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NEWSWORTHY NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS to Joelle Laszlo (3L) and Liz Lowe (2L) for their volunteer efforts at the Heritage Humane Society. They were recognized earlier this month.

CONGRATULATIONS to the new Class Representatives – Naohm Stewart, Mairead Blue, Laura Foley, Todd Torres.

MORE GOOD NEWS about amazing performances at moot court, trial and alternative dispute resolution competitions. This time the news is about the trial team. A team consisting of Michael Nicholas, Barbara Watkins, and witness Brianna Coakley competed in the George Mason University School of Law John C. Costello Criminal Justice Trial Advocacy Competition. The team advanced to the quarter-final round, which they won, and the semi-final round, which they also won. They missed advancing to the final round only as a result of a close tie breaker with another defense team. Leslie Saar, Jennifer Bacon, and witness Justin Hoover also represented us at the competition.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ACS STUDENT CHAPTER OF THE WEEK - The ACS Student Chapter at Law School has been organizing outstanding programs that advance ACS's mission to promote the vitality of the U.S. Constitution. The chapter started the fall semester by hosting Tom Goldstein, who presented an intimate talk about his Supreme Court litigation practice. W&M ACS then co-hosted, with the Federalist Society, a discussion featuring former Solicitors General Walter Dellinger and Paul Clement for a program titled "Solicitors General: Above the Fray?" The ACS chapter also hosted a discussion on voting rights, featuring Judge Charleston, a presentation on post-Heller policies with Brian Siebel from the Brady Center, and a timely talk about the gendered context of the 2008 election with Professor Karen Beckwith. Additionally, W&M ACS managed to squeeze in several movie screenings to highlight important issues, such as environmental policy and corporate accountability. In coming weeks, the chapter will be hosting a discussion on Employment Discrimination (utilizing clips from "The Office"), a talk about the Presidential Records Act in the digital era, and they will even be taking a field trip to Washington, D.C. to see the Supreme Court, as well as much more.

W&M BLSA IS THE 2009 MABLSA CHAPTER OF THE YEAR! After coming in second last year, BLSA members stepped it up this year and took the gold to claim W&M's first-ever Chapter of the Year title. As MABLSA Chapter of the Year, they will compete at the NBLSA convention next month for the chance at winning the National Chapter of the Year award. This accomplishment would not have been possible without all of their dedicated members and supporters. Thank you!!

ADR NEWS ... Hoping to capitalize on the success of Brian Wall and Dan Fassio, who won first place at the recent Tulane Law School National Baseball Arbitration Competition, William & Mary Law School's ADR Team will be competing in the American Bar Association's Representation in Mediation Competition during the weekend of February 27-28 at North Carolina Central Law School in Raleigh, North Carolina. William & Mary will be represented by two teams comprised of Erin McNeill and Brynn DeHay and Sarah Jinkerson and Josh DeFord. We wish the two teams great success as they display their talents in representing clients in the mediation process.

Speaking of competitions, the Law School and the ADR Society and ADR Board will be hosts for the American Bar Association's Negotiation Competition in November, 2009. We will have the potential of 20 law schools from Virginia, North Carolina, West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and DC sending teams for the regional competition. The winning team will then participate for the National Law School Championship. We will be calling on the faculty to assist in providing judges for the competition (40-60 are required depending upon the number of teams entered) and members of the ADR Society and student body to assist with logistics. Also, this is a great opportunity for all students to attend and observe negotiation at its best, with the best negotiators from a wide range of law schools.

Also, there are two highly interactive ADR courses being taught at the Law School this semester, General Mediation and Divorce and Family Dispute Resolution. In addition to the role plays and group exercises, Professor Tazewell Hubard is bringing in family experts from other disciplines to provide additional tools for the family attorney's tool box. On February 16, Jan D. Hembree, Ph.D., a Licensed Clinical Psychologist and Family Mediator, addressed the Divorce and Family Dispute Resolution class on the psychological and emotional aspects of a divorce and the best interests of children when it comes to deciding parenting arrangements.

In the future, Professor Hubard has Margaret Little, a Certified Divorce Financial Planner, coming in on **March 2** to address the class on mediating spousal support and property issues, including retirement and deferred compensation plans; Donita King, a Certified Family Mediator, to discuss cultural issues and alternative family configurations in mediation (**March 16**); and Kim Humphrey, Director of the Community Mediation Center for the Southeastern Virginia, and Richard Garriott, Esquire, to address court-based mediation programs, with emphasis on the use of a Guardian ad Litem (**March 30**). Mr. Garriott is a Certified Guardian ad Litem practitioner and can address the interest of students in the GAL practice.

