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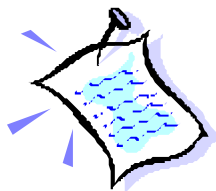
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NEWSWORTHY NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS to the Law School's BLSA chapter, for the **first time in the school's history**, was selected as the **National Chapter of the Year** at the National Black Law Student Association (NBLSA) Convention this weekend in Irvine, CA!! Just to put this award in perspective - last year's winner was Harvard Law School's BLSA - so we are definitely on the map! We entered this competition after winning the MABLSA Regional Chapter of the Year and competed against the 5 other BLSA regions (South, Midwest, West, Northeast, Rocky Mount) to win. The Chapter of the Year rubric for this award includes: Community Service, Academic Programming and 1L Support, Political Awareness, College Student Division, Professional events, Social events, an interview, and event documentation (i.e. scrapbook). This award would not be possible without all of the selfless work and dedication that our members have provided all year. Additionally, thank you to all of our delegates who attended the NBLSA convention: *Danchai Mekadenaumporn, Jamilah LeCruise, Tamar Jones and Latoya Asia*. Also at convention, our region (MABLSA) won **Most Improved Region**!! Congratulations!!

CONGRATULATIONS to Gretchen and Ryan Bedell on the birth of their son, Zane Thomas. Zane was born on March 16, 8 pounds, 11 ounces, 21-1/4 inches long. His father reports, "He has the most enormous newborn feet ever!" Mom and baby are doing well.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS AND THE WEB - As you know, last fall we completed the Law School web migration to the new site with a new look. The University has been moving to the new site in sections (the undergrad, then Law, then VIMS, and next other grad schools). By the end of the year, the old site should be put to rest and with it will go all pages that have not yet migrated.

We very much wish to have your organization web pages remain active (or have you build web pages if your org does not yet have one). Student Org leaders or designated organization members can receive instruction on how to create pages for the new web by logging in to Tribe Voices at <https://wmpeople.wm.edu/index.php/login/index/wmpsf/admin/index>. Once you have a URL for your new web pages, shoot the URL to Dean Jackson who will link your new pages to the Law School student org web page.

You can view the current law student organization pages from <http://law.wm.edu/studentlife/studentorganizations/index.php> Please check these pages to ensure we have current links, current pages and current information.

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**.
- **Save up to \$100** on Kaplan PMBR bar review courses to help you prepare for the bar exam.
- Become part of the **national voice of the legal profession** as we advocate for issues that affect you, including **loan repayment programs** to help relieve law student debt.
- **Build your résumé** and learn about the **specialties of law** in which you are interested by accessing membership in **ABA specialty Sections** (<http://www.abanet.org/sections.html>).
- Make **career contacts** with lawyers, judges, faculty, and other students via online discussion groups and in person.
- Explore and choose **alternative career paths**.
- Gain access to resources to help you secure an **internship** or **your first job**.
- Be able to take advantage of specially negotiated ABA offers for **auto, homeowners, renters, and health insurance; car rentals** (usually with no underage surcharges); **hotels and more**.

You won't find a better partner for you and your needs than the ABA. Join the nearly 50,000 law students throughout the country who are leveraging their ABA Law Student membership to stay ahead in law school and start building a career. Enroll today by visiting <http://www.abanet.org/join> or calling **1.800.285.2221**.

P.S. Check out www.LegallyMinded.com 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.

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.

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.

Law School Graduation Activities Update - A preliminary email and attachment was distributed in February by Dean Jackson. Please contact lajac1@wm.edu if you did not receive this information.

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 and your Social Security card 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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

FROM MY TUBE TO YOUR TUBE: PROTECTING INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS IN DIGITAL MEDIA - **March 27, 1:00-4:30 p.m., Room 133** - You are invited to join the Sports and Entertainment Law Society (SELS) for its annual symposium on March 27, 2009, room 133, from 1-4:30 titled "From My Tube to Your Tube: Protecting Intellectual Property Rights in Digital Media." This year's symposium will discuss problems and proposed solutions for protecting digital media and artists' rights. SELS has invited Steve Seidenberg, attorney and co-founder of IP Law & Business Magazine, and Robert Sullivan, Professor of law and Senior Partner of Loeb & Loeb in Nashville, to speak on and debate this topic. Lunch will be provided. Come voice your opinion!

W&M ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SOCIETY SUMMIT ON CAMPUS CLIMATE NEUTRALITY - **April 3, 1:00-5:00 p.m., Room 119** - Wondering what your community is doing about climate change? Please join the W&M Environmental Law Society at the Law School on Friday, April 3, for a Summit on Campus Climate Neutrality. This afternoon of panels and discussions on mitigating climate change will focus on statewide, local, and campus programs. We'll hear from speakers such as the Williamsburg Assistant City Manager, a campus organizer from the Chesapeake Climate Action Network, the co-chairs of William & Mary's Sustainability Committee, and a representative from the Virginia Climate Commission. We'll also hear updates from William & Mary's environmental student groups on their current projects. Join us for refreshments afterward. All are welcome.

