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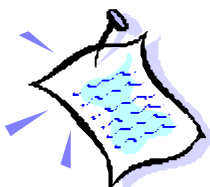
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NEWSWORTHY NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS TO GENEVIEVE JENKINS – Dean Butler and the Dean’s Advisory Committee are pleased to announce that Genevieve is the 2009/2010 Drapers’ Scholar.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NATIONALS MOOT COURT TEAM A OF JOHNNY O’KANE, ARPAN SURYA AND BRANDON HARTER. This

team came in second during the National’s regional tournament in Richmond on November 7-8, only a fraction of a point behind Duke’s Moot Court team. As one of the top two teams from this region, Johnny, Arpan and Brandon have qualified for the National Tournament held in New York next semester. On top of their excellent work as a team, Johnny also received the Top Oralist for this region. We are all very proud and incredibly excited for their upcoming finals in New York.

PLEASE FILL OUT ONLINE STUDENT SURVEY - Early next week, the Law School Self-Study Committee will be sending all 2L and 3L students an online survey. 1L and LL.M. students will be receiving this survey in January. The survey results will form an important part of the Committee’s report to the ABA, in connection with the Law School’s reaccreditation. Please take the time to open the survey, complete it, and click “FINISH.” Your answers matter! Thank you!

FULL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR CURRENT 1LS - The United States Army invites law students to apply for two years of full scholarship, which includes tuition, books, and a stipend. Successful applicants must take two years of ROTC (in a program tailored not to conflict with law school classes) and accept an Army commission and service obligation upon graduation. Note that although officers graduating under this program may apply to serve as a military lawyer (a “JAGC officer”) selection is not guaranteed. For further information in the law school, contact Professor Lederer.

BABYSITTERS WANTED - Want a chance to earn some extra money? A local private school, Walsingham Academy, will be holding it’s fundraising gala on Saturday, November 15th. If you would like to have your name put on a list of potential babysitters for the evening, please contact Professor Roberts at perobe@wm.edu and include the contact information you would want shared with the families in need of sitters. The list of potential sitters will be provided to interested families, and details about the babysitting will be worked out individually between families and law students. Thanks!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

INNOCENCE SYMPOSIUM - Come to the Innocence Symposium, Friday, November 14, from 12:45-7:30 p.m., in the Courtroom. Check out the flyers around the law school. There will be discussions on the Norfolk Four, Earl Washington, the importance of establishing facts at trial, DNA evidence, the first-hand experience of an exoneree and his mother, causes of wrongful conviction, and executive clemency. The speakers are a well-known journalist, an exoneree and his mother, a member of the VA Governor's staff, a representative of the National Innocence Project, and a criminal defense attorney. Live music – performed by an exoneree's jazz band – and hors d'oeuvres and wine will follow. Please join us for this interesting, important and fun event, co-hosted by SFIP and BLSA! Please email Genevieve Jenkins at wmsfip@gmail.com with questions. Thank you!

BUSINESS LAW SOCIETY SPEAKER SERIES PANEL EVENT - November 17, 1:00 p.m., room 124, Jerry Kilgore, a partner at Williams Mullen will be at the law school to discuss the current financial crisis. As the former Attorney General of Virginia, Mr. Kilgore had daily dealings with business interests and understands the emerging role government takes in the day-to-day operation of a business. He will be joined by faculty from the law school as well as from the Mason School of Business. For more info, contact mcblue@wm.edu.

LECTURE SPONSORED BY THE FEDERALIST SOCIETY, November 18, 1:00 p.m., room 124, - "The Future of Gun Control" - featuring Clark Neily, Supreme Court counsel for Dick Heller in D.C. v. Heller. For more info, contact dcholm@wm.edu.

IBRL STUDENT DIVISION, November 18, 1:00 p.m., room 133, Guest Speaker W&M Law Professor Timothy Zick. Professor Zick is an expert on free speech and federalism. He is the author of a new book titled "Speech Out of Doors: Preserving First Amendment Liberties in Public Places." For more info, contact jagordon@wm.edu.

PROGRAM SPONSORED BY CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY LAW SOCIETY- November 20, 5:00 p.m., room 127. FBI presentation on the dangers of online predators (and how parents, teachers, etc can help children avoid the dangers) and how predators are apprehended. Reception to follow in the lobby. For more info, contact jawilkerson@wm.edu.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION FUNDING REQUEST FOR 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR - The deadline for submitting a student organization request for the 2009-2010 school year is November 21. Please contact SBA Treasurer Meezan Qayumi with any questions at mqayumi@wm.edu

IT'S TIME FOR BLSA'S ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE! Between **October 20** and **November 21**, BLSA members will collect non-perishable food items (Thanksgiving-related or otherwise) for donation to Williamsburg FISH and the Grove Christian Outreach Center. There will be separate containers in the Student Lounge for 1L, 2L, 3L, and Faculty/Staff donations. BLSA will tally the number of items donated by each group and will announce the winner during the week after Thanksgiving break. Last year, we donated over 200 items to the food banks and **almost half** came from

your generous donations. Please consider helping us again this year! If you have any questions, please contact Calisa Smith (cmsmit@wm.edu). Thank you!



