THANKS-A LOT

The Law Center’s new overflow parking area, adjacent to the north lot, passed Town inspection last Friday, and is now open for use, with 50 added spots. After a brief familiarization period, normal parking enforcement will resume, so drivers should use the new lot and begin observing no parking rules.

REGISTRATION UPDATES

Spring Semester 2011 registration materials are available in electronic versions only, at http://www.tourolaw.edu/pdf/Spring2011Schedule.pdf and on the TWEN Registration Page. Registration schedule: Tuesday, November 16 (3FT-4 PT); Thursday, November 18 (2FT, 2-3 PT); Monday, November 22 (2-3-4 PTE); Monday, November 29 (Crossover Day, day students can register for evening electives and evening students can register for day electives).

New Courses: American Trial Courts-Intro to NYS Practice I (Professor Myra Berman-4 credits), part of the upper-level Court Observation Program, 2-hour seminar, M 3:35-5:25 p.m. and weekly sessions in District, Family and Supreme Court in the Cohalan State Courthouse, Th 9:00 a.m.-12:20 p.m.; Advanced Bankruptcy and Bankruptcy Litigation Clinic (Professor Leif Rubinstein-3 credits), M 3:35-5:25 p.m., an advanced examination of bankruptcy laws, open to students who have completed the Mortgage Foreclosure & Bankruptcy Clinic (by application only); Advanced Criminal Prosecution Externship (former Suffolk Chief Assistant DA John Buonora-5 credits), a weekly seminar T 3:35-6:15 p.m. and supervised placements in the Suffolk DA’s Office (by application only); Animal Law (international litigator and Best Friends Animal Society counsel John T. Maher-2 credits) T 6:30-8:10 p.m. will examine the legal treatment of animals from historical, philosophical and practical perspectives; Environmental Law Practice Module (Allen Hecht, Senior Counsel, National Grid-2 credits), W 8:20-10:00 p.m., a practical skills course based on simulations in which students learn how to handle typical environmental law matters – satisfies ISR.

Course Updates. Drafting Commercial Documents (Pocock) (Th 3:35-5:25 p.m.) now satisfies the Intermediate Skills Requirement (ISR). There is a new course description (see the registration packet), and there are now no prerequisites. Evidence will no longer be offered in the Spring Semester, beginning Spring 2012. The Evidence course will still technically “float” but will be offered only in Fall semesters (i.e., FT students will be able to take Evidence in Fall of their 2nd or 3rd years).

On-Campus Summer Session. Registration materials for the on-campus summer session are posted on the TWEN Registration Page. Courses include Business Organizations I (at the Touro College Graduate School of Business in lower Manhattan), Civil Practice Seminar Externship, Family Law, Family Law Practice Module, Federal Judicial Clerkship Externship, NY Criminal Procedure, Pretrial Litigation, Products Liability, Professional Responsibility, Rights of Children, and T&E. Classes begin Monday, May 23, non-externship classes end Monday, July 18; final exams are Tuesday-Thursday, July 19-21.

THIS WEEK AT THE LAW CENTER

Monday, November 15
ABA Regional Negotiation Competition finals, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
E-discovery demonstration in Business Technology Law Externship Seminar (Ezor), 4:00 p.m., 412.
East European Law Students screen, “The Soviet Story,” documentary on impact of Soviet regime on modern Europe, 4:30-6:00 p.m., AUD.

Tuesday, November 16
Spring ’11 registration, 3FT-4 PTD.
PILOT brunch with PAC agency staff, 9:00 a.m.-noon., PAC, 2nd floor.
Animal Law Society screens “The Cove,” award-winning documentary on dolphin slaughter in Japan, 12:30 p.m., AUD.
ILS Judge-Practitioner lunch, criminal, 12:30 p.m., ABR.
East European Law Students presents talk by Pavel Khodorkovsky, son of imprisoned Russian dissident, 12:30 p.m., 209.
Environmental Law Society meets, 5:30 p.m., 307.

Wednesday, November 17
ILSA hosts discussion with Campus Rabbi Moshe LaBrie, 12:30 p.m., MFMR.
Italian American Law Students Association meets, 12:30 p.m., 209.
Unemployment Action Center meetings, 12:30 p.m., 312 and 5:30 p.m., 308. UAC volunteers help claimants seeking unemployment insurance.
Webinar on BNA Tax & Accounting database, for students interested in corporate, tax or related fields, 4:00 p.m., Library computer lab (L308).
Faculty meeting, 4:30 p.m., FCR.
1L Orientation, Stress Management, 5:30 p.m., AUD.

