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NEWSWORTHY

NOTES

Thanks to all who helped make Justice Breyer's visit so successful! The Editor believes the Law School made quite an impression on him and he was an extraordinary guest. I would like to thank the students who responded to my *Help!* request ... I wish there had been as many spaces available as there were responses. Last, The Editor would like to *especially* thank Taylor, Helen and Kim for coming to my aid in getting the Dean's Conference Room ready in between events.

The Law School Library welcomes *Doris Bullock*, Office Service Specialist and *Doris Kappes*, Acquisitions Services Specialist.

KUDOS

On behalf of the Self-Study Committee, I want to thank all students for their responses to our surveys. Your feedback is indispensable to the Law School's efforts to meet your needs and to plan its future. We will be spending much of the remainder of the academic year completing the self-study process. None of you should hesitate to meet with any Committee member(s) to ensure that your concerns and aspirations for the Law School are fully reflected in our final report. Thank you, *Professor Gerhardt*

MESSAGES FROM

THE VICE DEAN

CONGRATULATIONS to the two W&M teams on their performance at the regional round of the Nationals Moot court Tournament this past weekend! Both teams made it to the Quarterfinals, and Team One, after a series of negotiations second only to the current Presidential battle, won second place and a spot in the National round in New York in February. Great work! Team One consists of *Mary Sue Backus, Wayne Owen and Monica Robinson*. Team Two consists of *Dan Froehlich, Jen Brewer and Traci Miller*.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RESEARCH POSITION

The Technology Transfer Program of the College of William & Mary seeks a second or third year law student for a student research position. The candidate should have some knowledge of intellectual property law, especially patent law. The student will work with the Director of Technology Transfer and the Director of Economic Development and Corporate Affairs in researching intellectual property issues. The selected candidate will be expected to work approximately five hours per week at a wage of \$8.00 per hour. Interested students should submit a resume, transcript, and writing sample to Lynda Butler, Vice Dean of the Law School. A selection committee consisting of the Vice Dean, the Director of Economic Development and Corporate Affairs, and the Director of the Technology Transfer Program will begin reviewing applications on *Thursday, November 30*.

A 1L Examination Preparation Session has been scheduled for Monday, November 27, from 12:45-1:30 p.m. in room 119. Several faculty and students will offer assistance with exam preparation.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sports Law Symposium is scheduled for Saturday, November 18.

The *official Thanksgiving* break is Wednesday-Friday, November 22-24.

Please join the Development and Alumni Association in celebrating Marshall-Wythe's 221st anniversary, *Friday, December 1st*. We will be celebrating with a birthday cake, in the Lobby starting at 11:30 a.m.

EXAM CODE NUMBERS

Remember that all students have an assigned Exam Code for use in law courses where anonymous grading is used. Students may access their Exam Code through the SIS system (do take care not to revoke yourself), or more easily through the Internet: <http://worcs.wm.edu>. Once the WORCS has been accessed, select "Student Information" and then enter your E-mail ID (typically the first letter of your first name, your middle initial, and the first four letters of your last name -- but check the directory in the library for accuracy) and your SIS pin number. Your SIS pin number is NOT your computer access pin number or your E-mail account pin number. Your SIS pin number IS your birth day and the last four digits of your SSN. (e.g., the pin number for birth date September 04, 1970 and SSN 123456789 is 046789. FYI: you will be asked to change your pin the first time you access the system. **Remember** to what you have changed your pin. The SIS does NOT reset pin numbers automatically. Your pin will remain whatever number you select. If you forget your pin or are revoked from the system, please see Gloria Todd or Liz Jackson to reset your pin to its default.

