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. E-mail submissions may be sent to: lawnews@u.washington.edu.

### Dates to Keep in Mind

- **May 30**  
  Memorial Day Holiday
- **June 1**  
  Last day of classes

### SPRING QUARTER FINAL EXAMS

Reschedules for June exams are due to Academic Services by Friday, May 27th. Please see the exam schedule and instructions at [http://www.law.washington.edu/Students/examInstructions.html](http://www.law.washington.edu/Students/examInstructions.html). DO NOT DISCUSS RESCHEDULING AN EXAM WITH THE PROFESSOR!

### AUTUMN QUARTER REGISTRATION

Autumn Quarter registration is now open! All students who submitted their course choices can now view their registration codes on their adjusted schedule. The link to the adjusted schedule is online at [www.law.washington.edu/students](http://www.law.washington.edu/students).

Any continuing student who did not previously submit course requests can log in to the adjusted schedule and submit their choices there. Any new requests will be listed as “pending” until early July.

### SUMMER 2005 COURSE SCHEDULE

The summer course schedule has been finalized, and is available online [www.law.washington.edu/students](http://www.law.washington.edu/students), or at Academic Services. Students can now register on MyUW for Summer Quarter 2005. No add codes are required for summer quarter registration.

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### Enroll Now for Autumn Quarter Courses!

--Mary A. Hotchkiss, Academic Dean

Last week students received their adjusted schedules for 2005-2006. These schedules include “accept” or “waitlist” notations for requested courses. Supplemental requests may now be submitted. Please note that all requests are reviewed at set dates before each quarter. The deadline for supplemental requests for the Autumn Quarter is July 1st. Adjusted schedules will be updated within 10 days.

As you consider your supplemental requests please note that there may be considerable movement with the waitlists. You may submit requests for additional courses and remain on the wait list for previously selected courses. These new requests will be labeled as “pending.” Please note that you are not permitted to have more than 16 credits in “Accept” status.

If you were waitlisted for the winter or spring sections of Transmission of Wealth or Business Organizations please think about taking the autumn sections of these courses. There are other autumn quarter courses with space available, including the following “hot topic” courses:

- **European Union Law (Law E509)** – There has been considerable news coverage of the EU this year, focusing on economic issues and on political struggles over the ratification of the European Constitution. Learn more about contemporary Europe in this comparative law course. Meets on TTh 1:30-2:50pm.

- **Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Law Seminar (E522)** – This seminar covers a range of topics related to marriage and family issues, freedom of expression, and employment law. Examine the hotly-debated constitutional and statutory principles regarding sexual orientation and gender identity. Meets on T 2:30-4:20 in the Fall and T 3:30-6:20 in the Winter.

- **Computer Crime (E543)** – This course explores criminal activity on the Internet (hacking, fraud, gambling, cyberstalking, etc.) as well as issues of online privacy and accountability. Learn more about the FBI’s Cyber Squad and DOJ enforcement efforts from Assistant U.S. Attorney Floyd Short. Meets on F 9:00-11:00.
Technology Law and Public Policy (E553) – This course examines the impact legislation has on technology driven industries, intellectual property law, and privacy rights. If you're potentially interested in a career as a legislator, legislative affairs counsel, corporate attorney or lobbyist, take a close look at this course. Meets on Th 1:30-3:20.

For more information on these or any other course, remember to look at the “Course Information Pages” at http://www.law.washington.edu/Courses/. Inactive (prior quarter) pages are linked from this page.

CRIMINAL DEFENSE ROUNDTABLE
Roundtable Discussion with Royal (Rob) Martin ’70
Managing Partner: Martin, Brown & Sullivan in Chicago
Thursday, May 26 at 3:30 p.m. in room 217

Students will have the opportunity to hear and ask questions about Mr. Martin's work and experiences in the area of white collar criminal defense practice.

DISTINGUISHED TEACHING/STAFF AWARD
Two of the many outstanding members of our Law School community have been chosen to receive the 2005 University's distinguished service awards. Professor Louis Wolcher has been honored with the Distinguished Teaching Award and Cynthia Fester with the Distinguished Staff Award. We will be celebrating their outstanding achievements with a Law School program and reception on Tuesday, May 31 in room 133 beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Please join us in congratulating Professor Wolcher and Cynthia on their well-deserved awards!

