SPRING QUARTER REGISTRATION
Spring Quarter registration will begin on Friday, Feb. 17th. Registration codes will be available on each student’s online adjusted schedule (at www.law.washington.edu/students).

2Ls, 3Ls, and LL.M. students who have more than 16 credits in “Accept” status will need to limit their class selections to 16 credits before receiving any add codes to register.

The first registration deadline is March 5th. Watch for more information in an email to be sent later this week.

8-WEEK COURSES:
In the second year of a pilot program, there will be some eight-week courses offered in the Spring Quarter 2006.

They will meet more often than other classes each week in order to get the required class time in during the shorter period.

The courses are identified on the block schedule with a “#” symbol. (Most of these courses already have a waiting list.) The block schedule is available on the Student page of the Law School website.

NEW CLASSES FOR SPRING QUARTER
Some additional classes have been added to the Spring Quarter schedule:

Law A 583 Insurance Law (Weaver)
TTh 1:30-3:20 (4 credits)

Law B 517 Juvenile Justice Seminar (Ambrose)
Th 1:30-3:20 (2 credits)

Law B 599, section I – Human Rights in China (Fu)
F 9:30-12:20 (3 credits)

Students may request these classes by entering them in the new course request section of the online adjusted schedule.
Question: What is the School doing to increase federal clerkships?
Answer: We created a position dedicated to this last year. Aurora Bearse, Assistant Director for Judicial Clerkships and Externships, led an effort last year coordinating with faculty, faculty secretaries, and staff several hundred judicial clerkship applications. The School is also participating in a minority clerkship program launched this month to help encourage students to apply for clerkships. Our faculty and staff are great sources of information and have connections with judges. Students are encouraged to talk with faculty who have been clerks and who know judges. Students ultimately have to perform well in school and have the profile that judges are seeking which include: strong academic record and work experience.

Question: How do we get international jobs?
Answer: We are taking measures to increase our alumni connections in countries and most recently in the U.S. to begin alumni receptions in New York City, San Francisco, and Washington D.C. International jobs often require firm experience and then attorneys are able to work abroad. Getting that firm experience is important. Several students contacted internship programs abroad and were able to work there last summer. Having a second language is also very important. Dean Sanchez is now a member of the Bay Legal Recruiters Association and the Seattle Legal Recruiters Association. She will visit New York City in April and visit several law firms and public service agencies.  

- Naomi K. Sanchez, Assistant Dean for the Center of Career Planning and Public Service
(naomiks@u.washington.edu)

Question: What is being done by the law school to make Gates Hall more secure in the evenings and on the weekends?
Answer: We have students who work from 5-11:00pm on M-Th, 3-6pm on Friday, noon-6pm on Saturday, and 5-11pm on Sunday. They are responsible for walking the halls, including the library, checking to be sure that all exterior and interior doors are locked, checking restrooms, all offices, all lounges, and stairwells. If they don't recognize people in the building, they ask for identification, such as a Husky card. If they have no identification, they will be asked to leave the building.

- Francis W. (Bill) Thornton, Director of Finance and Administration (adolphin@u.washington.edu)

More Questions and Answers next week

**Externships: Summer 2006 and Beyond**

**Mary A. Hotchkiss, Director of Academic Advising**

Before graduating, each J.D. student must perform at least 60 hours of public service legal work. The Public Service requirement may be met by enrollment in a clinic, in the Street Law program, or by completing a Public Service Externship of at least two credits. The goals of the public service requirement are to educate students about the attorney’s ethical responsibility to provide pro bono legal assistance; to foster a lifelong commitment to public service; and to develop students’ lawyering skills by providing them with work experience under the supervision of an attorney.

Externships provide students with multiple benefits: a real-world experience that allows them to explore career options; an opportunity to hone critical research, analytical, and writing skills; and the opportunity to develop relationships with professional colleagues and potential employers. Externships include placements on legislative committees, in the judicial system, government agencies, non-profit organizations, advocacy groups, and offices of the attorney general, prosecutors, and legal services offices. These placements are coordinated by the Career Services Office.