***The Obama Revolution* by Alan Kennedy-Shaffer**

Book Signing

When: Saturday, April 4, 2009 @ 10 AM

Where: [William & Mary College Bookstore](#)

Contact: 757) 253-4900 ext. 237

Book Signing

When: Saturday, April 11, 2009 @ 2 PM

Where: [New Town Barnes & Noble Bookstore](#)

Contact: (757) 564-0687

Book Signing

When: Saturday, April 18, 2009 @ 10 AM

Where: [William & Mary College Bookstore](#)

Contact: (757) 253-4900 ext. 237

ATTORNEY JOANNE ZACK, EXPERT ON COPYRIGHT AND NEW MEDIA, TO SPEAK ABOUT GOOGLE CASE - April 6, 12:50-1:50 p.m., Room 124 - Joanne Zack of the law firm Boni & Zack LLC, who has been involved in cases involving authors' rights and the display of copyrighted works in new media formats, will speak about Authors Guild v. Google, as a guest of the Student Intellectual Property Society and the American Constitution Society.

LECTURE AND BOOK SIGNING: THE OBAMA REVOLUTION & DEMOCRATIC POLITICS 2.0 - April 7, 1:00-2:00 p.m., Room 141 - Lecture and book signing by Alan Kennedy-Shaffer '09, author of the new book *The Obama Revolution*. Free and all are welcome. Sponsored by the William & Mary Law Democrats. Books will be available for purchase and signing after the lecture.

GUEST SPEAKERS, BUSINESS LAW SOCIETY - April 10, 1:00-2:00 p.m., Room 119 - William & Mary President W. Taylor Reveley and Tom Frantz, Esq., will be guest speakers for the Business Law Society. They will speak about the business of a law firm.

THE FIRST CONDITION OF PROGRESS? DRAWING THE TORTUOUS BOUNDARIES AND OVERLAPS BETWEEN FREE SPEECH AND FREE TRADE IN INTERNATIONAL LAW - April 20, 1:00-2:00 p.m., Room 120 - Lecture by Tomer Broude, Senior Lecturer in Law and International Relations, Hebrew University of Jerusalem; Visiting Assistant Professor of Law, Georgetown Law School. Free and all are welcome. Pizza will be served.

Seeking cutting edge legal technology skills to separate yourself from the crowd of applicants? Looking for a way to lighten your second-year course load? Searching for a backup plan in case your summer job didn't come through? The **2009 LEGAL TECHNOLOGY SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM** is scheduled for May 26-July 26 this year. You'll finish in plenty of time 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 are due April 3, 2009.

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

THE 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.

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: 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.

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

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!

A L U M N I D E V E L O P M E N T

Dear Faculty and Administrators:

You are cordially invited to attend **Alumni Weekend 2009 on April 17-18**. The weekend features celebrations for the **Classes of '69, '74, '79, '84, '89, '94, '99, 04**, and also invited are the most recent graduates, the **Class of 2008**. We will invite the graduating **Class of 2009 for their 3L Class Dinner**. You are welcome to come to any event at no charge.

Brochures and registration forms are on the mail room table.

If you'd like to come, please complete a registration form and return it to Kathy Pond **NO LATER THAN Friday, April 10th**. You can also fill out a registration form by going to <http://law.wm.edu/alumni/events/alumni-weekend-2009.php>

3L CLASS GIFT – The Class of '09's 3L Gift project is under way! Our campaign kicked off with a wine/beer tasting party in the Great Hall of the Wren Building and will continue until April 17th, when we present the total gift to Dean Butler at our class dinner at the Woodlands on April 18. *Have you saved the date?*

Our goal is for 90% of our class to pledge to the effort – and every gift matters! Already, 18% of our class has joined in by making a pledge to their preferred area/group at the law school. *Have you made your pledge? Your participation is what matters and we want you to give as little, or as much as you can.* No commitment is too small and you can pledge in 2010, 2011, and/or 2012 and really make an impact at your future *alma mater!*

If you want to help, please see us, or stop into the Office of Development & Alumni Affairs and request a pledge form. A classmate will be contacting you soon, with more information about the Class Gift and to answer any questions you may have. Thanks in advance!