Thursday, November 18
Spring ’11 registration, 2FT, 2-3 PTD
Jewish Programs Committee “Lunch with Friends” series, University of Baltimore School of Law Professor Kenneth Lasson, “Anti-Semitism in the Academic Voice,” 12:30 p.m., ABR.
ILSA hosts federal prosecutor Julie Shemitz, involved in fighting Afghan drug trade, 12:30 p.m., 209.
Women’s Bar Association presents Andrew Crecca, Presiding Judge of the Suffolk Integrated Domestic Violence Court, 12:30 p.m., ABR.

Friday, November 19
Suffolk Office of Minority Health conference on racial disparities in health care, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Sunday, November 21
Professor Martin Schwartz Evidence Review, 10:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m., 209.
TLC Bar Prep: Criminal Law/Criminal Procedure, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Evidence 3:00-6:00 p.m., 209.

Monday, November 22
Spring ‘11 registration, 2-3-4 PTE.
SBA General Council meets, 10:00 p.m., MFMR.

Tuesday, November 23
APALSA general meeting and E-Board elections, 12:30 p.m., 312.
Admissions Open House, 6:15-9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, November 24
Last day to withdraw from elective course.
Italian American Law Students Association meets, 12:30 p.m., 210.

Thurs.-Fri., Nov. 25-26
Thanksgiving, no classes, building closed.
TOURO BRIEFS

NYC Legal Aid OCIs. The NYC Legal Aid Society will interview on campus on Tuesday, November 30, 3Ls post-graduation positions in the Criminal, Civil and Juvenile Rights divisions, and 2Ls for summer internships. Interested? Register for JACOB, follow the application instructions, then contact the CSO. Application by Thursday, November 18.

1L Orientation. 1L Orientation continues Wednesday, November 17, with a program on Stress Management, then concludes on Wednesday, December 1 with a session on the Lawyers Assistance Program, both 5:30-6:25 p.m., AUD. Students who cannot make a session must contact the Office of Student Services, x7050, studentservices@tourolaw.edu before the session.

Take Library Survey, Win Prizes. There’s still time to complete the Gould Library survey, http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HQG6BSW, help improve library services and maybe win a prize. Students who complete the survey will be entered in a drawing, first prize is dinner for two at Carraba’s, runner-up prizes of $5 Starbucks’ gift certificates. The brief survey will be online through Friday, November 19.

HEALTH CARE DISPARITIES CONFERENCE FRIDAY

The Law Center will host the Suffolk County Department of Health Services Office of Minority Health 5th Annual Taking the Road to Eliminate Health Disparities conference, this year titled, “One County, Many Nations,” this Friday, November 19, 7:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., AUD. The conference is designed to raise awareness of the increasing difficulties members of minority groups, especially those with limited English proficiency, have in accessing health care and services, and to review federal standards for cultural competency and language access services. Speakers include Suffolk County Executive Steve Levy, Suffolk Commissioner of Health Services James Tomarken, MD, and Suffolk’s Director of Minority Health, Gregson Pigott, MD. All sessions are free to Touro students, faculty and staff. For a full program, contact kerr@tourolaw.edu.

VITA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Students are needed for the Law Center’s Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. VITA workers help local seniors and low-income taxpayers prepare their tax returns, generally February-April. Participants get practical experience and may use the work to satisfy the Public Interest Requirement. Participants must complete a free Internal Revenue Service web-based training program over the holiday break, and an in-person training session in January at Touro, both of which count towards the requirement. The course in Federal Income Tax is desirable, but is not required for students with prior tax preparation experience. All work is done at Touro. Apply to Joe Leocata or Kevin Guarino (vita@tourolaw.edu), with name, year, division, e-mail address and home/business telephone number, by Friday, December 10.

GOULD LAW LIBRARY TO OPEN 24/6 FOR EXAMS

The Library will be open 24/6 from Sunday, November 21–Thursday, December 23, except for Friday evening through Saturday evening, in observance of the Jewish Sabbath. The library will close Fridays at 3:15 p.m. and will reopen Saturdays at 5:30 p.m. The library will be closed on Thursday, November 25, for Thanksgiving. The library will be open as a study hall (without library services) on Friday, November 26, 7:00 a.m.-3:15 p.m. Outside of the Sabbath and Thanksgiving exceptions, the library will remain open 24 hours a day. Students using the library after midnight must sign in and out at the security desk. Library services will not be available during the extended hours or overnight period, although a security guard will be on duty. The library (with the exception of the Circulation Desk, Reference Office, and enclosed study rooms) is a “quiet study” zone during the finals period. Library hours are subject to change due to weather or emergency. To verify hours call the Circulation Desk, 631.761.7150, or go to http://www.tourolaw.edu/LawlLibrary/ and click “Library Hours.”

