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NEWSWORTHY NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS to this year's 1L Honor Council Associate Justices: *Cara Boekeloo, Andrew Gordon, Stephen Murray, Jarrette Pittman* and *Rebecca Sandler.*

Please join Patty Roberts in **CONGRATULATING** *Kristin Young*, their Court Clerk and Legal Skills Assistant, on the exciting next step she'll

take in her career. Kristin will be leaving the Law School to become the Community Engagement Coordinator for the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. Please join Professor Roberts and the law school community at 1:15 p.m. on October 17 for cake in the North Wing, outside the office of Alumni Affairs to send Kristin off with our good wishes.

CONGRATULATIONS to *Charles Crimmins* – the new undergraduate position and Interim Senator - Please join the SBA in congratulating Charles who has been asked by the Student Assembly to be the Graduate Ombudsman. Previously, Charles served in the Student Assembly as one of our Senators. He did such a fine job in the Senate that the SA President, Valerie Hopkins, appointed him to serve as one of her advisors. In order to fill the vacancy in the Senate, the SBA accepted Valerie's suggestion to appoint *Ryan Ruzic*. Ryan was a finalist in the search for new SA Vice President. After serving as both a senator and student body president at the University of Illinois, Ryan has a great deal of experience with student government and the SBA felt he would be an excellent candidate to fill the interim position. We are very thrilled to have Ryan and Charles advocating on our behalf in the Student Assembly!

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE!! REMINDER: The deadline to submit a Virginia Voter Registration Application is this Monday, October 6 at 5:00 p.m. (All applications must be received or postmarked by October 6. NOTE: The City of Williamsburg Voter Registrar's office closes at 4:30 p.m.)

(1) To print out an Application Form visit the Virginia State Board of Elections website at http://www.sbe.virginia.gov/cms/Voter Information/Registering to Vote/In dex.html

(2) If you have already applied or updated your registration information, and have NOT already received a new voter ID card in the mail, CONFIRM your Registration Status at https://www.voterinfo.sbe.virginia.gov/PublicSite/Public/FT2/PublicLookup. aspx?Link=Registration&AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1 (3) PARTICULARLY if you registered via the DMV, resubmit an application if you CANNOT CONFIRM your Registration Status before October 6. (Duplicate applications will not impact your registration.)

MANAGING STRESS - Many law schools around the country have established discussion groups (whether one-time or ongoing) on stress management. There is, by the way, big growth in such groups for *practicing* attorneys as well. The purpose of these gatherings is for participants to get and share information about strategies for responding the stressful situations. This sort of information can be useful not only in law students' own coping with the law school experience, but can prepare students to understand more fully the way their clients and others may be responding to stressful situations, such as litigation, divorce, employment issues, etc. If you would like to participate in a one-time, one-hour discussion group on stress, please contact Professor Susan Grover at <u>ssgrov@wm.edu</u>. Time and place will depend on schedules of participants.

ABA RE-ACCREDITATION PROCESS BEGINS - Every seven years, each ABAaccredited law school must go through a re-accreditation process. Re-accreditation ensures that our graduates are eligible to take the bar exam anywhere in the United States. The re-accreditation process involves a detailed Self-Study and compilation of data, followed by a site visit by a team of ABA accreditors. William & Mary's site visit team will arrive in October 2009. Between now and then, faculty, administrators, and students will be asked to contribute thoughts and ideas to the Self-Study. You will be hearing more about this throughout the year. The Self-Study Committee is chaired by Professor Barnard and includes Dean Kaplan; Professors Banks, Heller, Heymann, Marcus, Meese, Roberts, and Ward; and students Latoya Asia (3L) and Rob Poggenklass (2L).

