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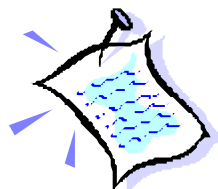
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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



All are welcome at the **WRIGHTSLAW CONFERENCE ON SPECIAL EDUCATION LAW AND ADVOCACY TRAINING** at the W&M Sadler Center on Friday, January 30, from 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Presenters are Peter Wright and Pamela Darr Wright. Registration fees benefit the Law School's new Parents Engaged for Learning Equality (PELE) Special Education Advocacy program. Stop by the Legal Skills office to pick up a brochure or visit [www.wrightslaw.com/speak/09.01.va.htm](http://www.wrightslaw.com/speak/09.01.va.htm) for more info. Sponsored by the Law School, the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, the Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia, and the Peninsula Autism Society. 6 CLE credits and 6 CEU credits are available for attendees of the conference.

**IT'S NOT EASY BEING GREEN: LEGAL AND POLITICAL ISSUES IN GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT LEGISLATION** - January 30-31 - Hosted by the William & Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review - This two day symposium will feature top presenters from the legal, construction, and architectural fields as they teach, discuss, and engage the audience in learning about the newest developments and issues in "green" sustainable building. Friday sessions will run from 1:00-5:30 p.m., followed by a reception in the Law School Lobby; Saturday will begin with a breakfast in the Law School lobby at 8:30 a.m., with sessions from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 pm. All sessions will be held in Room 119, and are free and open to the public. For more information about the symposium, including a list of speakers and sessions, visit [www.elpr.org](http://www.elpr.org) and click on "Symposium."

The Reves Center announces its **GRADUATE STUDENT INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GRANTS** for Spring/Summer 2009. All full-time William & Mary graduate students are eligible to apply for funding to support international travel related to: participation in conferences, language proficiency programs, pre-dissertation or dissertation research, lab, or fieldwork. All travel must take place between March 1 and September 30, 2009. Graduate students are eligible to receive a maximum award of \$500 per academic year. A faculty selection committee will review all applications and select the grantees.

The application deadline is 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 5. No applications will be accepted after the deadline. Questions may be directed to Judy Davis at [jcdav3@wm.edu](mailto:jcdav3@wm.edu). The application is available at <http://www.wm.edu/revescenter/campus/funding/gradtravelgrants.php>

## The Boundaries of Intellectual Property

*A William and Mary Law Review Symposium*  
Room 127

Friday February 6, 2009 - 9:40 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday, February 7, 2009 - 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



As the scope of intellectual property law continues to expand, courts and scholars are increasingly confronting the question of the law's proper boundaries. Is it appropriate, for example, for content owners to use copyright law to silence unflattering speech? Are countries' trademark laws, which have historically been geographically limited, now essentially global trademark laws given the use of marks over the Internet? Is it consistent with the goals of patent law for the U.S. government, through the Patent and Trademark Office, to define the boundaries of what is patentable based on moral or other non-innovation-related criteria? Although such questions have been the topic of debate in the past, there has not yet been an attempt to take a systemic, unifying approach to the question of boundaries in IP law. This symposium will provide the opportunity for participants to do just that, yielding new scholarship that directly addresses the question of the proper goals of IP law and whether the scope of our current system aligns with those goals. See [IBRL/Programs and Events](#). Free and open to the public.

### **AN EYE FOR AN EYE LEAVES US ALL BLIND / 2ND ANNUAL DEATH PENALTY SYMPOSIUM**

- Co-sponsored by the Black Law Student Association and the Students for the Innocence Project - Saturday, February 7, from 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in Room 124. Moderated by the Honorable Judge Tommy Miller, the symposium will include discussions on the arbitrariness, unfairness, and constitutional implications of the death penalty in the U.S. The panel of speakers includes John Thompson, who was on death row in Louisiana for **14 years** for a crime he did not commit. For information about the symposium, please contact Chanel Gray, [cagray@wm.edu](mailto:cagray@wm.edu).



