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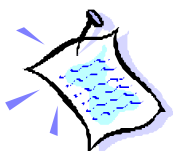
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NEWSWORTHY NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS to Shanda King – Dean Douglas and the Dean’s Advisory Committee are pleased to announce that Shanda is the 2011/12 Draper’s Scholar. She is a splendid choice and we are happy for this opportunity for her.

CONGRATULATIONS to Courtney Mills and Rebecca Sandler who recently participated in the Wechsler First Amendment Moot Court Competition at American University. The Mills-Sandler team advanced to the round of 16, losing to the University of Virginia team that ultimately won the competition.

Courtney Mills, however, won the Best Overall Oralist award for the entire competition. Congratulations to the Moot Court Team on its continued success!

CONGRATULATIONS to the Law School's Trial Team which placed second at the ABA Labor and Employment regional competition in Washington, D.C., last weekend. The team was comprised of four 2L students: Ricky Clausi, Destiny Harris, Peter Nanov, and Lindsay Welter. Another outstanding effort by our Trial Team!

CONGRATULATIONS to Andrea Raines (Journals) on the birth of her son, Benjamin David Raines. He was born on November 1, weighed 9 pounds, 1oz and was 21 inches long. Andrea and her husband, David, are very excited about the birth of their first child.

The Law Library is excited to **WELCOME** Mandy Beasley as the new library accountant. Mandy graduated from Liberty University where she earned a BA in Business Administration and an MA in Executive Leadership. Mandy transferred to the Law Library from a part-time position in the Law School accounting office.

WHAT’S UP WITH JAVA CITY IN NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

17 – Snack Attacks featured from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

12/8 – Waffle Bar featured from 8:00-11:00 a.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CALLING ALL MUSICAL PERFORMERS! PSF is currently recruiting performers for our annual Singer/Songwriter showcase on November 13. If you can sing, play an instrument, or have any

other musical talent to share, please consider signing up. Contact Maggie Brunner (margaret.brunner@gmail.com) with any questions.

GOVERNOR TIM KAINÉ ON CAMPUS! The Thomas Jefferson Program in Public Policy is honored to host Governor Tim Kaine on November 15, 7:00 p.m., Wren Building, Great Hall. Governor Kaine currently serves as DNC Chairman and will be here to discuss his career in public policy as well as his thoughts on the midterm elections. RSVP: Seating is limited to the first 100 respondents. Online reservations will open on the GPA website on November 1 at 9:00 a.m. Contact: Katie Ballard, keballard@email.wm.edu for additional questions.

WISH I KNEW ABOUT THE JOB SEARCH - BLSA will be hosting a discussion about the 1L and 2L job search including "10 Need to Know Tips", on Monday, November 15 in room 119 at 1:00 p.m. Representatives from various summer positions including judicial clerks, prosecutors, legal aid, research assistants, international service opportunities, studying abroad, and summer associates will also be in attendance and will share how they funded their summer positions.

MOOT COURT INTEREST MEETING - Find out about the William & Mary Moot Court Team and get information about the try-out process on November 16, 1:00 p.m., room 120.

THE HUMAN SECURITY LAW SOCIETY SPEAKER SERIES will host guest speaker Stephen Wermiel, a Fellow in Law and Government and Associate Director of the Summer Institute on Law and Government at American University Washington College of Law on November 17, at 12:50 p.m. in Room 137. He will speak about issues related to the First Amendment and the war on terror. Free and all are welcome.

For more information, contact margaret.brunner@gmail.com.

ELECTION LAW SOCIETY - GUEST NEIL REIFF - On November 17 at 12:50 p.m. in Room 133, the Election Law Society will host guest speaker Neil Reiff, one of the founding partners of Sandler, Reiff and Young. He will speak about the implications of the Citizens United decision for upcoming elections. Free and all are welcome.

CARE PACKAGE DRIVE – Yesterday was Veteran's Day and it is an appropriate time to think about all the service members currently serving overseas. Please help support these men and women serving our country deployed away from their families and loved ones by contributing to the Care Package Drive being sponsored by the Military Veterans Law Society (MVLS). We will have a box in the lobby available for you drop off any items you would like to send to the troops until next Thursday, November 18. Also, there will be blank holiday cards that you can fill out to send an encouraging message to a soldier. Many of these service members are located in austere environments and do not have access to the amenities that we often take for granted. Below you will find a list of recommended items if you're not sure what to contribute, as well as a list of items that are prohibited or unneeded.

NOTE: If you prefer to make a monetary donation, please give it to the person sitting at the collection table in the lobby or in Joe Kaczmarek's (2L) hanging file. The committee members will purchase items for the care package.

