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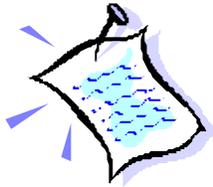
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NEWSWORTHY NOTES



CONGRATULATIONS TO PROFESSOR PAUL MARCUS who was appointed the first Kelly Professor for Excellence in Teaching on Sept. 28 by the W&M Board of Visitors. The new professorship was made possible by a gift from the late Herbert V. Kelly, Sr., a graduate of the College and Law School. Mr. Kelly received his undergraduate and law degrees from William & Mary and was the senior partner at Jones, Blechman, Woltz & Kelly in Newport News, Va., until his death earlier this year. In a press release issued by the College last week, Dean Reveley said "The creation of the Kelly Professorship allows the Law School to recognize and nurture teaching excellence. Professor Marcus is a highly respected expert on criminal law who possesses an uncommon gift for teaching. His thoughtful approach to legal education sparks student involvement. It is evident from his teaching evaluations that his work with students – both inside and outside the classroom – helps shape them as people and as lawyers. 'Mentor' is a word repeatedly used about him by both his current and former students and his faculty colleagues. We are deeply grateful to Herb Kelly for this professorship. It will help nurture the extraordinary teaching for which the Law School is known."

THE CENTER FOR LEGAL AND COURT TECHNOLOGY AND THE AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND CONSULTING GROUP officially announced the Accessible Courts Initiative on October 2 at the Tenth International Court Technology Conference. The initiative's goal is "to eliminate the barriers between people with disabilities and the nation's state and federal courts and administrative agencies." According to the press release, the partnering organizations "will provide consultation, training, and support services to courts, law firms, and others to ensure compliance with the legal requirements of the ADA and other mandates."

CONGRATULATIONS to *Michael Stanton (3L)* on his marriage to Lauren Tullo on May 26.

SBA - VOLUNTEER COUNCIL NEWSLETTER - Looking for a good study break activity? Need service hours to fulfill your VBA Community Servant pledge? Find out about great service opportunities through the Volunteer Council Newsletter. To be added to the listserv, please email Joelle Laszlo at jelasz@wm.edu

FALL BREAK IS APPROACHING - While there are no classes on October 15-16, the school will be open for business as usual. Of course, access to the building is available 24 hours

with your key card. Please be mindful of **security** after hours – do not prop doors open nor admit individuals you do not know.

Remember <http://cardozo.wm.edu> is your resource for Law School information. The menu selections can guide you to our master calendar of events, the academic calendars, look-up people, academic schedules.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



During the month of October, everyone is invited to sign a “helping hand” in MEMORY of someone who lost their courageous battle with cancer, in CELEBRATION of survivors fighting this disease today, and in HONOR of those who support, or who are involved with the care of those who have cancer. These “helping hands” and the “helping hands” that have been signed in years past will be displayed on the bulletin board across from the Law Library circulation desk. Please take the informational leaflets, a “pink ribbon” pin, and make a donation (any amount is appreciated) towards breast cancer research to help eradicate this life-threatening disease. The box for donations, a basket of “pink ribbon” pins and the leaflets will be on a table in the Law Library the month of October.

BAR EXAM TALK - Want to know more about taking the bar exam and what you are up against? A PMBR Bar Exam Expert will give a talk on bar exam preparation and what you should consider when picking a state, law school classes, etc. The discussion will take place on **Thursday, October 11, in room 141 at 12:50 p.m.**

STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: On **Tuesday, October 16, from 12:00-1:00 p.m., room 141**, Janet Crowther, Williamsburg Regional Library Outreach Services Director and Melissa Simpson, Mobile Library Services Manager, will present a program on how to locate and search within materials on medical concerns.

JOIN PHI DELTA PHI LEGAL FRATERNITY! Applications will be accepted until **October 19**. Please email phidel@wm.edu for an application or more information. PDP participates in social and professional activities throughout the year!

