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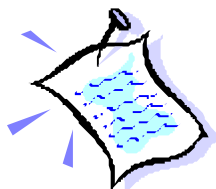
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NEED TO KNOW



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. See also all graduation messages sent by Dean Jackson.

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.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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.

Last chance to register for the **2009 LEGAL TECHNOLOGY SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM**, May 26-July 26, 2009. Separate yourself from the crowd of applicants with cutting edge legal technology skills while you lighten next year's course load. You'll finish in plenty of time this summer to still accept that externship or attend the Spain program. **Attend classes four days a week** and **earn six credits in just five weeks** at a fraction of a regular semester's tuition. Course options have been expanded this year to include E-Discovery and Data Seizures, Evidence,

Internet Law, Privacy in a Technological Age, and Technology Augmented Trial Advocacy. For more information, visit our website at <http://www.legaltechcenter.net/training/summerschool/index.html> , stop by the Center for Legal and Court Technology in Room 211C, or contact Summer School Coordinator Mary Beth Dalton at medalt@wm.edu. Applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2009.

A D M I S S I O N

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, phon-a-thon participants, student e-mailers, 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 / SCHOLARSHIPS

IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AID ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR RETURNING STUDENTS

- Returning students seeking need-based financial assistance including loans should have already filed the FAFSA. If, for any reason, you have not already done so - you are encouraged to complete and submit the FAFSA as soon as possible.
- Jennifer Meier, Assistant Director for Student Loans and Graduate Aid, is available for appointments here at the Law School (Wednesday afternoons April 15 and 29) and at other times in her office on the main campus. If you wish to sign-up for one of the Wednesday afternoon appointments, please do so in the Admission Office.
- There are many factors used to make financial aid awards (including scholarships and fellowships). In particular, all students receiving aid are packaged based on their residency classification. Because aid is packaged based on domicile status, any student who applies to change residency status is encouraged to consider the impact this change may have with FA packaging.
- **Some scholarship or fellowship awards are renewable; others are not. Recipients should check the language of any award letter to be reminded of the terms of an award.**
- Contact Faye Shealy in the Admisison Office (ffshea@wm.edu) if you have recieved a residency change this year or plan to apply for a change of residency for the 2009-2010 academic year.

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.

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.

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>.

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!

L I B R A R Y N E W S

RESTRICTED LIBRARY ACCESS - From Friday, April 24, at 5:00 p.m., until Friday, May 8 at 5:00 p.m., **Law Library access is limited** to Marshall-Wythe law students and others who require the use of Law Library materials for research purposes. Please remember that patrons needing legal reference assistance or those using legal materials **are permitted** access.

GRADUATION SUNDAY LIBRARY HOURS - The Library will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Graduation Sunday, May 17.

MEMORIAL DAY LIBRARY HOURS - Abbreviated circulation desk hours will be observed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 25, based upon the availability of staff. Hours will be posted in mid-May.

BUILDING ACCESS - On holidays and during interims, when the library is closed, law students with properly programmed ID cards may access the building and library. Be sure to check your ID in the magnetic locks on the building and library front doors to ensure your card is properly programmed for access. Simply swipe your card through the magnetic reader. If the green light displays, your card is properly programmed. Please report problems to the circulation staff. We may be able to fix the problem and save you a trip to the Campus Center to have your card reprogrammed by the ID Office.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN RETURNS AND RENEWALS - Please return interlibrary loan materials before you leave for the summer. The loan period for interlibrary loan material is generally one month. Some libraries will extend the loan period for an additional month, but you must request a renewal **before the due date**. If the library will not extend the loan, we must return the book. If you need the material even though the book must be returned, photocopy the pages cited **and the title page**, or complete an interlibrary loan form and request that we borrow it from another library.

Good luck with exams and have a happy and safe summer!

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

OCS WISHES YOU SUCCESS! We'll be thinking of you as you go off into the "real world" for the summer – or for good. Whether you're graduating in May or returning next fall, we will be here throughout the summer to answer any questions you might have. Feel free to contact us via phone (757-221-3805), e-mail (lawocs@wm.edu), fax (757-221-1611), or regular mail (P.O. Box 8795, Williamsburg, VA 23187-8795). **Current 1Ls and 2Ls will receive an important e-mail from us in late June.** It will include critical information about interview programs (for which you must register this summer), fall OCIs, and more.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

Solo Practice University is a web-based educational and professional networking community for law students and lawyers who are interested in gaining practical education on how to create and grow a solo practice. Students can take online courses with faculty from a wide range of practice area experience. On the Solo Practice University website, it is also possible to gain access and contribute to their blogs at no cost. For more details, go to <http://solopracticeuniversity.com>.

Attention Current 2Ls: The Alexander von Humboldt Foundation of Bonn, Germany offers the German Chancellor Fellowship to prospective leaders who are U.S. citizens. To be eligible, students must have completed at least a Bachelor's degree, have subsequently gained work experience, and already shown outstanding leadership potential. The one-year German Chancellor Fellowship allows recipients to carry out a project of their own design in cooperation with a German host. The program is under the patronage of the German Chancellor, and also incorporates an intensive language course in Germany, an introductory seminar in Bonn and Berlin, a study trip around Germany, and a final meeting in Berlin. **The deadline to apply for the 2010-2011 fellowship is October 31, 2009.** For more information on the application process, go to <http://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/4074.html>.

The **ABA Law Student Division Career Fair** is scheduled for **Thursday, July 30, 2009**, at the Chicago Marriott Hotel in downtown Chicago. The event is structured as a table-talk and resume submission event. In order to register, students must be an ABA Law Student Division member. The registration fee is \$50 if submitted on or before May 29, 2009. After May 29, 2009, the registration fee increases to \$75. For updated and detailed information regarding the event and registration, go to <http://www.abanet.org/lcd/home.html>.

The **Hispanic National Bar Association** (HNBA) will hold its 2009 **Annual Convention and Job Fair** on **September 2-6** in Albuquerque, New Mexico. There are a number of programs at the convention that are designed specifically for law students. The Job Fair, which will take place on Friday, September 4 at the Hotel Albuquerque, will allow employers to schedule 30-minute interviews throughout the day. For registration details, go to www.hnba.com.

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, 5:30-7:00 p.m.** sponsored by the Practising 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.

NEW RESOURCES IN OCS LIBRARY

Vault Guide to Capitol Hill Careers, Vault, 2003 An Inside look at top careers in Washington, DC.

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