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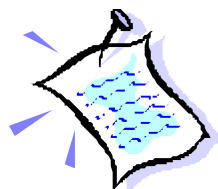
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NEWSWORTHY NEWS



WILLIAM & MARY LAW SCHOOL TRIAL TEAM NAMED NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

A team of law students from the William & Mary School of Law National Trial Team was named National Champions this past Sunday, November 23, 2008 at the William W. Daniel National Invitational Mock Trial Competition. The winning team consisted of Heather Stangle (3L), Ken Abrams (3L), David Tyler (3L), and Hunter Allen (2L).

The semi-final round was won by student attorneys Heather Stangle and Ken Abrams, who represented the Prosecution, along with David Tyler and Hunter Allen, who played witness roles during the round. The final round was also won by student attorneys Heather Stangle and Ken Abrams as attorneys for the Prosecution, along with David Tyler and Hunter Allen, who played witness roles during the round. In earlier rounds, David Tyler and Hunter Allen served as attorneys for the team on the Defense side.

The William & Mary School of Law team, made up of Heather Stangle, Ken Abrams, David Tyler, and Hunter Allen, won each of its five rounds during the competition, ultimately beating South Texas College of Law in the final round and winning the entire competition. Additionally, David Tyler, who served as a student attorney for the team's Defense side, was named the "Best Advocate" in the competition.

The William W. Daniel National Invitational Mock Trial Competition is a prestigious annual competition, sponsored by the Young Lawyers Division of the State Bar of Georgia, which hails teams from law schools across the country. Every summer, the Competition Committee sends hundreds of applications to ABA accredited law schools. Only 18 schools are ultimately selected to compete in the competition, which is named in honor of the late Judge William W. Daniel of the Superior Court of Fulton County. Teams prepare both Prosecution and Defense cases for a criminal trial problem and have an opportunity to present arguments as attorneys and witnesses for both sides. Semi-final and final rounds are judged by Superior Court Judges.

BLSA FALL FOOD DRIVE - BLSA would like to thank the entire law school community for its participation in our Fall Food Drive. We delivered over 260 items to Williamsburg FISH and the Grove Christian Outreach Center. Both food banks are struggling to meet enormous need this holiday season, and are incredibly grateful for the donations. As for our contest, here are the final numbers:

Faculty/Staff = 147 items

3Ls = 45 items

2Ls = 38 items

1Ls = 35 items

Congratulations to the Faculty/Staff (repeat winners from last year) and thanks to everyone who participated!

BLSA THANKSGIVING BASKET COMPETITION - BLSA would also like to thank the partners and members of the Legal Skills Firms that participated in our annual Thanksgiving Basket Competition! If you were anywhere near the lobby on Monday, November 24, you got a glimpse of their overwhelming creativity and generosity. Our participants were:

Bane, Roberts & Case
Bowditch, Schacht & Hoffman
Conyers, Fox & Simmons
Heikes, Black & Peoples
Hess, Green & Laszlo
Lederer & Posey
Miller, Clancy & Casey
Moschel & Stangle
Moschel, Stern & Harter
Perry & Lyday
Smith, Quigley & Calabrese
Tarley, Hoplamazian & Payne-Tsoupros

After the judging, the baskets were delivered to Williamsburg's Department of Human Services. DHS delivered the baskets, along with donated turkeys, to fourteen low-income and foster families in the City. DHS is preparing a brief description of each family, and BLSA will forward those to Junior Partners for distribution. We hope that you enjoy learning a little about the families that you helped!

Now, for the contest! After careful consideration (and a close vote!), the judges made the following selections:

Most Creative - Tarley, Hoplamazian & Payne-Tsoupros
Best Contents - Smith, Quigley & Calabrese
Overall Judge's Choice - Tarley, Hoplamazian & Payne-Tsoupros

Thanks to our judges: Professors Baker, Banks, Barnard, Heymann, and Marcus, and Deans Kades & Shealy.

We would also like to thank **Bloom's** (Richmond Road) and **Ukrop's** (Monticello Marketplace) for their generous donations of turkeys for our families.