**MADRID SUMMER PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSION** will be held on **Monday, February 9** in **Room 124** at **1:00 p.m.** Bring your lunch if you wish; cookies will be provided. You can **TRAVEL ABROAD** to **Madrid, Spain** this summer. **Enjoy** one of Europe's most exciting cities! **Study** International and European law subjects with outstanding Spanish professors and our own Professor Dwyer. **And earn six credits!!** Come and hear from students who have 'been there, done that'; they will talk about their experiences and answer your questions. Find out how you can **work** in the U.S. **and travel** abroad this summer. All interested students are invited and encouraged to attend!

**JOB ANNOUNCEMENT - ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS WANTED FOR THE 2009 SUMMER LAW PROGRAM IN MADRID, SPAIN!** At least two student participants will be hired to serve as administrative assistants.

**Qualifications:** must be fluent in Spanish; must have the ability to work well with others; must be able to balance class work and administrative responsibilities; must show discretion

in dealing with confidential matters and be sensitive to cultural differences. Familiarity with Madrid desired, but not required.

**Time of employment:** June 28 - August 5.

**Duties:** aiding the on-site Director, Linda Quigley, as translator/liaison with various offices in Madrid, performing clerical work for the Director in final preparation for the arrival of the other students, serving as an RA in the dormitory, helping with administrative matters throughout the program, and other duties as required.

**Payment:** free Room & Board in the dorm (normally costs \$1,700).

**Deadline:** Interested students must be registered for the Madrid program and indicate their interest in these positions and provide a resume to Andrea or Anne, Room 238, 221-7544, [sunlaw@wm.edu](mailto:sunlaw@wm.edu), no later than **Friday, February 20**.

Interviews will be held during the weeks of February 23-27 and March 2-6. Hiring decisions will be made shortly after the interviews are held.

## NEED TO KNOW

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

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

**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](http://www.legaltechcenter.net) and download an application.

## ADMISSION

**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](http://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.

**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](mailto: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!**

**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**.

## FINANCIAL AID / SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

*Vinson & Elkins Diversity Fellowship* is offering four \$7,000 fellowships to law students who anticipate graduating in 2011 and joint degree students who will receive their degrees in 2012. In addition, the Diversity Fellows will be considered for their summer associate program in the Austin, Dallas or Houston office during the summer following the recipients' first year of law school. The application deadline is January 31, 2009. For more information, visit [www.velaw.com/uploadedFiles/VEsite/Careers/2008-2009DiversityFellowshipApplication.pdf](http://www.velaw.com/uploadedFiles/VEsite/Careers/2008-2009DiversityFellowshipApplication.pdf).

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](http://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.

## OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

*Web Site of the Week* - Interested in a legal career in the Entertainment Industry? **Ifcome.com** (<http://ifcome.tripod.com/>) "provides information about business affairs and legal affairs jobs and job changes in the television, entertainment, motion picture, internet, new media and dot-com industries." Though the positions listed may require several years of experience, savvy students will recognize the goldmine of information contained in the listings about who's hiring, how the industry is structured, what kinds of jobs might be available to you once you have a little experience, and, with a little creative thinking, where potential internships and entry-level jobs may lie.

*Job of the Week* - **PSLawNet**, the on line resource for public service careers managed by the National Association of Law Placement (NALP), has **part-time openings for their summer 2009 Project Assistant positions**. The job description can be viewed at the following Web site: [https://pslawnet.org/summer\\_2009\\_project\\_Assistant\\_positions.pdf](https://pslawnet.org/summer_2009_project_Assistant_positions.pdf) and is also posted on PSLawNet. This is an ideal opportunity for law students who would like to supplement their income while interning or clerking in Washington, DC this summer.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fordham University School of Law and Sungkyunkwan University College of Law are please to cosponsor the third annual **Summer Law Institute**, a three-week academic program in international and comparative law in **Seoul, Korea from June 10-27, 2009**. After the conclusion of the Summer Institute's academic program, the Institute will place students who would like to stay in Korea in five-week internships at the Korean supreme and constitutional courts, Korean government ministries, corporations, law firms or other organizations. For more information, please go to the following Web site: <http://law.fordham.edu/korea/>.

