**News & Notes**

**Sign up for Stone Moot Court by October 15!** All 2L, 3L, and LLM students are eligible to participate in CLS’s upper-level appellate moot court competition – there is no application process, and you can choose your teammate for the qualifying round. This year's problem involves a 42 U.S.C. § 1983 civil rights issue and a Fed. R. Civ. Pro. Rule 23 class action issue. The perks of participation include: four finalists will argue before Chief Justice John Roberts and other distinguished judges in April 2008; everyone can receive minor writing credit; “Harlan Fiske Stone Honors Moot Court Competition” notation will appear on your transcript. To sign up, email to Alison Wright at ajw2119@columbia.edu by noon on October 15. Information, including competition rules and important dates, is up on the Stone Moot Court blog, [http://stonemootcourt2008.blogspot.com](http://stonemootcourt2008.blogspot.com).

**Thirty-fifth Bampton Lectures in America.** This year’s Bampton Lectures series is titled: “The Crusades, Christianity and Islam,” and will take place over several nights at the Kellogg Conference Center on the 15th Floor of SIPA. They will be given by Jonathan Riley-Smith, Dixie Professor emeritus of Ecclesiastical History, Cambridge University, and are scheduled for 5 PM on October 9, 10, 16, and 17. The first is this Tuesday, and a reception will follow the lecture.

**MPRE Registration Deadline.** The deadline for the November 3rd exam is this Thursday, October 11th.

**Security Awareness Day this Wednesday.** Tons of free services and discounts will be available on October 10th from 10 am to 2 pm on Low Plaza. Participants include professionals from the Columbia University Department of Public Safety, CUIT, Columbia University Biomedical and Health Information Services (CUBHIS), Barnard Columbia Rape Crisis/Anti-Violence Support Center, Residence Life, NYPD Crime Prevention, FDNY, US Postal Service, computer security vendors and more. All students, faculty and staff are invited to attend.

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**Official Senate Announcements**

**Student Org Funding Source Deadline Approaching.** Looking for more money for your student group? The President’s and Provost’s Student Event Fund is available to all recognized Columbia University student organizations. The Fund provides financial support to events which benefit the University community through collaboration and creative programming on campus. Deadline is October 10th, so apply today! Application available at [http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lernerhall/pdfs/P_P_Fund.pdf](http://www.columbia.edu/cu/lernerhall/pdfs/P_P_Fund.pdf).

**Annual Interschool Halloween Party — Save the Date!** All the Manhattan law schools are getting together to throw a major shindig on Wednesday, October 31, at 9 pm. Bust out your costumes, get ready to shake your groove thing, and stay tuned for details!

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**Lawyer Joke/Quote¹ of the Week²**

“How can I ever thank you?” gushed a woman to Clarence Darrow, after he had solved her legal troubles.

“My dear woman,” Darrow replied, “ever since the Phoenicians invented money there has been only one answer to that question.”

¹ “Quote” may be apocryphal.
² “[T]he Week” only signifies this, and not necessarily any other, week.

If you have a news item that everyone should know about, please email senate@law.columbia.edu.
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Your 2007-2008 Student Senate

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Agenda for the October 9, 2007, Senate Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Officer Reports
3. Committee Reports
4. ABA Representative Election
5. Student Organization Recognition
6. Announcements & Other Business
7. Adjourn

The Student Activities Council held its first meeting of the year on Friday, October 5, at 12:30 PM in JG 102.

The SAC is the organizational link between the Student Senate and the organizations which receive Senate funding. The Council operates as a forum for the student groups to discuss scheduling of events, student issues and student life. The Council may pass nonbinding resolutions for the Executive Board to present to the Senate.

Over 50 representatives from the various student organizations attended this productive introductory meeting, at which issues ranging from coordinating the scheduling of events to use of other organizations’ bulletin board space to better ways to provide training to student organization leaders was discussed.

The next meeting of the Student Activities Council has not yet been scheduled, but will take place before the end of the semester. These meetings are mandatory for all student organizations receiving funding from Student Senate.

