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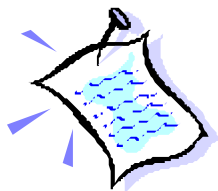
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## NEWSWORTHY NEWS



**CONGRATULATIONS TRIAL TEAM** - In late February, a team consisting of Michelle Jacobs and Jessica Hass, along with Arpan Sura as witness, won First Place in the Gourley Trial Competition, a prestigious national competition sponsored by the Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County. The civil case competition takes place annually in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and features top competition from law schools throughout the Mid-Atlantic and Midwest regions. Additionally, Michelle won Best Overall Advocate, and Jessica received the Second Place Oral Advocate award in the tournament.

Also in late February, a team consisting of Andrew English, Kia King, Brooke Williams, and Amrbia Witt placed third overall in the regional Thurgood Marshall BLSA Mock Trial Competition in Philadelphia, PA, earning them a spot at Nationals.

Additionally, a team consisting of Neal Hoffman, Josh Steward, and Brian Cannon as witness, were semi-finalists in the National Trial Competition in Baltimore, MD.

Finally, a team consisting of Michael Nicholas and Barbara Watkins, along with witness Brianna Coakley, were semi-finalists in the GMUSL John C. Costello Trial Advocacy Competition, held in Fairfax, VA.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Casaundra Maimone – she is the new Chief Justice of the Law School’s Honor Council. Casaundra is a graduate of W&M and a two-year member of the Council. According to Bishop Garrison, the outgoing Chief Justice, “I am more than confident that with her expertise and guidance the Council will have no problems achieving its goals and ushering in a new area of learning and understanding of the System and the “Spirit of the Code” within our historic community.”

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](http://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](http://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](mailto:tlmorg@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](mailto: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](mailto:lajac1@wm.edu) if you did not receive this information. **IMPORTANT DATE:** Remember March 19 is Grad Day in the lobby of the Law School. This is your opportunity to order regalia and all things graduation related. In addition, OCS and the Administration will be in the lobby for you to complete graduation forms and check your personal entry to the Law School Ceremony program.

### 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.

The Law School is again offering **LEGAL TECHNOLOGY SUMMER SCHOOL** from May 26 through June 26, 2009. Dates are set to allow students to also attend the Spain program. Courses offered are: Electronic Discovery and Data Seizures, Evidence, Internet Law, Privacy in a Technological Age, and Technology Augmented Trial Advocacy. Tuition for one or two classes is \$3,250. For more information, please see the Center for Legal and Court Technology in Room 211C, or visit our website at [www.legaltechcenter.net](http://www.legaltechcenter.net) and download an application.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**WOMEN AND ISLAMIC LAW ACTIVIST TO GIVE TWO LECTURES AT WILLIAM & MARY ON MARCH 16 and 17** - Zainah Anwar, a founding member and former Executive Director of Sisters in Islam, and the Reves Center's First Annual Kraemer Distinguished Scholar of Islamic Law and Governance, will present two lectures on Monday, March 16, and Tuesday, March 17, at the College of William & Mary. The lectures are sponsored by the Reves Center for International Studies and the Program in Comparative Legal Studies and Post-Conflict Justice. Anwar will present the first lecture, titled "What Islam, Whose Islam? From Misogyny to Equality," on Monday, March 16, at 5:00 p.m. in the Commonwealth Auditorium of the Sadler Center on the College's undergraduate campus. She will present her second lecture, titled "Challenging History and Tradition: Women and Islamic Law," on Tuesday, March 17, at 5:00 p.m. in Room 127 at William & Mary Law School. Both events are free and the public is welcome.

The Honorable H. Robert Mayer of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit will deliver the **2008-09 STANLEY H. MERVIS LECTURE** in Intellectual Property on Wednesday, March 18. The lecture, titled "The Evolution of the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit," will be held at 12:50 p.m. in Room 127 of the Law School. Admission is free, and all are welcome.

Judge Mayer earned his undergraduate degree at West Point and entered William & Mary Law School after serving with great distinction in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He served as editor-in-chief of the *William and Mary Law Review* and graduated first in his law school class. After graduation Judge Mayer clerked for Judge John D. Butzner, Jr., of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and was later special assistant to Chief Justice Warren E. Burger of the Supreme Court. He practiced law at McGuire, Woods & Battle in Charlottesville, Va., and Baker & McKenzie in Washington, DC, while also finding time to teach as an adjunct law professor at the University of Virginia and George Washington University. President Reagan appointed him to what is now the U.S. Court of Federal Claims in 1982 and then to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit in 1987. Judge Mayer served as Chief Judge of the Federal Circuit from 1997 to 2004.

The Stanley H. Mervis Lectureship in Intellectual Property was created in memory of Stanley Mervis in 2003 by his family and friends. Mervis, a member of the William & Mary Law School Class of 1950, was patent counsel for Polaroid Corporation for most of his career and was actively involved in important patent and intellectual property issues.

