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NEWSWORTHY NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LAW SCHOOL COMMUNITY --- With your assistance, the law school was able to raise \$1,646 for The Susan G. Komen Foundation. Thank you to everyone at the law school – especially the two angels who helped me reach my goal – your generosity will not be forgotten. A very special thank-you to Betta Labanish for all of her efforts on getting speakers here and for the wonderful gifts she made available to those who attended the events. And for those that didn't hear, Shanda King won the quilt. She was VERY excited to have won and was planning to use it in her guest room; however, Shanda returned the quilt – there was someone who needed it more – a student's friend who is 24 and was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. She said the inspiring messages on the quilt made her realize that she was grateful to be healthy and hoped the young cancer patient would be wrapped up in it and feel a big hug and be comforted by those same messages. Thank you, Shanda, your generosity will touch many.

CONGRATULATIONS to Brian Hanna (3L) and Elizabeth Hamner on their engagement. A March wedding is planned.

CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY LAW SOCIETY is sponsoring an EXPECTANT'S MOTHER DRIVE for the Williamsburg Human & Social Services Department. Please donate non-perishable food items, baby bottles, clothing, diapers of all sizes, toiletries, baby supplies, and other necessities that may be helpful. There is a box in the Student Lounge. Cash donations are also welcome to Ashley Dolan's hanging file. Thank You For Caring!!

BLSA'S FALL BOOK DRIVE - Take those old books off your shelves, dust them off and put them to good use by donating them! Donated books may include law books, classics, or just old favorites. Collected books will be donated to local civic and charitable organizations in support of adult literacy. BLSA will be accepting donations through Friday, October 30.

EXPECTANT MOTHER'S DRIVE - Children's Advocacy Law Society is sponsoring an Expectant's Mother Drive for the Williamsburg Human & Social Services Department. Please donate non-perishable food items, baby bottles, clothing, diapers of all sizes, toiletries, baby supplies, and other necessities that may be helpful. There is a box in the Student Lounge. Cash donations are also welcome to Ashley Dolan's hanging file. Thank You For Caring!!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

EXAM CONFLICT FORMS are due to Gloria Todd **TODAY**.

CLS SERVICE PROJECT WITH HOUSING PARTNERSHIPS - Saturday, October 31, 9:00-noon - prepare for the evening's costume-donning by helping out Housing Partnerships, a local organization that assists low-income residents with house-related labor, small construction projects, etc. CLS will meet at the law school at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday morning to carpool to the worksite. We need to have an estimate of how many people will be attending (so that we can plan for a doable project), so if you're interested in helping out, please contact Laura (lcreeder@wm.edu).

PSF HALLOWEEN PARTY - Start getting together your costume! The Public Service Fund and the Graduate Student Association will be hosting the Annual Halloween party on October 31 at the Law School. The event will feature an amazing DJ, dancing, drinks, and a costume contest. Awards will be given out for both the best individual costume and best group costume. Admission is \$10 before the event and \$12 at the door. Remember to bring a few extra dollars for the 50/50 raffle and for food! We look forward to seeing you there!

KEEPING YOUR CHILD'S IEP ON TRACK - November 3, 4:00-5:30 p.m. | Room 120 - The Law School's Special Education Advocacy Clinic and Parents Engaged for Learning Equality will sponsor a program titled "Keeping Your Child's IEP on Track." Free and all are welcome. Topics to be covered, include: How to Design a Good IEP, How to Track Your Child's Progress, What to Do When Your Child's IEP Starts to Get Off Track, How to Make Mid-Year Changes to Your Child's IEP, and How to Keep Your Relationship with the School on Track.

RACISM, SEXISM AND THE MARKET, LECTURE BY PROFESSOR WALTER BLOCK - November 4, 1:00-2:00 p.m. | Room 124 - The Federalist Society will host Professor Walter Block, the Harold E. Wirth Eminent Scholar Endowed Chair in Economics at Loyola University, for a lecture on racism, sexism, and the market. Free and all are welcome.

ST. GEORGE TUCKER LECTURE: WOODBRIDGE PROFESSOR OF LAW CHARLES H. KOCH, JR. - November 5, 3:30-4:30 p.m. | Room 127 - Woodbridge Professor of Law Charles H. Koch, Jr. will present the 2009 St. George Tucker Lecture. His lecture is titled "Poor Europe: Why Weren't They Smart Enough Just to Copy Us." Professor Koch (B.A., University of Maryland; J.D., George Washington; LL.M. University of Chicago) is the Dudley W. Woodbridge Professor of Law at the College of William & Mary. He specializes in administrative law, European Union law, federal courts, and comparative constitutional law.

