The Crier consists of "Law School Announcements and Meeting Notices", "Law Library News", and "Student Calendar and News." Items for all sections should be submitted to Academic Services by 12:00pm on the Thursday prior. Academic Services produces The Crier. Email submissions may be sent to: lawnews@u.washington.edu.

**Dates to Keep in Mind**

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Please note that many administrative offices will be closed for several hours on Wednesday for the staff meeting and quarterly staff colloquium.

**WINTER QUARTER ROOM CHANGES**

**A581 Washington Con Law Seminar (Spitzer):** Will meet in room 133 on Mondays, Feb. 23rd, Mar. 1st & Mar. 8th.

**E506 Asian Contract Law (Linnan):** Will meet in room 119 on Mondays, Feb. 23rd, Mar. 1st & Mar. 8th.

**NEW CLASSES / CHANGES FOR SPRING QUARTER**

Two additional classes have been added to the Spring Quarter schedule.

**Law A 533 Partnership Tax** (Hjorth) will be MW 1:30-2:45; and

**A 545 International Environmental Law** (Linnan) will be MW 10:30-12:20.

Interested students should email lawnews@u.washington.edu to request a spot.

**Law A 552 Antitrust** will be taught by Hugh Bangasser. The class will meet on Thursdays, 3:30-6:30.

**SPRING QUARTER REGISTRATION**

Spring quarter registration has begun. Spring schedules and registration instructions can be found online at www.law.washington.edu/Students.

Students need to register for their classes by March 7th to hold their spots. During the week of Mar. 8th, updates will be made on individual students’ adjusted schedules when they can be moved up from a waiting list.

All students need to register for any course they are taking during spring quarter. This includes classes continuing from winter quarter.

**LOCKERS ARE ON THE WAY!**

The latest word is that the truck bringing the long-awaited lockers is expected to be at William H. Gates Hall on Tuesday, February 24th and the construction manager is following the shipment progress. The installation is expected to take about one week.

All lockers will need to be installed and the job accepted by the UW before Academic Services will be able to give out any locker assignments. All lockers are assigned by Academic Services.

Once the truck does arrive, the “locker area” at the top of the stairs on the 2nd floor, where the shelves and coat rack are located, will be closed, as well as the locker area by the restrooms and elevators on the L-1 level outside the library’s main entrance to allow for the start of installation. Students are urged to be careful around the areas where crews will be installing the lockers.

Students looking for a place to leave items in the meantime are reminded that the Student Lounge in the library is a key-card access area that only law students are coded for access.

**NEW REGISTRATION FEATURE FOR 1Ls AND ASIAN LAW/ SID LL.M. STUDENTS**

Now all 1Ls and LLMs in a non-self-sustaining program can use the “adjusted schedule” feature for registration information. This is a database that shows what courses you’ve requested (or are assigned), as well as the SLNs and any necessary add codes. This is the same system that 2Ls and 3Ls use to find the add codes for the courses they’ve requested. It can be found at www.law.washington.edu/students, under the headline “My law school schedule”.

LLM students in the Tax or IP program should contact their coordinator for registration information.
Legal Research Position

Professor Robert Aronson is in need of one or more students to serve as Legal Research Assistant(s) beginning in the summer, 2004. Research assistants will research such issues as Evidence, Criminal Law, Professional Responsibility, Law, Literature & Film, and Sports Law, and will draft and edit memoranda and portions of books and articles in those areas. Research and writing on pending legal malpractice cases may also be required.

Students who think they may be interested in the position should submit an application to Professor Aronson (Rm. 308 or 543-7423) or Francis Timlin (Rm. 385 or 685-1549). The application should contain a resume (need not be formal), a writing sample, the name of the student's Basic Legal Skills professor, and a statement of the minimum and desired number of hours per week the student would like to work. Students who are likely to be work-study qualified should so indicate; that factor is important, and may be decisive. First-year students are encouraged to apply, although second-year students will of course also be considered. Professor Aronson will begin considering applicants on March 1.

Those students desiring additional information concerning the nature of the job, working conditions, etc., should contact Professor Aronson (raron@u.washington.edu) or present and previous research assistants: Robin Chang (third year), Hannah Saona (third year) or Holly Vance (second year).

