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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(November & December 2006)

Note: The calendar of events is available on the web.

Go to www.hofstra.edu/law/events.

NOVEMBER

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

All Day, **Black Law Students Association (BLSA)**,
Coat Drive, Boxes in front of Law Library & Club Room

All Day, **Black Law Students Association (BLSA)**,
Thanksgiving Drive, Boxes in Student Lounge (through
November 17) (See page 5 for details.)

8-9 a.m., **Mandatory Exam Software Training Session
for 3Ls, 4Ls and LL.M. Students**, Room 308

12 p.m., **Asian-Pacific American Law Students
Association (APALSA)**, Meeting, Room 238

12 p.m., **Democratic Law Society**, Meeting, Room 230

12 p.m., **Latino Law Students Association (LaLSA)**,
Meeting, Room 242

12-1 p.m., **Mandatory Exam Software Training
Session for 3Ls, 4Ls and LL.M. Students**, Room 308

12 p.m., **Office of Student Affairs**, Summer Study
Abroad Information Session, Room 206 (See page 5 for
details.)

12 p.m., **Phi Alpha Delta (PAD)**, Meeting/1L Elections,
Room 205

12 p.m., **Student Bar Association (SBA)**, Social
Committee Meeting, Room 243

3-6 p.m., **Hofstra Law Clinic**, Open House and
Registration Meeting, Law Clinic, Joan Axinn Hall

5 p.m., **Asian-Pacific American Law Students
Association (APALSA)**, Meeting, Room 206

5 p.m., **Black Law Students Association (BLSA)**,
Meeting, Room 205

5-6 p.m., **Mandatory Exam Software Training Session
for 3Ls, 4Ls and LL.M. Students**, Room 308

5 p.m., **Offices of Academic Support & Student
Affairs**, Law School in Perspective: Strategies for
Maintaining Balance While Studying, Preparing for
Exams, and Having a Life, Room 238

5 p.m., **Older and Wiser Law Students (OWLS)**,
Meeting, Room 227

5 p.m., **Sports & Entertainment Law Society**, Evening
Students Meeting, Room 230

5 p.m., **Student Bar Association (SBA)**, Meeting, Room
243

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

9-10 p.m., **Mandatory Exam Software Training
Session for 3Ls, 4Ls and LL.M. Students**, Room 308

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

10 a.m.-6 p.m., **Law Students for Choice**, Information Table on Gonzalez v. Planned Parenthood, Student Lounge

11 a.m.-12 p.m., **Mandatory Exam Software Training Session for 1Ls**, Room 238

11 a.m., **Public Justice Foundation (PJF)**, Meeting, Room 242

11:10 a.m.-1 p.m., **Office of Academic Support**, Bar Exam Preparation Information Session, Room 308 (See page 4 for details.)

12 p.m., **Amnesty International**, Meeting, Room 227

12 p.m., **Hofstra Law Women (HLW)**, Guest Faculty Speaker, Room 205

12-1 p.m., **Mandatory Exam Software Training Session for 1Ls**, Room 308

5 p.m., **Criminal Law Society**, Story-time with Professors Burke, Capers, and McCloskey, Room 206

5-8 p.m., **Family Court Review**, Meeting, Room 205

7-9:30 p.m., **ATLA**, Trial Competition, Breslin Hall, Room 014

7-9 p.m., **Latino Law Students Association (LaLSA)**, Panel: *How to Make it to In-House Counsel*, Leeds Morelli & Brown Atrium

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

9 a.m.-1 p.m., **Asian-Pacific American Law Students Association (APALSA)**, Waffle Sale, Leeds Morelli & Brown Atrium

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

11 a.m.-3 p.m., **Black Law Students Association (BLSA)**, Exam Retreat, Room 230 (See page 5 for details.)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

All Day, **Student Bar Association (SBA)**, Donation Drive for the Troops, Boxes in Student Lounge, Leeds Morelli & Brown Atrium, and in front of Law Library (through November 17) (See page 5 for details.)

10 a.m.-6 p.m., **Public Justice Foundation (PJF)**, Poker Tournament Sign-Up Table, Student Lounge (through November 16.)