SYMPOSIUM: FAMILIES, FUNDAMENTALISM & THE FIRST AMENDMENT - November 6, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Room 124 - This Symposium, sponsored by the Institute of Bill of Rights Law, will bring together scholars with expertise in the First Amendment; family and juvenile law; and law, religion, and culture. Discussions will address the concept of fundamentalism itself; the varied nature of fundamentalist beliefs in the U.S.; and ways in which fundamentalist communities and families in the U.S. interact with modern American law and society.

VIRGINIA SUPREME COURT TRIP - Phi Delta Phi will be listening to oral arguments at the Supreme Court of Virginia on Friday, November 6. If you are interested in attending, please send an email to phideltaphi.wm@gmail.com. This is open to all members, so if you haven't joined already, please do so today. Fall Initiation Ceremony will be held on Friday, October 30, 6:00 p.m.

WILLIAM & MARY ETHICS WEEK 2009 - The Law School Honor Council encourages law students to participate in the College's Ethics Week, November 2-6. Events include: Michael Powell, former FCC Chair and Rector of the College, will speak on the value of honor and honesty in professional life. His experiences will provide a unique perspective on leadership and the importance of community. Tuesday, November 3 at 6:00 p.m. in the Integrated Science Center room 1127 (huge new building between Swem Library and the Crim Dell on main campus). David Callahan, author of *Cheating Culture* and other books on integrity, will engage the College in a lively discussion of campus integrity and ethics. Wednesday, November 4 at 8:00 p.m. in Washington Hall room 201 (on the Sunken Gardens). These speakers are sponsored by the Undergraduate Honor Council.

WHAT I WISH I KNEW ABOUT THE JOB SEARCH - BLSA & PAD are presenting a discussion about the 1L job search including "10 Need to Know Tips" on **Tuesday, November 10, from 1:00-2:00 in room 120**. Representatives from various summer positions including judicial clerks, prosecutors, legal aid, research assistants, international service opportunities, studying abroad, and summer associates will also be in attendance and will share how they funded their summer positions.

LECTURE BY JASON GLUCK ON THE IRAQI CONSTITUTION - **November 10, 12:50-1:50 p.m. Room 127** - The Program in Comparative Legal Studies & Post-Conflict Justice will host a presentation by Jason Gluck, Director of the Constitution-Making Program and Director of the Iraq Rule of Law Program at the United States Institute of Peace, titled "The Iraq Constitution: Its Drafting Process and Future." Mr. Gluck provided technical support and advice during the constitutional drafting and review processes in Iraq. As a member of the United Nations Assistance Mission to Iraq, he served as Legal Officer and Constitutional Advisor to the Office of Constitutional Support and negotiated compromise positions among Iraq's major political blocs on key constitutional provisions. Free and all are welcome.

A VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION - **November 11, 1:00 p.m. | Law School Entrance Hall** - The Law School, the William & Mary Veterans Benefits Clinic and the Military and Veterans Law Society invite you to join the Law School community for a celebration of our nation's veterans and the first anniversary of the Veterans Benefits Clinic. Cake and cider served. Free and all are welcome.

THE 55TH ANNUAL WILLIAM & MARY TAX CONFERENCE will take place November 12-13, 2009, at the Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg, VA. The conference, titled "After the Party: Planning to Survive this Economy," is presented by the Law School and the Taxation Section of the Virginia State Bar. It includes panel discussions on the issues that a practitioner must address when working out a troubled business or real-estate project; a discussion of potential tax increases; how to convert economic losses into tax refunds from the IRS; an update on current events at

OPR; estate planning for 2010 and beyond; a review of recent developments in federal income tax; "hot topics" in Virginia taxation; a discussion of the implications of *Virginia Historic v. Commissioner*; and an examination of IRS audits of partnerships and S corporations.

Professor Eric Chason, director of the conference, said, "This year, we're starting a day early with our Primer on Partnership Taxation, which is being held at the law school itself." This special pre-conference class, "Partnership Taxation 101: An Introduction to Subchapter K," will take place on November 11 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION BUDGET FUNDING REQUESTS 2010-11 - It is almost time to submit budget funding requests for the 2010-11 academic year. So start thinking about your organization's plans for next year and your funding needs. The applications will be available next week by, **Wednesday, November 4**. Completed applications will be due by **Friday, November 20**. More details will be forthcoming regarding opportunities to meet with Tamar Jones (Treasurer) and Antonia Miller, Finance Chair, for guidance on completing the applications.

EARLY SUMMER FELLOWSHIP FUNDING - This pertains to 2Ls only - if you are planning to do a public service internship next summer, you can apply for "early funding." The early funding deadline is November 20 at 5:00 p.m. Applications must be delivered to OCS by that time. Decisions on funding will be made before the end of Fall Semester exams. Please take note that the Summer Fellowship application has changed and the new version is now available on Blackboard. If you have any questions please email Dean Kaplan, Kitty Gray (kggray@wm.edu), or Amy Dardinger (aedardinger@wm.edu).