VOLUNTEER FOR THE LAW SCHOOL'S MAKE-A-DIFFERENCE DAY PROJECT - **Saturday, October 20, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.:** Come out and help the YMCA Child Development Center (CDC) get organized for the new season. Projects will involve classroom cleanup and organization, and maybe a few outdoor things too. The CDC is located at 117 Information Center Drive (just off Colonial Parkway, about 1 1/2 miles from the school). Lunch, drinks, and snacks will be provided (hooray!). Please e-mail Joelle Laszlo (jelasz@wm.edu) for more information and to sign up

SBA - FALL FROM GRACE - This year Fall From Grace, the Law School's semi-formal, will be held on **Saturday, October 20, 9:00p.m.-1:30 a.m.** at the George Washington Inn. Tickets will be on sale until they are sold out. Tickets sold before Fall Break will be \$30; \$35 after the break (non-drinking tickets are \$12.)

BLSA THANKSGIVING BASKET COMPETITION - BLSA is gearing up for its annual Thanksgiving Basket Competition! We're asking each Legal Skills Firm to submit a decorated basket full of Thanksgiving-related food items. These baskets will be delivered to twelve families in need in the Williamsburg area (just in time for Thanksgiving dinner!) This year, as an added bonus, each family will receive a Thanksgiving turkey (donated by a local grocery store) along with their food basket.

However, the only way our families will receive a basket (and turkey!) is if your Firm submits one! So, keep an eye out for more detailed information and a list of suggested food items (which will be circulated to all firms after Fall Break). Once submitted, baskets will be judged by members of the administration and faculty. The winning Firm will receive a pizza party for all members and partners. Please contact Latoya Asia (lcasia@wm.edu) or Calisa Smith (cmsmit@wm.edu) for more information.

BLSA THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE - As a companion to our Thanksgiving Basket Competition, BLSA will also sponsor a Thanksgiving Food Drive. Non-perishable food items (Thanksgiving-related or otherwise) will be collected from **October 22 - November 16**. There will be separate containers for 1Ls, 2Ls, 3Ls, and Faculty/Staff. We will keep track of the number of items donated by each group and will announce the winner during the week after Thanksgiving. The prize? The knowledge that your generosity will benefit Williamsburg families this holiday season. And bragging rights! Items collected during the Food Drive will be donated to Williamsburg FISH and the Grove Christian Outreach Center. For more information, please contact Latoya Asia (lcasia@wm.edu) or Calisa Smith (cmsmit@wm.edu)

BLSA CLOTHING DRIVE - BLSA's Fall/Winter Clothing Drive will kick off next week after Fall Break. We will be collecting any type of clothing and shoes [of course items that are in decent condition]. There will be boxes located in the student lounge near the PSF Gift Shop. If there are items of clothing and shoes that you no longer wear, fit, etc., please take the time to donate these items!! We will be donating the items to a local non-profit organization [FISH] near the end of the semester. This organization does not charge families in need for the items. Thank you in advance for all of your wonderful donations!!! Any questions? Contact Latoya Asia (lcasia@wm.edu) or Chaunacie Wilkerson (clwilkerson@wm.edu)

BILL OF RIGHTS JOURNAL SYMPOSIUM: CONFLICTS 101: HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE FIRST AMENDMENT - Balancing the freedoms of the First Amendment – freedom of religion, freedom of speech and the press, and freedom of association – is no less challenging on college campuses than it is in American society as a whole. That is why, on **Friday, October 26**, the **William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal** and the **Institute of Bill of Rights Law** will cosponsor a symposium titled **“Conflicts 101: Higher Education and the First Amendment.”**

The symposium will take place 1:00-5:00 p.m. in room 124 at the Law School, and it is free and open to the public. Participants include Lane Dilg, ACLU Program on Freedom of Religion and Belief; Stephen M. Feldman, University of Wyoming College of Law; Ira C. Lupu, George Washington University Law School; Kenneth L. Marcus, United States Commission on Civil

Rights; William Marshall, Solicitor General for the state of Ohio; Frank S. Ravitch, Michigan State University College of Law; Robert W. Tuttle, George Washington University Law School; and William W. Van Alstyne, William & Mary School of Law. For more information, contact Joy Anastasia Thompson, jathom@wm.edu.