As part of its recurring **STATE OF THE FIELD LECTURE SERIES**, the Law School will host prominent philosophers of law, who will discuss their views on the current state of the philosophy of law in the United States. Admission is free and all are welcome. For more information, contact 221-1840, or lawcom@wm.edu, or Professor Michael Steven Green at 221-7746 or msgre2@wm.edu. The lecturers are:

**March 19**, 1:00 p.m., Room 141: **Michael S. Moore**, Walgreen Chair and Co-Director, Program in Law and Philosophy, University of Illinois College of Law. Professor Moore is the author of *Educating Oneself in Public*, *Placing Blame*, and *Act and Crime*, as well as many other books and articles in the philosophy of law and criminal law theory.

**March 26**, 3:30 p.m., Room 127: **Lawrence A. Alexander**, Warren Distinguished Professor, University of San Diego Law School. Professor Alexander is the author of *Is There a Right of Freedom of Expression?*, *Whom Does the Constitution Command?* (P. Horton co-author), and *The Rule of Rules: Morality, Rules, and the Dilemmas of Law* (E. Sherwin co-author), as well as many other books and articles in the philosophy of law, constitutional law, and criminal law theory.

**CAMPAIGNING IN THE COURTS: THE RISE OF ELECTION LITIGATION** – The Third Annual Election Law Symposium will feature Robert Bauer, Barack Obama’s personal attorney and longtime chief election lawyer for the Democratic Party, and Benjamin Ginsberg, currently the lead attorney for Norman Coleman in the Minnesota recount and previously chief counsel for the Bush-Cheney Presidential Campaigns. Former Chairman of the Federal Election Commission Michael E. Toner will moderate the panel. This event will be on Friday, March 20, 3:30-5:00 p.m., in room 119. It’s free and open to the public. Reception to follow.

**JOIN THE GEORGE WYTHE SOCIETY ON A TOUR OF THE JAMES RIVER PLANTATIONS AND JOHN MARSHALL HOUSE** - The George Wythe Society of Citizen Lawyers is pleased to open its Spring Society Outing to all students. We will depart the law school at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 21, and return at 4:00 p.m. The trip will include guided tours of the historic, waterfront Berkeley and Shirley Plantations as well as the John Marshall House in downtown Richmond. Lunch will be available at Charles City Tavern. The fee for non-members is \$27. Reserve your place through Christina Carroll at cmcarroll@wm.edu by March 4. Please direct inquiries to Chris Casey at [cjcase@wm.edu](mailto:cjcase@wm.edu).

**RECEPTION FOR PROFESSOR JIM MOLITERNO** – A farewell reception for Professor Jim Moliterno will be held on Monday, March 30 at 1:00 p.m. in the Lobby. All are welcome to attend and wish a beloved professor good-bye as he moves on to Washington & Lee.

**EXAM CONFLICT FORMS** are now available at the handout counter in the library and outside the office door of Gloria Todd. The deadline date is Friday, April 3.

**THE FIRST CONDITION OF PROGRESS? DRAWING THE TORTUOUS BOUNDARIES AND OVERLAPS BETWEEN FREE SPEECH AND FREE TRADE IN INTERNATIONAL LAW** - You are cordially invited to attend this lecture sponsored by Professor Combs and Professor Stein. The

lecture by Tomer Broude, will be on April 20, 1:00 p.m., Room 120, Law School. It's free, pizza will be served, and all are welcome.

Professor Broude is a Senior Lecturer in Law and International Relations at Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He currently is a Visiting Assistant Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center. He is the author of *International Governance in the WTO: Judicial Boundaries and Political Capitulation* (Cameron and May, 2004) and co-editor of *Trade as the Guarantor of Peace, Liberty and Security? Critical, Historical and Empirical Perspectives* (American Society of International Law, 2006)(with P. Ala'i and C.B. Picker), and *The Role of International Trade in the Promotion of Regional Peace* (Davis Institute for International Relations, 2005)(with A.M. Kacowicz)(in Hebrew).

## ADMISSION

### FINANCIAL AID / SCHOLARSHIPS

**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: January 21, February 4 & 18, March 4 & 18 and 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. The FAFSA is required for need-based financial aid and all education loans. March 1 is the deadline for returning students to file the FAFSA located at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov). William & Mary's Title IV Federal School Code is 003705. **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](http://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>.

## 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!**

## OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

**Web Site of the Week - Equal Justice Works** provides a continuum of programs that begin with incoming law school students and extend into later careers in the profession. The organization provides a public interest law fellowship program and offers more postgraduate, full-time legal positions in public service than any other organization: [www.equaljusticeworks.org](http://www.equaljusticeworks.org)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Equal Justice Works Summer Corps Program** engages law students around the country who are expanding the delivery of legal services to those who need it most. Summer Corps is an AmeriCorps-funded program that in 2009 will provide 355 law students with the opportunity to earn a \$1,000 education award voucher for dedicating their summer to a qualifying legal project at a nonprofit public interest organization. Summer Corps members provide critically needed legal assistance in low-income and underserved communities in the United States on a broad range of issue areas. Beginning **March 18, the 2009** Summer Corps application will become available on the Equal Justice Works web site at <http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/programs/summercorps/>. **The application deadline is April 1, 2009.**

**Please note:** Danny Reed of Equal Justice Works will conduct an information session on **Friday, March 27 at 11:30AM in Room 137** for students interested in finding out more about Equal Justice Works' summer and post-graduate fellowship opportunities.