In order to earn academic credit, students must enroll and pay tuition. One academic credit is awarded for every 20 hours of public service, up to a maximum of 15 credits. Externships require close communication between the student and faculty supervisor, as well as the faculty supervisor and field supervisor. Externships of 10 credits or more have additional requirements, including a contemporaneous perspectives seminar and a site visit by a faculty member during the externship. In most cases, the site visit will be by the faculty member supervising the externship; please note that we have a pool of faculty members who assist in out-of-town site visits. The perspectives seminars are required for students enrolled in externships of 10 or more credits as well as students who have partial or continuing externships that total 10 or more credits. The seminar requirement can be met by enrollment in either the Law B567 General Externship Perspectives Seminar or Law E507 Access to Justice Seminar. These seminars are generally offered in the late afternoon. Students who enroll in externships that are more than 25 miles outside of Seattle may register for an online externship seminar.

If you are considering a Summer 2006 externship, you are not alone! Last summer, over 100 students participated in externships. There will be information sessions addressing questions about Summer 2006 externships at the beginning of the Spring Quarter. Right now, you might take a look at the Public Interest & Government Externships posted on Symplicity under Jobs and Position Type: Student Position - Externship.

To learn more about externship opportunities, please check the resources online at http://www.law.washington.edu/Career/PS/publicService.html. If you have additional questions about externship opportunities, please contact your career coach, or John Chung, Assistant Director for Public Service, or Mary Hotchkiss, Director of Academic Advising. We’re here to help!
On Friday morning May 5th, The United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit will be hearing cases at the University of Washington School of Law. More information will be available closer to the event date.

**This Week's Events:**

**Symetra Financial Summer Legal Internship Program Info Session**
Monday, February 13, 2006, 12:30-1:30 PM in Room 119. Representatives from Symetra Financial will be here to discuss Symetra's Summer Internship Program. RSVP in Simplicity by signing in and clicking the date of the program.
Link: <https://law-uwashington-csm.symplicity.com/students/>

**2L Job Search Panel**
Wednesday, February 15th 12:30-1:15 PM in Room 119. Some of your fellow peers, Heather Deixler, Merisa Heu-weller, Gaurab Bansal, and Kelcey Nichols will be available to offer suggestions and tips on landing a job. RSVP in Simplicity by signing in and clicking the date of the program.
Link: <https://law-uwashington-csm.symplicity.com/students/>

**TECHNOLOGY LAW SOCIETY -- RECEPTION WITH DORSEY & WHITNEY**
The Technology Law Society and the Career Services Center invite you to a reception to meet with attorneys from Dorsey & Whitney. The reception will include a panel discussion and a Q & A session. If you are interested in attending, please send an e-mail to techlaw@u.washington.edu. Please include your name, year, JD or LLM program, and a little info on your technical background.

- Date: Wednesday, February 15th
- Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
- Location: Gates Hall, Perkins Coie Room (115)

You can find more information about Dorsey & Whitney at [http://www.dorsey.com/](http://www.dorsey.com/)

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**2L RULE 9 INTERNSHIPS FOR 2006-2007**
UW Student Legal Services, located in the HUB, seeks four 2L students to work 10-15 hours per week as Rule 9 legal interns from autumn 2006 through spring 2007. $15 per hour; work-study OK. May also work as extern. Must be Rule 9 eligible by autumn quarter 2006. Open until filled.

Email a cover letter (up to 300 words on why you want to work at SLS and what you can offer SLS), resume, and three references to:
Carole Grayson, Director and Staff Attorney
cag8@u.washington.edu
University of Washington Student Legal Services
Box 352236, HUB G-16
Seattle, WA 98195-2236

Are you a 2L who is weary of the books and yearning for real client contact and court experience? UW Student Legal Services may be for you! You'll educate, advise, negotiate, appear in court, grapple with ethical issues, and do everything real lawyers do (except, hopefully, grind your teeth).

