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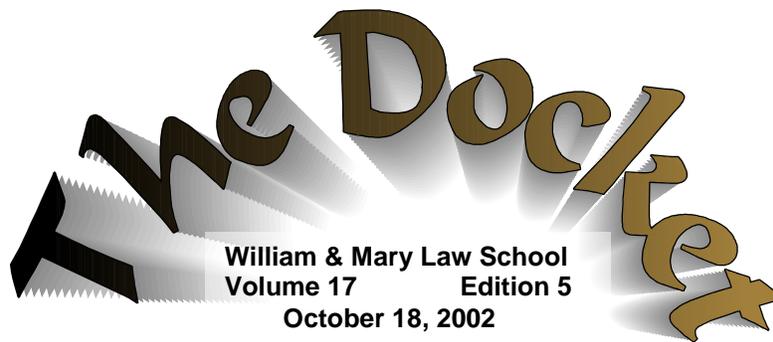
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ÓÓÓÓ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The final round of arguments in the Bushrod Tournament is scheduled for **6:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 20 in Courtroom 21**. These arguments are open to the public and will be followed by an awards presentation. Presiding judges are: The Honorable Lydia Calvert Taylor, The Honorable Walter S. Felton, Jr., Dean Taylor Reveley, Professor Donald Tortorice, and Zeke Ross (last year's Bushrod champion). Please plan to attend ... it will be better than WWF!

CONGRATULATIONS *To the Members of the 2003-2004 William and Mary Moot Court Team* - Kendra Arnold, Erin Butler, Casey Chmielewski, Christopher Clements, Eric Cook, Mariana Cruz, Derek DeGrass, Mike DeLuca, Kevin Duffan, Jason Eisner, Misty Evans, Jason Faw, Michael Gaten, Michael Gentry, Kathryn Goff, Adrienne Griffin, John Hackel, Heather Hodgman, Tricia Lightcap, Kirstin Michener, Chris Parrott, Sarah Poulter, Josh Raynes, Natasha Robinson, Kristine Schmidt, Marya Shahriary, Monica Sholar, Bryan Short, Sean Tepe, Jeff Thurnher, Trina Walters, and Kristin Zech.

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**.

Professor David B. Wilkins, the Kirkland and Ellis Professor of Law from Harvard, will present the Wythe Lecture, “**Living Brown: Equal Opportunity, Social Justice, and the Development of the Black Corporate Bar.**” A graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, where he was a member of the *Harvard Law Review*, he clerked for Chief Judge Wilfred Feinberg of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and for Justice Thurgood Marshall of the U.S. Supreme Court. He practiced law at Nussbaum, Owen & Webster in Washington, D.C., prior to entering academia.

Professor Wilkins will be here on **Thursday, November 7**. The lecture is at 3:00 p.m., in room 127. There will also be a student lunch that day as well. If you would like to join Professor Wilkins for lunch, please contact Cassi Fritzius, cbfrit@wm.edu to let her know you are able to attend. More details will follow.

KUDOS FROM BETTA LABANISH (Library)

Thank you all for your overwhelming support and participation in our Lee National Denim Day Events. We raised an **amazing \$478** for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. These monies will be used to raise awareness and funds for the fight against breast cancer.

We were also very fortunate to hear the program by Janet Crowther, Project Director of the Phillip West Memorial Cancer Resource Center. I don't think any of us realized how many books, magazines and web sites are available to those who are looking for and need information on cancer – whether it be general, technical, or to find local support groups. To cancer patients and their caretakers, knowing this information is at their fingertips is a tremendous help and consolation.

And, the Editor of the William & Mary News was **very** impressed with how many of us wore **DENIM** in honor of this cause. He said to look for our "group" photo and an article in a future issue. Again, thank all of you for your tremendous support! It is very heartwarming to be part of such a considerate law school community.

NEED TO KNOW INFO

REGISTRATION REMINDER

Registration for 3Ls and LLMs is November 7. For 2Ls, registration is November 8. Clear your holds and avoid accumulating infractions for a few more weeks.

EXAM CONFLICT FORMS

Exam Conflict forms are now available at the handout counter in the library and are due to Gloria Todd **NLT Friday, November 8**.

EXAM CODE NUMBERS

Remember that all students have an assigned Exam Code for use in law courses where anonymous grading is used. Students may access their Exam Code through the <http://worcs.wm.edu>. Click on Student Information and log into the system with your e-mail ID (typically the first letter of your first name, your middle initial, and the first four letters of your last name – but check the directory in the library for accuracy) and your **SIS** pin number. Your SIS pin number is NOT your computer access pin number or your e-mail account pin number. Your SIS pin number IS your birth day and the last four digits of your social security number. (E.g., the pin number for birth date September 4, 1970 and SS# 123456789 is 046789. FYI: you will be asked to change your pin the first time you access the system. REMEMBER to what you have changed your pin. The SIS does NOT reset pin numbers automatically. Your pin will remain whatever number you select. If you forget your pin or are revoked from the system, please see Gloria Todd or Liz Jackson to reset your pin to its default.

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!!!

FROM OCPP

World Wide Web Site of the Week - The American Bar Association's Web site includes **ABA Career Counsel**, "the ABA's central source for online information on finding jobs and enhancing lawyers' careers." It includes "tips on finding the right job and maximizing your career, job postings, tools and links to career related resources." The "For Students" section features articles on specific practice areas, lawyer profiles, state and local resources and more. www.abanet.org/careercounsel/

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Intellectual Property Law OCPP and the Student Intellectual Property Society are bringing two IP attorneys to campus to talk with students on **Thursday, October 24 at**

4:30 p.m. in room 141. Pamela Gavin ('94) and Kim Chasteen ('90) will discuss opportunities in the areas of intellectual property transactions, technology transfer, trademark and copyright licensing, and more. Open to all students. Space is limited; an e-mail notice about reserving a spot will be forthcoming.

