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THIS WEEK AT THE LAW CENTER

Monday, November 16 Spring 2010 registration (2-3-4PTE).

Environmental Law Society presents Deputy NY Attorney General for Environmental Protection Katherine Kennedy, "The Legal Fight Against Global Warming: A New York Perspective," 7:00 p.m., FCR.

Tuesday, November 17 PILOT hosts breakfast with PAC agency staff, 9:00-11:30 a.m., PAC, 2nd floor.

Court Observation Program 1L Lunch, Criminal Law, 12:30 p.m., ABR. AMICUS Gay-Straight Alliance meets, 12:30 p.m., 210.

Yoga classes, free for students, faculty, staff, 12:30 p.m., MFMR (Tuesdays and Thursdays through December 1).

Muslim Law Students Association Hot Topics Dinner, "Do American Muslim Soldiers Pose a Threat?" 5:30 p.m., 210.

CSO/WBA Career Roundtable, alumni speakers from different practice areas, 5:30 p.m., BDR.

Intellectual Property Law Society Wine and Cheese, 6:00 p.m., FCR.

Wednesday, November 18 Faculty colloquium, Prof. Martin Schwartz discusses recent Supreme Court decisions on pleading standards and wrongful conviction claims, 12:30 p.m., ABR.

APALSA celebrates *Dongzhi*, 12:30 p.m., cafeteria.

Suffolk Health Department H1N1 immunizations, free for students, faculty, staff, 2:00-6:00 p.m., BDR.

Faculty meeting, 4:30 p.m., FCR.

International Law Society election meeting, 5:30 p.m., 412.

Italian American Law Students Association hosts Columbian Lawyers of Nassau County, 5:30 p.m., ABR.

Admissions Open House, 6:15 p.m.

Thursday, November 19 Last day to withdraw from an elective course; Crossover Day, 9:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m., Registrar's Office.

Summer Abroad Programs Open House, 12:30 p.m., FCR, 5:30 p.m., MFMR. Details, next column.

BLSA presents talk on critical race theory by Anthony Farley, Professor of Jurisprudence, Albany Law School, 12:30 p.m., 209.

CSO presents Nathan Treadwell of LawHelp/NY, online legal help and referral site for low income NY'ers, 12:30 p.m., PAC conference room.

Law Review/Moot Court Colloquium, 4PTE Jessica Griswold presents paper on child custody in domestic violence cases, 5:30 p.m., AUD.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Sunday, November 22 Academic Development Program Professor Martin Schwartz Evidence Review, Part II, 10:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 209.

Mon.-Tues., Nov. 23-24 1L registration, in person, Registrar's Office.

Monday, November 23 Federalist Society presents Prof. Dan Subotnik, "Are Law Schools – Is Touro – Racist?" 12:30 p.m., 209.

Faculty Scholarship Workshop, Prof. Dan Subotnik, "Are Law Schools Sexist?" 4:00 p.m., ABR.

Alexander Hamilton Inn of Court meets, 6:00 p.m., ABR.

Tuesday, November 24 PILOT meets, 12:30 p.m., 204.

Wednesday, November 25 Classes follow a Friday schedule.

NEW CROATIA PROGRAM JOINS SUMMER OPTIONS IN ISRAEL, CHINA, GERMANY, INDIA



The Law Center will offer its first-ever summer program in Croatia, The Institute in International Commercial Law and Dispute Resolution, in conjunction with the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and the University of Zagreb Faculty of Law. The 4-week, 5-credit program will provide an

introduction to international business transactions, followed by an in-depth examination of the law governing the international sale of goods and international commercial arbitration. Dates are Sunday, July 11-Friday, August 6. The Law Center also offers summer programs in Israel, India, China and Germany. Learn more about these programs at sessions this Thursday, November 19, 12:30 p.m., FCR and 5:30 p.m., MFMR.

Israel. Based in Jerusalem, at the crossroads of many of the world's major civilizations and religions, courses include International Human Rights Law; Political Trials in Israel; Civil Liberties in an Age of Terror; and Legal Aspects of the Arab-Israeli Conflict. Friday, May 28-Monday, June 28.

India. The program is based in Shimla, in the foothills of the Himalayas, and includes an excursion to Dharamsala, the seat of the Tibetan government-in-exile and the residence of the Dalai Lama. Courses: Indian and Tibetan Law and Philosophy; International Human Rights; International Environmental Law; and Comparative Constitutional Law – Gender and Race. Friday, May 28-Tuesday, June 29.

China. The program begins in Hong Kong, then moves to the charming coastal city of Xiamen. Courses: Chinese Law; Sociology of Law; International Criminal Law; and International Human Rights Law. Sunday, May 23-Wednesday, June 30.

Germany. The program, based in Potsdam, offers courses on Mediation; International Human Rights Law; International Criminal Law; and Comparative Constitutional Law. Extras include a visit to the German Parliament and tour of a former concentration camp. Sunday, May 30-Wednesday, June 30.

