

The Docket

February 18 - 24

Docket Information

The Docket is the Law School's official means of communicating important administrative announcements and many Law School events to the student body. The Docket is published weekly [bi-weekly June-August] only in electronic form and the complete contents are contained in this site. Students are responsible for all information in each issue. In addition, please check both your e-mail accounts and pendaflex mail folders daily for important faculty and administrative communications disseminated after the week's Docket has been published.

Unless you request otherwise, announcements will appear in one issue only.

Requests for the Law School Calendar (not the Docket) should be submitted through the Events Reservation form.

The Docket accepts announcements on a Web based submission form. The article submission form is available at https://cgi2.www.law.umich.edu/_Docketposting/DocketSubmissionForm.asp. Our deadline remains 1 p.m. Wednesday for publication the following Monday (Docket Schedule)

Exams & Registration

Gain Some Insight Into Upper Level Course Selection At The Course Advising Discussions

Time: Wednesday, March 5, 12:20 - 1:20 p.m.

Location: 218 HH

Event Contact: Marilyn Genoa, marilyng@umich.edu, 734.764.0516

With registration quickly approaching, the Office of Student Affairs sponsors the Course Advising Series to provide students interested in particular areas of law with insight on choosing their upper-level courses and extra-curricular pursuits. The first panel discussion will be a general overview on upper-class course selection with Professors Steve Croley, Christina Whitman and Paul Reingold. A question and answer period will follow the panel discussion. Feel free to bring your lunch with you to this discussion. (Note: all students with meal contracts may request the Lawyers Club to prepare a bag lunch with one day's notice; you will not be able to bring a tray out of the dining hall to HH.)

Workshops/Symposiums/Speakers

How To Get A Job In Intellectual Property

Time: Monday, February 18, 12:20 - 1:20 p.m.

Location: 218 HH

Event Contact: Carolyn Spencer, carospen@umich.edu, 734.764.0546

Kate Patterson of Patterson Davis Consulting, Inc. (www.pattersondavis.com), an IP headhunter, will speak about IP careers. Ms. Patterson will be available for limited individual student counseling on Monday, February 18. Students may sign up for a counseling session beginning Wednesday, February 13, in the Office of Career Services.

The Honorable Carl Levin, United States Senator From Michigan Since 1978 "Torture, The Rule Of Law And American Security" Dean's Special Lecture - International Law Workshop

Time: Monday, February 18, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Location: 250 HH

Event Contact: Stephanie Wiederhold, wls@umich.edu, 734.764.0535

The Honorable Carl Levin will be giving a Dean's Special Lecture as part of the winter 2008 International Law Workshop series.

The International Law Workshop introduces today's most debated issues in international and comparative law. The Workshop is intended for non-specialists; you are encouraged to attend any or all of the sessions. The Workshop is coordinated by Professors Daniel Halberstam, Michael Barr, and Nico Howson, and Assistant Dean for International Affairs, Virginia Gordan, Center for International & Comparative Law.

Please see the following web site for more information on Senator Levin's talk.

[Call For Proposals Student-Sponsored Symposia And Conferences For Academic Year 2008-2009](#)
Event Contact: Marilyn Genoa, marilyng@umich.edu or Cindy Kerschbaum, ckerschb@umich.edu, 734.763.6499

Pursuant to the Law School's policy on student sponsored symposia and conferences, the Law School's Curricular, Co-Curricular and Pedagogic Issues Committee is calling for proposals for symposia and conferences for Academic Year 2008-2009. Student organizations and publications, as well as any other group of students, who wish to obtain Law School funding for a symposium or conference next year should prepare and submit a proposal to the Committee no later than Friday, March 21, 2008.

Proposals shall include a description of the topic, the format, and the importance of the symposium or conference; a proposed budget; suggested dates; a list of sponsoring individuals and organizations and any special knowledge, expertise, or interest they have in the topic; and a list of suggested speakers and participants. Supporting letters are encouraged, as are suggestions of alternative funding sources that have been approached or will be pursued. Ten copies of each proposal should be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 21, 2008 to Cindy Kerschbaum in 300 HH. The Curricular, Co-Curricular and Pedagogic Issues Committee will review the proposals and make recommendations to the Dean before the end of the Winter Term. Proposals received after the deadline may not be considered. This year's members of the Curricular, Co-Curricular and Pedagogic Issues Committee are Prof. Douglas Kahn (chair); Professors Ted Parson, SallyAnne Payton, and Larry Waggoner; and students Gillian Warmflash and Solana Flora. David Baum, Christine Gregory and Christina Luo serve ex officio.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you are planning an event that goes beyond a single speaker or panel in a single room on a single day but are not seeking financial support, please inform the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs no less than 90 days in advance to ensure that your event can be accommodated in the Law School calendar.