EXXON VALDEZ OIL SPILL SETTLEMENT:
"REOPENER CLAUSE"
Seminar students will report their findings from a multi-disciplinary evaluation of the potential for invoking the Reopener Clause in the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill settlement between Exxon and the United States and State of Alaska Governments. Their "white paper" urges the U.S. and State of Alaska to seek enforcement of the reopener clause. The School of Law community is invited. Wednesday, May 25, 2005 3:30 - 5:20 p.m.
William Gates Hall, Room 133 (light refreshments follow)

Seminar students include John Crosetto, Carole Holley, Tyson Kade, Jane Kaufman, Colette Kostelec, Kevin Michael, Roger Sandberg and Jennifer Schorr.

Career Services Center
Room 346
8:30am-6:00pm, M-TH
8:30am-5:00pm, F
206-543-9097
careers@u.washington.edu
pservice@u.washington.edu (for externships)

CAREER SERVICES EVENTS CALENDAR & GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please RSVP on Symplicity to any events which you plan on attending. If you have any questions or concerns regarding events, contact Joyce Flynn at pservice@u.washington.edu

Week of 5/23-5/27:
Monday, 5/23 from 12:30-1:20 in Room 133
Clerkship Overview with Aurora Bearse
A review of the nuts and bolts of clerkship applications and a discussion of the new federal electronic application procedure.

Monday, 5/23 from 4:00-5:30 in Room 133
WSBA How to Pass the Bar:
Presenters from the WSBA will give tips on how to pass the bar and answer student questions afterwards.

Tuesday, 5/24 from 5:30-7:00 in Room 115
Alternative Legal Careers: Cities Come to Campus:
Please join Career Services in hosting an evening of networking with human resource and department representatives from the City of Seattle and attorneys from small cities in Washington State. City government offers JDs career choices that are not often thought of and this event, for the first time, will bring together students looking for "non-traditional" legal careers. The evening features a 5 minute conversations with guests as students rotate from table to table. Refreshments will be served.

Tuesday 5/24 12:30-1:20 in Room 138 and Wednesday, 5/25 12:30-1:20 in Room 138
OCI Student Computer Training
If you are going to participate in OCI this fall, join the Career Services Staff in learning the ins and outs of utilizing Symplicity for the online application process.

Mark Your Calendars with Fall OCI Dates:
Monday, September 12th -Friday, September 16th
And again, on Thursday, October 6th and Friday October 7th

2005-2006 Takuji Yamashita Endowed Memorial Scholarship

The Takuji Yamashita Memorial Scholarship was established in 2001 by his descendants and friends to provide assistance to students of Asian decent enrolled in the School of Law who have demonstrated a particular interest in human and civil rights. Takuji Yamashita, a native of Japan was among the first students enrolled at the University Of Washington School Of Law in 1900. Distinguishing himself for his skills in moot court, he graduated in 1902. He later passed the bar examination. However the laws at the time did not allow non-citizens to be admitted to the bar and people of Japanese decent were not allowed to become American citizens. On March 1, 2001, the Washington State Supreme Court posthumously admitted Takuji Yamashita to the Washington State Bar. In recognition of Takuji Yamashita’s place in the history of American civil rights, the history of the legal profession in the State of Washington and the history of the University Of Washington School Of Law, we will award this scholarship in his honor each year.

Scholarship: Approximately $2,000 for the 2005-2006 academic year.

Application: Applicants will submit a one-page description of their demonstrated interest in international human and civil rights. Although not required, you may also submit a letter of recommendation and a resume as part of your application. Application materials should be turned in to the Financial Aid Office in room 362.

Deadline: May 27, 2005

SEED IP LAW GROUP FOUNDERS SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now being accepted for the 2005-2006 Seed IP Law Group Founders Scholarship. The Seed IP Law Group Founders Scholarship commemorates the contribution of the firm’s founders, Richard Seed and Ben Berry, to excellence in Intellectual Property legal work. Ben and Dick were both recognized as leaders in the I.P. field and together they founded and built one of the top I.P. firms in the country. In honor of their contribution, this scholarship recognizes excellence in an I.P. student at the University Of Washington School Of Law. To receive the scholarship, the student must be enrolled in the I.P. concentration program, either for the JD or LLM programs. Applications should include (1) a cover letter explaining the applicant’s qualifications, (2) a resume, and (3) two letters of recommendation (preferably faculty members). A Seed IP Scholarship Committee composed of local practitioners and law faculty reviews applications. The deadline for submission is May 27th. Application materials should be turned in to the Financial Aid Office in room 362.

