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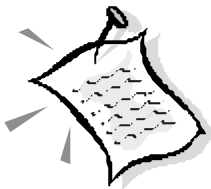
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## NEWSWORTHY NOTES

**CONGRATULATIONS** to *Kate Yashinski* (3L) and *Brian Young*, Esquire on their engagement. Kate and Brian plan to marry on August 9, 2008.



**CONGRATULATIONS** to *Stacey-Rae Simcox* ('99), and her husband *Mark Matthews* ('99) on the birth of their daughter, *Sophia Rae*, on January 15. She was 7-1/2 pounds and 20 inches long. Mom and baby are doing well. Big brother *Daniel* is happy with his new sister.

**REMINDER** – If you have permission to post flyers on the law school doors, please remove them after the event is concluded. Please help keep the Law School tidy.

**REMINDER TO STUDENT ORGANIZATION LEADERS** – If having an event where alcohol is served, you must satisfy the requirements found at <http://www/wm.edu/studentactivities/programming/tips.php>, and, in particular, have in attendance TIPS-trained students. Please refer to this web site for additional information.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION AND STUDENTS FOR THE INNOCENCE PROJECT** present – Death Penalty Symposium *Saturday, January 26, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.* This program is free and open to the public and includes breakfast and lunch. Panelists include:

- **KIRK BLOODSWORTH**, the first person to have a capital conviction overturned on the basis of DNA evidence; Mr. Bloodsworth now works at The Justice Project
- **JOHN TERZANO**, President of The Justice Project
- **JOHN TUCKER**, author of “May God Have Mercy: A True Story of Crime and Punishment”
- **DAVISON DOUGLAS**, William & Mary’s Arthur B. Hanson Professor of Law, speaking to the varying religious perspectives on the death penalty
- **TOMMY MILLER**, U.S. Magistrate Judge, William & Mary Adjunct Professor of Law, who will act as Moderator throughout the symposium

For more information, please contact Latoya Asia ([lcasia@wm.edu](mailto:lcasia@wm.edu)) or Christina Murtaugh ([clmurt@wm.edu](mailto:clmurt@wm.edu)).

The Reves Center announces its **GRADUATE STUDENT INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GRANTS** for Spring/Summer 2008. All full-time William & Mary graduate students are eligible to apply for funding to support international travel related to any of the following: participation in conferences, language proficiency programs, pre-dissertation or dissertation research, lab, or fieldwork. All travel must take place between March 1 and September 30, 2008. Graduate students are eligible to receive a maximum award of \$500 per academic year. A faculty selection committee will review all applications and select the grantees.

The application deadline is 5:00 p.m. on **Thursday, January 31, 2008**. No applications will be accepted after the deadline. Questions may be directed to Karen Dolan at [kisdola@wm.edu](mailto:kisdola@wm.edu). Further information is available at <http://www.wm.edu/revescenter/campus/funding/gradtravelgrants.php>.

**FORMER SPECIAL ENVOY TO IRELAND WILL DISCUSS IMPLICATIONS OF THE NORTHERN IRELAND PEACE PROCESS, MITCHELL REISS**, who served until February 2007 as the President's Special Envoy for the Northern Ireland Peace Process with the rank of Ambassador, will deliver a lecture at William & Mary Law School co-sponsored by the **HUMAN RIGHTS AND NATIONAL SECURITY LAW PROGRAM AND STUDENTS DEFENDING DEMOCRACY**. Entitled "The Northern Ireland Peace Process: How Pertinent a Model for Other Conflicts?" the talk will be presented on **January 31 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 127** of the Law School, and is free and open to the public.

Drawing on his expertise as Special Envoy, Reiss will explore the lessons that can be derived from the resolution of the Troubles. In particular, Reiss will consider the implications of these lessons for other civil conflicts around the world, asking, "What do these tragic events have to say about fighting terrorism? About developing a political path away from terror? About the role of outside parties to the conflict? In short, can Northern Ireland serve as a model for the peaceful resolution of other disputes?"

**PRIMARY POOL-OOZA SPONSORED BY THE ELECTION LAW SOCIETY** - It's like a March Madness Basketball Pool, but for Politics! Pick the Winners in the Super Duper Tuesday Primaries to Win! Starting **Wednesday, January 30**, fill out your primary picks for each Super Duper Tuesday state in the law school lobby. It will be \$5 a sheet. The top three winners will receive prizes. The first place prize will be \$100! Additionally, the purchase of a sheet, will get you a ticket for the raffles to be held at Paul's on Super Tuesday.

