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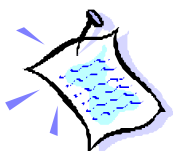
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## NEWSWORTHY NEWS



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Kate Dafoe and her husband, John Kamprien, on the birth of their daughter, Claudia Jean Krampien, who was born December 4, 2010 at 8:01 p.m., weighed 7 lbs, 11 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

The Law School Accounting Office would like to **WELCOME** Kathy Wallace who will be working part time as an accounting clerk. She has over 20 years of Government and Corporate accounting experience. Kathy is married to Jeff, and they recently moved to the Williamsburg area from Columbia, MD. They have three grown sons and two grandchildren.

Dean Kaplan is pleased to report that, after a national search, **JENNIFER THURSTON** will join OCS as Assistant Dean in mid-April. She will succeed Judy Corello, who retired from that position last summer. A search for Jennifer's successor in the Admission Office is underway. The staff of OCS look forward to the skills, energy, and enthusiasm for William & Mary that Jennifer will bring to OCS.

Dean Douglas is pleased to report that the W&M team of Peter Farrell and Jonathan Puvak, both 3Ls, are one of only six teams of J.D. students in the country that have been selected as semifinalists in the ABA Section of Taxation's Law Student Tax Challenge for 2010-11. Their selection was based on a memo and client letter that they prepared in a hypothetical tax case. The next and final stage of the competition is oral arguments at the Section of Taxation's Midyear Meeting this month in Boca Raton. This is the tenth year of this Law Student Tax Challenge. As far as I know, this is the first time that a W&M team has ever competed in this tax law competition. Good luck to Peter and Jonathan in Boca Raton!

**VOLUNTEER WITH STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES!** Student Legal Services is a group of volunteer law students who provide free legal information to the campus community through our office in the main campus Monday through Friday, 9 - 5. This is a great way to get experience helping real clients with real legal problems. If you're interested in volunteering please email Ryan Ruzic at [ryanruzic@gmail.com](mailto:ryanruzic@gmail.com) for more information. Volunteers generally work one hour a week with a partner, and various optional training sessions are held throughout the semester.

**GUNS, DRUGS, AND MURDER! THE CRIMINAL LAW SOCIETY** - Yawning your way through contracts and corporations? Hoping to find a job as a prosecutor or defense lawyer? Get involved with the Criminal Law Society! The Criminal Law Society is brand new interest group at the Law School for students interested in criminal law and will be bringing in speakers and holding events centered around a variety of different areas of criminal law. If you are interested in being on the email list to get a heads up on coming events or if you are interested in getting more involved as an officer, please email Ryan Ruzic at [ryanruzic@gmail.com](mailto:ryanruzic@gmail.com)

**BONE MARROW DRIVE: ALI'S RUN 5K RUN/WALK 2011** - Looking for a way to get involved with the Bone Marrow Drive? The BMD will be hosting its 6th annual Ali's Run 5K Run/Walk, in honor of Ali Kaplan and in support of the Alan Bukzin Memorial Bone Marrow Drive, this April, during the Spring semester, and is seeking motivated volunteers, interested in the planning and implementation of another successful event. Positions include members on the Financial and Publicity committees as well as Race Day Coordinators. Contact Valentine Uduebor, [vuduebor@email.wm.edu](mailto:vuduebor@email.wm.edu), or Nicole Benincasa, [nicole.benincasa@gmail.com](mailto:nicole.benincasa@gmail.com), if you have any questions!

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**RUN FOR ABA LAW STUDENT DIVISION!** Are you interested in getting involved with the American Bar Association - Law Student Division? There's still time to apply & deadlines are rapidly approaching! There are several positions available. The Law Student Division is always looking for new student leaders and this is your opportunity to get involved. Each position offers an amazing opportunity to get involved with the ABA and overall a very rewarding experience. Don't miss your chance to get involved and serve the Law Student Division! For more information regarding position descriptions, visit the [Law Student Division Leadership Positions Website](#). Deadlines for positions start January 15. Contact Tony Guo at [tguo@email.wm.edu](mailto:tguo@email.wm.edu) if interested.

