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NEWSWORTHY NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS to Chrissy Scott and Kaveh Sadegian! Barring any appeals, they will serve as the next Student Assembly President and Vice-President! Great job on participating, Law School!

CONGRATULATIONS to Janey Janson and her team for organizing another successful Free-Throw Competition to Benefit The Bone Marrow Drive in honor of Ali Kaplan. A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE ANNUAL EVENT! This year they were able to raise \$610.50.

NEED TO KNOW

SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING BAR APPLICATIONS:

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS - Some state bars require official transcripts as part of the application process. The Law School **DOES NOT** provide official transcripts. The University Registrar's office provides these upon submission of a written request and a payment of \$7.00 per copy. Please follow this link to request an official transcript:

http://www.wm.edu/offices/registrar/documents/transcript/Official_Transcript_Request.pdf

FINGERPRINTS - Many state bar applications require submission of the applicant's fingerprints. Kay Hibbard, in the reception area, can set up appointments for students wishing to have their fingerprints done by Campus Police. Appointments are available between the hours of **7:00-8:00 a.m.** and **4:00-5:00 p.m. ONLY**, Monday through Friday. All appointments are scheduled for the following week. There is no charge for this. For those taking the Virginia Bar, a Virginia Bar Application fingerprint card can be obtained from Kay, Gloria or Chris Creech. Of course, you can also go to any police station to have this done. Be sure to take two photo ids (driver's license and/or passport, student id, military id) with you for this appointment.

NOTARIZING THE APPLICATION - Most bar applications require you sign before a notary. Kay Hibbard, Gloria Todd and Chris Creech are notaries and will be glad to help you with this. **DO NOT SIGN ANY DOCUMENT TO BE NOTARIZED** until you are in front of a notary. Have all your documents/forms in order before you come in for notarization. This will speed up the process!

FOR THOSE TAKING THE VIRGINIA BAR EXAM: Please remember to pick up the **EDUCATION CERTIFICATE** from Kay, Gloria or Chris Creech. A good time to pick this up is when you come in to have your application notarized. This form **must** accompany your Virginia Bar Application.

The **VIRGINIA CERTIFICATE OF GRADUATION** will be sent by Dean Jackson on **May 17**. **And most importantly, the deadline for the Virginia bar application is May 10.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

VBA'S 4TH ANNUAL LEGAL FOOD FRENZY! The Virginia Bar Association presents its 4th annual LEGAL FOODFRENZY, April 5-16! Food banks are at a dangerous low for contributions at this time of year, and VBA has responded by creating a state wide competition between law firms, offices, and schools to support Virginia food banks. For every dollar you donate, the Food Bank for the Virginia Peninsula can acquire \$10 worth of food! Put food donations in the collection box in the student lounge, and cash donations in the hanging file of Emily Tatum. Please contact Emily Tatum, tatum.emily@gmail.com, with any questions.

CANCER DOESN'T SLEEP. NEITHER DO WE! Join us in the fight against cancer at Relay for Life at W&M Busch Field on April 9-10. An overnight event to celebrate the lives of people who have had cancer, to remember those lost to cancer, and to fight back by supporting cancer research and programs. Throughout the night teams participate in fun activities and entertainment, while taking turns walking the track. Cancer never sleeps and neither do we! Remember why we fight for a cure! Donate a Luminaria! If you have additional questions, please e-mail Erin at elskipper@wm.edu or Chris at ctlync@wm.edu. Visit our website at www.relayforlife.org/wm

Pricing: \$3.00 for a luminaria decorated by you
\$4.00 for a luminaria decorated by Relay for Life Volunteers

TRIP TO US SUPREME COURT – Phi Delta Phi (PDP) hosts an annual trip to SCOTUS. This year, the trip will be on Monday, April 12, and is NOT limited to PDP members. We'll meet with an attorney from the Office of Legal Counsel for the Court (who is a W&M alum) then take a private tour of the Court. The tour will likely include places not normally open to the public including the Highest Court in the Land (the basketball court), the Library, and possibly even the Justices' Conference Room and one of the Justices' Chambers! We'll grab a quick lunch in the cafeteria at the Court and then meet with the Clerk of the Court before heading home. We should be back by 5:00 p.m. so don't worry about missing evening classes or taking too much time away from your studies! Spots are very limited so email phideltaphi.wm@gmail.com for more information or to RSVP ASAP!