PLEASE NOTE - Regarding charitable drives where money is collected. W&M student organizations do a fabulous job supporting countless needy organizations. We applaud and commend you all. But, we also caution you on how you collect donations of money. Please be aware that this is a public building and we can't trust that visitors have the same ethics of our students and staff. Fund drives that collect money in jars or cans or other vessels are great, but these vessels should not be left unattended as they can be subject to theft.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



LEE NATIONAL DENIM DAY is Friday, October 3. This is a fundraiser to support the Women's Cancer Programs of the EIF (Entertainment Industry Foundation). In conjunction with this important fundraiser, *Professor René Bowditch* will present a program for Breast Cancer Awareness Month, on *Friday, October 10 from Noon – 1:00 in room 133*.

From October 1-10, everyone in the building is invited to sign a "helping hand" in **MEMORY** of someone who lost their courageous battle with cancer, in **CELEBRATION** of survivors fighting this disease today, and in **HONOR** of those who support, or who are involved with the care of those who have cancer. These "helping hands" and the

"helping hands" that have been signed in years past will be displayed across from the Law Library Circulation Desk.

Everyone is encouraged to wear denim in support of breast cancer awareness on *October 3.* Please take the informational leaflets, a "pink ribbon" pin, and make a donation (any amount is appreciated) towards breast cancer research to help eradicate this life-threatening disease. The box for donations, a basket of "pink ribbon" pins and the leaflets will also be across from the Circulation desk until October 10.

THE **ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION SOCIETY OF W&M LAW SCHOOL** will sponsor a 3-way Negotiation Invitational on Saturday, October 4 (9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.), at the Law School. Three Negotiation Teams from Regent School of Law and three from Liberty School of Law will join four Teams from William & Mary Law School in the negotiation of two problems in preparation for the American Bar Association Regional Negotiation Competition in November. The Invitational allows all three schools the opportunity to face competitors from the other law schools and to decide their team composition for the ABA Competition. The Invitational can be observed by any W&M law student who wants to see how the ABA Competition is run or to learn more about the ADR Society and its functions. Please contact Trevor Hall at <u>tshall@wm.edu</u> for more info.

Also, the ADR Society will participate in another Invitational in Richmond, Virginia, on October 25, where teams from William & Mary, Richmond, and Regent Law Schools will square off against each other in Representation in Mediation (Mediation Advocacy) Competition. The teams will be judged on how well the attorney represents his or her client in the mediation process. This will likewise provide outside competition to gain experience and to determine team composition for the Dispute Resolution Section of the American Bar Association's Representation in Mediation Regional Competition in March.

Teams from W&M ADR Society also participated in the ABA's Client Representation Competition in September and will participate in the ABA's Arbitration Regional Competition later this semester.

The purpose of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Society is to create and promote educational and practical opportunities for students in such ADR processes as arbitration, negotiation and mediation; to provide a forum for students to develop skills in those fields; and to introduce the community and students to the growing importance of using cooperative and collaborative alternatives to litigation in resolving disputes.

BONE MARROW DRIVE - 50/50 RAFFLE - Beginning next week on Tuesday-Thursday, October 7-9, the Bone Marrow Drive will be selling 50/50 Raffle tickets in the lobby between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Tickets will be 1 for \$1 or 6 for \$5 with the winner of the raffle receiving half the proceeds and the other half going to support BMD!! The raffle winner will be drawn and tickets will also be sold at next Thursday night's bar review. You do not actually have to be present at bar review to win! So help support the BMD and enter for the chance to win \$\$ in next week's 50/50 Raffle!! **SPECIAL EDUCATION CLINICAL PROGRAM LUNCH** - The Children's Advocacy Law Society will sponsor a lunch discussion with special education advocacy experts Pete and Pam Wright on Monday, October 6 at 1:00 p.m. in room 127 of the law school. If you are interested in CALS, special education law, or the new spring course and clinic being designed to train students in special education advocacy for families of special needs children, please join us to learn more about this important area of the law and the new clinic. Lunch will be provided, and you'll get the first chance to meet Pete and Pam Wright, national experts in the field and new adjunct professors at the law school, as well as hear about the spring clinic. More information about the Wrights is available on their website at http://www.wrightslaw.com.

