

THE COMMON PLEA

Career Services Office

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FINAL PLEA

This will be the last edition of The Common Plea for the fall semester. The next edition will be available on Monday, January 12, 2004. Job announcements will continue to be posted on the bulletin boards outside the CSO and all jobs will be available via the eAttorney Jobbank by mid-month.

GOOD LUCK ON EXAMS & BEST WISHES FOR A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!

THINGS TO DO OVER BREAK

- Get a Letter of Reciprocity. If you are leaving town over winter break and want to begin searching for a summer job in another city, get a letter of reciprocity. Reciprocity letters can be sent to law schools throughout the country. A reciprocity letter entitles you to use the Career Services Offices of other law schools. However, schools vary on what services are available. A copy of the reciprocity policies of various law schools is on file in the CSO and online at www.nalp.org. If you would like a letter of reciprocity, stop by this week and let us know – this will give the reciprocating school(s) time to respond.
- Update and Revise your Resume and Cover Letter – especially if you are going to use your resume over break. Stop by the CSO before you leave and have us look them over or email it to kwisnek@duq.edu.
- Renew and Make New Contacts. Get together with contacts, even if it is just for a morning cup of coffee. Also, find out if there are any bar functions you can attend. A number of functions involving lawyers are conducted over the holidays, and these are a great opportunity to network.
- Create a Job Folder. If you are working over break, keep track of your assignments: drafting pleadings and motions, preparing discovery, etc. Keep a folder in which you briefly describe what you have done. This is a useful tool when it comes time to update your resume/cover letter.
- Conduct Informational Interviews. Locate someone who is doing what you think you want to do and arrange an informational interview. Ask them: What is a typical day like? What do they like most about what they do? What do they like the least? How can you make yourself an attractive candidate in that field? Who else should you contact? Need help identifying a contact? Stop by the CSO and review the Alumni Mentor Book or the WBA Mentoring Program Book
- Do a Self Assessment. Spend some time figuring out what you want to do. Assess your skills, interests, personality traits, and consider where you would most like to work. Do you want to work in a law firm? What size of firm? Do you want to do public interest work? Do you want to do a judicial clerkship? Would you like to go to graduate school? Would you like to work for the government or the military? How about using your degree in an alternative career? Stop by the CSO and borrow a book on a career you are considering, go online to www.DecisionBooks.com and click on “Career Boot Camp,” or conduct an informational interview with someone who is in the field.
- Prepare Applications for Judicial Clerkships. Whether you are a second year student considering a clerkship with the Supreme, Superior, and/or Commonwealth courts, use the break to gather information and prepare applications. Ask your professors for letters of recommendation now. Stop by the CSO and have cover letters and resumes reviewed. Talk with someone who has clerked. (A number of law professors are former law clerks.) Many local judges will be accepting applications in the spring. Do some research, talk to alumni who are currently clerking, and get applications materials in order.
- Write an Article or Do Volunteer Work. If you are not working over the holidays, see if a local legal services office or other legal aid organization could use some volunteer help. A good way to get your name noticed is to write an article for a bar journal, a competition, or a publication in the field you are interested in. Often, students can get involved in various bar sections and attend meetings – another great way to meet people doing what you would like to do.
- Surf the Net. Over the holidays, spend some time with your computer. This can be a great opportunity to familiarize yourself with the career materials available on Westlaw, Lexis, and the

Internet. Stop by the CSO for a booklet entitled: The Lawyer's Guide to JobSurfing on the Internet.

New Online Career Tool for Law Students

Decision Books has begun a website which features job postings as well as a new career self-assessment function just for the legal community. Go to www.DecisionBooks.com and click on "**Career Boot Camp**" to try out the free, downloadable PDF worksheets.

Labor Law Fellowships

The Peggy Browning Fund will support 28 funded summer fellowships in labor-related organizations throughout the country. Information is available online at www.peggybrowningfund.org.

Puerto Rican Legal Defense Fund Opportunities

Bristol-Meyers Squibb Company created a paid summer internship program for law students who were interested in experiencing the practice of law within a corporate environment. BMS is collaborating with the Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund to seek qualified students (first year preferred) of all backgrounds who might contribute to diversity at BMS and who are interested in obtaining a unique experience. Student should have excellent academic credentials and communication skills. Students will receive \$8,000 for the summer. Relocation assistance of up to \$1,600 may be available. Please send resume, legal writing sample and cover letter indicating preferences (if any) **by December 15, 2003**, to the following: Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund, 99 Hudson Street, 14th Floor, New York, NY, 10013-2815. Attn: Education Program Coordinator. (Job# 3531)

Mail Merge

Planning on doing a mass mailing? The NALP Directory of Legal Employers (www.nalpdirectory.com) provides a free mail merge function. If you are interested in doing this, stop by the CSO so we can upload your e-mail address to enable you to do the mail merge.



Martin Luther King, Jr. Summer Internship Program

Each summer, Pennsylvania Legal Services sponsors the Martin Luther King, Jr., Internships Program. This is a paid internship program that places first and second year law student in legal aid offices across the state. Interested students should send a cover letter and resume to: fweisinger@palegalservices.org. More information is available in the CSO Hotfile.

International Sport Summit 2004

The Institute for Sports Advancement is sponsoring its annual International Sport Summit from **January 7 – 9, 2004**, at the Marriott Marquis, New York City. More information is available online at www.sportsummit.com.

Judicial Clerkships

Second year students interested in the Pennsylvania Supreme, Superior, and Commonwealth Court should be prepared to apply this spring.