Senate Business

The full Student Senate typically meets every other Tuesday at 9:00 PM in JGH 105. Meetings are open to the entire student body. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 9. (See agenda at right.)
Get to Know Your CLS
Spotlight on Katie Brethel

Katie Brethel recently assumed the role of assistant director of Career Services. You may recognize her name as the sender of many of those firm event announcement emails in recent years!

Q. How long have you been at CLS? Do you live in the neighborhood?
A. I’ve been working at CLS for two years now. I live a little north of here in Riverdale.

Q. What brought you to Columbia?
A. I originally came to Columbia for grad school. I entered Teachers College in the Fall of 2005 for my Ed.M. in Counseling Psychology. Soon after that I began working here and continue to take classes as a part-time student.

Q. About what do students generally come to speak with you?
A. As Recruitment Manager, I actually communicated mostly with potential employers regarding their recruitment efforts at CLS. Students would seek me out to ask general questions about interviewing and how our interview programs run. In my new position as Assistant Director, I have a lot more interaction with students. I provide counseling on career options, help review resumes, and give general career related advice.

Q. What has been your favorite job, aside from your current one?
A. I enjoyed my work as Recruitment Manager but I’m really excited to take on the role of a counselor because I get to work with the students more. Before coming here I was a full-time student and I often joke that I would love to be one of those people who stay in school their whole life collecting degree after degree.

Q. What is your favorite restaurant in the area?
A. Kitchenette because I love pancakes!

Q. Name something most people don’t know about you?
A. I spend most of my spare time playing rugby for New York Rugby Club. We’re currently the #1 women’s rugby team in the nation! Check us out at www.newyorkrugby.com.

Q. What's one thing every CLS student should do before they graduate?
A. Give your employment information to Career Services! Please don’t make us chase you down. : )
This Week at CLS

October 8 - 14, 2007

Monday
• Columbia Law School Symposium: “Chemical Weapons Convention 10th Anniversary.” 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM; Low Library Rotunda. RSVP to specialevents@law.columbia.edu or 212-854-5334, indicating whether you will attend the morning, afternoon, or both sessions.

Tuesday
• Public Interest Summer Brown Bag: Civil Legal Services. 12:10 - 1:10 PM; WJW L04.
• Lecture: “Legal Exchanges Between China & the U.S. -- A Personal Review,” Ambassador H.E. Xue Hanqin. 12:15 - 1:00 PM; JG Annex
• Columbia Business School: “Leading the Way: Distressed Investing in US, Europe and Asia – How to Do Business.” 5:45 - 7:00 PM; Urs 142. RSVP at: http://www0.gsb.columbia.edu/calendar/signup/642362.
• SJI Panel Discussion: Supreme Court Roundup. 6:00 PM; JG 102.
• DeVinimus: New Zealand Wine Tasting. 7:30 - 10:00 PM; JG 103. RSVP to devinimus@gmail.com by 10 PM Sunday.

Wednesday
• NYU Center on Law and Security: “Prosecuting Terrorism: America's Challenge Then & Now.” 9 AM - 5 PM; NYU's Greenberg Lounge in Vanderbilt Hall (40 Washington Square South).
• Career Services Orientation: Overseas-Trained LLM Student Interview Program. 12:15 PM; Low Library, Faculty Room.
• Study Abroad Info Session: Amsterdam. 12:20 PM; WJWH 103.
• CSIL: “An In-depth Look at a Global Transaction by the Lawyers Involved.” 6:00 - 8:00 PM; JG 104.
• Panel: “Beyond the Bars: An Interdisciplinary Call to Action to Address Prisoner Reentry.” 6:00 - 8:00 PM; JG 103.

Thursday
• Public Interest Summer BB: Civil Rights/Civil Liberties. 12:10 - 1:10 PM; WJW L04.
• HRI Speaker Series: Otto Saki, Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights and CLS LL.M. Human Rights Fellow. 12:20 - 1:20 PM; JG 646

Friday
• Madrigals and Polyphony. 12:15-1:15 PM; JG 501.
• CLS-Software Freedom Law Center Summit for Software Freedom. 2 PM; WJWH 107.

Saturday & Sunday
• All quiet on the weekend front.

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