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NEWSPORTHY NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to the new SBA 1L Representatives – **Tamar Jones, Courtney Mill,** and **Stephen Barry.**

BIG THANKS to **John Calabrese, Brandon Harter, Erin McNeill** and **Calisa Smith** for their great work as counsel for the Center for Legal and Court Technology's lab trial on Saturday, September 13. The fictitious case *In Re Leslie Lyndon* built on information gathered in a 2006 state-of-the-art CLCT lab trial that tested the ability of assistive technology to provide equal courtroom access to judges, lawyers, witnesses, and jurors with a variety of disabilities. This year's case featured the first remote testimony from a personal laptop. The witness transmitted the testimony from an apartment in Williamsburg Landing, a retirement community. The trial also utilized assistive technology devices targeting vision and hearing impairments. CLCT appreciates all who made this possible, including community volunteers, staff, and most especially, our four counselors.

ABA RE-ACCREDITATION PROCESS BEGINS - Every seven years, each ABA-accredited law school must go through a re-accreditation process. Re-accreditation ensures that our graduates are eligible to take the bar exam anywhere in the United States. The re-accreditation process involves a detailed Self-Study and compilation of data, followed by a site visit by a team of ABA accreditors. William & Mary's site visit team will arrive in October 2009. Between now and then, faculty, administrators, and students will be asked to contribute thoughts and ideas to the Self-Study. You will be hearing more about this throughout the year. The Self-Study Committee is chaired by Professor Barnard and includes Dean Kaplan; Professors Banks, Heller, Heymann, Marcus, Meese, Roberts, and Ward; and students Latoya Asia (3L) and Rob Poggenklass (2L).

STUDENT ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVE - The current Vice President of the Student Assembly has resigned. The search for the next VP will be through an application process open to the entire student body. This is an excellent opportunity to get more representation for the law school in the Student Assembly. One of the many duties of the Student Assembly is to approve the SBA's budget requests. If you are interested in this position, please contact our SBA President Jenny Case at jgcase@wm.edu as soon as possible. Thank you.

WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, AND THE WASHINGTON COLLEGE OF LAW INVITATION TO SUBMIT ESSAYS FOR THE ARCHIVES ON WOMEN LAWYERS PROJECT - *The Modern American* (TMA) announces the American University – Washington College of Law (WCL) essay

competition open to all full-time and part-time law students enrolled in and attending an accredited law school in the United States.

The Women's Bar Association of the District of Columbia (WBA) and WCL share an important history in advancing women in the law. TMA celebrates this history by creating a writing competition that **discusses the author's selection of a topic of interest or importance affecting women *in the law***, such as issues ranging from the history of struggles confronted by women lawyers in their careers to issues that women lawyers face today in a male-dominated environment at the higher levels of the profession. The writing competition will not only give semi-finalists the opportunity to work alongside WBA members by receiving response pieces from them, but will also give semi-finalists and the winner of the competition, the opportunity to attend the dinner that will commemorate WBA's and WCL's shared history on October 16 at WCL. The winner of the competition will also get a chance to publish his/her essay in The Modern American publication. Entries are to be submitted to tma@wcl.american.edu.

PLEASE NOTE - Regarding charitable drives where money is collected. W&M student organizations do a fabulous job supporting countless needy organizations. We applaud and commend you all. But, we also caution you on how you collect donations of money. Please be aware that this is a public building and we can't trust that visitors have the same ethics of our students and staff. Fund drives that collect money in jars or cans or other vessels are great, but these vessels should not be left unattended as they can be subject to theft.

PSF STUDY GUIDE DRIVE - Thank you to all those who have generously donated your study guides to PSF! Our drive isn't quite over yet though! We're still looking for more and will have the boxes in the student lounge until this Friday afternoon. Please note that PSF will NOT be accepting textbooks or legal skills books!!! We will take all other study guides, but would prefer to receive any Emanuel's, Examples & Explanations, Gilbert's, In a Nutshells, and other study guides of that nature, as well as study guides for all 1L subjects. Thank you for all your donations!

VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE - This week a group of civic interest law school organizations hosted a voter registration drive in the law school lobby. Phi Alpha Delta, the Black Law Students Association, the Election Law Society, the Law Democrats and the Law Republicans joined together to make sure that everyone registers to vote this year. Do not forget these important deadlines for Virginia voters:

Monday, October 6 (5:00 p.m.) Submit Voter Registration Application to local Voter Registrar

Tuesday, October 28 (5:00 p.m.) Apply by mail for an absentee ballot

Saturday, November 1 (5:00 p.m.) Apply in person for an absentee ballot

Tuesday, November 4 (7:00 p.m.) Absentee ballots must be received by local registrar

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

YOUTH ACHIEVE PROFESSIONAL CLOTHING DRIVE: September 11 – October 11 - The mission of Youth Achieve is to provide homeless shelters, children's centers and schools with young, highly qualified volunteers to tutor and academically mentor the

often neglected homeless and at risk youth in Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia. Please consider donating extra professional clothing you might have on hand. The clothing you donate will help Youth Achieve provide its beneficiaries an opportunity to look their very best for job and school interviews. Donations in any amount are greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your tremendous generosity.

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

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SOCIETY UPCOMING FALL EVENTS - ELS promotes environmental awareness and provides a forum for discussion, activism, and FUN. Get your calendars handy and pencil in the following events! Monday, September 22: Watch for us in the lobby (or outside, if sunny!) to learn more about ELS. Come hungry for our bake sale. Tuesday, September 23: Social event at Blue Talon restaurant. See how well half-priced wine and green conversation go together. (6:00-9:00 p.m.) Friday, October 3: Pumpkin Picking at a local farm, via the Jamestown Ferry. Meet at the law school at 2:00 p.m.

VIRGINIA BAR ASSOCIATION LAW SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING - Interested in practicing law in Virginia? Want to help the community? All students are invited to come to this year's first general body meeting of the VBA Law School Council on Tuesday, September 23 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 127. We will discuss what the council has planned for this year, including a networking event coming up on September 30, and solicit ideas for future service projects and educational events. Free Pizza and drinks will be provided!

SAVE THE DATE! Law School's First *Kelly Panel for Excellence in Teaching* - What makes for excellence in teaching? Come join in the dialogue at the first Herbert V. Kelly, Sr. Panel on Excellence in Teaching on Thursday, September 25, from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. in room 127. Admission is free and all are welcome to join in the discussion and the reception afterward. The event is part of a series of programs devoted to teaching and organized by Haynes Professor of Law Paul Marcus. In 2007, Professor Marcus was appointed to a two-year term as the inaugural Kelly Professor for Excellence in Teaching. Professor Marcus will be joined on the panel by other faculty including Professors Davison Douglas, Laura Heymann, and the Honorable Wilford Taylor, Jr., as well as Latoya Asia and Tom Ryerson of the student body. Vice Dean Eric Kades will moderate. While the subjects taught by the faculty participants are varied, each has been recognized for outstanding teaching. Professors Marcus, Douglas, Heymann and Kades received awards from recent graduating classes, while Judge Taylor, a member of the Class of 1978, was the 2007-08 recipient of the St. George Tucker Adjunct Professorship Award.

PSF CASINO NIGHT - Get ready for PSF's first event of the year, Casino Night! On Saturday, September 27, the law school lobby will be transformed into a Vegas casino complete with blackjack, poker, roulette, and craps! New this year: a 50/50 raffle!!! Join some of your favorite professors as they deal the cards and enjoy drinks served by your fellow law students! Tickets will be available in the lobby next week Monday - Thursday (September 22-25) for \$10. Stop by the table and also enjoy some of our baked goodies during the PSF bake sale Tuesday-Thursday. Tickets will be available for purchase at

the door the night of the event, but will cost an additional \$2 so make sure to get your tickets ahead of time. Doors will open at 8pm, games will begin promptly at 8:30 p.m.!

VIRGINIA BAR ASSOCIATION NETWORKING EVENT - All students are invited to join the Law School Council of the Virginia Bar Association on Tuesday, September 30 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. for drinks and hors d'oeuvres with a variety of legal professionals from throughout the area. Whether you have a job, are considering your options, or are still interviewing, come make some new connections with your future colleagues in the Commonwealth of Virginia. 1Ls are invited, but reminded to adhere to NALP and OCS regulations regarding contacting employers prior to December 1. For additional information on the event contact erturnbull@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.