Part-time Student Employment Opportunity: Shidler Center Student Fellow

The Shidler Center for Law, Commerce and Technology at the University of Washington School of Law focuses on the intersection of law and business innovation by examining the impact of changes in law and technology on domestic and global markets. The Shidler Center fosters dialogue among academic, government, professional and business communities and engages in research that highlights the impact of technology on markets and legal institutions.

The Shidler Center for Law, Commerce & Technology seeks a Student Fellow to work 5 to 10 hours a week during the academic year on various projects, including:

• Draft answers with the assistance of Shidler Center faculty to queries submitted by the public to the E-Commerce Genie feature on the Shidler Center Web site;
• Update with faculty assistance onlineactivism.org Website in light of new developments;
• Assist in preparing communications with Shidler Center Advisory Board members and other stakeholders, including an annual report, periodic newsletters and Web site content;
• Provide support for academic and professional programs both inside and outside the Law School;
• Assist with other similar Center projects.

The Shidler Center Student Fellow will report to Diane Atkinson, the Center Program Manager, and Professors Jane Winn and Anita Ramasastry, co-directors of the Center.

Appointment as a Shidler Center Student Fellow will be for one quarter and is renewable if performance is satisfactory. The successful candidate will be expected to begin work at the beginning of the Spring 2004 Quarter, but will have the option of beginning sooner if desired. Part time summer employment is also possible.

Applicants with demonstrated analytic, organizational and interpersonal skills are encouraged to apply. Knowledge or prior experience relevant to law, commerce and technology issues is desirable, but not required. A successful candidate will have opportunities to work with various Shidler Center constituencies locally and nationally, including leading technology law firms and practitioners.

How to apply: please submit by email to Professor Jane Winn at jkwinn1@u.washington.edu by Friday, February 27, 2004:

• a current CV;
• the names and contact information for two references; and
• a memo highlighting any relevant skills or experience.

POSTING OF NOTICES

Affixing notices to windows, walls, doors, elevators, mailboxes and lockers in Gates Hall is prohibited.

A notice (not larger than 8 ½” x 11”) may be posted on general use bulletin boards or “designated posting areas” (in classrooms) if the following requirements are met:

• All notices shall be authorized by an Academic Services staff person (room 361) before posting.
• Notices announcing on campus events must contain the ADA accommodation statement (found at http://www.law.washington.edu/accommodation.html). Notices shall be removed within ten days after authorization. No two identical notices shall be on any one bulletin board.
proficiency in the fields of labor and employment law and students who have demonstrated both an interest and Scholarship Awards. An award will be made to the student or Applications are now being accepted for the Mary Ellen Krug Hammontree in the Financial Aid Office, room 362. April 9, 2004. Papers should be submitted to Arlo members in accordance with the donor's terms. The deadline is selected by the Dean upon the recommendation of faculty recipients will be assistance. Applicants will submit a one-page paper describing internships or externships in the area of Human Rights and This award provides assistance to J.D. students doing summer Ravani to honor his deceased father-in-law who always valued immigrants. The Lesani Award was established by Anthony B. Ravani who plans to be actively involved in human rights law. If it is selected by the Dean. Preference will first be given to a student who best demonstrates that as an attorney, he or she will be actively involved in defending civil rights and civil liberties. If there is no qualified student, the award will be given to a student planning to be actively involved in human rights law. If it is determined that there is also no student who is planning to be active in human rights law, the award will be given to a student demonstrating an intent to be actively involved in rights of immigrants. The award is not contingent upon financial need. A faculty committee will select the recipient based upon an application consisting of a cover letter and resume. Please submit applications to Arlo Hammontree in the Financial Aid Office, room 362, no later than noon on March 12, 2004.

John H. and George V. Powell Endowed Award for Human Rights
This award provides assistance to J.D. students doing summer internships or externships in the area of Human Rights and Justice. The scholarship fund will award $1,500 in financial assistance. Applicants will submit a one-page paper describing their Human Rights summer opportunity. Recipients will be selected by the Dean upon the recommendation of faculty members in accordance with the donor’s terms. The deadline is April 9, 2004. Papers should be submitted to Arlo Hammontree in the Financial Aid Office, room 362.

Mary Ellen Krug Scholarship for 3L’s
Applications are now being accepted for the Mary Ellen Krug Scholarship Awards. An award will be made to the student or students who have demonstrated both an interest and proficiency in the fields of labor and employment law and related subjects. The amount of the awards may vary. Applications should include (1) a cover letter explaining the applicant's qualifications, (2) a resume, and (3) two letters of recommendation (preferably faculty members). Applications should be submitted to the Financial Aid Office, room 362. The deadline for submission is March 12, 2004.