SLS has provided effective and affordable legal assistance to UW students for 35 years. Our clients have real legal needs: landlord-tenant, family law, criminal, traffic, insurance, debtor-creditor, consumer, estate planning.

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**AFGHANISTAN LEGAL EDUCATORS PROJECT**
Please join us on Monday, Feb. 13 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 115 of the Law School for a presentation by Professors Jon Eddy and Clark Lombardi about our Afghanistan Legal Educators project and upcoming visit to the Law School by the deans of several Afghan law schools.

The Afghan Legal Educators Program provides opportunities for advanced training to Afghan legal educators and works to support Afghan legal education in a variety of ways, building relationships between Afghan law and shari’a faculties and their counterparts in America and throughout the world.

Professor Clark Lombardi, a specialist in Islamic law with extensive in-country experience with post-Taliban legal developments in Afghanistan, will provide background on the Afghan legal system and some of the present challenges that it faces.

Professor Jon Eddy, Program Manager of the Afghan Legal Educators Program and recently returned from a visit to the Kabul University law and shari’a faculties, will outline program activities.

The Afghan Legal Educators Program is funded by a $2.0 million grant from the U.S. Department of State to the University of Washington School of Law and is administered through the School’s Asian Law Center.
Law Library News
Kristy Moon, Editor

Casemaker Is Here!

The Washington State Bar Association recently joined the Casemaker Consortium. What is Casemaker and what does this mean for you? Casemaker is an online legal research system that was originally developed by the Ohio State Bar Association in 1999, and marketed only to bar associations by Lawriter. Twenty states have joined the Consortium so far, and bar members of those states have access to it at no cost.

All WSBA members (including inactive members) can now access Casemaker by going to https://pro.wsba.org/Casemaker/ and entering a bar membership number and a password (call 800-945-WSBA, 206-443-WSBA, or email Casemaker@wsba.org to obtain the password).

The WSBA is also making this available to UW law faculty and students for educational purposes only. So stop by the Reference Office to obtain an ID/Password and give it a try!

The log in page https://pro.wsba.org/Casemaker/ has links to the latest Casemaker news, a PowerPoint Tutorial, and FAQs. If you want detailed information on what is included in Casemaker, click on the link for the User Guide. For a handy 2-page guide on how to construct your searches, click on the link to the Quick Reference Guide.

To send comments and feedback to WSBA about Casemaker, use the contact information above.

For a detailed review of Casemaker, see http://www.llrx.com/features/casemaker.htm.

--Cheryl Nyberg


Law students read and discuss court opinions daily and most become acquainted with statutes in substantive courses on the environment, labor, securities, tax, etc. But administrative law is the least understood category of the American primary law. And state-based administrative law is even less likely to be covered in the law school curriculum.

So when you enter practice in Washington State and need to know something about this state’s administrative law system, your new best friend will become the one-volume Washington Administrative Law Practice Manual. Experts have written chapters covering the basics from public meetings and records to the rule-making process, and agency adjudications to their enforcement and judicial review. In fact, the chapter on “Judicial Review of Administrative Procedure Act Decisions” was written by our own UW Law Professor William Andersen (who served on the WSBA task force that drafted the Washington Administrative Procedure Act).

Other chapters address the appearance of fairness doctrine, ethical issues, administrative investigations, equal access to justice, local administrative law, judicial review of administrative proceedings not covered under the Administrative Procedure Act, and the intersection of administrative remedies and the federal civil rights laws. The final chapter provides an overview of the Washington State government, with a very useful description of each administrative agency, its basic functions and responsibilities, statutory creation, and citations to major laws and regulations.

The book is updated annually and its contents are available on LexisNexis (WASH;WAADPM).

For more information, see the Gallagher Law Library’s Administrative Law Research guide, http://lib.law.washington.edu/ref/admin.htm; and the links to Washington rules, regulations, and administrative decisions on our Internet Legal Resources page, http://lib.law.washington.edu/research/research.html#wa admin.

