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LINDA GREENHOUSE SPEAKS ON SUPREME COURT

New York Times reporter Linda Greenhouse will present this year’s John P. Frank Memorial Lecture on the topic, “Change and Continuity on the Supreme Court,” at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 15, in Katzin Hall on ASU’s Tempe campus. Greenhouse began covering the U.S. Supreme Court for The New York Times in 1978. Greenhouse will present a Pulitzer Prize in beat reporting in 1998 for her coverage of the Supreme Court. In 2004, she received the Goldsmith Career Award for Excellence in Journalism from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard and the John Chancellor Award for Excellence in Journalism from the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania. Her book, Becoming Justice Blackmun: Harry Blackmun’s Supreme Court Journey (2000) was a New York Times “Notable Book of the Year.” For more information contact the School of Justice & Social Inquiry at (480) 965-7682.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The Black Law Students Association has scheduled the following events in honor of Black History Month:

Tuesday, Feb. 13 – Jo Ana Saint-George, an attorney at Kutak Rock in Scottsdale and founder and president of the National Bar Association Arizona Diversity Pipeline Program (www.NBAPipeline.org), will talk about “Investing in Your Future and Reaping the Rewards Today: How Membership in the National Bar Association is the Best Investment You Can Make.” Noon to 1:30 p.m., Room 115.

Wednesday, Feb. 14 – Retired Judge Cecil B. Patterson Jr. will speak on “Practice in Arizona: 38 Years of Personal Experiences and Observations in the Legal and Judicial Arenas.” Judge Patterson currently practices law in the Phoenix community. He retired with eight years of service in the Arizona Court of Appeals, Division I. He also served as Maricopa County Superior Court Judge for 11 years, Acting Presiding Judge for the Glendale City Court, Chief Counsel of the Human Services Division for the Office of the Arizona Attorney General, trial attorney with the Maricopa County Public Defender’s Office, as a partner with a local law firm, and with the Phoenix Urban League and the Maricopa County Legal Aid Society. Thursday, Feb. 15 – Booker Evans, a partner with Greenberg Traurig in litigation and white collar criminal defense, will speak on “The Civil Rights Movement: A Personal Account.” Noon to 1:30 p.m., Room 115.

Monday, Feb. 19 – Dine with Myles Lynk, the Peter Kiewit Foundation Professor of Law and the Legal Profession at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law. Lynk also is a faculty associate in the college’s Center for the Study of Law, Science, & Technology. 7:8:30 p.m., the Effland-Cleary Faculty Center.

Tuesday, Feb. 27 – Retired Judge Penny Willrich will speak on “Black History Today: Moving Out of the Illusion of Inclusion.” Judge Willrich was the first African-American woman judge on the Superior Court of Arizona (1999-2005) and is an associate professor of law and Director of Lawyering Process at the Phoenix School of Law. Noon to 1:30 p.m., Room 115.

Wednesday, Feb. 28 – LaShawn Jenkins, an associate at Quarles & Brady in bankruptcy and creditor’s rights, will speak on “Themes and Core Values of the Civil Rights Movement and its Impact on My Pursuit of a Legal Career.” Noon to 1:30 p.m., Room 115.

ABA REPRESENTATION IN MEDIATION COMPETITION

An information session for those interested in competing in the ABA’s Representation in Mediation Competition will be held from noon to 1 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 16, Room 111. Professor Art Hinshaw will discuss the format for the ASU Intramural Round and some strategy points to do well in the intramural round. The winners of the intramural round will represent ASU at the Regional Competition at the University of Utah School of Law on March 23-24. The competition is open to 1Ls.

The ASU Intramural round will be held from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Thursday, Feb. 22, and from 2:30 to 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 23, in the Mediation Clinic Room, Room 150 (to the left of the Sidebar Café). If you have any questions about the competition or cannot make the information session, feel free to contact Professor Hinshaw.

GAIA BERNSTEIN LECTURE CANCELED

The Gaia Bernstein lecture scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 13, has been canceled.

INDIAN LEGAL PROGRAM EVENTS

Friday, Feb. 16 – Allison Binney, General Counsel for the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, will speak at a brown-bag gathering at 12:15 p.m., Room 114.

Sunday, Feb. 18 – Sen. Byron Dorgan, (D-North Dakota), will meet with Arizona tribal leaders, time and place to be announced.

Monday, Feb. 26 – Professor Myles Lynk will meet with ILP students at 5 p.m, room to be announced. (Food will be provided.)

Tuesday, March 27 – The Navajo Nation Supreme Court will hold oral arguments at 10:30 a.m. in the Great Hall.

COLLEGE OF LAW HOSTS JESSUP MOOT COURT

The Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law will host the Southwest Regional Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition Thursday through Sunday, Feb. 15-18. Fourteen teams from around the country will be visiting ASU. Professor Ken Abbott will preside in the final round of competition, where the two top teams will compete for a chance to compete nationally at the International Round of the competition in Washington, D.C. There, the winning team will compete against teams from across the country and globe for the prestigious Jessup Cup. This is the first time the College has hosted the Jessup Moot Court. Students who would like to volunteer to act as bailiffs should contact Sonja Quinones in Room 120 or at 965-6606. The College of Law team will be competing in the Pacific regional competition at UCLA with the coaching of Professor Douglas Sylvester.

CAREER SERVICES

Study Abroad Workshop: 12:15 p.m., Monday, Feb. 12, Room 105

Students wishing to experience a summer 2007 Study Abroad Program are encouraged to attend and learn about the application process and requirements.

Snell & Wilmer 1L Reception: 5-6:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 15

All 1Ls are invited to a spring introduction and reception hosted by the law firm of Snell & Wilmer in downtown Phoenix. Look for a flyer in your mailbox.

Government/Public Interest Career Fair: Noon-1:30 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 21, Rotunda.

Two dozen organizations, from the ACLU of Arizona to the Yuma County Legal Defender, plus the Arizona Supreme Court, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and others, will be on hand.

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Information available on study abroad programs throughout the world.

LL.M. Fair: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 23, Rotunda

Information available on a wide variety of LL.M. programs throughout the country.

EXTERNSHIP WITH SEN. JON KYL

The office of U.S. Sen. Jon Kyl, (R-Ariz.), is seeking applications from students interested in an externship during the summer of 2007 for six credits, the fall of 2007 for 12 credits and the spring of 2008 for 12 credits. The externship takes place in his Washington, D.C., office. Application packets can be picked up in Room 101 from Carolyn Landry.