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North Wing Dedication Saturday, February 9

You are cordially invited to celebrate the
dedication of the
Law School's North Wing
at a ribbon cutting and reception on
Charter Day
Saturday, February 9
3:00 p.m.

RSVP to Rebecca Simmons
X13796 (or rasim2@wm.edu)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

FRIDAY INFORMATION SESSIONS are scheduled for February 8 and 22 for prospective applicants/students. Please welcome our visitors and assist by sharing helpful information about William & Mary.

WILLIAM & MARY JOURNAL OF WOMEN AND THE LAW presents its annual symposium *Lost in the System: Female Juvenile Delinquency in the 21st Century*, **Friday, February 15, 2002, 1:00-5:00 p.m. in the Courtroom**. Please plan to attend this important symposium.

HELP YOURSELF TO A JOB ... AND PIZZA TOO!

ADVICE FROM AN EXPERT - The Development and Alumni Affairs Office is pleased to sponsor this session with alumnus and author Ed Flippen '74 JD '67 MBA. Please join us in the **Dean's Conference room on Wednesday, February 20, at 12:45 p.m.** for pizza and helpful information from an expert on how to network your way to a job. Ed has published a book on the subject and has helped over 100 people find satisfying

work. Space is limited so **RSVP to Laura Beach by February 15, 2002**. Call 221-3798, stop by North Wing 136E or email Laura at ldwell@wm.edu. See you there!

OLIVER HILL SCHOLARSHIP - The Oliver Hill Scholarship will be awarded to a student who is committed to the objectives, goals, and principles of the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) at William & Mary Law School. The recipient must demonstrate a commitment to personal excellence, social justice and advancing and protecting civil rights of all citizens. Students in good standing at the Law School, who demonstrate financial need, exhibit leadership abilities in the Law School or the community and display a record of public or community service are eligible. Interested students must apply for the scholarship by submitting two copies of the following to the Dean's Office by **March 15**: resume, statement (no more than one double-spaced page) that describes how the student meets the criteria and an essay (no more than two double-spaced pages) on the topic "How Oliver Hill's achievements have had an impact on my life." Please be sure to submit all applicant materials by **March 15, 2002**.

PROCEDURES FOR REVIEWING EXAMS

Now that you have your grades, many of you are understandably interested in reviewing your exams. Although there are only a few basic procedures governing exam reviews, those procedures have caused confusion and the following guidelines should clarify the review process.

First, each individual professor decides how to conduct his or her review.

Second, a number of professors have chosen to leave their exams with the Faculty Support Center staff for students to review. For the Spring 2002 semester, those professors and courses are:

Butler - Land Use
Dickerson - Fed Civ Pro
Duffy - Torts and Patent
Kades - Law & Econ and Property
Dwyer - Family Law and Property
Marcus - Crim Pro and Entertainment Lit
Stein - Civ Pro

If a professor is not on this list, you need to contact him or her directly to review your exam.

Third, if one of your exams is in the Faculty Support Center, you may review the exam between **8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. from January 28 - February 15**. In addition to reviewing the exam in the Faculty Support Center, you may also use the adjacent hallway (which has a padded bench). Please do not take your exam out of those areas. Once you review an exam kept in the Faculty Support Center, please return it to the Center.

Fourth, copying an exam is not allowed without the professor's permission.

Fifth, please remember that the Honor Code applies to exam reviews just like it does to other law school activities.

Sixth, any questions about the exam should be directed to the professor.

Finally, if you want to review an exam taught by an adjunct professor and don't know how to contact the professor, please see Gloria Todd.

Hopefully this message will clarify the exam review process. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dean Lynda Butler.

TRANSCRIPTS

Students are reminded that they should make multiple copies of the unofficial transcript dropped in hanging files (or grade card which was mailed). Liz Jackson will provide (that obtained via hanging files) only one unofficial transcript – so make thousands of copies! Students should also note that most prospective employers who make a transcript request would accept an unofficial transcript rather than an official transcript.

