pm, the Stimson Room, The Association of the Bar of the City of New York, 42 West 44th St. The symposium will be moderated by Sydney M. Cone, III, C.V. Starr Professor of Law and Director, Center for International Law, at New York Law School.

Panelists include: Paul R. Dubinsky, associate professor of law, NYLS; Thomas A. Barnico, assistant attorney general, Commonwealth of Massachusetts; Joel P. Trachtman, professor of international law, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University; and Peter J. Spiro, associate professor of law, Hofstra University Law School.

The Massachusetts "Burma Law" restricts state purchases from companies doing business in Burma (now known as Myanmar) because of alleged human rights abuses. After being held unconstitutional by a federal appeals court, the law is now poised for review by the Supreme Court.

The case raises important issues under federal and international law. Admission is free, but seating is limited. RSVP to Michael Rhee at mrhee@nyls.edu or call 431-2865.

Help celebrate First Monday in October

"Housing and Homelessness" will be the focus First Monday in October at NYLS, today, 12:30-2 pm, Wellington Conference Center, rooms A and B. The program will examine the devastating state of housing for low-income people. The discussion will revolve around the causes and consequences of the housing crisis, as well as the lives of the people it affects. Professor Richard Marsico and Derryl Zimmerman '97, of Harlem Legal

Services and an AT&T/NAPIL equal justice fellow, will speak on their work on housing issues in and around New York City. The program also includes a showing of "Bringing Justice Home," a documentary film about the need for decent housing for America's low-and moderate-income families. The film profiles two families in Mattawa, WA, in their search for suitable housing. It also presents the results of the Gautreaux litigation against the Chicago Housing Authority, settled 20 years ago, and highlights the successes of public policies like those in Montgomery County, MD.

The program is open to students, faculty, and staff. RSVP: Cheryl Shields, Student Life, 431-2851. Lunch will be served.

Professor Karen Gross to receive Legal Aid Society's Pro Bono Award

Professor Karen Gross will be honored by The Legal Aid Society with a 1999 Pro Bono Award at a ceremony on Tues., Oct. 5, 5:30-7:30 pm, The Legal Aid Society, 90 Church St. NY State Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye will host the program at 6:30 pm.

Prof. Gross, who has contributed significantly to the Society's efforts to assist clients who are considering bankruptcy, volunteered in the LAS Consumer Law Unit during her leave in winter 1996 and again in late spring 1997. She was inspired to work with Morton Dicker, the Unit's coordinating attorney, to create a program to train students for bankruptcy counseling positions. Now, through the NYLS Bankruptcy Assistance Program at The Legal Aid Society, qualified work-study students are part of the team serving indigent New Yorkers year-round. Members of the NYLS community who would like to attend the program should call Helena Prigal at 431-2318.

Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition packets available

Information packets, including the Jessup problem, are available on the door outside of C301. For information on deadlines, contact Michael Rhee at mrhee@nyls.edu or call 431-2865.

Professor Lenni Benson honored for excellence in teaching immigration law

Professor Lenni Benson is the 1999 recipient of the Elmer Fried Excellence in Teaching Award, presented by the American Immigration Lawyers Association during its annual conference in June in Seattle. Created in 1996, the award recognizes outstanding teachers who have made significant contributions to the field of immigration and nationality law.

When Ms. Benson asked all of the NYLS students and alumni present to "stand and join me in thanking AILA for all it has done for us over the years that lead us to this occasion," 20 NYLS representatives were joined by the rest of the conference attendees for a standing ovation.

Prof. Benson joined NYLS as an associate professor in 1994. Over 40 of her former students practice immigration law and many others work on pro bono asylum or other immigration cases. Friends, family members and colleagues congratulated Prof. Benson at a campus reception that featured a conference summary from guest experts.

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.

Kings County District Attorney's Office reception set

The Latino Law Students' Association presents a networking reception Wed., Oct. 6, 5:45-9 pm, Wellington Conference Center, 5th floor, C bldg. Students will have an opportunity to talk with assistant district attorneys.

Uncontested divorce clinic

The Domestic Violence Project is sponsoring an uncontested divorce clinic. Mandatory one-time training will be held Wed., Oct. 6, 1-1:50, room B310. Call Donna Curcio 431-4351, today, Mon., Oct. 4 to reserve a space.

During October, Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the Domestic Violence Project will sponsor a number of activities at NYLS to heighten awareness. Student support is appreciated.