Events/Activities/Meetings

[The Student Research Lunch Is A Forum For Students To Present Research Ideas, Research In Progress, Or Even Completed Projects That Are Still Open To Revision. This Session, Samuel L. Brenner Will Be Presenting "Negro Blood In His Veins": The Development And Disappearance Of The Doctrine Of Defamation Per Se By Racial Misidentification In The American South.](#)

Time: Wednesday, February 20, 12:20 - 1:20 p.m.

Location: 132 HH

Event Contact: Karen Rushlow, krushlow@umich.edu, 734.615.2035

[Winter 2008 - Practice Your Language Skills](#)

Time: 12:15 - 1:30 p.m.

Location: Recreation Room - Lawyers Club

Event Contact: Stephanie Wiederhold, wls@umich.edu, 734.764.0535

Language lunches are a great way for J.D. and LL.M. students who share an interest or background in countries where the particular languages are spoken to meet each other and improve their language skills. The lunches have played a wonderful role in bringing together students interested in different parts of the world and enabling them to build friendships and share resources.

MONDAY: JAPANESE, FRENCH, RUSSIAN & SPANISH:
February 18
March 3, 10, 17, 24

TUESDAY: CHINESE, ITALIAN & GERMAN:
February 19
March 4, 11, 18, 25

No language lunches: Week of February 25 (fall recess)

If you would like to participate but pizza is not your food of choice, residents of the Lawyers Club may request a brown bag lunch 24 hours in advance. Also, you do not need to live in the Lawyers Club to participate. Non-residents may have the pizza or bring in their own brown bag lunch.

Sponsored by the Center for International & Comparative Law.

Competitions/Scholarships/Externships/Fellowships

Student Writing Competitions

To see all student writing competitions please visit:

www.law.umich.edu/currentstudents/student-services/Pages/competit.aspx

Additional information about these competitions and awards may be found in a binder located in the Registrar's Office, Room 300 HH.

Scholarships

Sidney B. Williams, Jr. Minority Law Student Scholarship Program

The \$10,000 Law Scholarship will be awarded to minority students developing a career in intellectual property law or holding a past or present, full or part-time position in an area related to intellectual property law. Applicants must demonstrate financial need and outstanding academic performance in the undergraduate, graduate and law school levels (if applicable). General factors such as leadership skills, community activities or special accomplishments will also be taken into consideration. Applications are available online at www.aiplef.org/scholarships/sidney_b_williams/apply.html. The application deadline is February 25, 2008.

Air and Waste Management Association

The East Michigan Chapter, A&WMA, is pleased to announce up to four \$1,500 scholarships to be awarded to students studying for a career in air pollution control, hazardous waste management or another environmental area. The scholarships must be used at a college or university located within the State of Michigan. Merit is of primary interest, but financial need, extracurricular activities and interests are also considered. Applications are available online at www.emawma.org. The application deadline is February 28, 2008.

Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett LLP Diversity and Inclusion Scholarship

Two scholarships in the amount of \$4,000 each will be awarded to minority law students in their first year of law school. Applicants must be a member of an ethnic or racial minority or demonstrate a significant commitment to issues of diversity and inclusion. Applicants must also demonstrate academic achievement, be enrolled in a Michigan law school or be Michigan residents attending an accredited law school within the United States. Applications are available online at www.varnumlaw.com. The application deadline is February 29, 2008.

Puerto Rican Legal Defense and Education Fund (PRLDEF)

The Puerto Rican Bar Association (PRBA) Scholarship Award is \$2,000. All first and second year Latino students attending law school in the United States are eligible to apply. PRBA selects recipients based on financial need and academic promise. Students working toward their LL.M. are not eligible for this award. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office, 310 HH. The postmark deadline is March 1, 2008.

Toledo Community Foundation

The Toledo Community Foundation is pleased to offer the Amir and Shaheda Khan Scholarship for Law. This scholarship is for individuals of the Islamic faith who are pursuing a Juris Doctor degree at Case Western Reserve University, Michigan State University, The Ohio State University, University of Dayton, University of Michigan or The University of Toledo. It is anticipated that one \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded. Application instructions are available in the Financial Aid Office, 310 HH. The application deadline is March 3, 2008.

Rhode Island Bar Foundation

Two \$15,000 scholarships will be awarded to full-time students who are Rhode Island residents entering their first year of law school in September. Each scholarship award will be made on the basis of demonstrated financial need, superior academic performance, community and public service, and demonstrated contacts with and commitment to the State of Rhode Island. Applications are available online at www.ribar.com. The application deadline is March 21, 2008.