**SUPER TUESDAY BASH AT PAUL'S DELI** - On Super Duper **Tuesday, February 5, at 7:30 p.m.** join the Election Law Society and your fellow politicians for specials at Paul's and watch the returns come in on the big screen. Political costumes encouraged; Elephant and Donkey cakes guaranteed. There will be a raffle with door prizes, but you must be present to win!

**3Ls 100 NIGHTS CELEBRATION** – 100 Nights is only a few weeks away 3Ls! Friday, **February 1** is the 100 Night Until Graduation party. We need your help for the slide-show. In order to have a slide-show that is representative of the entire Class of 2008 we need you to send any pictures that you'd like to be included in the slide-show to [100nightpictures@gmail.com](mailto:100nightpictures@gmail.com). We will compile them and get them ready for the slide-show. This is the kick-off to the last few months of law school, so start making your plans to attend and please don't forget to send us your pictures. For any questions regarding 100 Nights please contact Cabell Clay ([mcclay@wm.edu](mailto:mcclay@wm.edu)) or David Bules ([dtbule@wm.edu](mailto:dtbule@wm.edu)).

**THE WILLIAM & MARY SCHOOL OF LAW'S ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY REVIEW** is pleased to present our 12th annual Spring Symposium. The Symposium is an annual event that focuses on timely topics in environmental law. The symposium examines these topics by bringing together leaders from various disciplines to engage and enlighten students and professionals alike. This years topic, *Emission Not Accomplished: The Future of Carbon Emissions in a Changing World*, will address the current and future problems resulting from carbon emissions. The symposium will take place in the Law School's Courtroom 21, from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. on **Saturday, February 2, 2008**. Breakfast and a light lunch will be provided. Admission is free and open to all. For more information, please contact Amanda Tapscott at [astaps@wm.edu](mailto:astaps@wm.edu).

**PSF AUCTION** - Mark your calendars now for the annual PSF Auction!! This year the Auction is **Saturday, February 9** from 8:00pm till midnight! Get ready for lots of fun and entertainment while we auction off some AMAZING items! If you are interested in sponsoring an auction package in the live auction or if you want to volunteer to help out the night of the event, email [publicservicefund@gmail.com](mailto:publicservicefund@gmail.com) . We can't wait to see everyone there!

**PSF ASSASSINS** - Assassins is back – the law school becomes a Darwinian jungle once again. Each player is trying to "kill" their target (by tagging them with a spoon) before their hunter kills them. When someone is killed, the killer becomes responsible for killing the victim's target. Conspiracy, deception, stealth and plain speed have been used to set up a kill at W&M Law. What will you use? Sign up in the lobby this week (through Thursday at 4:00 p.m.) or by putting \$5.00 and your name in Eric Anderson's hanging file (2L) by **Friday, January 25 at 5:00 p.m.** You don't want to miss out on this one!

**2ND ANNUAL ELECTION LAW SYMPOSIUM** - The Election Law Society will hold its 2nd Annual Symposium about the presidential selection process on **Tuesday, February 21 in room 120 from 3:30-8:00 p.m.**, moderated by Professor Davison Douglass. Please join us for the reception in the lobby following the Symposium.

**BARRISTER'S BALL** – The Barrister's Ball will be **Saturday, February 23, 2008**. You that Fall from Grace was fun, but you haven't seen anything yet!

**EXAM CONFLICTS FORMS** are now available and deadline is **Friday, April 4**.

**SUMMER SCHOOL 2008** - Spend June in Williamsburg improving your employment marketability! The Law School is offering the world's first and only Legal Technology Summer School. You can select up to two of these three-credit courses:

Electronic Discovery and Data Seizures

Privacy in a Technological Age

Technology Augmented Trial Advocacy

Legal Technology Seminar

Internet Law

Courses are being held **May 27-June 27**, enabling those interested in attending the summer program abroad to enroll and earn credits from both programs. To learn more about each course offering, and their faculty, go to [www.legaltechcenter.net/summerschool](http://www.legaltechcenter.net/summerschool). Please note the upcoming deadlines and requirements for registrations.

In addition, William & Mary Summer School offers a variety of independent courses and externships. Information regarding summer school registration will be distributed in March.

Class of 2008

You are Invited to Celebrate  
100 Nights Until Graduation

Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>  
8:00 p.m. - Midnight  
Trinkle Hall - Campus Center  
Business Casual Attire

Eat. Drink and Be Merry  
For soon you will graduate!!