Faculty Tuesday luncheon series to begin

Visting Professor Michael Gottesman will speak about his work in progress on Labor Law at the first Faculty Tuesday luncheon series on Oct. 19, 12:45-2 pm. Seating is limited.

RSVP: 431-2851. □

Did you know...

An aide to Peter Vallone, speaker of the NY City Council is a New York Law School alumnus?
His name is Theodore Kasapis '90.

From the Office of the Registrar

THE EARLY CHANGE OF PROGRAM PERIOD for the spring 2000 semester will take place during the week of Oct. 11. Forms will be processed simultaneously after the deadline.

Students who wish to place their name on the waiting list for a closed course should come to the Office of the Registrar during office hours and sign the Wait List binder beginning today, Oct. 4.

Note: The last day to drop a binding registration course for the spring 2000 semester without permission is Fri., Oct. 15.

A letter has been sent to all continuing students explaining the procedure. □

Planning for success video available

Prof. Elaine Mills covers a variety of study strategies and tactics—effective reading; constructive case briefing; productive outlining; and paper and time management—in "Planning for Success: A Workshop on Study Skills" videos. Students are invited to view the workshop videotapes, available at Mendik Library. Evening students may borrow tapes overnight; day students have library access. Supplemental written materials containing suggestions on how to improve study habits may be picked up separately.

Fire Prevention Week Recognition

Each year, the President declares the week of Oct. 9, the anniversary of the Chicago fire, Fire Prevention Week. The Office of Security & Safety has several copies of a brochure highlighting different aspects of fire safety. The brochure is available to students at any of the security posts.

FROM THE LAWYERING SKILLS OFFICE

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

Spring 2000 Judicial Externship Program resume collection

□ STUDENTS APPLYING TO FEDERAL AND STATE APPELLATE COURTS: Résumé collection will take place on Wed., Oct. 20, 9:30 am-2 pm and 4-6 pm, room B511.

□ STUDENTS APPLYING TO STATE TRIAL COURTS: Résumé collection will take place, Thurs., Oct. 21, 9:30 am-2 pm, and 4-6 pm, room B511.

□ THE BINDERS listing the judges participating in the program are now available in these locations: the Office of Career Services; the Mendik Library, on reserve; and in Susan D'Ambra's Office, room C208.

Four-credit externships available

Spring 2000 four-credit externships are available in a variety of fields. See Prof. Mariana Hogan in room B207, 431-2179 or Susan D'Ambra in room C208, 431-2388.

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 Program information board outside Career Services, B503/B505. Also, if you submitted a résumé through the Program, check the interview sign-up board outside our office for new interview schedules. Read your e-mail daily as Career Services may need to reach you quickly. Report all callbacks to Valerie Plummer or Jennifer Tan at career@nyls.edu or 431-2345.

The 1999 NAPIL Career Fair set

The 1999 NAPIL Career Fair, the largest public interest and government career fair in the country, will be held Fri., Oct. 29, the Renaissance Washington, DC Hotel. The list of employers and other important fair information are currently available in Career Services. **Deadline:** submit résumé to employers by Mon., Oct. 11. Approximately 200 employers are expected to attend.

International law career panel to be held

An international career panel will be held Wed., Oct. 6, 1 pm, room A700. Professors Lenni Benson, Sydney M. Cone, III and Paul Dubinsky will offer academic, career and practical advice pertaining to the field of international law. Details are available through Career Services or Michael Rhee, mrhee@nyls.edu or 431-2865. Lunch will be served to the first 20 students who arrive. RSVP: On-line Resource Center.

About the Online Resource Center

Students who have not received IDs and passwords for access to our Online Resource Center should contact Career Services at career@nyls.edu. The Online Resource Center provides access to job listings, Career Services manuals, and job search and career development resources. Students with questions or problems should visit Career Services for an individual Online Resource Center demonstration.

The Ins and Outs of Judicial Clerkships

The Association of the Bar of the City of New York will host a panel discussion on "The Ins and Outs of Judicial Clerkships," Tues., Oct. 19, 6 pm, the House of the Association, 42 West 44th St. Judges and judicial clerkship counselors will discuss how to become and be a successful law clerk. The program is free. A wine and cheese reception will follow.

SVP: Tamara Stephen by fax, (212) 836-8689, or e-mail: tstephen@kayescholar.com by October 14.

FACULTY ACTIVITIES

PROFESSOR JEFFREY HAAS was quoted in *Securities Week* about a recent court decision prohibiting four former Merrill Lynch brokers who recently defected to Paine Webber. When brokers were prohibited from soliciting business from Merrill Lynch clients, five of those clients intervened in the action to defend their right to do business with the defecting brokers.