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 and download an application.

ADMISSION

A message from Dean Shealy: I hope the final week of fall semester classes is going well for each of you. I am sending this message as a reminder that bills are only available online and are viewable through self service at myWM. Bills for spring semester 2009 will be available for viewing in mid-December 2008 and will be due January 12, 2009. You should receive information from the Bursar's Office (Student Accounts) via email confirming that your spring semester bill is ready for viewing and providing instructions on how to open and view your bill. An email should also be generated at the same time to any third party email address that you provided the College. Additional information concerning your bill, payment options, due date, etc. can be accessed online at www.wm.edu/financialoperations/sa/sa.php.

Good luck as you prepare for and take your examinations and best wishes for a relaxing and safe winter break.

FINANCIAL AID / SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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.dinlaw.com/careers/diversityscholarship/.

1L Diversity Scholarship – Arent Fox is offering three \$15,000 scholarships to first-year students who will join Arent Fox’s 2009 Summer Associate Program in Los Angeles, New York and Washington, DC. The application deadline is January 15, 2009. For more information, visit www.arentfox.com/firm/diversity/index.cfm?fa=scholarship.

1L Diversity Scholarship – Harter Secrest & Emery LLP is offering two first year law students a \$7,500 diversity scholarship to be applied to the student’s second year tuition and a paid 10-week summer associate position between the student’s first and second year of law school. One of the associate positions will be in their Rochester, NY office and the second will be in their Buffalo, NY office. The application deadline is Friday January 23, 2009. For more information and an application stop by the admission office.

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.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

GOOD LUCK ON EXAMS and Best Wishes from OCS for a Happy Holiday Season! OCS will be open throughout finals, and staff will be available for appointments through December 22 and then again in the new year beginning January 5.

World Wide Web Sites of the Week - There are two sites, which may be of interest to students looking for information about **study abroad** programs for the summer. See www.studyabroad.com/summerlaw/, then select the country you’re interested in. The American Bar Association lists foreign summer programs at <http://www.abanet.org/legaled/studyabroad/foreign.html>.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Attention 1Ls and 2Ls: It seems early to think about next summer and fall, however please keep the dates listed below in mind so you won’t inadvertently create conflicts as you make plans for summer 2009 -- jobs, vacations, and study abroad. **For the off-campus interview programs you will need to have application materials ready between early June and mid-July; for employers interviewing on campus during August you will need to prepare your materials by August 1.**

- William & Mary Summer Program in Madrid: July 5-August 5
- July 30-31: Patent Law Interview Program (for employers throughout U.S.; held in Chicago)
- July 31-August 1: Southeastern Minority Job Fair (for employers throughout U.S.; held in Atlanta)
- August 7: Texas Interview Program (for employers in Texas; held in Dallas)
- August 14: Northeast Interview Program (for employers in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut; held in NYC)

- August 17: Chicago Interview Program (for Chicago employers)
- August 19: Fall on-campus interviews begin
- August 24: 2L and 3L classes begin

Please note: There will be other off-campus interview programs before classes begin next fall, but those dates have not been finalized.

Attention 1Ls: The Delaware Minority Job Fair for First-Year Law Students will be held on the Wilmington campus of Widener University School of Law on Saturday, **January 17, 2009**. The Job Fair is open to all first-year law students seeking positions in Delaware for the summer of 2009. For more information and an application form, please contact Dean Corello in OCS. **The deadline to submit an application is Wednesday, December 10.**

Attention 3Ls: Are you a 3L interested in public interest work? Do you have a project you'd like to get off the ground next year? If so, apply for funding from the Initiative for Public Interest at Yale! The Initiative is a non-profit organization that provides start-up money for projects that protect the legal rights or interests of inadequately represented groups. It funds cutting-edge projects whose successful execution might be a model for other organizations seeking new and better ways to represent clients. For information about how to apply, visit The Initiative's web site at <http://www.law.yale.edu/stuorgs/initiative.htm>. The deadline to submit applications for one-year grants of up to \$30,000 to be awarded in the summer of 2009 is **February 2, 2009**. Questions about the Initiative in general or about the grant application and selection process should be directed to intiativeforpublicinterest@gmail.com.

