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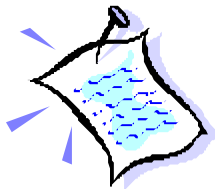
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NEWSWORTHY NOTES

CONGRATULATIONS for the W&M victory at the UNC J. Braxton Craven Constitutional Moot Court competition to team members Alex Brodsky (2L), Dan Kruger (3L) and Tom Robertson (3L). In the course of the competition, the team went up successfully against the #1 seed (South Texas) and #2 seed (Pepperdine) before meeting and triumphing over Boston College in the final round.



SUPPORTERS IN LAW - Did you know that there is a group on campus for supporters of law students? "Supporters In Law" is a way for W&M Law School spouses, significant others, and even children to network and get to know each other while their significant others go through law school. This is an avenue for us to grumble, share our frustrations, and develop long lasting friendships. Join together with other law student supporters to not only survive law school but make it great! Check us out at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Supporters-in-Law/>.

NEED TO KNOW

Reminder! Flyers advertising Law School events are not to be placed on any Law School wall or door with the following exceptions. On the day of the Law School event, flyers advertising the event may be posted on the front doors to the Law School. And, flyers may be posted in the student lounge (except the wood doors) and on bulletin boards managed by the student organization sponsoring the event. Flyers must be removed after the event.

SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING BAR APPLICATIONS - Many bar applications require submission of the applicant's fingerprints. Beginning immediately, Chris Creech can set up appointments for those students wishing to have their fingerprints done by Campus Police. Appointments, made for the following week, are for the hours of 7:00-8:00 a.m. and 4:00-5:00 p.m. ONLY, Monday through Friday. There is no charge for this. For those taking the Virginia Bar, a Virginia Bar Application fingerprint card can be obtained from Chris as well. Of course, you can also go to any police station to have this done. Be sure to take a photo id with you for this appointment and something with your social security number on it.

Most bar applications require you sign before a notary. Gloria Todd, Chris Creech, and Felicia Burton are notaries and will be glad to help you with this. DO NOT SIGN ANY DOCUMENT THAT NEEDS TO BE NOTARIZED. Wait until you are in front of Gloria or Chris before signing. Have all your documents/forms in order before you come in for notarization. This will greatly speed up the process!

ANOTHER NOTARY IS AVAILABLE: Whitney Weatherly (1L) is also a Virginia notary and has volunteered to help out with 3L documents. If you need her assistance, please leave a note in her hanging file or contact her by e-mail wzweatherly@wm.edu.

FOR THOSE TAKING THE VIRGINIA BAR EXAM - Please remember to pick up the EDUCATION CERTIFICATE from Chris Creech. A good time to pick this up is when you come in to have her notarize your application. This form must accompany your Virginia Bar Application. The CERTIFICATE OF GRADUATION will be sent by Dean Jackson on May 12. And most importantly, the deadline for the application is May 10. Please feel free to contact Chris should you have any questions.

SBA - VOLUNTEER COUNCIL NEWSLETTER - Looking for a good study break activity? Need service hours to fulfill your VBA Community Servant pledge? Find out about great service opportunities through the Volunteer Council Newsletter. To be added to the listserv, please email Joelle Laszlo at jelasz@wm.edu

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

TUNE IN! Sylvia Wallace from the National Marrow Donor Program will be the guest on "Ask the Expert," a program hosted by John Magliola that will air on WMBG (AM 740) from 9-9:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 8. During the pre-recorded program, Wallace talks about the National Marrow Donor Program, the donation process, W&M's 17th Annual Alan Bukzin Memorial Bone Marrow Drive on April 9 and fund-raisers such as the Law School's upcoming Ali's Run 5K Run/Walk (April 15) which benefits the W&M drive. In addition, WMBG donated 60 ads for the show, race/walk, and campus drive.

PHI ALPHA DELTA IS RECRUITING NEW MEMBERS! This is your opportunity to join one of the oldest and most prestigious law fraternities in the country. Phi Alpha Delta's national alumni include former United States Presidents, Supreme Court Justices, members of Congress, and hundreds of attorneys. Don't miss your chance to receive class outlines, numerous discounts, and more. Join the PAD Wythe Chapter today! To apply, go to http://www.chaptertools.net/site_files/file_1199404458.pdf for an application or stop by the PAD recruiting table in lobby. The recruiting table will open on March 11 and will run Tuesdays from 1:00-4:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m.-12:00

p.m. Applications can be placed in Katherine Tweel's hanging folder and are due by Sunday, March 23 at 5:00 p.m.

