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NEWSWORTHY NEWS



ABA REACCREDITATION TEAM TO VISIT OCTOBER 18-21 - Be ready for some visitors! A seven-member team of lawyers and academics selected by the American Bar Association, will be on the premises October 18-21. They will visit classes; interview administrators, faculty, and student leaders; hold a town-meeting for students, and meet with main campus administrators to learn as much as they can about the nation's oldest law school today. They will have already digested hundreds of pages of data and a long Site Evaluation Questionnaire. They also will have read the Self-Study prepared by a faculty/student committee over the past year. We know our visitors will receive wonderful hospitality from everybody here.

The Site Visit Team will be headed by Dean Rebecca White of the University of Georgia Law School. Other team members are Professor Rita Reusch (University of Utah); Professor Stephen McAllister (University of Kansas); Professor Barbara Gilchrist (St. Louis University); Professor James Bowers (Louisiana State University); Provost Wallace Loh (University of Iowa); and Robert Fleishman (Steptoe & Johnson, Washington, DC).

After they leave campus, the Site Visit Team will write a comprehensive report for the ABA Accreditation Committee. We expect that committee will affirm our accreditation some time next spring or summer.

CONGRATULATIONS TO YOUR 1L ASSOCIATE JUSTICES - The SBA is pleased to congratulate and welcome to the Honor Council the following five Associate Justices: Dominique Church, Jimmy Dougherty, James Evans, Destiny Harris, and Tom Ports.

The **WILLIAM AND MARY LAW REVIEW** launched a new website this fall, creating an online presence with more comprehensive access to information about upcoming articles and previous issues. The sharp new wmlawreview.org displays points of interest for visitors, such as *William and Mary Law Review* articles cited by the Supreme Court and Circuit courts, and links to *William and Mary Law Review* Mastheads from 1959 to 2009. Additionally, articles and notes from Volumes 49 and 50 of the *William and Mary Law Review* are accessible through the website, and links to current issues will be available as each issue is published. Visitors will find new features added throughout the 2009-2010 academic year as the *William and Mary Law Review* staff continues construction. Find out more at <http://wmlawreview.org/>.

BISTRO BOOKS - A casual discussion group for students and young professionals, created by Williamsburg Regional Library. Help the group choose what to read from WRL's extensive book group kit list (www.wrl.org/bookweb/gabbags.html):

- Get your copy from the Library
- Come to the meeting - 2nd Thursday of each month at Alize Bistro/Prince George Street
- Talk about books in a relaxed atmosphere

If you don't have time to read that month, or can't come for a particular discussion, no problem. We'll keep you up to date via email. For our October 8 meeting, we're reading *Lying Awake*, by Mark Salzman. Sign out a copy at the Williamsburg Library Reference Desk, or contact Andrew Smith (259-4050, asmith@wrl.org) with any questions.

Bistro Books - Check out. Turn on. Drop in.

The Dean of Arts and Sciences enthusiastically invites applications from all faculty (in Arts & Sciences, School of Education, VIMS, School of Law, and the School of Business) for the **SHARPE PROFESSORSHIP OF CIVIC RENEWAL AND SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP**. The Sharpe Professorship constitutes a 3-year term of teaching in the Sharpe Community Scholars Program, and it offers a salary stipend and additional financial support for engaged scholarship. For more information, please visit <http://www.wm.edu/as/charlescenter/faculty/community/professorships/index.php> or contact Monica D. Griffin, Ph.D., Director of Engaged Scholarship and the Sharpe Community Scholars Program at mdgrif@wm.edu.

COMMUNITY SERVICE UPDATE - The SBA is also pleased to introduce your newly-appointed Community Service Chair, Maindi Soberick (1L). Many of you will remember being part of a weekly list serve maintained by Joelle Laszlo last year that outlined community service opportunities on campus and in Williamsburg. Mandi will resume this service in the near future. If you would like to be on the list serve, please e-mail Mandi at alsoberick@wm.edu and stay tuned for further information! Also, if your organization will be hosting a service event or drive this semester, please e-mail information about your event to Mandi Soberick, alsoberick@wm.edu so that it can be included in the SBA Community Service newsletter and on the website.

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY LAW SOCIETY is sponsoring an EXPECTANT'S MOTHER DRIVE for the Williamsburg Human & Social Services Department. Please donate non-perishable food items, baby bottles, clothing, diapers of all sizes, toiletries, baby supplies, and other necessities that may be helpful. There is a box in the Student Lounge. Cash donations are also welcome to Ashley Dolan's hanging file. Thank You For Caring!!

