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### NEWSWORTHY NOTES

The Law School would like to welcome *Diane Walls*, Technical Services Specialist, in the Library.

**Congratulations and best wishes** to the following couples on their engagement: **Anna Bass** (3L) and **Evan Marshall** and **Jason Rylander** (3L) and **Elizabeth Evans** '99.

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FYI: Exam Conflict Forms will be available in both the Administrative Office and Library Handout Shelf on **Monday, February 14**.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Bring Your Own Lunch to room 120, 12:45-1:30 p.m., on **February 17**, to hear **General Barry McCaffrey**, the nation's drug czar (Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy) as he discusses drug abuse and his message to the country.

IBRL Student Symposium, "Religion in the Schools," **February 21**, 2:30-5:30 p.m., McGlothlin Moot Courtroom.

Professor Davison M. Douglas, will present the **Blackstone Lecture**, "War and Civil Rights: The Effect of World War II on the Legal Campaign for Racial Equality," on **February 24**, 3:00 p.m., McGlothlin Moot Courtroom.

There will be 22 teams from across the country who will be competing in the **Spong Tournament**, **February 25-26**. You are invited to attend the Final Round on Saturday, February 26, 4:30 p.m., McGlothlin Moot Courtroom.

**Dean Mitchell Reiss** will present an IBRL program, "The End of Arms Control," on Monday, **February 28**, 3:00 p.m., room 124.

On Tuesday, **February 29**, **Senator Dale L. Bumpers**, 1999-2000 Carter Lowance Fellow, will visit the Law School. Please look for flyers for additional information.

### ADMISSION NOTE

**Attention all 1Ls and 2Ls:** Information was placed in your hanging files on December 14, 1999 regarding financial aid for the 2000-01 academic year. If you did not receive this information, additional copies are available in the Admission Office (room 104). *The FAFSA deadline required for educational loans and need-based financial aid is **March 1, 2000***. If you seek need-based aid for the next academic year, please review the information and complete the necessary forms in advance of the deadline.

### STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

A representative from the College of William & Mary Office of Student Financial Aid will be available to meet with law students at the Law School (Conference Room 109) on Thursdays during February, March and April. Appointment times must be scheduled in advance by contacting the Law School Admission Office (Rooms 104 and 105). Meeting times will occur between 10:00 a.m.-noon on the first and third Thursdays of the month and between 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., on the second and fourth Thursdays. Questions regarding proper filing of the FAFSA, lender terms, loan application procedures, etc., should be directed to this financial aid representative. The Financial Aid Office may be contacted directly by calling 757-221-2420.

### **ADMITTED STUDENT DAY**

The annual Spring Admitted Student Day will be held on *Saturday, April 8*. An SBA Bar Review is scheduled for Friday, April 7 at 8:00 p.m., at the Green Leafé Café. Interested students are encouraged to attend this student/applicant mixer and meet our visitors in a relaxed environment. Additionally, Marnie Jensen and Jen Redmond are coordinating overnight housing arrangements and student participation in the event. Student volunteers are needed. Contact Marnie or Jen if you would like to help. Drop a note in their hanging file or send an e-mail to: *majens@maila.wm.edu* or *jlredm@maila.wm.edu*.

### **BAR EXAMS**

Remember that application and exam information for every state bar is located on reserve in the library.

Those interested in taking the *Virginia Bar Exam* are invited to bring questions regarding the exam and/or admission process to: *Everything You Wanted to Know About Character and Fitness and the Bar Exam...But Were Afraid to Ask.* Mark your calendars for this presentation/discussion with members of the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners on *March 20, 1:30 p.m.* This session is open to all students (1L and up) who have an interest in sitting for the Virginia Bar exam.

Virginia Bar applications will be available on the Handout Shelves in the Library around the middle of March. The application is not due until *May 12th* -- so you have plenty of time to complete it between March and May. You can work on the Character and Fitness Form which is currently available on the Handout Shelves. This form may be filed prior to filing the application itself and is the more time consuming of the two pieces to complete. Those considering the Virginia bar are reminded that the MPRE is now required for admission to the Virginia bar.