TEACHING ASSISTANT INTEREST MEETING - The time has come to interview and hire a new Teaching Assistant for our Trial Advocacy Course. There will be an interest meeting Tuesday, April 13 at 1:00 p.m. Be on the lookout for a hanging file drop announcing the location. See you Tuesday!

LECTURE BY PROFESSOR ELIZABETH GLAZER, GUEST OF LESBIAN AND GAY LAW ASSOCIATION
Professor Elizabeth Glazer of Hofstra University Law School will present a lecture titled "Standards and Deviations" on Thursday, April 15, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 133. Free and all are welcome. Sponsored by the Lesbian and Gay Law Association.

WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS - Parents Engaged for Learning Equality (PELE) will host a free workshop for families of children who have special needs on Thursday, April 15. The workshop will include presentations by law students involved in the Law School's Special Education Advocacy Clinic. The workshop will address: parental roles in the IEP process, standards of learning and VGLA, behavior intervention plans, placement, restraint and least restrictive environments, extended school year services, and available resources for parents. Free and all are welcome.

LEGAL SKILLS DISCUSSION, THURSDAY APRIL 15, 5:00 P.M. IN ROOM 119: Have something to say about the way our Legal Skills program works? Want to hear what suggestions people have to make the Legal Skills experience (and our school) better? Come out to hear from Professor Barnard, Chair of the Dean's Legal Skills Committee! Give your feedback, share your ideas, and take part in a discussion on one of the most important aspects of our legal education and how we can improve it.

ANNUAL OLIVER W. HILL SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET - The W.C. Jefferson Chapter of the Black Law Students' Association at William & Mary Law School will host the annual Oliver W. Hill Scholarship Banquet on Friday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m. at Ford's Colony Country Club. Tickets are \$50 per person (\$30 per person for students). The banquet honors the work of the late Oliver W. Hill, a lawyer and native of Richmond, Virginia, who worked tirelessly in the courts to advocate for the civil rights of African-Americans.

The registration deadline for the **2010 LEGAL TECHNOLOGY SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM** has been extended to Friday, April 16. The summer program runs from June 1-July 2, 2010. In today's legal job market, every opening for an attorney in private practice can draw hundreds of applicants. To stand out from the crowd, you need to optimize your competitiveness and develop skills that prepare you to practice in a market where tech-savvy lawyers are in high demand. In 2010, Legal Technology Summer School Program will offer:

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

The 2010 Legal Technology Summer School Program, June 1-July 2, 2010, is early enough to also accept a split schedule internship or attend W&M's Summer Law Program in Spain. Attend classes ***four days a week for just five weeks and earn six credits*** at a fraction of a regular semester's tuition. For more information, visit our website at <http://www.legaltechcenter.net> and follow the links for the Summer School. Students can drop by our office (211C) if they have questions, or they can contact Summer School Coordinator Mary Beth Dalton at 757-221-2494 or medalt@wm.edu. **Applications are due Friday, April 16, 2010.**

NEW!! W&M students can choose to register for one 3-hour Summer Legal Technology course instead of two. Tuition will be charged at the regular rate: \$590/credit hour for in-state students, and \$1,000/credit hour for out-of-state students. Registration will be handled by the Center for Legal and Court Technology – contact Mary Beth Dalton, Summer School Coordinator

at 757-221-2494 or medalt@wm.edu for registration information, or visit our website at <http://www.legaltechcenter.net> to download a registration form.

SUBLEASING YOUR APARTMENT/HOUSE: We are expecting at least six students from other law schools to attend the 2010 Legal Technology Summer School, most of whom are seeking local housing. If you are interested in subleasing your apartment or house for five weeks between May 31 and July 2, contact Mary Beth Dalton, Summer School Coordinator, at 757-221-2494 or medalt@wm.edu to list your property. Subleasing information will be immediately forwarded to our visiting students upon receipt.

