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NEWSWORTHY NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS TO KATHY POND (Alumni Development) on the birth of her granddaughter, *Lucy Hope Pack*, born September 13. She was 8 pounds, 1 ounce and 20 inches long. Her daughter and son-in-law, Ashli and Brian, are very excited about the birth of their first child.

The Center for Legal and Court Technology is pleased to welcome **Concetta Manker** as the new Assistant Director for Legal Information Technology. Concetta recently moved to the area from South Carolina where she worked for the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources managing the Marine Resources Research Institute's information systems and technology resources. With seven years of post high school education, she is mid-way through a PhD program in Management Information Systems. She also teaches at Tidewater Community College. Please welcome Concetta to the law school.

PUBLIC SERVICE FUND PLEDGE DRIVE - Public Service Fund is moving its Annual Pledge Drive to the fall and will be tabling in the Law School Lobby September 20-24. Representatives of PSF will be available to answer questions and accept donations for Pledge Drive. This is a great opportunity for faculty, administration, and students to contribute to Public Service Fund. We appreciate your continued support of PSF!! If you have any questions or would like information, please visit our website: www.wmpeople.edu/site/page/pubser or email us: publicservicefund@gmail.com.

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. For more information, e-mail Todd Torres - 3L Rep. (tmtorres@email.wm.edu).

COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATES - If you are interested in receiving weekly community service updates, please contact Lauren Coleman at lcoleman@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. 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/.

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.

WHAT'S UP WITH JAVA CITY

22 – Java City Sampling all day
28 – Specialty Wraps featured from 11am – 2pm

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

YOM KIPPUR BREAK THE FAST DINNER - Hungry? You probably will be after Yom Kippur. Please join the Jewish Law Students Association on September 18, 7:00 p.m., in room 137 for a social dinner to celebrate the end of the fast. You do not need to bring anything, but if you'd like please consider bringing a canned good to be donated to needy families or a salad or dessert to share with us! RSVPs (jlsaso@wm.edu) are appreciated so we'll have enough food.

PUBLIC SERVICE FUND'S 2010 CASINO NIGHT - Calling all Cowboys and Cowgirls! Join us as we transform 613 South Henry Street into the *Wild Wild West* and be prepared to gamble your heart out for charity. The Public Service Fund's 2010 Casino Night promises to be better than ever as we get down and dirty playing Blackjack, Roulette, Craps, Bingo, and Bacarat, in southern saloon style! Be sure to get there early and stay all night because the gambler with the most chips at the end of the evening stands to win some fabulous prizes, including a \$50 gift card to Greenleafe. Bring your best John Wayne poker face and remember ... everyone gets lucky at PSF's Casino Night! Tickets will be on sale in the lobby September 20-24 for \$10 or \$12 at the door.

STUDENT LEGAL SERVICES VOLUNTEERS - Student Legal Services is a group of more than 60 law students with an office on the main campus who volunteer one hour a week providing free legal assistance to the campus community. Since 1Ls are not eligible for externships or clinics, this is the only way to work with real clients your first year. An interest meeting is being held Monday, September 20, 1:00-2:00 p.m., room 119. Pizza will be provided. If you can't make this meeting and would like more information, feel free to email Ryan Ruzic at ryanruzic@gmail.com.

W&M ACLU INTEREST MEETING – Wednesday, September 22, 12:50-1:50 p.m., in Room 137. Please come have a bite AND learn more about what you can do as a law student to enhance the mission of the American Civil Liberties Union via W&M Law's student chapter. We sponsor a number of events each term, in addition to educating students & the public about key civil

liberties issues. Refreshments provided. To learn more, please see us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/acluwmLaw?ref=ts> or email Melissa Charnes at macharnes@email.wm.edu. We hope to see you there!

BEAT THE BAR - WITH THE WORLD'S TEST PREP LEADER (and win a *FREE bar review course!*)

Come hear Corinne Simon, the effervescent Regional Director of Kaplan PMBR, discuss the ins and outs of the bar exam and how you can pass with flying colors -- Thursday, September 23 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 120. One lucky student will leave with a **FREE bar review course!** Plus, BIG discounts for 3Ls who enroll that day (\$200 deposit), and for 1L/2L Outlines and Audio Lectures. Chicken fingers, veggies & dip, potato salad and dessert will be served. You know you've been wondering, "Just what is this Kaplan PMBR thing all about?" Come satiate your curiosity (and your hunger) -- Thursday just might be your lucky day! For more information, please contact Laura Jacobson, Kaplan PMBR head rep at ljacobson@email.wm.edu or Corinne Simon, Kaplan PMBR Regional Director, at corinne.simon@kaplanpmb.com.

VIRGINIA BAR ASSOCIATION (VBA) GENERAL INTEREST MEETING - VBA will be holding its first general interest meeting on Thursday, September 23, in Room 127. You don't have to be certain you will be practicing in Virginia. All those interested are welcome! We will be providing information and applications for our available leadership positions: Community Service Chair and 1L Representatives. Any questions can be directed to Jon Puvak at jdpuvak@email.wm.edu. Food will be provided!

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).

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVERSATIONS KICK-OFF EVENT - September 27, 7:30-9:00 p.m., Williamsburg Library Theatre, 515 Scotland Street - Join Williamsburg Mayor Clyde Haulman, Dean Davison M. Douglas, Senator John Miller (D-1st VA), Delegate Brenda Pogge (R-96th VA), and Congressman Rob Wittman (R-1st VA) as they set the stage for an eight-month celebration of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. This nonpartisan event is a celebration of civic education and active participation in democratic self-governance. Free and all are welcome. Sponsored by the Institute of Bill of Rights Law and Williamsburg Regional Library.