VIRGINIA SUPREME COURT TRIP - Phi Delta Phi will be listening to oral arguments at the Supreme Court of Virginia on Friday, November 6th. If you are interested in attending, please send an email to phideltaphi.wm@gmail.com. This is open to all members, so if you haven't joined already, please do so today. Fall Initiation Ceremony will be held on Friday, October 30th at 6pm.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SUPREME COURT PREVIEW 2009-2010 - October 2-3 - The Institute of Bill of Rights Law marks the commencement of the new term of the Supreme Court each year with its Supreme Court Preview Conference, now celebrating its 22nd year. Sandra Day O'Connor, former Justice of the Supreme Court and Chancellor of the College of W&M, is among the distinguished participants. For the schedule and participants, visit <http://law.wm.edu/ibrl> or contact Melody Nichols at ibrl@wm.edu.

HEALTHCARE FORUM - You are invited to a healthcare forum with Mr. Alan B Miller. He is a graduate of William and Mary and the Wharton School of Business, and is the founder and CEO of Universal Health Services, Inc., the third largest hospitable management company in the nation. Mr. Miller will be speaking about the effects of current healthcare legislation being debated in Washington, and what improvements could be made to them.

The forum will be on Saturday, October 3rd at 4:00 p.m. in the Brinkley Commons Room in the new Miller Hall of the Mason School of Business located on the corner of Ukrop Way and Jamestown Road at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia. It will be about an hour long and there will be time for a question and answer session. The event is free and open to the public.

The forum is being hosted by the Americans for Informed Democracy chapter at the College of William & Mary. It is a non-partisan student group dedicated to informing the community about local, national, and global affairs. For more information, please contact John Kirn at jfkn@wm.edu

The Law School will host the **SIXTH ANNUAL BRIGHAM-KANNER PROPERTY RIGHTS CONFERENCE** October 16-17. The conference is presented by the William & Mary Property Rights Project and the Institute of Bill of Rights Law. During the conference, Richard E. Pipes, Professor Emeritus of History at Harvard, will be honored with the 2009 Brigham-Kanner Property Rights Prize. The conference will include panels on Professor Pipes's property rights scholarship, the psychology of property rights, and the contract clause. The conference concludes with a roundtable luncheon discussion of inverse condemnation comparing regulatory takings with condemnation blight and the *Kelobacklash*. Registration is free for students. For more info, contact Kathy Pond (ktpond@wm.edu) or call 221-3796.

EXAM CONFLICT FORMS are now available and the deadline date is Friday, October 30 to Gloria Todd.

THE 55TH ANNUAL WILLIAM & MARY TAX CONFERENCE will take place November 12-13, 2009, at the Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg, VA. The conference, titled "After the Party: Planning to Survive this Economy," is presented by the Law School and the Taxation Section of the Virginia State Bar. It includes panel discussions on the issues that a practitioner must address when working out a troubled business or real-estate project; a discussion of potential tax increases; how to convert economic losses into tax refunds from the IRS; an update on current events at OPR; estate planning for 2010 and beyond; a review of recent developments in federal income

tax; “hot topics” in Virginia taxation; a discussion of the implications of *Virginia Historic v. Commissioner*; and an examination of IRS audits of partnerships and S corporations.

Professor Eric Chason, director of the conference, said, “This year, we're starting a day early with our Primer on Partnership Taxation, which is being held at the law school itself.” This special pre-conference class, “Partnership Taxation 101: An Introduction to Subchapter K,” will take place on November 11 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

NEED TO KNOW



OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH. During the month the Law School will have two programs. The first is for staff on Thursday, October 8, 12:00-1:00 p.m., in room 141. Ilona Webb-Bruner, from the local Susan G. Komen Foundation will share a video presentation, speak about breast cancer awareness, and also what’s going on in our community. This will be a brown bag lunch.

On Wednesday, October 28, 12:00-1:00 p.m., in room 119, our own Adjunct Professor René Bowditch and her partner, Mary Beth Gibson, will present “Living Beyond Boobs!” A program focusing on what every woman, including every young woman, needs to know to take charge of her breast health. This program is free and open to the entire law school community.

To show your support of this important month, we ask you to wear pink on both on October 8 and 28 to show our guests we understand and support the message.

There will also be two fund raisers – with the money going to the Susan G. Komen Foundation affiliate in the Tidewater area. The first is a quilt with the new breast cancer awareness colors – pink and brown – which was made by Cassi Fritzius. It will be on display during October in the Library. Tickets are \$1.00 and the drawing will be on October 28 after René Bowditch’s program.

From October 5-9, everyone in the building is invited to sign a “helping hand” in **MEMORY** of someone who lost their courageous battle with cancer, in **CELEBRATION** of survivors fighting this disease today, and in **HONOR** of those who support, or who are involved with the care of those who have cancer. These “helping hands” and the “helping hands” that have been signed in years past will be displayed across from the Law Library Circulation Desk. Please take the informational leaflets, a “pink ribbon” pin, and make a donation (any amount is appreciated) towards breast cancer research to help eradicate this life-threatening disease. The box for donations, a basket of “pink ribbon” pins and the leaflets will also be across from the Circulation desk until October 9.

