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Come to the HPILF Auction, Thurs., Feb. 2!

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Disco Theme: "Thursday Night Fever - Hustlin' for the Public Interest"

Time: Doors open at 5:30. Auction begins at 7:00.

Location: The Ramada Inn, one block from campus at 1231 Market Street. Corner 8th St/Market and Hyde Streets.

Price: \$15 pre-sale, \$20 at the door. Includes full dinner and unlimited beverages.

The biggest event of the year is here! It's HPILF Auction time! Every year HPILF hosts a full-fledged auction with hundreds of items that some-times receive bids of hundreds or even thousands of dollars. *Do you want an apartment in Paris? An afternoon of voluntary intoxication with Prof. Evan Lee as your designated driver? Lunch or dinner with some of your favorite professors? Do you want to finally get that sketchy tattoo that you've always wanted?*

Come see some of your favorite professors practice their auctioneering skills. Included in your admission price is a full dinner and unlimited refreshments of beer, wine, and equally attractive non-alcoholic beverages. Not only that, but the Auction is for a good cause! The proceeds go towards funding scholarships that help your peers do public interest lawyering during the summer.

BONUS - The 1L section that buys the most pre-sale tickets gets a keg of beer and pizza!



SAVE THE DATE!!!

Thursday, February 23,
15th Annual Hastings Cabaret



A Day @ Law School for Youth ages 5-17

The second annual "Day @ Law School" will be held on **Saturday, February 4, 2006**. The program is for youth from the ages of 5-17 to attend law school for a day & learn the steps to graduate from high school, going to college, & even getting a legal education. Most of the participants come from the underserved neighborhoods within San Francisco (i.e. Tenderloin and Bay View/Hunter's Point).

We need your help in publicizing this event to any tutors, teachers, or programs that you may know who are involved in student development and education. Also, we are always in need of volunteers for the event. If you would like to volunteer or would like program materials to distribute to potential student participants please contact us at (415) 565-4734 or e-mail hastingsyouthmentors@yahoo.com.

Sponsored By:
ABA Law Student Division, ASUCH, APALSA, BLSA, The Hastings Race and Poverty Law Journal, NALSA, La Raza Latina/o Law Students Association

2006 California Water Symposium

Hastings Law Journal and Hastings West-Northwest Journal Present:
2006 California Water Law Symposium
www.waterlawsymposium.com

Saturday, February 4, 2006
8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Milton Marks Conference Room
455 Golden Gate Ave., Lower Level
San Francisco, California 94102

Panel Topics:
Desalination in California: Should Ocean Waters be Utilized to Produce Freshwater? ·

The Efficacy and Morality of Private Sector Participation in Water Services: Through the Lens of Stockton, California ·

Environmental Justice: Access to Clean Drinking Water ·

Hetch Hetchy: To Drain or Not to Drain

Waste Discharge Requirements: Beyond the Point Source

Yuba River Accord: Lessons Learned in Moving from Controversy to Consensus

As this event sold out last year, pre-registration is strongly encouraged. MCLE credits (5) are available for all-day attendance at our symposium. For further info, please visit our website, www.waterlawssymposium.com, or contact us at waterlawssymposium@gmail.com.

Hastings Health Law Organization's General Meeting

Mark your calendar for the Hastings Health Law Org's general meeting **Wednesday, Feb. 1st at 3:40 in Room B1**. We will discuss upcoming events for the Spring semester including coordinating a symposium with BLSA on health issues in minority populations scheduled for March. We look forward to seeing you there!

Email simone@katzandco.com for more information...

“Purpose Driven Life “

Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2006
6:30-8:00 p.m.
Room D, 198 Bldg.

What "level of living" are you reaching for: survival, success, or significance? Join us as we study this best-seller to answer life's most important question: "What on earth am I here for?" And can we really find such answers in our goals, career ambitions, or dreams for the future? Our meetings will use a friendly small group format and follow Rick Warren's video teaching curriculum. Dinner will be provided.

For more info, please contact Kam Cheung, cheungk@uchastings.edu.

Hastings Koinonia is a Christian organization that meets weekly to examine the claims of Christianity, the historicity of the Bible, and the life and ministry of Jesus Christ. "Koinonia" is a Greek word for fellowship.

Meet Pioneering Prof. Joan Williams and Learn about Cutting-Edge Employment Discrimination Law

Monday, February 6, 2006
3:40 p.m.
Room B, 198 Building

Pizza and beverages will be provided

Co-sponsored by CFFA, ELLSA, HWLJ, HPILF and Parents at Hastings

Professor Joan Williams moved the Center for WorkLife Law (WLL) from American University to Hastings at the beginning of last semester. The Center is a nonprofit research and advocacy organization that seeks to eliminate discrimination against employees with family responsibilities.