Our own Professor Scott Dodson will be participating in the annual **WILLIAM & MARY RAFT DEBATE** on September 29, at 6:30 p.m. in the Commonwealth Auditorium of the Sadler Center. In this campus tradition, three people from each of the academic disciplines--humanities, social sciences, and hard sciences--are stuck on a desert island and have a raft that holds only one.

The question is not who could survive best, but who **SHOULD** survive for the sake of humanity. Each argues for his or her respective discipline. A fourth debater, the Devil's Advocate, argues that none should be saved. The audience votes for the winning survivor (or the Devil's Advocate) by applause. The survivors balance humor with a serious defense of why their "area" is most significant. A reception with hot and cold drinks, hors d'oeuvres and sweets will be held in Tidewater A following the debate. Professor Dodson will participate as the Devil's Advocate. Come support him and the Law School!

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). The conference is free to law students; pre-registration is encouraged.

MLSA will host a **STUDENT-FACULTY MIXER** with student members, administrators, faculty, and career services deans on Tuesday, October 5, 5:30 p.m. in the Lobby. Food will be provided by the Student Bar Association.

MLSA will be co-hosting a symposium with the student chapter of the International Law Society entitled **FROM MIGHT IS RIGHT TO SMART POWER** on Saturday, October 16, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. It will focus on President Obama's 2010 National Security Strategy and its expansion of emphasis from military power to respect for human rights, effectiveness of the criminal justice system, and recognition of the Rule of Law concept. Participants will include Colonel Ross Woodley (US Air Force Director, Washington Operations, US Joint Forces Command), Michael Maya (American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative, Deputy Director), and other experts in the area of national security. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Associate Professor of Law Susan Grover, MLSA's faculty adviser, will host **THAT'S WHAT SHE SAID: WORKPLACE HARASSMENT IN POP CULTURE**, an interactive presentation on workplace harassment and how it is interpreted in popular culture through television, movies, and print. The program will be held on Tuesday, October 19, 12:50 p.m., room 124. The program is also co-sponsored by the law school student chapters of the American Constitution Society (ACS), the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), and the Lesbian and Gay Law Students Association (LGBT Equality).

EXAM CONFLICT FORMS are now available and the deadline is Friday, October 29.

NEED TO KNOW

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!!!

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. 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.

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.

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.

ALUMNI DEVELOPMENT

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

Web Site of the Week - NALP Directory (www.nalpdirectory.com). You can browse or search through information about hundreds of legal employers (mostly large private firms, but some in government and public interest areas). Listings include many details important to job seekers, such as hiring criteria, salary, hiring contacts, areas of practice, links to Web sites and more.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From DoG Street to Wall Street, Friday, September 24, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., presented by Mason School of Business. The 4th annual event brings representatives from the finance industry to discuss opportunities in their fields. The day includes panel discussions, a networking lunch, and mock interviews open to all students. The keynote speaker is Craig Broderick, Chief Risk Officer at Goldman Sachs. For more details, go to <http://mason.wm.edu/news/events/dogstreet24sept10.php>. To attend students **MUST RSVP** online.

Equal Justice Works is offering a **Webinar** on the topic of Student Debt Relief entitled **Getting Your Student Loans Forgiven: How Government & Nonprofit Employees Can Earn Public Service Loan Forgiveness**. The Webinar is scheduled on Wednesday, September 29, noon to 1:00 PM. Space is limited so participants are required to register on the Equal Justice Works Website, <http://equaljusticeworks.org>.

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

The **2010 Equal Justice Works Conference and Interview Program will take place October 22 and 23, 2010** 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, 2010. Fellows selected this fall will begin their terms in September 2011. Questions should be directed to fellowships@equaljusticeworks.org or 202/466-3686, x202.

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.

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.**

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 College of Consumer Financial Services*** Lawyers is sponsoring a 2011 Writing Competition. Awards will be presented for the best book or book chapter, the best publishable article or substantial book review, and the best student case note or comment on a topic dealing with consumer financial services law. The awards include cash payments of \$2500, \$2000, and \$1000, respectively. Entries for an award may be published or unpublished, and must be submitted to the College before **November 15, 2010**. Unpublished entries should be typed, double-spaced, and in law review format. For more information, please visit <http://www.accfsl.org>.

The ***Center for Alcohol Policy*** (CAP) has announced its Third Annual Essay Contest. The subject for entries is "Describe how state-based regulation of alcoholic beverages promotes public health and safety." Cash prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place winners in the amount of \$5,000, \$2,500 and \$1,000 respectively. The **deadline for entries is November 22, 2010**. For more information about the CAP Essay Contest, please visit their website at www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org.

The ***American Indian Law Review*** has announced its 2010-2011 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.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Public Policy Jobs for 3Ls in the Federal Government: The Presidential Management Fellows Program - Tuesday, September 28—1:00-1:50 p.m. Learn about the PMF Program's online application process and the Law School's nomination process.

From Finals to Firms: Succeeding in Private Practice—Wednesday, September 29, 12:50-1:50 p.m. Bill Stauffer and Kate Marriott, W&M alums and partners at Williams Mullen, a prominent Virginia-based firm with offices across the southeast/mid-Atlantic, will provide tips on how to make the transition from student to lawyer--navigating your way within the firm structure and understanding your role in the economic realities of private practice. This program is a must if you are interested in private practice! This event is co-sponsored by the Business Law Society and the Women's Law Society.

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, September 22 and 29, 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, OCS LIBRARY

The Opportunity Maker: Strategies for Inspiring Your Legal Career Through Creative Networking and Business Development, by Ari L. Kaplan, Thomson-West 2008

Nail Your Law Job Interview: the Essential Guide to Firm, Clerkship, Government, In-House, and Lateral Interviews by Natalie Prescott & Oleg Cross,
The Career Press, Inc, 2009

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2010 publication schedule

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