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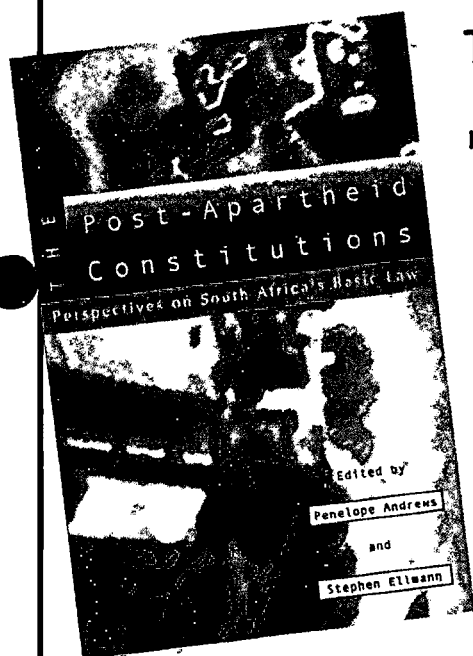
THE POST-APARTHEID CONSTITUTIONS

Perspectives on South Africa's Basic Law

Edited by Penelope Andrews
and Stephen Ellmann
Foreword by Nelson Mandela

Join us in celebration

Tuesday, February 26, 2002
4:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.



The Post-Apartheid Constitutions, offers a unique range of perspectives on the development of South Africa's interim and final constitutions. It is a collection of essays by scholars, lawyers, and political leaders that illuminate the many issues of process, substance, and context presented by the constitutions.

We cordially invite you to join us for a reception with the editors on **Tuesday, February 26** at New York Law School. For reservations please contact Claire Voulgarelis by e-mail at cvoulgarelis@nyls.edu, or by phone at 212-431-2845.

Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing by the editors.

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ABOUT COUNSELOR: *Counselor* is published weekly by the Office of Public Affairs. Weekly issues of *Counselor* are available on our Web site or in hard copy format at selected sites around the Law School.

Students who wish to submit information to *Counselor* should write to the Office of Student Life, 5th floor, A Building, by 9:00 a.m. Monday, at least 10 days in advance of the event to be publicized. Faculty and staff should e-mail copy to Public Affairs via counselor@nyls.edu, by 5:00 p.m. Friday, at least a week in advance of the event to be publicized. For further information, please contact Associate Dean Alta Levat at 431-2325 or by e-mail to alevat@nyls.edu.

Networking Lunch Series Program

The Office of Career Services Networking Lunch Series is a weekly lunch series designed to provide students with the opportunity to network informally with alumni who practice in areas of interest to them. Each lunch has limited seating so students must contact Career Services to be guaranteed admission. Reservations should be made by using Career Services Online Resource Center Programs and Events Calendar. Lunches start promptly at 12:45 p.m. The following is a list of Networking Lunches:

March 6:	Medical Malpractice/PI	Wellington Center
March 13:	NYC Agency Counsel Lunch (with Center for NYC Law)	TBA
March 21:	Labor and Employment	Wellington Center

Alumni Mentor Reception

Thursday, February 7, 6:00 p.m., Wellington Conference Center
Students are invited to attend a reception to meet and socialize with alumni participating in the Alumni Mentor Project. Through the Mentor Project, students have the opportunity to obtain advice on career goals, job searches, and interviewing skills from experienced practitioners who are interested in your success. A mentor can provide valuable insight into the job search process and be a possible connection to future opportunities.

Students are encouraged to look through the binders of listed participants to find alumni contacts in their field of interest and meet them at the Law School on February 7. Binders are located in the Office of Career Services as well as the Mendik Library on the first floor near the reserve room. Please respond to the Office of Institutional Advancement by phone at 431-2800 or by e-mail at alumniaffairs@nyls.edu.

Job opportunities for 3Ls

There are more than 80 New Jersey judges are still accepting applications for judicial clerkships commencing fall 2002. 3L students will need to submit a resume, cover letter, two letters of recommendation, and a writing sample no longer than 10 pages, to each judge. Please come to the Office of Career Services to pick up a list of judges who are still hiring for the fall.

Public Interest Career Information Seminar

Wednesday, February 6, 1:00 p.m., Room C400.