FAQs: Students who have completed at least one year FT or PT with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.333 through Fall 2009 are eligible. Students can earn up to 6 credits. Grades and credits count toward graduation. For information, contact Summer Study Abroad Coordinator Kate Anderson, x7055, kanderson@tourolaw.edu.

NY BAR PASS RATE TIES 14-YEAR HIGH

Touro's first-time pass rate on the July 2009 New York Bar Examination was 81%, tying a 14-year high reached last year on the July 2008 exam, and continuing the momentum from the July 2007 rate of 79%. The latter marked a nearly 15-point jump over the July 2006 first-time rate. Dean Lawrence Raful credited the sustained improvement to increased effort by graduates, combined with Touro's heightened bar preparation focus, including the TA Program; the Fall Semester MBE course; the new for-credit supplemental bar prep course, American Legal Studies and its companion workshop American Legal Studies Practicum; and the tremendous efforts made by Professors Suzanne Darrow Kleinhaus, Myra Berman, Theodore Silver, Lewis Silverman and Patricia Rooney; and Touro alumni tutors John Cooney, John Cahill, Rachel Basher, Angelique Hermanowski, Alison Epilone, and Jeremy Jorgensen.

TOURO TEAM MAKES NATIONAL FINALS



The Touro team of 3FTs Lane Bubka and Daniel Hallak (left) finished as one of the top 2 teams (out of 20 teams from law schools throughout the northeast) in the regional rounds of the American Bar Association-Law Student Division (ABA-LSD) Negotiation Competition held this past weekend at Brooklyn Law School. They will go on to represent Touro at the ABA-LSD National Negotiation Competition, to be held in Orlando, FL in the spring, the first Touro team to make the national finals. Congratulations to the other Touro team, Mechelle Buksar and Patrick Loman, who placed highly against tough competition, and to the Touro ADR Society, which sponsored the teams.

FREE H1N1 SHOTS WEDNESDAY

The Suffolk County Department of Health Services H1N1 ("Swine Flu") immunization clinic is this Wednesday, November 18, 2:00-6:00 p.m. in the BDR. The shots are free to all students, faculty (including adjuncts), staff and PAC agency personnel working in the building.

SPRING REGISTRATION UPDATES

Spring registration continues this Monday, November 16 (2,3,4 PTE) and concludes with Crossover Day, Thursday, November 19 (when day students can register for vacancies in evening electives and floating required courses and vice versa). Some registration updates:

TBAs Named. Bus Orgs Practice Module, T 8:20-10:00 p.m., T. Kevin Murtha, principal of T. Kevin Murtha & Associates, P.C., a Westbury firm specializing in commercial and corporate law, with a concentration in not-for-profit corporation issues; Law Practice Management, T 8:20-10:00 p.m., Evan Schwartz, Managing Partner, Quadrino & Schwartz, <http://www.quadrinoschwartz.com>.

Course Added. Estate & Trust Administration (2 credits) has been added Th 6:30-8:10 p.m. The course covers proceedings in the Surrogate's Court; fiduciary responsibility; will construction and lost will proceedings; and litigation in the field of trust and estates. Professor is Richard Weinblatt, CPA, JD, partner in a Long Island estates and elder law firm, former chair of Suffolk Bar's Elder Law and Surrogates Courts Committees and president of the Suffolk Chapter of the LI Estate Planning Council.

On-Campus Summer 2010. The 2010 on-campus summer schedule is being developed now. Courses planned include Business Organizations I (Professor Meredith Miller) at the Touro College Graduate School of Business in the financial district in lower Manhattan; Civil Practice Clinic; Family Law and Rights of Children (Professor Lewis Silverman); Family Law Practice Module (TBA); New York Criminal Practice (NY Supreme Court Justice Mark Cohen); Trusts & Estates (TBA); Pre-trial Litigation (Professor Sidney Kwestel); Trial Practice (TBA); Professional Responsibility and Selected Topics in Torts (Professor Peter Zablotsky). Classes will start around Monday, May 20 and run through the 2nd week in July. Student interest is a major factor in deciding what courses to offer. Additional courses could be offered in New York City as well. Have an idea? Respond on the 2010 Schedule & Registration TWEN page or email kenr@tourolaw.edu.

LIBRARY TO OPEN AS STUDY HALL 24/6

The Gould Law Library will open as a study hall 24/6, beginning Sunday, November 22, through Friday, December 18 (the last day of final exams). During this period the library will close Fridays at 3:00 p.m., then reopen Saturdays at 6:00 p.m., but otherwise will be open round-the-clock (though no library services will be available overnights). The only exception will be the Thanksgiving weekend, when the Library will close Wednesday, November 25 at 11:45 p.m., remain closed Thursday and Friday November 26 and 27, then reopen Saturday, November 28 at 7:00 p.m.

