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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(January & February 2004)

JANUARY

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14

11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M., **Labor & Employment Law Journal**, Meeting, Room 242

5:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M., **Admissions Open House**, Leeds Morelli & Brown Atrium

MONDAY, JANUARY 19

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
School Closed

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

1:00 P.M., **Hofstra Law Women**, Meeting, Room 242

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

5:30 P.M. – 7:30 P.M., **Hofstra Law Women**, Networking Event with Nassau County Women's Bar Association, Leeds Morelli & Brown Atrium

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

10:00 A.M., **BAR/BRI B.E.A.T. Program Begins**, Room 308

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9

1:00 P.M., **OCS**, Judicial Internships/Externships Information Session, Room 206

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:00 A.M. – 9:30 A.M., **Hofstra Law Women & O.W.L.S.**, Career Panel Breakfast, Leeds Morelli & Brown Atrium

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

President's Day
School Closed

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M., **Hofstra Law Women & Law Students for Choice**, Panel Discussion on the Repercussions of the Passage of the Partial Birth Abortion Bill, Room 308

11:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M., **PMBR Bar Review Session**, Room 230 (Two sessions will follow on March 10 & April 14.)

5:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M., **Admissions Open House**, Leeds Morelli & Brown Atrium

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Monday Schedule in effect

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

10:00 A.M., **BAR/BRI B.E.A.T. Program**, Room 308

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 29

10:00 A.M., **BAR/BRI B.E.A.T. Program**, Room 308

FINANCIAL AID

1. The 100 Black Men of Long Island Scholarship is being offered to those candidates who qualify. Applicants must be currently second or third year black students who are current residents of either Nassau or Suffolk County. For more information and an application, please come to the Financial Aid office, Room 250. All applications must be submitted by **January 30, 2004.**

2. The Bronx County Bar Association is awarding two scholarships, the Alexander A. DelleCese Memorial Scholarship and the Craig Lensch Memorial Scholarship, in the amount of \$2,000 each. These scholarships are available to 1L's and 2L's or 3L's graduating in May 2004 who live in Bronx County. Completed applications must be received by the Bronx County Bar Association no later than **February 20, 2004**. For further information and an application, please come to the Financial Aid office, Room 250.

3. The Women Lawyers' Caucus of Mercer County (WLCMC) is inviting law students to apply for the Ruth Rabstein Scholarship to be awarded to an eligible Mercer County woman for the 2004-2005 academic year. The \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded to a woman with ties to Mercer County, New Jersey, on the basis of financial need, academic achievement and community service, among other factors. All applications must be returned to WLCMC by **March 26, 2004**. For more information and an application, please come to the Financial Aid office, Room 250.

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC RECORDS

2L, 3L and LL.M.

The Add/Drop period ends on Tuesday, January 27, 2004. Please review the open and closed class lists BEFORE making course changes online. The list has been posted to the email listserv for the Class of 2004 and the Class of 2005.

3L, December 2004 graduates

Please make an appointment with Mrs. Fair in the Office of Academic Records for your graduation audit. The audit includes the review of your academic history, filing of the handwriting sample for the New York State bar examination, diploma application and alumni form. The audit should be completed before the registration for Summer 2004 courses.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Hofstra University regulations require that the accurate mailing address and telephone number be recorded on each student record. All official University information, including semester bills, are sent to the mailing address only. Please review your personal information online by Wednesday, January 21, 2004.

If your mailing address and/or telephone number is incorrect, please come to the Office of Academic Records, Room 114, to file a change of address/telephone number form. Mailing address/telephone changes cannot be made online.

If your local address and/or telephone number is incorrect, you can make the appropriate changes online.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

RECEPTION FOR TWO NEW BANKRUPTCY JUDGES

There will be a reception in the honor of Judge Robert Drain, Southern District of New York and Judge Elizabeth Stong, Eastern District of New York. The reception will be held on Tuesday, January 27, 6 p.m. at the New York County Lawyers Association (NYCLA), 14 Vesey Street (between Broadway and Church Street), 2nd Floor Lounge. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Bruce Weiner, Esq., Chair, NYCLA Business Bankruptcy Committee, 718-855-6840, or to John T. McManus, Esq., Chair, NYCLA Consumer Bankruptcy Committee, 718-260-4719.

JUSTICE RUTH BADER GINSBURG DISTINGUISHED LECTURE ON WOMEN AND THE LAW

"My Plaintiff, My Heroes" will be delivered by Roxanne Conlin, the first woman president of the American Trial Lawyers Association on Thursday, January 29 at 7:30 p.m. The lecture will take place at the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, 42 West 44th Street (between 5th and 6th Avenues), NY, NY.

