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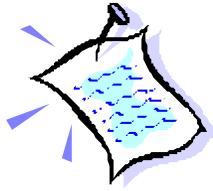
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NEWSWORTHY NEWS



THANKS TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED in the Free Throw competition held on Monday. The Law School community donated \$695.00 TO THE BONE MARROW DRIVE! Janey Janson and Library staff were SO PLEASED – especially since the weather was terrible. The Ali H(oops) Faculty Team won the Team Competition! Their name will go on the Trophy and they each received a LARGE CHOCOLATE BAR!!!!

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND THE WEB - As you know, last fall we completed the Law School web migration to the new site with a new look. The University has been moving to the new site in sections (the undergrad, then Law, then VIMS, and next other grad schools). By the end of the year, the old site should be put to rest and with it will go all pages that have not yet migrated.

We very much wish to have your organization web pages remain active (or have you build web pages if your org does not yet have one). Student Org leaders or designated organization members can receive instruction on how to create pages for the new web by logging in to Tribe Voices at <https://wmpeople.wm.edu/index.php/login/index/wmpsf/admin/index>. Once you have a URL for your new web pages, shoot the URL to Dean Jackson who will link your new pages to the Law School student org web page.

You can view the current law student organization pages from <http://law.wm.edu/studentlife/studentorganizations/index.php> Please check these pages to ensure we have current links, current pages and current information.

The **AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION LAW STUDENT DIVISION** is a powerful resource that can help you meet the challenges of law school and start building your career. Join now at www.abanet.org/join for the special law student rate of just \$25 a year and you will:

- Stay on top of developments in the legal world and prepare for your future career with FREE subscriptions to the **ABA Journal**, the electronic **ABA Journal Weekly Newsletter**, and **Student Lawyer Magazine**.
- **Save up to \$100** on Kaplan PMBR bar review courses to help you prepare for the bar exam.
- Become part of the **national voice of the legal profession** as we advocate for issues that affect you, including **loan repayment programs** to help relieve law student debt.
- **Build your résumé** and learn about the **specialties of law** in which you are interested by accessing membership in **ABA specialty Sections** (<http://www.abanet.org/sections.html>).

- Make **career contacts** with lawyers, judges, faculty, and other students via online discussion groups and in person.
- Explore and choose **alternative career paths**.
- Gain access to resources to help you secure an **internship** or **your first job**.
- Be able to take advantage of specially negotiated ABA offers for **auto, homeowners, renters, and health insurance; car rentals** (usually with no underage surcharges); **hotels and more**.

You won't find a better partner for you and your needs than the ABA. Join the nearly 50,000 law students throughout the country who are leveraging their ABA Law Student membership to stay ahead in law school and start building a career. Enroll today by visiting <http://www.abanet.org/join> or calling **1.800.285.2221**.

P.S. Check out www.LegallyMinded.com the exciting new interactive web community for the legal profession sponsored by the ABA.

INK AND TONER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING AT THE LAW SCHOOL - Each year, millions of printer cartridges are tossed in the garbage and piled into landfills. Harmful residual chemicals seep into the ground and damage the environment. Next time your home printer runs out of ink or toner, bring the empty cartridges to the law school, and we'll help dispose of them responsibly. With drop boxes in two locations (under the hanging files and in the faculty lounge), it is utterly convenient! If you have questions, contact tlmorg@wm.edu.

SUBLEASE OPPORTUNITY

DO YOU WANT TO SUBLEASE YOUR APARTMENT THIS SUMMER? Several out-of-state students are coming to Williamsburg for Summer School May 26-June 26 and are looking for housing. Contact Mary Beth Dalton in the Center for Legal and Court Technology (Room 211C) at 1-2494 or medalt@wm.edu.

