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## NEWSWORTHY NEWS



**CONGRATULATIONS** to April Cassell who has been promoted to Career Services Manager. April succeeds Christina Lindsey, who has decided to work at home caring for her newborn daughter and 19-month-old son.

**WELCOME!** We are pleased to have Whitney Weidner join our staff. Whitney is a 2008 graduate of Bowling Green State University with a BA in Telecommunications. He will supervise the Call Center and manage our A/V needs. He is located in room 113 (next to the courtroom). Stop in to say hello!

**FACULTY ANNOUNCEMENT:** The International Law Society would like to provide a service for William & Mary faculty. ILS will be gathering a list of students who are proficient in various languages and who would like to maintain their language skills by doing translations for professors.

This service will be FREE, though any professor who would like to compensate his or her student translator will be welcome to make a donation to a new ILS fund. This fund will provide travel stipends to ILS members who have overseas summer internships. Donations will be strictly voluntary, and the list of translators will be open to any William & Mary Law faculty member. If you have any questions, would like a copy of the list of translators, or have a particular language need, please email me at [wzweatherly@wm.edu](mailto:wzweatherly@wm.edu).

**FULL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR CURRENT 1L'S:** 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.

**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 [ssgrov@wm.edu](mailto:ssgrov@wm.edu). Time and place will depend on schedules of participants.

Protect yourself against the flu this year. Your state health plan is making it easy. COVA Care and COVA HDHP members, including covered dependents, will be able to get a free flu shot at participating Virginia pharmacies from now until the end of flu season. For complete details please visit the following website: <http://www.dhrm.state.va.us/hbenefits/prescriptiondrugs/flushots.htm>

**ATTENTION ALL MULTI-LINGUISTS** - The International Law Society will be gathering names of people who are willing and able to work on translating projects for law school professors. This project will be done on a volunteer basis, but will give you the opportunity to work closely with, and possibly get a reference from, professors in the school. It also gives you a great chance to retain your language skills! IF any professor feels that this service deserves payment, donations will go to fund the travel stipend that ILS will be awarding to some members doing overseas internships. If you would like to be on the list of translators, please send an email to Whitney Weatherly at [wzweatherly@wm.edu](mailto:wzweatherly@wm.edu). Of course, please note which language(s) you are proficient in.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**IT'S TIME FOR BLSA'S ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE!** Between **October 20** and **November 21**, we 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](mailto:cmsmit@wm.edu)). Thank you!

**SBA FALL FROM GRACE** - Fall From Grace will be the night of Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> this year. Tickets will be on sale soon, after Fall Break.

**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](mailto:lglaw@wm.edu).

**VBA LAW SCHOOL COUNCIL GENERAL BODY MEETING** - All interested students are invited to come discuss what the Virginia Bar Association Law School Council has planned for this year. All 1Ls interested in a leadership position are particularly encouraged to attend. The meeting will be Tuesday, October 21 at 1:00 p.m. in room 124. The Law School Council of the Virginia Bar Association is open to all W&M

students and membership is free. The Council holds service, educational, and networking events throughout the year. For more information contact Amanda Christensen at amkarr@wm.edu.

**HUMAN RIGHTS SPEAKER SERIES** - On Monday, October 27, a retired military leader, an intelligence expert and a local faith leader will participate in a panel discussion co-sponsored by the Human Rights and National Security Law Program and the Campaign to Ban Torture - a project of the Center for Victims of Torture, Evangelicals for Human Rights and the National Religious Campaign Against Torture. The discussion is titled "What Does Torture Mean for Our National Security & American Values?" and will feature prominent speakers including Lt. General Harry E. Soyster (USA-Ret.), Col. Lawrence Wilkerson (USA-Ret.) and Patrice Schwermer. Professor Linda Malone will serve as moderator. The event will begin at 7:00 p.m. in Room 120 at the Law School and is free and open to the public.

