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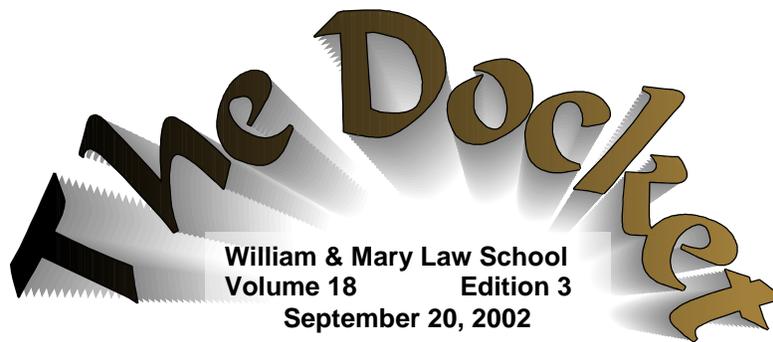
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## NEWSWORTHY NOTES



**Chris Creech**, the Law School receptionist, is the proud grandparent of **Luke Michael Creech**. He was born September 10, 3:23 p.m., 7 lb., 1 oz., and 21" long, to her son and his wife. Chris will now be called "Nona."

## ÓÓÓÓ MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Supreme Court Preview**, Friday and Saturday, September 20-21.

**David P. Baugh**

**"Defending the Klan: Preserving the Constitution"**

**September 27, 11:00 a.m., Room 119**

Contact: Jim Heller

Richmond attorney David Baugh visits the law school to speak about his representation of Ku Klux Klan member Barry Elton Black, who was tried and convicted under Virginia's anti-cross burning statute. The Virginia Supreme Court subsequently overturned the conviction on First Amendment grounds. The state has appealed that decision to the United States Supreme Court who will hear the case this term. An interesting twist? Mr. Baugh, who represented Black on behalf of the ACLU, is African-American. Why would an African-American attorney represent a member of the Klan? Here the answer from David Baugh.

**Jayne W. Barnard, Cutler Professor of Law**

**"The Languid Rise and Precipitous Fall of Corporate Insider Loans"**

**October 3, 3:00 p.m., room 127**

Bernie Ebbers, CEO of WorldCom, Inc., currently owes that company more than \$400 million. Microsoft, Inc. recently forgave a \$15 million loan to Rick Belluzzo, the company's former Chief Operating Officer, just after he left Microsoft to become the CEO of a competitor. What could these companies have been thinking? Corporate loans to insiders were once prohibited, but over the last 30 years, they have become increasingly common. That is, they WERE common until Congress passed the Sarbanes-Oxley Act in July 2002. This federal statute now prohibits public companies from making insider loans

Is the anti-loan provision of Sarbanes-Oxley an overreaction to recent corporate scandals?. Or is it a sound policy correction to a practice that had gotten out of control? Learn more when Professor Barnard presents "The Languid Rise and Precipitous Fall of Corporate Insider Loans," on Thursday, October 3 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 127.

***Breakfast With Visiting Israelis*** - Are you interested in the Middle East conflict? The tension between security requirements and civil liberties in a democratic state? The social split between secular and religious Israelis in a Jewish state? What daily life is like living under the threat of suicide bombers? Or, just what legal studies are like in Israel? If so, then come share breakfast and talk with three visiting 25-year-old Israeli students. The breakfast will be in room 239 on **Thursday, October 3 from 8:15 to 9:30 a.m.** If interested, please **RSVP to Lauren S. Fassler at [lfass@wm.edu](mailto:lfass@wm.edu) by Monday, September 30.**

***PDP, SBA & PSF are pleased to announce our Law Law Palooza Variety Show!*** Sign up sheets to participate and/or volunteer are located on the SBA board. Please volunteer and help make our second annual variety show a success. ***You don't need to have talent to participate.*** We need stage managers, ticket sellers, refreshment workers, lighting designers as well as performers. 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 [jgtave@wm.edu](mailto:jgtave@wm.edu).

## **NEED TO KNOW INFO**

### **ADDRESS UPDATES**

All students should contact Gloria Todd ([gjtodd@wm.edu](mailto:gjtodd@wm.edu)) immediately upon changing addresses or phone numbers. Forms are due to Gloria as soon as possible to change official records. **NOTE:** Administration **must** always have updated information.

### **STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

If your organization did not register with the Law School Administrative office last spring, please stop by and see Gloria Todd. Registered organizations will receive priority for room reservations at the Law School, are provided hanging files, and bulletin board space from the SBA. Officers should frequently check organization hanging files. FYI: Room Reservation Request Forms can be found on the Library handout shelves.

### **CHECKED YOUR E-MAIL?**

Remember that you are expected to check your e-mail at least once a day. If you have forwarded your college e-mail account to your personal account, you are responsible for verifying that the forwarded address is accurate.

## 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!!!

## DIRECT DEPOSIT



Students who receive loan checks or other financial disbursement from the University are encouraged to inquire within the University Office of Financial Aid (located in Blow Hall) regarding direct deposit of this disbursement to your bank account. Forms from Financial Aid must be completed NLT **October 15** to have spring disbursements credited automatically to your account. NOTE: forms must be completed YEARLY for direct deposit to ensure the accuracy of the electronic transfer.

