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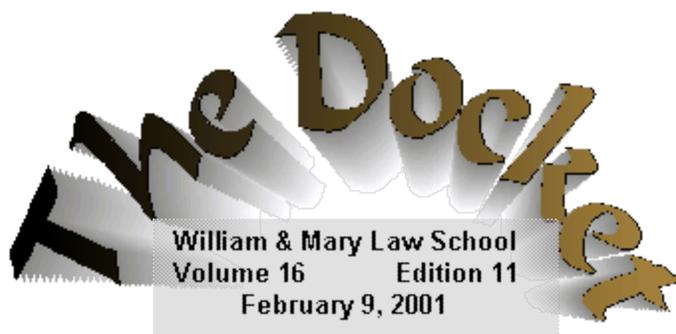
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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**James Woolsey**, former CIA Director, will present “National Security Challenges in the Early 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” to the Law School community on *Monday, February 12, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. in room 119*. All are **ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND** this very important event.

*Town Hall Meeting with the Dean*, Tuesday, February 13, 3:00 p.m., room 120.

The Admission Office has one remaining *Friday Information Session* planned for prospective applicants. Please assist by welcoming and sharing information with visitors to the Law School on February 23.

You are cordially invited to attend the *William and Mary Journal of Women and the Law 2001 Symposium*. The book *PASSIONS OF LAW* edited by Susan Bandes inspired the symposium, entitled “Emotions and Gender Jurisprudence.” The symposium will be held on *Friday, February 16, 2001* in the McGlothlin Moot Court Room at the College of William & Mary School of Law, from *1:00-5:00 p.m.* The symposium will be free-of-charge to all attendees. The symposium will begin with the presentation of articles by four legal scholars, followed by a panel discussion. The participants are Susan Bandes from DePaul College of Law, Mary Becker from DePaul College of Law, Catherine Fisk from Loyola Law School, Linda Malone from William & Mary Law School, Elizabeth Rapaport from University of New Mexico School of Law, Carol Sanger from Columbia Law School and Cynthia Ward from William & Mary School of Law. We anticipate a very thought-provoking and vigorous debate that will be valuable to all in attendance.

*Essential Elements of Coastal Science for Lawyers*: (a workshop for students and professionals) will be held on *Friday February 23, 2001, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., at Waterman’s Hall, Virginia Institute of Marine Science, Gloucester Point, VA*. The workshop is designed to be a basic, non-mathematical introduction to key issues and processes in coastal science. Topics will include foundations in water chemistry and hydrology; nutrient management; water resource use; shoreline processes; environmental risk assessment; endangered species; wetlands function, ecology and restoration; and other introductory topics. The objective is to provide participants with insights and information to help them make better-informed decisions regarding coastal environments and resources. Free transportation will be provided from the William & Mary Law

School. Refreshments, lunch and post-seminar reception will also be provided to all participants. Contact the Chesapeake Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve at (804) 684-7144 or e-mail: [cbnerr@vims.edu](mailto:cbnerr@vims.edu) for further information or to register.

**EXAM CONFLICT FORMS** are now available at the handout counter in the library. The deadline to file is *Friday, March 30 to Gloria Todd*.

## **RANKS**

Ranks will be distributed by February 15th. A reminder that 1L students are not ranked until the end of their second semester of law school.

## **MPRE**

Applications are available on the handout shelves in the library. There are a growing number of states that require this exam. A complete list is found in the application booklet. Please check it as well as contacting specific bars to determine if you need to take the exam.

## **BAR INFORMATION**

Specific bar information for all states and Puerto Rico is on reserve in the library. Virginia (as do a number of other states) pro-rates the application fee. It is wise to check the requirements for any bar for which you might sit well in advance of making application. Virginia bar character forms are available on the handout shelves in the library. 3Ls planning to sit for the Virginia Bar, should block *Wednesday, March 21, 3:30-4:30 p.m., room 120* on their calendars for a Virginia Bar information session regarding application and taking the exam. More information will be posted regarding this event sponsored by OCPP and the Administration.

