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NEWSWORTHY NOTES



THANKS TO ALL OF YOU – THE LIBRARY COLLECTED \$757.00 FOR THE BONE MARROW DRIVE!! Many, many thanks to all who participated. If you still want to make a contribution, you can bring it to Janey Janson at the Library.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jim Heller and the Library Staff -- the Wolf Law Library was the recipient of a Design Achievement Award for Interior Design from the Hampton Roads chapter of the American Institute of Architects. The award was given to our architects -- HSMM -- last week at ceremonies held at the Sandler Center in Virginia Beach.

CONGRATULATIONS to the two teams that participated in the ABA National Moot Court tournament. After receiving the rankings, both of our ABA National teams performed very well. The first team consisted of Genevieve Jenkins (2L), Ben Lusty (3L), and Nicole Sornsin (2L). After a successful first day, sweeping all their competitors in the oral argument rounds, they made it all the way to the Semi-finals!! Awesome job guys!

CONGRATULATIONS to the 2008/09 Legal Skills Teaching Assistants - John Calabrese, Jennifer Case, Chris Casey, Janice Craft, Dana Hall, Brandon Harter, Neal Hoffman, Marin Hoplamazian, Joelle Laszlo, Jennifer Lyday, Erin McNeill, Chris Payne-Tsoupros, Abigail Peoples, and Sarah Simmons.

CONGRATULATIONS to the 2008/09 Academic Support Teaching Assistants -

Civil Procedure - Jason Wool

Constitutional Law - Steve Van Stempvoort (Devins)

Tim Brown (Zick)

Johnny O'Kane (Van Alstyne)

Contracts - Ben Anger
Corporations - Tim Brown
Criminal Law - Alexis Gregorian

Evidence - Kim Piro

Property - Meghaan McElroy Torts - Erik Jennings

LLM Tutors - Blair Hornstine & Chunlian Yang

Writing Tutor - Thomas Ryerson Workshops - Michelle Jacobs

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

On April 18, the J. REUBEN CLARK LAW SOCIETY AND THE INSTITUTE OF BILL OF RIGHTS LAW will host a symposium - "The Williamsburg Charter Revisited: Significant Developments in Law and Religion Since 1988" - from 1:00-4:00 p.m. in room 119 of the Law School. Admission is free and all are welcome. The Williamsburg Charter was signed in Williamsburg in 1988, and was a reaffirmation of the First Amendment and a celebration of religious liberty. The symposium will explore how interpretations of the Establishment Clause have affected religions and churches in the U.S.

HAVE YOUR SUMMER PLANS CHANGED? There are still spots available in the Legal Technology Summer School, May 27-June 27. Courses include Electronic Discovery and Data Seizures, Privacy in a Technological Age, and Internet Law. Pick up 6 credit hours attending classes Monday through Thursday. Registration deadline is April 25. For more information, call Mary Beth Dalton, Summer School Coordinator, at 1-2494 or see http://www.legaltechcenter.net/summer. For more information, contact klthor@wm.edu or call 757-221-1840.

PMBR NEWS - ABA and NBLSA discounts expire April 18! The semester is almost over, and so is the opportunity to enroll and lock in discounted rates from Kaplan PMBR.

1Ls and 2Ls - You will not only lock in your prices, and save money; you'll also get crucial study aids to help you prepare for your current and future classes. You'll eventually need to enroll in Kaplan PMBR so why not do it now?

3Ls - Now is the time to secure your seat in your bar review course for the coming summer Bar Exam. Even if you enrolled as a 1L or 2L, all 3Ls need to select their course locations for the coming summer courses. We recommend our Comprehensive Program for the most complete preparation. Don't forget to include audio CDs of all six MBE topics for only \$100. Each topic retails normally for \$50 each! That's a deal! Enroll today and be sure to full payment and your membership number by April 18. Please visit kaplanpmbr.com or call 800-523-0777 with any questions.

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. 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 2L and 3L law students.

ADMISSION

APPRECIATION FROM ADMISSIONS - The Law School Admission Team is pleased to report a large and strong applicant pool of over 4,500 this year. Many, many student volunteers contributed to the success of the program. To all those volunteer tour guides, student hosts, phonathon participants, student emailers, together with the many students that participated in Admitted Student Weekend activities and other students who informally reached out to welcome our visitors to the William & Mary community - WE SAY HEARTFELT THANKS!

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 email 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 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".

