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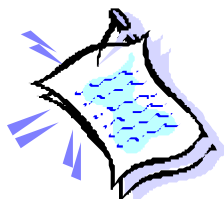
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NEWSWORTHY NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS to Sharon Barksdale and Jonathon Peterson who received scholarships from the Hill-Tucker Bar Association. They were presented at the Hill-Tucker's annual banquet in Richmond. This is a fantastic recognition. Best wishes on this most recent and well-deserved achievement.

COMMENCEMENT 2010 UPDATE - <http://www.wm.edu/commencement> - Preliminary general (*i.e.*, for the entire University) information regarding Commencement 2010 was distributed via email to degree candidates by the University Office of Student Affairs. If you are due to graduate in May 2010 and did not receive the information, please contact srpaul@wm.edu at the Office of Student Affairs. See also all graduation messages sent by Dean Jackson.

TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO REGISTER FOR THE W&M SUMMER LAW PROGRAM IN MADRID. If you have been thinking about participating but haven't yet registered, apply now, before your final exams! We have only 15 rooms left in the dorm. As of Tuesday, April 21st, 62 students from 32 different law schools have registered for the program. A list of the participants to date is posted on the Summer Law Programs Abroad bulletin board opposite Room 234-B. Check it out!

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

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 (rparrett@wm.edu)

WARRIOR CONNECT: INFORMATION, EDUCATION, AND SERVICES FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES - Veterans of all eras and their families are invited to join the William & Mary Law School Veterans Benefits Clinic in partnership with the Virginia Wounded Warrior Program for our first annual **Warrior Connect Resource Fair**. We invite you to meet and talk with representatives from a wide range of Virginia's Veteran friendly organizations that provide services and support to Virginia's heroes and those who love them. There will also be several ongoing speakers and presentations throughout the day on a variety of topics, including disability benefits, Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, Re-employment after deployment and USERRA, Traumatic Brain Injury, and others. *Free and open to the public.*

Please join us on Saturday, May 22, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., in Allen Miller Hall (Mason Business School. For more information please go to: www.law.wm.edu/veterans or call (757) 221-7443, (fax) (757)-221-1855, veterans@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 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.

George V. Powell Diversity Scholarship – Lane Powell PC is offering this scholarship opportunity to women and individuals from diverse backgrounds. The scholarship includes a 2011 summer associate position in the firm's Seattle or Portland office and \$7,500 toward tuition and expenses during the student's third year of law school. Applicants must be current 2L law students in good standing at an ABA accredited law school and have demonstrated the desire to work, live and eventually practice law in Seattle or Portland. Candidates in four year joint degree programs will be considered after their third year. The application deadline is September 10, 2010. For more information please visit: www.lanepowell.com/422/diversity-scholarship/.

LIBRARY NEWS

Carrels & Lockers - Library carrels must be cleared or renewed and locker keys must be turned in by **5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 7**.

Interlibrary Loan Returns - Please return any interlibrary loan materials before you leave for the summer.

Restricted Library Access During Exams - From Friday, April 23 at 5:00 p.m. until Friday, May 7 at 5:00 p.m., **Law Library access is limited** to W&M law students and others who require the use of Law Library materials for research purposes. Please remember that patrons needing legal reference assistance and those using legal materials **are permitted** access.

Summer access - During the summer when the library is closed, you can access the building and library with your student ID card. If you plan to use the library over the summer, be sure to check your ID by swiping your card through the magnetic readers on the building and library front doors. If the green light displays, your card is properly programmed. Please report problems to the circulation staff.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

OCS wishes you success! We'll be thinking of you as you go off into the "real world" for the summer – or for good. Whether you're graduating in May or returning next fall, we will be here throughout the summer to answer any questions you might have. Feel free to contact us via phone (757-221-3805), e-mail (lawocs@wm.edu), fax (757-221-1611), or regular mail (P.O. Box 8795, Williamsburg, VA 23187-8795). **Current 1-Ls and 2-Ls will receive an important e-mail from us in late June.** It will include critical information about interview programs (for which you must register this summer), fall OCIs, and more.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Solo Practice University is a web-based educational and professional networking community for law students and lawyers who are interested in gaining practical education on how to create and grow a solo practice. Students can take online courses with faculty from a wide range of practice area experience. On the Sole Practice University website, it is also possible to gain access and contribute to their blogs at no cost. For more details, go to <http://solopracticeuniversity.com>.