THE W&M LAW SCHOOL CHAPTER OF THE FEDERALIST SOCIETY will host guest speaker Francois-Henri Briard on **Tuesday, March 11, from 1:00-1:50 p.m. in room 137**. Free and all are welcome. Briard is a Senior Partner at Delaporte, Briard & Trichet in France and President of The Federalist Society's Paris chapter. He is President of the Vergennes Institute, which he co-founded with Justice Antonin Scalia, an organization that promotes cooperation between the Supreme Courts of the United States and France. For more information, contact Will Sleeth (wwslee@wm.edu).

VIRGINIA BAR ASSOCIATION LAW SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING - Tuesday, March 11 at 1:00 p.m. in room 127 - The W&M Law School Council of the Virginia Bar Association will be holding a meeting for members and interested students to learn about what the council has planned for upcoming service, educational, and networking activities. Membership is free and is a good opportunity to meet Virginia attorneys and participate in projects to help the community. Pizza and drinks will be provided! Contact Amanda Christensen at amkarr@wm.edu with any questions.

LEGAL ISSUES IN SPECIAL EDUCATION - Sponsored by the Children's Advocacy Law Society, **March 12, 5:30-7:00 p.m., room 127**, a panel of speakers discussing and answering audience questions on the unique legal issues in today's special education system that affect students, parents, teachers, and school systems. A reception with the speakers follows. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Maggy Lewis, CALS panel chair, at mjlewis@wm.edu

THERAPEUTIC JURISPRUDENCE (TJ) SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING - Law School Got You Down? All students are invited to join the Therapeutic Jurisprudence ("TJ") Society at our organizational meeting on **Thursday, March 13, 1:00 p.m., room 141**. Come help us plan TJ Awareness week in April - we'll be having guest speakers, movie night, pre-Bar Review social, and freshly baked cookies! Please contact Megan Hay, mehayx@wm.edu, if you have any questions. We hope to see you there and there will be dessert treats!!

THE FOURTH ANNUAL ALI'S RUN, a 5K run/walk, will start at **10:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 15**. The race benefits W&M's Alan Bukzin Memorial Bone Marrow Drive and will begin and end in Bicentennial Park (one block from the Law School). The Bone Marrow Drive Committee first sponsored this event in 2005 in honor of Ali Kaplan, daughter of Associate Dean Rob Kaplan. Ali died in 1997 when she was 12 from aplastic anemia. You can pre-register in person in our entrance hall from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. during the week of March 10. It is \$15 to pre-register; registration is \$20 the day of the race starting at 9:00 a.m. at the Law School. (Register early to make sure you get a t-shirt!) Refreshments will be available

after the race/walk and participants are eligible for performance awards and prizes. For more information, contact Imdrey@wm.edu or arcari@wm.edu.

MYRNA PEREZ, Counsel at the Brennan Center for Justice of the NYU Law School, will present a talk titled "Broadening Voter Participation in 2008 and Beyond," on **Tuesday, March 18, from 1:00-1:50 p.m., in room 127**. The talk is sponsored by the American Constitution Society and all are welcome. At the Brennan Center, Perez works on issues related to voting rights, including the Center's effort to restore the vote to people convicted of felonies. Prior to joining the Center, she practiced law at Relman & Dane in Washington, DC, and clerked for Judge Anita B. Brody of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and for Judge Julio M. Fuentes of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third District. For more information, contact jjbils@wm.edu

BOWLING TOURNAMENT - New PSF Event!! Come show off your amazing (or not so amazing!) bowling skills w/ PSF on Thursday, March 20! Teams of two can register by emailing Dana Hall at djhall@wm.edu or stopping by the tables in the lobby March 12, 13, and 17. The charge is \$10/person which is quite the deal for games of bowling and a chance to win amazing prizes, including a week at a beach vacation home. Get your teams of two signed up now!!!

BLSA SPRING FASHION SHOW - BLSA will be hosting its first FASHION SHOW on **Friday, March 21 from 8:00-10:00 p.m. in Trinkle Hall!!** The theme of the show is "Law, Order & Couture." We invite and encourage everyone to attend as it will serve as a fundraiser for two very important causes. The proceeds from this event will go to our annual Oliver Hill Scholarship Banquet held in April as well as part of a donation to the Civil Rights Memorial in Richmond, VA (<http://www.vacivilrightsmemorial.org/>). Not only will you enjoy the amazing fashion, you will also be amazed when you see your fellow classmates (1L, 2L, and 3L's) acting and modeling in outrageous scenes. If you have any questions, please contact Latoya Asia (lcasia@wm.edu)

ADMITTED STUDENTS WEEKEND - HOSTS NEEDED - Admitted Students Weekend is **March 28 and 29** (Friday and Saturday). These people are stoked to come visit our school, but they would prefer to sleep indoors, rather than spending the night in Bicentennial Park, or curled up under the statues of Mr. Marshall and Mr. Wythe. If you are interested in hosting, please send an email to Tom Robertson (terobe@wm.edu). Tom will then explain the weekend in more detail, probably with charts, diagrams, and thematic music."