WLL works with employees, employers, attorneys, legislators, journalists and researchers to identify and prevent this discrimination. Meet the WLL staff, hear what work they're doing, ask questions and receive answers. And yes, WLL is looking for student volunteers. For more information, visit www.worklifelaw.org or contact Linda Marks at marks1@uchastings.edu

Spring 2006 All Campus Read

FEBRUARY 8
3:40 p.m., Room J, 198 Bldg.

Discussion of *Active Liberty* by Stephen Breyer and *A Matter of Interpretation* by Antonin Scalia to be led by Professors Rory Little and Vik Amar and US District Court Judge Charles R. Breyer.

MARCH 29
3:40 p.m., Room E, 198 Bldg.

Discussion of *Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro to be led by Professors Marsha Cohen and Rachel Van Cleave.

Study Abroad/Exchange Student Information Panel: Wed., Feb. 1

Returning JD students who went abroad to study this past fall semester will speak about their experiences and answer your questions! Attend this meeting to learn more about how to apply, the different study abroad options, and hear directly from your peers about their first-hand experiences. Please attend this meeting if you are considering applying to our exchange programs. 3:40 - 4:40 p.m., 198 Bldg., Room B.

Exchange Program Application Deadline: Feb. 13

* Leiden * Copenhagen *
Vermont * London * Milano
* Heidelberg
* Australia * Argentina

Nine Study Abroad/Exchange Programs are available to second or third year JD students who wish to spend a semester abroad. You receive 12 credits towards your degree at Hastings. The current deadline of **February 13th** is for students who would like to study abroad in the coming fall 2006 semester. Applications and information about the exchange programs may be picked up outside the LL.M Office at **Room 210, Floor 2M of the 198 building** or downloaded from the Hastings website at <http://www.uchastings.edu/?pid=841>.

The International Programs Committee will select students based upon personal statements, experience and academic performance.

New Pro Bono Project at Hastings: Fair Housing Tester Training

Friday, February 3, 2006

The Public Interest Law Program, as part of the Public Interest Clearinghouse, is coordinating a training on campus for students to become Fair Housing Testers. When a client reports alleged housing discrimina-

tion, fair housing organizations use "testers" to determine how they are treated. "Testers" may make phone calls, complete rental applications, and report on their experiences. The time commitment is flexible (students are usually called only once or twice a semester and can always say "no" to a particular request).

To be a fair housing tester this semester, you must attend a training that will take place on **Friday, February 3, 2006, from 3:00PM - 5:30PM in Room F of the 198 Building.** To RSVP, please email Krista Glaser, Pro Bono Legal Corps Attorney, at kglaser@pic.org.

This is a perfect way for students to gain practical experience with fact investigation, help fight discrimination, and add to that all-important resume! Don't miss out--space is limited!!!

Tax Help for the Tenderloin Community

Interested in helping low/limited income, individuals with disabilities, non-English speaking or elderly taxpayers? And at the same time learn skills and knowledge to do your own taxes? Want to supplement your resume with interesting volunteer work?

Join the Hastings Chapter of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program. You do not need to take or have taken Federal Income Taxes to volunteer. VITA involves two short training sessions and self-study whereby students can prepare income tax returns for low-income members of the community on **Wednesday evenings from March 22 to April 12.** If you are interested please e-mail Cindy Shu at cindyshu.vita@gmail.com with your contact information or just come to the orientation on **Wednesday, February 1st 3:40 p.m. in Room J, 198 Bldg.!**

Yoga Classes on Tuesdays-New Time

NOTE: The time for Yoga classes held on Tuesdays has changed. Classes will be conducted **from 4:10 to 5:10 p.m., McAllister Tower Mezzanine.**

Cabaret Talent Needed!

Attention: Hastings Community
This year Cabaret will be on **Thursday February 23 from 5:00 to 9:00** in the **Green Room** (next to Herbst Theatre) at **401 Van Ness St.** This is a beautiful room in the SF War Memorial and Performing Arts Center at the corner of McAllister and Van Ness.

In order to make this a memorable event for the Hastings community, we are looking for Hastings talent: music, singing, balloon twisting, palm/tarot card reading...you name it! There are some sound restrictions at this site.

No amplified music is allowed; however, there is a piano and microphone available.

Please contact Judy Chapman at chapmanj@uchastings.edu, preferably by **Friday, 2/3** if you are willing to entertain us "a little." Regardless of your talent quotient, do plan to attend. Your children are also welcome to come.

Fingerprinting for 3Ls

Marvin Pettey of Pettey Ventures will do the live scan fingerprinting in the lobby of the 100 McAllister Bldg. on **February 14 and 15. Sign up sheets will be available in Student Services, Room 350, 100 McAllister beginning Wednesday, February 1st.**

The California State Bar recommends that you submit your Moral Character Application about the same time as your fingerprinting. For more information, go to www/calbar.ca.gov/calbar/pdfs/admissions/Moral-Character.sf/MC-webform-instructions.pdf.

