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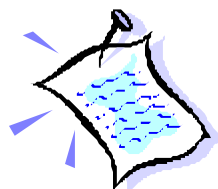
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NEWSWORTHY NEWS



Please **WELCOME** Susan Lynch as the newest full time member of the Accounting staff at the Law School. Many of you met Susan this fall as she worked as a temp after Bo Nauck's departure.

Susan comes to us with a Bachelor's degree in Economics and with many years of accounting and bookkeeping experience, and has already jumped into the work here. If you haven't had a chance to meet Susan, please drop by the old Admissions suite (now Accounting) and introduce yourself.

CONGRATULATIONS to the Newest Trial Team Members! Madelyn Buckley, Ricky Clausi, Caitlyn Cotter, Andrew Grindrod, Destiny Harris, Janet Lee, Jason Lynch, Eli Jason Mackey, Peter Nanov, Emily Riggs, Lindsey Welter, and Pia Winston!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

SAVE THE DATE! MARK YOUR CALENDARS! A great opportunity for Summer 2010! On Monday, November 16th at 1:00 p.m., the **2010 LEGAL TECHNOLOGY SUMMER SCHOOL** is holding an Information Session in Room 134 for students interested in learning more about the Summer 2010 program. Students from previous summer sessions will be on hand to share their experiences and answer your questions.

Course options have been expanded this year to include:

E-Discovery and Data Seizures

Evidence

Internet Law

Privacy in a Technological Age

Technology-Augmented Trial Advocacy

Technology-Augmented Law Office Management

Applications are now being accepted and are due by Friday, April 2nd. Interested students can download applications online at <http://www.legaltechcenter.net/summerschool/html>.

Bring your lunch – we'll have soft drinks and dessert to round out your meal. For more information, contact Mary Beth Dalton, Summer School Coordinator, at 1-2494 or medalt@wm.edu.

NOVEMBER 16 LECTURE: THE ROLE OF NATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTIONS IN EUROPE, 1:00-2:00 p.m., Room 134 - Lecture by Julie Mertus, Associate Professor and Co-Director of the

MA program in Ethics, Peace and Global Affairs at American University, addressing the growing role of national human rights institutions in peace-building. Part of the Human Security Law Program Distinguished Lecture Series. Free and all are welcome.

NOVEMBER 17 LECTURE BY LOUIS M. AUCOIN ON GROWTH OF PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN POST-CONFLICT CONSTITUTION BUILDING, 12:50-1:50 p.m., Room 119 - Louis M. Aucoin will give a presentation on "The Growth of Public Participation in Post-Conflict Constitution-Building: Cambodia through Kosovo." Professor Aucoin is Associate Research Professor at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and previously served as Program Officer at the United States Institute of Peace, where his work focused on the role of informal justice systems in fostering peace in post-conflict societies, and national reconciliation strategies during post-conflict peace-building efforts. He served as an advisor to the constitution drafting processes in Cambodia, Rwanda, East Timor and Kosovo. Sponsored by the Program in Comparative Legal Studies and Post-Conflict Justice. All are invited.

MORTAR BOARD STORYTELLING FESTIVAL - As a part of our group's focus on literacy and reading promotion, we're hosting our first annual Storytelling Festival on November 17 in Lodge 1 (undergrad campus) from 8:00-10:00 p.m. We're hoping to have students from across campus come together for an evening of competitive storytelling, with great prizes for the winners and raffles throughout the evening for everyone there. The festival will serve as the opening of our fall book drive, and the winners will be invited to present at Green and Gold Christmas in December. We're open to individual or group dramatic readings from childhood favorites or your own material. The event will be focused on stories appropriate for elementary school children, so keep it PG, and each selection shouldn't go past seven minutes in length. Again, we plan to have great prizes to give to the winners and some delicious snacks for everyone to enjoy. Students can register by emailing WMstorytelling@gmail.com with their information. You can also check out the Facebook event: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=164668414725>.

NOVEMBER 19 PANEL: PROTECTING AMERICA POST-GUANTANAMO - 5:00-6:00 p.m., Room 127 - Panel hosted by the Human Security Law Program and Human Rights First, a non-profit organization advocating that building respect for human rights and the rule of law will help ensure the dignity to which every individual is entitled and will stem tyranny, extremism, intolerance, and violence. Free and all are welcome.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION BUDGET FUNDING REQUESTS 2010-11 - It is almost time to submit budget funding requests for the 2010-11 academic year. Completed applications will be due by **Friday, November 20**. More details will be forthcoming regarding opportunities to meet with Tamar Jones (Treasurer) and Antonia Miller, Finance Chair, for guidance on completing the applications

EARLY SUMMER FELLOWSHIP FUNDING - This pertains to 2Ls only - if you are planning to do a public service internship next summer, you can apply for "early funding." The early funding deadline is November 20 at 5:00 p.m. Applications must be delivered to OCS by that time. Decisions on funding will be made before the end of Fall Semester exams. Please take note that the Summer Fellowship application has changed and the new version is now available on

Blackboard. If you have any questions please email Dean Kaplan, Kitty Gray (kggray@wm.edu), or Amy Dardinger (aedardinger@wm.edu).

BLSA FOOD DRIVE - BLSA is collecting non-perishable food items (Thanksgiving-related or otherwise) until November 20. There are separate containers for 1Ls, 2Ls, 3Ls, and Faculty/Staff in the student lounge and we are keeping track of the contributions. Help your community this holiday season and compete with each other for bragging rights! Let's see who is the BIGGEST GIVER!