Kimm Walton Books on Sale in the CSO

The CSO is selling copies of all 3 of Kimm Walton's career-related books for only \$15.00 each; that's over \$10.00 off the cover price. Titles include: "Guerrilla Tactics for Getting the Legal Job of Your Dreams," "America's Greatest Places to Work with a Law Degree," and "What Law School Doesn't Teach You: But your really need to know." "The Best of the Job Goddess" for just \$8.00.

South Asian Law Student Association Conference

The 6th Annual National South Asian Law Student Association Conference is scheduled for **February 13-16, 2004** at Seattle, University School of Law. For more information visit www.law.seattleu.edu/salsa.

Alumni Mentoring Program

Looking for someone to talk to about a particular practice area? Use the Alumni Mentoring Program. Many alumni are willing to offer students advice and information. Stop by the CSO and peruse the Alumni Mentoring book to find potential contacts.

Internships

Log on to www.internships-usa.com to access resources such as The Lawyer's Guide to JobSurfing

on the Internet, Green Law, FedLaw, and more.

User Name: black Password: acre

AFL-CIO Minority Outreach Program

In 1997, the AFL-CIO Lawyers Coordinating Committee – a network of 1,700 unions-side attorneys representing AFL-CIO affiliated unions – launched the LCC Minority Outreach Program. The program encourages law students of color to apply for summer clerkships at union-side labor law firms and union legal departments. The CSO has a listing of participating firms and legal departments. Interested students are encouraged to stop by the CSO and review the materials.



CSO HOLIDAY HOURS

Monday:	8:00 - 4:00
Tuesday:	8:00 - 4:00
Wednesday:	8:00 - 4:00
Thursday:	8:00 - 4:00
Friday:	8:00 - 4:00

The CSO will be closed from December 24, 2003, to January 4, 2004.

Dean Kwisnek is available for individual consultations. Stop in to make an appointment or e-mail questions to kwisnek@duq.edu.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

LAW FIRM/CORPORATE

Wilmerding, PA: Robert P. Costello, Esq. is seeking a 2D, 3PTD, 3E, 3D, 4E, or 4PTD to serve as a part-time law clerk. Duties include performing legal research, filing, etc. for a general civil and criminal practice. Salary will depend on experience. If interested, send a cover letter and resume to Robert P. Costello, Esq. at 325 Commerce Street, Suite 309, Wilmerding PA 15148-1260. (Job #3546)

****Pittsburgh, PA:** Downtown corporate boutique (transactional tax, IP, complex litigation and international) seeks self-starting second year student with strong business orientation (academic or work related) for part time spring semester and full-time summer. Looking for someone with solid business sense who can be client-focused, driven and will be comfortable with international work. Upper 10-15% of class. Competitive hourly rate. Mail cover letter

and resume to: Julie McGuire, Hull McGuire PC, 600 Grant Street, U.S. Steel Tower, Suite 3280, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. (Job# 3542)

****Pittsburgh, PA:** Jackson Lewis, LLP (2D, 3E, 3PTD) is seeking a Summer Associate for a full-time position over the summer. Students should express and interest in Employment and Labor law and should be in the top 50% of the class. Career Services will collect resumes, writing sample and transcripts. **Deadline: 12 pm noon on Thursday December 4th, 2003.** (Job# 3541)

****Wilkes-Barre, PA:** Rosenn, Jenkins, & Greenwald, L.L.P. is currently recruiting for 2003 Summer Law Clerks (2D, 3E, 3PTD). The firm is seeking students going into their second or third year of law school. The students will gain experience in the following practice areas: Business and Finance, Litigation, Estates and Taxes, Real Estate and perhaps others. This is a paid internship. This mid-sized firm, with offices in Wilkes, Barre, Hazelton, and Scranton, is a full-service law firm serving clients throughout the Northeastern Pennsylvania since 1954. The firm's attorney's and paralegals provide legal services to individuals and companies in virtually all areas of the law. If interested, send your resume to Patti Quinnan, at pquinnan@rjglaw.com or by fax to (570) 831-7218. For more information, go online to: www.rjglaw.com (Job #3540)

****Pittsburgh, PA:** Paul Gitnik and Associates seeks to engage the services of a first or second year, day or evening law student to conduct trial list research as the Court of Common Pleas in Allegheny, Westmoreland, Fayette and Washington Counties. We shall require the candidate to review the trial lists for these courts and provide our office with information from the corresponding files in the Prothonotary's Office. The rate of compensation for this position is \$8.00 to \$10.00/hour. Interested students should contact Paul J. Gitnik, Esquire at 1202 Broughton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236-3451. Fax (412) 655-8721 and web address is www.gitnik.com. No phone calls please. (Job #3538)

GOVERNMENT

Charleston, WV: The Office of the Federal Public Defender for the Southern District of West Virginia (1D, 1E, 1PTD, 2E, 2PTD, 2D, 3E, 3PTD) is accepting applications for a summer intern position. This will be a full-time position running from May through August 2004, contingent upon the

availability of funds, for persons who have completed their first or second year of law school. Duties will include performing legal research, preparation of briefs, motions and other legal memoranda, obtaining and reviewing documents, and some client and witness contact. Qualified applicants should have a strong work ethic, exceptional research and writing skills and the ability to interact well with others. Interested students should submit a resume, including references, brief writing sample and a copy of undergraduate and law school transcripts no later than **December 31, 2003**. Applicants will be requested to travel to Charleston, West Virgin for an interview. The position will be paid according to a JS-5 (\$12.35/hour) to JS-7 (\$15.30) scale depending on experience. Applications should be mailed to: Kimberly L. Erskine, Administrative Officer, United States Courthouse, Room 3400, 300 Virginia Street East, Charleston WV 25301. (Job #3547).