NEED TO KNOW

Commencement 2009 Update - <http://www.wm.edu/commencement> - Preliminary general (*i.e.*, for the entire University) information regarding Commencement 2009 was distributed via email to degree candidates by the University Office of Student Affairs. If you are due to graduate in May 2009 and did not receive the information, please contact srpaul@wm.edu at the Office of Student Affairs.

Law School Graduation Activities Update - A preliminary email and attachment was distributed in February by Dean Jackson. Please contact lajac1@wm.edu if you did not receive this information.

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 \$5.00 per copy. Please follow this link to request an official transcript: [http://www.wm.edu/offices/registrar/documents/transcript/Official Transcript Request.pdf](http://www.wm.edu/offices/registrar/documents/transcript/Official%20Transcript%20Request.pdf)

FINGERPRINTS - Many state bar applications require submission of the applicant's fingerprints. Beginning immediately, Kay Hibbard, in the reception area, will be setting 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 Hibbard, Gloria Todd or Chris Creech. Of course, you can also go to any police station to have this done. Be sure to take a photo id with you for this appointment.

NOTARIZING THE APPLICATION - Most bar applications require you sign before a notary. Kay Hibbard, Gloria Todd, Chris Creech and Felicia Burton 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 greatly speed up the process!

FOR THOSE TAKING THE VIRGINIA BAR EXAM: Please remember to pick up the **EDUCATION CERTIFICATE** from Kay Hibbard, Gloria Todd 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 BAR CERTIFICATE OF GRADUATION** will be sent by Dean Jackson on **May 18**. And most important, make **YOUR deadline** for the application May 8. Please feel free to contact Chris Creech should you have any questions.

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!!!**

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

WILLIAM & MARY PRESIDENT W. TAYLOR REVELEY AND TOM FRANTZ, ESQUIRE, will be guest speakers for the Business Law Society and Office of Career Services on Friday, April 10, 1:00-2:00 p.m., room 119. They will speak about the business of a law firm. Free and all are welcome.

The College of William & Mary Bookstore Presents Sci-fi Author & William & Mary Law School Class of '87, **JOHN C. WRIGHT**, reading from his new novel, **Null-A Continuum**, Saturday, April 11, 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the Bookstore.

THE FIRST CONDITION OF PROGRESS? DRAWING THE TORTUOUS BOUNDARIES AND OVERLAPS BETWEEN FREE SPEECH AND FREE TRADE IN INTERNATIONAL LAW - April 20, 1:00-2:00 p.m., Room 120 - Lecture by Tomer Broude, Senior Lecturer in Law and International Relations, Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, Georgetown Law School. Free and all are welcome. Pizza will be served.

THE NORFOLK & PORTSMOUTH BAR ASSOCIATION (NPBA) is offering a program called "Practice Before the Norfolk Courts," on Tuesday, April 28, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Norfolk Circuit Court (3.0 CLE Credits). Many students will find the program useful (especially if they intend to practice in the Hampton Roads area) because the seminar is designed to introduce the new practitioner to the Norfolk Courts as well as update the seasoned practitioner on new procedures, rules and plans for the future. They have the Chief Judges from each of the three courts, as well as the respective Clerks of Court, participating in the CLE. They will provide ground level "do's and don't's" useful to all practitioners who appear before them. The CLE is geared primarily to newer attorneys, so law students will not be overwhelmed. Additionally, special pricing for law students has been arranged (\$30.00) to cover the costs of the handouts. If you would like to attend or need more information, please contact NPBA at 757/622-3152 or NPBA@visi.net.

ADMISSION

FINANCIAL AID / SCHOLARSHIPS

APPRECIATION FROM ADMISSIONS - The Law School Admission Team is pleased to report a large and strong applicant pool of about 5,000 this year. Many, many student volunteers contributed to the success of the program. To all those volunteer tour guides, student hosts, phonathon participants, student emailers, together with the many students that participated in Admitted Student Weekend activities and other students who informally reached out to welcome our visitors to the William & Mary community - WE SAY HEARTFELT THANKS!

