

College of William & Mary Law School
William & Mary Law School Scholarship Repository

The Docket

Law School Newsletters

2008

The Docket (October 31, 2008)

William & Mary Law School

Repository Citation

William & Mary Law School, "The Docket (October 31, 2008)" (2008). *The Docket*. 13.
<https://scholarship.law.wm.edu/docket/13>

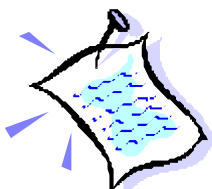
Copyright c 2008 by the authors. This article is brought to you by the William & Mary Law School Scholarship Repository.
<https://scholarship.law.wm.edu/docket>

The Docket

Volume 24, Edition 6

October 31, 2008

NEWSWORTHY NEWS



VETERANS DAY CARE PACKAGE DRIVE - On Veterans Day, November 11, the Military Law Society will host a care package drive to collect goodies to send to troops in Iraq. MLS will send the package to the troops of 1LT Jenna Grassbaugh. 1LT Grassbaugh was a member of the W&M Law Class of 2009 when her husband was killed in action.

To honor his sacrifice, 1LT Grassbaugh left W&M to serve in the same Division as her husband – the 82nd Airborne. As a holiday gift to 1LT Grassbaugh and her soldiers, we're collecting the following items: granola bars, sunflower seeds, beef jerky, cookies, Pop Tarts, other non-perishable snacks (mini muffins, etc.), Chocolate candy bars, Xbox Games (Josh Wolff donated an Xbox!), and Cash (for postage and purchase of Xbox games). SO – please bring your items/\$\$\$ to school on **Tuesday, November 11**. We'll have a table set up in the lobby to accept donations. The military guys will even be in uniform, so stop by and say hello!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE W&M NATIONAL TRIAL TEAM for their successes this fall. They began the Fall 2008 season last weekend with two competitions – the Puerto Rico Trial Advocacy Competition and the Michigan State University National Trial Advocacy Competition. The Puerto Rico team (Arpan Sura, Jessica Hass, Michelle Jacobs, and Michael Nicholas) advanced to the semi-final round in the Competition. They tied their semi-final round and lost the tie-breaker by only a fraction of a point, which was all that prevented them from competing in the final round. Additionally, Jessica Hass received an individual award for "Best Cross Examination," and Michelle Jacobs received a very rare "perfect" score from the judges. The Michigan team (Jennifer Bacon, Kevin Grady, Neal Hoffman, Josh Steward) was also advanced to the semi-final round. Kevin Grady received an individual award for "Best Closing Argument."

IN APPRECIATION! Thank you all very much for your participation in the "Lee National Denim Day" fund raiser during the month of October. We raised an amazing \$500. These monies will be used to provide funding for research and for projects in the areas of cancer screening and treatment, for breast health education and resources for patients, families and friends. The "Helping Hands" that were signed and placed on the bulletin board will not be discarded. We will display them each year alongside our current year's "memorial" as a tribute to those who are or who have been affected by cancer. Again, thank you all for your tremendous support! It is very heartwarming to be part of such a compassionate law school community.

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.

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

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>.

The Student Health Center staff will hold a **FLU CLINIC** on Wednesday, November 5, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Lobby to give flu shots. The cost is \$25.00 for students and faculty/staff.

The **ELECTION LAW SOCIETY WILL OPERATE VOTELINE** on election day from 8:00 a.m.- 7:00 p.m. William & Mary students and community members may call the hotline at (757) 221-2890 to seek information regarding their legal rights at the polls.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

IT'S TIME FOR BLSA'S ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE! Between **October 20** and **November 21**, BLSA members will collect non-perishable food items (Thanksgiving-related or otherwise) for donation to Williamsburg FISH and the Grove Christian Outreach Center. There will be separate containers in the Student Lounge for 1L, 2L, 3L, and Faculty/Staff donations. BLSA will tally the number of items donated by

each group and will announce the winner during the week after Thanksgiving break. Last year, we donated over 200 items to the food banks and **almost half** came from your generous donations. Please consider helping us again this year! If you have any questions, please contact Calisa Smith (cmsmit@wm.edu). Thank you!

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

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

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

EXAM CONFLICT FORMS are due on October 31 by 5:00 p.m.

PSF HALLOWEEN PARTY - Get excited for the PSF Halloween Party coming up on **Friday, October 31st!!!** For this event, PSF transforms the law school into a spooky soiree for law students, as well as other W&M graduate students! We'll have a DJ, food, drinks, candy of course, and a costume contest! Prizes are awarded for best individual costume and best group costume so start planning your outfit now! Tickets will be sold in the lobby the week before the event for \$10 and \$12 at the door!

UPCOMING LECTURES AND CONFERENCES

Monday, November 3: Lecture by Ambassador Andreas S. Kakouris, "Cyprus, A Country and People Forcibly Divided: Why Reunification Matters," 6:00 p.m., room 120. Mr. Kakouris became Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus to the U.S. in 2006. He is also High Commissioner of Cyprus to Canada. Sponsored by the Human Rights and National Security Law Program.