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OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

WEBSITE OF THE WEEK - The Law Library reference staff publishes a series of **Career Guides** to help you choose your legal career path. Guides are available on 17 topics: Alternative Careers, Communications, Criminal, Environmental, Family and Domestic Relations, Health Care, Immigration, In-House Corporate, Intellectual Property, International, Labor and Employment, National Security, Public Interest, Securities, Solo Practice, Sports and Entertainment, and Tax Law. <http://law.wm.edu/library/research/researchguides/careerguides/index.php>

PART-TIME SUMMER JOB IN WASHINGTON D. C.: The National Association of Law Placement (NALP) is seeking **part-time assistance from law students** working in the DC-area during the summer to help with PSLawNet data entry. The **job pays \$13/hour**, and the positions are intended to help students who have other (usually non-paying) public service internships to supplement their income. Interested students are encouraged to email a cover letter and resume by April 10 to Diane Cross at dcross@nalp.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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

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.

For 2Ls, 3Ls and LLMS: The **American Bar Association Section on Taxation** has announced the opening of the application period for its **Public Service Fellowship** program for 2010-2012. The purpose of the Public Service Fellowship program is to advance public service efforts in tax law and to foster a more equitable tax system. The Section will award up to two Fellowships for 2010-2012 to recent law school graduates or judicial clerks. The proposed employment must involve taxation or administration of tax law, and must be with a public interest, non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization. Each Fellow is expected to serve a two-year term and the applicant must identify and secure a position with a sponsoring organization before applying. Applications must be received by August 1, 2009. For more information, go to <http://www.abanet.org/tax/awards/publicservice/>.

The **2009 Spring Meeting of the ABA Section of International Law** will take place in **Washington, DC April 14-18**. Over 1,200 participants from 50 countries will attend more than 80 programs being presented. Law students are invited to attend at the special registration rate of \$75. For more information and the Spring Meeting agenda, go to <http://www.abanet.org/intlaw/>.

For 3Ls: The Multicultural Judges and Lawyers Section of the Delaware State Bar Association is sponsoring the **Minority Supplemental Bar Review Program** designed to assist law school graduates registered for the Delaware Bar Examination who have also taken or will be enrolled in a commercial bar review program. The course focuses upon the identification and teaching of the bar examination essay test-taking skills. Members of the Delaware Bar volunteer to serve as teachers and mentors. The program takes place at the Widener University School of Law in Wilmington, Delaware. **Registration opens on April 20 and closes on April 24**. Registration forms and additional information are available in OCS.

For 1Ls and 2Ls: The **Delaware Minority Job Fair** will take place on **Saturday, August 15, 2009** at the Widener University School of Law in Wilmington, Delaware. While minority law students are the focus of this event, the Job Fair is open to all rising second- and third-year law students seeking positions in Delaware. Students must submit an application form (which is available on Blackboard in OCS Resources for Students, Off-Campus Interview Programs), their resume and their college and law school transcripts **by Tuesday, April 21**. For details, please see Dean Corello in OCS.

The **National Association of Law Students with Disabilities** (NALSWD) is planning their third annual conference to take place **August 7-9, 2009** in Washington, DC. The conference is being held in conjunction with the **IMPACT Career Fair**, the only national employer recruitment event for law students with disabilities.

The goal of NALSWD is to assist individuals in achieving their best employment potential by ensuring that students receive the accommodations and cultivate the skills they need to be

successful members of the legal bar. For more information about NALSWD and the conference, go to www.nalswd.org.

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.

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.

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 30, 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, April 8: Now You're Hired, Don't Get Fired & Get a Jump on the Fall Job Search, Room 119, 1:00-1:50 p.m..

Friday, April 10, Room 119, 12:50-1:50 p.m.: The Business of Running a Law Firm, Guest Speakers, President Taylor Reveley, former managing partner of Hunton & Williams, currently President of the College; and Thomas Frantz, Partner, President and Chief Operating Officer of Williams Mullen.

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 ***National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers*** invites law students to submit essays for a chance to be published in *The Champion* magazine. There is a \$200 cash prize for the first-

place winner and a \$100 prize for the second-place winner. The deadline to submit entries is April 14, 2009 at 5:00PM. For more information, contact Terrica Redfield at tredfield@schr.org.

The **Inter-American Bar Association** (IABA) has announced its annual **Law Student Best Paper Award**. Students are required to write on one of three specific topics defined by IABA. The cash prizes are \$800, \$600 and \$400 for first, second and third places respectively. Papers must be received no later than April 20, 2009. For topics and additional application information, go to www.iaba.org.

NEW RESOURCES IN THE OCS LIBRARY

The Young Lawyer's Jungle Book: A Survival Guide by Thane Josef Messinger, The Fine Print Press, 2000 A guide that helps new lawyers navigate the pressures of their first year practicing law.

The Insider's Guide to Getting a Big Firm Job: What Every Law Student Should Know about Interviewing, by Erika Finn and Jessica Olmon, The Fine Print Press, 2009 An interviewing guide specifically designed for law students who are targeting large law firms.

Later In Life Lawyers: Tips for the Non-Traditional Law Student, by Charles Cooper, Fine Print Press, 2006

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