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**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 Janey Janson, Law Library, on her engagement to Jimmy Reed. They plan to marry on February 27, 2010.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Chris and Ann-Marie Taranto on the birth of their son, Connor Anthony Taranto, on Friday, September 18 at 1:52 p.m. He was 7lbs 6oz and 21 1/4". Everyone is doing well and we should be going home this afternoon.

**CONGRATULATIONS to the New 1L and LLM SBA Representatives** - Your 1L Reps are: Jay Sinha, Amanda DeBerry, Lauren Santabar and your LLM Rep is: Samantha Edge

**AN OCCASION FOR THE ARTS NEEDS STUDENT VOLUNTEERS.** This prominent annual event will take place Saturday and Sunday, October 3 and 4, on Merchants Square in Colonial Williamsburg. The show features a broad range of juried arts and crafts, including painting, photographs, jewelry, sculpture, and fabrics. For 41 years AOFTA has offered a premier cultural event to Greater Williamsburg, a celebration of art that involves the entire town and gown community with a totally volunteer base. Help is needed for set-up and clean-up, sale of food, water and posters, and crowd control. Most shifts are two hours long. Each volunteer receives a t-shirt. Job descriptions and volunteer applications (which are due by Monday, September 28), are available at the Law Library circulation desk. See [www.aofta.org](http://www.aofta.org) for more information.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**American Constitution Society Interest Meeting - 9/22 at 1pm in Room 119** - "The American Constitution Society will be holding its first meeting of the year next Tuesday, September 22, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 119. We will discuss what we did last year and will toss around ideas for how to make this year even better (so please come prepared with an idea or two). New members will have the opportunity to get involved immediately through event planning and, of course, *blogging!* Pizza will be provided. Come on out and see what the ACS is all about.

David Baugh Lecture: "The Bill of Rights and the New Roberts' Court," September 25, 9:00 a.m., Room 124. This lecture is open to the public. Sponsored by The Wolf Law Library. David Baugh is the Capital Defender for the Central Virginia Office of the Indigent Defense Commission and a former president of the Virginia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers and the Richmond Criminal Bar.

Please join Dean Douglas and The George Wythe Society of Citizen Lawyers as we host Former Deputy Attorney General of the United States James Comey on Friday, September 25 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 119. Mr. Comey will discuss his experience as a citizen-lawyer. Mr. Comey had a distinguished career in public service including serving as Deputy Attorney General of the United States and U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York. During his career in public service Mr. Comey prosecuted the John Gamino racketeering and murder trial, the Khobar terrorist bombing case, and the obstruction case against Martha Stewart; chaired the President's Corporate Fraud Task Force; and in 2004, served as Acting Attorney General of the United States. He is currently the senior vice president and general counsel of Lockheed Martin Corporation. A reception will follow in the lobby.

**PSF Casino Night 2009!** Next Saturday September 26- 8:00-11:30- Come play poker, blackjack, roulette, craps, bingo or even participate in a little off track betting! Your \$10 entry fee (or \$12 at the door) gets you your first buy in and all of your drinks for the evening! The lobby will be transformed into Monte Carlo this year so dress to impress. There will even be some star dealers, including Professor Cao, Professor Hardy and Professor Hamilton. We hope to see you there!

Human Rights & EU Law guest speaker: Javier Guillen. On September 29, 1:00 p.m. in Room 141, the Program in Comparative Legal Studies and Post-Conflict Justice will present a talk by Professor Javier Guillen on "Protecting Human Rights in the European Community: Do We Have the Right Judicial Framework for the 21st Century?" Javier Guillen is the Ramon y Cajal Professor of Administrative Law at Universidad Rey Juan Carlos in Madrid. All are invited.

Three scholars will discuss and debate death penalty issues on Tuesday, September 29, from 3:30-to 5:00 p.m. 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. Climate change is potentially the gravest catastrophe threatening humanity. Yet, even as nations negotiate a new climate agreement, it is uncertain whether international law can adequately address a range of global warming related problems. All are welcome.

**Supreme Court Preview 2009-2010** - October 2-3 - The Institute of Bill of Rights Law marks the commencement of the new term of the Supreme Court each year with its Supreme Court Preview Conference, now celebrating its 22<sup>nd</sup> year. Sandra Day O'Connor, former Justice of the Supreme Court and Chancellor of the College of W&M, is among the distinguished participants. For the schedule and participants, visit <http://law.wm.edu/ibrl> or contact Melody Nichols at [ibrl@wm.edu](mailto:ibrl@wm.edu).

