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NEWSWORTHY NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS to Rebecca Wharton – Dean Douglas and the Dean’s Advisory Committee are pleased to announce that Rebecca is the 2010/11 Draper’s Scholar.

BLSA would like to thank all the students, faculty, and staff for your generosity this Thanksgiving season! Through the Food Drive and the Thanksgiving Basket Competition they gathered enough food to feed many families in need in the Williamsburg area. The official results of the two competitions:

Thanksgiving Basket Competition

Overall Judge's Choice: Tarley & Payne-Tsoupros

Best Content: Tarley & Payne-Tsoupros

Most Creative: Clancy, Moschell & Cornetto

Tarley & Payne-Tsoupros' firm will receive a free pizza party for the entire firm!

Thank you to all the participating firms for your generosity, enthusiasm, and creativity! The baskets were amazing! As always, it was a difficult decision for our judges. **Thank you to our judges:** Deans Douglas, Kades, and Shealy, along with Professors Jayne Barnard, Angela Banks, Nancy Combs, Susan Grover, Laura Heymann, and Paul Marcus!! BLSA would also like to recognize **Harris Teeter** and **Farm Fresh** for helping us to obtain turkeys to accompany the baskets for each family.

And the BIGGEST GIVERS are ... our faculty and staff!!! The faculty/staff won by a huge margin! Thank you so much for your generosity!

The final numbers are:

1Ls - 16

2Ls - 21

3Ls - 47

Faculty/Staff – 160

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Save the Dates! Mark Your Calendar! **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 www.legaltechcenter.net/asp/summerschool.aspx, stop by the Center for Legal and Court Technology in Rm. 211C, or contact Summer School Coordinator Mary Beth Dalton at medalt@wm.edu.

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 sunlaw@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

FINANCIAL AID / SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

1L 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.

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 <http://www.velaw.com/uploadedFiles/VEsite/Resources/DiversityFellowshipsApplication.pdf>.

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 <http://www.arentfox.com/firm/diversity/index.cfm?fa=scholarship>.

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>

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

GOOD LUCK ON EXAMS and Best Wishes from OCS for a Happy Holiday Season! OCS will be open throughout finals, and staff will be available for appointments through December 23 and then again in the new year beginning January 4.

World Wide Web Sites of the Week - There are two sites, which may be of interest to students looking for information about **study abroad** programs for the summer. See www.studyabroad.com/summerlaw/, then select the country you're interested in. The American Bar Association lists foreign summer programs at <http://www.abanet.org/legaled/studyabroad/foreign.html>.

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)
- Mid-August (exact date to be determined): Northeast Interview Program (for employers in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut; held in NYC)
- Mid-August (exact date to be determined): Chicago Interview Program (for Chicago employers)
- August 18: Fall on-campus interviews begin
- August 23: 2L and 3L classes begin

Please note: There will be additional off-campus interview programs before classes begin next fall, but those dates have not been finalized.

Attention 1Ls: The Fourteenth Annual Delaware Minority Job Fair for First-Year Law Students will be held on the Wilmington campus of Widener University School of Law on Saturday, **January 23, 2010**. The Job Fair is open to all first-year law students seeking positions in Delaware for the summer of 2010. For more information and an application form, please contact Dean Corello at jacore@wm.edu or stop by OCS. **The deadline to submit an application is Thursday, December 10.**

Attention 3Ls: Are you a 3L interested in public interest work? Do you have a project you'd like to get off the ground next year? If so, apply for funding from the Initiative for Public Interest at Yale! The Initiative is a non-profit organization that provides start-up money for projects that protect the legal rights or interests of inadequately represented groups. It funds cutting-edge projects whose successful execution might be a model for other organizations seeking new and better ways to represent clients. For information about how to apply, visit The Initiative's web site at <http://www.law.yale.edu/stuorgs/initiative.htm>. The deadline to submit applications for one-year grants of up to \$30,000 to be awarded in the spring of 2010 is **February 5, 2010**. Questions about the Initiative in general or about the grant application and selection process should be directed to intiativeforpublicinterest@gmail.com.