RECOMMENDED ITEMS (By no means an exhaustive list) -

- Baby Wipes - packets are better than tubs
- Beef Jerky/Slim Jims
- Energy Bars (Power Bar, etc.)
- Sunflower seeds
- Cookies (that won't melt)
- Peanuts/Trail Mix
- Jolly Rancher/any kind of hard candy
- Smarties or SweetTart candies (for local children who prefer sour style candy to build relationships with community)
- Small toys to hand out to local children
- Powdered Energy/Electrolyte Replacement Drink Mix (Gatorade, etc.)
- Chewing Gum
- Personal Hygiene Gear: Disposable Razors, Toothbrush and Tooth Paste
- Eye Wash / Drops (Visine, etc.)
- Zip-Lock Storage Bags - assorted sizes, heavier freezer style are better
- Pre-paid Phone Card so service member can call home
- Recent current events/sports magazines

PROHIBITED/UNNEEDED ITEMS - Alcohol, Any type of chocolate that will melt (*M&Ms are fine*), Sunscreen.

PLEASE JOIN US - College employees are once again stuffing 50 Salvation Army Christmas stockings for local senior citizens. Collection boxes for stocking stuffers are located across campus or you may forward items to Sandy Wilms in the President's Office. Deadline for stocking contributions is Friday, November 19. If you would like a list of suggestions for stuffers or have any questions, please contact Sandy (ext. 11257 or email: sjwilm@wm.edu).

MULTICULTURAL NIGHT is hosted by the SBA along with BLSA, ALSA, the Environmental Law Society, and Honor Council at the law school on Saturday, November 20. The event will be held in lobby from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Come take a break from studying and enjoy free food and dancing! We ask that everyone bring either nonperishable foods or monetary donations. The food will be combined with that collected for the BLSA Fall Food Drive and donated to the local food pantry. The collected money will be donated to the Avalon Center for Women and Children. So, come on out and be a part of the law school's Thanksgiving Celebration! If you have cultural attire, feel free to wear it!

BLSA IS HOSTING ITS ANNUAL FALL FOOD DRIVE! We are collecting food for those who are less fortunate. Please join us by donating nonperishable foods. The food will be donated to the Department of Human Services and the local food pantry to help feed those in need. There will be a box placed in lounge for donations until Monday, November 22. Thank you in advance for your support!

TOWN HALL WITH DEAN DOUGLAS – Monday, November 22, 5:00 p.m., room 119 - In addition to providing a monthly forum for you to directly access your student representatives, the SBA

wants to continue to facilitate a dialogue with our Dean. Dean Douglas has historically been receptive and responsive to the student body, so please take advantage of this opportunity to speak to him directly. If you cannot attend but have an issue that you would like to raise, feel free to e-mail SBA President, Tamar Jones (tljones02@email.wm.edu).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - On Tuesday, November 30, W&M Professor Lawrence Wilkerson will conduct a National Security Council decision-making exercise within the Honors Program at the George Washington University. The location will be the New America Foundation's large conference room at 1899 L Street, NW, in the District. The time will be 3:00-6:00 p.m. The exercise features prominently the role of the rule of law in national security decision-making and needs volunteer lawyers and law students as participants. For more information, contact Professor Lawrence Wilkerson, Visiting Harriman Professor of Government and Public Policy at lbwilk@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.

NEED TO KNOW

BAR UPDATE - Students intending to sit for a Bar Exam should check the requirements for that Bar - due date, courses required (if any), prorated cost, etc. Info on bar exams and links to state information can be found here: <http://law.wm.edu/academics/howto/prepareforbar/index.php>.

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>. The Virginia Bar also 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!!!**

SPECIAL MESSAGE: Two new Microwaves have been provided in the Student Lounge by the SBA. We ask that you help preserve all of our microwaves by keeping them clean. Facilities Services staff do not clean the microwaves - we do! Please keep your fellow students in mind.

NEW HONOR COUNCIL BYLAWS PASSED - The Law School Honor Council is proud to announce the passage of a new set of bylaws. These bylaws include a new section that explains how the Council handles its cases from start to finish. The Council created this new section for two primary reasons. First, to ensure that we adjudicate cases in a fair and consistent manner. Second, to make the Council more transparent to the community we are honored to serve. These new bylaws can be found at: <http://wmpeople.wm.edu/site/page/lawhonor/councilbylaws>
Please feel free to contact the Council with any questions or comments at lawhonor@wm.edu

ADMISSION

FINANCIAL AID / SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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.

The Richard Linn American Inn of Court Mart T. Banner Scholarship for Law Students is offering a \$5,000 scholarship to first and second year law students who have exemplary writing and oral communication skills and are interested in pursuing a career in intellectual property law. Stop by the Admission Office for more information and an application. The deadline is November 15.

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.

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.