FALKNOR APPELLATE ADVOCACY COMPETITION

The Judson Falknor Appellate Advocacy Competition is coming up soon. The competition is open to second and third year law students and all competitors may earn two academic credits for their efforts. Along with earning credit, the competition is a great chance for students to practice their brief writing and oral advocacy skills. Exceptional performers will be invited on to the Moot Court Honor Board and may represent the UW at regional and national competitions. An informational session will be held on February 28th at 12:30 in room 133. The registration period begins on February 22 and runs through March 10. A sign up sheet will be posted outside the Moot Court Office. The entrance fee is $30 per team. The oral advocacy rounds begin on April 17 and run through April 21. Please contact Erik Van Hagen (erikvh@u.washington.edu) with any questions.
FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

Financial Aid Coordinator:
Arlo Hammontree
Room 362
206-543-4552
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WSBA-CLE Law School Student Tuition Waiver Pilot Program

The WSBA is pleased to announce the new Student Tuition Waiver Pilot Program to allow law school students from the UW to register for most of the CLE one-day-or-less live seminars on a complimentary basis. Two students from the UW may attend each of the eligible programs. You must register within 5 business days before the seminar and registrations will be issued on a first come first served basis. Only WSBA-CLE Passport-eligible live and in-person seminars are eligible for the waiver.

View the seminar calendar at:
http://www.wsba.org/cle/default.htm

Please contact the financial aid office for details on eligible programs and registration.

Mary Ellen Krug Scholarship for 3L's

Applications are now being accepted for the Mary Ellen Krug Scholarship Award. 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. Recipients will be selected by the Dean upon the recommendation of faculty members teaching labor and employment law. 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 Arlo Hammontree in the Financial Aid Office (362). The deadline for submission is February 17, 2006.

The New 2006-2007 FAFSA is now available!

Apply on the web at www.fafsa.ed.gov or come to my office and pick up a hard copy. We recommend you transmit or mail your application no later than February 15, 2006. This is in order to be received by the federal processor by the February 28, 2006 deadline.

The University of Washington School Code #003798.

CIE WRF Capital/Gates Fellowship

This program provides students from across the UW campus the opportunity to explore the entrepreneurship potential of the many scientific and technological innovations created in the Pacific Northwest. For more information see link below:
http://bschool.washington.edu/cie/wrf_gates.shtml

The Bonderman Travel Fellowship

The Bonderman Travel Fellowship program offers graduate students (including those in the Law and Business schools) and undergraduate students in the University Honors Program and in UW Tacoma’s Global Honors Program an opportunity to engage in independent exploration and travel abroad. The Fellowship enables recipients to extend their experiences and expand their cultural horizons by exploring different parts of the world.

In the selection of Bonderman Fellows, we seek to identify students who demonstrate integrity, the capacity for vision and leadership, and potential for humane and effective participation in the world community. A candidate's academic record will be considered together with those experiences that reflect initiative, commitment, and creativity.

In your proposal please tell us where you want to go and why. Your proposal may not involve formal study at a foreign university, nor may it be under the auspices of a formal organization of any kind. Family heritage proposals, i.e. for travel to countries of origin, will not be considered. Bonderman Fellowships enable students to undertake independent international travel to explore, be open to the unexpected, and come to know the world in new ways.

At the time of application, candidates must be graduate or professional students or juniors and seniors in good standing in the University Honors Program (either college or departmental) or in the UW Tacoma Global Honors Program. A committee of past Bonderman Fellows, and faculty, and staff will review applications. Selected applicants will be invited for an interview, with awards announced during spring quarter.

Each Bonderman Fellow will receive a $20,000 award for travel. Fellows must travel for eight or more months, exploring six or more countries in two or more major regions of the world. Fellows selected in this round will embark on their journeys between June 2006 and December 2007. Students who propose to travel beginning later than December 2007 should apply in the next round.