Labor and Employment Law The Peggy Browning Fund is a nonprofit corporation established in memory of **Margaret A. Browning**, a prominent labor attorney and member of the National Labor Relations Board. The Fund's mission is to provide law students with diverse, challenging work and educational experiences in the area of workers' rights. Each year, the Peggy Browning Fund sponsors a **Fellowship Program**. Details, application forms and instructions about the 2010 Fellowship program will be announced in early December on the Peggy Browning Fund Website, <http://www.peggybrowningfund.org/>. As of the date of this publication, information on the 2010 Fellowship had not yet been posted. **The application deadline will be January 15, 2010.**

Attention 1Ls: Several law firms in Birmingham, Alabama have invited first-year law students to **holiday receptions** and open houses at their firm during the holiday season. If you plan to be in the area and are interested in future employment in Birmingham, OCS encourages you to attend. The following firms have sent OCS information about their holiday receptions:

Sirote & Permutt invites all first-year law students who will be in the Birmingham area over the holidays to a **Holiday Reception** on Tuesday, **December 29, 2009** from 5:00-7:00PM. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Shirley Gillis via email at sgillis@sirote.com or call 205-930-5285. Business casual attire is recommended.

Bradley Arant Bourt Cummings LLP is sponsoring an **Open House for 1Ls** in its Birmingham, Alabama office on Tuesday, December 22, and in its Nashville Tennessee office on Tuesday, December 29 from 5:00-7:00PM. If you are interested in attending the Birmingham Open House, please RSVP to Mary Screws at 205-521-9445 or via email at mscrews@babbc.com by December 15. Students interested in attending the Nashville Open House should RSVP to Christen Wright at 615-252-3583 or via email at cwright@babbc.com by December 22. Business attire is recommended.

The Birmingham, Alabama firm, **Maynard Cooper & Gale** invites first-year law students to a Holiday Open House on Monday, **December 28** from 5:00-7:00PM. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Maggie O'Connor at 205-488-3521 or via email at moconnor@maynardcooper.com. Business attire is recommended.

The Birmingham, Alabama office of **Balch & Bingham LLP** invites all first-year law students who will be in the Birmingham area over the holidays to a **Holiday Party** on Wednesday, **December 30** at 4:30-6:00PM. Business attire is recommended. Please RSVP with your full name and that of your guest and the name of your law school to Barrie Wilson at bwilson@balch.com.

The Birmingham firm of **Burr & Foreman** invites 1Ls to a **Holiday Party** on Tuesday, **December 29** at 4:30-6:30PM. Please RSVP to klester@burr.com or by phone at 205-458-5486 by December 15. Students are asked to bring a copy of their resume to the event. Business attire is recommended.

Lightfoot, Franklin & White, LLC of Birmingham Alabama invites 1L students to an Open House on Wednesday, **December 30** at 5:30-7:30PM. Please RSVP to Catie Yeilding at 205-949-6395 or via email at cyeilding@lightfootlaw.com by December 18. Business attire is recommended.

The law firms of **Godfrey & Kahn, S.C.** and **Quarles & Brady, LLP** in **Milwaukee, Wisconsin** invite first-year students to attend their annual **Home for the Holidays** receptions on Tuesday, **December 29** (Quarles & Brady at 4:30-6:30PM; Godfrey & Kahn at 6:00-8:00PM). Dress is business casual. Please RSVP to Donna Key for Quarles & Brady at donna.key@quarles.com, and Jenna Lauer for Godfrey & Kahn at jlauer@gklaw.com.

Attention All Students: Barnes & Thornburg LLP in Indianapolis, Indiana invites all law students to a **Home for the Holidays Reception on Tuesday, December 22, 2009** from 5:00-7:00PM. The reception will take place in the Auditorium of their South Meridian Street office in Indianapolis. Students interested in attending should RSVP to Debbie Snyder, Director of Recruiting at dsnyder@btlaw.com. Business casual dress is recommended.