Adjua Starks, Associate Director and Public Interest Coordinator, will conduct this seminar. Students will learn about the wide variety of summer and permanent career opportunities available in public interest, including positions in public interest organizations, legal services organizations, and government agencies. All students

are welcome, and first-year students are strongly encouraged to attend. Come and learn about the steps which you should take to make your public interest job search a successful one. Lunch will be served to the first 20 students who arrive. Please reserve a spot by using the Programs and Events Calendar through our Online Resource Center.

METLIFE Law Department's Diversity Committee

The MetLife Law Department's Diversity Committee is hosting a career forum on **Friday, March 1, 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.**, at MetLife - One Madison Avenue, 6th Floor. Students will meet and hear from lawyers from different areas of MetLife in an informal setting. Resumes may be submitted for summer/semester intern positions and, to the extent available, full-time positions as well. A continental breakfast will be served. Business Casual Attire. Please respond to the Office of Career Services by February 21.

PSLawNet/Public Interest Job Search Training

Thursday, February 7, 1:00 p.m., Career Services Resource Center

Participants in this training session will be introduced to the Public Services Law Network (PSLawNet) database, one of the most extensive resources to use in searching for summer internship positions and summer fellowship opportunities in the public interest and government sectors. PSLawNet is also a wonderful resource for finding permanent jobs and post-graduate fellowships. Come to the training to learn how to utilize this resource to maximize public interest employment opportunities. Please respond by using the Programs and Events Calendar through the Career Services Online Resource Center.

Using Lexis to Find Information on Law Firms

Monday, February 11, 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., Career Services Resource Center

LEXIS is a valuable research tool! LEXIS representative, Nejat Bumin, Esq., will teach students how to use LEXIS to make a law firm job search more effective. Students will learn how to search for: law firms by size, practice area, geographic location and more including alumni/ae of New York Law School and/or undergraduate institutions; attorneys by practice area; relevant newspaper and journal articles; and legal job sources. Please respond by using the Programs and Events Calendar through the Career Services Online Resource Center.

Career Services Resource Center Tours

Interested in the public sector? Small law firms? International opportunities? Come and find out what resources are available and how to

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use them effectively. Check *Counselor's* "Upcoming Events" section for dates and times of the Career Services Resource Center Tours and reserve a spot by using the Programs and Events Calendar through the Career Services Online Resource Center

Missed Kimm Walton's Presentation?

Over 100 students attended the "Guerilla Tactics for Getting the Legal Job of Your Dreams" Seminar. For students who missed this seminar, a videotape is available in the Career Services Office. According to Kimm Walton, it is never too early to take advantage of opportunities to meet practicing attorneys. Here are some networking events coming up in the month of February:

- **Alumni Mentor Reception** (February 7, - See description)
- **NYU's Annual Public Interest Legal Career Symposium** (February 14 & 15 at NYU)
- **Ins and Outs of Judicial Clerkships** (Tuesday, February 5, at 6 p.m. at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York): - Judges and others discuss how to become and be a successful law clerk. Law students will learn the benefits of clerking, how to direct their search, the qualities sought by judges, and when to apply. Former, current and prospective clerks are welcome. A networking reception will follow. No fee or reservation is required.

Wanda's Resource Tips for the Week

Below is a list of Labor and Employment Resources located in the Career Services Resource Center:

The Official Guide to Legal Specialties - This resource contains information on life as a labor and employment lawyer, training and skills that are important to labor and employment law, and classes and law school experiences recommended by labor and employment lawyers. Also, it provides a list of the labor and employment attorneys.

Careers in Labor Law - This book ranges from the description of areas of practice to future trends in labor law. (available in the Mendik Library)

Jobs In Labor and Employment Law: Where to Find Them, How To Get Them by Professor Carlin Meyer (available on Online Resource Center/Emplaywernet™). To access this resource: go to www.emplaywernet.com; enter a career services ID and Password. Click on the "Manuals and Resources" icon; then click on the Career Online Resources link.

Career Services Book Loan Policy: Books may only be borrowed for five days. A valid school ID must be presented before a student can borrow Career Services books. A current phone number and/or e-mail address will also be requested by a Career Services staff member.

