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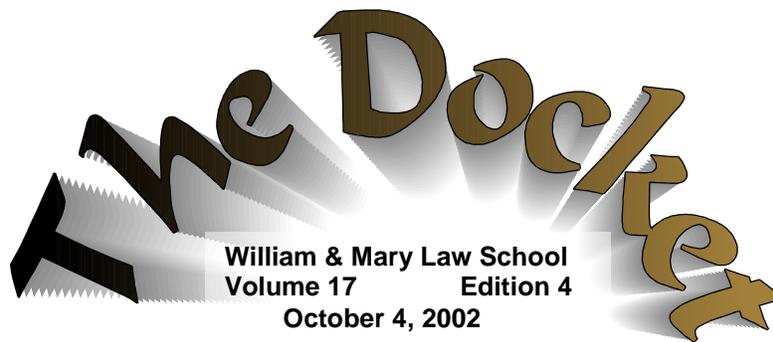
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### OCTOBER 4, LEE NATIONAL DENIM DAY®

*Our Special Program on October 4 (from 11:00 a.m.-noon in room NW 138)* will be a presentation by Janet Crowther, Reference Librarian and Project Director of the "Philip West Memorial Cancer Resource Center" which is at both the Williamsburg Regional and James City County libraries. The Center provides a clearinghouse of information on breast cancer and other cancers. The award winning Philip West Memorial Cancer Resource Center website provides access to a wide range of resources, both local and global, for cancer patients, their families and caregivers.

Thank you for wearing your **DENIM** and special T-shirts with the pink ribbon imprints in support of **LEE NATIONAL DENIM DAY®** today. Thank you also for helping the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation (a nonprofit organization dedicated to eradicating breast cancer) raise funds for breast cancer research, education, screening and treatment programs.

There is a box for donations in the Law Library lobby. Pink ribbon pins are being given to donors; and today, cookies and punch will be available in the library foyer.

*PDP, SBA & PSF are pleased to announce our Variety Show!* The Variety Show will be held on *Saturday, October 5 at 7:00 p.m.* in the Little Theatre at the Campus Center. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Taverna at [jqtave@wm.edu](mailto:jqtave@wm.edu).

## NEED TO KNOW INFO

### BAR EXAMS

A notebook containing sample applications to many state Bars is on reserve in the Library. Feel free to peruse this book to prepare yourself for what's to come. FYI, a number of states have instituted a sliding fee structure to encourage early application. Florida, Illinois and Virginia are three examples where there is a significant cost savings if filing is early. Some pertinent information is posted on the Administration Bulletin Board opposite room 119 as it arrives; all information is filed in the Bar Books on Reserve. Most state Bars now use the web for bar information.

## VIRGINIA BAR UPDATE

The Application for the Virginia Bar Examination and the Applicant's Character and Fitness Questionnaire are available online through the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners web site at: <http://www.vbbe.state.va.us/forms.html> Students who expect to sit for the Virginia Bar Examination can file the Character and Fitness Questionnaire within the first 14 months of their law school career for a discounted rate. The Bar Application, itself, cannot be filed more than three months prior to sitting for the exam.

## MULTISTATE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAM

Those planning to sit for the Virginia Bar are forewarned that the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners requires applicants to take the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE). The MPRE is a fifty question, two-hour, multiple-choice examination administered three times each year. A limited number of MPRE applications are by the handout shelves in the Library. You also can register online at: <http://www.ncbex.org/tests/mpre/mpre.htm> The next scheduled MPRE exam is **November 8, 2002**. Good luck!!!

## ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Case Briefing and Outlining Workshop will be held on Tuesday, October 8th from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in room 119. All 1Ls and LLM students are invited to come and learn successful study tips, suggestions for case briefing, and how to get started on and create an effective outline.

The ASP web site can be accessed at [http://fsweb.wm.edu/skills/academic\\_support.htm](http://fsweb.wm.edu/skills/academic_support.htm). We are continuing to update this site, but students can find very useful information on the site while we continue to update, such as handouts from review sessions, details about review sessions and workshops, outlines, old exams and sample questions. If you have any difficulty with or questions about the site, please contact Dean Roberts. Tremendous thanks go to the site's original creator, Lauren Fassler (3L) and the ASP graduate research fellow, Jennifer Maki (1L), who has been converting and updating the web site this year.

