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## Weekly Newsletter



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### Constitution Committee Drafts the Drexel Law Constitution

The SBA is pleased to announce that the Constitution committee has drafted the Constitution for the College of Law.

The committee met with the inaugural student government on March 15 to present the first draft. On March 30, upon several rounds of proposals and revisions, the SBA general body reached a consensus on the final draft.

There will be a **"Q & A" session** about the Constitution on **April 4 at 4:00 p.m. (in room 140 - open to all students)** in the College of Law. Students will vote by secret ballot on April 11. If two-thirds of the voting student body approve of the Constitution, it will be ratified. Ratification will be followed by a "Signing" day on April 13.

We would encourage all students to participate in all these events.

### News from the Law Library

#### New Databases from CCH:

The Law Library has subscribed to two major database collections – the [CCH Business & Finance NetWork](#) and the [CCH Health & Human Resources NetWork](#). These resources provide unique current awareness services and full-text access to federal and state laws and regulations, case law, and other materials in the areas of securities, banking, trade regulation, health law, HR, employment law, and more. Individual publications within the databases will also soon be accessible through the [catalog](#).

For more details, visit the library's [Electronic Databases](#) page.

### Student Organization Notices

On Saturday, April 14, 2007 the **Health Law Society** is organizing a Drexel Law team for the Sodexo Hunger Walk. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. on the Ben Franklin Parkway. Registration is free, but donations would be appreciated, and we will try to raise money in the coming weeks. We are also going to order t-shirts from the Hunger Walk for \$5 in advance. Please contact [ducolhealthlaw@yahoo.com](mailto:ducolhealthlaw@yahoo.com) for more info and registration details.

Learn about **Careers In Environmental Law** on Monday, April 16th, at 12:45pm in Room 114. Jeanne Dworetzky of the PA Department of Environmental Protection, and Samantha Corson from the Greenberg Traurig firm will discuss their experiences in the public and private sector. For more information email Mara ([mbc29@drexel.edu](mailto:mbc29@drexel.edu)) or Josh ([jdk49@drexel.edu](mailto:jdk49@drexel.edu)).

**Drexel Law Cycling Team** needs YOU! We are seeking anyone interested in cycling or helping us with fundraising for our participation in the MS150. If you would like to join the student organization all the popular students belong to (sadly I can't back this up, but we are very friendly!), email David Oldham at [ddo22@drexel.edu](mailto:ddo22@drexel.edu).



### DATES TO REMEMBER:

**April 4:**  
Drexel Law Constitution Q&A session  
4:00 p.m., Room 140

**April 9: No Classes**  
Drexel College of Law Building  
Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony  
11:30 am

### Career Corner



#### Notices from the Office of Career Services:

A Resume Guide and Sample Resumes are now on Drexel Law's Website under "[Career Services](#)."

#### Events:

#### Seminar: Opportunities in Employment Law, April 11-

Save the Date! On **Wednesday, April 11**, from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m., Career Services will be hosting a panel of speakers on opportunities in employment law: Gina Ameci, a partner at Buchanan Ingersoll; Wanda Flowers, in-house counsel for Sunoco, Inc., and a member of the National Labor Relations Board.

### Join Your Professors on a Weekly Run

Now that it's spring, join Profs. Dana Irwin and Amy Montemarano, along with your fellow classmates, on a weekly run through University City!



The group will meet in the lobby on Wednesdays at 4:40 p.m. and run for 40 minutes. All levels welcome! (Disclaimer from Irwin and Montemarano: "We're slow!")

Submissions for the "College of Law Weekly Newsletter" are subject to the approval of Teresa Wallace, Acting Associate Dean of Students and Assistant Dean for Academic Services. Submissions for the "College of Law Weekly Newsletter" should be forwarded to [abridgett@drexel.edu](mailto:abridgett@drexel.edu)



# PENNSYLVANIA BAR INSTITUTE

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Dear Law Student:

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Bar Institute and the Pennsylvania Bar Association Civil and Equal Rights Committee, it is my pleasure to invite you to attend the seminar *Civil Rights in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*. This program is being held in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Mechanicsburg on April 12<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-4:30. In Philadelphia and Mechanicsburg the seminar is being held in PBI's Offices. In Pittsburgh the seminar is being held at the Koppers Building.

**There will be no cost for you to attend the program, a free CD of the materials will be provided to you.** If you wish to attend lunch there is a cost of \$15 and if you wish to have a hard copy of the book the cost is \$25. Payments may be made at the program. In order to attend you need to email [jchadyellis@pbi.org](mailto:jchadyellis@pbi.org) no later than **Thursday, April 5, 2007**. You may also direct any questions to that email address.

This program is your opportunity to mingle with attorneys who practice civil rights law. During the program you will learn how the major changes in the composition of the United States Supreme Court affect basic civil rights in the areas that have been making the headlines – surveillance and secrecy after 9/11, the impact on the First Amendment, attacks on the press, the public's right to know and reproductive rights. You will also discover the use of state and local constitutions and laws, the application of international law, and how far one can ethically go in contesting the challenges to civil rights.

If you are interested in attending and will have to miss class to attend, please check with your professor in order to obtain approval first. If your professor has any questions about the program, s/he may feel free to contact me directly. My phone number is 800-932-4637 x 2231. If the attendance becomes too large we will limit it to however many law students we can fit. In that case we will accept people for attendance in the order in which they signed up.