Law in TriBeCa

A Speaker Series at NEW YORK LAW SCHOOL

Law in Tribeca Series: Racial Profiling Discussion

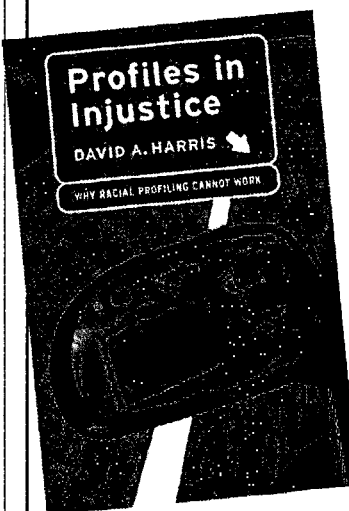
Profiles in Injustice

Racial Profiling: Before and After 9/11

A Discussion and Reception

Wednesday, February 20, 2002

6:00 p.m., Stiefel Reading Room



Racial Profiling occurs when police investigate, stop, frisk, or search a person because of their race, ethnicity, nationality or religion. Best known is the stopping and searching of people of color for traffic violations, called "DWB" or "driving while black or brown." The tragic events of September 11 brought racial profiling to the forefront as Arabs, Muslims, and South Asians were removed from planes, held in detention, and targeted for

questioning and deportation by federal and state law enforcement.

The Law In Tribeca series will host a panel discussion featuring David Harris, Professor of Law at the University of Toledo and author of *Profiles in Injustice*, and speakers from the Campaign Against Racial Profiling of the American Civil Liberties Union; New York Law School; New York Civil Liberties Union; and the South Asian community. A reception and book signing will follow, with copies of *Profiles in Injustice* available for purchase.

The program, which is being co-sponsored by the New York Civil Liberties Union, the Campaign Against Racial Profiling-ACLU, and the Open Society Institute, is free and open to the public, but seating will be limited, so reservations are required. Please send an email to halthaus@nyls.edu, or call 212-431-2846 to make a reservation.

Student Life

Law School Joins with Schomburg Center to Present "African Presence"

February 1-28

Opening Reception February 7

New York Law School and the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture proudly present "African Presence" an exhibition celebrating Black History Month. The exhibition will open on Friday, February 1, through Thursday, February 28, 2002. The Gallery hours are 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Monday through Sunday. There will be an Opening Reception hosted by BLSA, the NYLS Art Committee, and the Office of Student Life on Thursday, February 7, from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

This exhibition offers viewers an introduction to the commonalities and differences in the cultures of peoples of African descent during their more than 500 years in the Americas. African Americans are presented as active makers of history and culture, integral members of their communities at local, national and international levels. This panel exhibit focuses on the themes of migration, work, culture and struggle, all critical to an understanding of the African American experience.

American Bar Association News

If you aren't already a law student member of the American Bar Association, here is a reminder of some of the great benefits that you can enjoy:

- Receive the *ABA Journal* magazine
- Receive the Student Lawyer Resume-Building and Networking Opportunities.
- Get involved in ABA Sections, Divisions, and Forums (many are free) and participate in ABA meetings, competitions, and programs to enhance your opportunities for career and networking connections, leadership development, professional and public service, national recognition through competitions, and much more. Please visit the ABA Web site at www.abanet.org.

Writing Competition

International Association of Defense Counsel

Writing Competition

Topic: Civil Litigation

Prize: \$2,000; \$1,000; \$500

Deadline: April 16, 2002

The Annual Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition

Topic: Copyright Law

Prizes: \$600; \$250

Deadline: April 30, 2002

New York Law School's Journal Publications Plan Banquet

The annual banquet of the *Journal of Human Rights*, the *International Law Journal* and the *Law Review* will be held on **Friday, April 5**, at the Tribeca Rooftop. More details will be published later.

Student Organization Events

Corporate & Business Law Society will sponsor a Valentine Candy Gram Sale on **Tuesday, February 12, from 12:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** in the Student Center.

Black Law Students Association will sponsor a Bake Sale on **Thursday, February 14 from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** in the Student Center.

Barristers' Ball Tickets – Get them now!

