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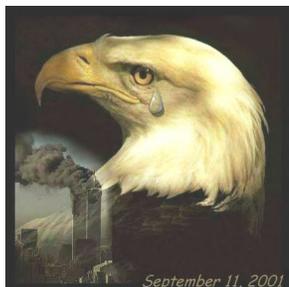
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## THE ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11 WE SHALL NEVER FORGET

**CHECKED YOUR E-MAIL?** Remember that you are expected to check your e-mail at least once a day. The faculty and administration send important information via e-mail – information that may not be available through any other means. If you have forwarded your college e-mail account to your personal account, you are responsible for verifying that the forwarded address continues to be accurate.

### NEWSWORTHY NEWS

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Professor Linda Malone for receiving a Distinguished Fulbright Chair in International Environmental Law. Fulbright Distinguished Chairs are the most prestigious appointments in the Fulbright Scholar Program. Only forty are awarded each year throughout the world. This is Linda's second Fulbright award.

Linda will research and lecture at the Polytechnic Institute of Turin in Italy from March to June 2010. Her office will be located in the Castello del Valentino, a 16th century castle in the historic center of Turin that was formally one of the residences of the Royal House of Savoy. This is a great honor for Professor Malone and for the Law School.

**The Law School would like to welcome** Linda Tesar to The Wolf Law Library staff as Head of Technical Services. Linda comes to W&M from the Vanderbilt Law School's Law Library, where she was Technical Services and Systems Librarian. Linda received her BA from Austin Peay, a Masters in Art History from Vanderbilt, and a Masters of Information Science, also from Vanderbilt. Linda is a St. Louis Cardinals fan, and has two cats who also like birds.

The Communications Department announces the launch of two new web pages for faculty promotion. Our "Faculty in the News" page highlights media citations for our faculty from all forms of news outlets, including traditional newspapers, online journals, blogs and radio, among others. Our "Faculty Activities" page draws attention to our faculty's noteworthy endeavors that might otherwise escape notice: conference presentations, lectures at other schools, or community and volunteer work. Both pages are viewable from our main "Faculty" page on the home page; direct links are: <http://law.wm.edu/faculty/activities/index.php> and

<http://law.wm.edu/faculty/inthenews/index.php>. Please send any additions or corrections to Ami Dodson, Assistant Director of Communications, [aadodson@wm.edu](mailto:aadodson@wm.edu).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Spain's Ambassador to the United States, His Excellency Jorge Dezcallar de Mazarredo, will present a lecture titled "Spain and the United States in the 21st Century" on Tuesday, Sept. 15, at 3:30 p.m., in Room 120, at the Law School. The lecture is free and all are welcome. Reception to follow.

Ambassador Dezcallar assumed his post in August 2008 and has enjoyed a long and distinguished career in the foreign service. He previously has served, for example, as Ambassador to the Holy Seat and the Sovereign and Military Order of Malta (2004-06), as Director of the Superior Center of Defense Information and later the National Center of Intelligence (2001-04), and as Ambassador to Morocco (1997-2001). He has served in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in many capacities, including, for example, as General Director of Foreign Policy for Africa and the Middle East (1985-93) and as Deputy General Director of North Africa and the Near and Middle East (1983-1985).

Nathaniel Persily of Columbia University will present the 2009-10 James Gould Cutler Lecture on September 17 at 3:30 P.M. in room 127 as part of the Constitution Day Program. It is titled "Originalism in the American Mind: Public Opinion and Judicial Decisionmaking." Free and all are welcome. Professor Persily is the Charles Keller Beekman Professor of Law and Political Science at Columbia University. A nationally recognized expert on election law, he also is founder and director of the [Center for Law and Politics](#) at Columbia Law School. Professor Persily is the author of numerous articles on campaign finance reform, voting rights, issues surrounding the 2000 census and the redistricting process, and on the legal separation of political parties. He is co-editor, with Jack Citrin and Patrick J. Egan, of *Public Opinion and Constitutional Controversy* (Oxford, 2008). He earned a B.A. and M.A. in political science at Yale, and received his J.D. from Stanford Law School and Ph.D. in political science from the University of California at Berkeley.

Three scholars will discuss and debate death penalty issues on Tuesday, September 29, from 3:30 to 5 PM in Rooms 127 and 119. Free and all are welcome. The discussion will be moderated by William & Mary law professor Nancy Combs. In addition to William & Mary law Professor Paul Marcus, who will present "Leaving the Usual Looking Glass - the Death Penalty from an International Perspective," participants will include Professor Corinna Barrett Lain from the University of Richmond, who will present "Deciding Death: The Supreme Court, Culture and the Limits of Legal Decision-Making," and Professor Scott Sunby from Washington and Lee University, who will present "Can the Death Penalty Be Fairly Applied? Of Lawyers, Juries, and the Search for Moral Consistency."