ROBERT C. FINLEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2004-2005
This scholarship is specifically restricted to applicants who will be second-year students during the 2004-2005 academic year. The 2003-2004 award was $5,950. Evaluation of your application will be based on your demonstrated financial need and your response to the following essay question:

Describe your personal interest and involvement in civic or community activities particularly as they may relate to current and emerging societal issues and concerns such as (but not limited to) the environment, the provision of legal services to the poor and under-represented segments of the population, and public understanding of the law.

Although not required, you may also submit a letter of recommendation and a resume as part of your application.

Application deadline is March 5, 2004.

OUTSIDE FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS & WRITING CONTESTS
Copies of materials and further information for the fellowships, scholarships & writing competitions listed below is available in room 362.

American Society for Industrial Security
The Puget Sound Chapter of the ASIS seeks applications from students who are interested in the security profession and who have demonstrated a potential to make a contribution to the field of security. Annual awards are from $500 to $1,500. Applications must be received by May 31, 2004.

Loren Miller Bar Association
The Philip L. Burton Bar Exam Preparation Scholarship is to assist third year students of color in paying the cost of attending a Bar Exam Preparation course. Two scholarships of $1,500 will go to students attending Washington State law schools. Deadline for applications is April 1, 2004.

Federal Circuit Bar Association
An award of $10,000, in memory of Giles S. Rich will be given to a law student showing financial need and demonstrated academic promise. Deadline for submissions is April 30, 2004.

American Judges Association
The AJA is announcing its annual essay competition with prizes ranging from $1,000 to $3,000. Entries must be postmarked by June 1, 2004.

Notre Dame Law School
Notre Dame Law School sponsors the Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition. Entries should concern any issue within the general category of legal ethics. A prize of $1,000 will be awarded to one winning entry. Deadline for applications is April 30, 2004.
The tour is free and includes lunch. Students will meet Supreme Court Justices and the Governor's Legal Staff. Transportation is provided. Students will meet at the law school at 9:30 a.m. on March 22nd for a bus ride to Olympia.

Please e-mail Khanh Tran in Career Services by Feb. 23rd at ktt@u.washington.edu to reserve your spot.

CAFETERIA DAYS
Career Services Staff will be at the student lounge during the lunch hour each MONDAY to answer questions and talk with students about employment, beginning Monday, February 23, 2004. We will also have surveys for 2Ls and 3Ls regarding individual employment.

WRITING SAMPLE WORKSHOP
Career Services is hosting a workshop to address student questions about appropriate writing samples. These workshops were a great success this past week and students can still sign up to attend one this week. Topics will include: "The Top Ten Writing Sample Mistakes", citation mastery (i.e. useful insight for bluebooking), and examples of outstanding writing samples. Please stop our office, Room 346, to sign up.

Remaining Sessions:
Session 3
Sarah Kaltounis
Law Clerk to the Honorable Richard C. Tallman
Monday, February 23rd 6:00- 7:00 pm, Room 115 B/C

Session 4
Sarah Kaltounis
Law Clerk to the Honorable Richard C. Tallman
Tuesday, February 24th 6:00- 7:00 p.m., room 115 B/C

Session 5
Sarah Spierling
Law Clerk to the Honorable Judge Ricardo S. Martinez, Judge Monica J. Benton, and Judge Mary Alice Theiler
Wednesday, February 25th 5:00- 6:00 pm, Room 213

Session 6
Kit Dimke
Law Clerk to the Honorable Richard C. Tallman
Thursday, February 26th 6:00- 7:00 pm, Room 213

FEVERUARY CALENDAR
February 23, 2004 (Monday)
Career Services Staff at Student Lounge
12:00-1:30 p.m.
Careers in a Small Firm Panel, 12:30-1:20 p.m., Room 213
Writing Sample Workshop, 6:00 -7:00
Room 115 (Perkins Coie B/C)

February 24, 2004 (Tuesday)
Writing Sample Workshop, 6:00-7:00
Room 115 (Perkins Coie B/C)

February 25, 2004 (Wednesday)
Writing Sample Workshop, 5:00 -6:00 p.m.
Room 213
February 26, 2004 (Thursday)
Attorney General’s Office Law Clerk Info Session
12:30-1:20, Room 133
Writing Sample Workshop, 6:00 -7:00 p.m.,
Room 213

MARCH CALENDAR

March 1, 2004 (Monday)
Career Services Staff at Student Lounge
12:00-1:30 p.m.

