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Candles in the Night

Candles flame in darkness,
flicker, steadily glow,
bringing light from shadows
and help to soothe me so.

My daughter, like the candles,
gave my life true light.
I use the candle's beacon
to connect us in the night.

As I light the candles,
my wish and my request
is that she'll see my signal
and know my love's expressed.

As her light joins my light,
our worlds touch and flame.
As I snuff out the candles,
I softly say her name.

Genesse Bourdeau Gentry

WELCOME BACK FROM THE HURRICANE ISABEL HOLIDAY. The editor hopes you and yours survived the hurricane with minimal discomfort and are ready to get back into the “groove” of classes and schedules.

The Law School community would like to express condolences to Ben and Kim Candland on the death of their daughter, Anna.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dan and Ann Tull on the birth of their son, Daniel Theodore who arrived on September 15.

CONGRATULATIONS also to Troy and Janel Foss on the birth of their son, Troy Ulysses Oskar Foss II (“Uly”) on September 26.

The Annual Law School Talent Show, **LAW-LAW PALOOZA** is coming! Join the members of Phi Delta Phi and the Public Service Fund on Friday, October 24th at 8:00 p.m. in the Commonwealth Auditorium in the University Center for a night of antics and artistry. Tickets will be on sale in the Lobby for \$8.00 and will also be available at the door for \$10.00. Please contact Marie Siesseger (mesies@wm.edu) if you are interested in participating in this year's event.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

VIRGINIA SUPREME COURT JUSTICE DONALD W. LEMONS TO SPEAK AT LAW SCHOOL!

On **Wednesday, October 8th at 7:30 p.m. in room 127** (or 119 if more seats are required), the Honorable Donald W. Lemons of the Virginia Supreme Court will present "John Marshall Revisited on Marbury's 200th Anniversary." This presentation is being made as part of the l'Anson-Hoffman American Inn of Court's October meeting, and Inn of Court members from the bench and bar in Norfolk, Portsmouth and Tidewater will be in attendance to hear this exciting presentation. The Inn of Court invites all of the law school community to attend Justice Lemons' presentation. Deans Reveley, Butler, Kaplan and Roberts and Professor Nichols are among those who will be attending, and we hope to see many faculty and students in attendance for this special guest. Please come! For further information, contact Dean Roberts.

The l'Anson-Hoffman American Inn of Court is the local chapter of a national organization that seeks to promote legal excellence, civility, professionalism, ethics and collegial exchange among lawyers, state and federal judges, law professors and third-year law students. William & Mary students have participated in the Inn of Court since 1989, and is proud to have been a founding member of this local chapter. William & Mary members this year include third-year students Ian Bolling, Dana Bowling, Charles Calio, Christina Carroll, Harmon Cooper, Bruce Davis, Andrew Fox, Bryan Olmos, and Kristen Zech and Angela Benjamin-Daniels, visiting student from Regent University.

Professor Donald C. Langevoort will present the George Wythe lecture on **Thursday, October 16, 3:00 p.m., in room 127**. Professor Langevoort is the Thomas Aquinas Reynolds Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center, Washington, DC. He graduated from Harvard Law School in 1976, and immediately went into private practice with Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering in Washington. Professor Langevoort wrote a treatise on insider trading; co-authored a casebook on securities regulation, and produced numerous law review articles on topics such as insider trading, the impact of technology on securities regulation, investor behavior and the intersection between cognitive psychology and lawyer's professional responsibilities. The title of his lecture is, "Technological Evolution and the Devolution of Financial Reporting." Everyone is cordially invited to attend the lecture. A reception will follow in the Lobby. Please plan to attend.

The Institute of Bill of Rights Law is happy to announce that the **Supreme Court Preview** has been re-scheduled for **Friday and Saturday, October 24 & 25, 2003**. We hope that you will be able to join us. Additional cases will be added and there will be some changes in participants. We will post changes at a later date. The William & Mary community is invited to register at no cost, unless a Supreme Court Preview notebook is requested. Registration with the notebook is \$50.00. For information or to register contact us at IBRL@wm.edu.