CLASS OF 2012 - Please mark your calendars for January 13, 2011 for Half-Way-Through Barbeque.

INVITATIONS WILL BE SENT LATER.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

Web Site of the Week -FindLaw.com provides a comprehensive set of legal resources on the Internet for legal professionals, businesses, students, and individuals. Their *Law Student Resources* section has links to a wide array of helpful resources. <http://stu.findlaw.com/>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention First Years!

- **Register** for the **1L Alumni Mock Interview Program** via Symplicity-Events **by November 15**. The program will take place on Friday, January 28, 2011.
- **Submit your draft resume** for your OCS Advisor to review. If you submit it by **November 15 at 9:00 a.m.**, it will be reviewed and returned to you by December 1.

Please remember to fill out and submit the resume checklist along with your draft resume. We also encourage you to prepare a draft cover letter. Please submit the draft cover letter along with the completed cover letter checklist. Come by the OCS office and put your materials in the Resume/Cover Letter drop box.

Applying for a Government or Public Interest Summer Job? Funding available through William & Mary may help you get that job! There are several **fellowship programs** that provide stipends of up to \$3,600 for students who secure summer internships with employers who are unable to provide funding or can only provide partial funding. The availability of funds through William & Mary enhances your candidacy with employers. There is a one-page handout available on the display racks in OCS that describes William & Mary's various fellowship programs for the summer of 2011. Please feel free to include this flier with your resumes and cover letters to government and public service employers. This information is also available on OCS Resources for Students in Blackboard under "Government and Public Interest." In your cover letter, you may want to indicate that "William & Mary has several public interest [or government] summer funding sources, as detailed on the enclosed sheet." The application process for these fellowships is very competitive, and you must have a written offer of employment in order to apply for funding. **2Ls: please note the message below about the "early decision" process.**

Deadline for "Early Decision" Public Interest and Government Summer 2011 Funding for 2Ls: Funding through eight programs (Bell, Christopher Wren Association, Dean's Fellowships, Pinter Fellowships, Virginia State Bar Criminal Law Section, Virginia Law Foundation, Public Service Fund [PSF], and Williams) is available through an "early-decision" process, which gives 2Ls the opportunity to know about funding decisions before the end of the fall semester. **The application deadline for "early decision" funding is Friday, November 19 at 5:00 p.m.**

Equal Justice Works and the Southern Public Defender Center have partnered to develop the **Public Defender Corps**, a pilot project that will provide fellowships for students to engage in indigent defense with a strong training and support structure. These will be three year fellowships inside select public defender offices. This initiative addresses the ongoing national crisis of failing to provide quality representation to accused persons who cannot afford counsel. Applicants to Public Defender Corps will undergo a rigorous selection process. Once selected, they will receive expert advocacy training and mentoring, and be integrated into a community of defenders to help them develop the skills needed to provide the highest quality of representation to clients and imbue them with a commitment to indigent defense reform.

Public Defender Corps is scheduled to launch as a **pilot program** in the fall of 2011 and is currently accepting application for approximately 20 Fellowship positions. Application and supporting documents are due **by 5:00 p.m. on December 17, 2010**. Application instructions and additional information about the Public Defender Corps Fellowships are available online at www.equaljusticeworks.org under the Programs tab. For more information please contact the Public Defender Corps at publicdefendercorps@equaljusticeworks.org.

OCS has added two new clerkship resources from NALP to Blackboard OCS Resources for Students' Judicial Clerkship section: (1) **NALP's Insight and Inside Information for Select State**

Court Clerkships. This resource was compiled based on information provided by Career Services Office representatives from law schools all over the country. This document should be read in conjunction with The *Guide to State Court Judicial Clerkships*, published by The Vermont Law School. (2) **Federal Administrative Law Judges Post-Graduate Clerkships.** This resource is made available through the efforts of the ALJ Working group of NALP's Judicial Clerkship Section, which compiled this Excel document with information on the hiring practices of ALJs.

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.

The *Public Justice Foundation* has announced the **2011 Hogan/Smoger Access to Justice Essay Contest**. The essay topic is: *The Gulf Oil Spill: Who Are the Victims and How Do They Get Compensated?* The prize for the winning essay is \$5,000 in cash. The intent-to-enter submission deadline is **January 31, 2011**, and the **essay contest deadline is March 31, 2011**. For more information, please go to the Public Justice Foundation website at www.publicjustice.net.

The College of Labor and Employment Lawyers and American Bar Association Section of Labor and Employment Law announced its **4th Annual Writing Competition for Law Students**. The competition seeks submissions discussing a public policy issue, practical implications of a leading case or doctrine, a statute or the need for statutory modification, or a common law doctrine. The following prizes will be awarded: First place: \$1,500, Second Place: \$1,000, Third Place: \$500. Articles must be submitted by 5:00 p.m. (CDT) on **May 15, 2011** to swan@laborandemploymentcolleg.org using the subject line "Writing Competition." Full competition rules are available at www.laborandemploymentcollege.org.