DON’T LEAVE SCHOOL for summer break WITHOUT LOCKING IN YOUR INTEREST RATE!

Because you are enrolled at a Direct Loan school you have a unique opportunity to lock in current low student loan interest rates for the life of your Stafford Loans! Consolidating your Stafford loans while you are still in school will save you money.

ACT BEFORE YOU LEAVE SCHOOL THIS QUARTER—FOR MOST BORROWERS THERE IS NO “DOWN SIDE” TO THIS CHOICE for your variable interest rate Direct Stafford Loans—DON’T DELAY!

When you consolidate you get a fixed interest rate that is a weighted average of the interest rates on your loans, rounded up to the nearest 1/8 of a percent.

If your Stafford loans were borrowed since July 1998, the Federal Consolidation Loan interest rate will be 2.875%. Stafford loans borrowed prior to July 1998 have a slightly higher interest rate. Students at Direct Loan Schools can lock in this historically low rate for the life of their loans before rates go up in July. Rates are predicted to go over 4% in July.

You will NOT give up key loan benefits with a Federal Direct Consolidation Loan:

1. You will still have your six-month grace period once you leave school.
2. Interest will NOT accrue on your subsidized loans while you are enrolled at least half time now or in the future.
3. You can receive an additional .25% interest rate discount for electronic payment (ACH).
4. If you consolidate through the Direct Loan Program and make the first 12 payments on time, you keep the 1.5% rebate you got at the point your loans were disbursed. If you consolidate outside of the Direct Loan Program, the 1.5% rebate will be added back to your loan principal and will need to be repaid.
5. We advise you NOT to consolidate your fixed rate loans, e.g., Perkins, NSL or HPSL loans at this time. You can add those loans onto your consolidation loans after you have graduated or cease to attend at least half-time.
6. If you will graduate at the end of spring quarter, you should consolidate before June 10. With an in-school consolidation you will still receive a six month grace period. If you consolidate after June 10 but before July 1 you will lose the remainder of your grace period. If you consolidate after July 1 you will receive the higher interest rate.

If you borrowed $16,000 you could save as much as $1,950 in interest.

Check out the details and apply for a Direct Consolidation Loan on-line at: http://www.dlservicer.ed.gov/consolidatenow/welcome.asp or call 1-800-557-7392.

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

Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans
The Paul and Daisy Soros Fellowship for New Americans provides $20,000 and half tuition. Candidates must be either be holders of green cards, naturalized citizens, or children of two naturalized citizen parents. Deadline for applications is November 1, 2005.

ATTENTION 2Ls
OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN THE WILLIAM L. DWYER INN OF COURT

The William L. Dwyer Inn of Court is the Seattle-area chapter of the American Inns of Court, a professional organization aimed at enhancing collegiality and professionalism within the bar using a mentoring approach based on the English Inns of Court tradition. Inn membership provides an invaluable opportunity for students interested in litigation to interact with and learn from some of the most skilled, innovative and respected individuals of the Seattle-area bench and public and private bar.

J.D. students who are in their final year of studies and plan to pursue a litigation practice upon graduation are invited to apply for a one-year Inn membership, beginning in September 2005. The time commitment is one evening meeting a month and several additional team meetings to prepare a program for presentation to the full chapter. At the meetings, Inn members have dinner together and hold programs and discussions on matters of legal ethics, skills and professionalism.

Why should you join? Comments from current and past 3L Inn members:
   - One of the most valuable aspects was the ability to meet a cross section of the local bar and have some exposure to the culture of the local bar.
   - My Inn of Court membership provided me an invaluable and enjoyable insight into Seattle's legal community, including all generations of practicing lawyers and judges, while learning about subjects rarely touched on in law school.
   - I enjoyed getting to know students from SULS who I might not otherwise have met.
   - It's a great honor to represent our school in front of prestigious members of the local legal community.