YOUTH ACHIEVE PROFESSIONAL CLOTHING DRIVE: September 11 – October 11 - The mission of Youth Achieve is to provide homeless shelters, children's centers and schools with young, highly qualified volunteers to tutor and academically mentor the often neglected homeless and at risk youth in Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia. Please consider donating extra professional clothing you might have on hand. The clothing you donate will help Youth Achieve provide its beneficiaries an opportunity to look their very best for job and school interviews. Donations in any amount are greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your tremendous generosity.

RETIRED HIGH-RANKING OFFICERS SPEAK OUT AGAINST USE OF TORTURE AT OCTOBER 6 ROUNDTABLE AT W&M LAW SCHOOL - The Human Rights and National Security Law (HRNSL) Program at William & Mary Law School and Human Rights First are co-sponsoring a roundtable discussion titled "Why Torture Does Not Work: A Military Perspective" on Monday, October 6 at 5:00 p.m. in room 120 at the Law School. The event is free and all are welcome. Marshall-Wythe Foundation Professor of Law Linda A. Malone, director of the HRNSL Program, will moderate the event which features former high-ranking military officers who have spoken out against the use of torture and coercive techniques of interrogation. Participants include Major General Paul D. Eaton, USA (Ret.), who served as Commanding General of the command charged with re-establishing Iraqi Security Forces (2003-04); Major General Fred E. Hayes, USMC (Ret.), chairman of the Combat Veterans of Iwo Jima and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations; and Brigadier General James P. Cullen, USA (Ret.), a former Chief Judge (IMA) of the U.S. Army Court of Appeals.

CALLING ALL CITIZEN LAWYERS! Would you like to enhance your Law School experience, network with Marshall-Wythe alumni and make some extra cash, while helping the Law School? If so, come to a meeting on October 6 or 7 at 1:00 p.m., in Room 141. We'll even provide the pizza and drinks! RSVP today to Christina Smith-Lewis in the Office of Development & Alumni Affairs at cslewis@wm.edu.

SBA MEET AND EAT - Missing home cooked meals? Tired of the same old student lounge lunch? Come to the lobby on Tuesday October 7 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. for a home cooked Italian meal. SBA reps will be cooking and serving the lunch, so this is a great opportunity if you have any questions or suggestions for your SBA reps. Meals will be \$5 day of, or you can preorder for \$4. Please send any preorders to Courtney Mills at <u>clmills@wm.edu</u>.

INTERNATIONAL LAW SOCIETY WILL HOST THIS MONTH'S STUDENT-FACULTY MIXER - Next Tuesday, October 7, 4:30-5:30 p.m., the International Law Society (ILS) will host a student-faculty mixer in the law school lobby. Apart from the chance to meet professors that deal with international issues, this mixer will be joined by several visiting lawyers from Kyrgyzstan as part of their Rotary sponsored trip to learn about the U.S. legal system. Kyrgyzstan, the neighboring "stan" of Kazakhstan (Borat's home country), is in Central Asia and was formerly part of the Soviet Union. It has recently experienced various political turmoil including the ouster of President Akayev in 2005, various constitutional changes as recent as October 2007, dissolution of parliament by the newly elected President Bakiev, and the creation of a new leading party, Ak Jol. This would be an amazing opportunity to meet lawyers from a nation few of us will ever be able to visit, chat with Rotary members about the club activities, interact one-on-one with professors, and to exchange ideas on international law and international issues.

INTERESTED IN CYBERCRIME AND ITS PROSECUTION? Then come join in the discussion with Assistant United States Attorneys Howard Zlotnick and Lisa McKeel from the US Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia. These experienced prosecutors will be giving a spirited and interesting presentation on cybercrime on October 17 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in room 119 as part of the Internet Law Course. Please join us! This event is open to the entire school and will last approximately one hour. Come and find out how DOJ is prosecuting a wide array of cybercrimes and discuss the issues with the experts.

THE FIFTH ANNUAL BRIGHAM-KANNER PROPERTY RIGHTS CONFERENCE will take place on October 17-18 beginning on Friday, October 17 at 2:00 p.m. with panelists from top law firms throughout the country and professors from law schools such at Vanderbilt, Notre Dame, and NYU. You may view the brochure online <u>http://law.wm.edu/alumni/events/brigham-kanner-property-rights-conference.php</u>. Please register to attend in the Office of Development & Alumni Affairs. Students attend the conference free of charge.

