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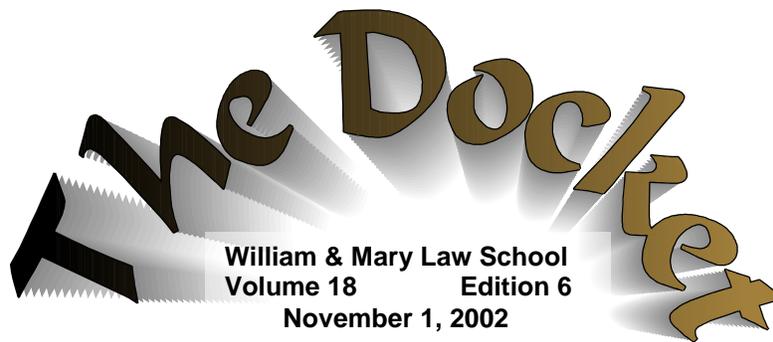
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## [[[[ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### FOUR PROPOSALS FOR CORPORATE REFORM

Corporate directors have failed us. Public accounting firms have failed us. Market analysts have failed us. Even Martha Stewart has failed us. What to do now? On **Friday, November 1**, the law school will sponsor a program spelling out four courses of action to restore confidence in the American system of corporate governance. Featuring speakers from the business school, the law school, and the departments of economics and history, as well as practitioners who deal every day with issues of corporate governance and ethical compliance, this program will explore what the next steps should – and should not – include.

The speakers will address issues relating to executive compensation, government regulation, restoring ethics, and restoring pride in the corporate system. Law faculty will include Dean Reveley and Professors Barnard, Heuhsen, Hynes, Kades, Meese, and Rudnick. The program will also include a noted plaintiff's class action lawyer, and a distinguished corporate practitioner from the New York Bar.

The program, entitled ***"A World Without WorldComs: Four Proposals for An Anxious Economy,"*** will be held from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in room 127.



Following is a synopsis of ***The Black Bar: The Legacy of Brown v. Board of Education and the Future of Race and the American Legal Profession***, by David B. Wilkins<sup>1</sup>. Professor Wilkins will present The 2002/03 George Wythe Lecture on ***November 7, 3:00 p.m., room 127***. The lecture is open to the public.

May 17, 2004 will mark the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Supreme Court's landmark decision in *Brown v. Board of Education* outlawing racial segregation in the nation's public schools. Arguably no other decision in American constitutional law history has had so profound an impact on our national consciousness. By declaring "separate" *inherently* "unequal," *Brown* established integration as both the engine of equal opportunity and

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the yardstick by which progress on achieving this goal should be measured. Equally important, by mandating a legal solution to what Gunner Myrdall a decade earlier had famously called the “Negro Problem” in American democracy, *Brown* established law – and lawyers – as the primary vehicle for achieving social change.

Half a century later, what has become of these twin ambitions? Without question, America looks far different than it did in the 1950s, due in no small measure to the legal campaigns *Brown* inspired. Yet, few would argue that either aspect of *Brown*’s promise has been fully achieved. Many areas remain nearly as segregated as they were in the 1950s, including top jobs in business and the professions. More fundamentally, notwithstanding the development of a significant black middle class, the majority of blacks still remain mired at the bottom of the socio-economic ladder on almost every measure. Nor do many Americans continue to share *Brown*’s optimistic view about the role of law and lawyers in movements for social change, notwithstanding the legalization of vast areas of our society during the last fifty years. Indeed, many Americans no longer believe that lawyers are interested in social justice at all. Surprisingly, many lawyers now share this view.

This lecture, seeks to understand how America has moved from the shining promise of *Brown v. Board of Education* to the complex and ambiguous reality of integration at the dawn of the new millennium. By examining how *Brown*’s promise of equal opportunity *through law* has – and has not – been realized *in law* with respect to the integration of the legal profession itself, it will examine the slow but nevertheless significant transformation of the elite black bar from its historical roots in the civil rights struggle that produced victory in *Brown* to its current efforts to gain a foothold in the large law firms and other institutions that make up the lucrative and prestigious upper echelons of the corporate bar. This history, has important implications for our understanding of race, the legal profession, and the role of law in society.

## NEED TO KNOW INFO

### REGISTRATION REMINDER

Remember to clear all holds – even an overdue book will prohibit your registration. Registration for 3Ls and LLMs is November 7. For 2Ls, registration is November 8. Students who are unable to register in their registration window can have a friend register them provided the friend is given the appropriate userid, pin number and, naturally, course selection.

### EXAM CONFLICT FORMS

Exam Conflict forms are now available at the handout counter in the library and are due to Gloria Todd **by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 8.**

## INTERESTED IN A GENERAL PRACTICE EXTERNSHIP FOR THE SPRING SEMESTER?

If so, plan on attending a meeting on **Wednesday, November 6, 1:00-1:30 p.m., room 141** to find out more about the general practice externship opportunities available, and the requirements for those opportunities. If you have questions and are unable to attend the meeting, please contact Dean Roberts (perobe@wm.edu).