FREE WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WHO HAVE SPECIAL NEEDS, April 15, 4:30-6:00 p.m., room 123. For further information, please see <http://law.wm.edu/academics/programs/jd/electives/clinics/specialed/index.php> or call pele@wm.edu or call (757) 221-5735. Parents Engaged for Learning Equality (PELE) will host a free workshop for families of children who have special needs on Thursday, April 15. The workshop will include presentations by law students involved in the Law School's Special Education Advocacy Clinic. The workshop will address: parental roles in the IEP process, standards of learning and VGLA, behavior intervention plans, placement, restraint and least restrictive environments, extended school year service's, and available resources for parents. Free and all are welcome.

3L CLASS GIFT - PLEDGE ONLINE TODAY! 3Ls - make your pledge to the 3L Class Gift! On April 17 the Class of 2010 will present the 3L class gift to Dean Douglas at the class dinner at the Woodlands. The class gift committee set a goal to have 90% of the class participate in the class gift and we need your help! Using the link below you can make your gift in honor of the Class of 2010 to the law school and designate it to any organization you would like or to the annual fund. If you would like to make a gift not listed in the drop-down menu, please email Elizabeth Wright (enwrig@wm.edu).

<https://www.development.wm.edu/ecommerce/lawpledgenow.asp>. If you make a pledge at the Dean's Council level (\$1,000 in any 1 of the next 3 years) you will be invited to the Dean's Council private reception with President Reveley and Dean Douglas on April 17 at the Woodlands prior to the class dinner. Remember the class gift is our class' legacy gift to the law school. The class gift program makes a tremendous difference at the law school. All gifts, no matter what size, make an impact.

ATTENTION ALL 3L'S – LAW SCHOOL GRADUATION PARTY - When planning your family and friends festivities for graduation, don't forget the Law School Graduation Party!!! Saturday May 15 8:00 p.m-midnight at Lake Matoaka. We'll have an open bar and food (hosted by Green Leaf Catering.) Once further ticket information is available, you (or your parents) can purchase tickets online, or in the lobby in a few weeks. You don't want to miss out on this final celebration with all your friends and family the night before graduation, including a live band and a dance floor overlooking the lake! Look out for more information to come. For further questions please contact Naomh Stewart (Naomh.Stewart@gmail.com), Elyse Simmerman (Elyse.Simmerman@gmail.com) or Rob Barrett (rbarrett@wm.edu)

ADMISSION

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES - The Admission Office would appreciate hearing from students/staff/faculty who knows 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. 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 INFORMATION/PLANNING MEETINGS - Individual appointments are available for questions on financial aid, FAFSA preparation, lender terms, bar loans, 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: April 14 and 28. Please stop by the Admission Office to reserve an appointment time. You may schedule an appointment on other days in Blow Memorial Hall by emailing your request to jmmeie@wm.edu.

FINANCIAL AID / SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

DRI Diversity Scholarship – Two \$10,000 scholarships are open to incoming second and third-year African American, Hispanic, Asian, Pan Asian, Native American and female. For more information and an application, visit www.dri.org and click on Diversity Scholarship. The deadline for submission is May 3, 2010.

OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI AFFAIRS

Dear Faculty and Administrators:

You are cordially invited to attend **ALUMNI WEEKEND 2010** on April 16-17. The weekend features celebration dinners for the Classes of 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, and also invited are the most recent graduates, the Class of 2009. We will invite the graduating Class of 2010 for their 3L Class Dinner. You are welcome to come to any event at no charge.

For the first time, we will have a volleyball competition on the front lawn and we would like to have a team of Faculty and Administrators participate. Professor Vivian Hamilton will be the captain for the faculty. We will have teams of students, as well as teams of Alumni and we hope you'll join in the fun. Please contact Kathy Pond at ktpond@wm.edu or Vivian at vhamilton@wm.edu if you can play.

Remember there is no charge for you to participate in any event for the weekend and we would love for you to be our guests at the picnic on Saturday, as well as the class dinners at the Woodlands that evening. Just let me know so we'll be sure to have a nametag for you. Brochures and registration forms are on the mail room table.