**Brigham-Kanner Property Rights Conference** - October 16-17, W&M Law School - The Sixth Annual Brigham-Kanner Property Rights Conference features panels on topics such as, for example, the psychology of property rights, the contract clause, and the property rights scholarship of Professor Richard E. Pipes. Pipes, Professor of History, Emeritus, of Harvard University will receive the 2009 Property Rights Prize during the event. For more info, and to view the agenda and brochure, visit <http://law.wm.edu/propertyrights>, or contact Kathy Pond at [ktpond@wm.edu](mailto:ktpond@wm.edu). **Students may attend the Friday afternoon and Saturday morning Conference free; but you will need to register.**

**EXAM CONFLICT FORMS** are now available and the deadline date is Friday, October 30 to Gloria Todd.

## 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

**Calling all Citizen Lawyers!** Would you like to enhance your Law School experience, network with William & Mary Law alumni and make some extra cash, all while helping your Law School? *If so, consider joining the Law Alumni Phonathon Team!*

From October 5-11 and October 26 - November 1, we'll be calling on our alumni to ask for their support to the Law School Annual Fund. It's on-site and we provide all of the necessary training. Plus, it's a fun way to connect and network with our esteemed alumni!

For more information and to apply: please stop in to the Alumni & Development Office (located in the North Wing) and speak to Christina Smith-Lewis.

## OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

*Web Site of the Week* - *NALP Directory* ([www.nalpdirectory.com](http://www.nalpdirectory.com)) You can browse or search through information about hundreds of legal employers (mostly large private firms, but some in government and public interest areas). Listings include many details important to job seekers, such as hiring criteria, salary, hiring contacts, areas of practice, links to Web sites and more.

An **article published recently in the Washington Post** looks at a new report suggesting that the **federal government will have to greatly increase its hiring**, including hiring in the legal field, to offset an expected large-scale exodus of retiring Baby Boomers:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/09/02/AR2009090203571.html>.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Equal Justice Works is offering a **Webinar** on the topic of Student Debt Relief entitled **Getting Your Student Loans Forgiven: How Government & Nonprofit Employees Can Earn Public Service Loan Forgiveness**. The Webinar is scheduled on the following dates: Thursday, September 24, 5:30-6:45PM and Thursday, October 1, 5:30-6:45PM. Space is limited so participants are required to register on the Equal Justice Works Website, <http://equaljusticeworks.org>.

**Washington Council of Lawyers** invites law students to a social networking hour on **Wednesday, September 23** at 6:00PM at the law firm, Goodwin & Proctor (901 New York Avenue NW, Washington, DC) The **Washington Council of Lawyers** is a voluntary bar association whose mission is to promote the practice of pro bono and public interest law. Students interested in attending should register on the Council's Website <http://www.wclawyers.org> by following the link in the "Coming to the Council" section.

**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 a 10-week Summer Law Clerk Program 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 internship, 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. The Summer Law Clerk Program provides students the opportunity to be considered for the CIA's **post-graduate Honors Attorney Program** as well.

**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.**

## **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 on 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 **Center for Alcohol Policy** has announced its **Second Annual Essay Contest**. This year’s essay topic is “State Regulation of Alcohol is Important Because....” The person who submits the winning essay will receive a \$5,000 award. First, second and third place prizes will be awarded. **All essay submissions are due by November 18, 2009.** For more information, visit [www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org](http://www.centerforalcoholpolicy.org).

## **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, September 28, 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, September 22, Lunch with Lawyers: Careers in Energy Law**, Room 141, 12:50-1:50PM

**Thursday, September 24, Your Career Stimulus Package: Managing Your Career in Tough Economic Times**, Room 119, 3:30-5:00PM

**Tuesday, September 29, Lunch with Lawyers: Lobbying and Legislative Services**, Room 133, 12:50-1:50PM

**Thursday, October 1, The Ins & Outs of the Application Process for Federal Government Jobs, Room 133, 3:30-5:00PM**

**Friday, October 2, Careers in the Federal Government, Law School Lobby, 1:00-2:30PM** An opportunity to talk with over 25 W&M alumni who work at federal government agencies about their careers.

#### **NEW RESOURCES, OCS LIBRARY**

***The 2009-2010 Comprehensive Fellowship Guide-The Ultimate Resource for Law Students & Lawyers*** published by the National Association of Law Placement, 2009

***Nail Your Law Job Interview: the Essential Guide to Firm, Clerkship, Government, In-House, and Lateral Interviews*** by Natalie Prescott & Oleg Cross, The Career Press, Inc, 2009

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#### **2009 publication schedule**

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