THE REED SMITH ADVERSITY FELLOWSHIP is open to first-year students who have demonstrated excellent scholarship while overcoming economic or social adversity. Six students will be awarded \$10,000 toward their second year of law school, as well as a paid summer associate position in any one of the nine U.S. Reed Smith offices participating in the program. The application deadline is May 15, 2008. For more information and an application please stop by the Admission Office.

THE NRA CIVIL RIGHTS DEFENSE FUND is offering a scholarship opportunity in the form of a writing contest for all current law students. The subject of the contest is "The Right of the Individual to Keep and Bear Arms as a Federally Protected Right." Cash prizes in the amounts of \$5,000, \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000 will be awarded. Please stop by the Admission Office for additional details. The deadline for this contest is June 1, 2008.

THE ALABAMA LAW FOUNDATION OFFERS THE CABANISS, JOHNSTON SCHOLARSHIP to a second year law student who is a resident of Alabama. The scholarship will cover tuition and books for the second year of law school to a maximum of \$5,000. For more information and an online application, visit www.alfinc.org. The deadline for the 2008-09 school year is June 6, 2008.

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.

LIBRARY NEWS

Restricted Library Access - From Friday, April 18, at 5:00 p.m., until Friday, May 2, 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 or those using legal materials **are permitted** access.

Graduation Sunday Library Hours - The Library will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. on Graduation Sunday, May 11.

Memorial Day Library Hours - Abbreviated circulation desk hours will be observed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, based upon the availability of staff. Hours will be posted in mid-May.

Building Access - On holidays and during interims, when the library is closed, law students with properly programmed ID cards may access the building and library. 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 Locker Clean Out - The deadline for locker clean-out and key return is Friday, May 02, 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. After the renovated library space reopens, lockers will be available for summer Research Assistants and students studying for the bar. The library will post an announcement when lockers are again available, or inquire at the (new) Circulation Desk.

Carrel Clean Out - The deadline for carrel clean out is Friday, May 2, by 5:00 p.m. Our old carrels will be surplused starting May 12, so be sure and return all library books and remove all personal belongings. New carrels will be available in the renovated library for summer Research Assistants and students studying for the bar. The library will post an announcement when carrels may be reserved.

Interlibrary Loan Returns and Renewals - Please return interlibrary loan materials before you leave for the summer. The loan period for interlibrary loan material is generally one month. Some libraries will extend the loan period for an

additional month, but you must request a renewal **before the due date**. If the library will not extend the loan, we must return the book. If you need the material even though the book must be returned, photocopy the pages cited **and the title page**, or complete an interlibrary loan form and request that we borrow it from another library.

Good luck with exams and have a happy and safe summer!

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

OCS wishes you success! We'll be thinking of you as you go off into the "real world" for the summer – or for good. Whether you're graduating in May or returning next fall, we will be here throughout the summer to answer any questions you might have. Feel free to contact us via phone (757-221-3805), e-mail (lawocs@wm.edu), fax (757-221-1611), or regular mail (P.O. Box 8795, Williamsburg, VA 23187-8795). Current 1Ls and 2Ls will receive an important e-mail from us in late June. It will include critical information about interview programs (for which you must register this summer), fall OCI, and more.

Part-time Summer Job in Washington DC - The National Association of Law Placement (NALP) is seeking part-time assistance from law students working in the DC area during the summer to help with PSLawNet data entry. The job pays \$13/hour, and the positions are intended to help students who have other (usually non-paying) public service internships to supplement their income. Interested students are encouraged to email a cover letter and resume at their earliest convenience to Jarrod Shirk at jshirk@nalp.org. Job details are available at https://www.pslawnet.org/users/jobdetails.php?iid=3D25050.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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.

The Delaware State Bar Association is sponsoring the 17th *Annual Delaware Minority Job Fair* for rising 2Ls and 3Ls on **Saturday, August 16, 2008** at the Widener University School of Law in Wilmington, Delaware. **The registration deadline is Monday, April 21**. For registration materials and more information, please come to OCS. William & Mary students are invited to participate in a variety of career- and employment-related events around the country. The Office of Career Services forwards information about these programs to all students. All students are welcome to participate.