## **STUDENT FINANCIAL AID**



*Attention all 1Ls and 2Ls:* Information was placed in your hanging files on December 7, 2000 regarding financial aid for the 2001-2002 academic year. If you did not receive this information, additional copies are available from Faye Shealy (Office #105). The FAFSA is required for educational loans and need-based financial aid. A representative from the William & Mary Office of Student Financial Aid will be available to meet with law students regarding proper filing of the FAFSA, lender terms, loan application procedures, etc. Please contact the Financial Aid Office by calling 221-2426 if you wish to schedule an appointment.

## **FROM LEGAL SKILLS**

We are pleased to *welcome Diane Maher* as the new Legal Skills Program Assistant. Ms. Maher will be working in the Legal Skills Office, Room 217, everyday from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and will provide the Program with administrative support.

The Legal Skills and Trial Advocacy Programs are currently accepting applications for 2001-2002 teaching assistants. Applications were dropped in first and second-year hanging files and extra applications are available in Room 217. **Completed applications are due in the Legal Skills office by 9:00 a.m. Friday, February 16th.** Interviews will be scheduled during the weeks of February 19th and 26th, and decisions will be made by the end of March.

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First-year students continue to work on researching the issues for their Client B contract and tort cases, and are now being introduced to Primary Authority. They are also being trained in computer assisted legal research. Students should be prompt in returning research materials to library shelves when not in use, since some students are having difficulty locating the necessary materials.

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TRIALS ARE OVER! LET THE APPEALS BEGIN! Second-year students did a terrific job with their trials and incorporating technology into their presentations. Many thanks to all 2Ls for their hard work in being trial counsel and role players, and to the Courtroom 21 staff and technology clerks who helped keep things running smoothly. Students are now filing their Notices of Appeal, and are beginning work on their appellate briefs.

Trial evaluation forms for 2Ls will be dropped in hanging files this week. Please take a few moments to fill out what you liked and didn't like about your trial experience, and any suggestions you have for future changes. **YOUR IDEAS ARE VERY IMPORTANT TO US!**

Client E and Document Drafting assignments will run from February 19 through March 30 (no one will be expected to work on either assignment during Spring Break). Assignments will be in hanging files by February 19.

**FROM OCPP**

**World Wide Websites of the Week:** SUMMER HOUSING INFORMATION on summer sublets are available from several sites:

T <http://www.nalp.org>

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

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

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

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

T [www.law.nyu.edu/residentiallife/summer.html](http://www.law.nyu.edu/residentiallife/summer.html) (for New York University's information - also see the file in the Application File Cabinet in OCPP - "Summer Housing in NYC.")

T [www.barnard.edu/sumprog](http://www.barnard.edu/sumprog) (for Summer Housing information at Barnard in NYC)

T [www.georgetown.law.edu](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: In-House Corporate Counsel***, Wednesday, February 14, 12:30 p.m. Employer's Lounge (Space is limited; please sign up in OCPP.)

***Lunch with Lawyers: Using Your Law Degree in the Business World***, Wednesday, February 21, 11:30 a.m., Employer's Lounge (Space is limited; please sign up in OCPP.)

***1Ls & 2Ls - Summer Research Assistant Positions with Faculty Members*** - OCPP has surveyed professors about their hiring plans for summer 2001. A chart summarizing their needs and hiring procedures is posted outside OCPP.

***Interested in Immigration Law?*** The ABA Immigration *Pro Bono* Development Project/Bar Activation Program, in conjunction with the National Lawyers Guild and the Detention Watch Network, has created the *Immigration Detainee Defense Initiative Directory* that describes nationwide opportunities for students to pursue internships with non-profit organizations providing free legal services to detainees. See the *Directory* on the Public Interest shelf for more information about these opportunities.

***Interested in Adoption Law?*** The Dave Thomas Center for Adoption Law at Capital University Law School is operating a Summer Jobs Clearinghouse to place law students in summer jobs in and around the field of adoption law. Information about these positions is posted on the Web at <http://www.law.capital.edu/adoption/jobs2001.asp>.