If you'd like to come, please complete a registration form and return it to the Office of

Development and Alumni Affairs. You can also fill out a registration form by going to <http://law.wm.edu/alumni/reunion/index.php>. Thank you and we hope you can join us.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

Website of the Week - Lawyerist.com is a leading legal website providing advice for attorneys and law students on marketing, career development, and technology. Their current staff includes professionals from the Career Services Office of the University of Minnesota. They are also interested in hiring law students to research and write for their website. www.lawyerist.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Local Government Attorneys of Virginia, Inc., (LGA) is the professional organization representing city, county and town attorneys in Virginia. The LGA sponsors two conferences each year offering continuing legal education programs relevant to local governmental law practice. The **Spring LGA Conference** will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Reston, Virginia, on **April 29 – May 1, 2010**. In an effort to encourage law students considering a career in public service, the **LGA is offering a scholarship** to one student from each of the Commonwealth's law schools. The scholarship is for the continuing legal education portion of the Conference only (although scholarship recipients may participate in other aspects of the conference at their own cost). If you are interested in attending, contact Dean Corello in OCS as soon as possible to complete an application form. The deadline for registration has passed, however, **they will continue to accept applications for a few more days** since information about this opportunity was sent out late. For additional information, contact Dean Corello in OCS or Leisa Steele, Conference & Member Services Coordinator by E-mail Lrs5c@virginia.edu; Fax 804-371-0234.

On **Wednesday, April 14 at 3:00PM**, NALP and the National Legal Aid & Defender Association (NLADA) are presenting **Top Ten Tips for a Successful Summer Internship in a Public Interest Office and What to Avoid**. This free webinar is designed to help law students make the most of their summer experiences in civil legal services organizations and public defenders offices by offering concrete tips from both public interest attorneys with extensive experience supervising law students and law school public interest advisors who counsel students. To register for the webinar, email Kevin Mills, Director of Membership, at NLADA at membership@nlada.org and provide your full name, email address and a phone number. Type "Student Webinar" in the email subject line. The webinar will also be archived for later viewing.

The **Richmond Legal Diversity Alliance**, a collective of Richmond area legal employers dedicated to establishing Richmond as a city of "employers of choice" by enhancing diversity within their respective organizations, is planning an event for students working as summer associates in the Richmond area on **Thursday, June 3, 2010**. The seminar portion of the program is scheduled for the morning through the mid-afternoon. The program is designed to bring together law firms, general counsel representatives from local businesses, and influential members of the Richmond community. There is also potential of an evening "kick off" event on Wednesday, June 2nd. Organizers of this program are still in the planning process. For more

information and details, please contact Janet Broadway at Sands Anderson, jbroadway@sandsanderson.com.

The **Public Defense Service of Washington, DC** is sponsoring a program entitled *Discover the Path to Becoming a Public Defender* on **July 31, 2010** at Georgetown University Law School. More details about this event will be announced as the date draws closer. For more information, go to the Public Defense Service Website, <http://www.pdsdc.org/> or contact Cynthia Lester at 202-824-2384.

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 2010 -- 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 1.**

- **July 4-August 4:** William & Mary Summer Program in Madrid
- **July 29-30:** Patent Law Interview Program (for employers throughout U.S.; held in Chicago)
- **July 30-31:** Southeastern Minority Job Fair (for employers throughout U.S.; held in Atlanta)
- **August 6:** Texas Interview Program (for employers in Texas; held in Dallas)
- **August 12-13:** Northeast Interview Program (for employers in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut; held in NYC)
- **August 16:** Chicago Interview Program (for Chicago employers)
- **August 18:** Fall on-campus interviews begin
- **August 23:** 2L and 3L classes begin

SUMMER HOUSING

Looking for summer housing outside Williamsburg? Law students seeking summer housing in the cities where they'll be working are invited to participate in NALP's online **National Apartment Exchange**. The site facilitates summer sublets of apartments currently being used by law students in cities across the country who will be in another city for the summer. Just visit www.nalpexchange.org and you can search for summer housing opportunities from all around the country beginning in early February. **The Apartment Exchange will be available through May 2010.**

Other Summer Housing Options The NALP site listed above is free. Another site that does not charge any fees is www.craigslist.org. The web site www.sublet.com will, for a fee, give you 90 days of access to listings for sublets available around the country. Before paying the fee, you can see if they have any listings in your target city and the cost of the service, which varies depending on the city or region you pick.