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.

Attention 2Ls: The Community Legal Services, Inc. (CLS) will sponsor candidates for September 2011 post graduate public interest fellowships provided by the Skadden Fellowship Foundation, the Independence Foundation, Equal Justice Works, and the Open Society Institute Criminal Justice Initiative. CLS is an urban program that delivers legal services to a diverse client population on issues such as social security, consumer protection, public assistance, family law, bankruptcy to name a few. Class of 2011 graduates interested in a public interest law career are encouraged to take advantage of fellowship opportunities as a means of securing a staff attorney position with CLS. **CLS will accept fellowship applications until July 2, 2010, but is already evaluating candidates and proposals at this time.** For more information and application details, go to the CLS Website, <http://www.clsphila.org/Content.aspx?id=417>.

Attention 1Ls and 2Ls: 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

Attention Current 2Ls: The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation of Bonn, Germany offers the German Chancellor Fellowship to prospective leaders who are U.S. citizens. To be eligible, students must have completed at least a Bachelor's degree, have subsequently gained work experience, and already shown outstanding leadership potential. The one-year German Chancellor Fellowship allows recipients to carry out a project of their own design in cooperation with a German host. The program is under the patronage of the German Chancellor, and also incorporates an intensive language course in Germany, an introductory seminar in Bonn and Berlin, a study trip around Germany, and a final meeting in Berlin. **The deadline to apply for the 2011-2012 fellowship is October 15, 2010.** For more information on the application process, go to <http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/4074.html>.

The **ABA Law Student Division Career Fair** is scheduled for Friday, **August 6, 2010**, at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis Hotel in San Francisco. The event is structured as a table-talk and resume submission event. The registration fee is \$50 for ABA Law School Division (LSD) members (\$75 for non-members) if submitted on or before May 28, 2010. After May 28, the registration fee increases to \$75 for LSD members. For updated and detailed information regarding the event and registration, go to <http://www.abanet.org/lzd/home.html>.

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 **Delaware Minority Job Fair** for rising 2Ls and 3Ls will take place on **Saturday, August 21, 2010** in Wilmington, Delaware. Students interested in attending are required to complete an application form and submit their documents by Wednesday, April 28. The application form and more information are available at OCS for students who are interested.

The 17th **Annual DuPont Legal Minority Job Fairs** sponsored Minority Job Fairs in Wilmington, Houston and Los Angeles are scheduled for Saturday, August 7, 2010. Student registration is due by Wednesday, April 28, 2010. See www.ballardspahr.com for more information.

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.

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 College of Employee Benefits Counsel has announced their **Sixth Annual Employee Benefits Writing Competition**. Topics may include any legal issue related to employee benefits. There are two \$1,500 prizes that will be awarded. Each winner will also receive an employee benefits treatise published by BNA Books. One or more of the winning papers may also be published by the BNA Pension and Benefits Reporter or in the BNA Tax Management Compensation Planning Journal. **Submissions are due by June 1, 2010.**

The Public Investors Arbitration Bar Association (PIABA) is sponsoring the **James E. Beckley Writing Competition** for students interested in *Securities Arbitration and Securities Law*. The first prize award is \$1,000; the second prize is \$750, and the third prize is \$500. The *PIABA Bar Journal* Board of Editors will publish the first place paper, and may choose to print additional submissions. The submission may address any aspect of Securities law; Securities arbitration; The Federal Arbitration Act, Title 9, US Code, Section 1-14; or FINRA Code of Arbitration. The deadline for submissions is **September 3, 2010.**

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Class of 2010!

We look

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