**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 2009. Please feel free to include this flier with your resumes and



cover letters to government and public service employers. 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. The **application deadline for funding is Friday, March 27 at 5:00 p.m.**

**For 3Ls: Post-Graduate Public Service Fellowships** are designed to provide a “bridge” between when you take the bar and when the bar results are announced since many permanent jobs aren’t filled until the bar results are published. Students who would like to work during that time for a government agency or public interest organization and have not yet secured post-graduate employment are eligible to apply for this fellowship.

There is no application deadline to apply for post-graduate fellowships; however, they are being allocated on a rolling basis as of March 1. In order to secure funding, students first need to secure an offer for a position in a government agency or public interest organization. For more information and details, please go to “Government and Public Interest” in OCS Resources for Students on Blackboard.

As part of their educational programming, the **Muscarella Museum of Art** at William & Mary has extended an invitation to graduate students as well as faculty to propose a gallery talk or lecture in conjunction with their collection and current and upcoming exhibits. For more information and details, go to <http://web.wm.edu/muscarella/education/college.htm>.

**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 Tennessee Asia Pacific American Bar Association has extended an invitation to law students to attend the **2009 National Asian Pacific American Bar Associations Southeast Regional Conference** on March 27-28 in Nashville, Tennessee. This event will bring Asian American lawyers and law students from across the Southeast together for a weekend of education and networking. Law students may attend the conference events at no charge (with the exception of the Saturday night banquet; there is a \$75 fee for the banquet). The conference will also feature presentations of special interest to law students including a career panel discussion and a special resume review/mock interview workshop. Students interested in attending should contact Kaz Kikkawa at 615-344-5841 or via email at [kaz.kikkawa@hcahealthcare.com](mailto:kaz.kikkawa@hcahealthcare.com).

The **William & Mary Committee on Sustainability**, of which Dean Butler is Co-Chair, has announced opportunities for project proposals and summer research grants supported by the Green Fee. The Green Fee Summer Research Grants will be made in amounts up to \$5000 each (there will be four grants awarded). Housing on the W&M Campus is also included. Project proposals for research and sustainability initiatives are also open to law students working as individuals or teams. Projects will be supported for up to 12 months with funds from the Green Fee. For more information and the application, go to <http://sustainability.wmblogs.net/get-involved/>.

The **Law Research Unit of the Athens Institute for Education and Research (AT.IN.E.R)** has announced its Sixth Annual International Conference on Law which will take place on **July 20-23, 2009 in Athens, Greece**. The aim of the conference is to bring together scholars and students of law. Law students may participate as a presenter of a paper or observer. Papers from all areas of law are welcome. For details and additional information on registration and submission of a paper, go to [www.atiner.gr/docs/Law.htm](http://www.atiner.gr/docs/Law.htm).

## 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](http://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](http://www.craigslist.org). The web site [www.sublet.com](http://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/](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](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, March 16, 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.

**Thursday, March 19, Room 127, 12:50-1:50 p.m.:** *Insider's Guide to the Character and Fitness Process.*

**Friday, March 20, Room 137, 1:00-1:50 p.m.:** *Information Session, Northwestern University School of Law LLM Program in Taxation*

**Tuesday, March 24, Room 141, 12:50-1:50 p.m.:** *Lunch with Lawyers Program: Real Estate and Land Use Law Careers.*

**Wednesday, March 25, Room 141, Lunch with Lawyers: In-House Counsel.**

**Friday, March 27, 12:30-2:30 p.m., Law School Lobby:** *Alternative Career Conversations;* Speak with alumni and representatives working in about 20 alternative career fields including consulting, investment banking, lobbying, national security, risk management, financial services, sports management and many more. Lunch will be provided to all participants by Lexis-Nexis.

## 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 ***ABA Section of Real Property, Trust and Estate Law*** has announced its **Annual Writing Competition** for the section's scholarly publication, the Real Property, Trust and Estate Law Journal. The competition is open to all law and LL.M students attending an ABA accredited law school, and encourages high quality writing on real property and trust and estate law topics of general and current interest. The first place winner will receive a cash award of \$2,500; second and third place winners will receive \$1,500 and \$1,000 respectively. The deadline for submitting papers is June 19, 2009. Complete rules and entry forms are available online at [www.abanet.org/rppt/writingcontest](http://www.abanet.org/rppt/writingcontest).

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