Wednesday, November 12: Guest Speaker, *President Taylor Reveley: The War Powers Commission*, 12:50 p.m., room 120. President Reveley served as co-director of the National War Powers Commission, a bipartisan group headed by former secretaries of state James Baker and Warren Christopher brought together to try to find a practical way of getting the president and congressional leaders to consult meaningfully about war and peace decisions as they are being made and to encourage Congress as a whole to make its views known about the end result. The commission – a group formed by the Miller Center of Public Affairs at the University of Virginia – released its findings in July. Sponsored by the Institute of Bill of Rights Law Student Division.

GEORGE WYTHE LECTURE SERIES: *The Honorable Raymond A. Jackson*
Thursday, November 13, 6:00 p.m. room 119 - The George Wythe Society of Citizen Lawyers and The Black Law Students Association are excited to announce that Judge Raymond Jackson of the US District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia will speak Thursday, November 13 at 6:00 p.m., room 119. His Honor led the campaign to reform the gross disparity in sentencing guidelines for crack-cocaine and powder cocaine crimes. A reception will follow in the lobby.

Friday, November 14: ***Students for the Innocence Project Symposium***. Noon, McGlothlin Courtroom. Co-hosted by the Black Law Students Association and W&M chapter of the ACLU - Speakers include: Margaret Edds, journalist and author, who covered the Norfolk Four cases; Steven Benjamin, a criminal defense attorney; Marvin and Joan Anderson, who will discuss the experience of family members of the wrongfully convicted; Olga Akselrod, the National Innocence Project; Bernie Henderson, Senior Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth, Michael Austin, an exoneree. For more info, contact cgjenk@wm.edu.

PHI ALPHA DELTA presents "The Top 10 Things I Wish I Knew About the Job Search" - Phi Alpha Delta will be hosting a job search panel and information session on **November 6 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 124**. The event is open to all 1Ls and will feature a panel of 2L and 3L students sharing their experience with (and helpful tips for) surviving the job search. In addition to the panel, Mary Mintel, a Westlaw Representative, will explain to students how to search for jobs through Westlaw. Be sure to join us for this fun and informative event!

NEED TO KNOW

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

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

UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS - Students can print their unofficial transcripts from Banner Self Service. Please review the information for accuracy and immediately bring discrepancies to Dean Jackson's attention.

The Law School is again offering **LEGAL TECHNOLOGY SUMMER SCHOOL** from May 26 through June 26, 2009. Dates are set to allow students to also attend the Spain program. Courses offered are: Electronic Discovery and Data Seizures, Evidence, Internet Law, Privacy in a Technological Age, and Technology Augmented Trial

Advocacy. Tuition for one or two classes is \$3,250. For more information, please see the Center for Legal and Court Technology in Room 211C, or visit our website at www.legaltechcenter.net and download an application.

ADMISSION

FINANCIAL AID / SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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 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/.

The Puerto Rican Bar Association (PRBA) Scholarship Award offers \$2,000 scholarships to Latino students currently enrolled as first or second year students in a JD program at an ABA approved law school in the United States. PRBA selects recipients based on financial need and academic promise. For more information and an application please stop by the Admission Office. The deadline to submit your application is February 28, 2009.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

Web Site of the Week - USA.gov (www.USA.gov) is the federal government's official web portal. It includes links to all executive, legislative, and judicial branch agencies, and links to all state, local, and tribal governments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Council of School Attorneys** (COSA), a group affiliated with the **Virginia School Board Association**, would like to invite up to three William & Mary law students to

attend their annual meeting in Williamsburg on **November 19, 2008**. Students interested in pursuing a career in "School Law" are encouraged to attend this excellent networking opportunity. Please contact Dean Corello in the Office of Career Services for more information if you are interested in attending. For more details on careers in school law, go to <http://www.nsba.org/mainmenu/schoollaw/careers.aspx>.

Applying for a Government or Public Interest Summer Job? Funding available through William & Mary may help you get that job! There are several **Fellowship Programs** which provide stipends of up to \$3,600 for students who secure summer internships with employers who are unable to provide funding or can only provide partial funding. The availability of funds through William & Mary enhances your candidacy with employers. There is a one-page handout available on the display racks in OCS that describes William & Mary's various Fellowship Programs for the summer of 2009. Please feel free to include this flier with your resumes and cover letters to government and public service employers. In your cover letter, you may want to indicate that "William & Mary has several public interest [or government] summer funding sources, as detailed on the enclosed sheet." The application process for these fellowships is very competitive, and you must have a written offer of employment in order to apply for funding. **2Ls, please note the message below about the "early decision" process.**

Deadline for "Early Decision" Public Interest and Government Summer 2009 Funding for 2Ls: Funding through eight programs (Bell, Christopher Wren, Dean's Fellowships, Pinter, Virginia Law Foundation, Criminal Law, Public Service Fund [PSF], and Williams) is available through an "early-decision" process, which gives 2Ls the opportunity to know about funding decisions before the end of the fall semester. **The application deadline for "early decision" funding is Friday, November 21 at 5:00 p.m.**

