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### **NEWSWORTHY NEWS**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to April Cassell (OCS) on her engagement to Steven Andrews, who is currently serving in the US Navy. She and Steven plan to marry in May 2011.

CONGRATULATIONS to Justin Sorrell (2L) and his wife, Nancy, on the birth of their daughter, Hazel Shaw, on December 27. She was 6 lbs., 11 oz., and 18 inches long. She is very healthy and happy and her parents are excited to have her home!

WHAT'S YOUR DOT? DOT stands for *Do One Thing*, a new campaign that encourages all members of the W&M community to change one small aspect of day-to-day life that relates to sustainability. These "one things" can be anything from avoiding disposable water bottles, shopping with reusable grocery bags, eating vegetarian once a week, or printing double-sided. What's your DOT?

The Environmental Law Society and EPLR encourage you to share your DOT: (1) Submit electronically via the W&M DOT facebook page: <a href="http://www.facebook.com/wmdot">http://www.facebook.com/wmdot</a>; and (2) Submit a paper DOT to a DOT drop box at the law library circulation desk. Paper DOTs will be incorporated into an ongoing art installation by two undergrad art classes in the lobby of Swem library.

Stop by the ELS/EPLR table in lobby on January 27, 28, and 29 to learn more. Many DOTs can add up to one great thing – a campus-wide commitment to sustainability!

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**THE LAW OF WAR: JEWISH AND ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVES** - January 27, 5:10-6:10 p.m., Room 127 - Professors Jacob Goodson and Chrystie Swiney from the College of the William & Mary's Department of Religious Studies will explore Jewish and Islamic perspectives on the law of war. The panel will be moderated by Associate Professor of Law Scott Dodson and is sponsored by the Program in Comparative Legal Studies and Post-Conflict Justice.

**THE LIFE & CONSTITUTION OF JUSTICE SCALIA: AMERICAN ORIGINAL** - **January 28, 3:30-4:30 p.m., Room 124** - The Institute of Bill of Rights Law will host a panel on Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia featuring Joan Biskupic, author of a new book about him titled "American Original," and Alan Meese, Ball Professor of Law and a former clerk to Justice Scalia. Following the panel, copies of "American Original" will be available for purchase and Ms. Biskupic will be on hand to sign copies. Free and all are welcome.

ELPR SYMPOSIUM: REGULATING ENERGY SOURCES WITH RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARDS - January 29, 1:00 p.m. - January 30, 1:00 p.m., Rooms 119 and 124 - Leaders in government, academia, and industry will make presentations about the legal, political, and economic considerations associated with renewable energy portfolio standards on a state and national level. Sponsored by the William and Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review (ELPR). Please contact <a href="mailto:elprsymposium@gmail.com">elprsymposium@gmail.com</a> to register or for more info about CLE credit.

ALI'S RUN - March 20, 10:00 a.m. | Registration, Law School (9:00 a.m.); Race & walk, Bicentennial Park (10:00 a.m.) - The Sixth Annual Ali's 5K Run/Walk will take place on Saturday, March 20, 2010. The event benefits the William & Mary campus bone marrow drive and is in memory of Alison Ruth Kaplan. On-site registration and check-in at the Law School will begin at 9:00 a.m. The race will start at 10:00 a.m. at Bicentennial Park, South Henry Street, Williamsburg. The registration fee includes a t-shirt. To register in advance or for questions, contact Andrew Reeve at <a href="mailto:AReeve132@gmail.com">AReeve132@gmail.com</a>. Sponsored by the Law School's Bone Marrow Drive Commitee

**LEGAL TECHNOLOGY SUMMER SCHOOL** is June 1 to July 2, 2010! 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 your answer to any of these questions is "YES," consider the 2010 Legal Technology Summer School, June 1 to July 2, 2010.

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

Course options have been expanded this year to include:

- Electronic Discovery and Data Seizures
- Evidence
- Internet Law
- Privacy in a Technological Age
- Technology-Augmented Law Office Management
- Technology-Augmented Trial Advocacy

For more information, visit our website at <a href="www.legaltechcenter.net/aspx/summerschool.aspx">www.legaltechcenter.net/aspx/summerschool.aspx</a>, stop by the Center for Legal and Court Technology in Rm. 211C, or contact Summer School Coordinator Mary Beth Dalton at <a href="medalt@wm.edu">medalt@wm.edu</a>.

#### **NEED TO KNOW**

The new brochure describing *William & Mary's 2010 summer law program in Madrid* is now available! If you haven't gotten one yet, we will be happy to put the complete information

packet in your hanging file. The information packet includes our *Guide to Studying & Living in Madrid,* a brochure from the Spanish tourist office, and much more.

