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MOOT COURT WON TWO NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS ON SAME DAY

At Catholic University in Washington DC, Michael Gervasi (2L); Alifya Vasi (2L) and Coach Jessica LaMarche (3L) beat South Texas Law School in the final round of the Sutherland Cup Constitutional Law Moot Court Competition on March 25. At issue was the constitutionality of DOMA, Grandparent-visitation legislation and the role of federalism in modern constitutional law jurisprudence. This was the first time that NYLS "bested" South Texas, a fellow premiere moot court law school, in a national competition. Ms. Vasi also took Best Overall Oralist honors for the competition.

That same day at SUNY Buffalo Law School, Lisa DeClemente (2L), Amy Schwartzwald (2L) and Coach Marisol Martinez (3L) won the final round of the Herbert Wechsler Criminal Law Moot Court Competition. The problem centered on the execution of the mentally retarded and was based on *Penry v. Johnson*. The team also took Third Best Brief honors and Ms. DeClemente was Third Best Overall Oralist for the competition.

This was the first time the NYLS's Moot Court Association has won two national championships on the same day.

For more information on Moot Court call 431-2899, ext. 2175 or visit <http://www.nyls.edu/journals/Moot/default.html>.

Two attorneys honored at Journals banquet

Barry C. Scheck and Peter Neufeld, partners in the law firm of Cochran, Neufeld & Scheck, were honored by the New York Law School Law Review and the New York Law School Journal of International and Comparative Law at a banquet held at the 200 Fifth Club on Fri., April 20.

In 1988, Mr. Scheck and Mr. Neufeld became involved in studying and litigating issues concerning the transfer of DNA technology to forensic applications.

In 1992, they co-founded and now co-direct the Innocence Project, which represents more than 200 inmates seeking post-conviction release through DNA testing which has been responsible, in whole or in part, for exonerating more than 40 clients.

Alumni Dinner Dance a great success

Dean Richard A. Matasar welcomed more than 300 faculty, staff, and students to the Annual NYLS Alumni Dinner Dance held at The Pierre Hotel on Wed., April 18.

The two honorees, alumnus Bernard H. Mendik '58 and E. Donald Shapiro, dean emeritus, were presented awards from NYLS Board of Trustee member Lawrence H. Huntington.

Mr. Mendik, also a member of the Board, received the Distinguished Alumni Award. Prof. Shapiro received the Lifetime Achievement Award.

As one of New York City's most prominent and successful real estate developers for more than 45 years, Bernie Mendik has helped to change the face and facade of the city. A graduate of NYLS's Evening Division, he is chairman of the BHM Company LLC. As a NYLS trustee, he masterminded the creation of the Mendik Library which opened in 1998.

In a legal career that has spanned over 45 years, E. Donald Shapiro has left an incredible legacy. From 1973 to 1983 he served as NYLS dean. From 1983 to 2000, he was the School's Joseph Solomon Distinguished Professor of Law. As an expert in medical malpractice, DNA data banking, and other areas of law and medicine, he has written extensively in his field. He has been a distinguished professor of law and medicine at universities around the world.

From the Office of Academic Affairs

Examination conflict and typing request forms are now available in the Academic Affairs Office. Forms must be submitted to Academic Affairs by today, Mon., April 23.

Lost & Found

The Lost & Found is located in the Office of Security and Safety, room AL2, lower level. You may return all found items to any security personnel.

Attention graduating students

Graduating students who have not submitted their cap and gown orders to the Office of Development and Public Affairs must do so by Fri., April 27. If you are not heard from by this deadline, there is no guarantee that any tickets will be available for your family and friends to attend the event. If you are not planning to attend, notify the department at 431-2800.

Help wanted

RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

❑ **PROFESSOR JEFFREY HAAS** seeks one or more summer research assistants for a corporate law research project. Students with any Web site building skills and/or superior grades in Corporations and other business-related courses are strongly encouraged to apply. Submit resume to Cathy Jenkins, room A-1000.

❑ **VISITING PROFESSOR OF LAW LARRY LEVINE** seeks one or two research assistants to help on a torts casebook. Applicants should be self-motivated, possess strong research and writing skills, show academic success in law school, and have a sense of humor. Interested applicants should fax a resume to llevine@uop.edu.

❑ **PROFESSOR SADIQ REZA** seeks one or two research assistants for part-time work this summer on issues of criminal law and procedure. Position(s) could continue into the fall. Interested students should submit resume, grade information, and any writing samples to Doris Alvicar, room B-309 by Fri., April 27.