The Human Security Law Program's Distinguished Lecture Series will feature a lecture by Deepa Badrinarayana of Chapman University Law School titled "Global Warming: A Second Coming for International Law" on Wednesday, September 30, at 5:00 p.m. in Room 124. Free and all are welcome.

## NEED TO KNOW

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! These are the current guidelines for campus recycling:

### YES! PLEASE RECYCLE:

- Aluminum, steel, or tin cans and foil
- Clean cardboard
- Glass and plastic bottles (without caps)
- Newspaper and magazines
- Plastics labeled -1- or -2-
- Post-Its, envelopes (even with plastic windows!), paper bags
- White and color paper (no staples, tabs, or paper clips)

### NO, THESE CANNOT BE RECYCLED:

- Bottle caps
- Greasy or cheesy pizza boxes
- Milk or juice cartons
- Paper towels, plates or cups
- Plastic bags
- Plastics labeled other than -1- or -2-
- Styrofoam
- Waxed paper

**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](mailto: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!!!**

**Reminder!** No signs on walls, doors or windows, including the front and side doors to the Law School. You may post notices in the Student Lounge. Obtain permission from Gloria Todd to post notices on the Administration Bulletin Board in the Student Lounge.

**WHERE DO YOU LIVE?** The Law School must always have your most current address and phone number on file. Students should check their contact information by logging onto Banner Self Service. Please notify Chris Creech immediately of any correction to this information.

**STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS** - If your organization has not yet registered with the Law School Administration, please stop by and see Gloria Todd. Registered organizations will receive priority for room reservations at the Law School, and are eligible for hanging files and bulletin board space from the SBA. Officers should frequently check organization hanging files. FYI: Room Reservation Request Forms can be found on the Library handout shelves and by Gloria Todd's office across from the moot courtroom.

**ADMINISTRATOR AND FACULTY MAILBOX ACCESS** - If there is a need to contact an administrator or faculty member through their Law School mailbox, please place the item in the appropriately marked box in the reception area. The item will be delivered for you. **Please remember that students are not allowed in the workroom.**

**UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS** - Students can print their unofficial transcripts from Banner Self Service. Please review the information for accuracy and immediately bring discrepancies to Dean Jackson's attention.

**REMEMBER THE INTERNET!** Use the Law School web site to answer common questions regarding academics and/or student life. AND, please review the Unified Honor Code found from the Law School Homepage by clicking on Student Life, then Academic Regulations, then Honor System or: <http://www.wm.edu/so/honor-council/honorcode.htm>. Students should also review the Student Handbook, found at [www.wm.edu/offices/deanofstudents/policies/index.php](http://www.wm.edu/offices/deanofstudents/policies/index.php).

## 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.

## ALUMNI DEVELOPMENT

**Co-Counsel sign-up will be on September 9-10** in the front hall from 9-11:00 a.m. This is a mentor program that will match students with W&M Law Alumni who use their law degree in various careers. Mentors may be from the geographic area where you hope to locate, practices law in the area of law that you plan to pursue, is using their degree in a non-traditional area, or simply shares your interests and hobbies. These Senior Counsels have sent in their information for you to review in hopes of helping you through your law school experience. Information about the program was in your hanging file along with a Junior Counsel form. You will need this form completed when you come to sign up on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, please contact Kathy Pond [ktpond@wm.edu](mailto:ktpond@wm.edu) or 221-3796.

## OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

### **Web Sites of the Week -**

The newly updated **2009-2010 Federal Legal Employment Opportunities Guide** is now available at: <http://www.pslawnet.org/federalgovernmentresources> The guide contains detailed information on applying for legal jobs with the federal government, testimonials from current federal lawyers, descriptions of dozens of federal agencies/entities that hire lawyers, salary/benefit/Loan Repayment Assistance information, and much more!

Last week, the *Wall Street Journal* published an article entitled **The Billable Hour Under Attack** that explains how many Fortune 500 companies (American Express, Cisco Systems, Pfizer and others) are putting enormous pressure on big law firms to offer flat-fee contracts as an alternative to billing them by the hour. To read the article, go to: <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB125106954159552335.html>.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Students interested in intellectual property/trademark law who are looking for opportunities to network and exchange resources can become a student member of the **International Trademark Association** (INTA), a not-for-profit membership association of trademark professionals. Student membership is \$25.00 per year and provides students with the use of online trademark information that can help them with their relevant studies. Membership also gives students access to substantial discounts on programs that serve as valuable educational and networking opportunities. For more details on all the benefits, go to [www.inta.org/go/membership](http://www.inta.org/go/membership).

**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 2009 Equal Justice Works Fellowships online application** can be accessed at: <http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/programs/fellowships/apply#A5>. The **application deadline is 5:00 pm on Thursday, September 17, 2009**. Fellows selected this fall will begin their terms in September 2010. **Questions** should be directed to [fellowships@equaljusticeworks.org](mailto:fellowships@equaljusticeworks.org) or 202-466-3686, x 202.