VOLUNTEER TO SPEND TIME WITH RUSSIAN ATTORNEYS - The International Law Society (ILS) and the Williamsburg Rotary Club are seeking volunteers with an interest in meeting international practitioners, touring Williamsburg and beyond, and/or speaking Russian. From **October 26 to November 3**, four Russian attorneys and an interpreter will be hosted by Rotary families in the evenings, and law students will assist in their daily events. ILS needs volunteers to drive vans, socialize, and escort the participants to various locations including law firms, restaurants, and recreation. Volunteers can commit to a few hours or a few days. The goal of the Open World Program is to spread the rule of law and share American legal culture. If you are interested or want more information please attend Monday's ILS meeting (see above) or contact Satya Baumgartel at sxvand@wm.edu.

PSF HALLOWEEN PARTY - Saturday, October 27 at the Law School!!! Get excited for the annual Halloween Party!!!! Start planning your costume – prizes will be awarded for the best individual costume and best group costume – and last year's costumes will be hard to beat! Tickets will be on sale in the lobby the week before the event.

The 53rd annual **WILLIAM & MARY TAX CONFERENCE** will be held **Thursday and Friday, November 8-9, 2007**, at the Conference Center of the Kingsmill Resort. The conference is sponsored by the Law School and the Mason School of Business at the College of William & Mary. Titled "Tax Free Planning in a Taxable World," the conference will include panel discussions on tax planning for the philanthropically minded business owner; opportunities and pitfalls under sections 351 and 721; grantor trusts revisited – a planning update; navigating uncharted waters: the new charitable entity legislation; preparing for tax litigation after FIN 48; primer on energy credits; recent developments in federal income tax; and creative instructions for the disposition of real estate including an update on section 1031 transactions. If you are interested in attending, please contact Cassi Fritzius at cbfrit@wm.edu or 221-3790.

PSF: Calling all Musical Talent! Do you have talent? Can you sing or play an instrument? Then sign up to perform at PSF's Singer/Songwriter event! Think open mike night but with some of your favorite law students in attendance. If you don't have something you'd need (accompanist, cow bell player) we can find someone for you. E-mail Kristen kdclar@wm.edu with a brief description of what you want to do, and if possible what songs you want to perform. Singer/Songwriter is **November 16**. See you there!!

NEED TO KNOW

BAR INFORMATION – For information and links regarding the Virginia Bar Exam, check <http://www.wm.edu/law/academicprograms/references/barinformation.shtml>.

VIRGINIA BAR - Remember to file the Character and Fitness Questionnaire within the first 14 months of law school for a discounted price. More info at: <http://www.vbbe.state.va.us/forms>. The Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam is a fifty question, two-hour, multiple-choice examination administered three times each year. It is required by most states. You can register online at <http://www.ncbex.org/tests/mpre/mpre.htm>.

VERMONT BAR - The Vermont bar has moved up their application deadline to December 1. Check out their web site for more information: <http://www.vermontjudiciary.org/BBE/bbelibrary/bbedefault.aspx>

WHERE DO YOU LIVE? The Law School must always have your most current address and phone number on file. Students should check, and correct if necessary, their contact information by logging onto Banner Self Service,

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.