****Philadelphia, PA:** The Mayor John F. Street Honors Program (3D, 4E, 4PTD) offers an opportunity to law school graduates with an interest in public service as well as leadership qualities to begin their career for one year at the Office of the City Solicitor. This is the branch of city government responsible for providing legal advice to all officers, departments, boards, and commissions within the city concerning matters in connection with the exercise of their official power. All candidates will be expected to make a one-year commitment and residence in Philadelphia is required within six months of appointment. All candidates are expected to pass the PA Bar. To apply please send cover letter, resume, transcript and writing sample to The Office of the City Solicitor, 17th Floor, One Parkway, 1515 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102-1595. Attn: Donna J. Mouzayck, First Deputy City Solicitor. More info in CSO. (Job# 3543)

*****Washington, D.C.:** The Office of Enforcement of the Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA) is seeking a first or second-year law student to work as an intern in Summer 2004 (1D, 1E, 1PTD, 2E, 2PTD, 2D, 3E, 3PTD). The pay grade for this position is a GS-5, or GS-7, depending on whether the applicant is a first or second year student. The duty station is Washington, DC. The EBSA, formerly the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, is responsible for the administration and enforcement of many provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended. Interested students should respond by February 1, 2004, to Abbie M. Price, Investigator, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room N-5702, Washington, DC 20210 or by fax at (202) 219-6339.

Please include a resume, transcript, cover letter, and references. (Job #3536)

*****Middle District, Florida:** The Office of the US Attorney for the Middle District of Florida is soliciting applicants for the Summer Law Intern Program for 2004 (1D, 1E, 1PTD, 2E, 2PTD, 2D, 3E, 3PTD). Students who have completed one or more years of law school by the end of the spring term are eligible. All intern positions are unpaid. Interested students should submit a cover letter, resume, Pre-Interview Questionnaire, Authorization Pertaining to Consumer Reports form, writing sample, and a transcript. Applications must be postmarked by **January 15, 2004**, and should be sent to Judith Hoberman, Human Resources Specialist, US Attorney's Office, 400 N. Tampa Street, Suite 3200, Tampa FL, 33602. Application packets are available in the CSO. (Job #3534)

PUBLIC INTEREST

New York, NY: The Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF) has Summer Legal Internships available for 2004. The AALDEF protects and promotes the civil rights of Asian Americans through litigation, legal advocacy, and community education. Summer internships are available in the following program areas: Economic Justice for Workers, The South Asian Workers' Project for Human Rights, Immigrant Access to Justice, Language Rights, Voting Rights, Anti-Asian Violence, Youth and Education Project. Interns work, full-time for 10 weeks and are supervised by attorneys in specific program areas. Interns will work on litigation, particularly legal research and writing, legal and policy advocacy, community outreach and education, and client intakes. Any bilingual ability should be stated in the application. Bilingual ability is helpful, but not requested. Urdu, Korean, and Cantonese-speaking applicants are especially urged to apply. Interested applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and writing sample by **January 16, 2004**, to: Summer Internship Program Search, Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund (AALDEF), 99 Hudson Street, 12th Floor, New York, NY 10013-2815. Fax: 212-966-4303. Email: info@aaldef.org.

*****Various Locations:** The Curtin Justice Fund Legal Internship Program is seeking motivated law student interns to apply for stipends available for the Summer 2004 Program. These students should have a position offered, contingent on funding, from a qualified organization. The Program will pay \$2,500 stipends to students who spend the summer months

working for a bar association or legal services program designed to prevent homelessness or assist homeless indigent clients or their advocates. Applications are available in the CSO Hotfile and are due by **April 9, 2004**. More information can be obtained online at: <http://abanet.org/homeless/curtin.html> (Job #3530)

JUDICIAL

Erie, PA: The Honorable Michael T. Joyce of the Superior Court of Pennsylvania (1D, 1E, 1PTD, 2E, 2PTD, 2D, 3E, 3PTD) is interviewing qualified candidates for a summer internship in his chambers located in Erie. Responsibilities of the judicial intern include researching legal issues, drafting memoranda, and assisting in the preparation of judicial opinions. This is a full-time position for ten weeks during the summer of 2004. First and second year students are encouraged to apply. Interested candidates should mail a cover letter and resume to: The Honorable Michael T. Joyce, Superior Court of Pennsylvania, 3250 West Lake Road, Erie Pennsylvania 16505. Material must be received by **January 16, 2004**. Interviews will be conducted in January and February of 2004. (Job# 3545)

Sutton, WV: Position available for a law clerk for the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit (3D, 4E, 4PTD). Position will begin on August 1, 2004. One year term but may be extended for an additional year at the discretion of the judge. Deadline for application is **January 15, 2004**. Salary: \$36,200. More information found at http://www.state.wv.us/wvscs/jobann/jobs_cir2004.htm. All interested applicants should send a resume, writing sample, a certified copy of their college and law school transcript to: Honorable Richard A. Facemire, Chief Judge, 14th Judicial Circuit, 300 Main Street, Suite 204 Braxton County Courthouse, Sutton, WV 26601-1313. (Job #3537)