The lecture will be preceded at 5 p.m. by a panel and a buffet reception. For more information, please email lecture@abcny.org.

LAW STUDENTS PERSPECTIVES COMMITTEE

"The Art of Schmoozing"

Wednesday, February 18, 6:30 p.m., Association of the Bar of the City of New York, 42 West 44th Street (between 5th and 6th Avenues), NY, NY

Practicing attorneys and others will give law students tips on how to network, including tips on how to make professional contacts, how to find out about potential career opportunities, and how to present oneself while networking. A reception will follow, where law students can practice their networking skills. Refreshments will be served.

17th ANNUAL ROBERT M. COVER PUBLIC INTEREST RETREAT

"Confronting Challenges: Making Public Interest Work"

February 27-29, 2004, the Sargent Center (Boston University's Alumni Camp) near Peterborough, New Hampshire

The retreat will bring together 150 public interest law students, practitioners and professors to discuss issues such as sustaining motivation, the financial decisions faced when choosing public interest law, LRAPs and

post-graduate fellowships. Please visit www.coverretreat.org for more information.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

BAR PREPARATION PROGRAMS

Attention all 3Ls and LL.M. students: You have received a memo in your mailbox and via email detailing the Bar exam review programs being offered this Spring – including the B.E.A.T. program with Bar/Bri, multistate bar exam review sessions with PMBR, and the New York bar tutorial with Len Lakin of Bar/Bri. Please read this memo carefully, and let us know if you have any questions about any of the programs being offered. We hope that all of you will take advantage of these valuable programs.

QUEENS COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION MENTOR COMMITTEE

The Queens County Bar Association Mentor Committee is offering a special opportunity to law students and newly admitted attorneys. Join a seasoned attorney for one day in his/her daily legal activities (law firm and/or court). This is a unique learning opportunity, the chance to meet and associate with legal experts and the opportunity to start to network in today's legal field. Eligibility for this program requires membership in the Queens County Bar Association. The rate for law students is \$10 for the year. To participate in this program please call (718) 291-4500.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Western Suffolk BOCES is looking for more than 30 volunteers to act as judges in mock trials. Middle school children from more than 20 local school districts will be participating in a mock trial competition on March 26 at NYIT's Central Islip campus. The trials should last approximately 1½ hours in either the morning or afternoon session. If you are interested in participating, please call Melissa Walter at (631) 242-1201.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

HOFSTRA LAW WOMEN & O.W.L.S.

Please join Hofstra Law Women & O.W.L.S. for a career panel breakfast on February 12 from 8 – 9:30 a.m. There will be a discussion by practicing attorneys about finding the balance between work and family.

SYMPOSIA & CONFERENCES

SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE LECTURE

Hofstra University School of Law is pleased to announce the 2004 Scholar-in-Residence lecture. "Representing Justice: From Renaissance Iconography to 21st Century Courthouses" will be delivered by Judith Resnik, Arthur Liman Professor of Law at Yale Law School, on Wednesday, January 21, 2004 at 11:10 am in the Siben & Siben Moot Courtroom.

WRITING COMPETITIONS AND FELLOWSHIPS

(See the Bulletin Board next to the Leeds Morelli & Brown Atrium or stop by the Office of Student Affairs, Room 244, for further information.)

Business Law

Sponsor/Title: ABA Section of Business Law presents the Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest 2003-2004 Academic Year

Topic: Business Law

Award: \$2,500 to the first place winner to be presented at the ABA's Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA. All expenses will be paid to attend the meeting to collect his/her prize. \$1,000 will be awarded to the second place winner. \$500 will be awarded to the third place winner. Deadline: **February 3, 2004**

For 3Ls only:

Sponsor/Title: The American Business Law Journal Student Writing Contest

Topic: Business law

Award: The winner will receive a Writing Competition Winner Certificate, an offer to publish the paper in the *American Business Law Journal* and \$1,000.

Dispute Resolution

Sponsor/Title: The James Boskey Dispute Resolution Essay Competition

Topic: Dispute Resolution

Award: The first prize of \$1,000 will be awarded in each of the two categories: law student category and the master/doctoral category.

Deadline: **June 1, 2004**

Environmental Law

Sponsor/Title: 2004 Roscoe Hogan Environmental Law Essay Contest

Topic: Legally protecting the American wilderness from anti-environmental government policies

Award: \$5,000 plus and all-expenses paid trip to Boston to receive his/her award in person at the annual Pound Fellows Dinner (during the Annual Convention of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America) on Sunday, July 4, 2004.