This summer, the **National Center for Adoption Law & Policy** at Capital University Law School will be hosting the fourth annual **Summer Adoption Law Institute (SALI)**. SALI is a one-week intensive Adoption Law class for credit open to law students nationwide. This year, SALI will take place **August 3-7** at Capital Law School in Columbus, Ohio. For more information, please go to [www.ncalp.org/sali.htm](http://www.ncalp.org/sali.htm).

The fourth annual **Working in the Public Interest: Advancing Social Justice Conference** will be held on **February 27-28, 2009** at the University of Georgia Law School in Athens, Georgia. The two-day event features panels and roundtable discussions with speakers drawn from all parts of the country. Free housing for student attendees is also available. For more information and to register, go to [www.law.uga.edu/wipi](http://www.law.uga.edu/wipi).

The Department of State is experiencing increased interest in the **U.S. Foreign Service Officer Test (FSOT)** and has reached the worldwide scheduling limit for the February testing window. If you did not complete the registration and reserve a seat for the February FSOT, the Board of Examiners of the Foreign Service recommends registering well in advance for the June 6-13, 2009. After registration, an applicant can select a seat on a first-come, first-served basis once scheduling begins.

**Cover Public Interest Law Retreat**, scheduled for **February 27-March 1** in Peterborough, New Hampshire, is a gathering of public interest law students, lawyers and professors from schools across the country. There will be workshops, panels and speakers as well as ample opportunity to socialize, network and enjoy winter sports. Accommodations are in cabins with bunks, and food is provided. The cost for the entire weekend is \$125, which includes room and board and the Retreat. For more information, go to <http://www.law.yale.edu/news/coverretreat.asp>.

**Equal Justice America** has announced **Legal Services Fellowships** of up to \$4,000 for first- and second-year law students interested in working in the summer 2009 to meet the legal needs of the poor. Students must secure a full-time (35-40 hours per week) position working at least 10 weeks for a legal services organization. To apply, send a cover letter describing your commitment and interest in providing legal services to the poor, a resume, two letters of recommendation, and an employment confirmation letter from the hiring organization to the following address: Equal Justice America, Building II, Suite 204, East Boundary Road, Midlothian, VA 23112. **All applications must be postmarked by March 23, 2009**. For more information, go to [www.equaljusticeamerica.org](http://www.equaljusticeamerica.org).



**Funding for International Travel:** Full-time W&M graduate students are eligible to apply for funding to support international travel related to: participation in conferences, language proficiency programs, research, lab, or fieldwork taking place between March 1 and September 30, 2009. Graduate students are eligible to receive a maximum award of \$500 per academic year. The application is available at <http://www.wm.edu/revescenter/campus/funding/gradtravelgrants.php>. The **application deadline is 5 p.m., Thursday, February 5, 2009**. Questions may be directed to Judy Davis at [jcdav3@wm.edu](mailto:jcdav3@wm.edu).

**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 2008. 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. The **application deadline is Friday, March 27 at 5:00 p.m.**

**Fall OCI Start Date:** Fall 2008 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 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](http://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.**

### **New York University School of Law**

Summer housing is available at New York University School of Law for both individuals and families for short-term (4-7 weeks) and long-term (8-11 weeks) stays. For more information, go to [www.law.nyu.edu/housing](http://www.law.nyu.edu/housing).

### **Washington DC- W&M Housing**

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 pool and billiards room. Interested students should call 202-939-4000 or email [wmcof@wm.edu](mailto:wmcof@wm.edu) for more information.