**BLACKSTONE LECTURE** - Associate Professor of Law Nancy Combs will present the 2008 Blackstone Lecture titled "Factfinding in International Criminal Law: The Appearance, the Reality, and the Future" on October 30 at 3:30 p.m. in room 127. Admission is free and all are welcome. Combs' research centers on international trials of persons accused of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes, and her lecture will explore the factual uncertainties inherent in such trials. She argues that international criminal trials are bedeviled by numerous and severe fact-finding impediments that substantially impair the international tribunals' ability to determine who did what to whom. As a result of these fact-finding impediments, Combs argues that international tribunals employ a less precise, more amorphous fact-finding method than they publicly acknowledge. She also explores the normative implications of her empirical findings and considers most broadly whether the fact-finding impediments that she identifies fatally undermine the international criminal justice project.

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

The Hon. Ambassador Andreas S. Kakouris, Ambassador to the U.S. from the Republic of Cyprus, will present a lecture titled "Cyprus, A Country and People Forcibly Divided: Why Reunification Matters." Free and all are welcome. Sponsored by the Human Rights and National Security Law Program Distinguished Lecture Series. Info: (757)221-1840, lawcom@wm.edu

## **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](mailto:ssgrov@wm.edu).

**VIRGINIA BAR UPDATE** - The Application for the Virginia Bar Examination and the Applicant's Character and Fitness Questionnaire are available online through the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners web site at: <http://www.vbbe.state.va.us/forms.html> Students who expect to sit for the Virginia Bar Examination can file the Character and Fitness Questionnaire within the first 14 months of their law school career for a discounted rate. The Bar Application itself cannot be filed more than three months prior to sitting for the exam.

Those planning to sit for the Virginia Bar are forewarned that the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners requires applicants to take the Multi-state Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE). The MPRE is a fifty question, two-hour, multiple-choice examination administered three times each year. You can register online at <http://www.ncbex.org/tests/mpre/mpre.htm>. **GOOD LUCK!!!**

**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 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 [benjamin.david.novak@gmail.com](mailto:benjamin.david.novak@gmail.com).

## OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT & ALUMNI AFFAIRS

The Office of Development & Alumni Affairs is hosting a FUN contest and we invite you to participate. We want you 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

**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 [www.winston.com](http://www.winston.com). 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 [www.constangy.com/MissionStatement.html](http://www.constangy.com/MissionStatement.html).

**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.dinlaw.com/careers/diversityscholarship/](http://www.dinlaw.com/careers/diversityscholarship/).

## OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

**Web Site of the Week - Stay Connected** As you travel here and there for interviews, you need to check your email, look up employer contact information in Symplicity, and scan employers' Web sites. The **Wi-Fi FreeSpot Directory** is a listing of locations in the U.S. and elsewhere, including coffee shops, hotels, campgrounds, and more, that offer free wireless Internet connections. [www.wififreespot.com](http://www.wififreespot.com)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**United Nations Jobs** - The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Organization Affairs, United Nations Employment Information and Assistance Unit has told us the Department places a high priority on increasing the number of Americans working in the United Nations. This is a great opportunity for law students/alumni interested in international law, as there are job openings in the Legal Affairs department. **The UN is holding a competitive recruitment examination on February 24, 2009, for U.S. citizens who are interested in entry-level professional posts. The deadline for receipt of exam applications by the UN is October 31, 2008.** More information about the NCRE can be found at [www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/examin/exam.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/examin/exam.htm)

**International Law** Students can join the **American Society of International Law** for only \$35, which gives you access to people and information from nearly 100 countries and a host of member benefits. For more information, see [www.asil.org](http://www.asil.org).

**3L Opportunity: The Defense Intelligence Scholars Program** of the National Defense Intelligence College in Washington, D.C. provides recent graduates and entry-level professionals seeking a career in intelligence an opportunity to obtain a paid internship, year long studies leading to a Master of Science in Strategic Intelligence (MSSI) degree, and conditional employment with the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA). Scholars receive a salary and government benefits throughout the entire program. The application deadline is **December 31**. For more information and application requirements, go to [www.dia.mil/college](http://www.dia.mil/college) or call 202-231-8228.