Check colleges and universities in your target city, since they often have housing options available to students for the summer.

In Atlanta:

- Emory University offers housing to students working in Atlanta for the summer. See www.emory.edu/sihp/.

In Chicago

- The School of the Art Institute of Chicago offers loft-style rooms with private baths and kitchenettes in the heart of the city. The rooms include a full-size refrigerator and stove, private phone line with voice mail, high-speed Internet connection, cable TV, and more. See <http://www.saic.edu/life/housing/index.html#summer>.

In New York City

- Furnished apartments are available through NYU School of Law's Summer Living in New York program in Manhattan. For more information, see <http://www.law.nyu.edu/housing/index.htm>.
- Educational Housing Services is a not-for-profit organization offering fully furnished rooms in newly renovated residences in prime neighborhoods throughout New York City. There is a student membership fee of \$150. For more information, go to <http://www.studenthousing.org/>.

In Washington, D.C.:

- American University provides summer intern housing as well. For details, go to <http://www.american.edu/ocl/housing/intern-housing.cfm>.

Please note: OCS is providing these resources solely as a convenience to students. Inclusion does not constitute a recommendation/endorsement of any housing option you may find through these resources. It is up to you to determine whether a particular property is appropriate for your circumstances.

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 **Monday, April 12 and 19, 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.

Wednesday, April 14, 1:00-1:50 PM, Room 119, *Now You're Hired, Don't Get Fired/Getting a Jump on Your Fall Job Search.*

WRITING COMPETITIONS

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 a bulletin board in OCS and in OCS Resources for Students on Blackboard. In addition

to the intellectual and often economic benefits of these contests, the competitions are another way for you to demonstrate your legal writing abilities to 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 if you decide to participate. We have recently posted information regarding the following writing competitions:

The **American Judges Association (AJA)** has announced its annual essay competition open to all full-time law students. The essays submitted for the 2010 competition must be under one of two categories: "The Pluses and Minuses of eDiscovery," or "The Effect of Melendez-Diaz on State Statutory Schemes for Admission of Lab Results." The first prize for the contest is \$3,000; second is \$1,500; and third is \$1,000. **Entries must be e-mailed or postmarked no later than June 1, 2010.**

The **National LGBT Bar Association** is sponsoring the **Michael Greenberg Student Writing Competition**, which recognizes and encourages outstanding law student scholarship on the legal issues affecting lesbian, gay, bisexual and intersex persons. This year's first place award is \$1,000, publication in the *Journal of Law and Sexuality* at Tulane University Law School, and registration, transportation and lodging expenses for the 2010 Lavender Law Conference and Career Fair (August 26-28, Miami Beach, Florida). First and second runners-up will receive complimentary registration to the Lavender Law Conference. **Entries must be submitted by June 1, 2010.**

The National Center for Nonsmokers' Rights, Law Professor John Banzhaf of George Washington University School of Law, and Action on Smoking and Health are sponsoring the **Nonsmokers' Rights Legal Research and Advocacy Competition**. Law students are invited to submit a 1000-word proposal for legal action to benefit nonsmokers. The student who submits the first prize entry will win \$5,000; the second prize award is \$3,000 and the third prize award is \$1,000. Thirty \$1,000 travel grants to the Seventh World Conference on Nonsmokers' Rights in Washington, DC will also be awarded, and winners' submissions will be published on the Internet. A 1000-word proposal detailing a plan to protect or enhance nonsmokers' rights must be submitted by **May 1, 2010**. For more information, go to <http://nosmokingcontest.org/>.

NEW RESOURCES IN THE OCS LIBRARY

National Lawyers Guild Referral Directory, 2010, National Lawyers Guild Foundation.

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