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## Law School Enters Foreign Study Agreements with Paris, Barcelona

The Law School has entered into exchange programs with two European law schools that will permit a limited number of upperclass students to study abroad.

Two law students fluent in French have an opportunity through IU Bloomington to study at one of Europe's premier law schools. As part of a law student exchange program, two IU upperclassmen can attend the Universite Pantheon-Assas (Paris II) Law School in Paris to study law for a semester. This is not an American program taught overseas, but rather an opportunity to study law within the French legal education system. All courses at Paris II are taught in the French language, allowing participating students to immerse themselves in the culture of the country. Students must, therefore, be fluent in French. Participating IU law students may enroll in a number of law classes, including classes in Advanced Civil Law, Public/Private International Law, European Community Law, Criminal Law, State-Owned Companies, and French Public Law.

A student exchange program with the ESADE Law School in Barcelona, Spain, creates an opportunity for two upperclass IU law students to study law in the Spanish legal education system. As with the Paris program, students may attend for a semester. Interested IU law students are required to be fluent in Spanish. A wealth of law classes at ESADE are open to exchange students, including such courses as European Union Law, Roman Case Law, Spanish Court Procedures, Banking and Stock Exchange Law, and European Law on Competition.

Students interested in the program should see Dean Fromm.

## News from the Faculty

**Dean Robel** attended a small conference of scholars interested in the federal appellate courts at the invitation of the National Commission on Structural Alternatives to the Federal Appellate System in Washington D.C.

**Fred Cate** testified on privacy in electronic communications before the Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property of the House Judiciary Committee on March 26, and he spoke to the Consumer Advisory Council of Experian (the world's largest credit information company) in Scottsdale, AZ, on March 27 about multinational data protection issues.

**Professor Tom Schornhorst** has been selected by the Indiana University Society of Professional Journalists as this year's recipient of its annual Rocking Chair Award. This award is presented to a retiring faculty or staff member whose career at Indiana University has been especially distinguished. The award will be presented at the School of Journalism awards ceremony on Sunday, April 5 at 2:00 p.m. in the Alumni Hall of the Indiana Memorial Union.

**Kevin Brown** will be delivering a lecture at Cornell Law School on April 17 entitled "Critical Race Theory in a Multiperspective Approach."

**Juliet Smith's**, "Web Resources for Products Liability Lawyers" appears in *Products Liability Advisory* (March 1998), a newsletter published by West Group.

## News from Student Affairs Office

### **Indiana University School of Law - Bloomington, Loan Reduction Assistance Program**

On April 17, 1996, the Law School established a Loan Reduction Assistance Program (LRAP). This program is intended to lessen the educational debt burden of students who are committed to securing employment with public interest organizations. In contrast to the loan or grant repayment programs, our school's program will help the public service oriented and committed student reduce the amount of loans needed to meet educational costs by providing special public interest fellowships in the last semester of their third year. An LRAP fellowship is both a reward to those who have demonstrated their public interest commitment, before and during law school, and is also an encouragement and stimulus for looking for public service positions after graduation.

The first LRAP fellowships were awarded for the 1996-97 academic year. Third Year students anticipating graduating in December of 1998 or May or August of 1999 are eligible to apply for LRAP fellowships for next year.

Application Process: A student applying for an LRAP fellowship must submit, by June 1, 1998, to Dean Fromm: 1. A regular law school fellowship application; 2. An essay detailing public interest experience and commitment and reasons for meriting such a fellowship. Included should be a statement detailing plans for finding a full time public interest position after graduation; 3. A resume; and 4. Recommendations from public interest employers (at least one required).

Applying for one of these LRAP fellowships does not exclude one from consideration for a fellowship in our regular fellowship program.

Selection Process: The Law School Fellowship/Scholarship Committee makes the selections for LRAP fellowships. In deciding, the Committee considers the following criteria: a. Public Interest experience and commitment; b. Total educational loan debt; c. Quality of essay; d. Quality of recommendation; e. Academic merit; f. Student Organization and Law School contributions.

Award Amounts: It is anticipated that the awards in the program will range from \$2500 to \$6500. The total amount of the award will be given to the student for the last semester of school only.

Repayment Responsibilities: Recipients of LRAP awards are asked to repay them (moral obligation) for future student use only if they do not find or take a public interest position within three years of graduation *and* do find employment above public interest salary levels.

### **Summer Session 1998 Schedule Adjustment**

Students may now process schedule adjustments (dropping & adding) in the Recorder's Office for the summer session. However, in order for billing to be correct and loans to be timely, these adjustments should be made by April 15. First Summer session bills are due May 10; second session bills are due June 10.