March 31, 2004 (Wednesday)
Careers in IP Panel, 5:00-6:30 p.m.,
Perkins Coie Room

Dates for the events listed below will be announced when they are finalized:
King County Prosecuting Attorney 1L interviews

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Job announcements are available online at [www.eattorney.com](http://www.eattorney.com). Please e-mail the Career Services Center at careerps@u.washington.edu if you need your login and password.

We are getting new job announcements every day. Here are just a few examples of jobs received recently, but many more are listed on eattorney. Please see eattorney for complete job descriptions.

American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois, Reproductive Rights Project - Chicago, IL is seeking a reproductive rights fellow. The Reproductive Rights Fellow will assist senior staff counsel in all aspects of reproductive rights litigation, including trial and appellate work. The Fellow will also do public speaking and work on legislative matters. The fellowship is for one year renewable terms. Applications are for the term commencing immediately.

**Qualifications:** Applicants should be self-motivated, committed to civil liberties and reproductive rights and have the proven ability to work with a wide range of people. Excellent research and writing skills are necessary. Third-year law students and attorneys with 1-3 years of experience are invited to apply.

Salary and benefits: The salary will be according to the ACLU salary scale. Excellent health and welfare benefits are provided.

**To apply,** send a resume, letter of interest, list of references, law school transcript and legal writing sample. Applications should be sent to Reproductive Rights Fellowship Committee, ACLU of Illinois, 180 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 2300, Chicago, Illinois 60601. Applications by email are not accepted.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Alaska District, Office of Counsel, in Anchorage, Alaska, is looking for a 2L to serve as a summer law clerk for the Summer 2004. Dates are negotiable but the student is expected to work at least 10 weeks. The student selected for this position will serve as a GS-7, Step 1, which has a salary of approx. $3,100.00 per month, which includes a 25% tax-free cost of living allowance. The incumbent will be scheduled to work a 40 hour week. The student hired for this position will be responsible for providing his or her own housing and transportation.

To apply, submit a cover letter, resume, and a copy of your law school transcript for completed quarters to Ms. Yuko Meegan at fax: 907-753-1177 or call her at 907-753-2832 for additional information. If you have any questions concerning this position, please contact Michael Gilbert at 907-753-2532. Applications must be received no later than February 27, 2004.

William P. Harris P.S. - Seattle, WA

Sole practitioner with twenty-five years experience and a very active practice in insurance matters and injury seeks a student beginning his/her 2L for a part-time legal assistant leading to a Rule 9 intern position when eligible. Initially, the position would encompass working closely with Mr. Harris in becoming proficient in preparation of cases for litigation, and actual trial work for Rule 9 intern.

$10-$15 per hour, 10-20 hours per week. Applicant should be work-study qualified. Personal transportation is necessary for frequent court appearances.

**To apply,** please send your resume and cover letter to William Harris, 5440 California Avenue SW, Seattle, WA 98136-1513, fax (206) 935-8184, or email shannon@tlcconsultinginc.com.

EXTERNSHIPS

If you are interested in getting specific information about externships please contact Arleen Nand at pservice@u.washington.edu for an appointment. She will be happy to assist you. Below are samples of externships. For a complete listing of externships please visit the Career Services Website at [www.law.washington.edu/Career/](http://www.law.washington.edu/Career/) and click under “Available Externships” on the left menu.

KCSC Judicial Externship Program

Classes: 2L’s & 3L’s

Five Judges and Commissioners have specifically requested UWLS externs for Spring Quarter. The time commitment is flexible. This is a great way to polish your legal writing skills. Externs will work on both civil and criminal motions.

The following Judges and Commissioners have announcements posted on the Career Services website. Please visit the Career Services website at [www.law.washington.edu/Career/](http://www.law.washington.edu/Career/) and click under “Available Externships” on the left menu. The listings are under “Judicial Externships”.

