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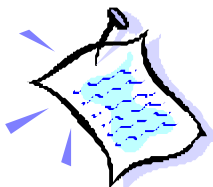
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**CHECKED YOUR E-MAIL?** Remember that you are expected to check your e-mail at least once a day. The faculty and administration send important information via e-mail – information that may not be available through any other means. If you have forwarded your college e-mail account to your personal account, you are responsible for verifying that the forwarded address continues to be accurate.

**REMEMBER THE INTERNET!** Use the Law School web site to answer common questions regarding academics and/or student life. AND, please review the Unified Honor Code found from the Law School Homepage by clicking on Academics, then What About, then the Honor System. Students should also review the Student Handbook (found through the same links).

## NEWSWORTHY NEWS



**THE LAW SCHOOL WELCOMES** Sarah L. Stafford, the Paul R. Verkuil Distinguished Professor of Public Policy, Economics and Law. Professor Stafford received her B.S. in Foreign Service from Georgetown University in 1990 and her Ph.D. in Economics from the Johns Hopkins University in 1998, the same year in which she joined the William and Mary faculty. Her teaching interests include law and economics, regulation, environmental economics and industrial organization. Professor Stafford's research focuses on the effect of environmental regulations on firm and industry behavior. Professor Stafford can be reached at [slstaf@wm.edu](mailto:slstaf@wm.edu) or (757) 221-1317.

**FACULTY-STUDENT MIXERS** - All student groups are encouraged to apply for a grant from the SBA to host faculty-student mixers. The mixers take place in the Law School lobby and are intended to appeal to a broad range of students (not just student organization members) and faculty to promote greater interaction. In the past, groups have used these events to raise awareness of issues they feel strongly about or to just provide a meet and greet for potential members and interested faculty. Grants are intended to defray the cost of food and drinks. One student group will be invited to host a mixer per month beginning in September. For more information, e-mail Todd Torres - 3L Rep. ([tmtorres@email.wm.edu](mailto:tmtorres@email.wm.edu)).

**BUYING BOOKS? THIS MAY BE OF INTEREST TO YOU** - Students may easily apply funds to their W&M debit card at the Bursar's Office. For your convenience, a transfer of funds to purchase your text books may be made from your loan refund in advance of the check being mailed to you. See more information and a link to the form to request this transfer of funds here: <http://www.wm.edu/offices/financialoperations/sa/refunds/index.php>.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATES** - If you are interested in receiving weekly community service updates, please contact Lauren Coleman at [lscoleman@wm.edu](mailto:lscoleman@wm.edu). **ATTENTION 2Ls and 3Ls:** If you were subscribed for community service updates last year, you need to re-subscribe due to the previous listserv address has been discontinued. Additionally, visit the community service section of the SBA website for local volunteer and philanthropy opportunities.

**W&M TRANSACTIONAL TEAM** - Are you interested in competing on a William & Mary Transactional Competition Team in March? W&M will sponsor one team to compete in a transactional tournament set to take place at Drexel University in Philadelphia. Lodging and transportation are not included, but funding from the school may be possible. If interested, please send a statement of interest (500 words or less), and a resume with GPA redacted or a list of qualifications to Brit Mohler at [britmohler@gmail.com](mailto:britmohler@gmail.com). No prior experience is required if sufficient interest is expressed. Faculty coaching will likely be available. For more information about the competition go to [http://www.earlemacklaw.drexel.edu/news/events\\_calendar/transactional\\_lawyering/](http://www.earlemacklaw.drexel.edu/news/events_calendar/transactional_lawyering/).

**WANT AN EXECUTIVE BOARD LEADERSHIP ROLE IN A STUDENT ORGANIZATION?** The Business Law Society has two available executive board positions for the 2010-11 academic year. Both the Membership Coordinator and Education Coordinator positions are available. 1Ls, 2Ls, and 3Ls may apply. Interested candidates, or those with questions, should contact Brit Mohler at [britmohler@gmail.com](mailto:britmohler@gmail.com).

**INTERNATIONAL LAW SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP** - Are you interested in International Law? Become an ILS member!

*ILS Membership:* Dues will be \$15, and should be placed into Brendan Sullivan's (2L) hanging file by Monday, September 6. Checks should be payable to William and Mary ILS and somewhere on them should include your name, year and preferred email address. If you are paying with cash, please put it in a sealed envelope with the same information: name, year, email.