You can request a packet by e-mailing sumlaw@wm.edu (please include your full name) or by filling out a postcard from our poster. There are posters and pockets in which to deposit the postcard: on the Summer Study bulletin board in the hallway next to room 124, and; on the bulletin board outside Room 238, the International Programs office. Or you can stop by the office and pick up the info packet. (If you would like to have a packet before winter break begins, please contact us no later than Monday, December 21.)

This past summer, **79 students from 35 law schools across the country (including 26 from W&M) participated in our summer law program** in Madrid. They studied abroad because...

It's fun!

It's educational!

It lightens your second-year course load!

Also, it adds a very interesting item to your resumé. (Many students combine work experience and study abroad by working in May and June here at home before leaving to go abroad in July.)

Let us know if you would like a brochure!

# **ADMISSION**

**HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES** - The Admission 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. 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

11. Diversity Scholarship — Harter Secrest & Emery LLP is offering two first year law students 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 22, 2010. For more information and an application stop by the admission office.

Arent Fox 1L Diversity Scholarship – Arent Fox is offering three \$15,000 scholarships to first-year students who will join Arent Fox's 2010 Summer Associate Program in Los Angeles, New York and Washington, DC. The application deadline is January 15, 2010. For more information and an application, visit <a href="http://www.arentfox.com/firm/diversity/index.cfm?fa=scholarship">http://www.arentfox.com/firm/diversity/index.cfm?fa=scholarship</a>.

**Diversity Fellowship** – The Stoel Rives Law Student Diversity Fellowship offers first and second year law students a paid summer associated position in their Portland, Salt Lake City or Seattle

offices and a \$7,500 scholarship. The application deadline is January 20, 2010. For more information visit: http://join.stoel.com/diversity.pdf.

The Vietnamese American Bar Association of the Greater Washington, DC area is offering two \$1,000 scholarships to law students in Virginia, Maryland or Washington, DC who demonstrate a commitment to serving the Vietnamese American community. The deadline to apply is February 15, 2010. For more information, stop by the Admission Office.

Vinson & Elkins Diversity Fellowship is offering four \$7,000 fellowships to first year law students who anticipate graduating in 2012 and joint degree students who will receive their degrees in 2013. In addition, the Diversity Fellows will be considered for their summer associate program in the Austin, Dallas or Houston office during the summer following the recipients' first year of law school. The application deadline is January 31, 2010. For more information and an application, visit <a href="http://www.velaw.com/uploadedFiles/VEsite/Resources/DiversityFellowshipsApplication.pdf">http://www.velaw.com/uploadedFiles/VEsite/Resources/DiversityFellowshipsApplication.pdf</a>.

Porzio, Bromberg & Newman \$5,000 Diversity Scholarship is open to first-year law students, who are both U.S. and New Jersey residents and have received a minimum of a 3.3 GPA at his/her undergraduate institution. The application deadline is March 1, 2010. For more information and an application, please visit their website at <a href="http://www.pbnlaw.com/Scholarship/Workplace Diversity Committee">http://www.pbnlaw.com/Scholarship/Workplace Diversity Committee</a> - 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, 2010. For more information and an application visit <a href="https://www.finnegan.com/finneganacceptingapplicationsfor20102011diversityscholarshipjanuary420">www.finnegan.com/finneganacceptingapplicationsfor20102011diversityscholarshipjanuary420</a>

#### **ALUMNI DEVELOPMENT**

Class of 2010 You are Invited to Celebrate with your fellow Classmates 100 Nights Until Graduation on Friday, January 29 7:00-10:00 p.m. at Trinkle Hall in the Campus Center R.S.V.P. to Kathy Pond (<a href="mailto:ktpond@wm.edu">ktpond@wm.edu</a>) by January 22d.

# **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 profs, 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." <a href="https://www.lawhaha.com">www.lawhaha.com</a>

#### JOBS 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 2010. The program also offers a discretionary supplemental housing/travel allowance of up to \$2,000 for those students who demonstrate need. The deadline for submitting an application is Friday, February 5, 2010. For a list of participating Attorneys General, the application form and other details on how to apply, go to <a href="http://www.abanet.org/antitrust/at-law-student/at-js-project.shtml">http://www.abanet.org/antitrust/at-law-student/at-js-project.shtml</a>.