For those who do require official transcripts ... forms for ordering an official transcript are available from Liz Jackson or at Blow Hall in the Office of the University Registrar. There is a \$5.00 dollar charge for each transcript requested. Transcript requests are handled through the University Registrar and in the order received. A request may take up to 10 working days for receipt, so PLAN AHEAD!

Check your transcript carefully for errors – is a grade for a non-law class other than "P"? Do you have all the credits you should have for law review/journal or moot court? Do you still have an "I"? These are items that are more easily cared for sooner rather than later. See Liz Jackson if corrections need to be made!

RANKS

Ranks have been dropped to students' hanging files. 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. All students planning to sit for the Virginia Bar, should block **Tuesday, March 19, 3:00-4:00 p.m., room 127** 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 January 9, 2002 regarding financial aid for the 2002/03 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.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Attorney-CPA Foundation is pleased to announce the annual Attorney-CPA Foundation Scholarships. The Foundation will award ten scholarships in 2002 in amounts ranging from \$1,000 to \$250 to ten students who will be entering their third year of law school in the fall of 2002. Applicants will be evaluated based upon their academic performance, leadership in the school and community and need for assistance in completing their studies. Scholarship applications should be **post-marked by April 30, 2002**.

Warner Norcorss & Judd is dedicated to increasing diversity in the legal profession in Michigan. A \$5,000 scholarship is awarded each year to one minority law student. All minority students who are accepted to law school or who are currently enrolled as 2Ls or 2Ls and who meet the requirements are encouraged to apply. The application **deadline is April 15**. More information about the scholarship can be found at www.wnj.com.

Applications are now being accepted for the annual **Judge Elliott Marshall Scholarship**. The Marshall Scholarship is a \$10,000 per year scholarship for law school students from Warren, Clarke, Frederick and Shenandoah Counties and the City of Winchester, VA. **Applications are due by April 1, 2002**. For additional information, call Robert J. Light at 540-635-9415.

**SPRING EXAM CONFLICT FORMS
ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE
HANDOUT COUNTER IN THE LIBRARY**

LEGAL SKILLS

LEGAL SKILLS II

Students have completed their secondary authority research library labs and will begin primary authority library labs next week. As you continue with your Client B research,

please remember that other students in your class also have the quick turn-around time for the mini-memos and need to use the same materials. Please exercise courtesy in the use of materials, copying items you need and returning the source materials to the shelves as soon as possible. Thanks for your cooperation!

LEGAL SKILLS IV

Congratulations on completing your bench trials! The judges were impressed with the quality of our student lawyers. Well done! A sincere thanks to all the role players, the court clerks who assisted with technology, and the Courtroom 21 staff. We couldn't have done it without you! **Special thanks also to Legal Skills Program Assistant Diane Maher**, who handled all trial scheduling, document requests, judge correspondence, and court files.

REMINDERS:

Appellate briefs are a joint project with your co-counsel (each co-counsel trial team submits one brief they write together).

Large section meeting on Conflicts of Interest is to be held next week. Attend one of the following:

Monday, February 11 from 1:30 - 3:00 in room 119 or
Wednesday, February 13 from 11:30 - 1:00 in room 119.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT PROGRAM

Attendance at the review sessions has dropped tremendously this semester. In an effort to find out if this is because of the change in schedule from evenings to days, we are going to try a scheduling experiment.

Beginning the week of February 11th and continuing until spring break, the teaching assistants for each subject will hold two review sessions each day - one at the normally scheduled time during the day and one beginning at 6:00 p.m. that evening. The day time and evening session will cover the same topics and the same professor for that week, they will simply be held at different times of the day. Whichever time yields the most attendance, either day or evening, will become the post-spring break time for the sessions (the change will be made as a group, however, so that if the time for the sessions changes it will change for all subjects). Since there will be two sessions held each day, sessions from February 11th until spring break will not be videotaped.

