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NEWSWORTHY NOTES

CONGRATULATIONS

to National Moot Court *Team A (Terry Driskill, Laura Rugless and Cameron Cobden)* who beat out Duke Teams A and B to win this year's Regional Tournament. They were pitted against a strong Duke team in the final round, but proved relentless before a panel of 11 state and federal judges. *Terry Driskill* was also awarded the *Outstanding Oralist* honor. The Team will be traveling to New York in late January to compete against outstanding oralists from around the nation. We would also like to congratulate *Team B (Sara Chandler, Eddie Hatrick and Sandy Smith)* for their strong efforts as well.

The trophies from the Regional Tournament can be viewed in the show case in the Lobby. When you get a chance, please take a look at them.

FROM OCPP

World Wide Web Site of the Week: Take a break from your studies for some useless trivia by visiting Funtrivia, which promises to be the world's largest trivia site:

1L & 2L Summer Opportunity in Labor, Employment, and Worker's Rights - William & Mary has been selected by The Peggy Brown Fund as one of 35 law schools nationally to compete for 15 summer stipends of \$3000 for students who are interested in labor, employment and worker's rights legal issues. Last year two William & Mary students obtained these Fellowships. Applications are available in the Application File Cabinet under "Peggy Brown Fund" and must be received by employers by **January 7, 2000**.

1Ls - 2000 Delaware Minority Job Fair for First Year Law Students is being sponsored by the Delaware State Bar Association on **Saturday, January 22, 2000** at Widener University School of Law. Several legal employers are planning to participate. If you are interested in being considered for an invitation, you must fill out and return a one page application along with a copy of your resume (and college transcript, if available) to the appropriate slot in the Resumé Submission Cabinet in Room 237A by **12:00 noon on Tuesday, November 30**. Applications are available in the Application File Cabinet in OCPP under "Delaware Minority Job Fair for First Year Law Students."

3Ls - Hunton & Williams' Two-year Pro Bono Fellowship in Richmond is available for 2000-2002 - The position will involve representing *pro bono* clients for the firm's Church Hill office and representation of Central Virginia Legal Aid Society clients. Applicants should be motivated toward a career in public interest law and expect to be licensed by the Virginia State Bar at the time of employment. The lawyer, assigned to the litigation team, will be fully integrated into Hunton & Williams with all the normal opportunities for legal training, associate development, and social participation. Applications are currently being accepted, and should

be mailed **no later than January 31, 2000**. See the complete listing in the Direct Contact binder in OCPP under "Hunton & Williams *Pro Bono* Fellowship."

Deadline Reminder for Early Decision Public Interest and Government Summer Funding for 2Ls. Funding through six programs (Bell, Lambda, Prosecutor, Public Service Fund, Virginia Law Foundation, and Williams) is available through an "early-decision" process. Applications are in the Applications File Cabinet in OCPP; fall application deadline is **Monday, November 22 at 5:00 p.m.**

US Department of Justice Summer Volunteer Program for 1Ls and 2Ls - The US DOJ each year hires volunteer legal interns to assist in various offices. Detailed information regarding the program is available in the Direct Contact Binders and in the DOJ Legal Activities Booklet. Extra copies of the booklet are available in OCPP on the bookshelf with the Judicial Clerkship materials. The Department recommends sending a resumé and cover letter (describing your interest in a volunteer position) to each organization within the department in which you are interested. Positions with DOJ are eligible for summer funding from several W&M Summer Public Interest and Government Fellowships.

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## JUDICIAL CLERKSHIP CORNER

**3L Judicial Clerkship Opportunity** - The Norfolk (VA) Circuit Court seeks applicants for Law Clerk positions to commence August 1, 2000. This trial court of general jurisdiction deals with civil, criminal, and chancery matters. Application must include resumé, cover letter, transcript, writing sample and references. **Applications must received by December 1, 1999.** See the notice in the Post-Graduate Judicial Clerkship binder in OCPP.

**2Ls Applying for Judicial Clerkships** - GOOD NEWS!! OCPP has all federal judges' names and addresses (and the last name for a salutation field) and VA, MD, and DC intermediate appellate and highest court judges names and addresses in merge format on disk. We have merge lists of all federal judges by court (Circuit Courts of Appeals, District, Bankruptcy, Magistrate and Specialty court judges). We also have separate files for each of VA, DC, and MD's intermediate appellate and highest courts. [To obtain a copy of any of these files, bring a new (not previously used) 3 1/2" formatted disk with your name on it to OCPP, fill out a request form (available in the in-boxes on top of the application file cabinets), and give the disk and form to Carolyn. We will return the completed disk to your hanging file.]

**New Resource: The 2000 Guide to State Judicial Clerkship Procedures** - Provides contact and application information for state appellate and trial courts. Shelved with the judicial clerkship materials (yellow and blue dots).

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NEWS ITEM: Full-time Prosecuting Attorneys are Eligible for Cancellation Benefits with Respect to their Federal Perkins Loans - The U.S. Department of Education has determined that full-time prosecuting attorneys are eligible for law enforcement cancellation benefits with respect to Federal Perkins Loans. Cancellation benefits are not available for borrowers with Stafford Loans. However, a borrower of a Federal Perkins Loan is eligible to have up to 100% of the loan canceled for serving full-time as a law enforcement officer or corrections officer in a local, state or federal law enforcement or corrections agency. The rules governing borrower eligibility for law enforcement cancellation are contained in 34 CFR 674.57. The U.S. Department of Education has determined that prosecuting attorneys whose primary responsibilities are to prosecute criminal cases on behalf of public law enforcement agencies are eligible for law enforcement cancellation benefits. For more information regarding this program, particularly as to its impact on Assistant Commonwealth Attorneys in Virginia, you may contact Susan B. Williams at the Commonwealth's Attorney's Services Council (757) 253-4146.

When An Employer Requests a Transcript, you may provide the employer with a copy of your most recent *Grade Report*. The Grade Report serves as an unofficial transcript, which is acceptable to the vast majority of employers. You may want to plan ahead and make several copies of your most recent Grade Report. Official transcripts need only be provided when an employer specifies "official" transcript. Until grade reports are issued, you may type a list of your courses, grades, and GPA, with your name at the top, on paper that matches your resume.

Continuing Legal Education Program on Environmental Law - ALI-ABA Committee on Continuing Professional Legal Education will award 1-2 scholarships to students interested in attending their course of study in **Environmental Law**, Wednesday - Friday, February 9-11 at the Hyatt Regency in Bethesda, MD. If you are interested in being considered for one of these scholarships, please see Dean Kaplan or Dean Thrasher no later than **Friday, December 3.**

Elaine Osborne Jacobson Award for Women in Health Care Law - This award has been provided annually for the past nine years to a woman with a demonstrated interest in health care law. See the Application File Cabinet for additional information under the Roscoe Pound Foundation.

Information Regarding the Patent Bar Exam is available in OCPP in a notebook labeled "Patent Bar."

Writing Competition Information - Information regarding writing competitions is posted on the "Writing Competition" bulletin board outside of OCPP. We have recently posted information regarding the following writing competitions:

- *Notre Dame Law School* announces its seventh **Feminist Jurisprudence** Writing Competition. Deadline for submission of entries is **June 1, 2000.**
- *ABA Section of Family Law Howard C. Schwab Memorial* **Family Law Essay Contest.** Deadline for entries is **April 4, 2000.**

- *Virginia State Bar International Practice Section's International Law Writing Competition.* Entries must be submitted by **January 15, 2000.**



The Editor would like to wish you and yours a very Happy Thanksgiving.

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