- Judge Steve Gonzalez
- Judge Michael Hayden
- Judge Paris Kallas
- Judge Douglas McBroome
- Judge Catherine Shaffer

**Spring Externship with Washington Supreme Court Justice**

*Posted: 2/17/2004*

Classes: 2L’s & 3L’s; Spring 2004

Washington Supreme Court Justice Susan Owens is seeking applicants for a spring quarter externship. Application materials include: a cover letter, resume, writing sample, and unofficial law school transcript. Please mail applications to:

The Honorable Susan Owens, Washington State Supreme Court, Temple of Justice, P.O. Box 40929, Olympia, WA 98504-0929

**Deadline:** Available until filled.
COMINGS AND GOINGS IN THE LIBRARY

Today the Library staff bids farewell to part-time Reference Librarian Lee Sims, who has been working with students, staff, and faculty of UW Law in various capacities since October, 2002. Lee has accepted a position, beginning March 1, 2004, as a full-time reference librarian at Tulane University, where we know that his legal reference skills and delightful sense of humor will be wonderful assets. We wish Lee all the best in his new position.

INTERESTED IN TAX?
by Nancy McMurrer

The library has purchased a subscription to RIA Checkpoint (http://checkpoint.riag.com/), an online tax service used by many tax practitioners. Checkpoint contains the RIA looseleaves Federal Tax Coordinator and United States Federal Tax Reporter. It includes primary tax materials such as the Internal Revenue Code and final, temporary, and proposed regulations. It provides access to Tax Court decisions and Tax Court Memorandum decisions, IRS administrative materials (such as Revenue Rulings, Procedures, Private Letter Rulings, Actions on Decisions, Notices, etc.), Warren Gorham and Lamont journals (such as Journal of Corporate Taxation, Practical Tax Strategies, and Journal of Taxation), and United State tax treaties in force. Legislative resources, such as proposed bills and committee reports from the current Congress are also included.

Students may use RIA Checkpoint at library computer terminals or on any computer/laptop elsewhere in the building. If you want to use RIA Checkpoint outside the law school building, you may sign up for a personal password. To sign up, use a computer or your laptop in the law school building and go to http://riahome.com/iploninids. RIA would prefer that students use their UW email address in the sign-up form.

RIA will be conducting several training sessions on Checkpoint next week. If you wish to attend one of these sessions, please contact Nancy McMurrer via email at mcmurrer@u.washington.edu or via phone at 543-7672 to reserve a place. All training is in the Legal Research Training Center (Rooms L201-L202). Here is the schedule:

- Wednesday 2/25/2004 ----- 6:15-8:15

Don’t miss this training opportunity!

THE LAW REVIEW TWO-STEP
~~~James Allen, Reference Intern

Last week we reviewed how to search for law review articles in the full-text databases of Westlaw, LexisNexis, and Hein Online. Sometimes using these databases can result in information overload. Say your topic is conservation easement. In Westlaw's JLR database, you get 1109 hits and in LexisNexis' US Law Reviews and Journals, Combined, 552. You can add more terms but with full-text databases, you are always making a tradeoff: Will the terms you add retrieve the best articles for your topic? How many irrelevant articles are you willing to browse in order to be sure of retrieving the best articles?

One solution to this dilemma is the law review two-step. The first step is to go to MARIAN at http://marian.law.washington.edu, link to LegalTrac, and enter your search criteria. For example, using the topic given above, enter conservation easement! and voilà 120 articles are retrieved, with the most recent article displayed first. One article intrigues: "No more parking lots: how the tax code keeps trees out of a tree museum and paradise unpaved." When you click on the 'citation' link, a new web page is opened. At the top of the new page, you will find the full bibliographic citation for the selected article. In the middle of the page, under the separator entitled, View other articles linked to these subjects, you will find five keyword links into the literature on this particular topic: "Conservation Easements," "Logging," "Forest Landowners," "Tax Incentives – Environmental Aspects," and "Reforestation." Click on any one of these links to focus your research.

You can now take the second step by checking for the full text of articles in Westlaw, LexisNexis, Hein Online, or in MARIAN itself for the shelf location here in Gallagher.

Tip: To determine which database(s) contain articles from a particular law review, use the IDEN database on Westlaw or the “Find a Source” tab on the LexisNexis main research page.

With 1,000,000+ citations in its database, LegalTrac facilitates finding relevant articles quickly. LegalTrac begins coverage in 1980, so its time frame may be closer to the useful shelf life of a journal article than the ten years or so of coverage which LexisNexis and Westlaw offer for many law reviews. LegalTrac also covers law reviews in other English speaking countries (Canada, Australia, New Zealand, United Kingdom, and Ireland).

LegalTrac is available on Westlaw (LRI) and LexisNexis (Legal – Secondary Legal – Legal Resource Index), but these versions do not offer hypertext links from the subject headings of one article to other articles with the same heading. It is available, as well, in print under the title Current Law Index (K33 .C88 at Reference Area).

Tip: LegalTrac, whether accessed through MARIAN, WESTLAW or LexisNexis, allows you to email the results to yourself.

The public library has been historically a vital instrument of democracy and opportunity in the United States.... Our history has been greatly shaped by people who read their way to opportunity and achievements in public libraries.