The Divorce and Family Dispute Resolution class meets from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Mondays (Room 135) and others students are cordially invited to attend one or more of the above special classes. Due to the limited space in Room 135, however, prior approval to attend must be obtained from Professor Hubard (thubardcma@msn.com).

For those students that want to help promote and teach ADR processes, the Community Mediation Center for Southeastern Virginia (located in Norfolk, Virginia) is looking for law students who would like to perform an externship at the Center this summer in their 8-week Peer Mediation Program, where you would be providing conflict management and communication skills training to over 300 students who will, in turn, be able to utilize the skills

in their respective schools. If interested or you desire more information, please contact Kim Humphrey, Director, at kim.humphrey@att.net.

Last, the Community Mediation Center is partnering with the ADR Board and Society to provide opportunities for students to volunteer at the Center and observe and co-mediate “real” cases at the Center and in the General and Juvenile and Domestic District Courts and Circuit Courts throughout the Hampton Roads area. Also, Professor Hubard is willing to take groups of students through the various court systems, from the General District courts (civil, traffic, criminal, and family) to the Circuit Courts to the U.S. Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. The “tour” takes place from normally 8:30AM-1:00PM on Tuesday-Thursday. Students will witness cases in the respective courts and meet the judges who will answer their questions. Again, if interested, please email Professor Hubard at the above address.

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

- Stay on top of developments in the legal world and prepare for your future career with FREE subscriptions to the **ABA Journal**, the electronic **ABA Journal Weekly Newsletter**, and **Student Lawyer Magazine**.
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- Explore and choose **alternative career paths**.
- Gain access to resources to help you secure an **internship** or **your first job**.
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P.S. Check out www.LegallyMinded.com the exciting new interactive web community for the legal profession sponsored by the ABA.

INK AND TONER CARTRIDGE RECYCLING AT THE LAW SCHOOL - Each year, millions of printer cartridges are tossed in the garbage and piled into landfills. Harmful residual chemicals seep

into the ground and damage the environment. Next time your home printer runs out of ink or toner, bring the empty cartridges to the law school, and we'll help dispose of them responsibly. With drop boxes in two locations (under the hanging files and in the faculty lounge), it is utterly convenient! If you have questions, contact tlmorg@wm.edu.

NEED TO KNOW

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 and download an application.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

THE WILLIAM & MARY PUBLIC SERVICE FUND (PSF) is a student-run organization committed to funding public interest law. Specifically, PSF provides stipends to students working in unpaid, public interest summer internships, providing much-needed legal services to the underprivileged, as well as state and local government offices and agencies. Their major fund-raising event every year is called the PSF Auction, which will be held on Saturday, February 28. Due to the struggling economy and its effects on the legal job market, they are anticipating a record number of stipend applications this year from both the 1L and 2L classes. Please help them meet their goals of providing stipends for all worthy applicants! If you have any questions or would like to make a donation, please email Lauren Hughes at lahugh@wm.edu.

JOURNAL OF WOMEN AND THE LAW SYMPOSIUM, "From the Courtroom to the Mother's Womb: Protecting Women's Privacy in the Most Important Places" - The William and Mary Journal of Women and the Law is hosting their annual symposium on **Saturday, February 28 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.** The symposium will feature six speakers discussing privacy laws and their impact on women's lives. The speakers will discuss a wide variety of topics, including prostitution and pornography, online anonymity, and reproductive rights. *Breakfast and Lunch are included*, so please pre-register. To register, contact Heather Willis at hrwill@wm.edu.

MEDIATION TRAINING SESSION - Interested in learning more about mediation? The Alternate Dispute Resolution Society will be hosting an open training session. All are welcome. In recent years, mediation has become a valued alternative to trials. Come learn some valuable tips on how to serve as a mediator and represent clients in this growing form. Professor Tazewell Hubbard will run this informative and entertaining session. Join us on Monday, March 2 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in Room 133.

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 March 2, 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).

DIAGONAL REGULATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE - Washington and Lee University Law Professor Hari M. Osofsky will present a lecture on Monday, March 2, which will explore the need for climate regulation at all levels of government to address the effects of greenhouse gas emissions. The lecture, which is free and open to the public, is part of the Human Security Law Program's Distinguished Lecture Series. The event is co-sponsored by the Environmental Law Society. The lecture will be held in Room 119 at 5:00 p.m.