**REMEMBER THE INTERNET!** Use the Law School web site to answer common questions regarding academics and/or student life. AND, please review the Unified Honor Code found from the Law School Homepage by clicking on Student Life, then Academic Regulations, then Honor System or:

<http://www.wm.edu/OSA/dostud/hcode.htm>

## FROM OCPP

**World Wide Web Site of the Week - NALP DIRECTORY** ([www.nalpdirectory.com](http://www.nalpdirectory.com)) You can browse or search through information about hundreds of legal employers (mostly large private firms, but some in government and public interest areas). Listings include many, many details important to job seekers, such as hiring criteria, salary, hiring contacts, area of practice, links to Web sites and more.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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 \$3,000 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." **OCPP and PSF will sponsor a drop-in information session for 2Ls regarding "early decision" funding on Tuesday, September 24 from 12:45 - 1:30 (Room TBA – watch for email). OCPP and PSF staff members will be available to answer your questions. The application deadline for "early decision" funding is Monday, November 25 at 5:00 p.m.**

## **HIRING APPLICATION DEADLINES**

***2Ls and 3Ls - Information on the U.S. Department of Justice hiring programs*** is available in OCPP as well as online at [www.usdoj.gov/oarm](http://www.usdoj.gov/oarm). Applications for the SUMMER LAW INTERN PROGRAM for 2Ls and the ATTORNEY GENERAL'S HONORS PROGRAM for 3Ls are available now online and – new this year – must be submitted online. The DOJ's Legal Careers Booklet (*"Do Your Legal Career Justice"*) is available for the taking from the shelf of the bookcase in OCPP with the government information. ***You have until Monday, September 23, 2002 to submit your applications online***, but the Justice Department advises students not to wait until the last day to submit, in case anything should go wrong with their Web site. If your application is not in by September 23, no matter whether the problem is yours or theirs, it will not be accepted.

***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 that 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 3L 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 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 2Ls and 3Ls 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.

## **CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITIES**

***Interested in Labor and Employment Law?*** - The Peggy Browning Fund is sponsoring their fourth annual Law Students' Workers' Rights Conference on ***Friday & Saturday, October 4-5 in Silver Spring, Maryland***. The program will include four workshops led by leading labor practitioners and professors. See Dean Lewis if you are interested in attending in this program. For more info, see [www.peggybrowningfund.org](http://www.peggybrowningfund.org).

## **NEW RESOURCES IN OCPP**

***Fellowships - The 2002-2003 Comprehensive Fellowship Guide – The Ultimate Resource for Law Students and Lawyers*** is now on the shelf in OCPP. Fellowships are paid, post-graduate opportunities that generally last one year and provide opportunities for public interest work, research, graduate study, or teaching. The *Guide* includes program and application details for hundreds of fellowships across the country in diverse practice areas. Application deadlines vary from right now to next spring.

***Courts and Government*** - Anyone looking for a judicial clerkship after graduation, a summer internship with a judge, or internships with U.S. Attorneys' or state Attorney Generals' Offices will benefit by perusing the *2003 Federal-State Court Directory*. It has contact information for all federal judges, state court organization charts, bar associations and more.

## 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:

- **The *Asian Law Journal Student Writing Competition*** encourages legal scholarship addressing the legal issues affecting Asian Pacific Americans. The author of the winning entry will receive a cash award of \$250 and have his or her paper published in the May 2003 issue of the *Asian Law Journal*. Possible topics include, but are not limited to: Asian Pacific American political empowerment, the use of “cultural defenses” in criminal law, racial profiling (e.g., the Wen Ho Lee case), or Asian Pacific Americans and affirmative action. ***Submissions must be postmarked by October 21, 2002.***
  
- ***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 an e-mail to ELI@GRAMMY.com. ***Registration deadline: December 14, 2002; paper submission deadline: January 2, 2003.***
  
- ***The NRA Civil Rights Defense Fund*** is sponsoring a writing contest, the subject of which is “The Right of the Individual to Keep and Bear Arms is a Federally Protected Right.” Cash prizes will be awarded to First, Second, Third and Fourth place winners in the amounts of \$5,000, \$3,000, \$2,000 and \$1,000 respectively. ***Entries must be postmarked on or before April 30, 2003.***

## Getting to Know . . .

. . . ***Della Harris*** (Director, Faculty Support Center)

I am presently on the Law School’s Personnel Committee and because I didn’t interview someone else, you are stuck with reading about me. So, I will take this opportunity to thank some people at the Law School for being so wonderful – in helping me do my job here and because of their relationship to me. Keep in mind that I said

“some” people. Don’t feel left out if your names don’t appear in the “newspaper,” because Cassi said this has to be short (not a story of my life ☺).

So – on with the “shew.” (Remember The Ed Sullivan Show?) It has been rough sometimes. Not necessarily because of the work involved here at the law school nor because of the people with whom I work. But it has been (partly) because I’ve been with the Commonwealth of Virginia for more than 30 years – 18 of those years being spent here.

I am devoted to the people of the law school community. All of whom have touched me in some way. Nope, not like that student at UVA – but then again, I would never take one of our law professors to court for simply touching me on the shoulder. These shoulders have borne a lot more than a touch. The faculty have asked me to never write a book, because they’re afraid I will divulge some of their darkest secrets. What secrets? I’ll never tell. ☺

Oh well – Students, you are about to embark on some really rough roads. Never lose your sense of humor, your sense of worth, and your sense of who you are. But then again, (most of you) are young and have very strong shoulders – keep them straight with your chin up. I used to work very closely with the students (in the olden days). Moot Court and Law Review really stick out because we used to burn the midnight oil together. There were times when a brief had to be post marked and we would all work on it until 11:45 p.m. and then someone would drive like you know what to the Post Office in order to get the thing postmarked before midnight. Those were the good old days!

Okay, I’ve gone off on a tangent – you know me – always preaching about something. Thank you all for who you are because if you weren’t yourself there would be a large void that we would never be able to fill. I have had some very happy years because of my memories here; because of those who are currently here and those who have left. Thank you all for reading my little contribution. I hope it wasn’t too much. Love you, Della

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