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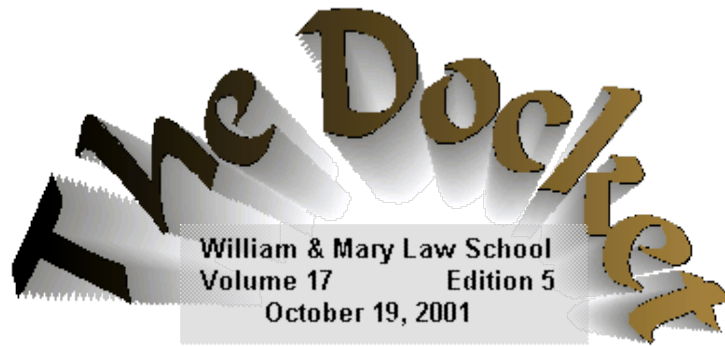
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FRIDAY INFORMATION SESSION - OCTOBER 26

A program for prospective applicants will be held on Friday, October 26. Please assist the admission program in greeting and welcoming our guests. Special thanks to our student tour volunteers and other program participants.

REGISTRATION REMINDER

Registration for 3Ls and LLMS is October 29. For 2Ls, registration is October 30. Clear your holds and avoid accumulating infractions for a few more weeks.

Exam Conflict forms are now available at the handout counter in the library and are due to Gloria Todd NLT Friday, November 9.

Getting to Know . . .

This is a new feature of The Docket. The Personnel Committee will feature some of the personalities that make our Law School a great place to work and learn, allowing us to know the people in the halls a little better. The Committee has selected those interviewed, other than Dean Reveley, at random from all Law School employees. ***Pay close attention to the details because William & Mary Law School Trivia Questions will be asked during the year based on these interviews!***



Della Harris

No, this is not a picture of Della Harris, our Director of the Faculty and Academic Support Center. It is a picture of her beautiful six-month old granddaughter, Gabrielle. Gabrielle is the youngest of Della's seven grandchildren, a happy little girl who can do

anything according to Grandma. Della is actually feeling "empty" right now because her sweet and smiling Gabrielle moved to Charlotte with her parents a month and a half ago.

In addition to being Grandma, Della says she is "married to Robert and the Law School." She began working here in late 1979, hired away from Thomas Nelson Community College (TNCC), her alma mater and place of employment for nine years, by the Law School's Anne Forbes.

With over 31 years of providing faculty support, Della says her favorite thing about William & Mary is the people, who are warm, friendly and very supportive. Della truly respects the faculty, whom she says will do just about anything to help someone. In fact, after working here five years, the cash from her entire paycheck was stolen from inside her desk by someone wandering in from outside of the Law School. When Professor Charles Koch and a former faculty member heard about it, they notified the other faculty members. Through the generosity of the faculty, every penny Della lost was replaced. In addition to her more than 30 years of service to the Commonwealth of Virginia, Della was selected for the prestigious Duke Award in 1999. To this day she finds it impossible to read without emotion the touching nominations prepared by our law school faculty on her behalf.

When she isn't racing off to Charlotte to see Gabrielle, you can find Della in the newly renovated Faculty and Academic Support Center in Room 237.

Neal Devins



Neal Devins has been at the law school for fourteen years teaching constitutional law and administrative law. In addition, he plays an active role on the "other side of campus" as a faculty member in the Thomas Jefferson Program in Public Policy. He recently received a joint appointment as Professor of Government as well and will teach a course to undergraduates sometime in the coming year. When asked what he found most rewarding about the law school, he immediately said he enjoyed the students

immensely.

To balance his active academic life, Neal enjoys time with his wife, Deborah Vick, and their three-year-old son Adam. Once a week he takes Adam to Busch Gardens and delights in Adam's growing abilities. Neal also enjoys biking and owns both a road and mountain bike. He usually rides three times a week and up to twenty miles

each time. Some of his familiar routes are down the parkway to Jamestown or from the parkway into the Neck O Land road area. He is looking forward to the time when Adam will be old enough to join him.

FROM OCPP!

World Wide Web Site of the Week - Debra Strauss, author of *Behind the Bench: The Guide to Judicial Clerkships*, has created a web site designed to be a resource to law students seeking clerkships. There are links to federal and state court sites, judicial clerkship listings, and more. www.judicialclerkships.com

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Summer and Permanent Opportunities with the FBI - Special Agent Richard L. Holtz will visit the law school to speak to students about job opportunities, application procedures, training, background checks, and more on ***Tuesday, October 30 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 119***. Law students and graduates are especially appealing to the FBI, and the Bureau actively solicits applications from them. They sponsor a summer ***Honors Internship Program*** for 2Ls (**deadline: November 1, 2001**); graduating 3Ls are hired as ***Special Agents***. The application process takes several months, so it is not too soon for 3Ls to send their initial materials. Information and application forms are available in the Application File Cabinet, online in the Job Bank, and at www.fbi.gov.

Finding an International Summer Internship - Wednesday, October 31 at 12:30 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room. Space is limited; an e-mail notice about reserving a spot will be forthcoming.

Attention First-Year Students - Over the next few weeks we will be conducting several special programs to introduce you to our career planning services. Please make a note of the dates and times and plan to attend.