Osofsky is an associate professor of law at Washington and Lee University. She also is a Ph.D. student in the Department of Geography at the University of Oregon. She has authored and edited articles and books on climate change litigation and law and geography. Professor Osofsky has taught U.S. civil rights law at Sun Yat-sen University School of Law in China, has worked with several public interest groups advancing international environmental rights, and has conducted advocacy work for submissions to the U.N. Human Rights Commission and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

MORAL DUTY AND THE RULE OF LAW - Judge William H. Pryor Jr. of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit will present a lecture titled "Moral Duty and the Rule of Law." The lecture is sponsored by The Federalist Society and the St. Thomas More Society and will be given on March 4, 12:50-1:50 p.m. in room 119

ELECTRONIC SECURITY AND THE PRESIDENCY - Lecture: The e-Presidency. The American Constitution Society will host Meredith Fuchs, General Counsel to the National Security Archive. Ms. Fuchs will discuss electronic security and the Presidency, from the Bush Administration's emails to President Obama's Blackberry. The lecture will be given on March 5, 12:45-1:50 p.m. in Room 124

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.

The William & Mary Election Law Society and the Election Law Program invite you to attend the **2009 ELECTION LAW SYMPOSIUM** featuring America's premier election-law attorneys, including President Obama's personal attorney and a star character of the hit movie "Recount." The symposium will be held on March 20, 3:30 p.m., room 124.

Third Annual Election Law Society Symposium, "Campaigning in the Courts," will address the increasing role litigation plays in campaign strategy. Panelists include: **Bob Bauer** - *President Obama's Personal Attorney*, **Ben Ginsburg** - *General Counsel to the Bush-Cheney Presidential Campaign and star character of "Recount"*, **Terry Nelson** - *Political Director to the Bush-Cheney Campaign and Senior Advisor to the McCain Presidential Campaign*. The moderator, **Michael Toner**, is the *Former Chairman of the Federal Election Commission*

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.

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.

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. 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.

Oliver Hill Scholarship – The Oliver Hill Scholarship is awarded to a student who is committed to the objectives, goals, and principles of the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) at William & Mary Law School. The recipient must demonstrate a commitment to personal excellence, social justice, and advancing and protecting civil rights of all citizens. Students in good standing at the Law School, who demonstrate financial need, exhibit leadership abilities in the Law School or the community and display a record of public or community service are eligible. Interested students must apply for the scholarship by submitting two copies of the following to the Dean’s Office by February 27: resume, statement (no more than one double-spaced page) that describes how the student meets the criteria and an essay (no more than two double-spaced pages) on the topic “How Oliver Hill’s achievements have had an impact on my life? Please be sure to submit all materials by February 27, 2009.

The **Finnegan Diversity Scholarship** offers a \$15,000 award to qualified first-year minority law students who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing a career in IP law. The award recipient will also accept an offer to join the firm as a summer associate in one of their domestic offices (Atlanta, Cambridge, Palo Alto, Reston or Washington). The deadline for applications is February 27, 2009. For more information and an application visit www.finnegan.com.

The Puerto Rican Bar Association (PRBA) Scholarship Award offers \$2,000 scholarships to Latino students currently enrolled as first or second year students in a JD program at an ABA approved law school in the United States. PRBA selects recipients based on financial need and academic promise. For more information and an application please stop by the Admission Office. The deadline to submit your application is February 28, 2009.

Porzio, Bromberg & Newman \$5,000 Diversity Scholarship is open to first-year law students, who are both U.S. and New Jersey residents and have received a minimum of a 3.3 GPA at his/her undergraduate institution. The application deadline is February 28, 2009. For more information and an application, please stop by the Admission Office.

The Oliver W. Hill & Samuel W. Tucker Scholarship is open to all 1L students attending schools in Virginia. For more information and an application, please stop by the Admission Office. The application deadline is March 16, 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.

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 - The **Fedworld Homepage** has links to almost every federal government home page. www.fedworld.gov.

Job of the Week - Attention 3Ls: Citizens Not Serfs, a non-partisan, non-profit organization committed to helping residents and home owners preserve the environment and living conditions of the Florida Keys, is offering **two law school graduate fellowships**. Students interested in public interest law, comfortable with public speaking and community-organizing are encouraged to apply. The fellowship includes a \$50,000 stipend and accommodations at the Summerland Key, Florida, three bedroom waterfront home. For more information, go to www.citizensnotserfs.com. This position is also posted on Symplicity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interested in Patent Law? Plan to take the patent bar exam? 1Ls and 2Ls are eligible to register for the **Loyola Patent Law Interview Program**, which will take place on **July 30-31** in Chicago. Law students are **required to register on line by March 12**. There is a non-refundable \$35 registration fee that must be paid by credit card at the time of registration. Several William & Mary Law students have landed job opportunities through this event in past years. For more information and to register, go to the Loyola University Chicago Law School's Web site: <http://www.patentlawregistration.luc.edu/lawschools/>.

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. **2Ls, please note the message below about the "early decision" process.** The **application deadline for "early decision" 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 will be allocated on a rolling basis beginning 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.