12-1 p.m., **Mandatory Exam Software Training Session for 2Ls**, Room 308

5-7 p.m., **Black Law Students Association (BLSA) & Criminal Law Society**, Hurricane Katrina: The Disaster Continues, Room 242 (See page 5 for details.)

5-7 p.m., **Office of Career Services (OCS)**, Transactional Law Roundtable, Leeds Morelli & Brown Atrium (See page 5 for details.)

5 p.m., **Part-Time Students Organization**, Meeting, Room 206

5 p.m., **Pizza With the Dean**, Room 308 (See page 4 for details.)

5 p.m., **Student Bar Association (SBA)**, Meeting, Room 243

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

9 a.m.-5 p.m., **Hofstra Law Women (HLW)**, Bake Sale, Student Lounge

5 p.m., **Academic Support Program**, Exam Preparation Presentation by Professor DiFonzo, Room 308 (See page 4 for details.)

9-10 p.m., **Mandatory Exam Software Training Session for 1Ls & 2Ls**, Room 308

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

8 a.m.-3 p.m., **Phi Alpha Delta (PAD)**, Bake Sale, Student Lounge

11 a.m.-12 p.m., **Mandatory Exam Software Training Session for 2L, 3L, 4L and LL.M. Students**, Room 308

12 p.m., **American Constitution Society**, Voting Rights Meeting, Room 206

12 p.m., **LGBT Program**, Speaker Series: Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Leeds Morelli & Brown Atrium (See page 5 for details.)

12-1 p.m., **Mandatory Exam Software Training Session for 2L, 3L, 4L and LL.M. Students**, Room 308

5-6 p.m., **Mandatory Exam Software Training Session for 2L, 3L, 4L and LL.M. Students**, Room 308

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

5-10 p.m., **Public Justice Foundation (PJF)**, Poker Tournament, Leeds Morelli & Brown Atrium (See page 5 for details.)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

12 p.m., **Irish Law Society**, Meeting, Room 242

12 p.m., **People Representing Issues of Sexual Minorities (PRISM)**, Meeting, Room 227

12 p.m., **Student Bar Association (SBA)**, Alternative Energies Panel, Room 308

5 p.m., **Hofstra Law Clinic**, Storytelling, Leeds Morelli & Brown Atrium

5 p.m., **Hofstra Law Women (HLW)**, 1L Focus: Finals Survival, Room 205

5 p.m., **Real Estate Association**, Meeting, Room 242

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

No Classes After 6 p.m.

11 a.m., **Phi Alpha Delta (PAD)**, E-Board Meeting, Room 301

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23 and FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

School Closed, No Classes

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

5 p.m., **Student Bar Association (SBA)**, Meeting, Room 243

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

6-9 p.m., **Black Law Students Association (BLSA)**, Alumni Interview Workshop, Breslin Hall, Rooms 026 and 112

DECEMBER

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

9 a.m.-5 p.m., **Hofstra Law Women (HLW)**, Study Break Fundraiser, Student Lounge

12 p.m., **Latino Law Students Association (LaLSA)**, Meeting, Room 243

5 p.m., **Student Bar Association (SBA)**, Meeting, Room 242

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Friday Schedule in Effect

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

11 a.m.-1 p.m., **Student Bar Association (SBA)**, Bagels & Coffee served by your SBA Executive Board, Leeds Morelli & Brown Atrium

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

Last Day of Classes

8-10 p.m., **Office of Student Affairs**, Night Owl Breakfast, Leeds Morelli & Brown

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

Reading Day

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11 THROUGH THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

Exams

DEANE LAW LIBRARY

The 21st Century Library returns with a series of new workshops for the Fall 2006 semester. All workshops are held in the lower level computer lab.

1. **Corporate Finance & Securities Research Online**
Tuesday, November 7, 11:10 a.m.-12 p.m.
Thursday, November 9, 5:10-6 p.m.

Whether you're headed for a firm, corporation, government agency, or legal services, you can't proceed – or succeed – without crucial corporate information about your client or opposing party. This workshop will cover the basics on finding financial assets, securities filings, business news and other online resources for corporate financial information.