~~~Arthur Meier SCHLESINGER (1888-1965)
ASIAN LAW CENTER VIDEOCONFERENCE
Monday, Feb 23, 17:00-18:20 Room 119
(Videoconferenced Speaker)

Eileen A. Shibata, Esq.
Senior Counsel
Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc.
Los Angeles

Eileen is a TMS US in-house corporate attorney just back from a two-year secondment at Toyota Japan. For our law e506 Asian Contract Law class she has been asked to address the issue of contracting from the perspective of an Asian MNC, including different contracting and business styles from the perspective of lawyers working inside/outside their home legal system inside corporations. Others welcome to attend.

TEACHING ASSISTANT POSITIONS
Sponsored by: Center for Advanced Study and Research on Intellectual Property (CASRIP)

Benefits: Full tuition waiver of registration fees for CASRIP’s three-week Summer Institute and High Technology Protection Summit Conference. Compensation for time spent with international participants in a small study group and for preparing class notes for them. ($15/hour)

Responsibilities:
(1) Taking notes for students in the classroom;
(2) Organizing a small study group with assigned international participants after the core courses each day; and
(3) Assisting with classroom administration and with the High Technology Protection Summit Conference.

Qualifications: The Teaching Assistant positions are open to any JD student who is currently enrolled in an ABA accredited law school. However, we are most interested in students with a demonstrated long-term interest in IP law practice.

Second-Year Students – Rule 9 Legal Intern Status
Many second-year students may have employment planned during the upcoming summer that requires them to be Rule 9 qualified. This is a legal intern status granted by the Washington State Bar Association. The essential academic qualification is having “completed two-thirds of a three-year program.” For UW students seeking Rule 9 qualification for this summer, 90 credits must be completed by the end of the Spring Quarter. There is a portion of the application in which the school certifies this requirement being met.

Students whose employers want them to seek this legal intern status need to take care in planning their Spring Quarter schedule to insure that they have enough credits, and then completing the required number by the end of the quarter, June 11, 2004. Students may submit applications for processing after April 12th. Application packets may be supplied by an employer or packets are also available at Academic Services. More information about the legal intern program can be found at http://www.wsba.org/lawyers/licensing/faq-rule9.htm

To apply for a Teaching Assistant position, please forward a resume, a letter of recommendation from a law professor, and a brief statement outlining your interest in IP law practice to:
Ms. Lisa Sternoff Feldman,
CASRIP, University of Washington School of Law,
William H. Gates Hall,
Box 353020, Seattle, WA 98195-3020.
Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled, but first consideration will be given to those who apply before April 1, 2004.

If you have any questions, or would like additional information about the position, e-mail lisafeld@u.washington.edu or call (206) 543-9974.
Dear fellow students:

I hope that everyone is hanging in there during this fast and busy quarter! The Institutional Development Sub-Committee of the SBA has developed amendments to the SBA Constitution. The full board of the SBA has approved the amendments and now we are putting these proposed changes to you, the student body, to approve or reject. A summary of the changes to the Constitution and the actual Constitution with changes are available for you to review in two locations: 1) on the bulletin board on the outer wall of the commons, and 2) online at www.huskylaw.net. Please take a moment to consider these amendments before Tuesday, 2/24. In order to pass the amendments, they must be approved by 2/3 of the votes cast by the student body. The following is a summary of the more important changes:

**Addition of three more SBA officers** (additional Vice President, WSBA and KCBA Representatives) More officers, and a better distribution of the functional responsibilities of all SBA officers, would result in both more reasonable workloads per officer and better service to the students.

**Division of SBA Vice President’s functions into two Vice Presidents (a) an Executive Vice President, and (b) a Vice President for Programs** The VP is currently in charge of eight significant projects and function areas, which leaves the VP with little ability to relieve the SBA President of any of his/her workload. The Executive VP would be primarily dedicated to academically-oriented functions, special projects and aiding the President. The VP for Programs would assist student organizations, coordinate social events large and small, organize any other “student life”-related programming the SBA chooses to continue offering, and the like.