ALTERNATIVE

Various Locations: LSAT teaching positions available. Job Description: Part-time LSAT teacher 1. Seeking law students and recent graduates nationwide to teach weekend LSAT classes and one-on-one tutoring. 2. The weekend classes are conducted four weekends per year. Each of the four weekend classes requires a full Saturday and Sunday of teaching as well as advance preparation. 2003-04 remaining class dates are: January 31 & February 1, 2004 and May 29&30, 2004. 3. Also, teachers have the opportunity to teach one-on-one tutorials. 4. Except for the fixed weekend class times, the hours

are very flexible and are easily scheduled around classes and other work commitments. 5. Relevant and/or helpful skills and experience: Teaching experience (of any kind); Public speaking experience and/or ability; Energetic and outgoing personality; Good LSAT score and a good understanding of the LSAT. 6. Compensation: \$27.78-\$31.00 per classroom hour. 7. To apply visit: www.getprepped.com/job.html. Visit our website to learn more about us: www.GetPrepped.com. We are interested in applications from all areas, and we are especially interested in applications from law students and graduates who live in the following cities/area: Los Angeles, Denver/Boulder, Hartford/New Haven CT, Washington DC, Miami FL, Chicago, Indianapolis, Lexington KY, New Orleans, Baltimore, East Lansing/Kalamazoo MI, Kansas City MO, Jackson MS, Queens/Long Island NY, Philadelphia, Columbia SC, Salt Lake City. Deadline: 01/30/2004. (Job#3544)

Pittsburgh, PA: Debate Coach needed for an all-girls high school in Pittsburgh area. One to Three hours per week on Saturdays. Interested students should call Don Linzer at (412) 261-3644. (Job #3535)

Applications & information available in the CSO.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Elaine Osborne Jacobson Award for Women in Health Care Law Sponsored by the Roscoe Pound Institute: Now in its 13th year, this unique national award is given annually to a woman law student with a demonstrated interest in health care law. Candidate must be nominated by a law school dean or professor. The deadline for nomination is **January 26, 2004**. Visit www.roscoepund.org for nomination criteria and entry forms. This year's award is \$3000.

Ed Edmondson Scholarship & Susan J. Ferrell Scholarship: These scholarships cover tuition and/or expenses for the Sovereignty Symposium XVI, June 2 & 3, 2004, at the Renaissance Hotel in Oklahoma City, OK. Applicants should demonstrate an interest in and dedication to Native American law issues and the need for scholarship. **Deadline: May 10, 2004.**

LatCrit Student Scholar Program. LatCrit, Inc., the Center for Social Justice at Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California-Berkeley, the Santa

Clara Center for Social Justice and Public Interest at Santa Clara University School of Law, and the Center for Hispanic & Caribbean Studies at the University of Miami School of Law present this program, which is designed to foster the intellectual and professional development of students in law-related academic programs who are interested in entering law teaching and who are pursuing intellectual agendas in race, ethnicity, and the law. LatCrit scholars will receive tuition to attend conferences and programs, among other benefits. Successful applicants must submit: (1) an application form; (2) a resume; (3) a personal statement (no longer than one single-spaced page) explaining how the Student Scholar Program will further the student's intellectual and professional agenda; and (4) a previously unpublished paper, no more than 10,000 words long, on any topic related to race, ethnicity, and the law. All application materials, including the paper, must be typed and may be submitted in either Spanish or English.

Deadline: January 20, 2004. More details available in the CSO.

Samuel J. Goldstein, Esquire, Scholarship Fund of The Pittsburgh Foundation. Created to benefit students attending law school in PA. Must be from Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Washington or Westmoreland counties; demonstrate financial need; show academic promise; be of the Jewish faith; maintain good grades, but need not be in the top 10% of the class academically; submit an essay discussing why you are deserving of this scholarship.

P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship Fund for Women. For women from countries other than the United States and Canada. Award of up to \$6,000/year. More information is online at www.peointernational.org.

Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund Scholarship Program for Law Students 2002/2003. The Scholarship Fund's purpose is to support PRLDEF in its efforts to ensure that talented Latino law students have the resources needed to pursue a career in public interest law by providing four \$1,500 awards to Latino students who demonstrate academic promise, involvement in the Latino community and financial need. All applicants must be 1L's, 2L's or 3L's. For more information and an application please check the scholarship file in the CSO.



National Directory of Scholarships, Internships, and Fellowships for Latino Youth is now available for review in the CSO

FELLOWSHIPS

California Senate Fellows 2004-2005. Become a California Senate staff member for 11 months beginning October 2004. Fellows receive a monthly stipend of \$1,182 plus health and dental benefits. After a five-week orientation, Fellows are assigned to the personal or committee staff of a Senator and serve as members of the professional cadre of legislative aides and committee consultants. Responsibilities include researching issues and helping develop legislative proposals, analyzing and staffing legislation, assisting with constituent inquiries and casework, meeting with numerous individuals and groups, writing press releases and speeches, and performing other delegated tasks. The filing deadline for applicants is **February 24, 2004**. Brochures and applications are available online at www.sen.ca.gov/ftp/sen/fellows/_home and www.csus.edu/calst/programs/senate_fellows.html. The application can be completed online and printed and signed.

University of Arkansas Distinguished Doctoral Fellowships provide an annual stipend of \$30,000 each and tuition paid by the University. Visit: www.uark.edu/grad.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Public Interest Fellowship Program (3D, 4E, 4PTD) will start in September 2004. Two-year fellowships will be offered at two legal aid programs. The designated hosts to sponsor fellows for September 2004 are Legal Aid of South Eastern Pennsylvania, which provides service to residents in four counties outside Philadelphia and North Penn Legal Services, which provides service for residents in twenty counties in Northeastern, PA. Both of these programs assist low income clients in meeting their legal needs. Compensation includes salary plus up to \$11,000 in loan repayment assistance for the two years. Interested applicants should send a cover letter and resume to: Pennsylvania Legal Services, 118 Locust Street, Harrisburg, PA 17101. Please see

www.palegalservices.org for more info or check the fellowships drawer in CSO.