PROFESSOR EDWARD SAMUELS recently published two articles (available on Westlaw): "Rights on the Net: The Digital Millennium Copyright Act," 17 No. 1 Cable TV & New Media Law and Finance 1 (1999); and "Net Copyright: Limiting Liability of Online Service Providers," 17 No. 2 Cable TV & New Media Law and Finance 1 (1999). Over the summer, Prof. Samuels was quoted in a June 15 article in *Dow Jones Business News*, "MasterCard Sues Time Warner's HBO Over 'Priceless' Ad Campaign."

PROFESSOR NADINE STROSSEN delivered a lecture on "Cyberliberties in the Next Millennium," on Sept. 22 at Wake Forest University Law School, Winston-Salem, NC. On Sept. 24, she lectured on "Censorship of the Internet" at Southern Connecticut State University. On Sept. 26, she gave a public address in Princeton on various current civil liberties controversies, including racial profiling by NJ state troopers. On Sept. 28, Prof. Strossen discussed constitutional rights on-line at an interview for an ABC News upcoming special, hosted by Peter Jennings, about the 13th anniversary of the Internet.

PROFESSOR MICHAEL PERLIN traveled to Whitehorse in the Yukon Territory of Canada, in May, where he presented a series of programs for the Yukon Law Society on various subjects: Power imbalances in forensic and therapeutic relationships; counsel in cases involving persons with mental disabilities; and the right to refuse antipsychotic medication. He also spoke at a public meeting sponsored by the Second Opinion Society on the rights of persons with mental disabilities to sexual interaction, and spoke to members of the Second Opinion Society on the roles of sanism and pretextuality in mental disability decision making. While there, he was interviewed on BBC Radio and the *Whitehorse Gazette* about his forthcoming book on sanism and pretextuality.

About Counselor

Counselor is published weekly when school is in session by the Office of Development and Public Affairs. The next issue will be published Monday, Oct. 11. 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.

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

MONDAY, 10/4

FIRST MONDAY IN OCTOBER

"Housing and Homelessness"

12:30-2 pm, Wellington Conference Center, rooms A and B

TUESDAY, 10/5

LATINO LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION BAKE SALE

All-day, lower level, C bldg.

PHI DELTA PHI MEETING

Find out about PDP and how you can join this International Legal Society.

1 pm, room B500

CONGRESSIONAL MATERIALS ON THE INTERNET

1 pm, 2nd Floor Lexis Room, L214

WEDNESDAY, 10/6

INTERNATIONAL CAREER PANEL

1 pm, room A700, Contact Career Services at 431-2345 or Michael Rhee at 431-2865.

LALSA RECEPTION

6-9 pm, Harry Wellington Conference Center

WESTLAW ADVANCED

1 pm, 3rd floor Westlaw Room, L311

THURSDAY, 10/7

ITALIAN AMERICAN LAW STUDENTS BAKE SALE

1-2 pm, Student Center

ASIAN AMERICAN LAW STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

Developing skills to succeed in law school, Thurs., 1-2 pm, room B310

FRIDAY, 10/8

LEXIS REFRESHER SESSION

5:30 pm, 2nd Floor Lexis room, L214

TUESDAY, 10/12

MENTOR-MENTEE RECEPTION

1-3pm, room TBA

WEDNESDAY, 10/13

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"States' Rights v. International Trade: The Massachusetts 'Burma Law'"

7 pm, The Association of the Bar of the City of New York, 42 West 44th St.
Contact Michael Rhee at mrhee@nyls.edu or 431-2865.

CONGRESSIONAL MATERIALS ON THE INTERNET

Learn to locate course notes to exams on the web, 5:15pm and, repeats Oct. 21, 1 pm.
Sign up early to assure spot.

TUESDAY, 10/19

THE INS AND OUTS OF JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

6 pm, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York (42 West 44th St.)
RSVP: by Oct.14

MONDAY, 10/25

CENTER OF INTERNATIONAL LAW SYMPOSIUM

"Should the ABA Approve MDP?"

The Association of the Bar of the City of New York, 42 West 44th St.
Contact Michael Rhee at mrhee@nyls.edu or 431-2865.

FRIDAY, 10/29

NAPIL CAREER FAIR

The Renaissance Washington, DC Hotel
Contact Career Services 431-2345.