**Creation of a Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) Liaison** This officer would: (1) represent the UWLS student body at near-monthly WSBA Young Lawyers Division (WYLD) Board of Trustees meetings held around the state (expenses are paid by the WYLD), (2) gather and disseminate information about WSBA/WYLD programs and involvement opportunities to student organizations and the UWLS student body, and (3) ensure that the SBA and the students are aware of
policy developments relevant to students and/or young lawyers.

Creation of a King County Bar Association (KCBA) Liaison This officer would represent the UWLS student body at monthly KCBA Young Lawyers Division (KCYLD) Board of Trustees meetings and gather and disseminate information about KCBA/KCYLD programs and involvement opportunities to student organizations and the UWLS student body.

Change procedure for filling untimely vacancies in SBA offices (other than President) from special election to SBA Board appointment Requiring special elections drags out the process of obtaining a replacement officer into three weeks or longer between scheduling and conducting an elections process, which could be accomplished in little more than a week through a fair, well-promoted appointment application process. Having an organization’s Board appoint a replacement to an untimely vacancy is a more common method of dealing with a vacancy in the midst of a one-year term. In order to ensure that replacements aren’t simply individuals who have several friends on the SBA Board, this Constitutional change requires that 2/3 of the remaining SBA officers vote to confirm any replacement nominated by the President.

Specify what constitutes “failing to continue … enrollment as a student during [an officer’s] term” As currently written, the Constitution requires replacement of a 3L officer who graduates at the end of winter quarter but is willing and able to serve the rest of his or her term, but allows an officer who spends a quarter on a leave of absence to continue in his or her office as long as s/he met the meeting attendance requirements. Other UW Law organizations allow students to continue fulfilling their commitments despite early graduation. This language would similarly allow students who graduate a quarter early, but who are willing and able to complete their service to the students and the Board, to do so.

Please consider these amendments and cast your vote starting Tuesday, 2/24 online (a lawdawgs e-mail with instructions will be sent). If you have any questions or concerns about the amendments or anything else, please feel free to contact me at aciecko@u.washington.edu. Best of luck for the remainder of the quarter!

– Alena Ciecko, SBA Vice President

MORE GUNS, LESS CRIME?
Economist and author of "The Bias Against Guns" Dr. John R. Lott Jr. will answer this question next Wednesday, Feb 25th at 12:30 in room 117. Lunch will be provided. Door Prizes: those who attend will get a chance to win a signed copy of Lott's current book and his previous one "More Guns, Less Crime". Sponsored by the UW Chapter of Federalist Society.

NINTH ANNUAL PILA AUCTION
Ensuring Public Interest Today & Tomorrow
We cordially invite you to the Ninth Annual Public Interest Law Association Auction.

Friday, March 5, 2004
HUB Ballroom, University of Washington

Larry Taylor, Auctioneer
Honored Guest Justice C. Z. Smith

Silent auction begins at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and live auction. Complimentary beer and wine served throughout. Complimentary campus parking.

$75 per person or $560 per table
$30 per student or $240 per student table
Table purchases include dinner for 8 and recognition in the auction catalog.
Call (206) 543-8899 or email pila@u.washington.edu by February 27, 2004 to reserve your ticket. Please contact Staci Smith, auction chair, at (206) 617-7369 with questions.

Auction proceeds will fund grants for University of Washington School of Law students to pursue work in the public interest. In addition, a portion of the auction proceeds will be used to establish a University of Washington School of Law Loan Repayment Assistance Program.

PILA Needs Your Help!
For those of you that don't know, the auction always has a dessert portion of the auction in where people in the past have donated home-made desserts and they are auctioned off after dinner. This portion of the auction is always a big (and yummy!) seller.

Unfortunately, this year, due to HUB regulations, we cannot have homemade desserts at the auction due to food processing, etc. regulations. So we had to figure something else out.

First, anyone who can call bakeries in your area about making/donating a cake or dessert would be great. Procurement forms are on the easel on the first floor of the law school and can be put in my student mailbox or in the PILA office after they're filled out. You can either pick up the dessert the day of the auction yourself or PILA will pick it up for you.