Attention all Students! Tickets for the Barristers' Ball on **Saturday, March 16** are selling fast and the earlier you buy your ticket the better. We have a certain number of tickets at the subsidized prices of \$60 for students and \$90 for guests. Although we still have a number of tickets left at these prices, ticket sales for the first three days went extremely well and we expect that tickets will keep selling at this rate - SO DON'T WAIT, GET THEM NOW!!!

Holocaust Victim Assets Litigation Project Volunteers Still Needed!

The Office for Public Interest and Community Service at New York Law School and the ABA Law Student Division, through New York Law School representative Tiffany Almy, have decided to work together to promote volunteer efforts for the Holocaust Victim Assets Litigation Project established by the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU Law School.

The Holocaust Victim Assets Litigation (Swiss Banks) Project involves administration of a \$1.25 billion settlement reached on behalf of Holocaust victims seeking payment of their assets held in Swiss banks since the end of WWII in so-called "dormant accounts." Following worldwide notice of the settlement (notice appeared in 44 countries), 580,000 inquiries in the form of "initial questionnaires" were submitted by Holocaust survivors and their heirs and heirs of Holocaust victims who believed they might be eligible for payment under the settlement. The initial questionnaires ("IQs") have been scanned onto CD-ROM disks.

Volunteers are needed to evaluate the initial questionnaires for indicia of possible bank claims. Given the nature of the project and the availability of the CD-ROMs, the work can be done wherever there is computer access, and at the volunteer's leisure. The amount of time committed would be individual and flexible.

Approximately 10 IQs can be reviewed per student hour. If you would like to participate in the IQ review program, please estimate the number of hours you will be available to devote to this worthwhile project and contact New York Law School second-year student Luke Cass (cellphone: 917-650-4992 or e-mail: Neuilly43@aol.com) or Special Liaison Counsel Deborah Sturman at the Brennan Center (tel: 212-992-8649 or e-mail: ds131@nyu.edu) as soon as possible.

MFY Legal Services

MFY Legal Services is seeking law students to participate in a project to provide employment-related legal services for low-wage and immigrant workers directly or indirectly affected by the World Trade Center disaster.

Additional opportunities are now available to work in this program run by the National Employment Law Project in cooperation with MFY Legal Services and the Legal Aid Society. The project works with labor and community organizations to educate their constituencies about the relevant legal issues—such as wage and hour standards, unemployment insurance and disaster unemployment assistance, and reemployment programs and benefits—and identify potential clients.

The project is available to 2L, 3L, or 4L students able to make a substantial commitment to participate during the spring 2002 term. Students will be trained to assist with client screening and intake and will assist in representation of clients in individual cases as appropriate, working closely with the supervising attorney assigned to the case. Employment law experience and second language skills are considered a plus.

The work of the project is expected to extend over the coming year, and there may be opportunities to continue this work over the summer. MFY Legal Services—which began in the mid-1960s as Mobilization for Youth—is a nonprofit providing legal support to at-risk and low-income populations.

Interested students can reach MFY Legal Services directly by contacting the staff attorney who is overseeing work on this project, and who reports that this provides an excellent opportunity to engage actively and directly in serving clients: Ms. Julia Rosner, Telephone: 212-417-3757, E-mail: J.rosner@mfy.org. The MFY Legal Services office, located at 299 Broadway, between Duane and Reade Streets, is still experiencing some telephone service disruptions, so contact by e-mail may be the better alternative.

A New York Law School Evening Division student, Tracy McDonagh, is working on this project, as clinic coordinator through the National Employment Law Project office. She is available to respond to any questions about the project at E-mail: tmcdonagh.s@nyls.edu.

In the alternative, please feel free to contact the Office for Public Interest and Community Service, on the 5th floor of A Building: Matthew Wilkes, Associate Dean, telephone: 431-2894; fax: 966-1522; e-mail: mwilkes@nyls.edu or Helena Prigal, Director, telephone: 431-2318, e-mail: hprigal@nyls.edu

FACULTY NEWS

Professor Steven L. Kessler

Professor Kessler was quoted in the World Business section of *The New York Times* on February 1, 2002, regarding banking improprieties of the Bank of China and the record \$20 million fine levied against the Bank of China by American and Chinese authorities. Professor Kessler represents former clients of the bank. An extended version of Professor Kessler's comments may be found at www.nytimes.com.

