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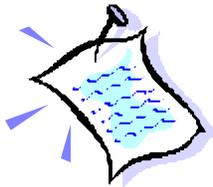
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## NEWSWORTHY NOTES



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Bethany and Chad Lindsey on the birth of their son, Brahm Thomas, who was born on Sunday, October 14. Mom and baby are doing well.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Ebony and Martez Witherspoon on the birth of their daughter, River Scheherazade, who was born on Monday, October 15. Mom and baby are doing well.

**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](mailto:jelasz@wm.edu)

## 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.

**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](mailto:lcasia@wm.edu)) or Calisa Smith ([cmsmit@wm.edu](mailto: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](mailto:lcasia@wm.edu)) or Calisa Smith ([cmsmit@wm.edu](mailto: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 them! 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](mailto:lcasia@wm.edu)) or Chaunacie Wilkerson ([clwilkerson@wm.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**JAY ALAN SEKULOW**, chief counsel for the American Center for Law and Justice, will present a talk titled "De-Constructing the Constitution: Privacy, Security, and the State in the 21st Century" on **Tuesday, October 30, at 1:00 p.m., room 127** at the Law School. Admission is free and all are welcome. Sekulov has been involved in several landmark Supreme Court cases, such as *Mergens*, *Lamb's Chapel*, and *McConnell v. FEC*. He has twice been named, in 1994 and again, in 1997, to the *National Law Journal's* list of the country's "100 Most Influential Lawyers." He was named to *Time Magazine's* 2005 list of the country's "25 Most Influential Evangelicals."

**ISSUES THAT AFFECT CHILDREN OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:** The Children's Advocacy Law Society is hosting a panel of experts in the field of domestic abuse, children's rights, and the law on **Thursday, November 1, 6:30-7:30 p.m., room 124**, open to all programs, graduate and undergraduate. Practicing domestic abuse attorneys, CASA advocates, representatives from Avalon the Women's Shelter, and family law professors will be discussing major issues that affect children in families with domestic violence and taking audience questions. A reception with refreshments will follow. For more information and to RSVP, contact [chadls@wm.edu](mailto:chadls@wm.edu).

**INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAWYER TO LECTURE ON THE ROLE OF TORTURE EVIDENCE IN CRIMINAL TRIBUNALS** - Michael Scharf, Professor of Law and Director of the Frederick K. Cox International Law Center at Case Western Reserve University School of Law, will discuss "When, if Ever, Should Torture Evidence Be Admissible" at William & Mary Law School on **Thursday, November 1, at 5:00 p.m., room 124**. Free and open to the public, the talk is part of the Distinguished Lecture Series sponsored by the Human Rights and National Security Law Program.

Scharf holds a degree from Duke University School of Law and is the author or coauthor of over sixty scholarly articles and ten books, including *Balkan Justice*, which was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in 1998. In February 2005, Scharf and the Public International Law and Policy Group, which he co-founded, were nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for their efforts in prosecuting major war criminals, including Slobodan Milosevic, Charles Taylor, and Saddam Hussein. In 2004 and 2005, Scharf served as a member of the international team of experts that

provided training to the judges of the Iraqi High Tribunal, and in 2006 he led the first training session for the investigative judges and prosecutors of the newly established U.N. Cambodia Genocide Tribunal.

**ELECTION LAW SOCIETY ELECTION DAY TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6** - Please don't forget to vote! Also, if you registered during our drive at the law school, you should have received your voter registration card. If you have not, you need to contact your Voter Registrar immediately. Please contact Paige Corbly at [pccorb@wm.edu](mailto:pccorb@wm.edu) if you have ANY questions!

**ELECTION LAW SOCIETY VOTELINE, Tuesday, November 6, 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. Dean's Conference Room** - Help us help you and all of the students at W&M. In recognition of the previous student voting issues locally and the potential problems percolating nationally see <http://www.politico.com/news/stories/1007/6267.html> - we are organizing a nonpartisan voter hotline. Basically, we need you to volunteer one hour of your time on Election Day, to answer calls from students who are having problems at the polls. We will provide all the training and information that you need! If you interested in volunteering, please contact Kerry Loughman by **October 26 at 5:00 p.m.** at [keloug@wm.edu](mailto:keloug@wm.edu) with your availability.

**GEORGE WYTHE SOCIETY SPEAKERS' SERIES** – President Gene Nichol, president of the College of William & Mary will speak about his work involving civil rights and his journey through higher education as a professor, administrator and president in context of being a Citizen Lawyer. Specifically, he'll speak about "The Challenge of Equal Justice." This will take place on **Wednesday, November 7 at 1:00 p.m., room 120**. This is the first in a series of lectures that will be hosted this year by the George Wythe Society. This event is free and all are welcome. For more information, contact Josh Whitley at [jswhit@wm.edu](mailto:jswhit@wm.edu).

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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## ADMISSION

**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](http://www.constangy.com/MissionStatement.html).

**DINSMORE & SHOHL LLP DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** offers a number of scholarships of up to \$10,000, to applicants who may be minorities or individuals who contribute meaningfully to diversity in their communities. IL applicants must apply between December 1-15. For more information, visit [www.dinslaw.com/careers/](http://www.dinslaw.com/careers/) and click on Summer Associates, then click on Diversity Scholarship Program on the left.

## OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

**Web Site of the Week:** USA.gov ([www.USA.gov](http://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

**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 W&M enhances your candidacy with employers. There is a one-page handout available on the display racks in OCS that describes W&M'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.**

**Summer Opportunity:** the American Society of International Law has announced the launch of the 4th annual Arthur C. Helton Fellowship Program. The fellowship was established in 2004 in honor of Arthur C. Helton, a remarkable ASIL member whose career in advocating for refugees and contributions to international law came to a halt on August 19, 2003, when he was killed in the bombing of the UN mission in Baghdad.

Funded in part by contributions from ASIL members, Helton Fellowships provide financial assistance in the form of "micro-grants" for law students and young professionals to pursue summer field work and research on significant issues involving international law, human rights, humanitarian affairs, and related areas.

Applicants must be current law students or have recently graduated from law school. The application deadline is February 15, 2008, however, only the first 50 applications will be reviewed. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that you apply as soon as possible. Additional information and the online application, go to <http://www.asil.org/aboutasil/heltoniguide.html>. Please send all questions to [fellowship@asil.org](mailto:fellowship@asil.org) or call the ASIL's service center at 856-380-6810.

## WRITING COMPETITIONS



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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 Public Justice Foundation** has announced the Roscoe Hogan Environmental Law Essay Contest. The 2008 topic is Global Warming: How Litigation Can Make a Difference. A \$5,000 cash award is given to the author of the winning essay as well as an all-expense-paid trip to the 2008 Public Justice Annual Meeting in Philadelphia and a free 2008 Public Justice Foundation membership. The intent-to-enter submission deadline is **January 31, 2008**; the essay contest deadline is March 31, 2008. For more information and the intent-to-enter form (which needs to be signed by a faculty sponsor), please see Dean Corello in the Office of Career Services, or contact Cassandra Goings at [cgoings@publicjustice.net](mailto:cgoings@publicjustice.net) or call 202-797-8600.

**2008 Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition**, sponsored by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers is a legal-writing competition for third year law students. The objective of the Competition is to increase the interest in the law of Copyright, and to improve the style of legal writing. At each participating law school, a First and Second Prize will be awarded to students whose papers are certified by the Dean as the best essays on any aspect of Copyright Law. The local competition award for First Prize is \$600 and \$250 for Second Prize; the national awards are as follows: First Prize-\$3000; Second Prize-\$2000; Third Prize-\$1000. For more information and copies of the Rules Governing the Competition, please see Dean Corello in OCS. Submissions must be received no later than **June 30, 2008**.

**2008 Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest**. The ABA Section of Business Law is sponsoring its 22nd 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. 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 4, 2008**. For more information and details, go to <http://www.abanet.org/lcd/competitions/writing-contests/home.html>.

**2008 William W. Greenhalgh Student Writing Competition** is open to all students who are members of the American Bar Association. Topics may include any timely and important issue of American criminal constitutional procedure of interest to practitioners of criminal law. The winner will receive a \$2,000 cash prize and free airfare and accommodations to attend a Section meeting at which

the award will be presented. All entries must be received by the editor no later than **April 11, 2008**. For more information, go to <http://www.abanet.org/lsc/competitions/writing-contests/home.html>.

**ABA Section of Antitrust Law: Tenth Annual Law Student Writing Competition:** To be eligible for this writing competition, students must have first published an article in a law review or legal journal between January 1, 2007 and March 1, 2008. Each law review or legal journal's Editor-in-Chief may nominate one paper for the award. Eligible papers may address any topic of general interest to the antitrust law community, including topics relating to civil and criminal antitrust law, competition policy, consumer protection and international competition. The first place prize is \$2,000; the second place winner will receive \$500. Entry deadline is **January 28, 2008**. For additional information, go to [www.abanet.org/antitrust](http://www.abanet.org/antitrust).

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**Civic Series: Beat The Odds, Monday, October 29, 7:00 p.m., Reves Center**, sponsored by the Office of Volunteer Services. Jan Roltsch-Anoll, W&M '81, W&M Law, '84, litigation partner with Szabo, Zelnick & Erickson, will speak about the National Children's Defense Fund program, "Beat the Odds." The program provides both mentoring services and scholarship awards to help at-risk youth. If you would like to attend, contact Allison Anoll at [apanol@wm.edu](mailto:apanol@wm.edu).

**Attention 1Ls:** Over the next week, the Office of Career Services 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 Job Search Seminar session to which you have been assigned.

**Career Conversations – Tuesday, October 30 12:55-2:00 p.m., 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.

**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 **Monday, November 5, from 12:30-2:00 p.m.**, 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.

**For All Students:** **Choosing Small, Choosing Smart: The Small Firm Job Search, Monday, November 12 at 12:50 p.m., 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:

***Prepare to Win: A Lawyers Guide to Rainmaking, Career Success and Life Fulfillment*** by Cordell Parvin, Life Career Publishing, 2007. This new book teaches young lawyers in both small and large firms how to become rainmakers by taking responsibility for their careers. The book also addresses strategies of reversing the current exodus of lawyers leaving their firms and the law profession.

***It's Harder in Heels: Essays by Women Lawyers Achieving Work-Life Balance*** by Jacquelyn Hersh Slotkin and Samantha Slotkin Goodman, Vandepias Publishing, 2007, is a collection of stories about women practicing (or choosing not to practice) law. These essays describe their satisfactions and their struggles as they try to juggle multiple roles, and achieve success despite numerous obstacles.

***Leadership Directory- Federal Yellow Book, Summer 2007:*** the latest update of who's who in federal departments and agencies.

***Leadership Directory- State Yellow Book, summer 2007:*** the latest update on who's who in the executive and legislative branches of the 50 state governments.

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