## FROM OCPP

**World Wide Web Site of the Week** - The **Commonwealth of Virginia Home Page** is a very useful site, with links to all state agency websites, a directory of state employees, links to city and county sites and much more. Of particular note to jobseekers is its link labeled **CareerConnect**, "your one-stop Virginia job site," with helpful links to opportunities throughout the state. [www.vipnet.org](http://www.vipnet.org)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Association of Trial Lawyers of America** (ATLA) is "dedicated to promoting and protecting consumer safety, the right to trial by jury, and America's civil justice system." Students can join ATLA for \$25; student applications are available in OCPP. **If any students are interested in organizing an ATLA Student Chapter here at William &**

**Mary, OCPP has a copy of ATLA's *Law Student Chapter Start-Up Handbook* for 2002-2003.**

***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 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.**

## **HIRING APPLICATION DEADLINES**

***Federal Government Jobs for 3Ls – The PMI Program*** - Despite its name, the Presidential Management Intern Program is not an "internship;" the PMI Program is a full-time, full-salaried, two-year program which places law school graduates and other participants in various sectors of the Federal Government. Assignments may involve domestic or international issues, technology, science, criminal justice, health, financial management, and many other fields in support of public service programs. William & Mary students have been very successful in being hired for past two-year PMI assignments, and every third-year student interested in working for a Federal agency is *strongly* encouraged to apply. Applications are available in the OCPP Application File Cabinet under "Presidential Management Intern Program." Because your application requires Dean Reveley's signature, please return the completed application to Cassi Fritzius in the Dean's Office **no later than 12:00 noon on Wednesday, October 16, 2002.**

***Equal Justice Works Public Interest Job Fair - October 25-26, 2002 in Washington, DC*** - Law students seeking summer and permanent positions in public service will have the opportunity to conduct one-on-one interviews and participate in Table Talk with more than 200 employers at the job fair sponsored by Equal Justice Works (formerly the National Association for Public Interest Law, or NAPIL) held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC. There will also be workshop sessions on public interest career development, loan repayment assistance, and law school organizing throughout each day.

William & Mary School of Law is a member of Equal Justice Works, so the job fair is open to all 2-Ls and 3-Ls at William & Mary. For complete information – and a list of participating employers – see <http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/careerfair/>. Students are advised to check the employer database frequently, as a substantial number of new employer registrants will be added in the next few weeks.

All students registering for the job fair may participate in one-on-one interviews, Table Talk group interviews, and educational sessions. To participate, **YOU MUST REGISTER WITH OCPP by Friday, October 11.** To register, simply send an email with your name, graduation year, and email address to Dean Lewis at [bdlewi@wm.edu](mailto:bdlewi@wm.edu).

**IMPORTANT:** To request one-on-one interviews, YOU MUST SEND YOUR RESUME DIRECTLY TO EACH EMPLOYER. Students are advised to send them ASAP. Once employers identify the students in whom they are interested, they will contact the students directly to arrange interviews.

## NEW RESOURCES IN OCPP

**Ethics for Judicial Clerks** - Any student headed for a summer internship with a judge, a judicial externship for credit, or post-graduate judicial clerkship will want to read the pamphlet ***Maintaining the Public Trust: Ethics for Federal Judicial Law Clerks***. Whether your position is with a federal or state judge, students can learn about confidentiality, conflicts of interest, outside legal activities, dealings with prospective employers, and more.

**Public Interest Resource - The Public Interest Job Search Guide 2002-2003**, published by Harvard Law School, has a wealth of information for anyone considering summer or permanent employment in the public sector. In addition to listings for hundreds of public interest and government employers – with information on contacts, application procedures, deadlines and salary – the book includes substantial information on job search strategy, networking, funding sources, fellowships, and more.

**Environmental Law** - The Yale Law School ***Environmental Law Guide*** describes the various settings where environmental law is practiced, from government and non-profit environmental organizations to private firms and corporations. It includes personal narratives from practicing attorneys and summer interns, and an extensive directory of state, local and federal government environmental organizations, and non-profits. The final chapters list environmental fellowships and electronic resources.