**BUSINESS CARDS** - Want to impress employers? Are you seeking to put a finer touch on your networking experience? BLSA will be accepting sign-ups for business cards during our annual Business Card Drive starting Tuesday, January 18 and ending on Thursday, January 21. Visit our table in the lobby between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

MLSA will host **EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT THE BAR EXAM...AND MORE** on Wednesday, January 19, 1:00 p.m., Room 141. Kaplan PMBR regional representative, Corinne Simon, will make a presentation about the Bar Exam and detail the study options available for students. Ms. Simon will be offering all 3Ls who attend the program a \$150 discount on Kaplan's MBE course as well as a \$300 on the complete Bar prep course. Students who will be taking the March administration of the MPRE will be able to pick up their free copy of MPRE outlines and lecture notes as well as learn more about the free prep course Kaplan PMBR offers. Lunch will be provided.

**BLOOD DRIVE:** SBA and BLSA are co-sponsoring a blood drive next Thursday, **January 20**. Look for flyers and the bloodmobile in the law school parking lot. Please contact Lauren Coleman ([lscoleman@email.wm.edu](mailto:lscoleman@email.wm.edu)) to sign up for a time and for further details.

**ANNUAL DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMEMORATION**, Thursday, January 20, 7:00 p.m, Sadler Center – Commonwealth Auditorium - Come join the Center for Student Diversity for our Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Program. Our keynote speaker for this year's King Celebration is **Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, Dyson**, named by Ebony Magazine as one of the hundred most influential black Americans, is the author of sixteen books, including *April 4, 1968: Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Death and How it Changed America*, *Holler if You Hear Me*, *Is Bill*

*Cosby Right?* and *I May Not Get There With You: The True Martin Luther King Jr.* He is currently University Professor of Sociology at Georgetown University. This event is free and open to the community. For more information, call 757-221-2301.

**PSF WILL BE TAKING ON ADDITIONAL BOARD MEMBERS THIS SPRING!** Please follow this link to access the application for new board members: <http://wmpeople.wm.edu/site/page/pubser/2011boardmemberapplication>. PSF will be taking on additional board members from the 1L class this semester. Applications are due THURSDAY JANUARY 20th at 5pm. Please be sure to follow all instructions, turning in both a hard copy and electronic copy. Interviews will take place the following Monday, January 24-Wednesday, January 26 and selection will be finalized Friday January 28. Please let us know if you have any questions at all. We look forward to working with you!!

**PSF SECOND ANNUAL FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENT MIXER** - We also have an exciting opportunity for 1Ls and 2Ls!! PSF's Second Annual Fellowship Recipient Mixer will take place on Thursday January 20 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. If you at all think it's remotely possible that you will seek summer funding and/or you are interested in job opportunities that your peers from W&M Law have held in the past, YOU SHOULD BE THERE!! Please join our past fellowship recipients for beverages and snacks. They will be available to answer your questions about their personal experiences in the application process as well as their interview and internship experience from the summer. Tickets will be available in the Lobby Tuesday, January 18-Thursday, January 20 and will only be \$5. Any questions can be directed to Garrett Trego ([gtrego@gmail.com](mailto:gtrego@gmail.com)).

WLS, MLSA, ILS, and Women's Studies are hosting **AUSTIN CHOI**, general counsel of Kiva on Monday, January 24, 7:00 p.m., Andrews 101. Mr. Choi will be discussing the role of microfinance in development, the application of microfinance domestically, and the controversial issues arising from microfinance loans. He will also present a brief overview of how the microfinance process works and how people can get involved. A Brown Bag luncheon will also be scheduled at the law school.