2. **Customizing Firefox**
Monday, November 13, 5:10-6 p.m.
Tuesday, November 14, 11:10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Why use Firefox, the Internet browser from Mozilla? There are many reasons, some of which are tabbed browsing, built in searching and enhanced security. However, one of its nicest features is that you can customize Firefox's appearance and enhance its capabilities to suit you needs. This library workshop will cover how to get the most out of Firefox from using its built-in features to finding and installing the best enhancements.

OFFICE OF ACADEMIC RECORDS

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Hofstra University regulations require that an accurate mailing address and telephone number be recorded on each student record. All official University information, including semester bills, are sent to your mailing address only. If your mailing address and/or telephone number is incorrect, please go 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 ACADEMIC SUPPORT

BAR EXAM PREPARATION INFORMATION SESSION

Wednesday, November 8, 11:10 a.m.-1 p.m., Room 308

All students scheduled to graduate in May 2007 are strongly encouraged to come hear about the Bar exam preparation resources that are available at Hofstra. You will get information about *Perspectives on Legal Analysis and Writing*, a four-credit Bar exam preparation course that will be offered during the spring 2007 semester, and will hear about Bar exam preparation programs planned for next semester. We will also provide information about important dates, events, and resources relating to the July 2007 Bar exam. Refreshments will be provided.

EXAM PREPARATION WORKSHOP

Tuesday, November 14, 5 p.m., Room 308

Don't miss this workshop in which Professor J. Herbie DiFonzo and several 2L and 3L students will discuss effective approaches to preparing for and taking final exams.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

TRANSACTIONAL LAW ROUNDTABLE

Monday, November 13, 5 p.m., Atrium

"I don't want to go to court. I want to do transactional work." But do you really know what that entails? Join us as practitioners in the field of transactional law, including securities, corporate, real estate, and commercial fields of practice will be available to describe what transactional work really is, discuss their careers, helpful classes and internships, and answer any questions you may have about the practice.

LAW STUDENT PUBLIC INTEREST FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Charles H. Revson Foundation is offering the Law Student Public Interest (LSPIN) Fellowship Program for the summer of 2007. The LSPIN Fellowship Program will provide summer grants for first and second year law students attending law school in New York and New Jersey to work with public interest organizations in the New York metropolitan area for ten weeks during the summer. Fellows will receive \$4,000. Applications must be received by Tamara Stephen, the Director of Public Sector Career Planning, in the Office of Career Services by 3 p.m. on November 16, 2006. Students do not need to have a summer position at the time that they apply, but they should begin researching for an appropriate placement in November. The announcement memorandum and application form (in PDF format) are

available at

http://www.lay.nyu.edu/depts/publicinterest/summer/announcement_memo.pdf.

Copies of the memorandum, application, and a list of Hofstra Law School's recent LSPIN recipients are also available at the Office of Career Services.

OFFICE OF INFORMATION SYSTEMS

There will be mandatory training sessions for the exam software on the dates listed below. All law students are required to attend ONE of these training sessions. Attendance will be taken. Students who do not show up to a mandatory training class will NOT be allowed to take their exams on computer. At these training sessions, we will show you how to download, install, and activate the exam software, whether Apple or Windows. Students will also run and upload a required practice exam which will show them how to use the exam software in a test environment. We will also review various exam procedures that students need to know for their computer exams.

1Ls: November 8, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Room 238
November 8, 12-1 p.m., Room 238
November 14, 9-10 p.m., Room 308

2Ls: November 13, 12-1 p.m., Room 308
November 14, 9-10 p.m., Room 308
November 15, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Rm. 308
November 15, 12-1 p.m., Room 308
November 15, 5-6 p.m., Room 308

3L, 4L, LL.M.: November 6, 8-9 a.m., Room 308
November 6, 12-1 p.m., Room 308
November 6, 5-6 p.m., Room 308
November 7, 9-10 p.m., Room 308
November 15, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Rm. 308
November 15, 12-1 p.m., Room 308
November 15, 5-6 p.m., Room 308

OFFICE OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

PIZZA WITH THE DEAN

The next Pizza with the Dean is scheduled for November 13 at 5 p.m. in Room 308.

These gatherings are opportunities to hear from Dean Twerski, and to share your thoughts and views. You are encouraged to attend, ask questions, or just listen. We hope to see you there!

