THIS WEEK AT THE LAW CENTER

Tuesday, August 28  
Summer fellows discuss their experiences, 5:30 p.m., FCR/BDR.
SBA General Council meets, 10:00 p.m., MFMR.

Wednesday, August 29  
Faculty colloquium, Arnold Enker, Professor and Founding Dean of Israel’s Bar-Ilan University Law School, 12:30 p.m., ABR. Reception follows, 1:30 p.m., Judaica Room, Library.

Thursday, August 30  
LALSA meets, 12:30 and 5:30 p.m., 209.
BLSA meets, 12:30 and 6:00 p.m., 308.
SBA rep election meetings, 12:30 and 5:30 p.m., 310.

Friday, August 31  
Independent Research Proposal Forms due to Registrar; last day to elect to officially audit elective courses.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

Sun.-Mon., Sept. 2-3  
Labor Day weekend, building closed.

MEET YOUR SBA LEADERSHIP

The 2012-13 SBA Executive Board: President Erica Vladimer graduated from the University of Connecticut with a B.A. in Sociology and Criminal Justice. She hopes to focus on education justice/education reform when she graduates. This past summer, she interned with the Children’s Defense Fund-NY. She is a member of PILOT and the Federalist Society.

VP-Day Morgan Maragliano graduated from Moravian College with a B.S. in Biology-Economics/Business. Her areas of interest are health law and policy reform. This past summer she interned with NY State Senator Lee M. Zeldin. She is also the VP of the Federalist Society, and a member of PILOT, Phi Alpha Delta and the Health Law Society.

VP-Evening Michael Henry received a B.A. from Montclair State and an M.A. from St. Johns. He hopes to focus on T&E or International Law on graduation. He is also the President of the Federalist Society and works in the fields of private equity and consulting.

Secretary Amanda Scheier graduated from Stony Brook University with a B.S. in Health Science Studies. Her area of interest is criminal prosecution. She interned at the Kings County DA’s office this summer. She is a member of Touro Law Review, the Honors Program, is the treasurer of Criminal Law Society and VP of the Touro Chapter, Federal Bar Association. She will be interning at the Suffolk DA’s Office this fall.

Treasurer Tim Finnegan spent his undergraduate years at Stony Brook University, earning a B.A. in History. His legal interests are environmental, land use, and real estate issues. He is also a member of Student Disaster Relief Network (SDRN).

TRIAL OFFER

Need a break from briefing old cases? Watch new ones as they happen! Take advantage of Touro’s unique location as part of a complex with state and federal courthouses, walk across the parking lot and watch top lawyers argue real cases. The In Court feature of Touro Today postings in the elevators and in the cafeteria provides information on cases scheduled in the courts each day. Court information is also available on the Touro website; click the In Court icon on the Touro Today page.

JUDGES, HIGH-POWERED LAWYERS HIGHLIGHT FALL Adjunct Roster

Among the 26 fall ‘12 adjunct faculty are 8 current or former judges, a Suffolk County Legislator, LI’s top federal prosecutor, 2 former Chief Suffolk Assistant DAs, and 2 former county bar presidents.

The 5 sitting judges: Fern A. Fisher, left, Deputy Chief Administrative Judge for New York City Courts, landlord-tenant Law; Joel Asarch, Nassau Supreme, NY Practice; Mark Cohen, Ny Court of Claims, sitting as Suffolk Supreme Court, Criminal Procedure; Cheryl Joseph-Cherry, Suffolk Support Magistrate, Family Law; and Jeffrey Arlen Spinner, Suffolk County Court/Acting Supreme Court Justice, Mortgage Foreclosure Law. The 3 former jurists: Sol Wachtler, Chief Judge, NY Court of Appeals, 1st Amendment Seminar; Kenneth Gartner, Nassau District Court, Judicial Clerkship Externship; and Salvatore Almania, Suffolk District Court, Intro to US Legal System. Also, full-time faculty member Leon Lazer was an Associate Justice of the Appellate Division, Second Department, making a total of nine current or former judges teaching this semester.

Other high-profile adjuncts: Suffolk County Legislator 16th District Steve Stern, one of the region’s leading elder law attorneys, T&E Practice Module; and US Attorney’s Office LI Criminal Division chief Nicole Boeckmann, US Attorney Externship. John Buonora, Advanced Criminal Prosecution Externship, and Justice Cohen are the two former Chief Suffolk ADAs; Professor Buonora was Suffolk County Bar president, and Marc Gann, Trial Practice, is a former Nassau Bar president. Complete adjunct bios at http://www.tourolaw.edu/AboutTouroLaw/?pageid=49.