Questions? Please contact Professor Maureen Howard or one of the current 3L Inn members:
   - Saj Bah saibah@u.washington.edu
   - Matthew Berry berry@u.washington.edu
   - Selina Davis selinad@u.washington.edu
   - Kelly Fennerty kellyf@u.washington.edu
   - Aviva Kamm akamm@u.washington.edu
   - Angelica McGaha ajmold52@u.washington.edu
   - Christina Miyamasu cpm2@u.washington.edu
   - Charles Newton cem@u.washington.edu
   - Dave Phelan thechief@chiefsplace.com
   - Paula Royalty royalty@u.washington.edu

Resumés with cover letters should be submitted to Academic Services by Friday, May 27 by 1:00 pm.
Lost & Found

Have you recently lost or misplaced something in Gates Hall? Then stop by the Lost & Found at the Library Circulation Desk. If it’s been over two weeks, check the campus-wide Lost & Found located at the Husky Union Building Information Desk (hours and location at http://depts.washington.edu/sauf/hub/infodesk.php).

New Library Display – “Ask Us”

Sure, we can help you with legal research, but if you’ve ever wondered what types of questions are asked in the Reference Office, take a look at the new “Ask Us” display in the glass case by the Library entrance. Here are some past questions: Where can I find copies of the laws passed when Washington was a territory (before it became a state)? Where can I find a sample employment contract for a professional athlete? Is there any data on the average cost of health care at the end of life, and in the last 30 days, 6 months, and 12 months?

Summer Job Tips (Part 3) & Book of the Week: E-mail
--Kristy Moon

Whether you think of e-mail as one of the greatest communication tools, a giant time-waster, or something in between, e-mail is an unavoidable part of today’s work life. And as such, it is worth giving some attention to, especially in light of (1) the concern that a panel of local attorneys expressed about law students not understanding appropriate e-mail style in a professional setting and legal ramifications of e-mail in the workplace, and (2) the probability that you’ll communicate via e-mail at your summer job and leave a lasting impression of yourself. (How lasting? See below.)

Christina Cavanagh’s book Managing Your E-mail: Thinking Outside the Box (Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons, Inc., 2003) (TK5105.73 C38 2003 at Classified Stacks) is packed with information about e-mail. Below are some of her findings and recommendations.

E-mail is vulnerable

What is an e-mail message’s shelf-life?
   a. When I delete it, it’s gone.
   b. My employer has an expunge policy and it deletes e-mail records periodically.
   c. As long as the e-mail resides on the sender’s or receiver’s personal computer (either in the inbox or the folders).

   d. Potentially indefinite.

The shelf-life of an e-mail is potentially indefinite (even if the employer has an expunge policy and deletes e-mail records periodically) because every message that passes through the e-mail server is copied and saved on the backup.

At how many points can an e-mail message be intercepted?
   a. None.
   b. One – my employer’s server.
   c. Two – the sender’s outbox and the receiver’s inbox.
   d. Four – two employers’ servers and their backup tapes
   e. Almost infinite.

If you chose d or e, you’re on the right track. When an e-mail message is sent out on the Internet, it can be intercepted by third parties while the sender’s server attempts to connect with the receiver’s server.

E-mails are surprisingly vulnerable because they live forever, the sender has no control once they are sent out, and they can be used as evidence in litigation, which takes us to the next point.

Legal ramifications

Electronic documents thought to be lost or destroyed can be recovered. For example, it is possible to recover and compare backups of documents to show that a particular document was altered or destroyed and when the activity took place. With e-mail, we’ve all heard of stories where messages were subpoenaed or dug up through discovery, and used either as evidence in litigation or to publicly embarrass the companies.

Although companies are increasingly monitoring employees’ electronic communications through software that flag suspect e-mails by searching for designated keywords, this does not mean that employers are actively reading employees’ messages – no employer has time or resources to do so. Still employers are concerned about possible liabilities and loss of productivity. (A survey by the American Management Association in 2002 showed that over 50 percent of companies review and record their employees’ e-mails and Internet usage, and 25 percent of companies have dismissed employees for abusing e-mail or the Internet while at work.)

- Do not commit anything to e-mail that you would not want made public. Think of e-mail as akin to a postcard – anyone can read it.
- Content-sensitive information such as competitive intelligence, intellectual capital developed within a firm, human resources
issues, insider knowledge regarding organizational changes, and financial dealings (whether your e-mail system is encrypted or protected) should not be sent by e-mail. E-mails not touching upon these sensitive areas should be composed with the same care as a letter to a client.

- Remember that there is no such thing as deleted e-mail.
- Protect your e-mail account by locking your computer whenever you walk away from your desk. It would be extremely difficult to prove that you did not send a particular message.