NOTE: Students must download the Live Scan Request form and bring it on the appointed date for fingerprinting. Valid driver's license/identification card is required at the time of fingerprinting. Please plan to arrive 5 minutes before your scheduled appointment in order to have your paperwork reviewed.

ATTENTION: STUDENTS WHO PLAN TO TAKE THE BAR IN OTHER STATES
Contact the state bar where you plan to take the exam as soon as possible to inquire about their requirements and request for fingerprint cards.

Once the fingerprint cards are received, please contact Pettey Ventures at (415) 986-4022 to make an appointment for fingerprinting.

IT Presents:

Ecco Pro Outlining Software

Ecco Pro was a revolutionary piece of software when it was first released in 1993. Today, many people think Ecco is still the most revolutionary "outline processing" software available. Ecco is also an orphan program --no one markets it any longer. Consequently, it is available for FREE through downloading.

Why would law students be interested in Ecco Pro?

Because it is a GREAT program for creating class outlines. If you want a demonstration, come to one of the following sessions:

What: *Ecco Pro and Course Outlines for Law Students*

When: Attend ONE of the following sessions,

**Friday, Feb. 3, 2006 OR
Friday, Feb. 10, 2006
11:40am - 12:30pm**

Where: Classroom K

Who: Eric Noble will give the demonstration and hand out instructions for students who are interested in learning how to use Ecco Pro for course outlining.

ASUCH Blood Drive

**Thursday, February 9th
10:00 am - 3:00 pm
BCP Bloodmobiles in Front of
100 McAllister**

ASUCH is sponsoring a February blood drive. Thank you for all of your past participation in this life-saving event, and we ask that you again give a little part of yourselves so that others may live. The past holidays were one of the largest usage periods for blood needed for trauma and critical surgeries, but unfortunately it was also one of the lowest periods for donations. Additionally, the Napa Blood Center has been damaged with the recent flooding in the North Bay, and it is anticipated that it will be a few weeks before it is operational again. The San Francisco center is

working to support the additional blood needs of the Napa Area hospitals. With a decline in blood donations over the past month and an increase in surgeries and other medical procedures, including liver transplants, Blood Centers of the Pacific had to import more than 1,000 pints of blood last week - a record for the blood center. Imported pints of blood arrived from as far away as North Dakota. This has created a critical need that this blood supply be replenished immediately after the holidays in order to continue providing this vital element to our local Hospitals.

Please take an hour out of your time to contribute to the health of Bay Area patients who depend on this community blood donations for their survival. Register online at BloodHeroes.com Sponsor code: Hastings or contact William O'Neill at 650-906-0013 to schedule your life-saving appointment.

2006 Annual Campaign Phonathon

WOULD YOU LIKE TO EARN UP TO \$800+ IN 3 WEEKS?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE GREAT ALUMNI CONTACT?

The Hastings 1066 Foundation will be hosting the Phonathon for the 2006 Annual Campaign, March 6 through March 23, Monday through Thursday, including the week of Spring Break.

Focus is on evening hours from 5:30 - 8:00 pm, although daytime hours are available. If you can work at least 25 hours between **March 6 and March 23**, Hastings needs you.

An hourly stipend of \$12 will be paid to student callers. You will be making calls to alumni who have previously donated to the College.

To apply and/or for more information, please contact Albert Kaba at College Relations, 50 U.N. Plaza, Room 568. You may also call 415-565-4686 or send an email to kabaa@uchastings.edu. Previous phonathon, telemarketing or sales experience is preferred, but training is available for enthusiastic

candidates who enjoy talking on the phone.

Great Alumni contact! Buffet dinner provided!

Grillo Public Interest/Social Justice Retreat

The Grillo Public Interest and Social Justice Retreat will be on **March 11-12, 2006** in **Santa Cruz**. This is an opportunity for law students, faculty and practitioners to exchange viewpoints, explore career opportunities and formulate strategies for social justice. Information and program description is available at www.scu.edu/law/client/pdf/socialjustice/grillo_retreat.html

Funds are available for Hastings students to offset some of the registration and lodging costs. To apply for travel funds, pick up an application from Student Services (room 350 of the Tower) and submit the completed form and materials to Student Services by 3:00 on **Friday, February 10, 2006**.

If you have any questions, please email chapmanj@uchastings.edu, call (565-4773) or stop by the Student Services Office.