WORK-STUDY POSITIONS

❑ **THE OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES** has summer full- and part-time positions available for work-study students. Responsibilities include assisting staff with various projects, data entry, Internet research, and general office duties. Skills required are knowledge of Corel WordPerfect and/or Word, typing (minimum 35 wpm), and a commitment to following through on tasks. Interested students should bring a resume to Career Services.

❑ **THE OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS** seeks summer work-study students. Skills required: Strong writing ability and organizational, computer and communications skills. Interested students should contact the Office of Development and Public Affairs, 40 Worth Street, 7th floor, room 705, or call 431-2800.

❑ **THE LAWYERING SKILLS OFFICE** has full-and part-time positions available this summer. Duties include assisting professors and staff with various projects, general office duties, and data entry. Interested students should see Jill Jackson, room B106, 431-2186, or Susan D'Ambra, room C208, 431-2388.

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.

Student loan exit counseling workshops

June 2001 graduating students who have borrowed money through the Federal Stafford Loan and/or Federal Perkins Loan program are required by federal law to complete an exit counseling workshop.

Workshops are set for Tues., April 24 and Wed., April 25, 12:30-1:45 pm and 4:30-5:45 pm, room A700.

Financial Aid staff must know who plans to attend each workshop, as customized folders are made for each attending student. Note: Space is limited to 50 people per session.

RSVP to Financial Aid via e-mail at financialaid@nyls.edu or call 431-2828.

Financial Literacy workshop set

Prof. Karen Gross will conduct a financial literacy workshop on Thurs., April 26, 12:45-1:45 pm, room A900. Prof. Gross will discuss credit cards and minimum payments; credit scoring; credit reporting; and permissible debt collection practices. The workshop is sponsored by the Financial Aid Office. Contact Financial Aid via e-mail at financialaid@nyls.edu, or call 431-2828. Reservation deadline: April 20. ❑

Library "study hall" hours noted

The library will remain open for extra "study hall" hours from regular closing time until 2 am. It will open at 9 am on weekends. During these hours, all spaces will remain open, but there will be no librarians on duty and the circulation desk and reserve room will be closed. The extended hours will remain in effect through the end of finals. "Study hall" is for NYLS students only. Student ID cards are required. The guards will check for cards at regular closing time.

Summer Housing at the St. George

All students planning to reside at the St. George Hotel during the summer must return a summer housing agreement to the Housing Office in Student Life by Fri., April 27. For further information, call 431-2166.

Writing on is "Right on!"

The NYLS Law Review, Human Rights Journal and Journal for International and Comparative Law Write-on Competition for continuing students interested in participating on the NYLS Journals will be held on June 15-29. Students interested in participating in the competition should register by e-mail at WriteOn@nyls.edu.

For additional information, contact Steve Goot, sgoot@nyls.edu, or Michelle Ottley, mottley@nyls.edu.

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. RSVP for all Career Services programs using the On-line Resource Center. Career programs are videotaped.

Attention graduating students

The Office of Career Services would like to make graduating students aware of the programs and services provided to them:

- ❑ **COUNSELING:** We invite you to use the Office's counseling services to obtain assistance in developing your personal job search strategy.
- ❑ **ONLINE RESOURCE CENTER:** You will continue to have access to the Online Resource Center and the job listings developed by our Office. You also will continue to have access to the national job listings created by Emplawynet, by subscribing to a discounted membership. Call, 431-2345 or by e-mail at career@nyls.edu for more information.
- ❑ **ALUMNI JOBLINE:** After you graduate, feel free to call the Alumni JobLine, a telephone hotline where you can hear weekly job listing updates. Call us for the JobLine number.

We are here to assist you with your postgraduate career planning. Please stay in touch with us after graduation!

Career Services summer hours noted

Office of Career Services is open 9 am-5pm Monday through Friday during most of the summer. Note: The Office will be closed Fridays from June 15 through July 27. Counseling services are available by appointment. Arrangements can also be made to communicate with counselors via e-mail, fax and phone at 431-2345 or at career@nyls.edu.

Wanda's resource tip

Here is a list of some legal associations law students can join. For a complete list of these associations go to the Online Resource Center, under manuals and resources, accessible through Emplawynet (www.emplawynet.com).