**Information on Private Law Firms** - If you're looking for information beyond what you'd find in the firms' glossy brochures, the latest edition of ***Vault Guide to the Top 100 Law Firms*** ranks the "top firms" in terms of prestige, quality of life, diversity, and more. The individual profiles of the Top 100 firms include the buzz on the street about the firm, what they look for when hiring, and what current associates have to say about working there.

**Federal Government Overview** - As the official handbook of the Federal Government, ***The 2002-2003 United States Government Manual*** provides comprehensive information on the agencies of the legislative, judicial, and executive branches. The *Manual* also

includes information on quasi-official agencies; an international organization in which the United States participates; and boards, commissions, and committees.

**The Legislative Branch** - The **Congressional Yellow Book** lists contact information for U.S. Senators and Representatives and over 13,500 key staff, as well as Senate and House committee and subcommittee staffs, and leadership and party organizations.

**The Executive Branch** - The **Federal Yellow Book** lists contact information for over 39,000 government officials in the Executive Office of the President, 14 Cabinet-level departments, and more than 80 independent federal agencies.

**State Government** - The **State Yellow Book** lists contact information for over 43,000 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

**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:

- **Intellectual Property** - The **Pittsburgh Intellectual Property Law Association** ("PIPLA") has established a \$1,000 award for the best student article written on a subject within the area of intellectual property law. To be eligible, students submitting articles must have had a permanent residence within the federal judicial district of the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania sometime within the last ten years. **The deadline for submitting articles is January 10, 2003.**
  
- **Environmental Law** - A prize of \$5,000 will be awarded in the **Roscoe Hogan Environmental Law Essay Contest** for the best essay written on the topic, "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?: Countering Evasion of Environmental Accountability Through Bankruptcy." The winner will also receive a free trip to San Francisco to receive the award in person (at the convention of the Association of Trial lawyers of America) next summer, plus publication of your paper. **Intent-to-Enter forms must be submitted by February 7, 2003.** Essays are due March 28, 2002. For more info, see [www.roscoepound.org](http://www.roscoepound.org).
  
- **Dispute Resolution** - The ABA Section of Dispute Resolution and the Association for Conflict Resolution announce the **James Boskey Dispute Resolution Essay Competition**. Second- and third-year students are eligible to submit essays for a first prize of \$1,000. **All submissions must be made no later than May 30,**

**2003.** Complete rules will be available by October 30, 2002, at [www.abanet.org/dispute](http://www.abanet.org/dispute) and [www.acresolution.org](http://www.acresolution.org).

## *Getting to know...*

### **Jaime Welch-Donahue**



Jaime has been working as the Law School's Communications Officer since January 2001. She and her family moved to Williamsburg in the summer of 2000 when her husband John accepted the position of Assistant Professor of Classical Studies at the College. Jaime primarily works on publications for the Development & Alumni Affairs and Admissions offices. Her major projects include the admissions view book and the Law School Annual Report.

Originally from Massachusetts, Jaime received her undergraduate degree in English from Holy Cross. After graduation, she worked for the Jesuit Volunteer Corp. at Covenant House Under-21 in Manhattan. She then entered the book publishing world as Acquisitions Editor for D.C. Heath & Co. After a few years in the Boston area, Jaime and John moved to Chapel Hill so that John could earn his Ph.D. in Classical Studies at UNC. While John was in school, Jaime worked in public relations for a blood disorders research center at UNC-Medical School. Her job took her to annual international conferences in places such as Belgium, Israel, Spain, Italy, Slovenia and the Netherlands. Israel was her favorite trip. She especially enjoyed visiting Masada, various sights in Jerusalem and swimming in the Dead Sea.

While at UNC, Jaime and John had their daughter Catherine who is now a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at Berkeley Middle School. Catherine is a die-hard Carolina fan and insists that she will return to Chapel Hill for college.

The newest member of the Donahue family is expected to arrive later this fall when Jaime, John and Catherine travel to Korea to adopt a baby boy.

In her free time, Jaime moonlights as chauffer to-and-from Catherine's many extracurricular activities - which include playing basketball for the Patriot League, and swimming for the Williamsburg Aquatics Club. She also enjoys spending time refinishing furniture (a hobby realized after the family's Boston terrier Ozzie took to chewing on several chairs and the molding of a desk drawer).

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*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.

#### **2002 publication schedule**

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