Refugee Protection for Women Fleeing Abuse

Join the American Association of University Women and the Center for Gender and Refugee Studies on **Thursday, February 16, 2006**, from **6:30 to 7:30 p.m.**, at the **S.F. Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Room B**, for a presentation on current challenges in gender-based asylum. The presentation will include a segment from a new PBS documentary, *Breaking Free: A Woman's Journey*. The short film focuses on the plight of Rodi Alvarado, who suffered ten years of brutal domestic violence at the hands of her husband in Guatemala, with her numerous pleas for protection from the police and the courts going unanswered. She fled to the U.S. in 1995; her request for asylum - championed by CGRS (<http://cgrs.uchastings.edu>) - was first granted, then denied, and remains unresolved today. The film will be

followed by a discussion led by CGRS New Voices Fellow Leena Khandwala on how we can help ensure that U.S. fulfills its moral and international law obligations to protect women from gender violence.

AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change. The San Francisco branch, second oldest branch in the U.S., (<http://www.aauwsf.org>) is pleased to partner with CGRS to present this evening of discussion and information.

Many Thanks to the Access Clinic Volunteers in Fall 2005:

Ericka Ackeret, Desiree Almendral, Valerie Bantner, Joshua Bart, Susanna Chenette, Nell Clement, Ashley Estell Eckerle, Thomas Forsyth, Linnea Forsythe, Arielle Harris, Jessenya Hernandez, Sophie Hubscher, Amber Jones, Maria Jones, Amanda Kennedy, Paul Kofoed, Paul Kozina, Vlad Kroll, Eunice Ku, Cassandra Kuehl, Jennifer Simmen Lewin, Lisa Mak, Felipe Mejia, Allison Elizabeth Mullings, Anthony Ocegüera, Jerome Pandell, Natasha Sagggar, Rina Shah, Tianna Sheehan, Renee Snyder, Sillian Sonnad, Marc Price Wolf, Jamie (Elisha) Wright, Victoria Zhou and special thanks to our student supervisors **Teresa Brown, Dara Lynee Gelbtuch and Michael Stewart!**

Due to the outstanding effort of these students, many, many individuals received personalized assistance with their legal issues in matters involving small claims court, evictions, name changes, guardianships, and civil harassment restraining orders.

ACCESS appreciates these students' time and the many students who offered to volunteer for Spring semester. While we do not have the capacity to have everyone who desires to volunteer actually do so, we recognize and value your efforts and encourage you to take advantage of other volunteer opportunities that Hastings and the greater community offers.

Volunteer in the Community!

The Housing Rights Committee of San Francisco, a tenants rights organization, seeks law student volunteers who want to counsel the mostly low-income tenants who call their hotline or drop-in at their office at 427 South Van Ness, Monday through Thursdays, 1-5pm. Counselors are trained and given all the materials they will need to help clients. The Committee does NOT offer legal counsel, only peer counseling. But by volunteering at HRC, a law student will learn lots about tenant/landlord law and the workings of San Francisco's rent ordinance. Duties include informing tenants about available options, helping clients fill out Rent Board forms, and giving tips about how to get repairs done, etc.

Hours are flexible. We counsel Monday through Thursday, 1-5pm. Usually counselors do a 4-hour shift one day a week. But other arrangements can be made, according to the student's schedule. For more info, call Tommi Avicelli Mecca, 415-703-8634.

Fiscal Services

1098-T forms will be mailed to students at the end of January. These forms may assist students who are eligible to receive the Lifetime Learning Credit under the Tax Payer Relief Act of 1997.

Beginning **01/30/2006**, 1098-T forms can be printed from the Hastings website by following the instructions on the Office of Fiscal Services page <http://www.uchastings.edu/?pid=2000>

Hastings has contracted with National Computer Systems (NCS) to generate and mail the 1098-T form to Hastings students. A toll-free customer service number is also available Monday through Friday, from 5:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific Time where an NCS representative will answer your questions about TRA credits and eligibility. The toll free number is 1-800-223-0043.

If you need to report an address correction for purposes of receiving your 1098-T form, you may do so

through this toll free number. This address change **ONLY** applies to the 1098-T form. Notify the Records Office if you wish to change your permanent address

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Fiscal Services. We are located at 198 McAllister Street, Room 111. Our office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. You may also call us at (415) 565-4704.

Records

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA

1. Effective January 1, 2008, the minimum passing score required for the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination, which is one of the requirements for admission to practice law in California, will be increased to a scaled score of 86. Individuals who receive a scaled score of 79 or greater before 1/1/2008 will be considered to have met the MPRE requirement. [Applicants must have completed one year of law study prior to taking the MPRE.]

2. The State Bar of California has launched a new Law Student Division to offer students at California's law schools an opportunity to take advantage of bar resources and special programs before they take the bar examination and officially become members of the State Bar. To join, law students need simply go to the www.calbar.ca.gov Web site, then click on My Law Student Profile in the left-hand column, and create a personalized profile. Members automatically receive a monthly State Bar e-journal geared for law students, as well as information about State Bar programs, career forums, and special offers and opportunities from the Foundation of the State Bar of California, local bar associations and other approved partners. Membership is free and, while the programs are geared toward future California lawyers, the Law Student Division is open to all law school students.