The Office of Career Services, MLSA and the Students for the Innocence Project (SFIP) will be hosting the **INDIGENT DEFENSE COMMISSION (IDC)** on Tuesday, January 25, 1:00 p.m., Room 127. The IDC event will present a panel of public defenders and capital defenders who will discuss the career opportunities available for students interested in representing poor clients accused of criminal offenses. Lunch will be provided.

You're invited to attend the symposium **LOOKING BEYOND THE DEEPWATER HORIZON** on January 28-29, sponsored by the William & Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review. Experts will discuss the impact of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico on the course of energy policy, and the environmental challenges left in its wake. Free and open to the public. Please note CLE credit is pending (note: there is a CLE registration fee of \$75 if you wish to receive credit). For more info, contact [elprwm@wm.edu](mailto:elprwm@wm.edu).

**MLSA WILL HOST ITS FIRST ANNUAL SPRING INTO ACTION COMMUNITY SERVICE WEEK** - Starting Monday, February 28, through Thursday, March 3, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Law School

Lobby. MLSA and other service organizations will raise money and supplies for various charities including Doctors Without Borders, Stuff Your Rucksack, Kiva, and Charity Water.

MLSA and IBRL:SD will host Attorney **DAVID BAUGH**, the Capital Defender for the Central Region of Virginia, on Tuesday, February 8, 1:00 p.m., Room 124. Mr. Baugh will discuss his work in representing indigent clients accused of capital offenses. Lunch will be served at the program.

**SAVE THE DATES! MAY 31 TO JULY 1, 2011, IS LEGAL TECHNOLOGY SUMMER SCHOOL!** Seeking cutting edge legal technology skills to separate yourself from the crowd of applicants? Looking for a way to lighten your second- or third-year course load? Searching for a backup plan in case your summer job falls through? If you answer “YES” to any of these questions, consider the 2011 Legal Technology Summer School, May 31 to July 1, 2011.

Attend classes **four days a week for five weeks and earn six credits** at a fraction of a regular semester’s tuition. Best of all, you’ll finish in time to also accept that split summer internship, or to attend W&M’s Summer Law Program in Spain.

Course options this year include:

- Electronic Discovery and Data Seizures
- Evidence
- Internet Law
- Privacy in a Technological Age

For more information, the Center for Legal and Court Technology is holding an Information Session for the Legal Technology Summer School in January, 2011. Students and faculty from previous summer sessions will be on hand to share their experiences and answer your questions. Bring your lunch – we’ll have soft drinks and dessert to round out your meal. If you have any questions in the meantime, visit our website <http://www.legaltechcenter.net> and click on Legal Technology Summer School, stop by the Center for Legal and Court Technology in Rm. 211C, or contact Summer School Coordinator Mary Beth Dalton at [medalt@wm.edu](mailto:medalt@wm.edu).

## **ADMISSION**

**FINANCIAL AID FOR THE 2011-2012 ACADEMIC YEAR** – Information regarding financial aid for the 2011-2012 academic year was sent to all 1Ls and 2Ls via email from Associate Dean Faye Shealy on January 7. If you did not receive this important information, please contact Dean Shealy. The FAFSA located at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) is required for all need-based funds and educational loans, and that important form should be completed and submitted by March 15, 2011. William & Mary’s Title IV Federal School Code is 003705. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Most Law School aid in the form of fellowships and scholarships is awarded and packaged based on residency status for each student. Aid initially awarded to out-of-state students reclassified as in-state students must go through the re-award process. Students are responsible for notifying Dean Shealy if they apply for and obtain in-state status. LGPA and class rank will be considered for any new merit awards if funds become available.

**FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION/PLANNING MEETINGS** – Individual appointments are available for questions on financial aid, FAFSA preparation, loan terms, loan consolidation/repayment, and tax-related matters. Appointments may be scheduled with Jennifer Meier, Assistant Director for Student Loans and Graduate Aid, for individual meetings at the Law School on the following Wednesday afternoons: January 12 & 26; February 9 & 23; March 23; April 6 & 20; and May 4. Please stop by the Admissions Office to reserve an appointment time. You may schedule an appointment on other days in Blow Memorial Hall by emailing your request to [jimmeie@wm.edu](mailto:jimmeie@wm.edu).