The American University Washington College of Law Center for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law and the American Society of International Law's Lieber Society on the Law of Armed Conflict announced the first **International Humanitarian Law Student Writing Competition**. The competition seeks submissions of academic papers on the topic of international humanitarian law. Two winning authors will be flown to Washington, DC to present their papers, will have their submissions published, and will receive a one-year student membership to the American Society of International Law. Papers must be submitted to teachingihl@wcl.american.edu by **Monday, January 31, 2011, by 12:00 p.m. (EST)**. For more information, visit www.WCLCenterforHR.org.

The National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees announced its third annual writing contest in the area of consumer bankruptcy law. Entrants should submit an essay, article, or comment on an issue concerning Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code. The author of the first-place essay will receive a \$1,000 cash prize and the essay will be published in the NACTT Quarterly. The winner will also receive free registration and a room for the NACTT annual seminar to be held in

Anaheim, California on August 3-6, 2011. Submissions must be submitted to Trustee@Ch13austin.com by **April 30, 2011**.

The Jackson Lewis law firm and Chicago-Kent College of Law's Institute for Law and the Workplace announced the **Louis Jackson National Student Writing Competition in Employment and Labor Law**. Papers discussing topics relating to the law governing the workplace such as employment law, labor law, employee benefits, or employee discrimination are due **Tuesday, January 18, 2011**. The top entry will receive \$3,000 and two additional entries will receive \$1000 each. The top three entries will be published on the *Institute of Law and the Workplace* website. For more information, please visit <http://www.kentlaw.edu/academics/plel/LouisJacksonNWC.html>.

The College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers announces its **2010 Writing Competition for Law Students**. Students should present a public policy issue, a critique of a leading case or doctrine, or a comment on a statute or the need for a statutory modification. The deadline for submission is **January 15, 2011**. Articles should be submitted to cwcl@airmail.net. First, second, and third prize will receive \$1,500, \$1,000, and \$500 respectively and the winner's article will be considered for publication in the Workers' First Watch.

Nightlight Christian Adoptions announced its **4th Annual Embryo Law Essay Competition**. The theme of the competition is "Assisted Reproductive Technologies – Embryo Donation and Adoption Law." First prize will receive \$2,500, second prize will receive \$1,500, and third prize will receive \$1,000. The deadline for submission is **March 7, 2011 by 5:00 p.m. PST**. For more information, please visit EmbryoLaw.org.

The ABA Forum on the Construction Industry announced its Law Student Writing Competition. Students may submit writings on any topic related to construction law. The format of the articles should resemble the articles published in either of the Forum's two publications, The Construction Lawyer (law journal format, 5,000 to 12,500 words) and Under Construction (newsletter format with articles of 1,000-2,000 words). The deadline for submission is **December 30, 2010**. The first place winner will receive a cash award of \$2,000, a plaque, travel expenses and registration to the Forum's Spring meeting, recognition in Under Construction and on the Forum's website, one-year's membership in the Construction Forum, and possible publication in one of the Forum's two publications. For more information, visit <http://www.imageserve.com/aba/writing-rules.html>.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Careers in Labor & Employment Law, Wednesday, November 16, 12:50-1:50 p.m., McGlothlin Courtroom. Learn about opportunities to practice labor and employment law in government, large and small firm settings. Three alumni speakers will be featured: The Honorable Kerith Cohen ('95), Administrative Law Judge for the EEOC, Norfolk, VA; Melissa Howell ('02), Senior Associate, Jackson Lewis, Norfolk, VA; and Christian Connell ('92), Christian L. Connell, P.C., Norfolk, VA. To attend, RSVP through Symplicity Events by Sunday, November 14th!

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, November 17, from 12:30-2:00 p.m.**, 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 PUBLICATIONS IN OCS LIBRARY

The following new publications have been added to the Office of Career Services Library in Room 263:

National Directory of Corporate Public Affairs, edited by Valerie S. Sheridan. Offers a profile of the corporate public affairs profession in the US—identifying the key people in that important community and including principal corporate offices from which the many forms of public affairs activities are conducted. Columbia Books & Information Services, 2010.

Judicial Yellow Book, Fall 2010, Leadership Directories, Inc. Who's who in federal and state courts.

Guide to Foreign Law Firms, 5th Edition, James R. Silkenat and William M. Hannay, Editors, in cooperation with American Bar Association Section of International Law. ABA Publishing, 2010.

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2010 publication schedule

August 20; September 3, 17; October 1, 15, 29; November 12; December 3

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