W&M IS CLEAN AND GREEN! The Law School Recycling Committee reminds you to please Remember to recycle your paper, plastic bottles, and aluminum cans in the labeled bins provided in the law school and library. Law school recycling is powered by students and staff, so be kind: empty and rinse your bottles and cans before recycling them!

LAWYERS HELPING LAWYERS (LHL) - Virginia's LHL is a confidential resource that helps lawyers and law students get confidential help with mental health and substance abuse issues. Keep the following toll-free number in case you or a friend needs confidential assistance during law school: Toll Free: 877-545-4682 (877-LHL-INVA). LHL has an investment in your well being and wants to hear from you if the stresses of law school become too much! Also, if you would like to be a peer resource for fellow law students, consider becoming a part of LHL-Student Division. Student volunteers receive training and work together with LHL-faculty advisor, Professor Susan Grover, to help law students at William and Mary. If interested, please email Professor Grover at ssgrov@wm.edu.

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

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 October 9, 2009.

Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLC Diversity Scholars Awards Program will grant a \$3,000 award to a deserving second-year law student in each 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 16, 2009.

ALUMNI DEVELOPMENT

Calling all Citizen Lawyers! Would you like to enhance your Law School experience, network with William & Mary Law alumni and make some extra cash, all while helping your Law School? ***If so, consider joining the Law Alumni Phonathon Team!***

From October 5-11 and October 26 - November 1, we'll be calling on our alumni to ask for their

support to the Law School Annual Fund. It's on-site and we provide all of the necessary training. Plus, it's a fun way to connect and network with our esteemed alumni!

For more information and to apply: please stop in to the Alumni & Development Office (located in the North Wing) and speak to Christina Smith-Lewis.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

Web Site of the Week - The American Bar Association's Web site includes **ABA Career Counsel**, "the ABA's central source for online information on finding jobs and enhancing lawyers' careers." It includes "tips on finding the right job and maximizing your career, job postings, tools and links to career related resources." The "For Students" section features articles on specific practice areas, lawyer profiles, state and local resources and more. www.abanet.org/careercounsel/

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 2010. 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 2010 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 20 at 5:00 p.m.**

The U. S. Department of State is significantly increasing the number of foreign service officers it is hiring at the present time. Please find below information about **summer and post-graduate opportunities with the U.S. Department of State:**

For 1Ls and 2Ls: If you're interested in the State Department's summer 2010 internship program or serving as a foreign service officer, visit

<http://careers.state.gov/>. The deadline to apply for the Department's summer internship program is **November 2**.

1Ls please note: Although 1Ls are required to wait until after December 1 to apply for jobs according to the NALP guidelines, an exception is made for the internship program with the Department of State since this internship is not directly law related.

For 3Ls: The process for registering for the foreign service exam and finding out about upcoming test dates are explained at the following website: <http://careers.state.gov/officer/employment.html>. It is not too early to start the application process for foreign service positions in order to begin after you graduate in 2010.

Also, on **Thursday, October 15** at 12:50-1:50PM in Room 133, OCS will sponsor **Careers in the U.S. Department of State**. Steve Kelly, Diplomat in Residence at Duke University and a Foreign Service Officer with the State Department for many years, will be the guest speaker.

The **Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) Program** is a two-year, paid, leadership development program that provides opportunities for freshly minted graduates of law, public policy, business, and other graduate programs to work in the federal government. Presidential Management Fellows impact public policy, receive competitive pay, benefits, and career advancement through positions with a federal agency. Fellows are hired to work on domestic and international issues in public administration, technology, science, criminal justice, health, financial management, and many other fields. **Historically, William & Mary graduates have been very successful in being hired into the PMF Program.**

Interested students must apply to the program online. **The PMF Program application process will be open for two weeks from October 1 to October 15, 2009. Recruitment, application, and nomination information and resources are available at www.pmf.opm.gov.**

Additionally, OCS is organizing a program, "**Public Policy Opportunities in the Federal Government: The Presidential Management Fellows Program,**" on **Tuesday, October 6, at 1 p.m. in Room 141**. Information about the online application process and the Law School's nomination process will be discussed during the first portion of the program. Next, W&M Law School alumnus **Andrew Larkin ('97)** will speak about his experience as a Presidential Management Fellow and his career progression in the federal government. Space is limited at the program. To sign up for the program, **please RSVP to Julie Waskey (jawaskey@wm.edu) by 5 p.m., Friday, October 2, 2009**, and indicate in your email that you will attend the PMF Program.

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, October 20, 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.

Tuesday, October 6, 12:50-1:50PM, Room 141 Federal Government Positions with the Presidential Management Fellows Program

Wednesday, October 7, 12:50-1:50PM, Room Practicing Law in Hampton Roads

Thursday, October 15, 12:50-1:50PM, Room 133, Careers with the U.S. Department of State

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