NOTE: This should not be confused with the law student registration process that is required by statute. Section 6060(d) of the California Business and Professions Code requires that all law students register within 90 days after beginning the study of law. Applicants may file later than that, but a late fee will be imposed. The registration application

must be completed online and can be found at www.calbar.ca.gov/admissions.

3. Most of the State Bar admissions fees have increased effective January 1, 2006. Since the registration and examination applications are online, the correct fee is automatically assessed. However, the moral character application is not online, and it is important that students ensure they have the most current version of the application and that the current fee is enclosed so that processing of the application is not delayed.

Fall 2005 Exam/Bluebook return

The Records Office will try to return any 1L exams received from the professors at the end of a section-meeting of a year-long class by the last week of January. Late 1L papers and upper level exams will be returned in Room B8 (by the double elevators in the basement of the 198 building) Monday, February 6 through Thursday, February 9, between 10 AM and 4 PM. Please bring photo ID and your exam number.

LOAN DEFERMENTS/ENROLLMENT VERIFICATIONS

Hastings College participates in the NSLC, which updates enrollment information to lenders electronically. Typically this occurs two weeks after classes begin each semester. If you have questions, please direct them to the Records Office.

AABA Scholarship Deadline

February 6, 2006

Each year AABA awards scholarships to deserving law students. Click the link for the 2006 AABA Law Foundation Scholarship Application and information. The deadline to submit the application is February 6, 2006 by email to Jinny Kim at jkim@apilegaloutreach.org

Through AABA's various activities and programs in which law students have actively participated, AABA has recognized the importance of law students to the future development of the Asian Pacific Islander bar. The AABA Law Foundation ("the Foundation") is a California nonprofit entity dedicated to serve both the community and law students. The Foundation established the annual

Scholarship to recognize deserving law students who have demonstrated a strong commitment to serving the needs of the Asian American community.

Judicial Externships

Second-year students: There are many opportunities for summer 2006 and fall 2006 judicial externships. You can earn academic credit and gain experience by working (without pay) as a student-law clerk to a judge. The application process is very simple.

Please inquire in the Clinical Programs Office, Room 404, 198 McAllister for further information.

Financial Aid Scholarships

THE JUDGE ROBERT H. SCHNACKE EXTERNSHIP SCHOLARSHIPS: Two scholarships of \$5000 each will be awarded to students participating as an Extern to any Federal District Court judge of the Northern District of California during Fall 2006. Applicants must be second or third year students who are financial aid recipients. Students must receive their externship placement through the Clinical Programs Office before they may apply for the scholarship. Applications are available in Clinical Programs. **The deadline to apply is May 1, 2006.**

CALIFORNIA INDIAN LAW

ASSOCIATION: The Indian law legal profession, and tribal justice system personnel in California is offering the Allogan Slagle Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000. The scholarship is available to American Indian and Native Alaska law school students

Deadline for application is February 1, 2006. For application and more information, contact the Financial Aid Office.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SONOMA COUNTY, will be awarding the Michael F. O'Donnell Memorial Scholarship in the sum of \$2,500. Interested applicants for the scholarship must be a resident of Sonoma County or have attended a high school located in Sonoma. **Submit a complete application to the Community Foundation Sonoma County no later than 5:00 p.m., February 24, 2006.**

FOUNDATION OF THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA: has two scholarship program for law school students: the Imelda Rosenthal Memorial Scholarship and the Law School Scholarship. Both scholarships are awarded to students with financial need who have demonstrated a commitment to public/community service. The Rosenthal Scholarship will be awarded to law school student graduating in the 2005-2006 academic year who are taking the Bar exam the first time, have financial need, and have demonstrated a strong commitment to public/community service. **Deadline for complete application is January 30, 2006.** For Application and more information contact the Financial Aid Office.

The Law School Scholarship, will be awarded to law school students who have completed at least one year of study at a California law school by the fall of 2006, are enrolled in a California law school for the 2006-2007 academic year, can demonstrate financial need and a strong commitment to public community service. **Deadline is March 1, 2006.** For more information contact the Financial Aid Office.

SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION OF SANTA BARBARA: the merit based scholarships awarded through the George A. Cavalletto law Scholarship Fund are expected to be substantial, with award amounts up to the full cost of tuition, fees and books. Eligibility criteria stipulate that candidates must have *originally graduated from a high school in Santa Barbara County *plan to be full-time law student in the 2006- 2007 academic year at ten ABA approved law school located in the State of California. For more information call (808) 687-6065 or visit the web at www.sbscholarship.org. Application must be completed online. **Deadline to submit application is January 31, 2006.**

THE ROY A. GUSTAFSON MEMORIAL FOUNDATION, administer by the Ventura County Community Foundation. The purpose of the scholarship is to award scholarships of at least \$2,000 to second year law students, form Ventura County with financial need. Application can be downloaded at www.vccf.org/scholarships.html. **Deadline is February 17, 2006.**