EXAM CONFLICT FORMS - Are available from outside Gloria Todd's office and the handout center in the Law Library. The deadline for submission of these forms is **Friday, November 2**.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

United Nations Jobs - The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Organization Affairs, United Nations Employment Information and Assistance Unit has told us the Department places a high priority on increasing the number of Americans working in the United Nations. This is a great opportunity for law students/alumni interested in international law, as there are job openings in the Legal Affairs department. **The UN is holding a competitive recruitment examination on February 26, 2008, for U.S. citizens who are interested in entry-level professional posts. The deadline for receipt of exam applications by the UN is October 31, 2007.** More information about the NCRE can be found at www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/examin/exam.htm

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

Federal Public Policy Jobs for 3Ls - The Presidential Management Fellows Program (PMF Program) - The PMF Program is a two-year, paid leadership development program, which places graduates from graduate law, business and public policy programs in various Federal Government agencies. According to President George W. Bush, the purpose of the Program is to attract to the Federal service outstanding men and women from a variety of academic disciplines and career paths who have a clear interest in, and commitment to, excellence in the leadership and management of public policies and programs. For law school graduates who want an alternative to the traditional practice of law, the PMF Program offers assignments involving domestic and international issues, technology, science, criminal justice, health, financial management and many other fields in support of public service programs. William & Mary law students have been very successful in obtaining PMF Program assignments. Third-year students interested in working for a Federal agency are strongly encouraged to apply. Go to <https://www.pmf.opm.gov/Index.aspx> for more information. Interested students will need to apply online through the www.USAJOBS.gov Web site. **The application period is scheduled to open sometime in mid- to late- October 2007 and will close approximately three weeks later.** (At press time, the dates still had not been set; check the PMF Program Web site periodically for updated information.)

3L Opportunity: The Defense Intelligence Scholars Program of the National Defense Intelligence College in Washington, D.C. provides recent graduates and entry-level professionals seeking a career in intelligence an opportunity to obtain a paid internship, year long studies leading to a Master of Science in Strategic Intelligence (MSSI) degree, and conditional employment with the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA). Scholars receive a salary and government benefits throughout the entire program. The application deadline is **November 30**. For more information and application requirements, go to www.dia.mil/college or call 202-231-8228.

The New York City Law Department's Annual Diversity Reception will be held on Wednesday, October 24, 2007 from 6-8 pm at the New York County Lawyers' Association (14 Vesey Street between Church Street and Broadway). All students are welcome to attend. The Law Department represents the City in all civil matters and in the criminal prosecution of juvenile crime. The Department plans to hire approximately 50 graduating law students for September 2008 with the majority to be assigned to their Family Court and Tort divisions. The Law Department is also hiring for the 2008 Summer Honors Program, a nine-week program with housing provided to out-of-town law students. Job postings for these opportunities have been added to Symplicity. For more information, go to the Law Department's Web site at <http://www.nyc.gov/law>.

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 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. **2Ls please note the message below about the "early decision" process.**

Deadline for "Early Decision" Public Interest and Government Summer 2008 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 16 at 5:00 p.m.**

Virginia Bar Association Community Service Program: Through the VBA Community Service Program, students are asked to pledge at least 35 hours of community service during the period September 1, 2007 - August 31, 2008. If you did not make the pledge earlier this semester and are interested in participating, please let 3L Carrie Harris (cmharr@wm.edu) know by October 19.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Issues in the Legal Profession: 1Ls are reminded about the mandatory program on Substance Abuse and Mental Health Issues in the Legal Profession on Wednesday, October 24, at 1:30. See your Legal Skills syllabus for information on the room to which your Legal Skills section is assigned.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Attention First-Year Students: Over the next few weeks we will be conducting important programs to introduce you to our career planning services and explain the entire job search process. Please make a note of the dates and times and plan to attend the Career Conversations event and the November session to which you have been assigned.

Career Conversations – Tuesday, October 30 12:55-2:00PM, Law School Lobby
- Talk with 2Ls and 3Ls about their summer work experiences and the typical summer career opportunities available for 1Ls. Bring your questions and enjoy a pizza lunch provided by Westlaw during the program.

Job Search Seminar – Friday, November 2, Room 119 Learn about all aspects of the legal job search from writing a legal resume and cover letter, to interviewing, to networking. Attend one of the following:

8:30 - 11:00 a.m. for 1Ls in Professor Marcus' Criminal Law class and students in Professor Ward's Criminal Law class whose names begin with A-K.