LGLA INTEREST MEETING - The LGLA invites you to come by and join us in talking about the upcoming year. Remember, the LGLA is open to everyone who is interested in discussing the important issue of sexuality and law, regardless of how you identify yourself. These issues are at the forefront of the national legal scene, with important legal battles being fought in places like California and Florida. So come and join us **Tuesday, October 21** in **room 133** at **1:00 p.m.** There will be free pizza! Any questions, please e-mail lglaw@wm.edu.

EXAM CONFLICT FORMS are due on October 31 by 5:00 p.m. They will be available beginning the week of September 22.

NEED TO KNOW

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: <u>http://www.vbbe.state.va.us/forms.html</u> 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!!!

WHERE DO YOU LIVE? The Law School must always have your most current address and phone number on file. Students should check their contact information by logging onto Banner Self Service. Please notify Chris Creech immediately of any correction to this information.

ADMINISTRATOR AND FACULTY MAILBOX ACCESS - If there is a need to contact an administrator or faculty member through their Law School mailbox, please place the item in the appropriately marked box in the reception area. The item will be delivered for you. *Please remember that students are not allowed in the workroom.*

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.

SBA OFFICE HOURS - SBA representatives will be available during the week with an open door policy at the SBA office starting next week. Please stop by if you have any questions, ideas, or suggestions.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION BOARDS - If you are a student Organization leader and are interested in using one of the Student Organization boards in the hall for the upcoming year please send your request to the SBA Secretary, Zack DeMeola (zjdemeola@wm.edu).

SBA - VOLUNTEER COUNCIL NEWSLETTER - Looking for a good study break activity? Need volunteer hours to fulfill your VBA Community Servant pledge? Find out about all of the great service opportunities on campus and around Williamsburg through SBA's Volunteer Council Newsletter. To be added to the listserv, please e-mail Joelle Laszlo at jelasz@wm.edu

THE BUSINESS LAW SOCIETY (BLS) is accepting new members. BLS is now accepting new members! Now is a great time to get involved. To become a registered BLS member, please pick up a membership application from the BLS hanging file, and submit it with \$10 dues to Stan Jackson (1L). If you have any questions about BLS, please feel free to contact the BLS President at <u>benjamin.david.novak@gmail.com</u>.

OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT & ALUMNI AFFAIRS

The Office of Development & Alumni Affairs is hosting a FUN contest and we invite you to participate. We want <u>you</u> to tell our William & Mary Law Alumni body, via videotape ---what your life is like as a W&M Law student today. Here's how:

- Check out a camcorder from The Office of Development & Alumni Affairs (or use your own)
- Tape a 3-6 minute video that captures the Marshall-Wythe experience be as creative as you can!
- Our distinguished Alumni Association Board of Directors will screen the entries and choose a winner
- The filmmaker with the best entry will take home their very own camcorder Your winning video will be entered on "You Tube"

We will celebrate the winning entry at an "Oscar" Awards event here at the Law School where you will be showered with congratulations!!! And maybe get to walk the red carpet!! Come on by the office and pick up the video camera!!

ADMISSION

FINANCIAL AID / SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

IPO Corporate Intern Scholarship – The IPO Foundation awards two \$10,000 scholarships to outstanding law students who have completed an internship in a corporate intellectual property law department and intend to pursue a career in the field of intellectual property law. For more information and a copy of the application, please stop by the Admission Office. The application deadline is October 10, 2008.

Winston & Strawn LLP is offering six diversity scholarships to second-year law students. The winners will join the 2009 summer program at one of Winston & Strawn's domestic offices as well as a \$10,000 scholarship to be paid during the students' third year of law school. For more information and an application, visit their website at <u>www.winston.com</u>. Applications are due by November 1, 2008.