**ALVIN ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP** – TowneBank and the family of Alvin Anderson have funded a \$5,000 scholarship to support a second-year law student. They have asked that interested current first-year students apply for this scholarship to be awarded for the 2011-2012 academic year. The successful applicant will exhibit the values and characteristics of the late Alvin Powers Anderson, B.A. '70, J.D. '72. Mr. Anderson was the epitome of the citizen lawyer as a successful and highly respected practitioner and an individual who was a leader in his community and at his *alma mater*. The recipient will demonstrate a commitment to the highest integrity, personal excellence, academic success, leadership qualities, and community or public service. Additionally, finalists will be invited for a personal interview with representatives of TowneBank and the Anderson family. Interested applicants need to apply to the Dean's Office by March 15 by submitting a résumé and a one-page personal statement about themselves and their aspirations as a lawyer. Applicants must also be available for a personal interview later this semester.

**OLIVER HILL SCHOLARSHIP** – The Oliver Hill Scholarship is awarded to a student who is committed to the objectives, goals, and principles of the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) at William & Mary Law School. The recipient must demonstrate a commitment to personal excellence, social justice, and advancing and protecting civil rights of all citizens. Students in good standing at the Law School who demonstrate financial need, exhibit leadership abilities in the Law School or the community, and display a record of public or community service are eligible. Interested students must apply for the scholarship by submitting two copies of the following to the Dean's Office by March 15: résumé, statement (no more than one double-spaced page) that describes how the student meets the criteria, and an essay (no more than two double-spaced pages) on the topic, "How Oliver Hill's achievements have had an impact on my life." Please be sure to submit all materials by **March 15, 2011**.

**WARNEMENT SCHOLARSHIP** – The family and friends of Thalia Warnement '93 have established the Thalia V. Warnement Scholarship in Intellectual Property Law in her memory. The Scholarship is to be awarded to a worthy William & Mary law student who intends to pursue a career in Intellectual Property Law. Interested individuals should submit their resume with a cover letter identifying their interest in and qualifications for this scholarship award to the Dean's Office by March 15.

**HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES** – The Admissions Office would appreciate hearing from students/staff/faculty who know of apartments and other housing opportunities that will be available for the coming academic year. If you are moving from a desirable location or looking

for roommates next year, please email the particulars to [lawadm@wm.edu](mailto:lawadm@wm.edu). The information will be disbursed to new admits seeking housing in Williamsburg. Spread the word to contacts in **the community with affordable real estate options for students. Thanks for your help!**

## **FINANCIAL AID / SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

***Arent Fox 1L Diversity Scholarship*** – Arent Fox is offering three \$15,000 scholarships to first-year students who will join Arent Fox’s 2011 Summer Associate Program in Los Angeles, New York and Washington, DC. They will begin accepting applications on December 1, 2010 through the January 15, 2011 deadline. For more information and an application, visit <http://www.arentfox.com/firm/diversity/index.cfm?fa=scholarship>

***1L Diversity Scholarship*** – Harter Secrest & Emery LLP is offering one first year law student a \$7,500 diversity scholarship to be applied to the student’s second year tuition and a paid 10-week summer associate position between the student’s first and second year of law school. The application deadline is Friday January 21, 2011. For more information and an application stop by the admission office.