Minority Fellowship in Environmental Law. New York State Bar Association's Environmental Law Section and Association of the Bar of the City of New York are seeking minority law students who are permanent New York state residents enrolled in a law school in another state. The successful applicant will receive a \$6000 stipend for ten weeks of summer employment with a governmental environmental agency. A resume, undergraduate transcript, law school transcript, essay, and recommendations are due before **December 15, 2003**. More information is available at CSO.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, E.P.A. Region III Honors Attorney Fellowship. The Philadelphia office seeks to fill the fellowship with a highly-qualified third year student (3D, 4E, 4PTD). This is a two year fellowship. Salary: \$48,748 - \$58,426. More details in the CSO. **Deadline: February 1, 2004.**

Loyola University, New Orleans School of Law invites applications for five legal research and writing fellow positions. The Loyola fellows program is designed for individuals pursuing a career in law teaching and seeking to gain law teaching experience, while being afforded time to devote to scholarly writing and publication. Applicants should have strong academic credentials, writing experience, and excellent written and oral communication skills. Fellows will be responsible for teaching legal reasoning, legal research, legal writing, and oral advocacy skills to first-year law students in two, two-hour classes each semester. Fellows will teach their own classes, but will have the benefit of working under the guidance of an experienced director in a program in which the director and fellows coordinate the content and pace of the courses. Fellows will also have a student teaching assistant to assist them with their courses. One-year contracts may be renewed. Salary for the 2004-2005 academic year is \$50,000. The Law School is located in New Orleans, which is one of the most culturally diverse cities in the United States, with its unique cuisine, numerous museums and historical sites, and flourishing arts community. New Orleans is also the seat of the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, the Louisiana Supreme Court, and the Louisiana Fourth Circuit Court of Appeal, as well as other lower courts. Interested applicants should send a cover letter and resume to Patrick R. Hugg, Chair, Faculty Appointments Committee, Loyola University, New

Orleans, School of Law, 7214 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70118. The Law School encourages applications from women and minorities.

The Municipal Art Society and the Ralph C. Menapace Fellowship in Urban Land Use Law.

New York City has been both the laboratory and battleground for innovations in land use regulation, including urban environmental controls, zoning, open space and historic preservation. Land use legislation drafted or refined through litigation in New York has provided the model for land use laws throughout the country. The Ralph C. Menapace Fellowship, sponsored by the Municipal Art Society, is a two-year Fellowship that gives recent law school graduates and beginning attorneys an opportunity to acquire first-hand experience in the legislative process, litigation, and advocacy before New York's regulatory bodies. It combines the intensive learning experience of a judicial clerkship with a greater opportunity for independent, creative work in finding solutions to new and persistent problems in urban life. The Fellowship is named in honor of Ralph C. Menapace, Jr. a distinguished lawyer and active civic leader who died in 1984. Mr. Menapace, a graduate of Yale Law School and a partner in the firm of Cahill Gordon & Reindel, championed the preservation of landmarks, the protection and enhancement of parks, and the creation of more sensitive zoning tools to guide new development. He was an invaluable resource for community groups, government agencies and civic organizations. The Municipal Art Society is a 105-year civic organization devoted to improving the physical environment in New York City. Its advocacy efforts over the years have led to the creation of the nation's first zoning ordinance, early air and noise quality controls, the first billboard legislation, New York's first tree planting program and the establishment of the New York City Planning Commission, Art Commission, and Landmarks Preservation Commission. Under Mr. Menapace's leadership, the Society played a key role in the legal action that saved Grand Central Terminal and led to the United States Supreme Court decision upholding the constitutionality of New York City's Landmarks Law.

Fellows have been involved with many land use advocacy efforts since the Fellowship's creation.

Litigation was brought in 1989 to halt the construction of a soaring tower in Columbus Circle that would have cast a shadow over Central Park. The Fellow worked with the Riverside South Corporation in the design of the large residential development currently taking shape along the Hudson River and the public park being constructed adjacent to it.

Recent projects have included support for the

state litigation to halt the destruction of community gardens in the City and a study of the New York City Board of Standards and Appeals. The Fellowship:

The Fellow's primary responsibilities will consist of legal advocacy projects related to urban land use issues with the guidance of the President, General Counsel and Law Committee. These projects may include litigation, amicus briefs, involvement with legislative initiatives, and testimony before local, state and federal administrative bodies. Most often, the Fellow will appear before the City Planning Commission, Landmarks Preservation Commission, Board of Standards and Appeals and the City Council. The Fellow will be expected to engage in significant legal writing for submission to courts, legislative and administrative bodies or for publication. The Fellow also serves as a legal resource for the Society's Issues staff on their advocacy work related to land use, zoning, historic preservation and environmental law. The Fellow will also be responsible for organizing law committee meetings, usually on a quarterly basis, and serving as the Society's contact person for committee members and the legal community at large. To this end the Fellow should remain an active member of the New York City legal community and attend law school and bar association programs that relate to the Society's work. This may include membership on relevant bar association committees. The law committee is composed of law professors, as well as attorneys in private practice, government and at nonprofits. The Society may decide to organize a Continuing Legal Education program each year. This program, or series, will focus on land use law issues. The Fellow works with the law committee to develop topics and works with speakers on their presentations. Occasionally, the Fellow may be called upon to provide counsel to the Society for its programs that relate to land-use, public art, preservation etc., including Adopt a Monument/Mural, the Planning Center of the Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance. The General Counsel, the President of the Society and the Executive Director oversee all projects and work of the Fellow. The Law Committee serves as a continuing resource for the Fellow on specific projects and through regular discussion at the quarterly meetings.

Lexis/Nexis and off-site law library access is provided. The Fellow is housed at the Society's offices in the historic Villard Houses at 457 Madison Avenue in Midtown Manhattan. Salary: \$40,000/year. Two year Fellowship.

The Michael F. Vaccaro Honors Attorney Fellowship is designed for recent law school graduates with excellent academic credentials and a strong

interest in environmental law and the public sector. The EPA's Region Three in Philadelphia seeks applicants for the Fellowship beginning in the Fall of 2004. Applications are due by **February 1, 2004**. More information is available at www.epa.gov/region3/vaccaro.htm.