The other idea which may work for more of you is to donate $20-$30 for PILA to purchase a dessert in YOUR NAME to be auctioned off this year. This option is a simple way for many of you to donate to PILA.

If anyone is interested in helping procure desserts, please e-mail Juli at julinoe@u.washington.edu. Otherwise, if you want to give money to PILA to buy desserts, please write the check to PILA and leave it in Juli's student mailbox.

Any help you can offer is greatly appreciated!!!
Thanks!
Juli Pierce, PILA Secretary

Thanks!
LAW SCHOOL TO HOST FULL DRESS REHEARSAL OF CASE PENDING BEFORE SUPREME COURT

On Thursday, February 26 the Toni C. Rembe Appellate Courtroom (Room 133) will be transformed into the U.S. Supreme Court when the American Constitution Society and the Moot Court Honor Board co-host mock oral arguments in the case of Elk Grove Unified School District v. Newdow.

Dr. Michael Newdow - the pro se respondent who is challenging the constitutionality of the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance - will appear at the law school to practice the argument he will make before the Supreme Court on March 24. Arguing for the school district will be Moot Court Honor Board members Annie Swatzell and Michael Kapaun.

The trial will begin at 6 p.m. and a reception with refreshments will follow. All are welcome to attend and admission is free. If you have any questions, please email Jason Scott at jayscott@u.washington.edu.

LADR INVITES YOU TO “INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION”

The Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution (LADR) Student Organization presents: "International Arbitration," on Thursday, February 26, 12:30 p.m., Room 119. Pizza will be served. David E. Wagoner serves as arbitrator, mediator and consultant in international and domestic disputes. He has been appointed to arbitration panels throughout the world, specializing in international and complex commercial litigation. Mr. Wagoner graduated from Yale University with a B.A., and from the University of Pennsylvania with an L.L.B. After law school, he clerked for Third Circuit Judge Herbert F. Goodrich and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Harold H. Burton, Jr. For more information, you can visit website: www.davidwagoner.com.

THE JEWISH LEGAL SOCIETY INVITES YOU TO TWO LUNCH 'N LEARN EVENTS:

EVENT 1:
Lunch 'n Learn with UW Hillel's Rabbi Dan Bridge
Thursday, February 26th at 12:30 p.m. in Room 213.
Enjoy yummy bagels and great discussion with fellow students and Rabbi Dan. The topic: "Jewish Views on Life After Death". This event is being cosponsored by JConnect at UW Hillel.

EVENT 2:
Lunch 'n Learn with a rabbi from Chabad
Wednesday, March 3rd at 12:30 p.m in Room 119.
Enjoy food and great discussion with fellow students.
Topic TBA
Watch for updates on this event.

THE JEWISH LEGAL SOCIETY INVITES YOU TO AN EXCITING EVENT:
FOUNDER OF JDATE.COM AND MATCHNET PLC COMING TO SPEAK SUNDAY FEB 29 AT 3:00 PM IN ROOM 138.

The Jewish Legal Society along with UW Hillel and Jconnect are proud to announce this public lecture event entitled "The Internet Dating Revolution", featuring Joe Y. Shapira, the co-founder and CEO of Jdate.com and Matchnet PLC. At this lecture, Mr. Shapira will offer his perspective on how the internet has transformed the way people meet each other, and he will share stories of his successes in leading the world's largest online Jewish dating community. This lecture is free, but space is limited, so please RSVP to josh@hilleluw.org to reserve your spot.

For more information, click on http://home.comcast.net/~rachelandjosh/Jconnect/Jdate.htm Or e-mail Rachel Dobrow at rdobrow@u.washington.edu.

SEEKING UW BUSINESS SCHOOL ALUMS

If you are a fairly recent graduate of the UW Business School (last 10 years), Alma Balmer would love to get you on its list! Get plugged in for free, fun networking events, opportunities to reconnect with B-School faculty and staff and notification of events featuring prominent Seattle business folks.

Alma Balmer began this past year as an off-shoot of the Business School Alumni group and is already gaining great popularity with fun events and opportunities for recent graduates to get involved. If you are interested in being notified of upcoming events and opportunities, please email Rachel Byrne at rbyrne@u.washington.edu with your name, email address, year of B-School graduation, current school year (1L, 2L, etc) or other work position and address. If you don't feel comfortable sharing all that info, at least your name and email address would allow us to contact you.

Thanks and hope hear from you soon!