LEARN TO SAVE A LIFE! Sign up now for CPR/AED Training. Thanks to the Red Cross and SBA, you can learn valuable emergency response skills for just \$10 (instruction normally costs \$45). Training will take place on **Saturday, March 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** at the King of Glory Lutheran Church (4897 Longhill Road). To sign up, send an e-mail to Joelle Laszlo (jelasz@wm.edu) and drop \$10

(cash or check) in her hanging file. She'll send you confirmation by e-mail when you're in. Act soon – at this price, spaces are sure to fill up fast.

LAW ALUMNI WEEKEND ON APRIL 11-12 – Attention - Faculty and Administrators: You are cordially invited to the weekend's festivities. The celebration will be capped off with a reception for all alumni on Saturday night, reunion class dinners, and an after-dinner reception. Reunion class parties and dinner will be held for the classes of [1958 and before](#), [1973](#), [1978](#), [1983](#), [1988](#), [1993](#), [1998](#), [2003](#), and the graduating class of 2008 and we will invite the most recent graduates, the Class of 2007. We will also invite the graduating Class of 2008 for their 3L Class Dinner. You are welcome to come to any event at no charge.

Brochures and registration forms will be on the mail room table. If you'd like to come, please complete a registration form and return it to me in the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs (1st floor, North Wing) by Friday, March 31. You can also fill out a registration form by going to <http://www.wm.edu/law/alumni/reunion/registration.shtml>

EXAM CONFLICTS FORMS are now available and deadline is **Friday, April 4**.

SUMMER SCHOOL 2008 - Spend June in Williamsburg improving your employment marketability! The Law School is offering the world's first and only Legal Technology Summer School. You can select up to two of these three-credit courses:

- Electronic Discovery and Data Seizures
- Privacy in a Technological Age
- Technology Augmented Trial Advocacy
- Legal Technology Seminar
- Internet Law

Courses are being held May 27-June 27, enabling those interested in attending the summer program abroad to enroll and earn credits from both programs.

To learn more about each course offering, and their faculty, go to www.legaltechcenter.net/summerschool. Please note the upcoming deadlines and requirements for registrations.

In addition, William & Mary Summer School offers a variety of independent courses and externships. Information regarding summer school registration will be distributed in March.

All details about the contest can be found at: <http://www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwabrules.shtml>. You must be an ABA member to enter the contest, and can join now for only \$25!! This contest is open only to 2nd and 3rd year law students.

ADMISSION

FINANCIAL AID – Individual appointments are available for questions on financial aid, FAFSA, lender options, lender terms, loan applications, bar loans, loan consolidation issues, loan repayment, taxes. Appointments may be scheduled with Jennifer Meier, Assistant Director for Student Loans and Graduate Aid, for individual meetings on Wednesday afternoons at the Law School during the weeks of spring semester when classes are held. Please stop by the Admissions Office (rooms 104 and 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.

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 e-mail 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!

THE ELLEN SPRING MOORE SCHOLARSHIP is being offered by the Roanoke Chapter of the Virginia Women Attorney's Association in partnership with Woods Rogers PLC. This scholarship is open to female students currently enrolled in a law school or paralegal program. Preference will be given to applicants with ties to southwest Virginia. The application deadline is April 1, 2008. For more information and an application, please stop by the Admission Office.

THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT BAR ASSOCIATION is offering three \$10,000 scholarships to law students who show financial need, demonstrate academic promise and service, either in undergraduate studies or in law school. The application deadline is April 30, 2008. For more information visit www.fedcirbar.org and click on "scholarships".

MILBANK DIVERSITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM – Each year Milbank selects at least two scholars who will receive a salaried summer associate position and a \$50,000 scholarship. \$15,000 will be distributed during the students' third year of law school and payment of the remaining \$35,000 is contingent upon receipt and acceptance of a Milbank permanent offer, to be paid upon the students' joining the firm. For more information and an application, please visit www.milbank.com/en/Diversity/. The application deadline is September 1, 2008.

THE ATTORNEY-CPA FOUNDATION will offer 14 scholarships in 2008 in amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$250 to students who will be entering their third year of law school and also have obtained a CPA certificate. The application deadline

is April 16, 2008. For more information and an application visit www.attorney-cpa.com/foundation

COOLEY GODWARD KRONISH DIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM will award up to \$15,000 annually to eight first-year law students. Eligibility includes personal diversity in terms of ethnicity, gender, physical disability and/or sexual orientation. The application deadline for 1L students is March 15, 2008. For more information and an application, please visit www.cooley.com/diversityfellowship.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