Berks County Community Foundation The Howard Fox Memorial Law Scholarship

The Howard Fox Memorial Law Scholarship is a \$3000 award presented annually to a deserving Berks County, Pennsylvania, resident who will be enrolled in his or her second year at an accredited Law School. Applications are available online at www.bccf.org/pages/forms/Foxapplication.html. The application deadline is April 1, 2008.

Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan - Judge Philip J. Glennie Scholarship

One scholarship in the amount of \$900 will be awarded to a law student who attended and graduated from a high school located within the Michigan counties of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency or Presque Isle. Financial need is not a requirement. Applications are available online at www.cfnem.org. The application deadline is April 1, 2008.

The Ted St. Antoine Commemorative Scholarship

This scholarship seeks to recognize second-year University of Michigan Law students who, notwithstanding their academic standing in the middle of their class, hold out great promise of being beneficial contributors to the legal community or society as a whole, based upon their activities both in and out of the classroom. The scholarship will award \$1,000 to one student (or \$750 to each of two students) to help cover the cost of their third year at the University of Michigan Law School. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office, 310 HH. The application deadline is April 4, 2008.

Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan

The Otis M. Smith Scholarship Program provides scholarships for working single mothers who pursue higher education on at least a half-time basis. Not more than four scholarships of \$3,000 will be awarded to successful candidates from select nationally recognized universities: Wayne State University, all campuses of the University of Michigan and the Columbus College of Law at Catholic University Law School. Applicants must be current residents of any of the following counties of southeastern Michigan: Wayne, Oakland, or Macomb. The application deadline is May 1, 2008.

Adler Pollock & Sheehan Diversity Scholarship

One scholarship of \$10,000 will be awarded to a minority student who will be entering his or her first year of law school in the Fall. Applicants' permanent residence must be in Massachusetts or Rhode Island. Applicants must also demonstrate strong academic achievement, financial need, a

desire to work and reside in Massachusetts or Rhode Island upon graduation, demonstrated commitment to the community and a vision of contributions to the profession and community after graduation. Applications are available online at www.apslaw.com. The application deadline is June 1, 2008.

The Jephtha Wade Schureman Scholarship Program provides children who have lost their fathers because of death or loss of parental rights before reaching the age of majority with a scholarship of \$7,500 for use at one of the 15 public universities in Michigan. Applicants must be residents of the following counties at the time of high school graduation: Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Lenawee, Washtenaw, Livingston or St. Clair. Candidates must also demonstrate financial need, scholastic achievement, leadership and character, and be between the ages of 17 - 27. The application deadline is June 2, 2008. Applications are available online at www.cfsem.org/grants/how_to_apply/scholarships.html.

Kalamazoo Community Foundation

The Kalamazoo Community Foundation offers a variety of scholarship opportunities for U.S. citizens or permanent resident aliens (green card holders). Applicants must have been a Kalamazoo County resident during high school or have graduated from a Kalamazoo County High School. Applications are available online at www.kalfound.org. The application deadline is July 1, 2008.

KeyBank's \$2,500 Scholarship

KeyBank is giving away a \$2,500 scholarship every month from September through August. Enter online at www.key.com/gen/html/LP-kerscholarship.html. All entries are good through the end of the sweepstakes. It's open to graduate students and parents of graduate students. There are no GPA or essay requirements.

Fellowships

Public Interest Fellowships

For the latest fellowships available in Public Interest visit the Office of Public Service Web site at: <http://www.law.umich.edu/currentstudents/publicservice/Pages/default.aspx>

Awards

Service Award Nominations

Event Contact: Office of Student Affairs, lawstudentaffairs@umich.edu, 734.615.0019

The Student Selection, Recruitment, and Recognition Committee is seeking nominations from the Law School student body, administration, and faculty for several awards given annually at the Honors Convocation in May. All nominees must be University of Michigan law students.

Jane L. Mixer Award - Presented to the students who have made the greatest contributions to activities designed to advance the cause of social justice.

Irving Stenn, Jr. Award - Presented to students who, through extracurricular activities, have made outstanding contributions to the well being and strength of the Law School or University.

The National Association of Women Lawyers Award - Presented to a third year student who has demonstrated achievement and motivation in academic and community work, as well as commitment to social justice and the advancement of women.

The Women Lawyers of Michigan Julia D. Darlow Award - Presented to a student who has demonstrated, through Law School and community activities, the substantial likelihood that, as a lawyer, he or she will advance the interests of the women members of the legal profession; promote improvements in the administration of justice; promote equity and social justice for all people; and improve relations between the legal profession and the public.