BLSA THANKSGIVING BASKET COMPETITION - Every year BLSA partners with the City of Williamsburg to help local families at Thanksgiving. We need your help again this year! We are asking each Legal Skills Firm to submit a decorated basket full of Thanksgiving-related food items. Each basket will be paired with a turkey to create a full holiday dinner, and each firm will receive a description of the family that received their basket. This is a simple way to make a big difference this Thanksgiving - and we would love to have 100% firm participation! Lead your firm in the ultimate giving opportunity and you could win a free pizza party!

The baskets will be judged by law school faculty during the lunch hour on **Monday, November 23** for content, quality, and *creativity*. Please see the attached flyer for more information about this year's Thanksgiving Basket Competition. Contact Tamar Jones, tljones02@wm.edu if you have any questions.

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION AND BAR/BRI HELP WITH BAR REVIEW TUITION - The American Bar Association Law Student Division, in conjunction with BAR/BRI, offers scholarships to help students pay for Bar Review tuition. The applications are due **November 30, 2009**, and may be applied to courses to prepare to the July 2010 examination. To apply, simply become an ABA member (for a special Law Student Rate of \$25) and follow the directions on the application through this link: <http://www.abanet.org/lzd/barbri.pdf>. Bar Review courses are not cheap, so apply soon to help defray the costs. The application for the BAR/BRI and ABA/LSD scholarship may be found at: <http://www.abanet.org/lzd/barbri.pdf>

NEED TO KNOW

VIRGINIA BAR UPDATE - The Application for the Virginia Bar Examination and the Applicant's Character and Fitness Questionnaire are available online through the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners web site at: <http://www.vbbe.state.va.us/forms.html> Students who expect to sit for the Virginia Bar Examination can file the Character and Fitness Questionnaire within the first 14 months of their law school career for a discounted rate. The Bar Application itself cannot be filed more than three months prior to sitting for the exam.

Those planning to sit for the Virginia Bar are forewarned that the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners requires applicants to take the Multi-state Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE). The MPRE is a fifty question, two-hour, multiple-choice examination administered three times each year. You can register online at <http://www.ncbex.org/tests/mpre/mpre.htm>.

GOOD LUCK!!!

ADMISSION

FINANCIAL AID / SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLC Diversity Scholars Awards Program will grant a \$3,000 award to a deserving second-year law student in each the three regions where the Firm has offices. Please visit <http://www.constangy.com/f-4.html> for more information and an application. The application deadline is November 16, 2009.

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.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

Web Site of the Week - FindLaw.com claims to be the “highest-trafficked legal Web site,” providing a comprehensive set of legal resources on the Internet for legal professionals, businesses, students, and individuals. Their *Law Student Resources* section alone will keep you busy for hours! <http://stu.findlaw.com/>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Applying for a Government or Public Interest Summer Job? Funding available through William & Mary may help you get that job! There are several **Fellowship Programs** which 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. 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, Dean's Fellowships, Pinter, Virginia Law Foundation, Criminal Law, 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.**

Attention 3Ls: Applications to the *Capital Fellows Programs*, through the **Center for California Studies** at Sacramento State University, are now available on line. These fellowships provide

law school graduates the opportunity to work in state government for a period of 11 months as a full-time member of the legislature, executive or judicial branch office. The application deadline for fellowships beginning in October 2010 is February 24, 2010. For more information and details on the application process, go to the Center for California Studies Website at www.csus.edu/calst/programs.

National Public Radio offers a wide variety of internship opportunities, several of which are geared towards law students, at its national headquarters in Washington, D.C., and their NPR West office in Culver City, California. For more information, go to www.npr.org/about/jobs/intern/. The deadline to apply for summer internships is **February 15, 2010**.

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 Public Justice Foundation has announced the **2010 Roscoe Hogan Environmental Law Essay Contest**. The 2010 topic is *Can Coal Be Clean? Litigation Remedies for Coal Contamination from Mining to Combustion to Sequestration*. The cash award given to the author of the winning essay is \$5000. Students must submit an Intent to Enter Form by January 29, 2010. The essay contest submission deadline is March 31, 2010. For additional information, go to the Public Justice Foundation Website at www.publicjustice.net.

The United States Court of Federal Claims Bar Association has announced the **2009 Law Student Writing Competition**. Entries to the contest may discuss any topic that lies within procedure, substance, or scope of the jurisdiction of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims. The winning entries will receive cash prizes and an opportunity to be published via the Association's Website. **The entry deadline is December 31, 2009**. For more information and competition rules, go to www.cfcbar.org/index.php/news.

Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems, a journal of the University of Iowa College of Law, is sponsoring the 2009-2010 **Trandafir International Business Writing Competition**. Submissions should address a contemporary international business or economic issue with a legal nexus. The winning student will receive a cash prize of \$2,000, and the journal will publish the winning submission in an upcoming edition. **Entries must be received no later than 5:00PM Central Standard Time on February 1**. For more information, please go to the following Website:

http://www.uiowa.edu/~tlcp/html/trandafir_competition.html.

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, November 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.

NEW PUBLICATIONS IN OCS LIBRARY

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

How to Pay for Your Law Degree, 2008-2010, Gail Ann Schlachter and R. David Weber, Reference Service Press, 2008. A list of fellowships, grants, loans, bar exam stipends, competitions, internships and other funding programs to support study, training, research, and work experience for students working on a law degree.

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