***Porzio, Bromberg & Newman \$5,000 Diversity Scholarship*** is open to first-year law students, who are both U.S. and New Jersey residents (prior to beginning law school) and have received a minimum of a 3.3 GPA at his/her undergraduate institution. The application deadline is March 1, 2011. For more information and an application, visit their website at [http://www.pbnlaw.com/Scholarship/Workplace Diversity Committee - Scholarship Application.pdf](http://www.pbnlaw.com/Scholarship/Workplace_Diversity_Committee_-_Scholarship_Application.pdf)

The ***Finnegan Diversity Scholarship*** offers a \$15,000 award to qualified first-year minority law students who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing a career in IP law. The award recipient will also accept an offer to join the firm as a summer associate in one of their domestic offices (Atlanta, Cambridge, Palo Alto, Reston or Washington). The deadline for applications is March 1, 2011. For more information and an application visit <http://www.finnegan.com/finneganacceptingapplicationsfor20112012diversityscholarship>

***VALS***, the association for legal professions in the Commonwealth of Virginia is pleased to offer a \$1,500 scholarship to one individual who will be or is currently pursuing a degree in the legal field as a lawyer, paralegal, court reporter, legal secretary, etc. For more information and an application, please stop by the Admission Office. The deadline is April 1, 2011.

***Bradley Arant Boult Cummings Diversity Scholarship:*** Offers a \$10,000 scholarship to a student in his or her second year of law school and a \$5,000 scholarship to a student in his or her first year of law school. Scholarship includes a minimum six-week clerkship position in one of the firm’s seven offices. The deadline is September 15, 2011. For more information visit: [www.babc.com/diversity\\_scholarship](http://www.babc.com/diversity_scholarship).



## ALUMNI DEVELOPMENT

**CLASS OF 2011** - Save the date for February 11, 2011, for 100 Nights before Graduation - 7:00-10:00 p.m. at Trinkle Hall on main campus. INVITATION WILL BE SENT LATER.

## OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

**Web Site of the Week** - Welcome back! Before you get too wrapped up in the semester, we thought you might have time for something on the lighter side. **Lawhaha.com** is produced by Andrew McClurg, a law professor who also wrote a monthly humor column for the *ABA Journal* for more than four years. He says the site is “designed to be an interactive humor network for legal types of all stripes: law students, lawyers, law pros, judges, legal secretaries, prison inmates, recidivist parking meter violators – just about anyone with a computer, basically.” Readers are asked to contribute entries for sections such as “Funniest Law School Moments” and “Weird Legal News.” [www.lawhaha.com](http://www.lawhaha.com)

**Job of the Week** - **First- and second-year law students** are eligible to apply for a summer fellowship program sponsored by the **ABA Section on Antitrust Law and named the Janet D. Steiger Fellowship Project**, honoring the memory of the late Chairman of the Federal Trade Commission. Each selected student will receive a \$5,000 stipend and serve in the consumer protection department of one of the 20 participating State Attorneys General during the summer of 2011. The deadline for submitting an application is January 31, 2011. For a list of participating Attorneys General, the application form and other details on how to apply, go to [www.abanet.org/antitrust](http://www.abanet.org/antitrust).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Attention all students:** Bidding will open on January 17 for the ninth annual **Government and Public Interest Interview Program (GPIIP)**, a joint effort of W&M Law, Washington & Lee School of Law, and The University of Richmond School of Law. **The program will take place on Friday, February 25, 2011, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at The University of Richmonds Tyler Hanes Commons.** You will be able to apply for interviews with all employers participating in the GPIIP; those who will interview on-site at the GPIIP, and those who will conduct interviews separately according to their own schedules. **The deadline for submitting your application bids is 11:59 pm on Monday, January 31, 2011.** Employers who are attending the Interview Program will pre-screen resumes and notify us of their interviewee selections in late January/early February. OCS will notify students selected for interviews via e-mail. Additional details can be found in the December 21, 2010 email you received from April Cassell and in Symplicity. A list of employers attending can be found on Blackboard OCS Resources for Students, under the “Off-Campus Interview Programs” tab.

**1Ls Participating in the Mock Interview Program** – Just a reminder that you need to upload a copy of your resume into Symplicity by **9:00 a.m. on January 18.** (You must have preregistered to participate.)