Professor Nadine Strossen

On January 29, Professor Strossen debated Harvard Law School Professor Alan Dershowitz on NBC's "Today" Show, about terrorism and human rights. On January 31, she debated former U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese at Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Georgia. The topic was: "Resolved: The Fight Against Terrorism Justifies the Administration's Curbs on Civil Liberties."

FACULTY BOOK

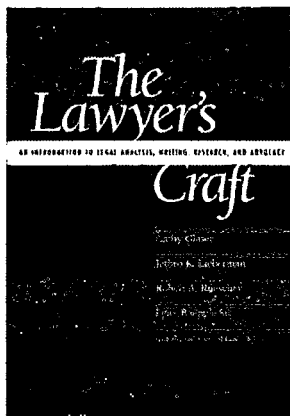
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AN INTRODUCTION TO LEGAL ANALYSIS, WRITING,
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Robert A. Ruescher and Lynn Boepple Su



For information, please call 212-431-2845

HELP WANTED

Public Affairs Seeks Work-Study Student Journalist

The Office of Public Affairs seeks a work-study student to assist the Law School's media relations efforts. Applicants should have excellent research and writing skills, with an ability to write about legal topics for a knowledgeable audience. The on-campus position offers the opportunity to work with Public Affairs staff to:

- Draft mini-profiles of faculty and staff for experts database;
- Build the Law School's media contacts on PRNewswire database;
- Conduct research for stories to appear in Law School publications;
- Draft media releases for noteworthy Law School events;
- Cover Law School events and write 500-1000 word stories for in-house publications and for submission to local newspapers; and,
- Research Web sites of major media outlets for contacts, submission and reprint policies.

Interested students should contact Renee Davis, Work-Study Coordinator, Office of Financial Aid, for work-study eligibility (431-2878). Contact Tracey Ober, Senior Writer, at 431-2187 or publicaffairs@nyls.edu, for more information about the position and to apply once establishing work-study eligibility.

Office of Institutional Advancement Seeks Work-Study Students

The Office of Institutional Advancement needs 1-2 work-study students for general clerical work. Interested applicants should contact Suzanne Kufner—salfano@nyls.edu or 431-2857.

Work-Study Position for Student Interested in Public Interest Law and Government Service

The Office of Career Services is seeking a work-study eligible student with an interest in public interest and/or government to assist the Public Interest Coordinator in compiling, publishing, and maintaining information about public interest opportunities. The student is expected to work 15-20 hours per week on various assignments, including: assisting the editor of the public interest newsletter, attending public interest related events, filing and organizing important public interest documents and resources, researching public sector opportunities. Interested students should submit a cover letter and resume to Adjua Starks in the Office of Career Services.

Research Assistant Needed

Adjunct Professor David Epstein seeks a research assistant. Applicants should be second- or third-year students. The position pays \$13 per hour. Interested students may bring résumés to room C-311.

FACULTY AND STAFF APPOINTMENTS

M. Tracey Ober

We are very pleased to announce the appointment of M. Tracey Ober as Senior Writer/Editor in the Office of Public Affairs. Quick to comprehend the special qualities of New York Law School, Tracey has been helping to develop a consistent editorial voice for our publications and to focus media attention on the School's richly varied activities.

A freelance journalist now based in New York City, Tracey has been working on a temporary basis in the Office of Public Affairs since October. She spent the previous 10 years overseas working as a foreign correspondent for Reuters wire service writing general, political, and financial news stories in Seville and Madrid, Spain; London, England; Western Saharan refugee camps, Algeria; and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Tracey graduated from Yale in 1985 with a Bachelor of Arts in English. She worked as a reporter and city editor for several New England newspapers before going abroad. She brings extensive editorial experience, organizational acumen for meeting deadlines in a fast-paced environment, and a well-honed writing style to the Law School's publications and presentation materials, both in print and online.

Tracey will work part-time, serving as Contributing Editor of the Law School's tri-annual magazine *In Brief*, writing features, contributing news articles, and compiling notes about alumni and faculty, and as writer and editor of the School's weekly newsletter *Counselor*. She will also be responsible for writing news releases, reporting on noteworthy events, and monitoring media coverage of the Law School.