UNDERSTANDING THE FALL SCHEDULE

Court Observation Program. 1L Section A (LP sections 1-4) has no classes Mondays 9:00 a.m.-1:20 p.m.; 1L Section BA (LP 5-8) has no classes on Wednesdays 9:00 a.m.-1:20 p.m.; and 1L Section CA (LP 9-12) has no classes Thursdays 9:00 a.m.-1:20 p.m. These times have been reserved for the Court Observation Program.

Make-up Classes. No classes are scheduled Mondays from 12:30-1:30 p.m. This hour is reserved for make-up classes. Similarly, only New York Practice (a 3FT-4PT course) meets on Wednesdays from 12:30-1:20 p.m. This hour is intended for 1L and 2L make-up classes.

Student Organization Program Hours. No classes are scheduled on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Avoiding Conflicts. No make-up classes should be scheduled Tuesdays or Thursdays 12:30-1:30 p.m. 1L make-up classes should not be scheduled Monday, Wednesday or Thursday 9:00 a.m.-1:20 p.m. in conflict with a section’s Court Observation schedule.

SIGN UP FOR EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION

Sign up for TLC Alert, the Law Center’s electronic notification system that enables students, faculty and staff to get emergency notices, weather announcements and class cancellation information by email and text messages. Signing up is fast, free and easy: just go to http://www.tourolaw.edu/StudentResources/?pageid=550 and follow the step-by-step instructions. Questions? IT@tourolaw.edu.
Touro College, the Law Center’s parent institution, is named for Isaac Touro and his son, Judah Touro (left), leaders of early America who represent the ideals upon which the College bases its mission. Isaac Touro was born in Holland, the descendant of Portuguese Jews who fled the Inquisition in the 15th Century. A rabbi, he emigrated to the United States in 1760, and two years later was named the spiritual leader of a congregation in Newport, Rhode Island that still bears his name. The Touro Synagogue is the oldest synagogue in the United States and the only one that remains from the colonial era. In his famous 1790 letter to “The Hebrew Congregation in Newport,” President George Washington pledged that the new nation would “give to bigotry no sanction, to persecution no assistance,” setting the standard for religious freedom in the new nation. Isaac’s son, Judah, overcame a childhood of poverty brought on by the Revolutionary war, became a prosperous merchant in New Orleans, survived a serious wound he suffered while fighting under General Andrew Jackson against the British in the War of 1812, and went on to a life marked by extraordinary patriotism and philanthropy. His generosity helped fund Jewish and non-Jewish causes, including the first public hospital in the nation, which survives today in New Orleans as the Touro Infirmary, the first free library on this continent, and pioneering Jewish settlements in Jerusalem. It should come as no surprise, given the family’s extraordinary determination, that “touro” in Portuguese means “bull”.

FROM THE SBA

General Council Meets. The first SBA General Council meeting of the fall semester is Tuesday, August 28, 10:00 p.m., MFMR. All students are welcome to attend.

SBA Rep Elections. SBA Reps, elected from each class and division, communicate between their classes and the SBA leadership, and participate and vote at SBA General Council meetings. There are vacancies for 1-4L reps. Interested? Attend one of the election info sessions Thursday, August 30, 12:30 and 5:30 p.m., both 310 (mandatory for candidates). Petitions are due 5:00 p.m. Thursday, September 6, Campaigning is September 6-14, voting is September 19-20.

Gold’s Standard. The SBA has arranged for discount memberships in Gold’s Gym in Islip: first month free, $39/month thereafter, cancel any time. Amenities include pool, sauna, tanning, more, see http://www.goldsgym.com/gym/ny/new-york/islip/996/. Gold’s reps will be in the café Wednesday, August 29, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

RAISING THE BAR

American Bar Association. The American Bar Association Law Student Division is offering a special rate of just $25 a year (www.ambar.org/JoinFor3) or $60 for 3 years at www.ambar.org/JoinFor3. ABA benefits include internships, fellowships, clerkships, public service opportunities and competitions; free and affordable webinars and networking events; the Student Lawyer magazine and the ABA Journal; discounts on study aids, bar review courses and health insurance.