Georgetown University Law Center currently offers 28 two-year fellowships leading to an LL.M. in Advocacy in diverse fields of law. The clinical teaching fellowships offer an annual stipend of \$37,828 and medical benefits, in addition to all tuition and fees in the LL.M. program. More information about the fellowships and how to apply is in the CSO.

U.S Department of Justice, Office of the Solicitor General, Bristow Fellowship. Fellowship applicants must be law school graduates with exceptional academic records. Fellows help draft briefs in opposition to certiorari petitions and prepare recommendations to the Solicitor General regarding authorization of government appeals in the lower courts. Fellows also assist staff lawyers in preparing petitions and briefs in Supreme Court cases, work on special projects, and assist the Solicitor General and other lawyers in the office in preparing oral arguments in the Supreme Court. Salary is at the GS-12 level. The following application materials are required: Applicant's letter containing a statement of the reasons for interest in participating in the Fellowship Program; resume; official law school transcript; three letters of recommendation from people familiar with the applicant's work abilities; a writing sample. Mail the materials to: Department of Justice, Office of the Solicitor General, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Room 3631, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001. Attention: Robert J. Faurot, Executive Director.

Independence Foundation Public Interest Law Fellowship Program. The fellowship funds the compensation of lawyers at public interest law organizations located in Philadelphia and surrounding counties. The Foundation is specifically interested in addressing the need for legal aid to the disadvantaged, including the elderly, the disabled, the homeless or those deprived of their civil or human rights. Each Fellowship will provide the Fellow an annual salary amount to \$37,500, plus the cost of health care benefits. If the student has education loans, the Fellowship will also assist with up to \$12,000/year. For a full written description of the program and application materials, write to: Independence Foundation, Offices at the Bellevue,

200 South Broad Street, Suite 1101, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

The Reginald F. Lewis Fellowship for Law Teaching & The Charles Hamilton Houston Fellowship for Law Teaching for 2004-2005. The Harvard Law School is offering two fellowships designed to bring to the school graduates interested in preparing for careers in law teaching. The fellowships are in the amount of \$25,000. More details on the programs are in the CSO. There is no application form, a detailed (three- to four-page) description of the research project that will be undertaken with a view to publication, a statement of the candidate's interest in teaching, and a statement of the fields in which the candidate expects to teach and pursue scholarship. Applicants should include a resume and undergraduate and law school transcripts. The applicant should arrange for two letters of recommendation to be sent, both commenting on the applicant's potential as a scholar and teacher. Send all materials to: Lewis/Houston Committee, Griswold 200, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA 02138. **Deadline: February 10, 2004.**

The National Center for Philanthropy and the Law (NCPL) is offering the following fellowships: (1) The Rockefeller Brothers Fund Fellowship in Nonprofit Law at the Vera Institute of Justice; and (2) the National Center on Philanthropy and the Law Fellowship in Nonprofit Law at New York University's Office of Legal Counsel. For information, an application for, and applying online, visit www.law.nyu.edu/ncpl. **Deadlines: December 5, 2003** (RBF) and **December 12, 2003** (NCPL).

Mid-Minnesota Legal Assistance invites third year students (3D, 4E, 4PTD) to apply for an EJW fellowship to work on addressing race discrimination in public schools. See www.equaljusticeworks.org for more information. For more information about MMLA please visit their website at: <http://www.mnlegalservices.org/mmla/index.shtml>. More information is also available in the CSO.

Bioethics Fellowship Opportunities at the Warren G. Magnuson Clinical Center, National Institutes of Health. The Department of Clinical Bioethics is committed to clinical teaching and research. Fellowships are two years in length and stipends are based on experience and other aspects of the department. Please visit the website for more information at www.bioethics.nih.gov. Deadline to apply **January 15, 2004.**

Pacific Legal Foundation, National Litigation Fellowship. Pacific Legal Foundation is a public interest legal foundation that litigates in support of limited government, private property rights, individual liberties, and the free enterprise system. More details and application forms are online at www.pacificlegal.org. Award: \$52,000 after Bar admission, \$40,000 pre-licensure.

Graduate Research Fellowship 2003 Program. The National Institute of Justice's Graduate Research Fellowship Program provides dissertation research support to outstanding doctoral students undertaking independent research on issues in crime and justice. Students from any academic discipline are encouraged to apply. NIJ encourages diversity in approaches and perspectives in its research programs. NIJ awards these fellowships in an effort to encourage doctoral students to contribute critical and innovative thinking to pressing justice problems. For more information and the application go to: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/new.htm#web>.

CSUS and the California Judicial Council Sponsor the Judicial Administration Fellowship Program: Fellows work as professional staff providing administrative support to the Chief Justice, the Judicial Council and trial courts throughout California. More information is online at www.csus.edu/calst.

McCleary Law Fellowships sponsored by the Human Rights Campaign (HRC), an organization dedicated to ending discrimination based on sexual orientation. More details online at www.hrc.org.

Philadelphia Legal Assistance (PLA) is interested in sponsoring eligible law students for fellowships including the **Skadden, Independence or Equal Justice Works** fellowships. For more information go to www.philalegal.org.



WRITING COMPETITIONS

American College of Trust and Estate Counsel Mary Moers Wenig 2004 Student Writing Competition. Trusts and Estates Writing Competition for Law Students. Any paper submitted that otherwise complies with the rules will be considered if it meets the following topical criteria: Student written scholarly works that address one or more legal issues in the area of trusts and estates and related taxation. **Deadline: The deadline for submissions is March 1, 2004.** Rules and entry forms are available at www.actec.org.