Deadline: **February 9, 2004**

Family Law

Sponsor/Title: 2004 Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest

Topic: Family Law

Award: First place, \$1,500; second place, \$1,000; third place, \$500

Deadline: **April 2, 2004**

General

Sponsor/Title: Paralyzed Veterans of America announce its First Legal Writing Competition

Topic: Entries should address the question: *Should members of the Board of Veterans' Appeals be required to qualify as administrative law judges?*

Award: First place, \$1,000

Deadline: **February 17, 2004**

Sponsor/Title: International Association of Defense Counsel, 2004 Legal Writing Contest

Topic: Any subject of practical concern to lawyers engaged in the defense or management of the defense of civil litigation, such as, relevant aspects of tort law, insurance law, civil procedure, evidence, damages, alternative dispute resolution procedures, and professional ethics

Award: First place, \$2,000; second place, \$1,000; third place, \$500

Deadline: **April 19, 2004**

Sponsor/Title: Program for Judicial Awareness Writing Contest

Topic: Contemporary topics dealing with law and law policy

Award: First place, \$5,000; second place, \$3,000; third place, \$1,500

Deadline: **May 31, 2004**

Health Law

Sponsor/Title: Epstein Becker & Green, P.C. announces its Sixth Annual Health Law Writing Competition

Topic: Health Law

Award: First place, \$4,000; second place, \$2,000; third place, \$500

Deadline: **January 19, 2004**

International Law

Sponsor/Title: 2004 Trandafir International Business Writing Competition

Topic: Contemporary international business or economic concern

Award: Publication in *Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems* and a cash prize

Deadline: **February 1, 2004**

Sponsor/Title: 2004 Dorothy Schramm World Affairs Student Writing Competition

Topic: Contemporary transnational legal concern

Award: Publication in *Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems* and cash prize (if funds become available).

Deadline: **February 1, 2004**

Sponsor/Title: 21st Annual Edward L. Dubroff Memorial Legal Writing Contest

Topic: Immigration Law

Award: The winning author will receive \$1,000.

Deadline: **March 8, 2004**

Labor Law

Sponsor/Title: 2003-2004 Louis Jackson National Student Writing Competition in Employment and Labor Law

Topic: Any topic relating to the law governing the workplace, such as employment law, labor law, employee benefits, or employment discrimination.

Award: One top honors award of \$3,000 and two \$1,000 awards will be presented. In addition to the cash awards, the top three entries will be published in the *Chicago-Kent Law Review*.

Deadline: **January 19, 2004**

Law Medicine

Sponsor/Title: The American College of Legal Medicine's 2004 Student Writing Competition in Bioethics

Topic: Any ethical issue arising specifically within the health care arena in the 21st century

Award: First place, \$1,000; second place, \$500; third place, \$250

Deadline: **January 19, 2004**

Sponsor/Title: The American College of Legal Medicine's 2004 Student Writing Competition

Topic: Any aspect of Legal Medicine

Award: \$1,000

Deadline: **January 19, 2004**

Legal Ethics

Sponsor/Title: 2004 NYS Bar Association Legal Ethics Award

Topic: A proposal outlining how members of the Bar can demonstrate their commitment to legal ethics; a written article, essay or other exposition, on the subject of legal ethics; or a substantial action or activity in furtherance of legal ethics, performed or instituted in the year of this competition.

Award: \$750; The Committee on Legal Education & Admission to the Bar will review all written expositions with a view toward selecting one to submit for publication in the *New York State Bar Journal*.

Deadline: **May 1, 2004**

Race and the Law

Sponsor/Title: The Second Annual LatCrit Student Scholar Program

Topic: Latino/a issues in the North American Northeast
Award: Student Scholars will be sent to the annual LatCrit conference, to be held April 29 – May 1, 2004 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at Villanova Law School. The student's paper will be published in a symposium issue devoted to the annual LatCrit conference. Student Scholars will also receive a full scholarship to the Critical Global Classroom, a summer program jointly sponsored by the University of Baltimore and LatCrit, Inc. to be held in Chile and Argentina in the summer of 2004.
Deadline: **January 20, 2004**

Tax Law

Sponsor/Title: The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel Mary Moers Wenig 2004 Student Writing Competition
Topic: Trusts and Estates
Award: First place, \$5,000; second place, \$3,000; third place, \$1,000
Deadline: **March 1, 2004**

Sponsor/Title: 2004 Tannenwald Writing Competition
Topic: Any topic in the field of taxation
Award: First place, \$3,000; second place, \$2,000; third place, \$1,000
Deadline: **June 30, 2004**

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