The schedule of daytime sessions is posted on the Academic Support web site and on the Academic Support bulletin board. The evening sessions for the weeks of February 11, 8 and 25 will be as follows (all beginning at 6:00 p.m.):

Monday:	Constitutional Law in room 133
Tuesday:	Criminal Law in room 133
Wednesday:	Property in room 133

Thursday: Contracts in room 239

There has been no attendance during TA office hours, so beginning the week of February 11, there will no longer be weekly TA office hours. Instead you are encouraged to contact your TA directly with any questions or to set up an individual appointment for assistance.

Please let Dean Roberts or Dean Rogers know if you have any questions or concerns regarding these changes. Thank you for your interest in the Academic Support Program.

IMPORTANT

**2002-2003 Academic Calendar
Fall 2002**

August 19	Legal Skills
August 26	Classes Begin
August 30	Add/Drop Over
October 14-15	Fall Break
November 27-29	Thanksgiving
December 6	Classes End
December 7-9	Reading Period
December 10-20	Exam Period

Spring 2003

January 6	Classes Begin
January 10	Add/Drop Over
January 20	MLK holiday?
March 3-7	Spring Break
April 18	Classes End
April 19-21	Reading Period
April 22-May5	Exam Period
May 11	Graduation

FROM OCPP

World Wide Web Site of the Week –

Moving? Compare the cost of living in hundreds of U.S. cities by using the **Salary Calculator** at <http://www.homefair.com/homefair/calc/salcalc.html>. For example, if you're looking at a job in Richmond that pays \$75,000, to equal the buying power of that salary you'd have to make \$98,095 living in New York City, \$104,358 in Seattle, or \$180,187 in San Francisco!

HOT JOBS



Job of the Week #1 - The **Legal Aid Society of Hawaii** is recruiting summer law clerks for 2002 as well as attorneys to start in October 2002. Check the OCI+ Job Bank for details.

Job of the Week #2 - The [Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of General Counsel](#) is recruiting 3-Ls through their Honors Program, the Department's only recruitment program for new attorneys. Approximately 6 to 12 positions are available in their Headquarters (DC) and Field Offices and will start in the fall. **Applications are due February 15.** Check the OCI+ Job Bank for details.

OCCP continues to receive numerous listings *daily* for summer and permanent positions. Check the **OCI+ Job Bank** frequently for new listings!

NAPIL Fellowships - 3Ls interested in public service are advised that the National Association for Public Interest Law has recently posted six new "Route B" Fellowships at www.napil.org and will continue to post new ones on a rolling basis through February. These full salary fellowships, which begin in September 2002, and last two years, were each developed by a nonprofit organization whose fellowship proposal was approved by NAPIL. These organizations are now looking for talented, committed candidates to serve as their 2002 NAPIL Fellows. Application deadlines vary for each, but most are sooner rather than later. If you're interested, check the Web site ASAP.

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 OCCP with tips for searching the web site. The service is free to W & M students.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Interested in exploring the possibility of doing an **externship** this summer? OCCP will sponsor **Summer Work for Academic Credit** on **Tuesday, February 19 at 12:45 in Room NW 141**. All 1Ls and 2Ls are welcome to attend. Learn how you can get some worthwhile professional experience and give yourself an opportunity to lighten your course load in the fall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sports Law - The Entertainment and Sports Law Committee of the North Carolina Bar Association Young Lawyers Division will sponsor their third annual sports law seminar **"Getting a Jump on the Game" on Saturday, February 23 from 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at UNC-Chapel Hill Law School**. The seminar consists of multiple panel discussions on various topics related to business and legal issues in sports, with tips to help you develop your career in sports law and related professions. Panelists will include athletic administrators, agents for NFL and NBA players, and lawyers working for sports teams. Anyone with an interest in sports and the law is welcome. Cost: free, with refreshments provided. For directions and more info, send an e-mail to cclark@slk-law.com.

Patent Law - Information regarding the **Patent Law Interview Program** has been distributed to current first- and second-year students who have technical backgrounds.