SUMMER STUDY ABROAD INFORMATION SESSION

Join the Office of Student Affairs on Monday, November 6 at noon in Room 206 to learn more about our summer study abroad programs in Sydney, Australia, Nice, France and Sorrento, Italy. Pizza will be served!

LGBT PROGRAM SPEAKER SERIES: DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL

Wednesday, November 15, 12 p.m., Atrium

This program will feature Denny Meyer, President of the New York Chapter of American Veterans for Equal Rights, and Rhonda Davis, Navy veteran recently discharged under the Don't Ask, Don't Tell policy.

CASTNET VIDEO SCREEN

The Castnet video screens located in the law school have been adapted to display information about events occurring at the Law School, upcoming deadlines and other important information. If you wish to have a particular event displayed, please email a short description of your event to lawstudentaffairs@hofstra.edu. Please include 'Castnet Video Screen' in the heading of your email. You may now also include your event information on an Event Scheduling form.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (BLSA)

BLSA will host an Exam Retreat on Saturday, November 11 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. in Room 230. This event is open to all students who want to practice exam writing skills in a mock exam setting. All interested students should contact BLSA at blsa@hofstra.edu.

Please support BLSA's Thanksgiving Drive by donating any boxed or canned, non-perishable food and supplies such as scotch tape, cellophane wrap and empty baskets. A donation box will be located in the Student Lounge from November 6 through November 17. Our goal is to provide 20 or more less fortunate families with baskets filled with food for Thanksgiving dinner. No donation is too small! For additional donations, suggestions, or interest in participating, please contact Shari DaCosta at sdacos1@pride.hofstra.edu.

BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (BLSA) AND CRIMINAL LAW SOCIETY

Hurricane Katrina: The Disaster Continues
Monday, November 13, 5-7 p.m., Room 242

Come here professors and students who have studied and worked in New Orleans discuss the legal issues that continue to affect Louisiana residents.

PUBLIC JUSTICE FOUNDATION (PJF)

The Public Justice Foundation will be holding its first ever Poker Tournament on Thursday, November 16 at 5 p.m. in the Leeds Morelli & Brown Atrium. There will be a \$10 buy-in, with some exciting prizes. Sign-ups will start on November 13 in the Student Lounge.

STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION (SBA)

Between November 13 and November 17, please support the troops by dropping off items in boxes located in the Student Lounge, Leeds Morelli & Brown Atrium, and in front of the Law Library. These items will be put in care packages and sent overseas for the holidays.

SYMPOSIA, CONFERENCES, SPECIAL EVENTS

ATHGO INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

November 15-17, 2006, Los Angeles, CA

This Symposium will convene at the UCLA Anderson School of Management and will involve up to 200 students and young professionals from around the world. The three day symposium is set to introduce young individuals, first, the importance of promoting and establishing Intellectual Property Rights (IPS) in general, and second, the challenges associated with preserving and expanding the Rights in the process of Development. The analysis will also include the effects of IPS in proliferating Small Business Enterprises in the prism of the United National Millennium Development Goal 8. Last, the symposium will culminate all the discussions and presentation into a strategic summary resolution, which will be forwarded to the UN Economic and Social Council as well as all of the UN Permanent Missions. A discounted registration fee of \$95 is available for Hofstra Law students through November 8, 2006. The regular registration fee is \$175 per participant. The registration deadline is set for November 8, 2006. Please visit www.athgo.org for further information.

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.)

ABA Law Student Division Competitions

Would you like to hone your critical thinking and legal skills? The American Bar Association Law Student Division Competitions Program is the perfect vehicle to do just that! By participating in one or more of the ABA Law Student Division four competitions, law students have the opportunity to participate in intra-school

competitions to determine who will win the right and honor of representing their school at the regional competitions. The ABA Law Student Division is now accepting entry forms for the following competitions:

- National Appellate Advocacy Competition (Deadline: November 10)

Details about the competitions, as well as online entry forms and a PDF of the Competition Poster, can be found on the Competition's website at <http://www.abanet.org/lsd/competitions>

Constitutional Law

Sponsor/Title: The American College of Trial Lawyers Essay Contest

Topic: Judicial Independence and the Separation of Powers Doctrine

Award: The first place winner will receive \$10,000. The second place winner will receive \$5,000.