Style

Sending poorly composed messages with typos and grammatical errors creates a lasting impression, over time, of the sender's competence and overall capability. How do you feel when you receive an e-mail message that is quickly followed up with a second message correcting and clarifying the initial information? Even if this were to happen only two or three times in a span of six months, you might begin to give less credence to the sender's messages and feel that your time is not being respected or valued.

- Keep the e-mail tone personable but not personal. A phrase can come across differently when written instead of spoken, and a tone that is too casual, terse, or brusque may evoke an unintended response. Include a salutation, such as the receiver's name, and a thank-you to add civility.

- Errors such as typos, grammatical mistakes, missing words, sending the message to the wrong person, or accidentally hitting “reply all” can all be avoided by spell-checking (set this up as an automated feature) and quickly proofreading.

- Try to enhance the readability of your message with paragraph breaks, headings, bullet points, and shorter sentences. A good rule of thumb is to keep the length of the message (including your signature) to one screen.

- Do not use cutesy acronyms and emoticons. Many consider them to be unprofessional and the majority of e-mail users don’t know what they are.

- Enter the receiver’s address last, after you’ve composed the message to your satisfaction; this prevents accidentally sending an incomplete or a possibly embarrassing message. Insert the attachment before composing the message; how many times have you received an e-mail that referred to a non-existent attachment?

- Never send an e-mail when you’re irritable or tired, or you’ll live to regret it; instead, save it as a draft message and read it the next day.


Boss Around Upper Classmates! Marshalls Needed for Commencement...

Three or four volunteers are needed to enlist in aiding the wonderful process of ushering our 2005 graduates through the intricacies and mysteries of the graduation ceremony. Duty hours: Sunday, 12 June, Meany Hall, approximately 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Please contact Dean (ballet@), 5-1327, or drop by Room 385. Thanks in advance!

UW Law School Alumni Association Presents
2005 3L CONGRATULATORY LUNCHEON
featuring former Governor Gary Locke

May 24, 2005
12:00- 1:30 pm

Don James Center at Husky Stadium

The Law School Alumni Association is pleased to invite all 3L students, faculty and alumni to a complimentary luncheon in honor of our graduating class. Shuttles to Husky Stadium will begin loading from outside the main entrance to William H. Gates Hall at 11:30 a.m. and will return guests to the School of Law in time for 1:30 p.m. classes. Advance registration by May 18th is requested.

Register online at http://www.law.washington.edu/alumni/ or phone Marie Hardie at 206-616-6295.
STUDENT CALENDAR & NEWS

Monday, May 23
Career Services: Clerkship Overview, 12:30, room 133
China Law Faculty Candidate colloquium, 12:30, room 115
American Constitution Society: Rwandan Genocide Tribunal, 12:30, room 127
Admissions Bulletin Student Input session, 12:30, room 119
GreenLaw Officers Meeting, 12:30, room 212
Career Services/ WSBA: How to Pass the Bar Exam, 4:00, room 133
IFAP Spring Speaker Leena Khandwala, 6:00, room 138

Tuesday, May 24
Congratulatory Luncheon for graduating 3Ls, 12:00, Husky Stadium
Student Health Law Organization meeting, 12:30, room 119
American Constitution Society: South African Constitution, 12:30, room 133
Career Services: OCI Computer Training, 12:30, room 138
PILA Board Meeting, 12:30, room 118
IFAP Steering Committee meeting, 12:30, room 213
Career Services: Careers in City Government, 5:30, room 115
American Constitution Society Electoral Reform Panel, 6:00, room 133

Wednesday, May 25
Faculty Colloquium: Steve Calandrillo on Sports Medicine, 12:30, room 115
Career Services: OCI Computer Training, 12:30, room 138
MLSA, NALSA, LLSA, APALSA and BLSA meeting, 12:30, room 119
American Constitution Society elections, 12:30, room 133
CHRJ general meeting, 12:30, room 117
Pac Rim Journal Board of Directors election, 12:30, room 127
SBA Trivial Pursuit, 5:30, Student Commons
GreenLaw Board Meeting, 6:00pm, room 115BC

Thursday, May 26
Student Bar Association meeting, 12:30, room 119
Career Services: Summer Associates, 12:30, room 133
Sports & Entertainment Law Assoc. meeting & elections, 12:30, room 118
Center for Labor & Employment Justice: Debate on Labor Issues, 12:30, room 127
Native American Law Students Association meeting, 12:30, room 115BC
International Legal Society elections, 12:30, room 207
Christian Legal Society weekly meeting, 12:30, room 212
TGIT hosted by PILA and SHLO, 3:30, Student Commons

Friday, May 27
To request disability accommodation, contact the Disability Services Office at least ten days in advance at:
206.543.6450/V, 206.543.6452/TTY, 206.685.7264 (FAX), or dso@u.washington.edu.