R.S.V.P. to Kathy Pond by January 28 [ktpond@wm.edu](mailto:ktpond@wm.edu)

## ADMISSIONS

**FINANCIAL AID** – Individual appointments are available for questions on financial aid, FAFSA, lender options, lender terms, loan applications, bar loans, loan consolidation issues, loan repayment, taxes. Appointments may be scheduled with Jennifer Meier, Assistant Director for Student Loans and Graduate Aid, for individual meetings on Wednesday afternoons at the Law School during the weeks of spring semester when classes are held. Please stop by the Admissions Office (rooms 104 and 105) to sign-up in advance for available appointment times. You may contact the Office of Student Financial Aid, 218 Blow Memorial Hall (221-2426) to schedule appointments on other days.

**FINANCIAL AID FOR THE 2008-09 ACADEMIC YEAR** – Information regarding financial aid for the 2008-09 academic year was sent to all 1Ls and 2Ls via e-mail from Faye Shealy on January 10, 2008. If you did not receive this information or could not open the attachment, please stop by the Admission Office (rooms 104 and 105) to obtain a hard copy or to meet with Dean Shealy regarding questions. The FAFSA is required for need-based financial aid and all education loans. **March 1 is the deadline** for returning students to file the FAFSA located at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov). William & Mary's Title IV Federal School Code is 003705.

**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 e-mail the particulars to [lawadm@wm.edu](mailto: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!

**OLIVER HILL SCHOLARSHIP** – The Oliver Hill Scholarship is awarded to a student who is committed to the objectives, goals, and principles of the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) at William & Mary Law School. The recipient must demonstrate a commitment to personal excellence, social justice, and advancing and protecting civil rights of all citizens. Students in good standing at the Law School, who demonstrate financial need, exhibit leadership abilities in the Law School or the community and display a record of public or community service are eligible. Interested students must apply for the scholarship by submitting two copies of the following to the Dean's Office by **February 29**: resumé, statement (no more than one double-spaced page) that describes how the student meets the criteria and an essay (no more than two double-spaced pages) on the topic "How Oliver Hill's achievements have had an impact on my life?"

**REED SMITH VIRGINIA ADVERSITY FELLOWSHIP** - This \$15,000 fellowship is open to first year student attending an ABA certified Virginia law school who have overcome significant social adversity in their pursuit of a legal career. To receive the entire award (split between the second and third years of law school), the recipient must work as a summer

associate at one of their Virginia offices between his/her second and third year of law school. The deadline to apply is **February 28, 2007**. For more information and an application, please stop by the Admission Office.

The **FINNEGAN HENDERSON DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP** offers financial support to qualified minority first-year law students who have demonstrated a commitment to pursuing a career in IP law. The award recipient will also accept an offer to join the firm as a summer associate in one of their domestic offices (Atlanta, Cambridge, Palo Alto, Reston or Washington). The deadline for applications is **February 29, 2008**. For more information and an application visit [www.finnegan.com](http://www.finnegan.com).

## OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

**Web Site of the Week** - Interested in a legal career in the Entertainment Industry? **Ifcome.com** (<http://ifcome.tripod.com/>) "provides information about business affairs and legal affairs jobs and job changes in the television, entertainment, motion picture, internet, new media and dot-com industries." Though the positions listed may require several years of experience, savvy students will recognize the goldmine of information contained in the listings about who's hiring, how the industry is structured, what kinds of jobs might be available to you once you have a little experience, and, with a little creative thinking, where potential internships and entry-level jobs may lie.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**1L Opportunity: Boston Lawyers Group** is sponsoring a program entitled "Charting Your Legal Future" on Wednesday, February 13, 2008 from 5:30-7:30PM at the Law Offices of Sullivan & Worcester, LLP, 1666 K Street in Washington, DC. This networking and information session will highlight the value of a legal career in Boston. Students will have the opportunity to meet attorneys from BLG member organizations and take part in discussions.

Boston Legal Group is a consortium of over 40 of the largest law firms, government agencies and corporations in the city of Boston. Its mission is to support the efforts of its member organizations to identify, recruit, advance and retain attorneys of color.

William & Mary students have the opportunity to participate in various career- and employment-related events around the country. The Office of Career Services forwards information about these programs to all students, and all students are welcome to participate.

**Cover Public Interest Law Retreat, scheduled for February 29-March 2** in Peterborough, New Hampshire, is a gathering of public interest law students, lawyers and professors from schools across the country. There will be workshops, panels and speakers as well as ample

opportunity to socialize, network and enjoy winter sports. Accommodations are in cabins with bunks, and food is provided. The cost for the entire weekend is \$125, which includes room and board and the Retreat. For more information, go to <http://www.law.yale.edu/news/coverretreat.asp> .

