The Columbus School of Law celebrates a new decade by honoring its tradition of thought-provoking exploration of legal topics that touch the life of every citizen. This month’s offering of wide-ranging programs are held within the law school, on Capitol Hill and in downtown Washington, D.C.

January 11
"How to Conduct A Compliance Examination to Unearth Wrongdoing" – an address by 1999 CUA Law alumna Genevievette Walker-Lightfoot, Class of 1999, now a risk management and large financial institutions specialist at the Federal Reserve Board. Formerly with the Office of Compliance, Inspections and Examinations, Securities Exchange Commission, Walker-Lightfoot conducted the SEC’s examination of convicted financier Bernard Madoff in 2004, which raised troubling questions about his practices. According to reports published in the Washington Post, Walker-Lightfoot’s alarms were ignored by her superiors.

January 25
“Mind the Gap: International Human Rights Law and the Law of Armed Conflict,” co-sponsored by The American Society of International Law in cooperation with the ABA Standing Committee on Law and National Security. Speakers include Harvard law professor Gabriella Blum, former head of the counter-terrorism desk in the international law department of the Israeli Defense Forces; Professor Geoffrey Corn of the South Texas College of Law, whose 21 years on active duty in the Army included stints as a chief prosecutor and professor of international and national security law at the Army JAG School; and Jamie A. Williamson, legal delegate, International Committee of the Red Cross, Regional Delegation for United States and Canada. Commentary on the discussion will be provided by Harvey Rishikof, professor of law and national security studies at the National Defense University, National War College in Washington, D.C.

January 27
“Judging War Crimes: Experiences from East Timor” Chief Justice Phillip Rapoza of the Massachusetts Appeals Court will share his experience as the former chief international judge of the Special Panels for Serious Crimes in East Timor. The panels are a war crimes tribunal established by the UN to prosecute crimes against humanity and other human rights violations committed in that country during its struggle for independence. Judge Rapoza will talk about post-conflict accountability mechanisms and justice.

January 29
“Immigration and National Security: Material Support and the War on Terror” is sponsored by The Catholic University Law Review and will be held in the Rayburn House Office Building on Capitol Hill. Carlos Ortiz Miranda, associate general counsel, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, and a distinguished lecturer at The Catholic University of America's Columbus School of Law, will deliver the keynote address. He is currently chair of the Committee on Religious Workers of the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

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