COUNSELOR IN RESIDENCE

Psychotherapist Jennifer Snow, M.S.W., C.S.W., is available to meet with students for personal counseling and faculty and staff for consultations. All sessions are and strictly confidential. Appointments may be through her private office (516.802.2195) or through the Office of Student Services (Room 302, x7050, studentservices@tourolaw.edu).

STUDENT ORGANIZATION NEWS & NOTES

The newest member of the Law Center’s student organization family, the East European Law Students Association, makes an impressive debut this week with two programs. First, on Monday, November 15, 4:30 p.m., AUD, the group will screen The Soviet Story, a controversial 2008 documentary that argues that the Soviet Union helped Nazi Germany instigate the Holocaust, and also explores the impact of the Soviet legacy on modern Europe. For more on the film, see http://www.sovietstory.com. Then, on Tuesday, November 16, 12:30 p.m., 209, the group will host Pavel Khodorkovsky, son of the former Russian oligarch Mikhail Khodorkovsky, who was once the wealthiest man in Russia and the 16th wealthiest person in the world. Now in jail awaiting the verdict on a second round of criminal charges, he has become an unlikely hero in the struggle against Russian repression. A political opponent of Vladimir Putin, Khodorkovsky was arrested in 2003 and convicted of tax fraud involving his oil company, Yukos, and sentenced to 8 years in prison. Just as his sentence was about to expire, he was put on trial on new charges, this time embezzlement and money laundering. Last week, in a closing statement that received worldwide attention, Khodorkovsky spoke out against not just his own treatment, but the entire political environment of today’s Russia.

Take Off for PILOT Brunch. This Tuesday, November 16, 9:00-noon, the Public Interest Law Organization of Touro (PILOT) will host a complimentary brunch in the Public Advocacy Center (PAC), second floor, a great opportunity to learn about the work of the dozen public interest law organizations housed in the PAC and meet PAC agency staffers. For more on PAC, http://www.tourolaw.edu/PublicServiceInitiatives/?pageid=150.

Animal Law Society Film on Dolphin Slaughter. This Tuesday, November 16, 12:30 p.m., AUD, the Animal Law Society will present “The Cove,” the 2009 Academy Award® Winner for Best Documentary Feature. The film that describes the annual slaughter of thousands of dolphins in Taiji, Japan. For more on the film, see http://www.thecovemovie.com.

Hone Skills Handling Unemployment Cases. The Unemployment Action Center, Inc. (UAC) is a non-profit, student-run organization devoted to representing claimants seeking NY unemployment insurance benefits. Since 1981, UAC has assisted more than 11,000 people and has branches at seven NYC metro area law schools, with Touro slated to become the eighth. Learn more about opportunities with UAC this Wednesday, November 17, 12:30 p.m., 312 or 5:30 p.m., 308. For more on UAC, see http://www.uac-ny.org or contact tripti-singh@tourolaw.edu.

ILSA on Narcoterrorism. The International Law Students Association will present a talk by Julie Shemitz, a veteran federal prosecutor just back from a two-year stint as a US Department of Justice senior legal adviser to the counter-narcotics Criminal Justice Task Force in Afghanistan, Thursday, November 18, 12:30 p.m., 209.

WBA on IDV Court. The Women’s Bar Association will host Suffolk County Court Judge Andrew Crecca, presiding judge of the Suffolk County Integrated Domestic Violence (IDV) Court, Thursday, November 18, 12:30 p.m., ABR. Suffolk’s IDV Court is part of a network of problem-solving courts in which a single judge hears all criminal, family and divorce matters in cases involving domestic violence, and uses an array of family court and criminal court remedies to improve outcomes for families and communities.

RELEVANT EVIDENCE

Touro’s Academic Development Program will present a review of evidence law by Professor Martin Schwartz on two upcoming Sundays, November 21 and December 5, both 10:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in Room 209. Professor Schwartz will cover relevance, hearsay, the Confrontation Clause, direct examination (including the distinction between recollection recorded and refreshed), impeachment, and, time permitting, the admissibility of documents and physical objects. For students who cannot attend, the sessions will be recorded and posted on TLC Web. The sessions are free and open to all students, not only those taking Evidence this semester.