*ILS Board Positions and Committee (open to all students):*

HISTORIAN - assist the Internal Affairs Coordinator by helping with publicity, coordinating with the law school newspaper, and photographing events.

FUNDRAISING ASSISTANT - assist our Fundraising Chair with planning and executing fundraising events.

EVENT PLANNING ASSISTANT - we have two Event Coordinators and they will need help with choosing, planning, and running ILS events ILS Committee. Those who are not elected to the positions above, are eligible to become involved in the ILS Committee, which helps ILS out in various ways and attends many of our meetings. This also looks great on your resume!

To Apply:

Please send an email to [WmMaryILS@gmail.com](mailto:WmMaryILS@gmail.com) with an explanation of your interest by Monday, September 6, and give a short description of why you should be chosen. No need to send your resume -- just a paragraph will suffice. You may apply for any or all of the positions, but please tell us if you have a preference. Thanks to all!



## WHAT'S UP WITH JAVA CITY

### September

9 – Coffee and Tea Time with the Director from 3pm – 5pm

15 – Overstuffed Sandwiches featured from 11am – 3pm

16 – Java City Contest begins – Count the Coffee Bean for a chance to win a Java City prize bundle (contest ends September 24)

22 – Java City Sampling all day

28 – Specialty Wraps featured from 11am – 2pm

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**FEDERALIST SOCIETY GENERAL INTEREST MEETING** - The Federalist Society is a group of conservatives and libertarians interested in the current state of the legal order. Come learn more and get a free lunch from Chipotle at our general interest meeting on Monday, September 6, 1:00 p.m. in room 135. Questions? Contact Gordon Larsen ([gmlarsen@email.wm.edu](mailto:gmlarsen@email.wm.edu)) or Amanda DeVuono ([abdevuono@email.wm.edu](mailto:abdevuono@email.wm.edu)).

**SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT LAW SOCIETY** will hold its first general meeting on Tuesday, September 7, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 119. All prospective new members should come out and get more information about all the exciting events we have coming up this semester. Lunch will be provided.

**INSTITUTE FOR THE BILL OF RIGHTS: STUDENT DIVISION** - To all W&M Law Students: With the coming year promising many opportunities for you to get involved in the local community, rub shoulders with luminaries in the legal profession, and absorb a little knowledge and know-how along the way, the **Institute for the Bill of Rights: Student Division** would like to inform you of their upcoming **general interest meeting**, to take place on September 7 at 1:00 p.m., room 127. LUNCH WILL BE SERVED. The meeting will address:

- 1) **Constitutional Conversations** project, through which W&M law students will have the opportunity to educate citizens in the Williamsburg community, adults and children alike, about the history and development of our fundamental Constitutional rights (check out the link: <http://constitutionalconversations.org/>);
- 2) opportunities to volunteer at **IBRL's 23rd Annual Supreme Court Preview**, whereby you'll have a chance to interact with/observe in action such heavyweights of the US legal community as Erwin Chemerinsky, Michael McConnell, and Beth Brinkmann (check out the link: [www.ibrl.org](http://www.ibrl.org));

3) this year's **IBRL:SD Luncheon Lecture** series, for which we have already secured a number of high-profile speakers to offer perspectives from beyond the classroom on a range of pressing constitutional issues.

Finally, 1Ls, the meeting is a great chance for you to meet IBRL:SD's board members and learn about leadership positions you'll have the chance to take on in the coming months! Opportunities abound to become involved with IBRL:SD and both the W&M and Williamsburg communities. If this interests you, Tuesday's meeting is the place to start. Make it happen. Questions? Contact Matthew Myer, IBRL:SD President, at [mkmyer@email.wm.edu](mailto:mkmyer@email.wm.edu).

**BARBRI MEETING - NY BAR** - Wednesday, September 8, 1:00 p.m. in room 120. BARBRI will be holding an info session about the NY bar exam. The session is free to all students, and pizza will be served.

**A DEBATE ON ORIGINALISM: PROFESSORS KLARMAN (HARVARD LAW) V. MEESE (W&M LAW)**, September 13, 5:00-6:15 p.m., room 119 - As part of the celebration of Constitution Day, the Institute of Bill of Rights Law will host a debate featuring two leading scholars Professor Alan Meese of the Law School and Professor Michael Klarman of Harvard Law School on the issue of the virtue and vices of originalism as a method of constitutional interpretation. This debate is free and open to the public.