Deadline: **March 1, 2007**

Criminal Justice

Sponsor/Title: 2007 William W. Greenhalgh Student Writing Competition

Topic: Essays should address any important pending legal controversy implicating or with the potential to impact upon American criminal constitutional procedures.

Award: The winner receives a \$2,000 cash prize plus a one-year Criminal Justice Section membership and free airfare and accommodations to attend a Section function at the ABA's Annual Meeting in San Francisco in August 2007. At the discretion of the editorial board, the winning entry may be selected for publication in *Criminal Justice* magazine, subject to editing. In addition, the winner's law school will receive a plaque from the ABA's Criminal Justice Section. All entrants receive one year's free membership in the Criminal Justice Section.

Deadline: **April 11, 2007**

Entertainment Law

Sponsor/Title: The Grammy Foundation announces the 2007 Legal Writing Contest.

Topic: All essays should be based on a compelling legal issue facing the music industry.

Award: The first place winner will receive \$5,000. Four second place winners will receive \$1,500. All winners will also receive one Grammy Awards show ticket, a round-trip ticket to the Grammy Awards, hotel accommodations, and a ticket to the MusiCares Person of the Year dinner.

Deadline: **January 5, 2007**

General

Sponsor/Title: National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws William J. Pierce Writing Contest

Topic: Any article, note, or comment that addresses a uniform or model act, or an issue arising from a uniform or model act promulgated by NCCUSL may be eligible.

Award: The winning article, note, or comment will receive a prize of \$500 and will be eligible for publication in the NCCUSL quarterly newsletter, *Uniform Activities*. Other exceptional articles will also be considered for publication in the newsletter.

Deadline: **December 31, 2006**

Sponsor/Title: 24th Annual Smith-Babcock-Williams Student Writing Competition

Topic: Entries should demonstrate original thought on a question of significance in either planning or areas of law germane to planning (e.g., land use, local government or environmental law)

Award: The winning entry will be awarded a prize of \$2,500 and will be submitted for publication in *The Urban Lawyer*, the law journal of the American Bar Association's Section of State & Local Government Law. In addition, the competition will offer a second place prize of \$1,000 and up to two Honorable Mentions of \$250.

Deadline: **June 8, 2007**

Immigration and Nationality Law

Sponsor/Title: 24th Annual Edward L. Dubroff Memorial Legal Writing Contest

Topic: Immigration and Nationality Law

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

Deadline: **March 12, 2007**

Intellectual Property Law

Sponsor/Title: The Intellectual Property Law Section of the NY State Bar Association presents the Eighth Annual Law Student Writing Competition

Topic: Intellectual Property Law

Award: The winning paper will receive a cash prize of \$2,000 to be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Intellectual Property Law Section on January 23, 2007 in New York, NY. The second place paper will receive a cash prize of \$1,000. Winning papers may be published in the Section's publication *Bright Ideas*. Reasonable expenses will be reimbursed to the author of the winning paper for attendance at the Annual Meeting to receive the Award.

Deadline: **November 6, 2006**

Securities Law

Sponsor/Title: The Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc. (ASECA) presents the Securities Law Writing Competition 2006.

Topic: Any subject in the field of Securities Law.

Award: The first place award winner will be invited to attend ASECA's annual dinner in Washington, D.C. on February 9, 2007. The winner's travel and lodging will be reimbursed by ASECA up to \$1,000 in actual expenses.

Deadline: **November 15, 2006**

Tax Law

Sponsor/Title: The Federal Bar Association Section of Taxation Writing Competition

Topic: Federal Income Taxation

Award: Two winning papers will be selected. The author of the first prize paper will receive a \$1,500 cash prize; a trip to the FBA's Annual Tax Law Conference on March 12, 2007, where the winner will be presented with a commemorative plaque; and publication in the Tax Section quarterly newsletter. The second prize paper will receive a \$750 cash prize, a commemorative plaque, and publication in the Tax Section quarterly newsletter.

Deadline: **February 1, 2007**

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