Web Site of the Week - Equal Justice Works provides a continuum of programs that begin with incoming law school students and extend into later careers in the profession. The organization provides a public interest law fellowship program and offers more postgraduate, full-time legal positions in public service than any other organization: www.equaljusticeworks.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interested in Patent Law? Plan to take the patent bar exam? 1Ls and 2Ls are eligible to register for the **Loyola Patent Law Interview Program**, which will take place on **July 31-August 1, 2008** in Chicago, at the Chicago Marriott Suites O'Hare. Law students must complete a registration form and submit a non-refundable \$35 registration fee (make checks payable to "Loyola University Chicago School of Law") to OCS no later than **noon on March 25**. Several William & Mary Law students have landed job opportunities through this event in past years. For more information, go to the Loyola University Chicago Law School's web site: <http://patentlawregistration.luc.edu/lawStudents/>.

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 2008 will provide 350 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. Beginning **March 19, the 2008** Summer Corps application will become available on the Equal Justice Works web site at <http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/programs/summercorps/> . **The application deadline is April 2.**

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. **2ls, please note the message below about the "early decision" process.** The **application deadline for "early decision" funding is Friday, March 21 at 5:00 p.m.**

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

There is no application deadline to apply for post-graduate fellowships however, they 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.

The **Local Government Association of Virginia** (LGA) is the professional organization for city, county and town attorneys in Virginia. Each year, the LGA sponsors two conferences that provide continuing legal education programs relevant to local governmental law practice. In an effort to encourage law students considering a career in public service, the LGA offers scholarships to law students for each of its biannual conferences. The scholarship covers the cost of the continuing legal education portions of the conference as well as social events. Scholarship attendees are responsible for their travel and lodging costs. If you are interested in applying for a scholarship to the conference, please come to OCS for an application form and other detailed information. The application deadline is Monday, **March 24, 2008.**

Fall OCI Start Date: Fall 2008 on-campus interviews will begin on **Wednesday, August 20**, which is **several days before the first day of classes** for returning students (Monday, August 25). If you plan to participate in the first few days of fall OCI, please plan accordingly.

LexisNexis is offering **Prepare to Practice** classes in the Computer Lab of the Law Library on Tuesday and Wednesday, **March 11 and 12.** For more information and

the schedule of classes, you can contact Shelly Landfair, the Law School Account Executive at (757)966-7676 or ask at the library reference desk.

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 2008.**

Other Summer Housing Options - The NALP site listed above is free. Another site that appears to be free is www.craigslist.org. The web site www.sublet.com will, for a fee, give you 90 days of access to listings for sublets available around the country. Before paying the fee, you can see if they have any listings in your target city and what the fee is, which varies depending on the city or region you pick. Another suggestion is to check colleges and universities in your target city, since they often have housing options available to students for the summer.

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Summer Housing in Atlanta Emory University offers housing to students working in Atlanta for the summer. See www.emory.edu/sihp/. Priority is given to applications submitted before April 15.

Summer Housing 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> .

Summer Housing 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 .

More Summer Housing in New York City 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, see <http://www.studenthousing.org/summerassociates.htm> .

In Washington, D.C.:

- Catholic University' Law School provides intern housing and access to campus dining facilities. Go to <https://conferences.cua.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.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Tuesday, March 11, Room 141, 12:50-1:50PM: Drugs, Money & Corruption: Careers in the U.S. Justice Department's Criminal Division.

Thursday, March 13, Room 119, 1PM: Everything You Always Wanted to Know about the Character and Fitness Process.

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 **Tuesday, March 18, 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, March 18, Room 133, 12:50-1:50PM Lunch with Lawyers: Careers in Environmental Law, sponsored by OCS and the Environmental Law Society

Wednesday, March 19, Faculty Room, 12:50-1:50PM Lunch with Lawyers: Starting Your Own Practice

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 Academy of Elder Law Attorneys** (NAELA) is offering a writing competition on a topic related to the intersection of law and aging, elder or

disability planning. The top eight articles will be published in the NAELA Student Journal in the fall of 2008. There is also a cash prize of \$1,500 for the best article submitted. The winner will also be honored at the Fall 2008 NAELA Institute in Kansas City, Missouri, and will receive up to \$1000 in travel and meeting-related expenses. The cash prizes for second and third places are \$1,000 and \$500 respectively. All entries must be submitted electronically by noon on **May 1, 2008**. For details and more information, go to www.naela.org

The Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest - This is an upcoming contest conducted by the ABA Section of Family Law. The purpose of the contest is to create greater interest in the field of family law among all law students, and particularly the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association. The deadline for essay submissions is: May 15, 2008. The subject of your essay may be any aspect of family law. Essays should be limited to approximately 5,000 words (25 double-spaced, typewritten pages including footnotes). Prizes include consideration of publication in either the Family Law Quarterly or ABA Section of Family Law website, complimentary ABA Section of Family Law membership and much more.

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