COMPUTER USE FOR EXAMS

The Law School prohibits the use of Law School maintained computers and/or printers for the completion of exams. Students may bring personal computers and printers (and extension cords) (and paper too) for typing exams if allowed by the professor. Room 239 is the designated typing room, though space may be found in the Library. All typing space is first-come, first-served. Please read the policy on computer use which may be found at:
<http://www.wm.edu/law/admissions/>

include_computer_policy.htm

Remember that typed exams are to be turned in at the same time as non-typed exams (*i.e.*, there is no additional time for printing). **Remember** that use of computers includes the possibility of crashing (*i.e.*, back-up frequently because a crashed drive is not an acceptable excuse for submitting an exam after the due time).

Remember to turn in your typed exam INSIDE a blue book and note on the cover of the blue book that a typed exam is enclosed.

EXAMS AND STRESS

November and December are particularly stressful months in the lives of law students. Please remember William & Mary has excellent resources for all students. The Study Skills Office is located in the Campus Center (221-2513) to provide tips and help in general study habits/methods. The Student Health Center is located near the University Center (221-4386) and can assist with minor health problems -- not the least of which is the common cold and symptoms of the flu. The Counseling Center is in Blow Hall (221-3620). You are encouraged to use these resources if needed.

LIBRARY NEWS

Holiday Hours - The library will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Years Eve, and New Years Day. On other days during the Thanksgiving holiday and the winter break, the Circulation Desk will be open reduced hours, depending upon the availability of staff to work. Watch the library bulletin board for specific circulation desk hours which will be posted soon. Circulation Desk hours for the days the College is closed in December and January will be posted as soon as possible following the Thanksgiving holiday.

Extended Library Hours During Exams - Beginning Friday, November 24 and extending through Sunday, December 17 law students may remain in the building until 2:30 a.m. From Monday, December 18 until Sunday, January 7 the Library will be on interim hours.

Restricted Library Access - From Friday, December 1 at 5:00 p.m. until Monday, December 18 at 5:00 p.m. ***Law Library access is limited*** to Marshall-Wythe law students and others who require the use of Law Library materials for research purposes. Please remember that patrons needing legal reference assistance and those using legal materials ***are permitted*** access.

Building Access on holidays and during interims, when the library is closed, law students with properly programmed ID cards may access the building and library from 6:00 a.m. until midnight. Be sure to check your ID in the magnetic locks on the building and library front doors to ensure your card is properly programmed for access. Simply swipe your card through the magnetic reader. If the green light displays, your card is properly programmed. Please report problems to the circulation staff. We may be able to fix the problem and save you a trip to the Campus Center to have your card reprogrammed by the ID Office.

Library Lockers - The deadline for locker clean-out and key return is ***Friday, December 15 by 5:00 p.m.*** Lockers must be emptied and the locker key returned (with barcode and key tag attached) to the circulation desk. There is a \$10.00 replacement charge for lost keys or tags.

Circulation staff will be available to reserve lockers for the spring semester at ***7:45 a.m. on Monday, January 8.*** Locker keys are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis until all keys have been distributed.

Carrel Renewals - The deadline for carrel renewal is ***Friday, December 15 by 5:00 p.m.*** During the week of December 18 library staff will be re-shelving carrel materials in anticipation of the start of the new semester, so be sure to renew your carrel and materials before you leave for the holiday.

Interlibrary Loan Returns and Renewals - Please return interlibrary loan materials which come due during the Winter Break before you leave. Some libraries will extend the loan period, but you must request a renewal ***before the due date***. If the lending library will not extend the loan, we must return the book. If you still need the material, photocopy the pages cited ***and the title page***, or complete an interlibrary loan form and request that we borrow it from another library when we return in January.

Good luck with exams and have a happy and safe holiday!

FROM OCPP

World Wide Web Site of the Week: Visit Federal Jobs Digest at ***<http://www.jobsfed.com>*** and go to "Legal, Examining" positions for law clerk and general attorney positions.

OCPP CONTINUES TO RECEIVE NUMEROUS LISTINGS FOR SUMMER & PERMANENT POSITIONS. CHECK THE OCI+ JOB BANK FREQUENTLY FOR NEW LISTINGS.