Multicultural Law Students Association (MLSA) will present **BEEN THERE DONE THAT: OUTLINES, STUDY GUIDES, AIDES, AND TIPS NO 1L SHOULD BE WITHOUT** on Wednesday, September 15, 1:00 p.m., room 124. At the program, 3Ls share with *dues paid members* about the many resources available to them as new law students. The presentation materials as well as the information for MLSA's course outline bank will also be made available after the program. The Asian Law Students Association (ALSA) will cosponsor this event.

MLSA will represent the law school at a **GRADUATE SCHOOL DIVERSITY PROGRAM** aimed at giving undergraduate students perspectives on the professional programs available at William & Mary. This event will be sponsored by the undergraduate Office of Career Services and the Center for Student Diversity on Thursday, September 16, 5:00 p.m., Sadler Center.

**PRESENTATION BY DAVID BAUGH, VA INDIGENT DEFENSE COMMISSION** - David Baugh will make a presentation on the topic "Dungeons and Dragons: Who Will Protect the Constitutional Rights of Unpopular Clients?" on Friday, September 17, 9-10:00 a.m., in room 124. Sponsored by The Wolf Law Library.

MLSA will host **TRIAL ATTORNEY DAVID P. BAUGH** in *Fighting for the First Amendment: Defending the Unpopular to Protect the Rights of Everyone* Tuesday, September 21, 12:50 p.m., Room 124. Mr. Baugh currently serves as the Capital Defender of the Central Region of Virginia where he represents indigent clients accused of capital murder crimes. He served as the court-appointed lawyer to an al-Qaeda member who participated in the 1998 bombing of the U.S. Embassy in Kenya. He was named Human Rights Hero by the American Bar Association for his representation of a Ku Klux Klan member accused of violating a Virginia cross burning statute.

He also received the Lewis F. Powell Jr. Pro Bono Award from the Virginia State Bar. This program is cosponsored by the Institute for Bill of Rights Law Student Division (IBRL).

MLSA will host **QUESTIONS ABOUT EXAM WRITING? ASK A PROFESSOR** on Monday, September 27, 1:00 p.m., Room 124. Professor Laura Heymann will teach 1Ls how to write effective law school exams during an informal question and answer session. She will explain the IRAC method and assist students with a practice exam questions to be distributed prior to the program.

MLSA will host a drive for **SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE** on Monday-Tuesday, September 27-28, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Law School Lobby. Supplies will be collected to help women and children who have left abusive relationships get back on their feet. Proceeds will go to the Avalon Center for Women and Children in Williamsburg. This event is co-sponsored with the Women's Law Society (WLS).

The Law School's Property Rights Project will host leading scholars, lawyers, and judges for the **SEVENTH ANNUAL BRIGHAM-KANNER PROPERTY RIGHTS CONFERENCE** September 30 and October 1. During the conference, Professor Carol Rose of the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law will be honored for her many contributions to property rights scholarship. For an agenda and registration brochure, please see Kathy Pond in the Development Office ([ktpond@wm.edu](mailto:ktpond@wm.edu)). The conference is free to law students; pre-registration is encouraged.

## NEED TO KNOW

**LAWYERS HELPING LAWYERS (LHL)** - Virginia's LHL is a confidential resource that helps lawyers and law students get confidential help with mental health and substance abuse issues. Keep the following toll-free number in case you or a friend needs confidential assistance during law school: Toll Free: 877-545-4682 (877-LHL-INVA).

LHL has an investment in your well being and wants to hear from you if the stresses of law school become too much!! Also, if you would like to be a peer resource for fellow law students, consider becoming a part of LHL-Student Division. Student volunteers receive training and work together with LHL-faculty advisor, Professor Susan Grover, to help law students at William and Mary. If interested, please email Professor Grover at [ssgrov@wm.edu](mailto:ssgrov@wm.edu).

**STUDENT LOCKERS** - Lockers in the Student Lounge can be used on a first come first serve basis. If you see a locker without a lock on it, and you would like a locker, please put your lock on it! Only one locker per person.

**VIRGINIA BAR UPDATE** - The Application for the Virginia Bar Examination and the Applicant's Character and Fitness Questionnaire are available online through the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners web site at: <http://www.vbbe.state.va.us/forms.html> Students who expect to sit for the Virginia Bar Examination can file the Character and Fitness Questionnaire within the first 14

months of their law school career for a discounted rate. The Bar Application, itself, cannot be filed more than three months prior to sitting for the exam.