Attention 1Ls: Godfrey & Kahn's Milwaukee, Wisconsin office is sponsoring an informal **1L Cocktail Reception** from 6:00-8:00PM on Tuesday, **December 30, 2008**. Students home for the holidays or visiting the area who would like to attend, can RSVP to Jenna Lauer at (414) 287-9503 or jlauer@gklaw.com.

The Birmingham, Alabama office of Maynard, Cooper & Gale invites all law students who will be in the Birmingham area over the holidays to a **Holiday Open House** on Monday, **December 22, 2008** from 5:00-7:00PM. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Maggie O'Connor at 205-488-3521 or via email at moconnor@maynardcooper.com. Professional attire is recommended.

The Birmingham office of Burr & Forman also invites all law students who will be in the Birmingham area over the holidays to a **Holiday Reception** on Tuesday, **December 30** at 4:30-6:00PM. Business casual attire is recommended. To RSVP, please contact Katherine Lester by December 15 at kelester@burr.com or via telephone at 205-458-5486. Students should bring a copy of their most recent resume to the reception.

Barnes & Thornburg LLP in Indianapolis, Indiana invites all law students to a **Home for the Holidays Reception** on Thursday, **January 8, 2009** from 5:00-7:00PM. The reception will take place in the Auditorium of their South Meridian Street office in Indianapolis. Students interested in attending should RSVP to Debbie Snyder, Director of Recruiting at dsnyder@btlaw.com. Business casual dress is recommended.

Sponsored by the Chicago Committee, the annual ***Sweet Home Chicago Reception*** for minority law students will be hosted by Chapman & Cutler LLP on Tuesday, **December 30, 2008** from 5:30-8:00PM in the library of their Chicago office located at 190 S. LaSalle Street. All William & Mary law students interested in practicing at large law firms in Chicago are invited to attend. Resumes of student attendees will be distributed to recruiting personnel at member law firms in advance. If you would like to attend the reception, please go on line to www.chicagocommittee.org/sweethome to RSVP and upload your resume.

Summer Internship Opportunity for 1Ls and 2Ls: The **American Society of International Law (ASIL)** has announced its fifth annual **Arthur C. Helton Fellowship Program**. Helton Fellowships provide financial assistance in the form of micro-grants for law students and young professionals to pursue field work and research on significant issues involving international law, human rights, humanitarian affairs and related areas. Application instructions and eligibility guidelines are available on the ASIL Web site at www.asil.org. The application deadline is **February 13, 2009** but **only the first 50 applications will be considered**, so it is advisable to apply early.

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 ***National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees*** (NACTT) has announced a writing contest in the area of consumer bankruptcy law. Entrants should submit an essay, article or comment on an issue concerning Chapter 13 of the Bankruptcy Code. The first place author will receive a prize and free registration for the NACTT annual seminar in Boston on July 1-4, 2009. The winning essay will also be published in the NACTT Quarterly-the Quarterly Journal of the National Association of Chapter 13 Trustees. Submissions must be postmarked by April 30, 2009.

The ***Federal Bar Association Section of Taxation*** hosts an annual writing contest, and has extended an invitation to law and LLM students to participate. Students may submit any original, unpublished paper concerning federal income taxation. The author of the First Prize paper will receive \$1,500 and a trip to the FBA's Annual Tax Law Conference in Washington, DC on March 6, 2009 Tax Section quarterly newsletter. The Second Prize award is \$750. Both the First and Second Prize papers may also be published in the Tax Section quarterly newsletter. **Papers must be postmarked or e-mailed by January 15, 2009.**

Epstein Becker & Green, P.C., a national firm engaged in the practice of health care and life sciences law, has announced its ***Eleventh Annual Health and Life Science Law Writing Competition***. The competition is designed to encourage the preparation of scholarly papers on current topics of interest relating to health care and life sciences

law. Cash prizes will be awarded for the three best papers (first place, \$4,000; second place, \$2,000; third place, \$500). Papers may address any traditional area of the law as applied to health care and life sciences (antitrust, tax, corporate, etc.) or areas of law unique to health care and life sciences. Entries in the top twenty percent will be considered for publication in the *Annals of Health Law* published by the Loyola University Chicago School of Law. The submission deadline is January 23, 2009. For more information, competition rules and the entry form, go to <http://www.ebglaw.com/othercontent.aspx?show=5064> .