Attention 3Ls: Careers in Community Organizing for May 2010 Graduates - Sunil Joy, Associate Director of the DART Organizers Institute, will be holding an information session on Wednesday, February 10th at 6:30pm in the Sadler Center James Room at the College of William & Mary. DART is a national network of grassroots, congregation-based community organizations working to build power among low to moderate income communities in order to address issues of injustice at the local level. Affordable housing, immigrant rights, access to healthcare, quality public education, youth services, and crime are just a few of the issues DART's grassroots organizers and interfaith congregational membership tackle.

The DART Organizers Institute is DART's prestigious, paid training program. They train new organizers for four months, then place them into full-time salaried careers as Associate Community Organizers. The stipend for Organizer Trainees is \$7,000, and salaries for first year Organizers range from \$32,000-\$35,000 plus benefits. Employment with DART also qualifies for Public Service Loan Forgiveness through the College Cost Reduction and Access Act. 3L law students are encouraged to attend the February 10th presentation to learn more. They may also apply directly via the job postings in Symplicity or contact the DART office at (785) 841-2680.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**1Ls Participating in the Mock Interview Program** – Just a reminder that you need to upload a copy of your resume into Symplicity by midnight, January 19. (You must have preregistered to participate.)

Registration is open for the **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Rebellious Lawyering Conference** on **February 19-21, 2010** at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut. This year's featured keynote speakers include Bryan Stevenson, Executive Direction of the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Alabama and Lani Guinier, Bennett Boskey, Professor of Law at Harvard Law School. For descriptions of the panels that will be offered and registration information, go to <a href="http://islandia.law.yale.edu/reblaw">http://islandia.law.yale.edu/reblaw</a>.

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**, the **Washington DC Career Conference** to be held on **Wednesday**, **February 10**, **2010** at the office of Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom on 14<sup>th</sup> Street. 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 <a href="www.thebostonlawyersgroup.com">www.thebostonlawyersgroup.com</a> or OCS Resources for Students in Blackboard (Off-Campus Interview Programs section). The **registration deadline is Monday**, **February 1.** 

The Symposium to Enhance Diversity of Legal Employment within the Securities and Financial Services Industry co-hosted by the Securities Exchange Commission and Securities Law Program at the Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law will be held on Thursday, February 11, 2010 from 4 to 7 PM. All students are welcome.

Speakers will include members of the SEC, other government financial regulatory agencies, and several prominent law firms. Discussions will focus upon questions such as: "What are the opportunities in securities law?" "How do you prepare for a career in securities law?" and "How do you best pursue a position in securities law?" The panel will be followed by a networking reception. This program will be held in the Slowinski Courtroom at the Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law, 3600 John McCormack Rd., NE, Washington, DC 20064. For

more information, contact Jessica Heywood, Director, Office of Career & Professional Development at Columbus School of Law, 202-319-5132 or via email at Heywood@cua.edu.

#### 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 *Journal of Business & Securities Law* at Michigan State University College of Law is accepting submissions for the *Elliot A. Spoon Business Law Writing Competition*. Articles on any current topic concerning business or securities law can be submitted. The selected winner will receive a \$500 award and his/her article will be published in *the Journal of Business & Securities Law*. The submission deadline is March 5, 2010.

#### **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 Tuesday, January 19 and Monday, January 25 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.

Interview Skills Refresher: Tuesday, January 19, Room 119, 1:00-1:50 p.m.

Presidential Management Fellow Program , Wednesday, January 20, Deans Conference Room, 1:00-1:50 p.m.

Finding and Funding Summer Public Service Internships: Thursday, January 21, Room 119, 1:00-1:50 p.m.

Careers in International Law, Wednesday, January 27, Room 133, 1:00-1:50 p.m.

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

From Finals to the Firm: The Top Ten Things New Associates Need to Know by Calvin Gladney & Raymond Millien, West, 2009.

A life in the Law: Advice for Young Lawyers William S. Duffey, Jr. and Richard A. Schneider, Editors American Bar Association, 2009. A collection of essays written by renowned lawyers and educators who share their perspectives on being a lawyer.

**Nonprofit Sector Yellow Book**, Summer 2009, Leadership Directories, Inc. Who's who in the management of the leading foundations, universities, museums and other nonprofit organizations.

**Federal Regional Yellow Book**, Winter 2009, Leadership Directories, Inc. Who's who in the federal government's departments, agencies, diplomatic missions, military installations and service academies outside of Washington, DC.

*The Lawyer's Guide to Finding Success in Any Job Market*, by Richard L. Hermann, Kaplan Publishing, 2009. Advice and information on career transitions, tips on job hunting, resume building and interviewing.

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#### 2010 publication schedule

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