USA FUNDS - ACCESS TO EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP. For the 2006-2007

academic year USA Funds will award renewable scholarships to students demonstrating financial need. Up to 50 percent of the scholarship will be target to students who, in addition to demonstrating financial need, are members of an ethnic -minority group or are physically disable. Application is available online by visiting www.usafunds.org. **Deadline is March 1, 2006.**

PUERTO RICAN BAR ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP. All Latino students attending law school in the United States are eligible to apply. All applicants must be a first or second year student. PRBA selects recipients based on financial need and academic promise. Application is available at the Financial Aid Office. **Deadline is March 4, 2006.**

Information Technology

STUDENT COMPUTER SUPPORT
We offer limited computer support for students as follows:

-- At our weekly drop-in session, every Wednesday, from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., in the Computer Lab on the mezzanine of the 198 building.

-- At appointments during other times, depending on availability of our student computer support specialist. If you would like an appointment, send an email request to: StudentComputers@email.uchastings.edu. As an alternative, you may call 581-8802 and leave your name and phone number so that the IT Dept. can contact you.

What we offer: help with installation and troubleshooting of E-mail software, computer exam software, wired and wireless networking, and antivirus protection. We ask all students who request assistance to sign a Waiver of Responsibility. If we cannot help with your particular request, we can make referrals to local vendors who provide computer repair services.

ONLINE HELP INFORMATION

The IT Department website at <http://www.uchastings.edu/IT> has information that is useful to students, including tips on using the e-mail system, on forwarding your e-mail, dealing with viruses, computer exams, lost passwords, etc.

Writing Competitions

Detailed information on the following announcements is available at the Law Library Circulation Desk.

John T. Stewart, Jr. Scholarship Writing Competition sponsored by the Transportation and Transportation Security Law Section of the Federal Bar Association and The Foundation of the Federal Bar Association, with the generous support of UPS, the global inter-modal package transportation company. This competition is for second year law students interested in transportation or transportation security law. This year's topic is: Is cargo security producing secure cargo...a look at the legal requirements for national multi-modal cargo security, with problematic sub-issues identified (such as harm to trade and commerce, distinctions between all-cargo and passenger/cargo transportation, jurisdictional extraterritoriality, etc.) and possible solutions offered. Prize: \$2,500 as well as introduction to key transportation leaders in Washington, DC at a Capitol Hill reception. **Deadline: Papers must be submitted no later than Monday, February 27, 2006.**

Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition sponsored by the National Association of Women's Lawyers. Topic: Issue concerning women's rights or the status of women in the law. Prize: \$500 in cash and travel expenses to NAWQL meeting. **Deadline: Entries must be received by March 1, 2006.**

Competition for the Inter-American Bar Association's Law Student Best Paper Award for IABA Conference XL11 in San Salvador, El Salvador.

This year's topics are: (select one)

- 1) The process of integration in the Americas, the various methods of dispute resolution established thereby, and the participation in such resolution by the enterprises concerned.
- 2) The elimination of tariff and non-tariff barriers in the processes of integration in the Americas.
- 3) Conflict between the rules of the

World Trade Organization and those governing integration in the Americas. Which ones prevail?

4) Evolution of the rules of corporate governance in the Americas.

Prizes: First-\$800; Second-\$600, and Third-\$400.
Deadline: Entries must be received no later than April 14, 2006.

Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest sponsored by the ABA Section of Family Law. Applicants may submit an essay on any aspect of Family Law and entrants are encouraged to write on subjects of national interest.

Awards:

First Prize

- Certificate of Recognition as First Prize Winner
- Consideration of publication of the article in the Family Law Quarterly
- Consideration of publication of the article on the ABA Section of Family Law website
- Letter to Law Student's Dean
- One-year complimentary Section of Family Law membership

Second Prize

Certificate of Recognition as Second Prize Winner

Consideration of publication of the article on the ABA Section of Family Law website

Letter to Law Student's Dean

One-year complimentary Section of Family Law membership

Third Prize

1. Certificate of Recognition as Third Prize Winner
2. Consideration of publication of the article on the ABA Section of Family Law website
3. Letter to Law Student's Dean
4. One-year complimentary Section of Family Law membership

Deadline: Entries must be postmarked on or before April 15, 2006.

International Association of Defense Counsel's Legal Writing Contest.