I hope you will be able to join us on the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

*Jennifer Chady Ellis*

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## **Program Schedule**

### **Civil Rights in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

**April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

**Philadelphia, Pittsburgh & Mechanicsburg**

8:30 – 8:45	Welcome & Overview
8:45 – 9:45	Surveillance and Secrecy — Individual Civil Rights Post 9/11
9:45 – 10:45	Attacks on the Press and the Public Right to Know
10:45 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:00	Ethics and Rule 11 — Pushing the Envelope
12:00 – 1:15	Lunch (costs \$15)
1:15 – 2:15	Reproductive Rights
2:15 – 3:15	State and Local Constitution Laws
3:15 – 3:30	Break
3:30 – 4:30	Applying International Standards to U.S. Civil Rights and Social Justice

**Drexel University Libraries**  
**invite you to the**  
**2007 Scholarly Communication Symposium**  
**Intellectual Property Rights**  
**Friday, April 20, 2007**

The Drexel University Libraries, with support from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), the LeBow Center for Teaching Excellence, the LeBow Center for Research Excellence, and Knovel Corporation, will present The 4th Annual Scholarly Communication Symposium: Intellectual Property Rights. Join us for a full-day program that will feature renowned speakers and panelists.

All are welcome! The event is free, but registration is required. Please register by April 6<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, presentation abstracts, participating panelists, and to register, please visit:  
<http://www.library.drexel.edu/services/symposium2007.html>

**Event:** The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Drexel University Libraries' Scholarly Communication Symposium:  
Intellectual Property Rights

**Date:** Friday, April 20, 2007

**Time:** 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM

**Location:** Drexel University, Edmund D. Bossone Research Enterprise Center, Market Street  
(between 31st and 32nd Streets), Philadelphia, PA

**Speakers:**

**Michael W. Carroll, J.D.**, Associate Professor at the Villanova University School of Law and a member of the Board of Directors of Creative Commons, Inc. (morning session)

**Siva Vaidhyanathan, Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor of Culture and Communication at New York University and author of *Copyrights and Copywrongs: The Rise of Intellectual Property and How it Threatens Creativity* (New York University Press, 2001) and *The Anarchist in the Library* (Basic Books, 2004). (Morning session)

**Martin I. Finston, Ph.D., J.D.**, in-house Patent Counsel at Alcatel-Lucent, a global communications solutions provider. (Afternoon session)

**Robert B. McGrath, Ph.D.**, Associate Vice Provost and Executive Director of Entrepreneurship and Technology Commercialization at Drexel University. (Afternoon session)

**Panelists** (include the speakers listed above as well as):

**Marcy Wagman, Esq.**, Program Director for the Bachelor of Science in Music Industry at Drexel University's Antoinette Westphal College of Media, Arts and Design and CEO of MAD Dragon UNLTD. She is also a singer/songwriter and has an expertise in Copyright and Entertainment Law. (Morning session)

**Neal Orkin, J.D.**, Associate Professor in the Department of Legal Studies at LeBow College of Business, Drexel University. He has an expertise in the Intellectual Property rights of employed inventors and authors. (Morning session)

**William L. Bartow, Esq.**, Intellectual Property Group at DLA Piper Law Firm, has an expertise in medical devices, smart card technology, combustion safety devices, and other mechanical arts and is an Alumnus of Drexel University. (Afternoon session)

**Tim Block, Ph.D.**, Professor of Microbiology and Immunology at Drexel's College of Medicine and is the Director of the Drexel Institute for Biotechnology and Virology Research. (Afternoon session)

**Sasha Gurke**, Sr. Vice President and Co-Founder, Knovel Corporation, is a trained Chemist and Process Engineer with years of industrial and lab experience. (Afternoon session)

**Elisabeth Papazoglou Ph.D.**, Assistant Professor, School of Biomedical Engineering at Drexel University, has an expertise in skin research, wound healing, deployment of non-invasive technologies for skin characterization, correlation of spectroscopic/imaging information to skin chemistry and wound healing. (Afternoon session)

## **Perspectives Debate**

### **Request for Volunteers**

Perspectives Debate invites members of the Drexel Law community to serve as volunteer judges or be a community spectator for their upcoming 1st Annual City Wide Debate Tournament on **April 21** at Drexel University.

Perspectives Debate Incorporated is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to promoting youth debate education, co-founded by Harvard sophomore Lilly Deng, a native of Philadelphia. Perspectives has recently launched 5 debate programs serving underserved youth. Students learn about law, values conflicts, and research through debating the topic: "Establishing a safe educational environment in grades K-12 justifies the infringement of student civil liberties."

Even if you have never been involved in debate, but are interested in politics, social issues, or youth, Perspectives will introduce you to debate. Please help this young non-profit in sharing their mission with the Philadelphia community with your attendance!

#### **Event Details:**

April 21st, 2007

2-4PM. (9AM-1PM for judges, 2-4:30pm for observers.)

Drexel University, Main Building - 32nd and Chestnut Streets

In addition to volunteers (a 9am to 1pm commitment), we would love for anyone interested to come and spectate our final round debated by the top 2 students at our tournament. The round will be adjudicated by a panel of judges including Jerry Shestack (former President of the American Bar Association), Judge Bradley Moss (First Judicial District), Professor Regina Austin (Penn Law), and others. If you would like to volunteer or simply come and see the incredible talents of Philadelphia youth, please email Lilly Deng at [lilly@philadebate.org](mailto:lilly@philadebate.org).