The Cleveland State Law Review is pleased to announce the 2004 Judge John M. Manos Writing Competition on Evidence for student written articles. A \$1,000 prize will be awarded to the winning entry and all entries will be considered for publication on the Cleveland State Law Review. Students may write on any evidentiary issue. More rules, entry form and information is available in the CSO. **Deadline: April 1, 2004.**

Paralyzed Veterans of America takes pleasure in announcing its first legal writing competition. The topic is: Should members of the Board of Veterans'

Appeals be required to qualify as administrative law judges? Separate student and professional prize categories have been established. Cash prizes and publication assistance are available for winning entries on both sides of the issue in each category. For more details, please visit www.pva.org. Entries are due **February 17, 2004.**

Tannenwald Writing Competition sponsored by the Theodore Tannenwald Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship and the American College of Tax Counsel is accepting submissions for the 2004 competition. Cash prizes will be awarded for the top three papers on any tax-related topic. The competition rules can be found at www.abanet.org/lsd/competitions/tannenwald.doc. Mail your papers to Tannenwald Foundation, Suite 200, 1275 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington DC, 20004, and attn: Melanie Moore. For more information contact Nancy Abramowitz at 202-274-4164 or at nambramo@wcl.american.edu. **Deadline for submitting papers is June 30, 2004.**

Roscoe Hogan Environmental Law Essay Contest Sponsored by the Roscoe Pound Institute: This year's topic is "Legally Protecting the American Wilderness from Anti-Environmental Governmental Politics". The prize is \$5000 plus an all expense paid trip to Boston to receive your reward. For more information and rules, please visit www.roscoepound.org. The Intent-to-Enter Form deadline is **February 9, 2004.** Essays must be submitted by March 29, 2004.

21st Annual Edward L. Dubroff Memorial Legal Writing Contest: The American Immigration Law Foundation sponsors a writing competition and ward in memory of long-time leader and scholar of the immigration bar, Edward L. Dubroff. Unpublished scholarly manuscripts, on any aspect of immigration and nationality law may be submitted for competition. The competition is limited to law school students. The winning author will receive an honorarium of \$1,000. Submission Requirements: (1) Manuscripts may be no longer than 50 pages, including endnotes. Brevity is encouraged, but not at the sacrifice of quality. (2) Submissions must be in both hard copy and electronic form. (3) Manuscript must be accompanied by a cover letter. (4) All identification language must be removed from the manuscript. More information can be accessed at www.aifl.org. Mail or email papers to: AILF, 918 F. Street, N.W. 6th Floor, Washington D.C. 20004 or info@aifl.org. Submissions Deadline is **March 8, 2004** at 5:00pm.

Chief Justice John B. Doolin Writing Competition. The subject matter of the paper may be on any area of the law relating to Native Americans or other indigenous peoples. First, second, and third prizes in the amounts of: %400, \$300, and \$200. www.oscn.net. **Deadline: March 15, 2004.**

The Pittsburgh Intellectual Property Law Association is sponsoring an Intellectual Property Writing Competition. Cash reward of \$1000 awarded for the best article submitted in accordance with the guidelines. The competition is open to all law students and the topics must be in the areas of intellectual property. For the application form, specifications and more information check the CSO. **Deadline February 27, 2004.**

Law Student Essay Contest. **Children and the Law. "Higginbotham Student Award for Excellence in an Essay"** Sponsored by: The ABA Steering Committee on the Unmet Legal Needs of Children. What? A student essay contest on the unmet legal needs of children. When? Submissions must be postmarked by **January 31, 2004**. Who? All members of the American Bar Association Law Student Division are eligible to participate. How? Submit an essay 5-7 double-spaced pages (not including footnotes or endnotes), with twelve-point font and one-inch margins. Prizes: 1st Place Winner will receive a travel subsidy to attend the ABA Annual Meeting where they will be honored at the Steering Committee's "Annual Children's Breakfast." The winning essay will be featured online on the Steering Committee's website and considered for publication in the "Children's Legal Rights Journal," published by Loyola University Chicago School of Law. 2nd and 3rd Place Winners will be recognized on the website and presented with certificates of accomplishment. Need more info? Complete rules and entry forms are available to download online at <http://www.abanet.org/unmet/studentessay.html>. Any further questions should be directed to the essay contest coordinator, Emily Dunbar, at emilyjdunbar@hotmail.com.

Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law Award. Candidates for the Award must show a demonstrated experience or interest in international human rights law and must submit an unpublished legal article/paper written in English or Spanish, written solely by the candidate. The Academy will grant two Awards, one for the best article in English and one for the best article in Spanish. The Award in each case will consist of: a scholarship to the 2004

summer program of the Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law; travel expenses to attend the Academy in Washington D.C.; and living expenses for the three-week Academy session. For the 2004 award, candidates must choose a subject pertaining to "*Criminal Responsibility of Individuals in International Law*." Participants will have the flexibility to choose any subject related to the topic assigned for this year's competition. Articles must be 25 to 30 pages in length, including footnotes, double spaced, and using 12-point Times New Roman font. Articles must be mailed to *American University, Washington College of Law, Academy on Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, 4801 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington D.C. 20016*, as well as sent via email to hracademy@wcl.american.edu in Microsoft Word format. Articles sent via fax will not be accepted. The deadline to submit articles is **February 13, 2004.**

2003/04 Entertainment Law Initiative (ELI) Scholarship writing competition. First Place: \$5,000; Second Place: \$1,500. Deadline: January 2, 2004. 3,000 word essay on a compelling legal issue facing the music industry. For complete contest rules, e-mail eli@grammy.com.