## FROM OCPP

**World Wide Web Site of the Week - Job Links for Lawyers** boasts “724 unique links to sites that post current job openings for attorneys” – and that includes internships, judicial clerkships, fellowships, and covers public and private employers. Links are sorted by jurisdiction and by web site type or publication type. <http://home.sprynet.com/~ear2ground/>

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- ∂ **Attention First-Year Students:** We continue with our special programs designed to help you prepare for the job search ahead. Please make a note of the dates and times and plan to attend.
- **Writing Effective Resumes and Cover Letters** – Friday, November 1 at 12:45 p.m. in room 119.
- ÷ **Job Search Savvy: Tapping the Hidden Job Market** – Tuesday, November 5 at 1:00 p.m. in room 119.
- ≠ **Sweaty Palms: The Art of Interviewing** – Thursday, November 7 at 1:00 p.m. in room 119

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Ten-Month Assignments in Asia** - The **Luce Scholars Program** each year offers a select group of young Americans an experience in Asia designed to broaden their professional perceptions of Asia, of America, and of themselves. Work assignments last ten months and are arranged for each Scholar on the basis of his or her specific interest, background, qualifications and experience. Nominees must be U.S. citizens, under 30, with a GPA of 3.6 or better. **The application deadline is 5:00 p.m. Monday, November 18.** Candidates must be nominated by the College of William & Mary (not the law school); if you would like an application, stop by the Charles Center on main campus or email a request to Lisa Grimes at [lmgrim@wm.edu](mailto:lmgrim@wm.edu). NOTE: A video about the Luce Program is available in the Charles Center Viewing Lab; call 221-1278 to make a reservation.

**Fellowship Program** - 3Ls are eligible to apply for the **Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute's 2003-2004 Fellowship Program**. Every year, the fellowship

program offers up to 22 promising Latinos from across the country the opportunity to gain hands-on experience at the national level in the public policy area of their choice in such areas as international affairs, economic development, education policy, housing, or local government. The fellowships last from August 25, 2003 until May 21, 2004, and pay \$2,500 a month. Applications are available in the Applications File Cabinet in OCPP. **All application materials must be postmarked by February 28, 2003.**

**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 2-4, 2003**. 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 most meals are included; shared hotel accommodations are \$125 for all four nights (or \$350 for four nights in a private room). For more information, see OCPP or law.pepperdine.edu. *Space is limited, so apply early.* **The deadline for applications and fees is December 1, 2002.**

**Sports Law** - Law students are invited to attend the **Institute for Sports Advancement**, January 16-17, 2003, at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in New York City. The event is intended to help participants find out what it takes to break into and succeed in the sports business industry. Topics covered will include sports marketing, sports law, team and franchise management, sports broadcasting, sports broadcasting, multi-media, journalism and corporate sponsorship. For more information, see www.isacentral.com.

**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** which 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 in OCPP that describes William & Mary's various Fellowship Programs for the summer of 2003. 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 2003 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." **The application deadline for "early decision" funding is Monday, November 25 at 5:00 p.m.**

**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](http://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.

## **WRITING COMPETITIONS** (see OCPP for more info)

**A Word on Writing Competitions** 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 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 if you decide to participate. We have recently posted information regarding the following writing competitions:

- **Coalitions** - A coalition of progressive Boalt Hall student-run organizations and journals invites students to submit papers on any topic related to the impacts of coalitions on law, society, and policy for the **"Coalitions at the Crossroads"** writing award. The winner will receive \$500 along with airfare and lodging in order to attend their conference in California in April. **Papers should be received by January 5, 2003.**
  
- **Copyright Law** - The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) invites third-year students to participate in the **Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition**. First and second prizes of \$600 and \$250, respectively, will be awarded *at each participating law school* for the best essays on any aspect of Copyright Law. For contest rules and other details, see Brian Lewis in OCPP. **Submissions are due to Dean Lewis by Friday, March 28, 2003.**

## **Getting to Know . . .**



### **Petra LaFountain . . .**

Petra LaFountain (nee Klemmack – recently married so she can pursue her career as a romance novelist if this whole court thing doesn't work out) works for the Courtroom 21 Project as the Associate Director for Technology.

A survivor of the dot-com wars, Petra is an employee of LexisNexis CourtLink (previously

CourtLink, previously JusticeLink, previously LawPlus – all in a 2-½ year period of acquisition and merger) and fully sponsored by them in her position at Courtroom 21.

Petra is responsible for researching and disseminating information on emerging court data technologies and speaks at various court conferences frequently. She is also the webmaster, network administrator and chief IT geek for the Courtroom 21 Project. For the Law School, her work includes electronic filing for Legal Skills students and she is also responsible for the development of the technology requirement for Legal Skills and Trial Advocacy. So now you know who to blame! Though she no longer conducts the training for Trial Ad and Legal Skills, her heart is still with students during trial.

Petra has been associated with the Law School since 1996 when she joined the staff at the library. Her great claim to fame as Head of Circulation was to hire both Steve Blaiklock and John Vajda – still blissfully employed by the Library.

Petra was born in Duluth, Minnesota and followed her itinerant professor parents to Virginia, Alabama (where Taylor Reveley was once a professor), and Colorado. She received her degree from the University of Colorado (in Boulder – Go Buffs!!!) and will not reveal the date as that would imply an age range. Her house is inhabited by her husband, Neil LaFountain (who works for the National Center for State Courts), a large (150 lb) red dog named Gus, a small hyperactive dog named Retha-Wu and two cats answering occasionally to the names of Lando Catrissian and Chew-catta.

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