1:00 - 3:30 p.m. for 1Ls in Professor Malone's Criminal Law class and students in Professor Ward's Criminal Law class whose names begin with L-Z.

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, with additional information filed in the Applications Cabinet. 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 American College of Consumer Financial Services Lawyers (ACCFSL) has announced awards to be presented for: a) the best book chapter or book; b) the best publishable article or substantial book review; c) the best student case note or comment on a topic dealing with consumer financial services law. The awards include cash payments of \$2500, \$2000 and \$1000, respectively, a Certificate of Recognition from the College, and travel expenses to attend the Spring 2009 meeting of the ACCFSL. Entries must be submitted by December 1, 2007. For more information and details, see the Writing Competition bulletin board in OCS or contact James Brown at University of Wisconsin at 414-227-3255 or jbrown@uwm.edu.

The Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni (ASECA) is awarding prizes for outstanding papers in the field of securities law. Three cash prizes will be awarded: \$5000 for first place, \$3000 for second place, and \$2000 for third place. Award winners will be invited to attend the ASECA's annual dinner where the awards will be made. Submissions must be received by November 15, 2007. For more information, see the Writing Competition bulletin board in OCS, or contact Cecile Srodes, Executive Director of ASECA, at 202-462-1211.

The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC) Mary Moers Wenig Student Writing Competition was established to promote and reward scholarly writing in the field of trusts and estates including related tax topics. The 2008 competition is open to all law students. The deadline for entries is **May 1, 2008**. Prizes include \$5,000 for the first-place winner, \$3,000 for the second place winner, \$1,000 for the third place winner and a variable amount based on the number of papers awarded Honorable Mention Prize. In addition, the top papers will be published by ACTEC. Complete rules and entry forms are available online at ACTEC's website: www.actec.org.

Ladas Memorial Award Competition supported by the law firm of Ladas & Parry LLP, is in memory of outstanding contributions to international intellectual property law made by the Stephen P. Ladas. The Award is given to the best paper on the subject of trademark law or a matter that directly relates to or affects trademarks. The student winner of the Ladas Memorial Award Competition is recognized with a \$2,000 cash prize and a travel and lodging stipend of up to \$1,000 to attend the 2008 International Trademark Association (INTA) Gala in Berlin, Germany. Papers must be submitted by **January 11, 2008**. For more information, go to www.inta.org/go/ladas.

Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems, in conjunction with the University of Iowa College of Law International and Comparative Law Program, is conducting its annual world affairs student writing competition again this year. The competition is open to law students and to graduate students in all disciplines. The Award is a cash prize of \$2,000 and publication in *Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems*, a journal of the University of Iowa College of Law. All mail entries must be postmarked no later than **February 1, 2008**. Electronically submitted essays must be received by 5:00PM U.S. Central Standard Time on February 1, 2008. For application details, go to <http://www.law.uiowa.edu/journals/tlcp/trandafir.php>.

The Howard C. Schwab Memorial Essay Contest: Family Law: The purpose of the contest, conducted by the American Bar Association Section of Family Law, 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 subject of the essay may be any aspect of family law. The primary focus of each essay should be an issue of law, although some interdisciplinary material may be useful in addressing a legal issue. Since winning entries may be published in *Family Law Quarterly*, entrants are encouraged to write on subjects of national interest. For details and an entry form, go to <http://www.abanet.org/family/lawstudents/schwabrules.shtml>. The application deadline is **May 15, 2008**.

NEW PUBLICATIONS IN OCS LIBRARY

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

Federal-State Court Directory is one of two printed titles in Your Nation's Courts Series, which is a court reference source that provides comprehensive information about the nation's courts and a quick-reference to the federal and state judicial systems and their operations.

The American Bench: Judges of the Nation is a comprehensive biographical reference guide to the American judiciary, which includes information on 18,000 judges from all levels of federal and state courts with jurisdictional, structural and geographical facts on the courts they serve.

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.

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