BLSA THANKSGIVING BASKET COMPETITION - BLSA is asking each Legal Skills Firm to submit a decorated basket full of Thanksgiving-related food items to be delivered to families in the Williamsburg area. As an added bonus, each family will receive a donated Thanksgiving turkey with their basket. More detailed information and a list of suggested food items have been circulated to all Legal Skills Partners.

Baskets will be judged by members of the administration and faculty in the lobby at 12:45 p.m. on Monday, November 24. There will be three awards: Best Contents, Most Creative, and Judge's Choice. The Judge's Choice firm will receive a pizza party for all members and partners.

So far, the participants are: Perry & Lyday, Hess, Green & Laszlo, Tarley, Hoplamazian & Payne-Tsoupros, and Heikes, Black & Peoples. If your firm is not listed, please ask your Junior Partner to sign up! BLSA hopes to see ALL firms in the Lobby on the 24th!

Last year's Judge's Choice was split between Bowditch Schacht & Hoffman and Miller Clancy & Casey. More importantly, we were able to deliver turkeys and huge baskets of food to twelve Williamsburg families who really appreciated them. Hope to see you in the lobby on the 24th! Please contact Calisa Smith (cmsmit@wm.edu) for more information.

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

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.dinslaw.com/careers/diversityscholarship/.

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.

LeClairRyan Diversity Scholarship - LeClairRyan is pleased to announce the first LeClairRyan-Oliver W. Hill Scholarship in the amount of \$5,000. This scholarship will be awarded to a student of color at a Virginia law school who most exemplifies the late Oliver W. Hill's qualities of legal excellence and selfless dedication to the fight for justice. For more information and an application, please stop by the Admission Office. The deadline is March 31, 2009.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

Web Site of the Week - FindLaw.com claims to be the "highest-trafficked legal Web site," providing a comprehensive set of legal resources on the Internet for legal professionals, businesses, students, and individuals. Their *Law Student Resources* section alone will keep you busy for hours! <http://stu.findlaw.com/>.

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** 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 2009. 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 2009 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 21 at 5:00 p.m.**

Attention 1Ls and 2LS: Applications are currently being accepted for the **summer 2009 Office of the Secretary of Defense Honors Legal Internship Program** under the Office of General Counsel. Summer interns in the program are given considerable flexibility in their assignments and have substantial opportunities to enhance research and drafting skills by working in close association with members of the OGC. **Second-year law students must apply by November 24, 2008; the deadline for first-year students is December 8, 2008.** Additional information about the application process is available in the job posting section of Symplicity or in OCS.

Attention 3Ls: Applications to the **Capital Fellows Programs**, through the **Center for California Studies** at Sacramento State University, are now available on line. These fellowships provide law school graduates the opportunity to work in state government for a period of 10-11 months as a full-time member of the legislature, executive or judicial branch office. The application deadline for fellowships beginning in October 2009 is February 25, 2009. For more information and details on the application process, go to the Center for California Studies Website at www.csus.edu/calst/programs.

The **NPR Annual Internship Career Fair** will be held on Friday, January 29, 2009, from 1:00 to 5:00PM at the National Public Radio Headquarters Building in Washington, D.C. NPR offers a wide variety of internship opportunities, several of which are geared towards law students, at its national headquarters in Washington, D.C., and their NPR West office in Culver City, CA. For more information, go to www.npr.org/about/jobs/intern/. **The deadline to register for this career fair is February 15, 2009.**

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.

Law Students for Reproductive Justice (LSRJ) is accepting submissions for its fourth Annual Writing Prize, the **Sarah Weddington Prize for New Student Scholarship in Reproductive Rights**. LSRJ is looking for scholarship that focuses on marginalized

individuals or communities and applies a reproductive justice lens to its analysis. Papers may have a domestic or international scope. Winning authors will receive \$750 (first place) or \$250 (second place) and will have their paper published on LSRJ's Website. Deadline for submission is March 2, 2009.

Hofstra Law School, Wright Risk Management and Congdon, Flaherty, O'Callaghan, Reid, Donlon, Travis & Fishlinger are co-sponsoring the ***Energy and the Environment Student Writing Competition*** in conjunction with the "Energy and the Environment: Empowering Consumers" Conference to be held March 19-20, 2009. Entries will be accepted on all topics addressing the intersection between energy and environmental policy, although topics which focus on the power of consumers to influence the energy/environment equation are especially encouraged. The first prize award is \$500; up to two honorable mentions of \$250 will also be awarded. **Submissions must be received by January 16, 2009.**

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 **Wednesday, November 19, 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.

NEW PUBLICATIONS IN OCS LIBRARY

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

Inside a U.S. Embassy, How the Foreign Service Works for America, edited by Shawn Dorman, American Foreign Service Association, 2008

The United States Government Manual, Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Administration, 2008-2009: Comprehensive information on the agencies of the legislative, judicial and executive branches of the U.S. government.

Judicial Yellow Book, Leadership Directories, Inc., Spring 2008: Who's who in federal and state courts.

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