REGISTRAR REMINDERS

February NY Bar Deadline. The application deadline for the February 2010 NY Bar Exam is Monday, November 30. Apply at <https://www.nybarapply.org>. **Graduation Audit Required.** December '09 and May '10 graduates who have not completed a graduation audit must do so immediately. Graduation audits assure timely completion of all graduation requirements. **1L Registration.** First year students must pick up their Spring 2010 schedules from the Registrar's Office, Room 305, Monday-Wednesday November 23-25 during regular office hours.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION PROGRAMS

Environmental Law Society Hosts Top NY AG. This Monday, November 16, the ELS will host Special Deputy New York Attorney General for Environmental Protection Katherine "Kit" Kennedy. The visit will start at 4:30 p.m. with a members-only session with ELS, followed by a talk by Ms. Kennedy, "The Legal Fight Against Global Warming: A New York Perspective," open to all, 7:00 p.m., FCR. This event is a great opportunity to meet one of the state's top environmental protection officials and network with leaders of more than a dozen pro-environment organizations expected to attend, including Richard Amper of the Long Island Pine Barrens Society and Gordon Raacke of Renewable Energy Long Island.

Take Off for PILOT Breakfast. This Tuesday, November 17, 9:00- 11:30 a.m. the Public Interest Law Organization of Touro (PILOT) will host a complimentary breakfast (bagels, muffins, juice and coffee), in the Public Advocacy Center, second floor, a great opportunity to meet PAC agency staffers, especially for students interested in working in PAC this summer.

APALSA Celebrates Dongzhi. Join the Asian and Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA) for a celebration of *Dongzhi*, the Winter Solstice Festival, this Wednesday, November 18, 12:30 p.m., cafeteria. The origin of the festival can be traced back to the *Yin* and *Yang* philosophy of balance, since days will start getting longer at the solstice, therefore increasing positive energy. The festival is also a time for family gatherings, marked by eating *Tang Yuan*, glutinous rice balls that symbolize reunion.

Student Colloquium Series. In the *Touro Law Review*/Moot Court Board first-ever student colloquium series, student authors selected in an anonymously graded competition present their papers to faculty and students. The series continues this Thursday, November 19, 5:30 p.m., AUD, with 4PTE Jessica Griswold discussing her paper, "Deficiencies in New York's 'Best Interest Of The Child' Statute As Applied To Cases Involving Domestic Abuse: A Call For a Statutory Rebuttable Presumption Against Awarding Custody To Perpetrators of Family Violence," see http://www.tourolaw.edu/pdf/publications/Griswold_Best_Interest_of_the_Child_JL_Post.pdf

More Programs This Week. The CSO and Touro WBA co-sponsor a career roundtable, with six alums discussing their experiences in different practice areas, including real estate (Michelle Cohen '07, associate at Certilman Balin), criminal (Assistant Suffolk DA Ronnie Lamm '03), family law, public interest, government, estates/elder law, Tuesday, November 17, 5:30 p.m., ABR. The Muslim Law Students Association hosts a Hot Topics Dinner Discussion, "Do American Muslim Soldiers Pose a Threat?" Tuesday, November 17, 5:30 p.m., 210. The Black Law Students Association present presents a talk on critical race theory by Anthony Farley, Distinguished Professor of Jurisprudence, Albany Law School, Thursday, November 19, 12:30 p.m., 209.

TOURO BRIEFS



Passing Fancy. Touro grad Caryn Pincus '06 is the inventor of *Passing the Bar*, an interactive board game designed to help students excel on the Multistate Bar Exam. Ms. Pincus will be at Touro Monday-Thursday November 16-19, 10:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m., cafeteria, demonstrating the flash card-based game. Stop by, test your knowledge and experience an enjoyable way to supplement your bar skills. For more on *Passing the Bar*, see <http://www.passingthebar.us/index.php>.

Volunteers Sought For New Live Online Legal Help Site. LawHelp/NY, an online legal assistance and referral site for low-income New Yorkers, is seeking law student volunteers for its new LiveHelp project, providing legal assistance live via internet "chat" sessions. Meet project coordinator Nathan Treadwell this Thursday, November 19, 12:30 p.m., PAC Conference Room. For more, contact CSO and see <http://www.lawhelp.org/NY>.

Evidence Review Concludes Sunday. The Academic Development Program Evidence Review, Part II, presented by Professor Martin Schwartz, will be held on Sunday, November 22, 10:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Room 209. The two sessions (the first was held on Sunday, November 8) cover basic concepts of relevance, hearsay, the Confrontation Clause, direct examination (including the distinction between recollection recorded and refreshed), impeachment, and the admissibility of documents and physical objects. For students who cannot attend, both sessions will be recorded and posted on TLC Web. The first session is already there, Part II will be posted Monday, November 23. Sign on to TLC Web, click *Recordings*, click *Lectures*.