Nominations should describe in detail how the student fits the criteria for that particular award and why he or she should be selected over other nominees. You may nominate as many students as you wish. Please submit all nominations, either hard copy or via email, to Mark Gebhart (mgebhart@umich.edu) or Trudy Feldkamp (tfeldkam@umich.edu), 307 HH, no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 22, 2008.

Announcements/Reminders

Safeguard Your Belongings

Students should not leave valuables, bookbags, purses or cell phones unattended anywhere in the Law School complex. This includes the Reading Room and carrels in the library, where a number of thefts have occurred in the past. Needless to say, the loss of laptops, textbooks and notebooks can have particularly dire consequences.

If you observe a crime or other suspicious behavior at the Law School, please call the Department of Public Safety (911 or 734.763.1131).

Admissions Summer Sublet List

Event Contact: Amy Sankaran, law.jd.admissions, 734.764.0537

Will you be away from Ann Arbor for the summer? Would you like to sublet your apartment?

The Admissions Office is once again coordinating a Summer Sublet List where you can advertise your rental and connect with our Summer Starters who are looking for housing during the summer months. To be added to the List, please send the following information to law.jd.admissions@umich.edu:

- * Contact Name
- * Year in Law School -- 1L, 2L, 3L
- * Telephone Number
- * Email Address
- * Apartment Availability Dates (To/From) (Please note that the rental must be available through August 22, 2008)
- * Location of the Rental
- * Brief Description of Rental
- * Price of your Rental

To be included in the first Edition of the Listing (which will be distributed at the first Preview weekend), please respond by Friday, February 29, 2008.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Amy Sankaran at this email address.

Do you have tax questions?

Each year a number of students come to us with their tax questions. For your convenience, we created a list of frequently asked questions which can be found on the Law School's website at www.law.umich.edu/currentstudents/financialaid/Documents/taxfaq.pdf. Hopefully it will help answer many questions you have during this tax season.

Please keep in mind the tax deadline for 2007 is April 15, 2008. If you have more specific tax questions, they should be directed to a tax professional or the IRS.

The Law School Financial Aid Office

Protecting Your Text Books And Valuables

The Office of Student Affairs was just informed about the recent theft of a textbook from the Student Pendaflexes. Stealing books and selling them to bookstores has become an organized criminal activity on campus. To help thwart thieves, we suggest the following:

- Students should not leave books, valuables, book bags or purses unattended anywhere in the Law School complex. This includes your Pendaflex, the Reading Room and carrels in the library, where a number of thefts have occurred in the past.
- Write your name and telephone number in the inside margins on a page you will remember in each of your books. This will enable you to prove the book is yours if it turns up at one of the bookstores.
- If your books or valuables are stolen, be sure to file a police report with the Department of Public Safety at 734.763.1131. At least one bookstore will not return books to you without a police report on file.
- If you believe that your books have been stolen, e-mail a description, (book's title, author and any descriptive information you can, e.g. "heavily highlighted in green up to Chapter 11, with my name and phone number on page 371) of the books to the manager of the Michigan Union Bookstore, where a database of all stolen book titles is maintained. If someone comes in to sell a book, they are able to search the descriptions to see if it matches anything on their database. The e-mail address of the bookstore is bksumichiganunion@bncollege.com. Put "Attention: Textbook Manager" in the "Subject" line.
- Let the Office of Student Affairs know about the theft, either by sending an e-mail to Dean Baum (dbaum@umich.edu) or visiting the office in 301 HH.
- As a general reminder, if you observe a crime or other suspicious behavior at the Law School, please contact the Department of Public Safety.

Email Your Question To The Ask A Law Librarian Email Reference Service

E-mail Reference Service For U of M Law Students At Askalawlibrarian@umich.edu, Or send your question via the web at: <http://cgi2.www.law.umich.edu/asklibrarian/Question.aspx>. Hours of Service: Sunday-Friday during the Fall & Winter Terms. Response time is normally 1-3 business days, excluding university holidays and semester breaks.

Visit us at the Reference Desk on the sub-1 level of the underground law library if you prefer immediate in-person assistance. Hours of Service: 9 a.m. to midnight 7 days per week, excluding university holidays and semester breaks.

Call us at the reference desk at 734.764.9324 if you have a quick reference question that can be handled over the phone. Hours of Service: 9 a.m. to midnight 7 days per week, excluding university holidays and semester breaks.

Consult us by appointment if you need one on one, in-depth research consultation assistance from a reference librarian. Appointments may be made via e-mail to askalawlibrarian@umich.edu. Hours of Service: by appointment.