The *ABA Law Student Division Career Fair* is scheduled for **August 7, 2008**, in New York, NY. The event is structured as a table-talk and resume submission event to provide law students an opportunity to learn more about each firm or agency. In order to register, students must be an ABA Law Student Division member. The registration fee is \$50 if submitted on or before May 30, 2008. After May 30, 2008, the registration fee increases to \$75. In 2007, the first year of this Career Fair, seventeen employers participated. The ABA anticipates greater participation this year and intends to start listing the employers who have confirmed on their site. For updated and detailed information regarding the event and registration, go to http://www.abanet.org/lsd/career/2008/students/home.html

Law students are invited to attend the live webcast, *How to Succeed as a Summer Associate on June 9, 2008 at 5:30-7:00 p.m.* sponsored by the Practicing Law Institute (PLI). Students will receive practical advice from law firm partners on managing workload, getting feedback and dealing with criticism, taking advantage of pro bono and training opportunities, social expectations and a host of other relevant issues. For more information, go to the PLI web site at www.pli.edu.

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.

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.

The **Manhattan Management Group** provides extended-stay rentals to interns. Contact Sharon Magill at 212-967-7013 or via email at Sharon@mmgnyc.com or go to their web site at www.mmgnyc.com. When contacting her, mention that William & Mary received a letter from her and she will deduct 15% off all fees.

Summer Housing in Washington, DC:

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.

William & Mary is offering W&M students housing in a high rise apartment building (The Buchanan) in Arlington, Virginia walking distance to the subway and in close proximity to restaurants and shopping. Visit http://www.wm.edu/dcsummer/housing for more information.

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 Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation has announced the fifteenth annual *Brown Award for Excellence in Legal Writing*. There is no restriction on the topic except that the writing must be on a legal subject. Students wishing to submit a paper for consideration must include a letter of recommendation from a law school faculty member or legal professional (only one paper may be sponsored by any faculty member or legal professional). This year, the stipend for the winner is \$10,000. The **deadline to submit a paper is May 16, 2008.**

The *International Association of Defense Counsel* (IADC) has announced its 2008 Legal Writing Contest. Entries must be the original work of a single author, not previously published, and they must cover the fields of tort law, insurance law, civil procedure, evidence, or other areas of practical concern to lawyers engaged in the defense of civil litigation. The first place award is \$2,000; the second place award is \$1,000 and for third place, \$500. Judges also may award honorable mentions. Winning and honorable mention entries will be considered for publication in the IADC's quarterly, *Defense Counsel Journal*. **The deadline for submission is Friday, May 16.** For more information, go to the IADC Web site at www.iadclaw.org/contest.cfm

NEW RESOURCES IN THE OCS LIBRARY

The Virginias Legal Directory 2008, Legal Directories Publishing Company, Inc., 2008 - A directory of all the attorneys having offices in Virginia and West Virginia.

National Trade and Professional Associations of the United States, Columbia Books, 2008 - Directory of trade and professional associations in the U.S. including historical information, headquarters contact information, operating budget, staff size, key executives and other details.

Federal Yellow Book, Leadership Directories, Inc., Fall 2007 Who's who in federal departments and agencies

Corporate Yellow Book, Leadership Directories, Inc., Winter 2008 Who's who at the leading U.S. companies

LawCrossing's Guide to Alternative Careers, LawCrossing, 2008

Profiles of attorneys who have made transitions into non-legal careers as well as information on alternative careers in the nonprofit and business worlds, and everything in between.

Vault Guide to the 100 Top Law Firms, Vault, Inc., 2008 Edition Inside information about what the top law firms are really like, compiled from a survey of almost 20,000 associates at these firms.

Do What You Are, Paul D. Tieger & Barbara Barron, Little, Brown and Company, 2007.

A step-by-step approach through the process of determining your personality type and matching your type with suitable careers.

Fifty Legal Careers for Non-Lawyers, Ursula Furi-Perry, American Bar Association Publishing, Inc., 2008

A handbook that helps the reader select a law career best suited to his/her interests, training and aptitude.

Solo by Choice, How to Be the Lawyer You Always Wanted to Be, Carolyn Elefant, DecisionBooks, 2008

Practical advice on starting your own practice, setting up an office, selecting practice areas, marketing, handling clients and billing.

Guerilla Tactics for Getting the Legal Career of Your Dreams, Kimm Alayne Walton, Thomas West, 2008

Ways to find great jobs outside of on-campus interviews, guidance on how to decide what type of legal career to choose, practical advice on networking, cover letters, resumes and interviews, advice on negotiating salary and much more.

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Good Luck Class of 2008 We'll Miss You!