SBA COLUMN

Hello
I am so thrilled to begin my term as SBA President. It is such an amazing honor to look forward into spending the next year representing the great students of UW School of Law.

The new board and I are very excited as we begin our planning for next year. This school is filled with exciting, intelligent students and we hope that we will find even more opportunities to showcase this. We will strive to create strong communication bonds between the students, faculty, administration, main campus and the legal community. If you have any thoughts, concerns or suggests, please contact any SBA Board member. Also,

I welcome the chance to talk with you personally, please email me at cclittle@u.washington.edu.

Annual Law School Gala
Ticket sales for the Annual Law School Gala end TODAY. This annual event is a fabulous opportunity for students to get dressed up and have a night of fun with fellow students, faculty, staff, administration and alumni. This year’s gala will be Saturday, May 28th at the Crystal Ballroom of the Washington Athletic Club. It promises to be an outstanding event, get your tickets today!

At the gala, we will be awarding several important awards. Three professors will be honored with a Philip A. Trautman Professor of the Year Award. One first year professor, one small section upper level professor and one large section upper level professor will receive an award. An award will also be given to a well
deserving staff member – the Mary F. Starr Staff Person of the Year Award. And finally, a third year student will be recognized as the Charles Z. Smith Public Interest Student of the Year. Recognizing these outstanding members of our community is yet another reason to attend the gala!

**SBA Charity Trivia Fundraiser**

Next Wednesday, May 25, the SBA will host its final charity event of the year. This event will be a Trivia contest, open to all members of the UW Law community. More information will be sent soon over LawDawgs. Sign-ups will begin soon, so find a partner and get ready to compete!

**1L Appellate Advocacy Competition**

Throughout this week, I have had the opportunity to view several amazing rounds of the First Year Appellate Advocacy Competition. The talent and preparation of the 1L class is impressive and I have heard nothing but positive comments from the judges. Congratulations to each and every competitor on a job well done!

Please come watch the final rounds tonight. These competitors have dedicated a lot of time and effort to get to this event, and their accomplishments should be celebrated.

**Thank You**

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank all the 3L’s who served on the SBA Board this year. The dedication and hard work put forth by Suzie Love, Brian Pease, Heidi Altmeier, Dustin Yeager, Dinah Choi and Emily Forrest was a great service to every student at this school.

I especially like to thank Suzie Love for her unfailing commitment to the students of UWLS. Working alongside Suzie this year has been a true honor. Throughout all the challenges of the year, she remained committed and focused on the student interest and was a zealous advocate for our voice. I only hope I can continue to build the relationships and community she formed here in Gates Hall. The school is a much better place because of all her hard work. Thank you, Suzie!

Have a great week!
Cassie Little

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**MINORITY LAW STUDENTS ASSOC. MEETING**

There will be a Minority Law Students Association meeting, Wednesday May 25th, 12:30pm in Room 119. This is the last MLSA meeting of the year! Please come and hear students speak of their experiences working on law journals; and come hear how you can help plan for next year’s 1Ls - including the summer BBQ!

**Immigrant Families Advocacy Project (IFAP) presents:**

**CURRENT TRENDS IN GENDER ASYLUM LAW**

With Leena Khandwala, Center for Gender and Refugee Studies, UC Hastings College of the Law

Monday, May 23rd at 6:00 pm
University of Washington School of Law, Room 138
Reception to Follow

Come hear about:
- current trends in gender asylum law, focusing on In the Matter of R-A- (recently remanded case of Guatemalan domestic violence victim who was unable to obtain help or protection from police & courts and was denied asylum in the U.S.)
- other trends that have impacted asylum claims, such as:
  - the recently passed Real ID bill
  - the US-Canada Safe Third Country Agreement
  - procedural rules put in place at the Board of Immigration Appeals by former AG Ashcroft
  - strategies that have led to victories in the gender-asylum context
  - issues that advocates representing clients before asylum officers and immigration judges should be aware of