Commencement Weekend Airfare Discounts

Special airfare discounts are now available from Northwest Airlines for family and friends attending 2008 University of Michigan Commencement ceremonies.

To check fares or make reservations, visit the Northwest Airlines home page at www.nwa.com and do the following:

- * Under the "Flights" tab, click on "NWA Discount Travel E-Cert Redemption" (located near the bottom).
- * On the Flight Search screen, click "Login" and enter your WorldPerks number if you have one.
- * Enter your preferred flight cities and dates in the "Flight Options" section. In the "E-Cert" section of the same page, select "Meeting Agreement (WorldFile Number)" from the pull-down menu and enter NYVLU in the Meeting Agreement Code box.
- * Click the red search "Search for Flights" button.

Please note: Discounts are valid on flights between April 18, 2008 and May 11, 2008 and range from 2% to 15%, depending on how far in advance reservations are made (the earlier reservations are booked, the greater the potential discount). The discount is available on Northwest Airlines operated flights and in some cases on Northwest Airlines code share flights operated by Continental Airlines. The discount may not be available on all fares, and Northwest will offer the lowest available fare at the time of booking, regardless of whether it includes the discount. If you need assistance, contact Northwest Airlines specialty sales at 800.328.1111. Travel agents may book tickets using the NYVLU WorldFile code at www.worldagentdirect.com

Employment

Summer Law Clerk Positions

Event Contact: Laura Burstein, bursteil@umich.edu, 734.998.9454

The Family Law Project has openings for summer law clerks.

The Family Law Project is a student organization at the University of Michigan Law School and an office of Legal Services of South Central Michigan. LSSCM provides free legal services to very low income and senior persons in 13 counties in south-central Michigan. FLP provides free legal advice and representation to indigent survivors of domestic violence in Washtenaw County, primarily in the area of family law including divorce, custody and personal protection order actions.

Job Description: Law clerks work under the supervision of a staff attorney on assigned cases. Case work includes conducting client interviews, drafting pleadings, court filings, and appearing at court hearings.

Qualifications: Law students, preferably with one year of law school completed. It is helpful if the student has experience working with low-income persons and/or survivors of domestic violence. Applicants are encouraged to apply for public interest fellowships through their law school and through Equal Justice America at www.equaljusticeamerica.org.

FLP is an equal opportunity employer. We encourage minority and disabled persons and women to apply.

Please send cover letter and resume to:

Laura Burstein and Alyson Robbins, Staff Attorneys
Family Law Project
Hutchins Hall
625 S. State Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1215

Or fax to: 734.998.9125

Or email to: bursteil@umich.edu
alyr@umich.edu

Office Hours

Assistant Dean for Student Affairs - David Baum

To make an appointment with Dean Baum, please contact Marilyn Genoa either in person in 301 HH, by calling 734.764.0516, or via e-mail at marilyng@umich.edu.

Assistant Dean for Student Affairs - Christine Gregory

Monday: 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Thursday: 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

To make an appointment with Christine Gregory, please contact Mark Gebhart or Trudy Feldkamp by e-mail mgebhart@umich.edu or tfeldkam@umich.edu, or phone at 734.615.0019.

Office of the Registrar:

For answers to questions about graduation requirements, registration, examination procedures, and the like, e-mail lawrecords@umich.edu. Alternatively, students can make an appointment to see Jack Atkinson, Registrar 734.647.0997, Debby Hartranft, Student Services Examination and Grade Coordinator 734.647.7589, Amy Bishop, Student Services Curriculum Coordinator 734.763.6499, David Baum, Assistant Dean for Student Affairs 734.764.0516, or Christine Gregory, Director of Student Affairs 734.615.0019.

Financial Aid Office:

Office hours are 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Our phone number is 734.764.5289 and the office e-mail is lawfinaid@umich.edu.

Assistant Dean for International Affairs Virginia Gordon:

To schedule an appointment with Assistant Dean Virginia Gordon, please contact Barbara Glispin in 300D LR, phone 734.764.5269, glispin@umich.edu. If you have questions about international legal studies, planning your curriculum, or opportunities for students with international or overseas interest, drop by the Center for International and Comparative Law and Assistant Dean Virginia Gordon would be happy to talk with you.

Office of Public Service:

To make an appointment with a counselor, please see Jackie Julien in 200 HH #29 or call 734.647.3256.

Office of Career Services:

To make a scheduled appointment with Susan Guindi, Carolyn Spencer or Robin Kaplan, please stop by 210 HH, or call 734.764.0546.

Library Hours:

8:00 a.m. to Midnight, seven days a week