The program will be held in Chicago next August 1-3. **Registration materials are due to OCPP no later than Friday, February 22.**

Law School Funding for Summer Jobs in Government and Public Interest - Application materials for the seven law school-funded summer stipends are available in the OCPP Applications Cabinet under "William & Mary Summer Public Interest/Government Fellowship" and "William & Mary Public Service Fund." **The deadline for applying for funding is 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26. Students also must file a FAFSA by February 15.**

Funding for Summer Internships - NAPIL: Equal Justice Works has announced a funding opportunity for summer interns. The Summer Corps is an AmeriCorps-funded program that provides 175 law students with the opportunity to earn a \$1,000 education award voucher for spending their summer in a public interest internship. For more information, log onto www.napil.org. To apply, see www.napil.org/SUB-NSP/NSLC-SUM/2002app.html. **STUDENTS ARE ADVISED TO APPLY NOW!**

Volunteer Your Time for Democracy - The Democracy Foundation, chaired by former U.S. Senator Mike Gravel, is sponsoring **The Democracy Symposium** at the Lodge in Williamsburg on **February 16-18, 2002**. The symposium will assemble more than a dozen distinguished scholars for a discussion of issues associated with the proposed **National Initiative for Democracy**, which if adopted would be the first constitutional amendment and federal statute ever to be enacted directly by the American people. (To learn more: www.democracysymposium.org) The organization seeks student volunteers to help with registration, greeting registrants at airports, and providing assistance to distinguished panelists. Substantial time commitments could include payment. If interested, e-mail Ms. Whitney Stewart at whitney@demofound.org.

Foreign Service Exam - Online registration has begun for the Foreign Service Written Exam, which will be administered on April 13 and September 21 this year. Registering for the exam is the first step in the process of becoming a Foreign Service Officer, and the State Department strongly urges candidates to register online. For information on registration, the application process, and the official study guide, see www.careers.state.gov and click on "What's Hot." **The registration deadline for the April exam is March 11.**

NEW RESOURCES

Environmental Law - If you're trying to reach the movers and shakers in environmental law, the **2001-2002 Directory of ABA Environmental Law and CLE Chairs and Liaisons** allows you to zero in on the people who know exactly who does what in the United States – and beyond – in each specific area of environmental law. Whether you're interested in the environmental aspects of wetlands, endangered species, air quality, dispute resolution, government, agriculture, antitrust, white collar crime, litigation, land use, public health or taxation, the directory provides you with contact information for the very people that practicing attorneys look to for advice and guidance.

Virginia Government - Looking for contact information for the executive, legislative, or judicial branch of the state government? The **2001-2002 Virginia Review Directory of**

State & Local Government has it all. In addition, there are contacts for all Virginia counties, towns and cities, as well as a section on protocol with advice on when and how to use “the Honorable” and “Esquire” in your correspondence. Quick Quiz: Is it proper to address the Governor of Virginia as Your Excellency?

WRITING COMPETITIONS

NOTE: 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 board in OCPP, with additional information filed in the Applications Cabinet. In addition to the intellectual and often monetary benefits of these contests, the competitions are another way for you to demonstrate your legal writing abilities to prospective 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.

... **Native American Law** - The Supreme Court of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission, the Sovereignty Symposium, Inc., and the Oklahoma Arts Council are sponsoring the **Chief Justice John B. Doolin Writing Competition** and will be awarding prizes of \$500, \$300, and \$200 for winning papers. The subject can be on any area of the law relating to Native Americans or other indigenous peoples. **Entries must be received no later than March 15, 2002.**

... The Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation announces the ninth annual **Brown Award for Excellence in Legal Writing**. Open to all current law students writing on any legal subject, the Brown Award includes a stipend of \$5,000. **Entries must be postmarked no later than April 26, 2002.**

... **Technology Law** - The **2002 Santa Clara University Computer and High Technology Law Journal Comment Contest** is open to all current law students. Comments submitted must address one of the following topics: patents, copyrights, trademarks, trade secrets, biotechnology, telecommunications, technology licensing, venture capital, antitrust, electronic commerce, computer law, cyberspace law, privacy, or any other current topic in high technology law. Prizes of \$2,000, \$1,500, and \$1,000 will be awarded. **Comments must be postmarked by June 1, 2002.**