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!!!**

Reminder! No signs on walls, doors or windows, including the front and side doors to the Law School (this is a new policy as of September 4, 2008). You may post notices in the Student Lounge. Obtain permission from Gloria Todd to post notices on the Administration Bulletin Board in the Student Lounge.

WHERE DO YOU LIVE? The Law School must always have your most current address and phone number on file. Students should check their contact information by logging onto Banner Self Service. Please notify Chris Creech immediately of any correction to this information.

ADMINISTRATOR AND FACULTY MAILBOX ACCESS - If there is a need to contact an administrator or faculty member through their Law School mailbox, please place the item in the appropriately marked box in the reception area. The item will be delivered for you. ***Please remember that students are not allowed in the workroom.***

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.

3L GIFT TO THE WILLIAMSBURG COMMUNITY: *Heritage Humane Society*
The 3L goal is to raise \$100 to purchase a brick at Heritage Humane Society (HHS). The brick will be a part of the patio in front of HHS and will be a permanent symbol of our generosity. The brick will display the following message:

*William & Mary
School of Law
Class of 2009*

Donations of any amount can be dropped in the marked containers in the student lounge and checks can be made out to Heritage Humane Society. Questions can be directed to Kate Celender at kate.celender@gmail.com.

SBA OFFICE HOURS - SBA representatives will be available during the week with an open door policy at the SBA office starting next week. Please stop by if you have any questions, ideas, or suggestions.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION BOARDS - If you are a student Organization leader and are interested in using one of the Student Organization boards in the hall for the upcoming year please send your request to the SBA Secretary, Zack DeMeola (zidemeola@wm.edu).

THE GLOBAL EDUCATION OFFICE IN THE REVES CENTER is looking for a select group of approximately 15 students to serve as Pre-Departure Aides with the Study Abroad Pre-Departure Orientation Program for the Fall 2008 semester. The Pre-Departure Orientation is designed to help future study abroad students prepare for their upcoming study abroad experience in a fun and informative way.

Pre-Departure Aides (PDAs) play an integral role in the Orientation Program by sharing personal insights, advice, stories, and reflections from their international experiences to help future study abroad students make the most of their time abroad. If you are interested in applying to be a Pre-Departure Aide, please contact Leila Tubbeh at ltubbeh@wm.edu for more details.

ADMISSION

FINANCIAL AID / SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

George V. Powell Diversity Scholarship – Lane Powell PC is offering this scholarship opportunity to women and individuals from diverse backgrounds. The scholarship

includes a 2009 summer associate position in the firm's Seattle or Portland office and \$7,500 toward tuition and expenses during the student's third year of law school. Applicants must be current 2L law students in good standing at an ABA accredited law school and have demonstrated the desire to work, live and eventually practice law in Seattle or Portland. The application deadline is October 1, 2008. For more information please visit: www.lanepowell.com/firm/scholarship.asp.

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. 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.

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 or second-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. Second year students must apply by September 15, 2008. First year students should apply between December 1 and December 31, 2008. For more information, visit www.dinslaw.com/careers/diversityscholarship/.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

Web Site of the Week - NALP Directory (www.nalpdirectory.com) You can browse or search through information about hundreds of legal employers (mostly large private firms, but some in government and public interest areas). Listings include many details important to job seekers, such as hiring criteria, salary, hiring contacts, areas of practice, links to Web sites and more.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Gulf Coast Consortium** (GCC), a new group of public interest attorneys in the Gulf Coast region, has formed. GCC members support each other in identifying legal employment, collaborate in carrying out projects, and are interested in supporting law school graduates and new attorneys in locating employment in the region. GCC members are willing to help students seeking public interest work on the Gulf Coast. Interested students should contact GulfCoastConsortium@gmail.com.

The ***Pittsburgh Foundation and K&L Gates offer the K&L Gates Public Interest Fellowship*** Program to law students interested in opportunities to assist public service organizations located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Each summer, the program awards up to three successful candidates a fellowship that enables them to spend four weeks of their summer working at one of four designated public interest organizations. In 2009, each recipient will be paid a stipend of \$1,000 per week for his/her public interest service. K&L Gates will pay a supplemental salary to any recipient who receives and accepts an offer to spend the remainder of the summer as a K&L Gates summer associate. K&L Gates fellows, however, are not required to spend the rest of the summer with K&L Gates. To be considered for a fellowship award, candidates must **submit an application by October 3**. Selection of fellowship winners is based on academic merit, demonstrated commitment to public service, other information provided throughout the application process and interviews with finalist candidates. For a copy of the application materials, go to K&L Gates' Web site at www.klgates.com or come to OCS.