**Attention 1Ls and 2Ls:** It seems early to think about next summer and fall, however please keep the dates listed below in mind so you won't inadvertently create conflicts as you make plans for summer 2011 -- jobs, vacations, and study abroad. **For the off-campus interview programs you will need to have application materials ready between early June and mid-July; for employers interviewing on campus during August you will need to prepare your materials by August.**

- July 2-August 3 William & Mary Summer Program in Madrid
- July 28-29 Patent Law Interview Program (for employers throughout U.S.; held in Chicago)
- July 29-30: Southeastern Minority Job Fair (for employers throughout U.S.; held in Atlanta)
- August 5: Texas Interview Program (for employers in Texas; held in Dallas)
- August 8: Northeast Interview Program (for employers in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut; held in NYC)
- Mid-August (exact date to be determined): Chicago Interview Program (for Chicago employers)
- August 17: Fall on-campus interviews begin
- August 22: 2L and 3L classes begin

**Please note: There will be additional off-campus interview programs before classes begin next fall, but those dates have not been finalized.**

**Myers Briggs Type Indicator:** OCS is pleased to offer students the MBTI. The current MBTI assessment is the most widely used instrument for understanding normal personality differences. Because it explains basic patterns in human functioning, the MBTI tool is used for a wide variety of purposes including career development and exploration, organization development, team building, and management and leadership training. Students interested in taking the assessment should contact Dean Corello or see Blackboard for more information. The assessment takes about 20-25 minutes to complete and can be taken online. The cost of the assessment is \$23.90 and should be paid by check (made out to William & Mary Law School) to Julie Waskey in OCS.

Registration is open for the **17<sup>th</sup> Annual Rebellious Lawyering Conference** on **February 18-20, 2011** at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut. This year's featured keynote speakers include NYU School of Law Professor Burt Neuborne, one of the nation's leading scholars in the areas of Constitutional Law, Procedure and Evidence and Legal Director of the Brennan Center, Graham Boyd, Laurie Rubiner, and Jose Padilla. For descriptions of the panels that will be offered and registration information, go to <http://www.yale.edu/reblaw/>.

**National Public Radio** offers a wide variety of internship opportunities, several of which are geared towards law students, at its national headquarters in Washington, D.C. For more information, see the National Public Radio job posting on Symplicity. The deadline to apply for summer internships is **February 15, 2011**.

**The ABA Section of State and Local Government Law Section** announces the launch of a new and exciting platform to help ABA law student members find meaningful work experience. The Section's new resume database gives students who are interested in state and local government law an opportunity to connect with employers looking for applicants with interests in a variety of areas. If you are looking for a summer or permanent position in any area of State and Local Government Law, including Land use, Administrative Law, Environmental Law, Public Education, Public Finance, Public Utility Law, Regulatory Practice, or Zoning, upload your resume now: <http://new.abanet.org/sections/statelocal/Pages/studentresume.aspx>.

**Forum on Communications Law mentoring:** Students can post questions about career development and related issues to mentors via an e-mail discussion list of experienced media law lawyers. Send an e-mail with COMMLAW-MENTOR in the subject line to [tucok@staff.abanet.org](mailto:tucok@staff.abanet.org) with your name, address, law school, and year of law school graduation.

*Each year, William & Mary students are invited to participate in a variety of career and employment related events around the country. The Office of Career Services forwards information about these programs to all students. All students are welcome to participate.*

The **Boston Lawyers Group** invites students interested in the Boston legal market to attend **Charting Your Legal Future** to be held on **Tuesday, January 25, 2011** at the office of McCarter & English, LLP. The BLG is a consortium of over 40 large law firms, government agencies and corporations in Boston whose mission is to support the efforts of its members to identify, recruit, advance and retain attorneys of color. The conference is an opportunity for students to network with employers from many of Boston's top employers. For more information and registration details, go to the BLG Web site at [www.thebostonlawyersgroup.com](http://www.thebostonlawyersgroup.com) or OCS Resources for Students in Blackboard (Off-Campus Interview Programs section). The **registration deadline is January 21, 2011.**