1L & 2L Summer Opportunities in Labor, Employment, and Worker's Rights - William & Mary has been selected by The Peggy Browning Fund as one of 42 law schools nationally to compete for 20 summer stipends of \$4,000 for students who are interested in labor, employment and worker's rights legal issues. Last year a William & Mary student obtained one of these Fellowships. Applications are available in the Application File Cabinet under "Peggy Browning Fund" and must be received by employers by ***January 17, 2001***. Information is also available at the Peggy Browning website: ***www.peggybrowningfund.org***

1Ls & 2Ls - Public Policy Internships are available through the Institute for Humane Studies Charles G. Koch 2001 Summer Fellow Program - Fellows work for eight weeks at full-time internships designed to provide substantive public policy experience, while also participating in policy analysis training, career development workshops, and workshops designed to hone written and oral communication skills. Visit ***www.TheIHS.org*** for applications and more information. Applications are also available in the Application File Cabinet in OCPP. Deadline to apply is ***February 15, 2001***.

Humane Studies Fellowships - The Institute for Humane Studies offers awards of up to \$12,000 for graduate students. Fellowships are for students who have a clearly demonstrated interest in the classical liberal/libertarian tradition of individual rights and market economies, and are studying in the US or abroad. Law or professional students are eligible to apply. Awards are based on academic and/or professional performance, relevance of one's work to the advancement of a free society, and potential for success. For an application, visit the website, ***www.TheIHS.org***. Application deadline is December 30, 2000.

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 20 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 resume 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.

2Ls Applying for Judicial Clerkships -- GOOD NEWS!! OCPP has all federal judges' names and addresses (and the last name for a salutation field) for Virginia, Maryland, and DC intermediate appellate and highest court judges' names and addresses in merge format on disk. We also have separate files for each of Virginia, Maryland, and DC'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 2001 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).

New Resource: Vault.com Guide to the Top 50 Law Firms (3rd edition) - has arrived and is available in OCPP.

Interested in Sports Law? The Institute for Sports Advancement is holding their annual Conference on Education, Placement and Opportunities for Advancement in the Sports Industry ***January 14-15, 2001*** at the Marriott Financial Center Hotel in New York City. Register online at ***www.isa2001.com***.

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.

Platinum Plunger Rejection Letter Contest - OCPP announces the 15th 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.

Information Regarding the Patent Bar Exam is available in OCPP in a notebook labeled "Patent Bar." The next Patent Bar Exam has been scheduled for *April 18, 2001*. The filing ***deadline for that exam is Friday, January 5, 2001***. You may request an application at (703) 306-4097 or via fax at (703) 306-4134. Information along with downloadable application materials are also available at: <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/olia/oed/index.html>

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

The State Bar of Texas (Oil, Gas & Mineral Law Section) is announcing the availability of a \$9,000 summer research grant. The purpose of the grant is to encourage scholarly research and writing in an area of oil, gas and mineral law that would be beneficial to Texas lawyers practicing in this field. ***Deadline is January 5, 2001.***

The ***Attorney-CPA Foundation*** announces its 2000-2001 Essay Contest. Detailed topics are posted on the Writing Competition Board outside OCPP. Deadline to submit the essay is ***May 11, 2001.***

The Los Angeles County Bar Association ***Intellectual Property & Entertainment Law Section*** announces its 15th Annual ***Entertainment Law*** Writing Competition. The submitted article may focus on any area of entertainment law. Papers are due to Cassi Fritzius in the Dean's Office no later than ***June 15, 2001.***

The ***Federal Bar Association Section of Taxation*** announces their annual writing competition concerning ***federal income taxation.*** Entries must be postmarked by ***January 22, 2001.***

The ***International Practice Section of the Virginia State Bar*** announces its annual ***International Law*** Writing Competition. Entries must be submitted no later than ***February 1, 2001.***

The ***American College of Legal Medicine*** announces its 2001 Student Writing Competition for the outstanding paper on ***legal medicine.*** Papers must be received no later than ***February 1, 2001.***

What's On 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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