Constangy, Brooks & Smith Diversity Scholars Program offers \$2,000 scholarships to second-year law students, committed to diversity, in regions where the firm has offices. All applications must be received by November 1, 2007. For more information and an application, visit <u>www.constangy.com/MissionStatement.html</u>.

AARP Foundation Litigation Herbert Semmel Elder Law Fellowship is open to second year law students interested in issues affecting older persons. It includes a paid

12-week summer clerkship in Washington, DC and a \$10,000 scholarship. For more information, stop by the Admission Office. The deadline is November 7, 2008.

DINSMORE & SHOHL LLP DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM offers this scholarship to a first year law student who may be a minority or an individual who contributes meaningfully to diversity in his or her community. The winner will receive a salaried summer associate position and a \$10,000 scholarship. Additional summer associate positions with scholarships of up to \$10,000 are also available. First year students should apply between December 1 and December 31, 2008. For more information, visit www.dinslaw.com/careers/diversityscholarship/.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

Web Site of the Week - The American Bar Association's Web site includes **ABA Career Counsel**, "the ABA's central source for online information on finding jobs and enhancing lawyers' careers." It includes "tips on finding the right job and maximizing your career, job postings, tools and links to career related resources." The "For Students" section features articles on specific practice areas, lawyer profiles, state and local resources and more. <u>www.abanet.org/careercounsel/</u>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. This information is also available on OCS Resources for Students in Blackboard under "Government and Public Interest." 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 2009 Funding for 2Ls: Funding through eight programs (Bell, Christopher Wren Association, Dean's Fellowships, Pinter Fellowships, Virginia State Bar Criminal Law Section, Virginia Law Foundation, 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 21 at 5:00 p.m.

U.S. State Department Opportunities

• For 2Ls: If you're interested in the U.S. State Department's summer 2009 internship program or serving as a foreign service officer, visit

<u>http://careers.state.gov/</u> The deadline to apply for the Department's summer internship program is **November 3.**

• For 3Ls: The process for taking the foreign service exam changed last year. If you are not familiar with the new procedures, check the above Web site. It is not too early to start the application process for foreign service positions in order to begin after you graduate in 2009.

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 **Wednesday, October 15, 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.

The *JAG Corp Career Fair*, which will be held November 3-7 at the Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center in National Harbor, MD, is an opportunity to meet Judge Advocates General from different military branches during the JAG Corps Keystone Conference. If you are interested, contact Kim Person at 800-524-8723 or via email at Kimberly.person@pentagon.af.mil.

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, with additional information filed in the Applications Cabinet. 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 Richmond Journal of Global Law and Business has announced the first annual **Daniel T. Murphy Student Writing Competition**, named for University of Richmond School of Law Professor, Daniel T. Murphy. All entries must pertain to the Dispute Settlement System of the WTO. The first place prize is \$500 and publication in the *Richmond Journal of Global Law and Business's* Annual Survey of the Law of the WTO. Second and third prizes are \$200 and \$100 respectively. **Deadline for submission is Friday, December 5, 2008,** however, students interested in submitting a paper must email <u>RJGLBAnnualSurvey@richmond.edu</u> by Monday, December 1.

The American Society of Composers, Authors & Publishers (ASCAP) is sponsoring the *Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition*, a legal-writing competition for third-year law students. Any aspect of Copyright Law is considered an acceptable topic. A first prize of \$600 and a second prize of \$250 at each participating law school, to be paid through the Dean, upon his/her certification, are possible awards. **Submissions must be received by June 30, 2009.**

The Public Justice Foundation has announced the **2009** *Roscoe Hogan Environmental Law Essay Contest*. The 2009 topic is *Pollution Preemption: Federal Preemption of State Tort Law and Environmental Protection.* The Intent to Enter submission deadline is January 30, 2009; the essay contest deadline is March 31,

2009. The prize is \$5000, an all-expense paid trip to the Public Justice's 2009 Annual Meeting in San Diego and publication of paper.

NEW RESOURCES IN OCS LIBRARY

Federal-State Court Directory, 2009 Edition

CQ Press, 2008

A quick-reference guide to the federal and state judicial systems and their operations.

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