ON-LINE applications must be received by February 21, 2006
**STUDENT CALENDAR AND NEWS**

| Monday, February 13 | Asian Law Center: Afghanistan Project, 12:30, room 115  
|                     | Career Services: Symetra Financial Legal Internship, 12:30, room 119  
|                     | 3L Class Gift Section Leaders Meeting, 12:30, room 133  
|                     | National Security and Law Society meeting, 12:30, room 207  
|                     | Informational Meeting for Rome Program, 3:30, room 212  
|                     | GreenLaw Advocacy Meeting, 3:30, room 115BC  
|                     | Outlaws Focus Group, 4:00, room 119  
|                     | BLSA: Loren Miller Bar Association General Meeting and Oral History, 5:30, room 133  
|                     | LLSA: Ray Ybarra on the Minutemen: Border Vigilantes, 6:00, room 138  
| Tuesday, February 14 | Faculty Candidate Colloquium, 12:00, room 115  
|                     | Shidler Journal Staff Meeting, 12:30, room 119  
|                     | Immigrant Families Advocacy Project Student Q & A, 12:30, room 133  
|                     | CLEJ: Farm Workers Rights Presentation, 12:30, room 138  
|                     | International Legal Society Great Discussions Group, 3:30, room 115A  
|                     | GreenLaw Environmental Careers in Private Sector, 4:30, room 115BC  
| Wednesday, February 15 | Faculty Colloquium Series, 12:30, room 115  
|                     | Career Services: 2L Job Search Panel, 12:30, room 119  
|                     | CHRF: Power of Nightmares, Part 2, 12:30, room 133  
|                     | Pac Rim Journal General Meeting for Exec. Board Elections, 12:30, room 138  
|                     | Moot Court Honor Board General Meeting, 12:30, room 118  
|                     | Christian Legal Society Weekly Meeting, 12:30, room 207  
|                     | Public Interest Law Association Board Meeting, 12:30, room 212  
|                     | Stuffing Party for Amnesty Conference, 4:00, room 115A  
|                     | Tech Law Society: Dorsey Whitney reception, 6:00, room 115BC  
| Thursday, February 16 | Federalist Society Job Panel, 12:30, room 115BC  
|                     | Student Bar Association Meeting, 12:30, room 119  
|                     | Law Review All Member Meeting, 12:30, room 133  
|                     | Lexis Nexis Career Training, 12:30, room 138  
|                     | Moot Court Honor Board Elections, 12:30, room 117  
|                     | TGIT: MCHB Contract Drafting Award Reception, 2:30, room 115  
|                     | ACLU: Same-Sex Marriage Presentation and Q & A, 3:45, room 127  
|                     | Law Women’s Caucus Alumnae Recognition Reception, 5:30, room 133  
| Friday, February 17 | Amnesty International Conference Keynote Address, 6:00, room 138  

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.

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**SBA COLUMN**

**Amnesty International Conference at UWLS**

This year, UWLS is extremely fortunate to be the host for the International Conference of Amnesty International. The conference will be held on February 17th and 18th.

The theme of the conference is International Justice: 60 Years After Nuremberg, and this theme will be reflected in the presentations throughout the conference, starting with the kickoff keynote address by John Shattuck, former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor. The address, entitled "Genocide, Terrorism and the Rule of Law," will take place on February 17th at 6 p.m. at the UW Law School.

Mr. Shattuck's lecture is free and open to the public and will be followed by a reception.

The keynote will also be a time for current students to connect with alumni – there will be a meet & greet time between 5pm and 6pm with food and drinks, and a reception following the keynote.

The conference will continue on Saturday with panels including:

- The Nuremberg Precedent: Prosecuting Genocide, War Crimes and Crimes Against Humanity.
- Prosecuting Gender Crimes.
- Lunch Lecture: The Legacy of Nuremberg (including a screening of "Nuremberg Remembered")
- The Status of Fair Trial Norms.
The Liability of Non-State Actors for Violations of International Law.