Finding an International Summer Internship - Tuesday, October 29 at 1:00 p.m. in room 141. Open to all students. 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.

My Big Phat 1-L Job Search - Friday, October 25, 12:45-2:30 p.m. in room 119

Online Job Search Training & Office Orientation – You will sign up for one session on **October 29, 30 or 31**. Times and locations TBA.

Marketing Yourself to Employers: 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. (room TBA)

Sweaty Palms: The Art of Interviewing – Thursday, November 7 at 1:00 p.m. in room 119

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.**

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.**

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.

HIRING APPLICATION DEADLINES

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, 2002**.

NEW RESOURCES IN OCPP

Corporate Law The **Corporate Yellow Book** lists contact information for more than 41,000 executives at over 1,000 companies and 5,000 subsidiaries and divisions, and more than 9,000 board members and their outside affiliations. **Most listings include the names of the firms who serve as outside general counsel to the companies.**

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:

- **Berkeley Women's Law Journal Writing Award** - The Berkeley Women's Law Journal seeks articles that address the lives and struggles of under-represented women. In particular, they seek submissions that examine the intersection of gender with one or more other axes of subordination including, but not limited to, race, class, sexual orientation, and disability. The winning article will be published in Spring 2003 and its author will receive \$250. **Articles must be received by December 1, 2002.**

- **Business Law** - The third annual **American Business Law Journal Student Writing Contest** is open to all third-year law students. Entries should address any area of business law, broadly interpreted, including but not limited to antitrust, banking, bankruptcy, business organization, contracts, environmental, constitutional, e-commerce, employment, ethics, financial, international, property, securities, and torts. The first place winner will receive a Writing Competition Winner Certificate, an offer to publish the paper in the *American Business Law Journal*, and a cash prize of \$1,000. **The deadline for submissions is December 14, 2002.**

- **Securities Law** - The Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc., is sponsoring the **ASECA Securities Law Writing Competition**. The topic can be any subject in the field of securities law. Prizes of \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000 will be awarded for first, second, and third place, respectively. **Submission deadline: December 15, 2002.**

- **Health Law** - Epstein Becker & Green, a national firm engaged in the practice of health law, announces its fifth annual **Health Law Writing Competition** for papers on current topics of interest relating to health law. Papers may address any traditional area of the law as applied to health care (e.g., antitrust, tax, corporate), or areas of law unique to health care (e.g., fraud and abuse, managed care, Medicare/Medicaid). First prize is \$4,000, second prize is \$2,000, and third prize is \$500. **Competition entries are due January 18, 2003.**

- **Bioethics** - The **American College of Legal Medicine** will present a first prize of \$1,000 (and \$500 and \$250 for 2nd and 3rd place, respectively) to a law student for the best paper on any legal aspect of bioethics. All papers submitted will receive consideration for publication in the *Journal of Legal Medicine* or other medical legal publications, and **must be received no later than January 20, 2003.**

- **Legal Medicine** The **American College of Legal Medicine** will present the \$1,000 Letourneau Award to a law student for the best paper on any legal aspect of medical science, medical practice, or other health care delivery problem. All papers submitted will receive consideration for publication in the

Journal of Legal Medicine or other medical legal publications, and **must be received no later than January 27, 2003.**

➤➤➤ **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, 2003.**

➤➤➤ **World Affairs** - The **Dorothy Schramm World Affairs Student Writing Competition**, coordinated by *Transnational Law and Contemporary Problems*, a journal of The University of Iowa College of Law, is seeking papers addressing topics of contemporary transnational legal concern. The winning paper will be published and a cash prize may be awarded. **Submissions must be received no later than February 1, 2003.**

➤➤➤ **Elder Law** - The ABA Commission on Law and Aging announces its first-annual **Law and Aging Student Essay Competition**. Essays should address any public policy or practice issue in serving socially, economically, or physically vulnerable older persons. First-, second- and third-place winners will receive \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$1,000, respectively, and ten Honorable Mention prizes will be awarded at \$100 each. Winning essays will also be published. **Entries must be received by April 1, 2003.**

➤➤➤ **IADC Legal Writing Contest** - The International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) announces its 2003 Legal Writing Contest, open to all law students. Entrants must write on subjects in the fields of tort law, insurance law, civil procedure, evidence or other areas of the law of practical concern to lawyers engaged in the defense or management of the defense of civil litigation. Monetary prizes of \$2,000, \$1,000, and \$500 will be awarded for first, second, and third place winners, respectively. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms are available at www.iadclaw.org. **Entries must be postmarked on or before April 16, 2003.**

➤➤➤ **Feminist Jurisprudence** - Notre Dame Law School is sponsoring its tenth annual **Feminist Jurisprudence Writing Competition**. Any topic within the broad category of feminist jurisprudence is acceptable, and co-authored essays are allowed. A prize of \$1,000 will be awarded, and the winning author(s) will be invited to Notre Dame to present their winning paper and receive their award. **Submissions are due June 1, 2003.**

➤➤➤ **Tax Law** - The **2003 Tannenwald Writing Competition** will award first, second and third prizes of \$3,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000, respectively, for winning papers on any topic in the field of taxation. **Submissions are due June 30, 2003.**

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