Suffolk County Bar Association. All students are automatically members of the Suffolk County Bar Association (SCBA), one of the state’s largest and most prestigious lawyer organizations. If you DO NOT want your name to appear in the SCBA directory, contact Marie Koch, Director of Student Services and Scholarship Aid, mkoch@tourolaw.edu (ILs by 5:00 p.m. Monday, 8/27, upper-level students by 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, 8/29).

EQUAL JUSTICE WORKS CAREER FAIR

Registration is open now for the Equal Justice Works 2012 Conference and Career Fair, Friday-Saturday, October 26-27 in Arlington, VA. The event brings together more than 1200 public interest-minded students representing 200 law schools from across the country to explore career options with leading nonprofit organizations and government agencies. Students can register ($25 fee) and sign up for interviews at http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/law-school/conference-and-careerfair through Thursday, September 13. The deadline for booking discount hotel rooms is Wednesday, September 26. For more information, contact Director of Public Interest Tom Maligno, tmaligno@tourolaw.edu, x7033.

Government Job Outlook. Get some frank and open advice on job opportunities with federal and state government in a tight market (food and prize drawing, too), Tuesday, August 28, 12:30 p.m., 210.

Public Interest Career Reception. Get an idea of the range of job and volunteer opportunities in public interest law and make valuable contacts for the future, Wednesday, August 29, 6:00-8:30 p.m. at the NYC Bar Association, 42 W. 44th St. (between 5th and 6th Avenues). Free for students and alums, register at the door. For info, contact Director of Public Interest Tom Maligno, tmaligno@tourolaw.edu.

NYC Bar Law Student Welcome Reception. Network with high-profile lawyers and students from other area law schools, Thursday, September 6, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at City Bar HQ, 42 W. 44th St., Manhattan. Hors d’oeuvres and door prizes included! And it’s free to all (with advance registration at http://www.nycbar.org), including transportation (for first 10 students who register at CSO reception desk). For more: Robin Nackman, rnackman@tourolaw.edu.

DA/Defender and Private Firm Interview Boot Camp. These intensive sessions are designed to help students hone interview skills, address individual weaknesses, and learn from each other, practicing attorneys and Career Services counselors. Three-member panels interview and critique teams of 4-5 students on the first day. Then, come back on the second day to see how you and your teammates have improved. Prosecutors & Defenders: Tuesdays, September 4 and 11. Private Firms: Thursdays, September 6 and 13 (students must commit to BOTH days). To register: https://law-touro-csm.symplicity.com/students, click on Events.

Government Honors & Internship Guide. The 2012-13 Government Honors and Internship Handbook is available online. It is a primary resource for information about summer and post-graduate opportunities with federal (and some state) agencies. The handbook can be found on JACOB, https://law-touro-csm.symplicity.com/students/index.php/pid651267. Don’t procrastinate, some deadlines are as early as NEXT WEEK!

TOURO BRIEFS

Fall Registration Changes. Schedule changes (dropping or adding electives or floating required courses) can be made during the second week of classes, Monday-Friday, August 27-31, only with the permission of the Assistant Dean for Student Services. For the latest fall class and exam schedule, see http://www.tourolaw.edu/pdf/FallSchedule.pdf.

Profit from their Experience. Summer fellowship recipients will discuss their experiences working for prestigious firms, non-profits and government agencies, Tuesday, August 28, 5:30-6:30 p.m., FCR/BDR. Get information about the NY City Bar Public Interest reception (see above) and learn how you can get a fellowship next summer.

Mincha. Mincha. Jewish afternoon prayer services, are held Monday-Thursday 3:25 p.m., Synagogue, 2nd floor.

IT SUMMER FUN!
The IT Department completed two major upgrades this summer. First, they installed a new state-of-the-art wireless network, “Touro Law—Students,” which includes access points with the latest wireless radios that are compatible with older devices and the newest and fastest devices that run “Wireless n”. Second, IT upgraded the email server hardware and installed a new version of Microsoft Exchange. Email accounts will look a little different, but function very similar to the previous version. For more, IT@tourolaw.edu.

HELP FOR LAW STUDENTS

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 the Office of Student Services (Room 302, x7050, studentservices@tourolaw.edu). Lawyer Assistance Program. The NY State Bar Lawyer Assistance Program (LAP) helps lawyers and law students who are affected by alcoholism, drug abuse, stress or depression, and provides collateral services to family members, 800.255.0569, lap@nysba.org. The Law Center’s on-campus LAP rep is 2FT Bryan Bryks, bryan-bryks@tourolaw.edu. All communications with LAP reps are privileged and confidential under New York State law.