Those planning to sit for the Virginia Bar are forewarned that the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners requires applicants to take the Multi-state Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE). The MPRE is a fifty question, two-hour, multiple-choice examination administered three times each year. You can register online at <http://www.ncbex.org/tests/mpre/mpre.htm>.

**GOOD LUCK!!!**

**Reminder!** No signs on walls, doors or windows. You may post notices in the Student Lounge. Obtain permission from Gloria Todd to post notices on the Administration Bulletin Board in the Student Lounge.

**FACULTY ACCESS** - If there is a need to contact an administrator or faculty member through their Law School mailbox, please place the item in the appropriately marked box in the reception area. The item will be placed in the administrator/faculty mailbox. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE WORKROOM.

## ADMISSION

### FINANCIAL AID / SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Latham Diversity Scholars Program** is offering four \$10,000 scholarships to second year law students for use in their third year of law school (2011-12). The application deadline is September 30, 2010. For more information and an application, visit their website at <http://www.lw.com/aboutlatham.aspx?page=diversity>.

**Daniel J. Curtin, Jr. Fellowship** – Is offering a \$4,000 stipend to first and second year law students. The term of this fellowship is approximately ten months and will require between 100-200 hours of work (done remotely from where student attends school). For more information about eligibility, fellowship requirements and an application, please stop by the Admission Office. The application deadline is October 4, 2010.

**Donald W. Banner Diversity Scholarship** is offering \$5,000 scholarships to eligible first and second year law students who are pursuing a career in IP law. For eligibility requirements and an application, please stop by the Law School Admission Office. The deadline is November 1, 2010.

**Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLC Diversity Scholars Awards Program** will grant a \$3,000 award to a deserving second-year law student in each one of the three regions where the Firm has offices. Please visit <http://www.constangy.com/f-4.html> for more information and an application. The application deadline is November 15, 2010.

## ALUMNI DEVELOPMENT

**Co-COUNSEL SIGN-UPS** will be on September 7-8 in the front hall from 9:00-11:00 a.m. This is a mentor program that will match students with W&M alumni who use their law degree in various careers. Mentors may be from the geographic area where you hope to locate, practice law in the area of law that you plan to pursue, using their degree in a non-traditional area, or simply shares your interests and hobbies. These Senior Counsels have sent their information for you to review in hopes of helping you through your law school experience. Information about the program was emailed to you, as well as a Junior Counsel form that you'll need to bring with you on September 7-8.

You'll be hearing from our office often in the next three years. Please do not hesitate to stop by to see us, we'd enjoy your visit.

*Dear Students:*

*This summer, one of our law alumni generously donated ten tailored suits, 2 suit coats, over 50 dress shirts and nearly twenty ties, with the intention that our male students might utilize them during their interview process. The pants are a 36-38" waist and coat sizes are 42/44 or 44/45. If you are approximately of this size -- and need some top-quality interview clothes, please stop the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs.*

## OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

**WEBSITE RESOURCES** - The newly updated 2010-11 Federal Legal Employment Opportunities Guide is now available at

[www.pslawnet.org/uploads/NALP Federal Legal Employment Opportunities Guide - 2010-11.pdf](http://www.pslawnet.org/uploads/NALP_Federal_Legal_Employment_Opportunities_Guide_-_2010-11.pdf). The 2010-11 *Guide* provides well-organized, easy-to-read information about the benefits of federal careers, where legal jobs are, how to search for and find ideal jobs, and how to craft successful employment applications, and much more!

OCS is pleased to offer a new resource concerning career opportunities in the public policy realm. The 2010 Public Policy Handbook, published by the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, is now available to students at the following web site: <https://www.law.arizona.edu/career/PublicPolicy10-11/loginform.cfm>. This resource provides information about internships with think tanks, advocacy organizations, federal agencies, and other institutions engaged in policy analysis and implementation. It is similar in format to the *Government Honors & Internship Handbook*. Additional information about the Public Policy Handbook, including the 2010 user name and password, is available in the Alternative Careers section of Blackboard OCS Resources for Students.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

***The 2010 Equal Justice Works Conference and Interview Program*** will take place October 22-23 just outside of Washington, DC, in Bethesda, Maryland. The program is the largest of its type



and offers significant opportunities for employment and networking. Last year, over 100 government agencies and public interest organizations from throughout the U.S. participated. Student registration for this event opened on Monday, August 30.

For more information and details about how to create your EJW account, go to <http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/events/ccf/student#register>. EJW will update the employer list as more employers register, so OCS recommends that you recheck the site every couple of days. The deadline to register is September 24, but OCS strongly encourages you to submit your application materials promptly.