- ❑ **AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION (ABA):** 541 North Fairbanks Court, Chicago, IL 60611; 312-988-5522; Contact: Laurie Kamps; <http://www.abanet.org>
- ❑ **AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW:** 2223 Massachusetts Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20008-2864; 202-939-6000; Contact: Mildred Abdulla; <http://www.asil.org>
- ❑ **ASIAN AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK:** c/o Helen B. Kim, Esq., Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal, 1221 Avenue of the Americas, 26th Floor, NY, NY 10020-1089; 212-768-6838
- ❑ **ASIAN AMERICAN LEGAL DEFENSE AND EDUCATION FUND:** 99 Hudson Street, 12th Floor, New York, NY 10013-2869; 212-966-5932; Contact: Lillian Ling; <http://www.aaldef.org>

- ❑ **ASSOCIATION OF BLACK WOMEN ATTORNEYS:** 134 West 32nd Street, Suite 602, NY, NY 10001; 212-560-0136; Contact: Marjorie Cadogan; 212-693-1850 ext. 106; or e-mail at abwa@aol.com
- ❑ **BLACK BAR ASSOCIATION OF BRONX COUNTY:** 851 Grand Concourse, room 124, Bronx, NY 10451; 718-293-5600; Contact: Mary Conlan, executive director
- ❑ **ESSEX COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION:** One Riverfront Plaza, 7th Floor, Newark, NJ 07102-5497; 973-622-6207 ext. 11; Contact: Vicki Reisbaum, director of membership
- ❑ **FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION:** 2215 M. Street NW, Washington, DC 20037-3697; 202-785-1614; Contact: Jim Baker; <http://www.fedbar.org>
- ❑ **FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS BAR ASSOCIATION (FCBA):** 1020 19th Street NW, Suite 125, Washington, DC 20036; 202-736-8640; Contact: Stan Zenor, executive director
- ❑ **HISPANIC NATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION:** NY Region 241 Avenue of the Americas #5H, New York, NY 10014-7500; 212-647-1138; Contact: Maritza F. Bolaños, president; Homepage: <http://www.incacorp.com/hnba>; e-mail: hnba@aol.com
- ❑ **JEWISH LAWYERS GUILD:** 19-02 Whitestone Expressway, Suite 202, Whitestone, NY 11357; 718-746-9500; Contact: Ira Pollack, president
- ❑ **NASSAU COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION (NCBA):** 15th and West Streets, Mineola, NY 11501-4868; 516-747-4070; Contact: Sally Thomas, <http://www.nassaubar.org>
- ❑ **NATIONAL ACADEMY OF ELDER LAW ATTORNEYS, INC.:** 1604 North Country Club Road, Tucson, AZ 85716; 520-881-4005; Contact: Celeste Wilson; <http://www.naela.org>
- ❑ **NEW YORK WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION:** PO Box 411, New York, NY 10156; 212-251-1344; Contact: Diana Ceccacci; <http://www.wbasny.org>

About Counselor

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CALENDAR.

APRIL 23-29

TUESDAY 4/24-WEDNESDAY 4/25

☐ **GRADUATING STUDENT EXIT COUNSELING WORKSHOPS**
12:30-1:45 pm and 4:30-5:45 pm, room A700

☐ **FROESSEL MOOT COURT INFORMATION MEETINGS**
1 pm and 5 pm, room A300

THURSDAY 4/26

☐ **FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOP**
Conducted by Prof. Karen Gross. 12:45-1:45 pm, room A900

☐ **BSA END-OF-THE-YEAR DINNER**
6:30-8:30 pm, Wellington Conference Center
RSVP: Student Life by April 23, 431-2851

FRIDAY 4/27

☐ **STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION GENERAL MEETING**
8 pm, room B100

☐ **FINAL DEADLINE FOR CAP AND GOWN ORDERS**

UPCOMING EVE

MAY 2

☐ **LEGISLATIVE FRIDAY**
Friday classes will meet.

☐ **LAST DAY OF CLASSES**

MAY 3-4

☐ **READING PERIOD**

MAY 7-18

☐ **FINAL EXAMINATIONS**

MAY 30

☐ **SUMMER SESSION BEGINS**

JUNE 11

☐ **109TH COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY**
Judge Judith Sheindlin '65 and Ira Glasser, executive director of the ACLU
12 pm, Lincoln Center's Avery Fisher Hall
Graduating students must arrive by 11 am

JUNE 15-29

☐ **WRITE-ON COMPETITION**
Register by e-mail at WriteOn@nyls.edu.
For additional information, contact Steve Goot, sgoot@nyls.edu, or
Michelle Ottley, mottley@nyls.edu.