Registration is only $25, and includes a boxed lunch for the lunch lecture. Legal workers, human rights activists and students are encouraged to attend. Students may also volunteer at the conference. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Brenda Tausch (catch22@u.washington.edu) or Catherine Borden (cborden@u.washington.edu).

For more information visit: http://www.amnestyusa.org/events/western/lawyersconference2006.html

Stress Management Group

As we approach the end of winter quarter, stress levels around the law school always seem to skyrocket. Whether it be 1Ls preparing for their first “real” exams or 2 and 3Ls facing the task of nailing down employment, many students are beginning to reach the breaking point.

Each year, the SBA provides an opportunity for students to engage in a productive stress management group facilitated by Andy Benjamin, who has had years of experience in counseling lawyers and law students. This year, Dr. Benjamin will host a free three-session stress management small group workshop in his Capital Hill office. The sessions will take place on February 26, March 3 and March 5 and will be completely confidential. The small group setting allows participants to feel safe while taking comfort in a small number of individuals facing similar stresses.

If you are interested in participating in the group sessions, please contact Dr. Benjamin directly at gahb54@u.washington.edu. The time of the sessions will be determined after participants have signed up. Dr. Benjamin will provide decaffeinated beverages and cookies to group participants.

SBA Academic Committee and the BLS Program

The SBA’s Academic Achievement committee has been working very hard to create positive change within our Basic Legal Skills program. This committee, composed of 1, 2 and 3L SBA members and several non-SBA members have spent the past quarter analyzing the program and will soon present findings and suggestions to Dean Hicks.

Included in this report will be suggestions on Basic Legal Skills faculty hiring and retention, a survey of BLS programs from other schools and recommendations on curriculum structure for the program. The SBA 1L representatives have conducted an in-depth survey of the feelings and thoughts that 1Ls have about BLS. The responses to this survey were constructive and sometimes surprising.

If you have questions about the report or the fact-finding process, please contact myself or SBA Executive Vice-President Erin Watanabe (erinwata@u.washington.edu). Or, come to the SBA meeting at 12:30 on March 2nd, when the group will present the report to the SBA board.

Have a great week!

Cassie Little
SBA President
cclittle@u.washington.edu

ASSISTANCE FOR LAW STUDENTS

The Washington State Bar Association (WSBA) Lawyers’ Assistance Program (LAP) offers long- and short-term psychotherapy to third-year law students attending the University of Washington and Seattle University. Treatment is offered for depression, addiction, family and relationship issues, health issues, and other mental and emotional problems.

The fee is based on a sliding scale, ranging from no-cost to $30 and is determined by a student's ability to pay.

For more information about the LAP, call (206) 727-8268 or visit www.wsba.org/lawyers/services/lap.htm

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE NATIONAL MOOT COURT COMPETITION

Congratulations to Alison Killen (3L) and Dustin Buehler (2L) who represented UW Law at the 56th Annual National Moot Court Competition in New York City for reaching the quarter-final round. Please join the UW Law community in congratulating them for finishing as one of the eight best appellate teams in the nation!

LAW WOMENS CAUCUS ALUMNAE RECEPTION

The Law Women's Caucus Alumnae Recognition Reception will be held on Thursday, February 16 from 5:30 to 7:30 at the law school. Judge Anne Ellington will be the keynote speaker and honoree. Lisa Stone, Executive Director, Northwest Women's Law Center, will also be honored. Wine and light hors d'oeurves will be served. Please RSVP to Tammy Sittnick at sittnitm@u.washington.edu if you would like to attend.

IFAP STUDENT Q & A

On February 14, an attorney from Northwest Immigrant Rights Project will be available to answer questions about your IFAP cases. This is a great opportunity to ask questions about any problems you may be having with your cases. Hope you can make it!

Date: Tuesday, February 14
Time: 12:30 – 1:20
Location: Room 133
NATIONAL SECURITY AND LAW SOCIETY
**FIRST** MEMBERSHIP MEETING!
(This Monday, Room 207)
Are you interested in National Security issues? Are you interested in working for the Department of Justice, National Security Agency, FBI, CIA, or Department of Homeland Security? Or, are you planning on working for the ACLU or another organization working to protect Civil Liberties? Does warrantless wiretapping make your cringe, or do you think its a great idea? If any of this sounds intriguing to you, come to the first ever general membership meeting of the National Security and Law Society (NSLS)!

