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11/2/04—The Owen M. Kupferschmid Holocaust/Human Rights Project at Boston College Law School will be sponsoring a panel discussion entitled Justice in Practice: Pursuing a Legal Career in Human Rights. The discussion will take place on Tuesday, November 9, 2004, from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., in Boston College Law School’s East Wing Room 120. The event is co-sponsored by BC Law Career Services, the Public Interest Law Foundation, Jewish Law Students Association, and the BC Law International and Comparative Law Review.

Panelists for the discussion include Jeffrey Goldman, Chair, Immigration Practice Group, Testa, Hurwitz & Thibeault, LLP; Joshua Rubenstein, Northeast Regional Director, Amnesty International; and Amy Wax, Staff Attorney, Immigration Services Department, Catholic Charities. For more information on the panel discussion, please contact Nikki Mondschein at mondsche@bc.edu.

HHRP Panelist bios

**Jeffrey W. Goldman** is the Chair of the Immigration Practice Group at Testa, Hurwitz & Thibeault, LLP. Mr. Goldman’s practice covers all facets of business immigration law, with a sub-specialty in representing scientists and technology workers for permanent residency matters. Mr. Goldman is an active member of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA), being the immediate Past-Chair of the New England Chapter. He has been a frequent speaker on business immigration law at national conferences and also at many New England universities, including Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard University, Brown University, Boston University, Northeastern University and Babson College. Mr. Goldman is often requested to speak on the topic of permanent residency for scientists, engineers, and entrepreneurs who may qualify for the Extraordinary Alien and National Interest Waiver categories, including the AILA Annual conference 2004, the BIO 2003 conference, and the New York Asian Diversity 2002 conference. Science magazine’s on-line web site, New Wave, has published three articles written by Mr. Goldman on this topic and frequently asks Mr. Goldman to consult on immigration issues for foreign scientists. In June 2002, Mr. Goldman was named “Pro Bono Attorney of the Year” by the Political Asylum/Immigrant Representation (PAIR) Project in Boston. Mr. Goldman received his B.A. from Brown University in 1983 and his J.D. from Boston University in 1986.

**Joshua Rubenstein** has been a staff member of Amnesty International USA since 1975. He is currently the Northeast Regional Director, supervising the organizing of Amnesty members in New England, New York, and New Jersey and encouraging them in their efforts to gain the release of prisoners of conscience, oppose the use of torture and the death penalty, and protest against other grave abuses of human rights in countries around the world. Mr. Rubenstein is also an Associate of the Davis Center for Russian and Eurasian Studies at Harvard University. He is the author of Soviet Dissidents, Their Struggle for Human Rights and Tangled Loyalties: the Life and Times of Ilya Ehrenburg. He is also the co-editor of Stalin’s Secret Pogrom: the Postwar Inquisition of the Jewish Anti-Fascist Committee. Published by Yale University Press (in association with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum) as part of its Annals of Communism Series, Stalin’s Secret Pogrom was awarded the National Jewish Book Award for East European Studies in 2001-2002. It relates the story of a secret trial of fifteen Jewish figures in 1952, almost all of whom were then secretly executed in the last year
Amy Wax is a staff attorney at Catholic Charities in the Immigration Services department. Ms. Wax also works with the Office of L. Manuel Macias as well as Vakili & Associates. She holds a J.D. from Boston College Law School and a B.A. in Psychology and Spanish from Tufts University. Prior to joining Catholic Charities, Ms. Wax worked as the sole immigration attorney at the Committee on Refugees from El Salvador, a non-profit organization in Somerville, Massachusetts. She is a member of the Massachusetts Bar and of the American Immigration Lawyers’ Association.