International Association of Defense Counsel 2004 Legal Writing Contest. The IADC 2004 Legal Writing Contest is open to students in law schools approved by the American Bar. Entrants are required to write on subjects in the fields of tort law, insurance law, civil procedure, evidence or other areas of the law of practical concern to lawyers engaged in the defense or management of the defense of civil litigation. The contest will be judged by a committee of the IADC. Monetary prizes of US\$2,000 for first place, US\$1,000 for second, and US\$500 for third will be awarded. Please see www.iadclaw.org for more information including rules, guidelines and entry forms. Deadline: **April 19, 2004.**

The James Baker Hughes Prize will be awarded to the best unpublished student manuscript on the subject of **international economic law**. Topic can be on all legal aspects of economic relations, from private business matters to international trade conflicts. \$500 cash reward and the winning submission will be posted in the *Houston Journal of International Law*. **Deadline March 5, 2003.**

First Annual Legal Affairs Writing Contest. Annoyed with overly technical, dry articles about law? Legal Affairs is inviting law students to submit fresh, crisp writing that that's accessible to general readers and lawyers alike. In 1,500 words make an argument about a significant topic in the law and

send it to: Legal Affairs, 254 Elm Street, New Haven, CT 06511. Top prize is \$2,000 and publication in the magazine. **Deadline: January 7, 2004.** More information is available at www.legalaffairs.org.

The American Bar Association Section of Business Law is sponsoring its 18th annual contest to encourage students to write on a business law subject of general and current interest. See Dean Kwisnek if interested. Prizes are \$2,500, \$1,000 and \$500 respectively. **Deadline: February 3, 2004.**

Alliance Defense Fund, Inc. 2004 7th Annual William Pew Religious Freedom Scholarship Writing Competition. The Alliance Defense Fund is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing strategic planning, training, and funding for religious freedom, sanctity of life, and family values in America. The year's competition topic is semi-open. Any scholarly written papers, notes, or articles of publishable quality that address one or more legal issues justifying a perspective consistent with religious liberty, the sanctity of life, and/or traditional values will be considered. Papers should not exceed 30 pages. First place prize: \$5,000. Second place: \$2,000. Third place: \$500. **Deadline: Postmarked no later than April 1, 2004.** For more information stop in the CSO office or check their website at <http://www.alliancedefensefund.org>.

Pacific Legal Foundation's Program for Judicial Awareness announces its fifth annual Student Writing Competition. First Prize: \$5,000. Up to two prizes of \$3,000 and \$1,500. Entrants are required to write on one of three topics, each concerning an issue of public policy with meaningful legal dimensions. This years topics address the impact on Taking Clause jurisprudence resulting from the Supreme Court's decision in *Lucas v. South Carolina Coastal Counsel*, 505 U.S. 1003 (1992); the role of international law in judicial interpretation of the United States Constitution; and the scope of the Commerce Clause in enforcement of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act. **Deadline: May 31, 2004.**

2003-2004 Louis Jackson National Student Writing Competition in Employment and Labor Law. Judges will consider papers on any topic relating to the law governing the workplace, such as employment law, labor law, employee benefits, or employment discrimination. One top honors award of \$3,000 and two \$1,000 awards will be presented to the top three entries. The top three entries will also be published in the *Chicago-Kent Law Review*. **Deadline January 19, 2004.** Students interested in applying should contact Carrie Coleman, American

Bar Association, 740 15th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 2005-1022. Phone: 202-662-8608 ext. 3004. or e-mail cccoleman@staff.abanet.org. Mail entries to: Louis Jackson Writing Competition, c/o Institute for Law and the Workplace, Chicago-Kent College of Law, Illinois Institute of Technology, 565 West Adams Street, Chicago, IL 60661-3691.

American College of Legal Medicine's 2004 Student Writing Competition in Bioethics. First prize: \$1,000. Second prize: \$500; Third Prize: \$250. Papers may deal with any aspect of bioethics, that is, with any ethical issues arising specifically within the health care arena in the 21st century. **Deadline: Monday, January 19, 2004.** Web: www.aclm.org.

American College of Legal Medicine's 2004 Student Writing Competition. The Letournea Award. First prize: \$1,000. Papers may deal with any aspect of legal medicine **Deadline: Monday, January 19, 2004.** Web: www.aclm.org.

6th Annual Health Law Writing Competition sponsored by Epstein, Becker and Green, P.C. The competition is designed to encourage the preparation of scholarly papers on current topics of interest relating to health law. Cash prizes will be awarded for the three best papers: First Prize \$4,000, Second \$2,000, and Third \$500. Additional information and an entry form can be found at www.ebglaw.com. **Deadline January 19, 2004**

The American Indian Law Review (AILR) is pleased to announce its annual writing competition. Papers will be accepted on any issue concerning American Indian Law. First Place: \$1,000; Second Place: \$500; Third Place: \$250. **Deadline: January 31, 2004.**

The Intellectual Property Law Section of the Pennsylvania Bar Association is sponsoring an Intellectual Property Writing Competition. Cash reward of \$800 for the first place and \$500 for the second place article. The competition is open to all Second and Third year law students and the topics must be in the areas of patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets or trade dress. There is no limit as to length. For the application form and more information please check the CSO. **Deadline January 16, 2004.**

Transnational Law and Contemporary Problems, a University of Iowa College of Law Journal is pleased to announce the **2004 Dorothy Schramm World Affairs Student Writing Competition** and the **2004**

Trandafir International Business Writing Competition. For the Shramm Competition, manuscripts may address any contemporary transnational legal concern. For the Trandafir Competition, manuscripts may address any topic of contemporary international business or economic concern. Submissions for either competition must be received by **February 1, 2004**. More detailed information of both competitions is available in the CSO.