NSLS is a completely non-partisan group organized to promote awareness of National Security issues and to help law students find jobs in the field. The UW Chapter of NSLS is part of an International organization based in Washington DC. The organization routinely hosts conferences and meetings around the country. Involvement is a great opportunity to meet other law students interested in the field and attorneys who practice National Security law every day.

The UW Chapter of NSLS is BRAND NEW! This is our first meeting. Please plan to attend to establish your membership. We are beginning to plan our events and programs for the Spring quarter, and decide what our organization will look like. This is your opportunity to get in on the ground floor!

WHEN: Monday, February 13th @ 12:30
WHERE: RM 207
Pizza will be provided.

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE: SAME-SEX MARRIAGE IN WASHINGTON
Come meet the people behind the Washington Supreme Court Case.

On March 9, 2005, the ACLU, along with Lambda Legal and the Northwest Women's Law Center, appeared before the Washington Supreme Court on behalf of 11 same-sex couples to urge the court to strike down Washington's Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) which prohibits same-sex couples from marrying. The Supreme Court is expected to issue a decision on this landmark case any day.

In the meantime, come listen to the real people behind the legal argument, including attorney Paul Lawrence and some of the individuals (such as a police officer, minister, and members of the UW community) on whose behalf the case was brought. Presentations with follow-up Q&A.

Thursday, Feb. 16, 3:45 p.m.
William Gates Hall, Room 127
Reception to follow.
Presented by the ACLU of UW Law School.

THE MINUTEMEN: VIGILANTES AT THE BORDER
The Latino/a Law Students Association and the Center for Labor and Employment Justice invite you to a presentation by Ray Ybarra. Ray is a student on leave from Stanford Law School working as an Ira Glass Racial Justice Fellow with the ACLU of Texas.

For his two-year fellowship, Ray has been tracking and exposing the activities of the vigilante group “The Minutemen.” The Minutemen have positioned themselves as a group of citizens concerned about illegal immigration across the U.S./Mexico border, and have taken it upon themselves to aggressively monitor the border and to expose U.S. employers hiring undocumented workers. Lurking behind the Minutemen’s impartial facade are disturbing anti-immigrant and racist politics, which Ray has been working to expose. This issue is of particular interest in Washington State as the Minutemen have now expanded their activities to include watching the Canadian border in Bellingham.

Ray will be playing a short documentary film he made about his work following the Minutemen, “Rights on the Line: Vigilantes at the Border.” This film tells the story of border tensions from the point of view of those affected and reveals the underlying motivations of the Minutemen through interviews and disturbing footage of their nighttime patrols. Ray will then speak about his work and participate in a question-and-answer session.

Ray Ybarra will be speaking at 6pm on Monday, February 13 in Room 138. Free dinner will be served in room 115 prior to the event; it is provided by the Center for Labor and Equal Justice.

If you have any questions, please contact Adrian Madrone (amadrone@u.washington.edu) or Martha Sandoval (martha03@u.washington.edu).

(The LLSA thanks the Center for Labor and Employment Justice and the Law School Lectureship Committee for their assistance in funding this event.)

CHRJ Reals Presents, "The Power of Nightmares, Part II - The Phantom Victory" – 2/15, Room 133 at 12:30
The Center for Human Rights and Justice will be screening Part II of "The Power of Nightmares," a controversial BBC documentary that until very recently has been unavailable in the US. The central premise is that Al-Qaeda is largely a fiction of the imagination of the US neo-conservative foreign policy apparatus. By screening this documentary we aim to stimulate healthy debate. Part III will be screened on 2/22 and there will be an Open Discussion with Professor Kristin Stilt on 2/23.

Part I is available on library reserve under CHRJ.