News & Notes

CLS Affiliated Prof and CLS Alum to participate in Bioethics Symposium on Challenges to Execution by Lethal Injection. The Center for Bioethics at Columbia University Medical Center is sponsoring a full-day symposium this Wednesday, January 23, titled “The Supreme Court and the Legal, Medical, and Ethical Challenges to Execution by Lethal Injection.” The symposium will take place in Low Library Faculty Room from 9 am to 2 pm. Seating is limited; registration is required to reserve lunch. For registration and additional information, contact Jennifer Woo at jw2463@columbia.edu or (212) 342-0452.

Expert Paul Appelbaum, M.D., Elizabeth K. Dollard Professor of Psychiatry, Medicine, and Law and an affiliated professor at Columbia Law School, will present at the symposium. He is the director, division of psychiatry, law and ethics, department of psychiatry, at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University. Ginger Anders ’02, an associate at Jenner & Block, will also present. She is a litigator involved in Baze v. Rees, a key death penalty case argued before the U.S. Supreme Court on January 7, 2008.

The symposium will address a wide range of questions including:

- What are the ethical, moral, and professional reasons why a physician may elect, or decline, to participate in execution by lethal injection?
- How does the three-drug cocktail work? How was it developed? What are the risks of conscious paralysis and intraoperative awareness?
- What happens when the execution procedure is not carried out as ideally planned?
- How did legal and legislative processes lead to the implementation of the three-drug cocktail method of lethal injection?
- What are the future implications for judicial execution by lethal injection, given the January 2008 Supreme Court proceedings in Baze v. Rees? Will future interpretations of the Eighth Amendment change to mitigate risk of cruel and unusual punishment?

Young Alums in IP and Entertainment Law Coming Next Week. The Kernochan Center for Law, Media & the Arts will host its annual Young Alumni in IP and Entertainment Law panel on Tuesday, January 29, at 6:00 pm, in JGH 107. Four recent graduates will speak about their careers and give advice to current students interested in pursuing a career in these fields. The panelists are Wendy Szymanski ’03, an Associate at Davis Wright Tremaine, LLP, whose practice focuses on Communications and Media & Information Technologies, Christopher J. Hamilton ’04, an Associate at Debevoise & Plimpton, LLP, whose practice focuses on media law and intellectual property matters, Lasherelle Morgan ’01, who is Associate Counsel at HBO, and Paul Gutman ’04, an Associate at Carroll, Guido & Groffman, LLP, representing clients in all aspects of the music industry. For further information, please contact Philippa Loengard at loengard@law.columbia.edu.

Official Senate Announcements

New recognition guidelines for student organizations were approved last semester, and will go into effect this semester. The guidelines will be re-distributed shortly, when the Spring recognition deadline is announced.

Lawyer Joke of the Week1

After drafting a will for an elderly client, the attorney announced a fee of $100.

The client gave the attorney a $100 bill.

After the client left, the attorney saw that the client had in fact paid $200, as two of the client’s $100 bills had stuck together.

Looking at the $100 overpayment, an ethical question arose in the attorney’s mind: “Do I tell my partner?”

1 "The Week” only signifies this, and not necessarily any other, week.
2 The CLS Black Letter does not endorse this anecdote as a study aid for the MPRE, which is next offered on March 8, 2008 (the day of Barristers’ Ball!).
The first Student Senate meeting of 2008 will take place on Wednesday, January 30th, at 9:15 PM. This meeting is necessary in order for us to approve the budget in a timely manner. Agenda and room to be announced shortly. You may check our website at http://www.columbia.edu/cu/law/senate/meetings.html for updates. Please note that this will not be our regular meeting time.

This semester, the full Student Senate will ordinarily meet every other Monday at 9:10 PM in JGH 105. Meetings are generally open to the entire student body.

Get to Know Your CLS

Spotlight on Tim Wu

Tim Wu is a Professor of Law.

Q. How long have you been at CLS? Do you live in the neighborhood?
A. I've been here for 2 years. I live in the neighborhood, minus 100 streets or so.

Q. What brought you to Columbia?
A. From my college days I always admired the statue outside the building. I said to myself, I need to work at a place that takes a misshapen man fighting with a flying horse as its symbol.

Q. About what do students generally come to speak with you? What is the strangest or best experience you have had as a professor here?
A. Despite the fact that my office is made of candy, students seem to want to escape it. As for the strangest experience, it may have been watching myself teaching class in the law revue show.

Q. What has been your favorite job, aside from your current one?
A. I liked living in Asia and supposedly teaching English as a college student. Clerking also had its moments.

Q. What is your favorite restaurant in the area?
A. I like that Italian place on 123d or whatever it is. By frequency, I guess I'd say faculty workshops are the place I eat most here, followed closely by Jane Ginsburg’s house.

Q. Name something most people don't know about you?
A. When I was younger I would bite off the head of bats when teaching copyright. I also sometimes drive an old and very noisy motorcycle to class.

Q. What’s one thing every CLS student should do before they graduate?
A. That's a good question. Here's a few:
   5. Try one summer job not at a firm.
   4. Swim in the Hudson as a summer associate.
   3. Visit the basement of the library.
   2. Go on a TV show
   1. Leave morningside heights.

Q. Can you talk a little bit about your experience participating in the Deans’ Cup Faculty Game? What do you think are our chances this year for victory?
A. I look forward to the game every year. For the faculty it’s about the most exercise we get all year, other than pushing by people to get off the elevator.
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• Info Session: (Amsterdam) Global Alliance Information Session. 12:15 PM; WJW 103.  
• Feminist Legal Theory Workshop: Letty Cottin Pogrebin. 4:10 PM; JG Case Lounge.  |
| Wednesday | • CU Center for Bioethics Symposium: “The Supreme Court and the Legal, Medical, and Ethical Challenges to Execution by Lethal Injection” 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM; Low Library Faculty Room. *Limited seating, RSVP to jw2463@columbia.edu to register for luncheon.*  
• Info Session: (Paris) Global Alliance Program Info Session 12:15 - 1:00 PM; WJW 103.  
• SJI & SIRR: “Immigration and the Hazleton, PA Case.” 6:00 - 8:00 PM; JG Case Lounge. *Food provided.*  |
| Friday    | • *Your event here.*  |
| Saturday  | • *All quiet on the weekend front.*  |
| Sunday    | • *Get back to work!*  |

Event information is taken from the *Advisor*, a Student Services e-publication. To have your event listed, follow the link below and submit the on-line form. These must be submitted by 10am on Thursday, the week BEFORE your event.  [http://www.law.columbia.edu/current_student/studentorgs_abc/studentorgevent/eventform](http://www.law.columbia.edu/current_student/studentorgs_abc/studentorgevent/eventform).