## WRITING COMPETITIONS

**Note:** Throughout the academic year we receive announcements regarding essay competitions and invitations to submit papers for publication in law reviews and journals. This information is posted on the bulletin board in OCS, as well as in OCS Resources for Students in Blackboard under "Writing Competitions." In addition to the intellectual and often monetary benefits of these contests, the competitions are another way for you to demonstrate your legal writing abilities to prospective employers. Because they are often sponsored by bar associations and other professional groups, they also provide excellent networking opportunities. Keep in mind that faculty members are a good source of ideas and guidance.

**Rambus Inc. and Santa Clara University School of Law** announce the 2011 **Centennial Celebration Student Writing Competition: Future Ethical Challenges**. The topic of the essay should address future ethical challenges lawyers may face practicing in the areas of (i) intellectual property law, (ii) international law or (iii) public interest law. The winning submission in each of the three areas will receive a \$1,000 prize. The deadline for submission is **January 31, 2011**. For more information, see <http://law.scu.edu/100/writing-competition.cfm>.

**The John Marshall Law School Center for Tax Law and Employee Benefits** announces the **2011 Paul Faherty Tax Law Writing Competition**. The scope of permissible topics for the writing competition is broad—any aspect of tax law is acceptable. A grand prize of \$3000 plus two honorable mentions of \$1000 will be awarded. The winning submission will also be posted on

the website of The John Marshall Law School Center for Tax Law and Employee Benefits. The deadline for submission is **Friday, April 15, 2011**. For more information, please see [www.jmls.edu/faherty](http://www.jmls.edu/faherty).

The **Tupper Lake Business Community, Inc.** announces its **Legal Brief Writing Contest**. The topic of the brief concerns the influences that have had a negative effect on the Adirondack economy. First prize for the writing contest will be \$7,500, second prize \$2,000, and third prize \$500. The deadline for submission is **Friday, April 15, 2011**. For more information, see: <http://tlbusiness.org/>.

The **American Intellectual Property Law Society** presents the **Robert C. Watson Competition**. The author of the best article on a subject relating to the protection of intellectual property written or published between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011 will receive an award of \$2,000. **Submission deadline is June 30, 2011**. For more information, see: <http://www.aipla.org/Content/NavigationMenu/Student Center/Competition and Awards/Competition and Awards.htm>.

The **University of Connecticut School of Law** announces its 2011 **Student Legal Writing Competition**. The topic of the paper should address a legal issue affecting persons struggling with homelessness, mental illness, addiction, or substance abuse. All students intending to participate must register by **April 15, 2011**. The deadline for submission is **June 1, 2011**. For more information and the registration form, see <http://www.law.uconn.edu/node/9541/>.

The **Berkeley Technology Law Journal** is soliciting entries for its **2011 Writing Competition**. Submissions will be accepted on a wide variety of topics at the intersection of law and technology, including but not limited to: intellectual property, antitrust, First Amendment, entertainment and new media, telecommunications, biotechnology, internet, and cybercrime. The deadline for submission is **February 25, 2011**. For more information see <http://www.btlj.org>.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**OCS Express:** Got a quick question about your job search? Want help finding the perfect opening for your cover letter? Want to see some of the latest job search resources? On **Wednesday, January 19 and January 26 from 12:30-2:00 PM**, OCS staff will be on hand in the lobby to answer students' questions about any job search topic. Feel free to stop by the table on your way to or from class.

**Upcoming OCS Programs.** Please join us for the following programs. Details can be found on Symplicity. Please RSVP via Symplicity.