NEW PUBLICATIONS IN OCS LIBRARY

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

Career Diplomacy: Life and Work in the U.S. Foreign Service by Harry W. Kopp and Charles A. Gillespie, Georgetown University Press, Washington, DC., 2008. A description of the challenges, dangers and satisfactions of life in the foreign service.

The Princeton Review: Alternative Careers for Lawyers by Hillary Mantis, Princeton Review Publishing, 2000. A review of opportunities for lawyers who want to use their law degree in non-traditional ways.

Corporate Yellow Book, The Leadership Directories, Inc., Summer 2008. Who's who in the leading U.S. companies.

Law Firms Yellow Book, The Leadership Directories, Inc., Winter 2009. Who's who in the management of the leading law firms.

LIBRARY NEWS

Holiday Access - During holidays and interims, when the library is closed, law students with properly programmed ID cards may access the building and library. If you plan to use the library during the holiday, be sure to check your ID in the magnetic locks on the building and library front doors to ensure your card is properly programmed for access. Simply swipe your card through the magnetic reader. If the green light displays, your card is properly programmed. Please report problems to the circulation staff. We may be able to fix the problem and save you a trip to the Campus Center to have your card reprogrammed by the ID Office.

Library Winter Break Hours - (Please watch the electronic library bulletin board for changes)

Saturday, December 20 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 21 – 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Monday - Tuesday, December 22 - 23 – 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday - Friday, December 24 - December 26 – **CLOSED**

Saturday, December 27 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 28 – 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Monday - Tuesday, December 29 - 30 – 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday - Friday, December 31 - Jan. 2 – **CLOSED**
Saturday, Jan. 3 – 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 4 – 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 5 – **Regular hours**

Restricted Library Access During Exams - From Friday, December 5 at 5:00 p.m. until Friday, December 19 at 5:00 p.m. **Law Library access is limited** to Marshall-Wythe law students and others who require the use of Law Library materials for research purposes. Please remember that patrons needing legal reference assistance and those using legal materials **are permitted** access.

Library Lockers - The deadline for locker clean-out and key return is Friday, December 19 by 5:00 p.m. Lockers must be emptied and the locker key returned (with barcode and key tag attached) to the circulation desk. There is a \$10.00 replacement charge for lost keys or tags.

Circulation staff will be available to reserve lockers for the spring semester at 7:45 a.m. on Monday, January 12. Locker keys are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis until all keys have been distributed.

Carrel Renewals - The deadline for carrel renewal is Friday, December 19 by 5:00 p.m.. During the break library staff will be reshelving carrel materials in anticipation of the start of the new semester, so be sure to renew your carrel and materials before you leave for the holiday.

Interlibrary Loan Returns and Renewals - Please return interlibrary loan materials which come due during the Winter Break before you leave for the holidays. Some libraries will extend the loan period, but you must request a renewal **before the due date**. If the lending library will not extend the loan, we must return the book. If you still need the material, photocopy the pages cited **and the title page**, or complete an interlibrary loan form and request that we borrow it from another library when we return in January.

Good luck with exams and have a safe and happy holiday.

The Docket is a biweekly publication of the William & Mary Law School produced during the academic year. All submissions (in either Microsoft Word or WordPerfect) are due to Cassi Fritzius, (Room 108) or by E-mail (cbfrit@wm.edu) no later than 5:00 p.m. the Wednesday prior to the Friday publication date.

2008 publication schedule

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