Any questions? E-mail Kaaren Vlug at kvlug@u.washington.edu

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"BRINGING JUSTICE TO RWANDA"

Hosted by the American Constitution Society UW Law Chapter, The Center for Human Rights & Justice, and The International Law Society

Monday 5/23 at 12:30 in Room 127

3L (and ACS & ILS member) Val Richey will speak about his experiences as an extern with the United Nations International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda during winter quarter. The Tribunal is charged with prosecuting those responsible for the 1994 genocide that saw 850,000 killed in just 100 days. Val assisted the Office of the Prosecutor with trying four defendants, including the former head of the Rwandan Army. He will also share his experiences visiting Rwandan genocide sites.

Questions? Email selinad@u.washington.edu
"THE SOUTH AFRICAN CONSTITUTION - YESTERDAY, TODAY, AND TOMORROW"
Hosted by the American Constitution Society UW Law Chapter, The Center for Human Rights & Justice, and The International Law Society

Tuesday, May 24th at 12:30 in Room 133

Join Visiting Professor Patrick Vrancken (Professor of Law, Nelson Mandela University, South Africa) for a lively and informative talk about the origins of the post-apartheid South African Constitution and the evolution of the country's modern constitutional jurisprudence.

PIZZA will be served!

Questions? Email selinad@u.washington.edu.

COME TO THE CHRJ MEETING, 5/25
Interested in human rights and justice - whether local or international? Want to meet people who work in the field of human rights? Are there human rights and social justice issues that you think other people should know about?

This is your chance to shape the Center for Human Rights and Justice at UW Law School!

Many of our steering members will be graduating this year, and we are looking for a fresh perspective on human rights and justice.

This past year, CHRJ hosted a number of lunch talks on various human rights issues, including the role of military intervention in Sudan, a video on environmental activism in Nigeria, a discussion of the UN Convention on Genocide with a former Palestinian human rights lawyer, a conversation with a human rights accompanier, and a career panel to discuss the career opportunities available in local law firms. In addition, CHRJ has hosted evening presentations such as the Role of Lawyers in Developing Countries, focusing on the CEELI program, and a student-run presentation on genocide in Sudan that was attended by a number of people from the general community.

If you have ideas for next year, or just want to learn more about CHRJ, join us for our general meeting:

When: Wed., May 25th, 12:30 - 1:30
Where: Room 117

Come to our general meeting, or email chrj@u.washington.edu if you are interested in joining CHRJ or would like to apply to the Steering Committee.

AMERICAN CONSTITUTION SOCIETY ELECTIONS
Save NEXT WEDNESDAY, May 25 at 12:30 (Room 133) for the 2005-06 Elections and Membership Meeting of The UW Law Chapter of the American Constitution Society for Law & Policy - the nation's premiere progressive law and policy organization!

DINE on a tasty LUNCH (hopefully something other than pizza if we can manage it)!

ENJOY a quick report on ACS-UW's activities over the past year!

LEARN about the upcoming National Convention, featuring remarks by Senator John Edwards, Elaine Jones of the NAACP, and Harvard Law Professor Laurence Tribe - to be held in Washington, DC, July 28-31!

JOIN ACS National or renew your membership! (You must be a member of National to participate in the elections - bring $10, a check, or your credit card number)

VOTE on a proposed Constitutional amendment to create a new Public Relations Director position!

RUN for a spot on the E-Board! Offices up for election include President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Programs Director, and Development Director (and if the proposed amendment is approved, Public Relations Director). Our mission statement and officer descriptions are available upon request.

HELP SELECT your 2005-06 ACS-UW E-Board!

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO RUN FOR A BOARD POSITION, please email a Candidate Statement of up to 300 words that includes your name and the position being sought to selinad@u.washington.edu by 4PM SUNDAY, MAY 22. All statements received by that time will be distributed to our 100 members+ via the listserv Sunday night. Candidates should also be prepared to deliver a brief oral statement (up to 2 minutes) at the Meeting.

IF YOU ARE CONSIDERING RUNNING FOR A BOARD POSITION, please email President Selina Davis at the address above. Candidates are not required to declare their intent to run prior to the Elections Meeting, but she can answer any questions you may have about Board service and let you know who else is currently planning to run for which positions.