**Finding & Funding Government and Public Interest Internships: Tuesday, January 18, Room 119, 12:50-1:50 p.m.**

**Cover Letter Workshop: Wednesday, January 19, Room 133, 1:00-1:50 p.m.**

**The Application Process for Federal Government Jobs: Thursday, January 20, Room 133, 1:00-1:50 p.m.**

**Interview Skills Refresher for 1Ls: Monday, January 24, Room 119, 12:50-1:50 p.m.**

#### **NEW RESOURCES IN THE OCS LIBRARY**

***Career Diplomacy: Life and Work in the U.S. Foreign Service*** by Harry W. Kopp and Charles A. Gillespie, Georgetown University Press, 2008. A description of life in the foreign service and a lesson in how American diplomacy and foreign policy are organized and conducted.

***Unbound: How Entrepreneurship is Dramatically Transforming Legal Services Today*** by David Galbenski, 2009. Seven trends that are reshaping the legal industry.

***The Lawyer's Career Management Handbook: Your Bridge to a Satisfying Career*** by Marcia Pennington Shannon, West, 2010. Create a rewarding career inside or outside the legal industry.

***Law Firms Yellow Book***, Winter 2011, Leadership Directories, Inc. Who's who in the management of the leading U.S. law firms.

***Opportunities in Animal Law***, Animal Legal Defense Fund. ALDF notebook of resources and opportunities for law students and legal professionals. 2010.

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#### **2011 publication schedule**

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**The Business Law Section of  
The Bar Association of the City of Richmond**  
Invites Law Students to participate in its  
**2010-2011 Business Law Practice Brief Competition**  
**Winner will receive a \$400 Award**  
**First Runner Up will receive a \$100 Award**

**RULES:**

1. Regularly enrolled Law students at Virginia Law Schools are eligible to submit a Practice Brief to the Business Law Section of the Bar Association of the City of Richmond.
2. Briefs shall be on a subject of interest to Virginia business lawyers and may focus on current legal issues, practical concerns to business lawyers or developments in the law. Suggested topics may include corporate finance, securities law, commercial transactions, creditor's rights, business entities, contractual relationships, indemnification, business regulation and mergers and acquisitions. For examples of Business Law Practice Briefs see the Section website: [http://www.richmondbar.org/business\\_law.htm](http://www.richmondbar.org/business_law.htm)
3. Submissions shall be the original work of the Law Student and shall be no longer than 500 words.
4. All submissions will become the property of the Business Law Section and may be distributed to the members of the Bar Association of the City of Richmond or published in its publications.
5. The submissions will be judged on the basis of originality, clarity of writing and usefulness to the members of the Business Law Section. The decision of the Awards Committee of the Business Law Section will be made on or before March 1, 2011 and will be final. Only winners will be notified.
6. The winning entry will receive a \$400 award and an invitation to attend and be recognized at an event held by Business Law Section or the Bar Association of the City of Richmond. The First Runner Up will receive a \$100 award and an invitation to attend and be recognized at an event held by Business Law Section or the Bar Association of the City of Richmond. The Winner and the First Runner Up, together with the Resumes of the authors will be disseminated to all members of the Business Law Section.
7. Submissions shall be made prior to **February 1, 2011**, to: Beverley L. Crump, McSweeney Crump Childress & Temple, PC, P.O. Box 1463, Richmond VA 23218, or by email to: [bcrump@mcsweeneycrump.com](mailto:bcrump@mcsweeneycrump.com), and shall include:
  - a. The Law Student's Resume including at a minimum name, address, contact information, law school and class.
  - b. The Business Law Practice Brief
  - c. The following statement signed by the Law Student;  
"The enclosed Practice Brief is my own work and is submitted as an entry in the 2010-2011 Business Law Practice Brief Competition conducted by the Business Law Section of the Bar Association of the City of Richmond. I have read the Rules of the competition and understand that the decision of the Awards Committee is final. The Bar Association of the City of Richmond and its Business Law Section are hereby granted rights to use my submission in any way they deem appropriate including publication and dissemination to their members in any form."

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Date

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Signature of the Law Student

8. Submissions will not be returned to the submitting Law Students.