The Office of General Counsel at the ***Department of Defense*** has announced its **2009 Honors Legal Internship Program for 1Ls and 2Ls**. Through this internship, there are substantial opportunities to enhance research and writing skills by working in close association with members of the OGC. For more information on the application process and how to apply, go to the federal government's Office of Personnel Management Website at <http://www.opm.gov>; additional information on this opportunity is also posted on Symplicity. **The application deadline for 2Ls is November 24, 2008; for 1Ls, the deadline is December 8, 2008** (Please note: in accordance with NALP guidelines, 1Ls are required to wait until December 1, 2008 to submit applications for summer 2009 employment.)

WRITING COMPETITIONS

Note: Throughout the academic year we receive announcements regarding essay competitions and invitations to submit papers for publication in law reviews and journals. This information is posted on the bulletin board in OCS, as well as in OCS Resources for Students in Blackboard under Writing Competitions. In addition to the intellectual and often monetary benefits of these contests, the competitions are another way for you to demonstrate your legal writing abilities to prospective employers. Because they are often sponsored by bar associations and other professional groups, they also provide excellent networking opportunities. Keep in mind that faculty members are a good source of ideas and guidance.

2009 Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest - The ABA Section of Business Law is sponsoring its 23rd Annual Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest to encourage and reward law student writings on a business law subject of general and

current interest. Papers will be judged on research and analysis, choice of topic, writing style, originality, and contribution to the literature available on the topic. Each law school, acting through its dean, can nominate one paper. The first place award is \$2,500, second place is \$1,000, and third place is \$500. All entries must be submitted electronically by **January 9, 2009**. For more information and details, go to <http://www.abanet.org/buslaw/hershman/>.

The **Grammy Foundation** and the **ABA Forum on Entertainment and Sports Industries** have announced their **11th Annual Entertainment Law Initiative Writing Competition**. The grand prize winner receives a \$5,000 scholarship and the four runners-up each receive \$1,500 scholarships. All five winning articles will be published in a major law journal. The deadline for submission is **January 2, 2009**. For more information, contact Loren Fishbein at loren.fishbein@grammy.com.

The **Louis Jackson National Student Writing Competition in Employment and Labor Law** is currently accepting papers. The competition is open to all law students who have completed or are currently taking courses in employment or labor law. The top honors award of \$3,000 and two \$1,000 will be presented to the top three entries. These three papers will also be published on the *Institute for Law and the Workplace* website. The deadline for submission is Tuesday, **January 20, 2009**. This writing competition is co-sponsored by Jackson Lewis and the Institute for Law and the Workplace at Chicago-Kent College of Law. For more information contact Martin Malin at mmalin@kentlaw.edu.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

OCS Express: Got a quick question about your job search? Want help finding the perfect opening for your cover letter? Want to see some of the latest job search resources? On **Wednesday, November 5, 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.

National Security Careers in a Post 9-11 World, Thursday, November 6, 12:50-1:50PM, Room 133.

Finding and Funding International Public Service Internships, Monday, November 10, 12:50-1:50PM, Room 141.

For All Students: Choosing Small, Choosing Smart: The Small Firm Job Search, Monday, November 11 at 12:50-1:50PM, Room 133 - Meet W&M Law School alumni who are currently practicing at small firms. Hear their stories about how they found their positions and why they chose to practice at a small firm. Learn about the pros and cons of this work setting and what it takes to be successful.

NEW PUBLICATIONS IN OCS LIBRARY

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

Leadership Directory - Congressional Yellow Book, Summer 2008, Who's who in congress including committees and key staff.

Leadership Directory - State Yellow Book, Summer 2008; The latest update on who's who in the executive and legislative branches of the 50 state governments.

Leadership Directory - Federal Yellow Book, Summer 2008; Who's who in federal departments and agencies.

Of Counsel 700: Annual Survey of the Nation's Largest Law Firms, 2008-2009, Wolters Kluwer.

What Color Is Your Parachute, Richard Nelson Bolles, 2009, Ten Speed Press; A practical manual for job-hunters and career changers.

The Legal Career Guide: From Law Student to Lawyer, Gary A. Munneke & Ellen Wayne, American Bar Association, 2008; A hands-on manual designed to assist students in making career decisions and evaluating opportunities.

Sports Market Place Directory, 2008 edition, Grey House Publishing; Who's who in the sports in the world of sports.

BNA's Directory of State and Federal Courts, Judges and Clerks, 2009 Edition; A compilation of information about the courts of record in the federal court system, the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. territories.

The Docket is a biweekly publication of the William & Mary Law School produced during the academic year. All submissions (in either Microsoft Word or WordPerfect) are due to Cassi Fritzius, (Room 108) or by E-mail (cbfrit@wm.edu) no later than 5:00 p.m. the Wednesday prior to the Friday publication date.

2008 publication schedule

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

©2008 William & Mary Law School

**EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4**