... The American Judges Association announces its **14th Annual Law Student Essay Competition**. Prizes of \$3,000, \$1,250, and \$1,000 will be awarded for first, second, and third place, respectively. **Entries must be postmarked no later than June 30, 2002.**

... **Fish and Wildlife** - The Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies is sponsoring a Wildlife and Conservation Law Writing Contest. Papers can discuss any topic relating to wildlife and conservation law, including hunting and fishing, endangered species, exotic pets and more. **Papers are due no later than July 31, 2002.**

Getting to Know . . .

Lenora Damon



Lenora has been working at the law school for six years this March as one of the behind-the-scenes people that keep the place running. As part of the housekeeping staff, she has seen many changes in the building, most recently the addition of the North Wing. It has meant extra work, and Lenora reports that she goes home tired every afternoon. Her working hours, 5 a.m. to 2 p.m., are enough to make anyone tired in my opinion. However, Lenora says she really likes the law school. It gives her a chance to meet

new people and to see the students' progress. She enjoys watching as they grow toward graduation and gives advice when they ask. Some students, she reports, like to help her as well. She finds most faculty and staff very friendly, too.

Lenora and her husband, Marcellus, live in Hampton. Marcellus is retired from NASA. They have three daughters ranging from 27 to 36 years in age. Her oldest has two daughters of her own, 14 and 10, and lives in Lee Hall. The middle daughter, almost 31, and the youngest, 27, are both single with good jobs. They also have a son who lives in New York. He has a three-year-old daughter that Lenora would love to see more often.

Lenora is one of seven children, and the family gets together when they can. Most recently, they gathered at their mother's home in North Carolina to help fix up the house. One sister and brother live on the peninsula, and Lenora visits often. In addition to family, Lenora keeps busy at home. She watches TV after work to relax and put her feet up. She also likes to read and garden, and she is sure that talking to her plants makes a difference. Talking with Lenora is a pleasure for those of us here as well.

Mechele Dickerson



During her second year of law school at Harvard, a visiting professor advised Mechele of the steps she would need to take to become a professor. This advice was completely unwarranted, as far as Mechele was concerned, because she was going into practice and wasn't even thinking about teaching. Over the years, the visiting professor persistently discussed Mechele's "Manifest Destiny (M.D. – same as her initials)" as being a career in academia, despite Mechele's clerkship, practice at a

large D.C. firm as a pension lawyer, and practice at Hunton & Williams' Norfolk office as a commercial litigator. On a fateful day for the law school, one of Mechele's friends (a W&M alum) suggested she send a resume over and the alum would pass it along to W&M. Mechele's "Manifest Destiny" began in 1995 when she joined the William & Mary Law faculty. It wasn't long after that when Mechele got to hear "I told you so" from that visiting professor she had met at Harvard.

Mechele is thrilled that the faculty at W&M are so different from those she encountered at Harvard, who seemed to view students as "unnecessary evils." Here, faculty care about their students and try diligently to learn them by name. Mechele's goal in any course she teaches is to ask questions that prompt students to engage in their own dialogue and her greatest moment in a semester is when that dialogue is so effective that she is no longer needed. Students are what Mechele enjoys most about William & Mary.

When asked what she does for fun when she's not teaching, Mechele laughed and asked if the question was meant as a joke. Being wife to Roscoe McCormick, a middle school math teacher in Hampton, and mother to 16-month old John, doesn't leave her much free time. Being a mother has really put things in perspective for Mechele, and keeps her grounded. No matter how difficult her day was or how long the commute home to Hampton seems, John's squeal of delight when she returns home makes it all worthwhile. On the rare occasions when she does go out, Mechele enjoys attending performances at the American Theatre in Phoebus. Mechele also spends time actively involved in the Virginia State Bar, where she serves on the Board of Governors of the Bankruptcy Section. This resource of practitioners provides a useful sounding board for her research and practical questions relating to her teaching.

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.

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