SO YOU WANT TO BE ON MOOT COURT? - Interested in trying out for the W&M Moot Court team? If the answer is yes, BLSA will host an informational meeting on Monday, **November 30, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in room 133**. Come out to this program and learn tips about why you should try out for Moot Court, and how to have a successful competition.

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION AND BAR/BRI HELP WITH BAR REVIEW TUITION - The American Bar Association Law Student Division, in conjunction with BAR/BRI, offers scholarships to help students pay for Bar Review tuition. The applications are due **November 30, 2009**, and may be applied to courses to prepare to the July 2010 examination. To apply, simply become an ABA member (for a special Law Student Rate of \$25) and follow the directions on the application through this link: <http://www.abanet.org/lzd/barbri.pdf>. Bar Review courses are not cheap, so apply soon to help defray the costs. The application for the BAR/BRI and ABA/LSD scholarship may be found at: <http://www.abanet.org/lzd/barbri.pdf>

SAVE THE DATES! JUNE 1-JULY 2, 2010, IS LEGAL TECHNOLOGY SUMMER SCHOOL! Seeking cutting edge legal technology skills to separate yourself from the crowd of applicants? Looking for a way to lighten your second- or third-year course load? Searching for a backup plan in case your summer job falls through? If you answer "YES" to any of these questions, consider the 2010 Legal Technology Summer School, June 1 to July 2, 2010.

Attend classes **four days a week for just five weeks and earn six credits** at a fraction of a regular semester's tuition. Best of all, you'll finish in time to also accept that split summer internship, or to attend W&M's Summer Law Program in Spain.

Course options have been expanded this year to include:

- Electronic Discovery and Data Seizures
- Evidence
- Internet Law
- Privacy in a Technological Age
- Technology-Augmented Law Office Management
- Technology-Augmented Trial Advocacy

For more information, the Center for Legal and Court Technology is holding an Information Session for the Legal Technology Summer School on Monday, November 16, 1:00-2:00 p.m. in Room 134. Students and faculty from previous summer sessions will be on hand to share their experiences and answer your questions. Bring your lunch – we'll have soft drinks and dessert to round out your meal. If you have any questions in the meantime, visit our website at <http://www.legaltechcenter.net/training/summerschool/index.html>, stop by the Center for Legal and Court Technology in Rm. 211C, or contact Summer School Coordinator Mary Beth Dalton at medalt@wm.edu.

NEED TO KNOW

W&M IS CLEAN AND GREEN! The Law School Recycling Committee reminds you to please Remember to recycle your paper, plastic bottles, and aluminum cans in the labeled bins provided in the law school and library. Law school recycling is powered by students and staff, so be kind: empty and rinse your bottles and cans before recycling them!

LAWYERS HELPING LAWYERS (LHL) - Virginia's LHL is a confidential resource that helps lawyers and law students get confidential help with mental health and substance abuse issues. Keep the following toll-free number in case you or a friend needs confidential assistance during law school: Toll Free: 877-545-4682 (877-LHL-INVA). LHL has an investment in your well being and wants to hear from you if the stresses of law school become too much! Also, if you would like to be a peer resource for fellow law students, consider becoming a part of LHL-Student Division. Student volunteers receive training and work together with LHL-faculty advisor, Professor Susan Grover, to help law students at William and Mary. If interested, please email Professor Grover at ssgrov@wm.edu.

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!!!

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ADMISSION

FINANCIAL AID / SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Constangy, Brooks & Smith, LLC Diversity Scholars Awards Program will grant a \$3,000 award to a deserving second-year law student in each of the three regions where the Firm has offices. Please visit <http://www.constangy.com/f-4.html> for more information and an application. The application deadline is November 16, 2009.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

Web Site of the Week: USA.gov (www.USA.gov) is the federal government's official web portal. It includes links to all executive, legislative, and judicial branch agencies, and links to all state, local, and tribal governments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The American Society of International Law (ASIL) has announced the **Sixth Annual Arthur C. Helton Fellowship Program**. ASIL's Helton Fellowship Program gives micro-grants for expenses related to the Fellow's fieldwork and research. Law students seeking assistance in conducting international fieldwork and law-related research are encouraged to apply. The Helton application form and guidelines for a qualifying proposal, as well as general information, may be found at www.asil.org/helton. **All application materials for a 2010 fellowship must be submitted by February 12, 2010.**

On **Monday, November 2** at 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Equal Justice Works is sponsoring a **Student Debt Relief Webinar** entitled Getting Your Student Loans Forgiven: How Government and Non-Profit Employees Can Earn Public Service Loan Forgiveness. Space is limited, so registration is required. To register, please go to www.equaljusticeworks.org.