Attention 3Ls: The **Barton Child Law and Policy Clinic at Emory University School of Law** has a **one year post-graduate fellowship** for recent graduates to work with the clinic on issues of child neglect and abuse. The Fellowship begins in mid-August 2010 and continues through August 2011. The clinic provides multi-disciplinary, child focused research, training and support for practitioners and policy makers charged with protecting Georgia's children. **Applications will be accepted until the position is filled** (the position was posted on November 2). For more details on the application requirements, please see the job posting in Symplicity or go to the following Website: www.childwelfare.net.

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 **Daniel T. Murphy Student Writing Competition**, sponsored by the University of Richmond's *Richmond Journal of Global Law and Business* is intended to foster knowledge and scholarly work by students on specific areas of the Law of the World Trade Organization (WTO). The topic of this year's competition is WTO Treatment of Developed and Developing Countries. The first place cash award is \$500 and publication in the *Richmond Journal of Global Law and Business's* Annual Survey of the Law of the WTO; second place is \$200 and third place is \$100. All interested students must email rjglbannualsurvey@richmond.edu by Monday, January 4, 2010 to request an anonymous submission number. **Entries must be postmarked by Friday, January 8, 2010.** For more information, go to <http://law.richmond.edu/global/default.php?pageType=Annual%20Survey>.

The **National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees** (NACTT) has announced its **Second Annual Law Student Writing Competition** to encourage original law student writing on issues concerning consumer bankruptcy law. Entrants should submit an essay, article or comment on an issue concerning Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code. The first place author will receive a prize and free registration for the NACTT annual seminar to be held in Grapevine, Texas on July 14-18, 2010. The winning essay will also be published in the NACTT Quarterly, the Quarterly Journal of the National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees. **Submissions must be postmarked by April 30, 2010.**

The **Education Law Association**, in cooperation with the *Journal of Law and Education*, sponsors the George Jay Joseph Education Law Writing Award, an annual student writing competition in education law. The winner of the competition will be recognized at the

Education Law Association's Annual Conference, and the manuscript will be published in the *Journal of Law and Education*. The winner will also be invited to present on the topic of the article at the ELA Annual Conference in November 2010 in Vancouver. **The submission deadline is July 15, 2010.**

NEW PUBLICATIONS IN OCS LIBRARY

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

Congressional Yellow Book, Summer 2009, Leadership Directories, Inc. Who's who in congress, including committees and key staff

Lawyering from the Heart by Deborah Kenn, Aspen Publishers, 2009 Interviews with law school graduates who embarked on careers as public interest lawyers.

LIBRARY NEWS

Holiday Access - During holidays and interims, when the library is closed, law students with properly programmed ID cards may access the building and library. If you plan to use the library during the holiday, be sure to check your ID in the magnetic locks on the building and library front doors to ensure your card is properly programmed for access. Simply swipe your card through the magnetic reader. If the green light displays, your card is properly programmed. Please report problems to the circulation staff. We may be able to fix the problem and save you a trip to the Campus Center to have your card reprogrammed by the ID Office.

Law Library Winter Break Hours - Please watch the electronic library bulletin board for changes.

Thursday - Saturday, December 24 - December 26 – **CLOSED**

Sunday, December 27 – 1:00-6:00 p.m.

Monday - Wednesday, December 28 - 30 – 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Thursday - Saturday, December 31 - January 2 – **CLOSED**

Sunday, January 3 – 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Monday - Friday, January 4-8 – 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 9 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 10 – 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Monday, January 11 – **Regular hours**

Restricted Library Access During Exams - From Friday, December 4 at 5:00 p.m. until Friday, December 18 at 5:00 p.m. **Law Library access is limited** to Marshall-Wythe 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.

Interlibrary Loan Returns and Renewals - Please return interlibrary loan materials which come due during the Winter Break before you leave for the holidays. Some libraries will extend the loan period, but you must request a renewal **before the due date**. If the lending library will not extend the loan, we must return the book. If you still need the material, photocopy the pages cited **and the title page**, or complete an interlibrary loan form and request that we borrow it from another library when we return in January.

Good luck with exams and have a safe and happy holiday.

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