Further registration and schedule adjustments may be done in the Recorder's Office up to the first day of the class starting date. Please note that drop/add transactions must be processed by the first day of class for a 100% refund in any course. Any student wishing to cancel their summer registration needs to notify the Recorder's Office in writing or in person.

Fall 1998-99 Schedule Adjustment: Students will be notified of fall bumping by Wednesday April 8. Schedule adjustment for fall will be Monday April 13 through Thursday April 16.

## **News from Student Organizations**

### **DTP 5TH ANNUAL AMBULANCE CHASE**

It's time to run, walk, skip, or roll in the 5th annual Delta Theta Phi Ambulance Chase. The 5k fun run/walk will be held on Saturday, April 18 at Bryan Park on South Henderson street. All participants should arrive at the park at 8:30 a.m. for registration. The race will begin at 9 a.m., and participants will "chase" a Bloomington Hospital Ambulance on the streets of Bloomington. The entry fee is \$15. For those who wish to participate non-competitively, you will receive an "Ambulance Chase" T-shirt, a fun time, and the chance to win one of the prizes which will be raffled off at the end of the race. For those who wish to run competitively, the top three male and female finishers will receive a prize. Proceeds from the race will benefit the Bloomington Hospital Ambulance Service. DTP encourages everyone to participate and promises both a good time and the chance to help a good cause!

### **DTP SPRING FOOD DRIVE**

Delta Theta Phi encourages everyone to participate in its spring food drive to benefit Hoosier Hills Food Bank. Please deposit your nonperishable contributions in the Food Drive Box, which has been placed in the basement of the law school near the mailboxes and is marked "DTP FOOD DRIVE." Show your generosity and donate food today!

## **DTP ELECTIONS COMING SOON**

Are you looking for power? Prestige? An office in the law school? Now is your big chance. Calling all DTP members- start thinking about any offices that you will be interested in holding next year for the fraternity. Any 1L or 2L may run for an office. The offices which will be up for election are: Dean, Vice-Dean, Clerk of the Rolls, Master of the Ritual, Clerk of the Exchequer, and Bailiff. Elections will be held at the end of the semester, so watch the ILA and the signs outside the library for details!

## **DTP PHILANTHROPY**

Anyone interested in generating ideas for philanthropic activities for both this and next year are encouraged to contact Jennifer Puplava at [jpuplava@indiana.edu](mailto:jpuplava@indiana.edu) with their thoughts. DTP welcomes your ideas and support! A meeting for those interested in contributing will be scheduled at a later date.

## **WOMEN'S LAW CAUCUS SPRING ELECTIONS**

WLC election time is here again! We will be electing our new president, vice president, treasurer, and one of our speaker chairwomen. Speeches will be held on Tuesday, April 7, at 12:15 in Room 124. Nominations are still open until April 6. Voting will be on Monday, April 13 from 11-1 p.m. in the lobby. Only dues-paying members can vote, and dues can be paid to Martha Gregory, 1-L.

## **WLC CAREER PANEL**

Women's Law Caucus will be sponsoring a panel of women who practice in a variety of areas of law. This event will take place on April 8 at 4:30, Room TBA. Everyone is invited to attend to hear these women talk about what it is like to work in each legal setting. There will be time for questions. Refreshments will be provided. Watch for posters with further details.

## **SLA ELECTIONS**

SLA will be accepting nominations for SLA class representatives this Monday, April 6 - Thursday, April 9. Nominations should be submitted to the SLA office "Suggestion Box" slot; all nominees will receive a notice and application form by Friday, April 10. Election voting will be held Monday and Tuesday, April 13-14 in the lobby. Please see your current SLA representatives with any questions about SLA or the position of class rep.

## **PILF**

Due to the rain, PILF's service project at Lake Griffy Park was postponed until this Saturday April 4. We will be working to improve the trails. All law students and their friends and families are encouraged to attend! We will meet in the hallway near the front entrance at 11 a.m.

On April 7 at 6 p.m. at Nick's PILF has invited Professor Schornhorst to give a no holds barred account of his experiences with death penalty and other criminal matters. All students are welcome to participate in this unique opportunity!

PILF's Work A Day fundraiser is underway! Students are asked to pledge a donation for which we will bill you later. The law school matches any contribution. The money goes to law students who work for various public interest organizations. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

## **STUDENTS INTERESTED IN TAX LAW**

If you are interested in forming a tax law-related student organization in the fall, please contact Sandi Owen at [shown@indiana.edu](mailto:shown@indiana.edu) or Professor Steve Johnson at [stevejohnson@law.indiana.edu](mailto:stevejohnson@law.indiana.edu) by the last week of classes (April 24). Although we are not planning on meeting over the summer, we would like to assess whether there is sufficient interest among students in forming such a group and what ideas students might have for activities for such an organization.