The **Local Government Attorneys of Virginia** (LGA), the professional organization for city, county and town attorneys in Virginia, is holding its **Spring 2009 LGA Conference** on **April 2-4** at the Omni Hotel in Charlottesville. In an effort to encourage law students considering a career in public service, the LGA offers scholarships to each of its semi-annual conferences. A scholarship may be granted to one student from each of Virginia's accredited law schools. The scholarship covers the expense of participation in the continuing legal education portions of the conference as well as social events. Scholarship attendees are responsible for their travel and lodging costs. Students interested in applying for this scholarship should contact Dean Corello or Dean Kaplan.

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.

Summer Job Opportunities for 1Ls and 2Ls: Faculty Summer Research Assistantships: The Office of Career Services has surveyed the faculty regarding their plans to hire Research Assistants, their areas of research, the hours and weeks expected, and what and when application materials are due. We have compiled the results in a table, which is posted in OCS Resources for Students on Blackboard under "**Faculty Summer RAs.**" There have been recent additions to the list as well. There are over **30 research assistant opportunities available**. Some of the application deadlines are soon; others are later in the semester. **However, we advise interested students not to wait.** Faculty members frequently conclude the process as soon as the right student comes along. The table in OCS Services for Students on Blackboard explains the application procedure and requirements. If you have any questions, please contact OCS.

Attention 3Ls: Interested in becoming a community organizer? The DART Center is a nonprofit network of grassroots community organizations committed to social and economic justice in low-moderate income communities. For the past several years, DART has been conducting a paid training program for students interested in a professional career in community organizing. A representative from DART will be visiting William & Mary on **Wednesday, March 4** to conduct an information session and inform students of the community organizing positions available to graduating students. The March 4th information session will take place at the Sadler Center Colony Room at 1:00 p.m. For more information about DART, go to www.dartcenter.org.

Equal Justice America offers fellowships of up to \$4,000 to law students who work full-time during Summer 2009 for organizations providing direct civil legal assistance for the poor. To qualify, students must secure a full-time position for summer 2009 working at least 10 weeks

for a legal services organization. All applications must be postmarked by March 23, 2009. For more information and application details, go to http://www.equaljusticeamerica.org/prev_applications/ApplicationSummer2006.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 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 web site www.sublet.com will, for a fee, give you 90 days of access to listings for sublets available around the country. Before paying the fee, you can see if they have any listings in your target city and what the fee is, which varies depending on the city or region you pick.

Check colleges and universities in your target city, since they often have housing options available to students for the summer.

In Atlanta:

- Emory University offers housing to students working in Atlanta for the summer. See www.emory.edu/sihp/.

In Chicago

- The School of the Art Institute of Chicago offers loft-style rooms with private baths and kitchenettes in the heart of the city. The rooms include a full-size refrigerator and stove, private phone line with voice mail, high-speed Internet connection, cable TV, and more. See <http://www.saic.edu/life/housing/index.html#summer>.

In New York City

- Furnished apartments are available through NYU School of Law's Summer Living in New York program in Manhattan. For more information, see www.law.nyu.edu/depts/housing.
- Educational Housing Services is a not-for-profit organization offering fully furnished rooms in newly renovated residences in prime neighborhoods throughout New York City. There is a student membership fee of \$150. For more information, go to <http://www.studenthousing.org/>.

In Washington, D.C.:

- William & Mary offers students summer housing at The Buchanan, a high-rise apartment building in Arlington, Virginia with easy access to the metro. The

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

Please note: OCS is providing these resources solely as a convenience to students. Inclusion does not constitute a recommendation/endorsement of any housing option you may find through these resources. It is up to you to determine whether a particular property is appropriate for your circumstances.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

OCS Express: Got a quick question about your job search? Want help finding the perfect opening for your cover letter? Want to see some of the latest job search resources? On **Monday, March 16, from 12:30-2:00 p.m.** 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, 1:00-1:50 p.m.: *Insider's Guide to the Character & Fitness Process*

Considering an alternative career? **Mark your calendar for Friday, March 27, 12:30-2:30 p.m.** for ***Alternative Career Conversations, Law School Lobby***. Speak with alumni and representatives working in 20 alternative career fields including consulting, investment banking, legal publishing, lobbying, national security, risk management, financial services, and many more. Lunch will be provided 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 Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation has announced the sixteenth ***annual Brown Award for Excellence in Legal Writing***. In order to qualify, law students must submit a letter of recommendation from a law school faculty member or legal professional with their paper.

There is no restriction on the topic except that it must be on a subject relating to the law. This year's stipend for the winner is \$10,000. Submissions must be postmarked by May 15, 2009.

NEW RESOURCES, OCS LIBRARY

Federal Yellow Book, Fall 2008, Leadership Directories, Inc. Who's who in federal departments and agencies

Maryland State Bar Association's Maryland Lawyers' Manual, 2009, Maryland State Bar Association MSBA's complete legal resource directory.

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