**Equal Justice America** has announced **Legal Services Fellowships** of up to \$4,000 for first- and second-year law students interested in working in the summer 2008 to meet the legal needs of the poor. Students must secure a full-time (35-40 hours per week) position working at least 10 weeks for a legal services organization. To apply, send a cover letter describing your commitment and interest in providing legal services to the poor, a resume, two letters of recommendation, and an employment confirmation letter from the hiring organization to the following address: Equal Justice America, Building II, Suite 204, East Boundary Road, Midlothian, VA 23112. **All applications must be postmarked by March 24, 2008.** For more information, go to [www.equaljusticeamerica.org](http://www.equaljusticeamerica.org) .

**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 2008. 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. The **application deadline is Friday, March 21 at 5:00 p.m.**

**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.

**Summer Job Opportunities for 1Ls and 2Ls: Faculty Summer Research Assistantships**  
- The Office of Career Services has surveyed the faculty regarding their plans to hire Research Assistants, their areas of research, the hours and weeks expected, and what and when application materials are due. We have compiled the results in a table, which is now posted in OCS Resources for Students in Blackboard under "**Faculty Summer RAs.**" There are over **40 research assistant opportunities available.**

**Summer employment as a Research Assistant offers a number of attractive benefits:**

- Flexibility of when and where the hours are worked. A student may be able to split the summer with another employer and/or do the RA work from a location other than



Williamsburg. The work need not necessarily be done during "normal business hours" as long as it's completed thoroughly and in a timely manner.

- Interesting, challenging work, often dealing with emerging legal issues.
- Opportunity to produce one or more writing samples.
- Chance to build a relationship with a faculty member who can serve as a reference for a future job search.
- Opportunity to develop a working knowledge of one or more areas of law.
- Prospect of developing additional professional contacts with and referrals to lawyers whom the professor knows.
- Potential for work being acknowledged in the professor's articles or treatises.
- It's paid work!

Some of the application deadlines are soon; others are later in the semester. **However, we advise interested students not to wait.** Faculty members frequently conclude the process as soon as the right student comes along. The table in Blackboard explains the application procedure and requirements. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact OCS.

***U.S. Department of State Careers: Foreign Service Officer Test*** Interested in the Foreign Service? Find out more about possible careers as a Foreign Service Officer by visiting the U.S. Department of State Foreign Officer Web site at <http://careers.state.gov/officer/register.html>. **The deadline to register for the March 2008 Foreign Service Officer Test is February 27.**

## **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](http://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 is free is [www.craigslist.org](http://www.craigslist.org). The web site [www.sublet.com](http://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.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Monday, February 4, Lunch with Lawyers: Legal Careers in Local Government, 12:50-1:50PM, Room 133

Tuesday, February 5, Lunch with Lawyers: Careers in Health Care Law, 12:50-1:50PM, Room 133

Thursday, February 7, Lunch with Lawyers: Careers in Prosecution, 12:50-1:50PM, Room 133

## 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:

***Ms. JD and the Project for Attorney Retention***, an organization that promotes work/life balance in legal careers, has announced its **Essay Contest** on issues related to work/life balance reform in the legal profession. The first place prize for an essay of 1500 or less is \$1,000. **Submissions will be accepted until February 29, 2008.** Visit <http://www.ms-jd.org/essaycontest> for more information.

The ***Journal of Business & Securities Law*** is now accepting submissions for the **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Elliot A. Spoon Business Law Writing Competition**. Applicants need to submit a journal style article on a current topic concerning business and/or securities law. Submissions should be fully researched with correct citations, and sent via email in a word or word perfect format. The **deadline for submission is March 14, 2008** and the Award is \$500. Submit an electronic copy of the article, a brief abstract or cover letter about the article and your resume to [jbsl@msu.edu](mailto:jbsl@msu.edu). For more information, go to [www.msu.edu/~jbsl](http://www.msu.edu/~jbsl).

## NEW RESOURCES IN OCS LIBRARY

***Municipal Yellow Book***, Leadership Directories, Inc., Summer 2007

Who's who in the leading city and county governments and local authorities.

***Associations Yellow Book***, Leadership Directories, Inc., Summer 2007

Who's who at the leading U.S. trade and professional associations.

***Congressional Yellow Book***, Leadership Directories, Inc., Summer 2007

Who's who in congress, including committees and key staff.

Foreign Representatives in the U.S. Yellow Book, Leadership Directories, Inc., Summer 2007

Who's who in the U.S. offices of foreign corporations, foreign nations, the foreign press and intergovernmental organizations.

***Financial Yellow Book***, Leadership Directories, Inc., Summer 2007

Who's who at the leading U.S. financial institutions.

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