Topic: Entries must be on a 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. Prizes: First-\$2,000, second-\$1,000, and third-\$500. **Deadline: Entries must be received on or before April 23, 2006.**

Andrew P. Vance Memorial Writing Competition sponsored by the Customs and International Trade Bar Association and Brooklyn Law School. Topics: An in-depth analysis of a current issue relevant to customs and international trade law. Prizes: First Prize-\$1,000 and Second Prize-\$500 **Deadline: Papers must be received no later than May 5, 2006.**

Eighteenth Annual Law Student Essay Competition sponsored by the American Judges Association and American Judges Foundation. Essays submitted for the 2006 competition must be under the category of "The Rule of Law in Times of Conflict". Prizes: First-\$3,000; second-\$1,500, and third prize-\$1,000. **Deadline: Entries must be postmarked not later than June 1, 2006.**

Warren E. Burger Writing Competition sponsored by the American Inns of Court. Submission must be an original, unpublished essay of 10,000 to 25,00 words on a topic that addresses issues of legal excellence, civility, ethics and professionalism. Prize: \$5,000 cash and publication of entry in the South Carolina Law Review. **Deadline: June 15, 2006.**

Help Wanted

STUDENT ASSISTANTS

Hastings Law Library, Technical Services Department is hiring Student Assistants for the Fall. Work-Study preferred, but not required.

Flexible hours between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Mon. through Fri., \$10.97/hr. To apply, contact Jeff Herrera at 565-4760. Applications are also available at the Circulation Desk. Return completed applications to Jeff Herrera or email herreraj@uchastings.edu.

STUDENT COMPUTER ASSISTANT

Student with significant experience programming HTML needed for a few hours of paid work related to a website project. Please contact Professor Feldman at feldmanr@uchastings.edu.

RESEARCH ASSISTANTS

Professor Ethan Leib is looking for two research assistants to help him develop an article entitled "*Friendship & the Law*." The students will search legal databases for court cases involving friendship -- especially cases where legal adversaries were once

close friends. A substantive memo will be expected after a few months' work. 2Ls and 3Ls only.

Note: The article will not address marriage or family law.

ALUMNI OFFICE STUDENT ASSISTANT

10 hours / week, \$12.29 per hour

The Alumni Relations Office is currently seeking students to fill one work-study student positions. Duties may include:

- Database entry
- Filing and copying
- Assist with special alumni events, including mailing invitations, tabulating rsvp's, creating nametags
- Print and file alumni updates and articles for inclusion in the Community Alumni Magazine
- Research lost addresses

Interested students should email a resume to Albert Kaba at kabaa@uchastings.edu by **Friday, February 3**. Please include contact information.

Due to funding restrictions, we are only able to hire a student who has been approved for work-study aid.

Payroll

Attention: Dept Supervisor/Faculty & Staff (MO-Monthly payroll cycle).

*MO form submission deadline for changes thru Personnel was **Jan. 20**.

*MO payday is **Wednesday, February 1, 2006**.

Attention: Dept Supervisor/ Students/ Hourly Employees(MA-Monthly Arrears).

*Student forms submission deadline for changes thru Personnel was **Jan. 26th**.

*Student timesheets are due in Fiscal Services by **Tuesday, Jan. 31st**.

*Student payday is **Tuesday, February 7, 2006**.

*****Attention - Important Notice*****

The 2005 W2 statements have been processed and an e-mail went out to students regarding their availability for pick up from Fiscal Services, during period Jan 24 - Jan 26. All the unclaimed W-2 statements were mailed out on **Friday, Jan 27, 2006**. To avoid undelivered mail, please be sure to update your current address

thru both Personnel and Records Office for future mailing. You may contact the Payroll Office for another copy if you do not receive your statement within a reasonable time.

The HASTINGS WEEKLY is issued each Monday by the Office of Student Services, Room 350, 100 McAllister. Signed announcement forms must be submitted to Student Services by Tuesday noon preceding publication. Announcements may also be submitted via e-mail to mesquita@uchastings.edu.

The WEEKLY prints official College notices and brief announcements of student events. In order to preserve its timely character, the WEEKLY cannot print lengthy notices or those that contain editorial comments or commercial advertisements. When appropriate, announcements are edited.



Career Corner

January 30, 2006

CAREER TIPS

Writing Sample Wisdom by Pam Hyland

When preparing your writing sample for a job application, here's a little wisdom that will give it a professional polish and help to impress the employers who have to read all those samples!

First, recognize that *anything* written that you send to an employer, whether cover letter, resume or writing sample, will be scrutinized as a sample of your business or legal writing. They must all be perfect, free of spelling or grammar errors and correctly formatted. We have even heard of students being "dinged" for a spelling error in the subject line of an email, so be sure to edit carefully any written material you send to an employer!

For your legal writing sample, most students use either a memo from Legal Writing and Research class or a brief from Moot Court. Either is fine, as long as it conforms to the 5-10 page rule. If it's longer, you can excerpt it but it must still read logically from end to end. If you do shorten it, note on the cover sheet what parts are included (usually the statement of facts and at least a portion of the argument) and insert a note where you took things out to explain briefly what is missing.