FINANCIAL AID - Individual appointments are available for questions on financial aid, FAFSA preparation, lender options, lender terms, loan applications, bar loans, loan consolidation issues, loan 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 afternoons: April 1, 15 & 29. Please stop by the Admission Office (rooms 104 & 105) to sign-up in advance for available appointment times. You may contact the Office of Student Financial Aid, 218 Blow Memorial Hall (221-2426) to schedule appointments on other days.

FINANCIAL AID FOR THE 2009-2010 ACADEMIC YEAR - Information regarding financial aid for the 2009-2010 academic year was sent to all 1Ls and 2Ls via email from Faye Shealy on January 8, 2009. If you did not receive this important information or could not open the attachment, please contact Dean Shealy. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** Law school financial aid is awarded and packaged based on residency status for each student. Aid initially awarded to out-of-state students reclassified as in-state students must go through the re-award process. Students are responsible for notifying Dean Faye Shealy if they apply for and obtain in-state status for the coming academic year.

DRI Diversity Scholarship – Two \$10,000 scholarships are open to incoming second and third-year African American, Hispanic, Asian, Pan Asian and Native American students. Female second and third-year students are also eligible, regardless of race or ethnicity. For more information and an application, visit www.dri.org and click on Diversity Scholarship. The deadline for submission is May 8, 2009.

Jeremy D. Protas LGBT Patent Law Scholarship is offering a \$1,000 scholarship to eligible second year law students in the 2009-10 academic year and interested in pursuing a career in patent law. The application deadline is July 31, 2009. For more information and an application, visit <http://marshallip.com/protasscholarship.html>.

VCCJA Graduate Research Scholarship of \$2,500 will be awarded to a graduate student in Virginia. For more information and an application, please stop by the Admission Office. The deadline is April 30, 2009.

HOUSING

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES - The Admission Office would appreciate hearing from students/staff/faculty who know 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!

A L U M N I D E V E L O P M E N T

Faculty and Administrators: You are cordially invited to attend **Alumni Weekend 2009 on April 17-18**. The weekend features celebrations for the **Classes of '69, '74, '79, '84, '89, '94, '99, 04**, and also invited are the most recent graduates, the **Class of 2008**. We will invite the graduating **Class of 2009 for their 3L Class Dinner**. You are welcome to come to any event at no charge.

Brochures and registration forms are on the mail room table.

If you'd like to come, please complete a registration form and return it to Kathy Pond **NO LATER THAN Friday, April 10th**. You can also fill out a registration form by going to <http://law.wm.edu/alumni/events/alumni-weekend-2009.php>

Class of 2009, please put **April 18, 2009** on your calendar at 6:30 p.m. at the Woodlands Conference Center to be our guests to the Alumni Weekend Class Parties. You can meet Alumni from the classes of '69, '74, '79, '84, '89, '94, '99, '04, and the most recent graduating Class of 2008. We will have music and wonderful food and drink. **At that time a check from your class will be presented to the Dean for the total of your class pledges.** So please mark your calendars for this fun event and the opportunity to be with other Marshall-Wythe Alums, as you will be one soon!!! Please let me know if you have any questions. I'll look forward to seeing you there. **Please reply by April 10th if you will be attending. You may call me at 221-3796, or email me at ktpond@wm.edu.**

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

Website of the Week - Lawyerist.com is a leading legal website providing advice for attorneys and law students on marketing, career development, and technology. Their current staff includes professionals from the Career Services Office of the University of Minnesota. They are also interested in hiring law students to research and write for their website. www.lawyerist.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Virginia Community Criminal Justice Association (VCCJA) Graduate Research Scholarship Program solicits proposals that will contribute scientific knowledge to the field of community corrections. The \$2,500 scholarship provides research support to an outstanding graduate student undertaking independent research on issues related to local community corrections or pretrial services. Students submitting proposals must be seeking a graduate-level degree in a relevant field at a college or university in Virginia. The research must focus on a topic that addresses the policies and practices, and/or effectiveness of community corrections services in Virginia. **The deadline for receiving applications is April 30, 2009. Applications must be submitted to: VCCJA.Scholarship@lynchburgva.gov.** Information about VCCJA is available on the VCCJA website at www.vccja.org. Contact Bruce Crusier, the scholarship Project Coordinator, for more information at (804) 501-5190 or cru02@co.henrico.va.us.