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** which provide stipends of up to \$3,600 for students who secure summer internships with employers who are unable to provide funding or can only provide partial funding. The availability of funds through William & Mary enhances your candidacy with employers. There is a one-page handout available on the display racks in OCS that describes William & Mary's various Fellowship Programs for the summer of 2010. Please feel free to include this flier with your resumes and cover letters to government and public service employers. In your cover letter, you may want to indicate that "William & Mary has several public interest [or government] summer funding sources, as detailed on the enclosed sheet." The application process for these fellowships is very competitive, and you must have a written offer of employment in order to apply for funding. **2Ls, please note the message below about the "early decision" process.**

Deadline for "Early Decision" Public Interest and Government Summer 2010 Funding for 2Ls: Funding through eight programs (Bell, Christopher Wren, Dean's Fellowships, Pinter, Virginia Law Foundation, Criminal Law, Public Service Fund [PSF], and Williams) is available through an "early-decision" process, which gives 2Ls the opportunity to know about funding decisions before the end of the fall semester. **The application deadline for "early decision" funding is Friday, November 20 at 5:00 p.m.**

WRITING COMPETITIONS

Note: Throughout the academic year we receive announcements regarding essay competitions and invitations to submit papers for publication in law reviews and journals. This information is posted on the bulletin board in OCS, as well as in OCS Resources for Students in Blackboard under Writing Competitions. In addition to the intellectual and often monetary benefits of these contests, the competitions are another way for you to demonstrate your legal writing abilities to prospective employers. Because they are often sponsored by bar associations and other professional groups, they also provide excellent networking opportunities. Keep in mind that faculty members are a good source of ideas and guidance.

The ***College of Labor and Employment Lawyers*** has announced its **Third Annual Writing Competition** for law students. The scope of permissible topics includes any aspect of domestic public or private labor or employment law. The first prize award is \$1,500; second prize is \$1,000; and third prize is \$500. All articles must be emailed no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 14 or postmarked no later than May 1, 2010. For details and more information, go to www.laborandemploymentcollege.org.

IEEE and IBM have announced a **call for papers** and participation for an international conference on the future of engineering education to be held in Dublin, Ireland in April, 2010. Participants will include decision and policy makers from industry, government and academia, and will represent multiple disciplines including engineering and technology, law, social science and business. Papers are solicited on a variety of topics including the role of Intellectual Property laws that affect goods and services on the training of engineers. The **deadline to submit a paper is November 15**. For more details about submitting a conference paper, go to the following Website: http://www.ieee.org/web/education/transforming_engineering_education_conference/call_for_papers.html.

Altacit Global & The Virginia Journal of Law and Technology (VJOLT) invite submissions for the *First Annual Intellectual Property Law Writing Competition*. The topic for the 2009 competition is The Varying Treatment of Patentable Subject Matter. Two winning papers will be selected by the Editorial Board and will receive \$500 for the first prize and \$250 for the runner-up. The submission deadline is December 15, 2009. For more details, please go to the Competition Website: <http://www.lordfoundation.com/essay.htm>.

The **Grammy Foundation** has announced *The 12th Annual Entertainment Law Initiative Writing Competition*, which is co-sponsored by the ABA Forum on the Entertainment and Sports Industries. The grand prize winner receives a \$5,000 scholarship and the four runners-up each receive \$1,500 scholarships. All five winning articles will be published in a major law journal. The winners are also flown to Los Angeles for the Entertainment Law Initiative Luncheon where they will be honored for their achievement. **The deadline for paper submissions is January 4, 2010, 2:00 p.m. EST.** For more information please contact loren.fishbein@grammy.com.

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 Mondays, **November 2, 9 and 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.

***Going Global with International Public Service Internships*, Wednesday, November 11, 12:50-1:50 p.m., Room 141.**

NEW PUBLICATIONS IN OCS LIBRARY

The following new publications have been added to the Office of Career Services Library in Room 263:

BNA's Directory of State and Federal Courts, Judges and Clerks, 2010 Edition - A compilation of information about the courts of record in the federal court system, the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. territories.

State Yellow Book, Leadership Directories, Inc., Summer 2009 - Who's who in the executive and legislative branches of the 50 state governments.

Federal Yellow Book, Leadership Directories, Inc., Summer 2009 - Who's who in federal departments and agencies.

What Color Is Your Parachute 2010: A Practical Manual for Job-Hunters and Career-Changers, Richard N. Bolles, Ten Speed Press - The latest edition of the well know job hunting guide in a streamlined version.

Unbound: How Entrepreneurship Is Dramatically Transforming Legal Services Today, David Galbenski and David Barringer, 2009 - Seven trends in the legal industry and how they will lead to dramatic transformation in the industry in the near future.

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2009 publication schedule

August 21; September 4, 18; October 2, 16, 30; November 13; December 4

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