## **Announcements**

### **WESTLAW AND LEXIS HIRING**

Westlaw and Lexis will each be hiring one student representative for the coming school year. Interested students should see Juliet Smith, Electronic Services Librarian, or email her at [jcsmith@law.indiana.edu](mailto:jcsmith@law.indiana.edu).

### **EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY AT SPEA**

Marc Rodwin of SPEA is looking for a teaching assistant/grader to help with an undergraduate course on health law in the fall term of 1998.

The assistant's primary responsibility will be to work with the instructor to grade the papers. The assistant will also help with other course tasks including assisting in developing some writing exercises, occasionally leading class discussion, and finding some law-related materials for the course.

Preference will be given to students in second or third year law school. Teaching experience or familiarity with health care issues is desirable, but not necessary.

Funding for the position is contingent on Mr. Rodwin's receiving a grant from the Campus Wide Writing Program. The stipend would be approximately \$2,000.

Professor Rodwin also seeks a research assistant for this summer. The research assistant's work will involve reading and summarizing legal and policy materials, library research, writing and related research activities. Familiarity with law or health policy is desirable but not required. Professor Rodwin seeks an assistant who can work full-time or 20 hours a week at \$8.00 an hour (the hourly wage is negotiable).

For either position, please send a curriculum vita, list of references and short cover letter to: Marc Rodwin, SPEA, Room 345, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405.

## **Events**

### **SHEILA KENNEDY AND SEAN LEMIEUX OF THE INDIANA CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION WILL PRESENT ON GAY AND LESBIAN RIGHTS IN INDIANA**

Join Outlaw in welcoming Ms. Kennedy, Executive Director of the ICLU and Sean Lemieux,

Director of the Project for Equal Rights at the ICLU on Tuesday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. in Room 216. Refreshments will be served.

### **JUMP START INTERNET RESEARCH CLASSES**

All sessions will take place in Computer Lab 208 B and last 50 minutes.

**Web Basics:** The class will introduce the student to Netscape, a web browser, and its special features. We will also look at basic ways to search for information on the web. Dates: Monday, Apr. 6, Noon; Tuesday, Apr. 14, 3 p.m.

**Search Engines and Beyond:** This class will uncover the hidden secrets of web search engines and pursue alternative methods for finding information on the web. Dates: Monday, Apr. 6, 3 p.m.; Tuesday, Apr. 14, Noon.

**Finding Indiana Legal Material:** A variety of legal information for the Indiana attorney exists on the web. We will look in depth at relevant sites. Dates: Thursday, Apr. 9, Noon; Monday, Apr. 13, 3 p.m.

**Finding Federal Legal Material:** The web has made legislative history and bill tracking a lot easier. We will examine sites from all three branches of government. Dates: Thursday, Apr. 9, 3 p.m.; Tuesday, Apr. 14, 6 p.m.

**PDF, Telnet, FTP, and HTML Conversion Programs:** Just what do all these acronyms mean? Are they really important for web research? We will examine these file formats and protocols for the web. Dates: Monday, Apr. 13, Noon; Tuesday, Apr. 14, 4 p.m.

If you cannot attend a session on a desired topic, or your class schedule creates conflicts, please speak to Juliet Smith, Electronic Services Librarian.

### **THE FEDERALIST SOCIETY AND THE WOMEN'S LAW CAUCUS HOST EXCHANGE**

The Federalist Society and the Women's Law Caucus will be hosting an exchange of ideas this week concerning the Supreme Court's treatment of abortion under the Constitution. The forum will take place this Wednesday, April 8 in the Moot Court Room at 12:15 p.m. Notre Dame Law Professor Charles Rice and IU doctoral candidate Julie Thomas will offer alternative critiques of prominent abortion cases from *Roe v. Wade* to *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pennsylvania v. Casey*, and the public policy implications of these decisions. Pizza will be served. For more information, contact Germaine Winnick at 323-8487 or Kristi Prutow at 334-7749.

## **Calendar**

### **MONDAY, APRIL 6**

...Last day for WLC election nominations.

## **TUESDAY, APRIL 7**

...WLC speeches for president, vice president, treasurer, and speaker chairwoman; Room 124 at 12:15

...PILF hosts Professor Schornhorst who will talk about his work with death penalty and other criminal matters, 6 p.m., Nick's.

...Sheila Kennedy and Sean Lemieux of the ICLU will give presentation on gay and lesbian rights in Indiana at 7:00 p.m., Room 216.

## **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8**

...The Federalist Society and Women's Law Caucus present Notre Dame Law Professor Charles Rice and Julie Thomas, 12:15 p.m., Moot Court Room.

...WLC Career Speaker Panel, 4:30, Room TBA.

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