**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 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.**

**Save The Date: The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Public Service & The Law** will take place at the University of Virginia, School of Law in Charlottesville, Virginia on January 30-31, 2009. The keynote speaker will be Supreme Court Justice Samuel Alito; there will also be a host of topical public interest law panels and career workshops. For more information, go to [www.uvapublicserviceconference.com](http://www.uvapublicserviceconference.com).

The **Federal Circuit Bar Association** will present a four-part webcast series entitled "Excellence in Appellate Advocacy: Winning Before Speaking." Part one of the series, "Consciously Choosing the Best Beginning," will take place on Tuesday, October 21 at 3:00PM. Students can participate in this program via the Internet or on site in Washington DC. For details, go to [www.fedcirbar.org](http://www.fedcirbar.org).

**The University of Denver Library and Information Science Program** has announced a new specialization in law librarianship. Beginning Fall Quarter 2009, LIS will be adding a rotation of courses specifically created to educate law librarians. Students completing the program will receive a Masters of Library and Information Science (MLIS) degree with a law specialization.

In conjunction with the new curriculum, the LIS program is launching a Law Librarian Fellowship Program. Thanks in part to a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, LIS is offering up to 10 full-tuition fellowships for study beginning September 7, 2009. Students who are interested should contact Christopher Hudson, Project Coordinator, at [chris.hudson@du.edu](mailto:chris.hudson@du.edu) or by phone at 303-871-6683.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**October 20, Lunch with Lawyers: Careers in the CIA, 12:50-1:50PM, Room 141**

**Attention First-Year Students:** Over the next few weeks we will be conducting important programs to introduce you to our career planning services and explain the entire job search process. Please make a note of the dates and times and plan to attend these events.

**Career Conversations – Tuesday, October 28 12:55-2:00 p.m., Law School Lobby** - Talk with 2Ls and 3Ls about their summer work experiences and the typical summer career opportunities available for 1Ls. Bring your questions and enjoy a pizza lunch provided by Westlaw during the program.

**Guerilla Tactics for Getting the Legal Job of Your Dreams, presented by Kimm Walton, Thursday, October 30, 1:00-2:30 p.m., room 119 and the Court Room.**

**Job Search Seminar – Friday, October 31, Room 119** Learn about all aspects of the legal job search from writing a legal resume and cover letter, to interviewing, to networking. Two sessions: **8:30-11:00AM, 1:00-3:30PM** (OCS will let you know which Job Search Seminar session to which you are assigned soon).

## 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. When we receive information about these opportunities in the mail, they are posted on the bulletin board in OCS. 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 Advocates for Pregnant Women** (NAPW) has announced two 2008-2009 writing competitions. The first contest asks for a critical analysis of the absence of birthing rights issues from gender discrimination and feminist jurisprudence textbooks and curricula. The second contest asks students to develop legal theories that can be

used to challenge policies banning pregnant women from having a vaginal birth after a prior caesarean section. The application deadline is May 31, 2009. Submission guidelines may be found at: [http://advocatesforpregnantwomen.org/main/events/napw\\_writing\\_contest/submission\\_guidlines.php](http://advocatesforpregnantwomen.org/main/events/napw_writing_contest/submission_guidlines.php).

## **NEW RESOURCES, OCS LIBRARY**

***How to Start & Build A Law Practice***, Jay Foonberg, American Bar Association, Law School Division, 2004

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### **2008 publication schedule**

August 22; September 5, 19; October 3, 17, 31; November 14; December 5

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## **Skills, Additional Information for The Docket**

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My apologies. Following is the *complete* information for this speaker:

**The Honorable Ambassador Andreas S. Kakouris, Ambassador to the U.S. from the Republic of Cyprus**, will present a lecture titled "Cyprus, A Country and People Forcibly Divided: Why Reunification Matters" on November 3, in Room 120 at 6:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Human Rights and National Security Law Program. Free and all are welcome. Kakouris became Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus to the United States in 2006. He is also currently the High Commissioner of Cyprus to Canada.