FROM THE DEAN OF ADMISSION - The New York University School of Law Environmental Law Journal is proud and excited to inform you of an essay contest open to all current law school students and recent law school graduates. The winning essay on an environmental law issue of current national or international significance will be

published in the Environmental Law Journal and the author will receive a \$1,000 prize. The attached flyer contains eligibility information and other details. *The deadline for submission is January 8, 2004.*

NEED TO KNOW INFO

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 7.*

FROM OCS

World Wide Web Site of the Week - NALP Directory (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.

Job of the Week - Death Penalty Internship - The International Justice Project is an international human rights advocacy organization that works towards the development, coordination and increased employment of international human rights standards as they pertain to capital punishment. Internships are available for the summer of 2004. For more information, see www.internationaljusticeproject.org.

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 \$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 OCS that describes William & Mary's various Fellowship Programs for the summer of 2004. 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 2004 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, which gives 2Ls the opportunity to know about funding decisions before the end of the fall

semester. ***The application deadline for “early decision” funding is Monday, November 18 at 5:00 p.m.***

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, 2004**. 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 \$95, and most meals are included; shared hotel accommodations are \$125 for three nights (or \$350 for a private room). For more information, see OCS or law.pepperdine.edu. *Space is limited, so apply early. ***The deadline for application and fees is December 1, 2003.****

More Judicial Clerkships for 3Ls - OCS has prepared a handout listing literally hundreds of state court and federal specialty court clerkships that are still available to third-year students. Stop by and pick up a copy.

FAX MACHINE - A fax machine is now available in Room 263E of the Office of Career Services for student's law school-related matters, such as job searches, bar applications, and coursework. Use of the machine is free for current students. Students have access during all the hours OCS is open – that is, the same hours as the library circulation desk. The machine may be used for outgoing faxes only; use is governed by the Honor Code. Instructions are posted next to the machine.

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, prestigious two-year leadership development 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 third-year students interested in working for a Federal agency are *strongly* encouraged to apply. Applications are being handled entirely online at www.pmi.opm.gov. ***The application deadline is midnight (EDT) on October 15, 2003.*** Students applying online will be asked to provide the following information: William & Mary's Nomination Coordinator is Brian Lewis, Assistant Dean, bdlewi@wm.edu, 757-221-1565.

2Ls and 3Ls – Equal Justice Works Public Interest Career Fair, October 23-24, 2003, 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. 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. All students registering for the job fair may participate in one-on-one interviews, Table Talk

group interviews, and educational sessions. For complete information – and a list of participating employers – see www.equaljusticeworks.org/careerfair/. **Please note the following deadlines:**

Wednesday, September 24 is the final day for students to submit resumes to employers. Students are encouraged to send resumes ASAP before the deadline, as interview slots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Send your resume directly to employers.

Wednesday, October 8 is the deadline for employers to complete their interview schedules. The EJW Web site says if you have not heard back from employers by this date, you should call the employers directly.

Online registration for the job fair closes Thursday, October 16. Although the Web site says it closes the 17th, OCS needs you to register no later than October 16 so we can complete our part of the registration process by the 17th.

Strategies for Success If You Do Not Receive an Offer from Your Summer Employer - If you find yourself in this situation, see Dean Kaplan or Dean Lewis, and pick up a copy of the handout on this subject from the OCS Display Rack.

Targeting the Hidden Job Market - Most jobs are not advertised or publicized, but are filled by word-of-mouth. To tap into this “hidden” job market, you must network and use informational interviewing. These techniques are effective. Pick up the handout in OCS, consult the binder of articles in OCS, and see Deans Lewis or Kaplan to learn how to make these techniques effective for you.

NEW RESOURCES IN OCS

Private Firms - The ***2004 Vault Guide to the Top 100 Law Firms*** gives you insider information on prestige, quality of life, diversity, and more. If you were looking at big private firms, you’d do well to look at this resource.

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 ***Wants 2004 Federal-State Court Directory***. It has contact information for all federal judges, state court organization charts, bar associations and more.

Public Interest Resource - Serving the Public: A Job Search Guide 2003-2004, 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.

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 OCS, 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.

Technology Law - Third-year students are invited to submit entries for the **Third Annual Stanford Technology Law Review Paper Contest**. Paper topics may be anything with a substantial relation to technology law. First, second, and third prizes are \$2,500, \$1,000, and \$500, respectively. **Entries must be postmarked or emailed by October 15, 2003.**

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 2004 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, or Asian Pacific Americans and affirmative action. **Submissions must be postmarked by October 31, 2003.**

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.

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