Virginia Bar applications are available through the VA Bar web site: *<http://www.vbbe.state.va.us/forms.html>*

### **MPRE**

Test dates for 2000 are: March 10, August 11, and November 10. Applications are located on the handout shelves in the Library.

### **TRANSCRIPTS**

Students are reminded that they should make multiple copies of the unofficial transcript dropped in hanging files (or grade card which was mailed). Liz Jackson will provide (that obtained via hanging files) **only one** unofficial transcript -- so **make thousands of copies!** Students should also note that most prospective employers who make a transcript request will accept an unofficial transcript rather than an official transcript.

***For those who do require official transcripts*** - forms for ordering an official transcript are available from Liz Jackson or at Blow Hall in the Office of the University Registrar. There is a \$5.00 dollar charge for each transcript requested. Transcript requests are handled through the University Registrar and in the order received. A request may take up to 10 working days for receipt, so **PLAN AHEAD!**

Check your transcript carefully for errors -- is a grade for a non-law class other than "P"? Do you have all the credits you should have for law review/journal or moot court? Do you still have an "I"? These are items that are more easily cared for sooner rather than later. See Liz Jackson if corrections need to be made!

### ***FROM OCPP***

***World Wide Websites of the Week: Summer Housing Information*** - Information on summer sublets is available from several sites:

<http://www.subletswap.com/>

<http://www.summerexchange.com/>

<http://www.jdpost.com/>

<http://www.college.rent.net/>

<http://www.law.nyu.edu/residentlife/summer.html>

(for New York University's information - also see the file in the Application File Cabinet in OCPP - "Summer Housing in NYC.")

<http://www.georgetown.law.edu>

(See "Summer Housing in DC" file in Application File Cabinet for information about housing at Georgetown Law's Residence Hall)

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

***Lunch with Lawyers: Public Interest Law***

Wednesday, February 16, 1:00 p.m. Dean's Conference Room (Space is limited; please sign up in OCPP.)

***Careers with the FBI***

Thursday, February 17, 3:00 p.m., Room 239 (Please sign up in OCPP.)

***Lunch with Lawyers: Working on Capitol Hill***, Wednesday, February 23, 1:00 p.m. Dean's Conference Room (Space is limited; please sign up in OCPP).

*Careers with the U. S. Secret Service*, Thursday, February 24, 3:00 p.m. Room 120

*Lunch with Lawyers: Environmental Law*, Wednesday, March 1, 1:00 p.m. Dean's Conference Room (Space is limited; please sign up in OCPP.)

***Law School Funding for Summer Government and Public Interest Jobs*** - Application materials for the seven Law School-funded summer stipends are available in the OCPP Applications Drawer under William and Mary Summer Public Interest/Government Fellowship and William and Mary Public Service Fund. ***Application deadline for funding is 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 28.***

***Information Regarding the Patent Law Interview Program*** is available from Dean Thrasher in OCPP. This program, open to current 1L and 2L students, will be held in Chicago August 3-5, 2000 and hosts over 100 legal employers seeking students with technical backgrounds for patent law practices. Registration materials are due to OCPP ***no later than closing time on Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup>.***

***1Ls & 2Ls - Summer Research Assistant Positions with Faculty Members*** - OCPP has surveyed professors about their hiring plans for summer 2000. A chart summarizing their needs and hiring procedures is posted on the On-Campus Board outside OCPP.

***The Federal Communications Bar Association offers \$2500 stipends*** to law students employed as unpaid summer interns in communications law positions with government offices. Applications are available in the "Federal Communications Bar Association" file in the Application File Cabinet.

***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.

***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. A listing of Justice Divisions that are actively seeking summer interns is in the Application File Cabinet.

***Public Service Law Net Worldwide*** is an excellent source for identifying entry-level jobs, international internships, and summer positions. Visit the Web site at PSLawNet also has a listing of summer funding sources nationwide at

***2Ls and 3Ls - State Clerkships in New Jersey*** - As of December 1999, there were 370 judicial clerkships available for the 2000- 2001 (3Ls) term and 430 available for the 2001-2002 (2Ls) term. Application procedures are available in the Post-Graduate Judicial Clerkship Binder in OCPP.