Born and raised in Fairfield, Connecticut, Tracey speaks fluent Spanish and Portuguese and has a working command of French and German, in addition to her native English. While in college, she developed a multitude of organizational and promotional skills as a founding member of Mixed Company, a successful *a capella* singing group that just celebrated its 20th annual concert. Last year, she volunteered nearly full-time to co-produce local and international concerts and publications for the 450-member Yale Alumni Chorus in honor of Yale's 2001 Tercentennial.

Tracey can be reached in the Office of Public Affairs (Room 1005), at 431-2187, or via e-mail at tober@nyls.edu.

MEDIA CENTER DISCUSSION

Reporting from the Trenches: Physical, Corporate, and Governmental Pressures on Latin American Journalism

The Media Center will be presenting a panel discussion on Latin American news coverage **Thursday, February 21, at 6:30 p.m.** featuring as keynote speaker: Gerardo Reyes, Journalist, *El Nuevo Herald*. Admission is free.

Gerardo Reyes is a journalist and lawyer from Colombia. He was a professor of investigative journalism in several universities of Bogota. In 1988 he was hired by *El Nuevo Herald*, a sister newspaper of the *Miami Herald*. He worked as an assistant city editor and later was assigned to cover Latin America where he reported on major presidential elections, drug trafficking and corruption scandals. In 1999, he was transferred to the *Miami Herald*. He was part of the team awarded the Pulitzer Prize for investigative reporting. ("Dirty Votes, the Race for Miami Mayor"). Reyes returned to *El Nuevo Herald* in 2000 as a Latin American editor and currently covers Colombia, Venezuela, Argentina and Peru. Reyes is the author of the books *Periodismo de Investigacion* (Investigative Journalism) and *Made in Miami: The life of narcos, saints, seducers, caudillos and snitches*. Panelists include:

Kris Fischer, Editor-in-Chief, *New York Law Journal*
Ernesto Luceno, Visiting Scholar, New York Law School
James Simon, Professor of Law, New York Law School

LAW & SOCIETY COLLOQUIUM

Faculty Colloquium Looks at Urban Renewal

Wendell Pritchett, Associate Professor of History at Baruch College and Visiting Professor at University of Pennsylvania Law School will be the first speaker this semester at the New York Law School Law & Society Colloquium Series on **Friday, February 15**, in the Wellington Center.

Professor Pritchett teaches and writes about urban issues and particularly race, community and politics in American cities. His book *Brownsville, Brooklyn: Blacks, Jews and the Changing Face of the Ghetto* is forthcoming with The University of Chicago Press. His paper for the workshop, titled "The 'Public Menace' of Blight: Urban Renewal and the Private Uses of Eminent Domain" examines the emergence of the urban renewal program. The paper argues that this movement's appropriation of the amorphous concept of urban "blight", which though facially neutral was infused with racial and ethnic prejudice, legitimized the redistribution of urban populations, which created additional obstacles to efforts to achieve integration.

UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

Wednesday, February 6

1:00 p.m., Room C400.

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Thursday, February 7

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Alumni Multicultural Reception

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Career Services Resource Center Tour

Thursday, February 14 from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Black Law Students Association will sponsor a Bake Sale
on in the Student Center.**

Thursday, February 14

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Conference Rooms A&B

Comparative Law and Politics Discussion

**Group Series: American/European Pain & Suffering:
Comparative Fairness in Tort Damages**

Thursday, February 14 and Friday, February 15

New York University

**New York University's Annual Public Interest Legal
Career Symposium**

Tuesday, February 19

1:00 p.m. and 5:15 p.m.

Career Services Resource Center Tour

Wednesday, February 20

6:00 p.m., Stiefel Reading Room

**The Law in TriBeCa Series Presents: Profiles in Injus-
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6:30 p.m., Media Center

**Reporting from the Trenches: Physical, Corporate, and
Governmental Pressures on Latin American Journalism**

Thursday, February 28

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Conference Rooms A&B

Comparative Law and Politics Discussion Group

Series: Rethinking Strategies of International Justice