The First-Year Job Search – Thursday, October 25 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 119

Marketing Yourself to Employers: Writing Effective Resumes and Cover Letters – Monday, October 29 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 119

Sweaty Palms: The Art of Interviewing – Wednesday, November 7 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 120

Job Search Savvy: Tapping the Hidden Job Market – Tuesday, November 13 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 239

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Internships with the U.S. State Department - Each summer, the United States Department of State offers internships to undergraduate and graduate students in a variety of their bureaus. In addition to the Office of the Legal Adviser, other bureaus typically using law students include Diplomatic Security, East Asian & Pacific Affairs, Education & Cultural Affairs, Oceans & International Environmental & Scientific Affairs, Office of the Inspector General, International Information Programs, and the United States Mission to the UN. All application materials are available at www.state.gov (Employment, Student Programs) and are **due November 1, 2001**.

Bar Review Scholarship - The Law Student Division of the ABA and BAR/BRI will award partial bar review course scholarships to ABA/LSJ members who are December 2001 or May 2002 graduates to be applied to their BAR/BRI tuition. Applicants must not have a commitment for full-time legal employment with a salary in excess of \$30,000 by the application deadline. For more information, see the October 2001, edition of *Student Lawyer*. ***Deadlines: October 31, 2001, for February 2002 bar examinees and January 15, 2002, for July 2002 bar examinees.***

PSLawNet - William & Mary's law school subscribes to the **Public Service Law Network Worldwide**, which gives students special access to a searchable database of thousands of government, public service and pro bono opportunities worldwide. You can find positions in many practice areas, including criminal law, tax law, housing, AIDS/HIV issues, bankruptcy, women's issues, civil liberties, entertainment and more. Hundreds of paid jobs and fellowships are also listed. Just go to www.PSLawNet.org to register and start searching; there is also a handout in OCPP with tips for searching the web site. The service is free to W & M students.

Applying for a Government or Public Interest Summer Job? - Funding available through William & Mary may help you get that job! There are seven ***Fellowship Programs*** that provide stipends of up to \$3000 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 William & Mary enhances your candidacy with employers. There is a one-page handout available on the display racks near OCPP that describes William & Mary's Fellowship Programs for the summer of 2002. 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 2002 Funding for 2Ls - Funding through six programs (Bell, Criminal Justice, Lambda,

Virginia Law Foundation, Public Service Fund [PSF], and Williams) is available through an “early-decision” process. There are two separate application forms – one for PSF only and one for all other sources. The forms are available in the Application File Cabinet under “William & Mary Public Service Fund” and “William & Mary Summer Public Interest/Government Fellowship.” ***Fall application deadline is Monday, November 19 at 5:00 p.m.***

Judicial Clerkship Institute - In order to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of judicial clerks, Pepperdine University School of Law in Malibu, California, will sponsor the ***Judicial Clerkship Institute January 2-5, 2002***. The faculty of the Institute – all federal judges – will give students much of the practical knowledge every law clerk needs. Any law student who has been selected for a federal judicial clerkship (and has received permission to attend from his or her judge) is eligible. Tuition is \$75, and lunches are included; shared hotel accommodations are \$100 for all four nights (\$300 for four nights in a private room), and breakfasts are included. For more information, see OCPP or law.pepperdine.edu. *Space is limited, so apply early.* ***The deadline for applications and fees is November 22, 2001.***

Enter and Win! OCPP announces the **16TH ANNUAL PLATINUM PLUNGER REJECTION LETTER CONTEST**. Submit your most outrageous, humorous, revolting letters from employers to Carolyn Chambers, Dean Kaplan, or Dean Lewis. Awards ceremony to be held in April.

RESOURCES UPDATE

Looking for info on American corporations? - The ***Corporate Yellow Book*** lists contact information for over 50,000 executives at more than 1,000 companies and 5,000 subsidiaries and divisions, and more than 9,000 board members and their outside affiliations. Listings include the name of each company’s general counsel (and, frequently, where he or she attended law school), as well as which law firm the corporation uses for outside counsel.

Want to know Who’s Who in State Government? - The ***State Yellow Book*** has a wealth of information for over 41,000 state officials in the executive and legislative branches of the 50 state governments and the U.S. territories, as well as intergovernmental organizations.

WRITING COMPETITIONS (see OCPP for more info)

- ***Entertainment Law Initiative (ELI) Scholarship Writing Competition*** - In conjunction with the American Bar Association, the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences (home of the GRAMMY® Awards) will award one first-place prize of \$5,000 and four second-place prizes of \$1,500 for winning essays on a compelling legal issue facing the music industry. All winners will also receive tickets to the GRAMMY® Awards Show, airfare, hotel accommodations, and more. For complete contest rules, send e-mail to

ELI@GRAMMY.com. **Registration deadline: December 15, 2001: paper submission deadline: January 2, 2002.**

- . **Business Law Competition** - The ABA Section of Business Law will award a first prize of \$2,500, a second prize of \$1,000, and a third prize of \$500 for winning entries in its annual **Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest**. Papers may be on any topic related to business law. For contest rules and other details, see Brian Lewis in OCPP. **Submissions are due to Dean Lewis by Friday, January 11, 2002.**
- . **American Indian Law Writing Competition** - The University of Oklahoma College of Law is accepting papers on any issue concerning American Indian Law. Prizes of \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 will be awarded for first-, second-, and third-place entries, respectively. **All entries must be postmarked first class no later than January 31, 2002.**
- . **Call for Papers** - The *Albany Law Environmental Outlook Journal* is currently soliciting article submissions for its upcoming 2001/02 issues. Each issue focuses on a particular topic of current environmental concern. The Winter 2001/02 topic is ENERGY: WHAT ARE THE OPTIONS? (**Submission deadline: December 15, 2001**). The Spring 2002 topic is THE STATE OF NEW YORK'S NATURAL RESOURCES (**Submission deadline: February 15, 2002**).

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