***ABA Section of Business Law Career Forum - March 24-26, Columbus, Ohio*** - As part of the ABA Section of Business Law's spring meeting, they will host a career forum with career-related educational programming as well as the opportunity to interview with some of the employers who will be attending the meeting. Resumes will be accepted Thursday, March 23, and employers will select students to interview on Friday March 24 - Sunday, March 26. Additional information is available in the Application File Cabinet under "ABA Section of Business Law Career Forum" or visit the Section's website at .

***Platinum Plunger Rejection Letter Contest*** - OCPP announces the 14th Annual Platinum Plunger Rejection Letter Contest. Submit your most outrageous, humorous, revolting letters to Carolyn Chambers, Dean Kaplan or Dean Thrasher. Awards ceremony to be held in April.

***Rebellious Lawyering Conference*** - Yale Law School is hosting The 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Rebellious Lawyering Conference: "Rebellious Lawyering in the Millennium" on February 25-27. The conference brings together legal practitioners, advocates, activists, scholars, and law students from around the country and the world to discuss innovative strategies for achieving social change. For additional information and to register visit: or see the information in the Application File Cabinet in OCPP.

***Shaking the Foundations: The West Coast Conference on Progressive Lawyering*** - Stanford Law School is hosting this conference March 3-5, 2000. For complete panel information and to register, visit Information is also available in the Application File Cabinet in OCPP.

***The Black Lawyers Association of Cincinnati*** announces the 2000 William A. McClain Scholarship. Details are available in the Application File Cabinet in OCPP under Black Lawyers Association of Cincinnati. Deadline to apply is March 10, 2000

***Interested in Law Librarianship?*** The Virginia Association of Law Libraries (VALL) awards a grant each year to a law student to cover the costs of attending the VALL Annual Meeting, which, this year, will be held in Norfolk on April 13-15. Applications are available in OCPP and must be postmarked by February 18.

***3Ls - Grants for Study and Research in Germany*** - DAAD - the German Academic Exchange Service announces scholarships for its Program for International Lawyers. Application Deadline is March 1, 2000. Information is in the Application File Cabinet under German Academic Exchange Service.

***National Asian Pacific American Conference on Law and Public Policy: Visions and Voices: New Horizons for the Next Millennium*** will be held March 3-4 at Harvard University. See [www.apalsa.org](http://www.apalsa.org) for more information and to register online.

***Updated Resource: 2000 Legal Times Directory of Greater D.C. Law Offices*** includes basic information on over 1200 law firms in DC and the surrounding Maryland and Virginia suburbs. Firms are indexed by practice area and location. Shelved with the directories (red and blue dots) in OCPP.

***Writing Competition Update*** - 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 boards outside OCPP. 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.

We have recently notices regarding upcoming competitions:

1. Notre Dame Law School Smith-Doheny ***Legal Ethics*** Writing Competition (deadline, April 28, 2000)
2. ABA Section of Family Law - Howard C. Schwab Memorial ***Family Law*** Essay Contest (deadline, April 4, 2000)
3. Southeastern Assoc. of Fish and Wildlife Agencies ***Natural Resources Conservation Law*** Writing Competition (deadline, June 30, 2000).

4. RISK Writing Competition (*Managing health, safety and environmental risks*) (deadline, April 1, 2000)
5. The National Structured Settlements Trade Association Announces the John Laugharn Scholarship for the best original research on a topic relating to the *use of structured settlements in torts cases*. (Deadline, April 15, 2000)
6. International Association of Defense Counsel Legal Writing Contest. Topic: *subject of practical concern to lawyers engaged in the defense or management of the defense of civil litigation*. (Deadline, April 10, 2000)

*What's On The Docket?* is a biweekly publication of the William & Mary School of Law produced during the academic year. All submissions are due to Cassi Fritzius, (Room 108) or by e-mail (cbfrit@mail.wm.edu) no later than 5:00 p.m. the Wednesday prior to the Friday publication date.

2000 publication schedule:

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