**3Ls: The Equal Justice Works Fellowships Program** provides financial and other forms of support to lawyers working on innovative legal projects throughout the U.S. The two-year fellowships offer a salary (up to \$39,000 per year) and generous loan repayment assistance; a national training and leadership development program; and other forms of support during the term of the fellowship. A list of likely funding locations and issues for the upcoming competition can be found at <http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/programs/fellowships/preferences>. This list is not exhaustive, as some of their funding partners do not express specific preferences. The list will be updated on an ongoing basis in the coming weeks as additional funders commit. The 2010 Equal Justice Works Fellowships online application can be accessed at <http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/programs/fellowships/apply#A5>. The application deadline is 5pm on Wednesday, September 15. Fellows selected this fall will begin their terms in September 2011. Questions should be directed to [fellowships@equaljusticeworks.org](mailto:fellowships@equaljusticeworks.org) or 202/466-3686, x202.

Students interested *in intellectual property/trademark law* who are looking for opportunities to network and exchange resources can become a student member of the International Trademark Association (INTA), a not-for-profit membership association of trademark professionals. Student membership is \$25.00 per year and provides students with the use of online trademark information that can help them with their relevant studies. Membership also gives students access to substantial discounts on programs that serve as valuable educational and networking opportunities. For more details on all the benefits, go to [www.inta.org/go/membership](http://www.inta.org/go/membership).

**Blackboard:** The program "Interview Tips: A Refresher for 2Ls and 3Ls" was videotaped and is available for viewing in Blackboard. Go to "OCS Resources for Students" and select the "Interviewing Tips" category, where you will find the program listed.

**Labor and Employment Law:** The Peggy Browning Fund is sponsoring their Twelfth Annual National Law Student Workers Rights Conference at the National Labor College in Silver Spring, Maryland on October 15-16. The program will include a keynote address, panel discussions and interactive workshops led by leading labor practitioners and professors. Students who attend should have a demonstrated interest in either workers' rights issues or public interest law. THE PEGGY BROWNING FUND WILL COVER ALL ON-SITE MEALS AND LODGING EXPENSES FOR ONE STUDENT FROM WILLIAM & MARY. If you are interested in attending this program, please see Dean Knowles in OCS. The deadline to register is October 1. For more information about the conference, go to [www.peggybrowningfund.org](http://www.peggybrowningfund.org).

**Fax Machine:** A fax machine is available in the Office of Career Services for students' law school-related matters, such as job searches, bar applications, and coursework. Use of the machine is free for current students. Students have access during all the hours OCS is open – that is, the same hours as the library circulation desk. The machine may be used for outgoing faxes only; use is governed by the Honor Code. Instructions are posted next to the machine.

## 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 on 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.

The *American Indian Law Review* has announced its 2010-11 annual writing competition. The first place winner will receive an award of \$1,000. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded. All submissions are due by January 31, 2011. For more information, visit [www.ailr.net/writecomp](http://www.ailr.net/writecomp).

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

*Lunch with Lawyers: Environmental Law Careers*, Tuesday, September 7, 12:50-1:50 p.m., Room 133

*Serving the Public: Government & Public Interest Job Search Tips*, Wednesday, September 8, 12:50-1:50 p.m., Room 133. The program will highlight resources for finding job openings and discuss the unique aspects of resumes, cover letters and interviews with public service employers.

*Cover Letter Workshop*, Tuesday, September 14, 1:00-2:00 p.m., Room 134 - **BRING YOUR COVER LETTER; DEANS SEIN AND KNOWLES WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE ON THE SPOT FEEDBACK.**

**OCS Express:** Got a quick question about your job search? Want to know how to answer a specific interview question? Interested in seeing some of the latest job search resources? On Wednesday, September 8 and 15, from 12:30-2:00PM, 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.

## NEW RESOURCES IN OCS LIBRARY

- *Careers in National Security Law, American Bar Association Standing Committee on Law and National Security*, Lauren Bean, Editor, 2008

- *2010 Public Section & Public Interest Attorney Salary Report*, published by NALP, 2010
  - *The Comprehensive Fellowship Guide—The Ultimate Resource for Law Students & Lawyers 2010-2011*, published by PSLawNet
  - *Should You Really Be a Lawyer? The Guide to Smart Career Choices Before, During & After Law School*, by Deborah Schneider and Gary Belsky, DecisionBooks, 2010
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**2010 publication schedule**

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