Add a cover sheet, giving your name, the class for which the

sample was produced and the date. Also mention that it was done with the ALWD citation system; you want to make sure the reader, who may be more familiar with a different system such as Blue Book, knows your citations are in correct ALWD format.

If submitting actual work product from a legal employer, you *must* first obtain the employer's permission. If there are any confidentiality concerns, you'll need to redact the document to eliminate references that could reveal the client's identity. Cover letters are also writing samples of a sort, and you will be judged on their style and content as well as for any (gasp!) errors in them. It's a good idea to have your basic cover letters reviewed in Career Services but, at the very least, have someone whose writing skills you trust look them over before sending.

Using these tips, you will be able to "wow" employers with your excellent legal and business writing skills!

Alumni Mentor Orientation
Monday, January 30th
3:40 pm – 4:40 pm

Advanced Sign Up Required!
(sign up on HastingsCareers.com
or in CSO)

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JOBS! JOBS! JOBS!

Everyday, the Career Services Office receives new listings.

*Log onto:
HastingsCareers.com
and check often for new postings.*

Just a few highlights:

SUMMER POSITIONS

City of Oakland - Office of the City Attorney Law Clerk. Unpaid.

Full or part time. Litigation Division law clerks research/draft litigation pleadings. Advisory Division law clerks research/draft memos, briefs, legislation, and legal opinions on City issues.

Years Required: 2L, 1L, 3L

Materials Requested: Resume, letter of interest and writing sample to: Office of the City Attorney, City Hall, One Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 6th Floor, Oakland, CA 94612, Attention: Mary Miles.

Deadline: 2/17/2006

Minami, Lew & Tamaki

Summer Law Clerk. Unpaid. Plaintiff Personal Injury Law and Employment Discrimination. Bilingual ability valued.

Years Required: 2L

Materials Requested: Resume, writing sample and references to: Ai Mori, Hiring Associate Minami Lew & Tamaki LLP 360 Post St., 8th Floor, Union Square, San Francisco, CA 94108

Deadline: 3/20/2006

Meiklejohn Civil Liberties

Institute Berkeley, CA. Mandela Human Rights Reporting Project. Summer Internship. Paid. Research alleged violations of

human rights since 9-11. Help update issue sheets submitted to UN Human Rights Committee.

Years Required: 1L, 2L

Application: <http://mcli.org/support/InternApplication.pdf>

Deadline: 2/20/2006

Hanson, Bridgett, Marucs, Vlahos & Rudy, LLP Summer

Clerk. One of San Francisco's oldest & most respected firms. Includes leading experts in many fields. Top 3rd or law review a plus.

Years Required: 2L

Materials Requested: Resume, cover letter, transcript, writing sample and list of references to: Cathy Malterre, Attorney Recruitment Manager at: cmalterre@hansonbridgett.com.

Deadline: 3/13/2006

**PART-TIME POSITIONS
GRADUATING STUDENTS**

Bet Tzedek Legal Services

Los Angeles, CA. 2 year Social Justice Fellowship. Serve indigent, elderly and disabled clients. Strong academics, prior experience and commitment to low income persons preferred. Union position. \$3,398 per month + benefits. (Salary supplement for Spanish skills)

Years Required: 3L

Materials Requested: Resume and cover letter to: Robin Sommerstein, Human Resource Director / Volunteer Coordinator, Bet Tzedek Legal Services, 145 So. Fairfax Avenue, Ste 200, L.A., CA 90036. Fax: 323-939-1040 humanresources@bettzedek.org

Deadline: 3/21/2006

Robison, Belaustegui, Sharp & Low Reno, NV. Associate Attorney. Mid-sized Civil Lit and

Superior writing and oral advocacy wanted. Competitive salary. Law review and/or top 25% a plus.

Years Required: 3L

Materials Requested: Resume, transcript, writing sample and letters of recommendation to: Barry Breslow, Hiring Partner, Robison, Belaustegui, Sharp & Low, 71 Washington St, Reno NV 89509.

Deadline: 5/18/2006

Vermont Supreme Court

Judicial Intern. Full-time. Unpaid. 6/5/2006 to 7/28/2006.

Years Required: 3L

Materials Requested: Cover letter, resume, transcript w/academic standing, and sample of legal research and writing. (Optional: 2 letters of rec. from employer or law professor) to: Len Swyer, Staff Attorney, Vermont Supreme Court, 109 State St, Montpelier, VT 05609-0801. Direct inquiries to Len Swyer at 802-828-4907.

Deadline: 2/17/2006.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

***Summer Funding Options
and HPILF Summer Grant
Workshop***

Monday, 1/30
3:40 pm – 4:30 pm
(Workshop in Room K)

***Career Options in Public
Interest***

Wednesday, 2/1
3:40 pm – 4:40 pm
(Panel in Room F)

***Make an appointment now to
speak with a Career Counselor
about your Spring job search!***