The ***2008 Equal Justice Works Conference and Interview Program*** will take place **October 10-11**, in Washington, DC. The program is the largest of its type and offers significant opportunities for employment and networking. Last year, over 100 government agencies and public interest organizations from throughout the U.S. participated. A list of participating employers and application procedures for each is available at www.equaljusticeworks.org/events/ccf/general. EJW will update the list as more employers register, so recheck the list every couple of days. **The application deadline is Friday, September 26.**

The Power Point presentation, ***Ten Tips for Choosing Your Practice Area***, given on September 15 on campus by Jeffrey Lowe, '89 W&M Law alumnus and Managing Partner of Major, Lindsey & Africa, is now available on Blackboard in OCS Resources for Students under "Choosing Your Practice Area."

The ***Office of General Counsel-Central Intelligence Agency*** offers 10-week summer clerkships to 2Ls interested in national security law and related legal issues. For more information and details about the application process, go to **<https://www.cia.gov/offices-of-cia/general-counsel/careers/summer-law-clerk-program.html>**. Since a top security clearance is required for this clerkship, the application deadline is **September 30, 2008**. The application process is very competitive; a minimum 3.0 G.P.A. and U.S. citizenship are required.

The ***CIA Office of General Counsel*** also offers a three-year Legal Honors Program for graduating students interested in national security law. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, but appointments are very competitive. For more information and application details, go to **<https://www.cia.gov/offices-of-cia/general-counsel/careers/honors-attorneys-program.html>**.

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 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.**

NALP General Standards for the Timing of Offers and Decisions - In order to promote fair and ethical practices for the interviewing and decision-making process, 2L and 3L students are reminded to check the NALP Standards for the Timing of Offers and Decisions. **Please note that the timing of offers and decisions guidelines have changed** since last year. Due to these recent changes, many students may have less time to accept or decline offers than in past years. The number of offers students can retain at one time has also been modified. Please read Part V of NALP's Principles and Standards at <http://www.nalp.org/content/index.php?pid=16#part5> for details.

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 on 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 Theodore Tannenwald Foundation for Excellence in Tax Scholarship has announced the ***2009 Tannenwald Writing Competition***. Papers on any federal or state tax-related topic may be submitted in according to the Competition Rules (viewable at www.tannenwald.org). Cash prizes for the three top papers are as follows: \$5,000, \$2,500 and \$1,500 for the top three papers. The Deadline for submissions is 9:00PM EST July 1, 2009. For more information, contact Nancy Abramowitz at 202-274-4164 or via email at nabramo@wcl.american.edu.

The Holy Cross Journal of Law and Public Policy is compiling articles for its thirteenth annual issue in the fall of 2008. The purpose of this

Journal is to foster an open exchange of ideas and information that pertain to current legal or political issues of general interest. The deadline for submission is Monday, October 20. For additional information, contact Professor Scott Sandstrom at ssandstr@holycross.edu.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Lunch with Lawyers: Careers with the FBI, Tuesday, September 23, 12:50-1:50PM, Room 133.

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, October 1, 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 RESOURCES, OCS LIBRARY

The Comprehensive Fellowship Guide-The Ultimate Resource for Law Students and Lawyers, 2008-2009 NALP PSLawNet, 2008

National Directory of Corporate Public Affairs, Fall 2008

Columbia Books & Information Services, 2008

A profile of the corporate public affairs profession in the United States identifying the key people in that community.

Serving the Public: A Job Search Guide, Volume I- USA, 2008-2009

Stacy M. DeBroff, Aexa Shabecoff, Lisa D. Williams, Kirsten Bermingham, Harvard Law School, 2008

Serving the Public: A Job Search Guide, Volume II-International, 2008-2009

Virginia Greiman, Sheila A. Hubbard, Harvard Law School, 2008

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