***Understanding Business and Legal Aspects of the Sports Industry*** is a two-day workshop sponsored by PLI (Practicing Law Institute) in New York City, February 15-16, 2001. Register on-line at [www.pli.edu](http://www.pli.edu) or call 1-800-260-4PLI. A program brochure is in the CLE folder in the Application File Cabinet in OCPP.

***Information Regarding the Patent Law Interview Program*** is available from Dean Thrasher in OCPP. This program, open to current 1L and 2Ls, will be held in Chicago August 2-4,

2001 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 Thursday, February 22.*

***ABA Section of Business Law Career Forum - March 22-25, Philadelphia, PA*** - As part of the ABA Section of Business Law's spring meeting, the section 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. Students interested in setting up on-site interviews must submit resumes to the Forum Coordinator *no later than March 10.* Contact information is available in the Application File Cabinet under "ABA Section of Business Law Career Forum" or visit the Section's website at [www.abanet.org/buslaw](http://www.abanet.org/buslaw).

***THE NALP APARTMENT EXCHANGE*** - Find or lease a sublet for the summer on-line - The NALP Apartment Exchange (at [www.nalp.org](http://www.nalp.org)) is an on-line service where you may list your own apartment or look for an apartment in the city of your summer job. The *Exchange* will be available until May 1.

***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 DOJ Legal Activities Booklet, 'Do Your Legal Career Justice: Opportunities for Entry-Level Attorneys and Law Students.' Extra copies of the booklet are available in OCPP on the bookshelf with the Judicial Clerkship materials. Links to all DOJ divisions are available at <http://www.usdoj.gov>. Also see the US DOJ 'Volunteer Summer Legal Intern Positions' Booklet in the Application File Cabinet.

***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.

***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 & Mary Summer Public Interest/Government Fellowship and William & Mary Public Service Fund. *Application deadline for funding is 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 27.*

***Updated Resource: 2001 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.

***Public Service Law Net Worldwide*** is an excellent source for identifying entry-level jobs, international internships, and summer positions. Visit the Web site at [www.PSLawNet.org](http://www.PSLawNet.org). PSLawNet also has a listing of summer funding sources nationwide at <http://www.pslawnet.org/summerfunding.asp>. Also see *PSLawNet "Snapshot" Global Directory of Non-U.S. Organizations on PSLawNet and Global Web Directories* (shelved with the Public Interest materials in OCPP).

*Air Force ROTC Scholarships for 1Ls and 2Ls* - For a limited time, Air Force ROTC has up to \$15,000 in annual scholarships for first and second-year law students. See [www.jagusaf.hq.af.mil](http://www.jagusaf.hq.af.mil) for more information.

*The Robert M. Cover Public Interest Law Retreat* will be held March 2-4 in Peterborough, NH. This year's conference, entitled "Merging Missions: Exploring the Realities of Progressive Collaboration," will celebrate public interest law as an 'all-encompassing practice of separate disciplines.' The conference is intended to give law students, legal practitioners and academics a chance to share their experiences, aspirations and philosophies with others. The conference will include a variety of speeches, panel discussions and workshops to present a number of various interacting fields of public interest law. Additional information is in the Application File Cabinet under 'Cover Public Interest Law Retreat' or you may e-mail the conference planning committee at [coverconf@hotmail.edu](mailto:coverconf@hotmail.edu). *Registration materials are due by February 23.*

*Rebellious Lawyering Conference* - Yale Law School is hosting The Seventh Annual Rebellious Lawyering Conference on February 16-18. 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: [www.reblaw.org](http://www.reblaw.org) or see the information in the Application File Cabinet 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 around the corner from 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 received notices regarding the following upcoming competitions:

... *Joseph Bernfeld Writing Competition* co-sponsored by the Los Angeles Bankruptcy Forum and the *California Bankruptcy Journal*. Papers should focus on an issue of **bankruptcy, insolvency law, or related matters, such as debtor-creditor relations, receiverships, assignments for benefits of creditors, or out-of-court workouts**. *Deadline: July 1, 2001*

... *Notre Dame Law School Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition* on **any issue within the category of general ethics**. *Deadline: April 30, 2001*

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THE DOCKET is a biweekly publication of the William & Mary Law School produced during the academic year. All submissions (in 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.

**2001 publication schedule**

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