The **2009 Equal Justice Works Conference and Interview Program will take place October 24 and 25, 2009** in Washington, DC. 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 31**. A list of participating employers and application procedures for each are available at [www.equaljusticeworks.org/events/ccf/general](http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/events/ccf/general). EJW will update the list as more employers register, so OCS recommends that you recheck the list every couple of days. **Employers will select interviewees on a rolling basis**, beginning now. OCS therefore strongly encourages you to submit your application materials during the next month, **but the sooner, the better**, because employers can – and will – begin scheduling interviews anytime.

**2Ls: The Office of General Counsel-Central Intelligence Agency** offers 10-week summer clerkships to 2Ls interested in national security law and related legal issues. For more information and details about the application process, go to: <https://www.cia.gov/offices-of-cia/general-counsel/careers/summer-law-clerk-program.html>. Since a top security clearance is required for this clerkship, the application deadline is **September 30**. The application process is very competitive: a minimum 3.0 G.P.A. and U.S. citizenship are required.

**3Ls: The CIA Office of General Counsel** also offers a three-year Legal Honors Program for graduating students interested in national security law. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, but appointments are very competitive. For more information and application details, go to:  
<https://www.cia.gov/offices-of-cia/general-counsel/careers/honors-attorneys-program.html>.

**Blackboard: The program "Interview Tips: A Refresher for 2Ls and 3Ls"** was videotaped and is available for viewing in Blackboard. Go to "OCS Resources for Students" and select the "Interviewing Tips" category, where you will find the program listed.

**The Local Government Association of Virginia (LGA)** is the professional organization representing city, county and town attorneys in Virginia. The **LGA Fall Conference** will be held on **October 29-31, 2009** in Virginia Beach. In an effort to encourage law students considering a career in public service, the LGA offers a **scholarship** to one student from each law school in Virginia to attend the continuing legal education portion of the Conference. Scholarship recipients may also participate in other aspects of the conference at their own expense. **The scholarship application is due October 1, 2009**. Please come by OCS for more information and the application form if you are interested.

**Labor and Employment Law:** The Peggy Browning Fund is sponsoring their Eleventh Annual **National Law Student Workers Rights Conference** at the National Labor College in Silver Spring, Maryland on **October 16 & 17, 2009**. 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. For more information about the conference, go to [www.peggybrowningfund.org](http://www.peggybrowningfund.org).

**The American Society of Law, Medicine & Ethics (ASLME)** will hold their **Third Annual Student Health Law Conference** hosted by Seton Hall University School of Law in Newark, New Jersey, on **Friday, October 16, 2009** from 8:30am to 5:00pm. This conference, attended by law students from law schools throughout the country, seeks to expose law students to the myriad career paths for attorneys in health and life sciences. The conference provides an introductory session on health law, panels on a variety of employment opportunities in health law, and a networking reception with the conference speakers. The nominal registration fee of \$35 pays for student meals. For more information about the conference, please visit the ASLME website <http://www.aslme.org/Calendar>

**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.**

**Fax Machine:** A fax machine is available in the Office of Career Services for students' law school-related matters, such as job searches, bar applications, and coursework. Use of the machine is free for current students. Students have access during all the hours OCS is open –

that is, the same hours as the library circulation desk. The machine may be used for outgoing faxes only; use is governed by the Honor Code. Instructions are posted next to the machine.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

***OCS Express:*** Got a quick question about your job search? Want to know how to answer a specific interview question? Interested in seeing some of the latest job search resources? On **Monday, September 14, from 12:30-2:00 p.m.**, 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.

***Serving the Public: Government & Public Interest Job Search Tips, Tuesday, September 8, 12:50-1:50 p.m., Room 141*** The program will discuss the unique aspects of cover letters and interviews with public service employers and will highlight resources for finding job openings.

***Careers in the CIA, Monday, September 14, 12:50-1:50 p.m., Room 133***

***Lunch with Lawyers: Environmental Law Careers, Tuesday, September 15, 12:50-1:50 p.m., Room 133.***

***Careers with the FBI, Wednesday, September 16, 12:50-1:50 p.m., Room 141.***

## NEW RESOURCES IN OCS LIBRARY

***Inside a U.S. Embassy, How the Foreign Service Works for America***, edited by Shawn Dorman, American Foreign Service Association, 2005

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### **2009 publication schedule**

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Subject: ***COPYRIGHT LAW***

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Awards at each participating law school

First Prize.....\$600  
Second Prize.....\$250

## **NATIONAL COMPETITION**

Judged by a panel to be selected by, and in the sole discretion of,  
the Copyright Society of the USA

First Prize.....\$3,000  
Second Prize.....\$2,000  
Third Prize.....\$1,000

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Copies of the Rules Governing the Competition, may be secured at the office of the Dean

Winning papers must be certified by the Dean to the Society by  
June 30, 2010

For additional information, please call ASCAP (212) 621-6280

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