Fall OCI Start Date: Fall 2009 on-campus interviews will begin on **Wednesday, August 19**, which is **several days before the first day of classes** for returning students (Monday, August 24). If you plan to participate in the first few days of fall OCI, please plan accordingly.

The **Boston Lawyers Group (BLG) Washington DC Area Job Fair** for Law Students of Color will be held on Thursday, August 20 at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel, 1127 Connecticut Avenue. The Boston Lawyers Group is a consortium of over 40 of the largest law firms, government

agencies, and corporations in Boston. **1L and 2L students** interested in working in the Boston area are eligible to register. For more information on the Boston Lawyers Group, go to www.thebostonlawyersgroup.com. To register for this job fair, go to <https://law-blg-csm.symplcity.com/students>.

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.

Law students are invited to attend the live webcast, **How to Succeed as a Summer Associate on June 8, 2009 at 5:30-7:00PM** sponsored by the Practicing Law Institute (PLI). Students will receive practical advice from law firm partners on managing workload, getting feedback and dealing with criticism, taking advantage of pro bono and training opportunities, social expectations and a host of other relevant issues. For more information, go to the PLI web site at www.pli.edu.

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 free 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 2009.**

Other Summer Housing Options: The NALP site listed above is free. Another site that appears to be free is www.craigslist.org. The website 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 what the fee is, 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 www.law.nyu.edu/depts/housing.
- 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.:

- William & Mary offers students summer housing at The Buchanan, a high-rise apartment building in Arlington, Virginia with easy access to the metro. The Buchanan features large, clean apartments, a 24/7 gym, a swimming pool and billiards room. Interested students should call 202-939-4000 or email wmcof@wm.edu for more information.
- Georgetown University's Law School provides summer housing as well. Go to <http://www.law.georgetown.edu/reslife/summer/> for more details or call their Office of Residence Life at (202) 662-9290.
- American University provides summer intern housing as well. For details, go to http://www.american.edu/ocl/housing/summer_housing_conferences/AcaYr_Intern_Housing.htm.

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.

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 **Monday, April 13, 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, April 14, 12:50-1:50PM, Room 141, Lunch with Lawyers: Careers in Family Law

Tuesday, April 14, 12:50-1:50PM For 2Ls: Post-Graduate Fellowships, Dean's Conference Room

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 Planning Association has announced the **26th Annual Smith-Babcock-Williams Student Writing Competition**. Entries should demonstrate original thought on a question of significance in either planning or areas of law germane to planning (land use, local government or environmental law). The winning entry will be awarded a prize of \$2,500 and will be submitted for publication in *The Urban Government Lawyer*. The competition will also award a second prize of \$1,000 and up to two Honorable Mention prizes of \$250. **Entries must be postmarked by June 8, 2009.**

NEW RESOURCES IN THE OCS LIBRARY

Vault Guide to the Top 100 Law Firms, 2009 Edition, Vault, 2008

Congressional Yellow Book, Fall 2008, Leadership Directories, Inc., 2008 who's who in congress, including committees and key staff

Vault Top 100 Law Firm Report Cards, 2009 Edition, 2009

The Docket is a biweekly publication of the William & Mary Law School produced during the academic year. All submissions (in either Microsoft Word or WordPerfect) are due to Cassi Fritzius, (Room 108) or by E-mail (cbfrit@wm.edu) no later than 5:00 p.m. the Wednesday prior to the Friday publication date.

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