**Other Summer Housing Options** - The NALP site listed above is free. Another site that is free is [www.craigslist.org](http://www.craigslist.org). The web site [www.sublet.com](http://www.sublet.com) will, for a fee, give you 90 days of access to listings for sublets available around the country. Before paying for this service, you can determine if they have any listings in your target city as well as the service fee, which varies depending on the city or region you choose. Another suggestion is to check colleges and universities in your target city since they often have housing options available to students for the summer.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**Monday, February 3, Lunch with Lawyers: Managing Job Search Stress during Tough Economic Times, 12:50-1:50 p.m., Room 141.**

**Wednesday, February 4, The Ultimate Bar Review: the Insider's Guide to the Bar Exam 12:50-1:50 p.m., Room 124.**

**Tuesday, February 5, Lunch with Lawyers: Starting & Building Your Own Practice, 12:50-1:50 p.m., Room 141.**

**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, February 9, 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.

**Wednesday, February 11, Lunch with Lawyers: Bankruptcy Law Careers, 12:50-1:50 p.m., Room 141.**

## 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 **Virginia State Bar Intellectual Property Section sponsors a Writing Competition**, which seeks to promote academic debate and the dissemination of ideas and scholarly

writing in the field of intellectual property. The Competition is open to all students enrolled and in good standing during the 2008-2009 academic year at any Virginia law school. The topic must relate to an intellectual property law issue or the practice of intellectual property law. The prize for the winning article is \$4,000. All entries must be sent by email to David Finkelson at [dfinkelson@mcguirewoods.com](mailto:dfinkelson@mcguirewoods.com) by **Saturday, May 30, 2009**.

## **NEW RESOURCES IN OCS LIBRARY**

***Fifty Unique Legal Paths: How to Find the Right Job***, Ursula Furi-Perry, American Bar Association, 2008 A handbook that covers growing practice areas for new JDs, non-profit and public interest careers, growing government careers, and alternative careers for JDs.

***Hampton Roads Legal Directory***, Professional Consulting Group, 2009 - Includes lists of attorneys, law firms, and courts in the Hampton Roads area.

***Later in Life Lawyers, Tips for the Non-Traditional Law Student***, Charles Cooper, The Fine Print Press, 2006

***The Great Firm Escape: Harvard Law School's Guide to Breaking Out of Private Practice and Into Public Service***, Stacy DeBroff, Jill Martyn, Deborah Reed, Alexa Shabecoff, Carolyn Stafford Stein, Office of Public Interest Advising, Harvard Law School, 2000

***The Perfect Legal Job Search Book***, Legal Authority, 2008 Valuable advice on how to conduct an effective legal job search in today's competitive environment.

***Foreign Representatives in the U.S. Yellow Book***, Summer 2008 Who's who in the U.S. offices of foreign corporations, foreign nations, the foreign press and intergovernmental organizations.

***State Yellow Book, Fall 2008*** - Who's who in the executive and legislative branches of the 50 state governments.

***Municipal Yellow Book, Summer 2008*** - Who's who in the leading city and county governments and local authorities

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### **2009 publication schedule**

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# Borrowing Student Loans to pay for Law School?

If so, you don't want to miss this important session on  
loan repayment!

## “Picking Your Plan”

*Strategies for Successfully Managing Loan Repayment*  
Presented by The Access Group

DATE: Wednesday, February 4

TIME: 1:00pm – 2:00pm

LOCATION: Room 119

### Topics covered will include:

Understanding your loan terms and conditions

Know how much you will have to repay and to whom

Define your short- and long-term financial goals

Selecting a repayment plan that is right for you and your financial goals

Food will be provided, please bring your own beverage.  
Please contact Jennifer Meier for more information at 221-2426  
or [jmmeie@wm.edu](mailto:jmmeie@wm.edu) or contact Dean Shealy in the  
Admission Office.