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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ONE AND ALL
WE LOOK FORWARD
TO SEEING YOU IN 2004!**

[[[[NEWSWORTHY NOTES]]]]

Dean Reveley and the Dean's Advisory Committee are pleased to announce that [Sada Andrews](#) is the 2004/05 Drapers' Scholar.

CONGRATULATIONS to [Erin Butler](#) (3L) and [James Hess](#) ('02) on their engagement. James romantically proposed on the steps of the church where he first told Erin he loved her for the first time! They are planning a March 2005 wedding in Erin's hometown in Florida.

CONGRATULATIONS to [Professor Eric Kades](#) and his wife, [Leigh](#), on the birth of their son, Theo. He was born on Friday, November 28, weighing in at 8 pounds, 3 ounces. Theo joins his big sister, Jennifer.

CONGRATULATIONS to [Ashley Handwerk](#) (3L) and her husband on the birth of their daughter, Samantha Kline. She was born on Tuesday, December 2, weighing in at 8 pounds, 1 ounce.

The Editor would like to commend BLSA for the Thanksgiving Basket Contest. The turnout was fantastic and the law school community should be applauded. The **OVERALL WINNER** was *The Tail Feather Express* by Tarley and Chmielewski with *Honorable Mention for Creativity* to Rogers, Golski, Candick, *Honorable Mention for Abundance* to Lederer and Posey; and *Honorable Mention for Best Presentation* to Walls & Handwerk.



[Roanoke Times & World News](#) reported that [Alana Malick](#) (2L) was officially crowned Miss Roanoke Valley on November 15 at Our Lady of the Valley retirement home in

Roanoke. Malick, a 2L, was the first runner-up in the Miss Roanoke Valley Pageant, held in April. She assumed the Miss Roanoke Valley title in May, when pageant winner Sara Sheffield resigned to continue her military career. Malick competed in the Miss Virginia pageant in June.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

On Wednesday, **December 10** at 11:00 a.m. in Courtroom 21, Professor James G. Dwyer and Susan E. Luscomb, Esquire will present a **STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ON LIVING WILLS**. Part 1 will include a presentation by Professor Dwyer on the legal issues of the *Schindler v. Schiavo* case. Attorney Susan Luscomb will speak about creating living wills. This program is open to anyone in the law school who wishes to attend.

The deadline for the **First Annual Legal Affairs Writing Contest for Law Students** is quickly approaching. Entries are due on **January 7, 2004**. The contest, which is sponsored by The Marbury Institute of Piper Rudnick, promotes clear, accessible writing about the law. It also provides students a rare chance to be published in an award-winning general-interest magazine. We're asking contestants to make an argument of no more than 1,500 words about a pertinent topic in the law, written in a style that's accessible to general readers and lawyers alike. The first-place winner will be awarded \$2,000, and his or her entry will be published in the "Argument" section of *Legal Affairs'* March|April 2004 issue. The second-place winner will receive a prize of \$1,000, and the third-place winner will be awarded \$500. You can find more information about the contest at www.legalaffairs.org.

Members of the Class of 2004
Mark your Calendars for the
Annual
100th Night Celebration!
Friday, January 30
8:00-p.m.-midnight
University Center – Chesapeake A
RSVP today!
Liv Moir (lamoir@wm.edu)

The Harvard Journal of Law & Technology is currently seeking submissions for its Third Annual Student Note Competition. Entries will be accepted on any issue concerning law and technology. All entries must be between 7,000 and 10,000 words long and must be received via e-mail by **February 1, 2004**. First place award is \$1,000. For additional information, please contact **Stacey Lantagne** at slantagn@law.harvard.edu.

NEED TO KNOW INFO

EXAM CODE NUMBERS - Your seven-digit exam code number was emailed to all students on October 23. If you have misplaced that email, please contact Dean Jackson (lajac1@wm.edu), Gloria Todd (gjtodd@wm.edu) or Chris Creech (cbcree@wm.edu) ASAP for a reminder. Please keep this number handy for all exams and papers graded anonymously.

DON'T FORGET YOUR EXAM CODE

EXAMS - SELF-SCHEDULED AND MAKE-UPS - A reminder of the rules governing taking self-scheduled and make-up exams.

Self-scheduled: Exams may only be taken at 9:00 a.m. on any exam day (exams run December 9-13 and December 15-19). Self-scheduled exams may begin the first day of the exam period, **Tuesday, December 9**. Exams must be picked up at **9:00 a.m.** from Gloria Todd (room 113 [next to the courtroom]). **24-hour exams may NOT be taken on Saturday.** The last date you may pick-up a 24-hour exam is Thursday, December 18. The last date you may pick-up an exam that is no more than three hours in length is Friday, December 19. Note, all self-scheduled exams must be completed by **noon on Friday, December 19**.

Make-ups: Pick-up your exam from Gloria Todd at **9:00 a.m. only** on the date that is on your approved Exam Conflict Form and return the exam to Gloria per the time frame stated on the instruction sheet of your exam.

If you are unclear about any instruction, please feel free to stop by Gloria's office, or call 221-1423 or e-mail gjtodd@wm.edu

COMPUTER USE FOR EXAMS

The Law School prohibits the use of Law School maintained computers for the completion of exams. Students may bring personal computers and printers (with extension cords) for typing exams, if allowed by the professor. Rooms 134, 135, 137, 138, and 239 are designated typing rooms, though space may be found in the Library. All typing space is first-come, first-served. Please read the policy on computer use, which may be found at:

http://www.wm.edu/law/admissions/include_computer_policy.htm

REMEMBER that use of computers includes the possibility of crashing (*i.e.*, back-up frequently because a crashed drive is not an acceptable excuse for submitting an exam after the due time).

EXAMS AND STRESS

December is a particularly stressful month in the lives of law students. Please remember William & Mary has excellent resources for all students. The Study Skills Office is located in the Campus Center (221-2513) to provide tips and help in general study habits/methods. The Student Health Center is located near the University Center (221-4386) and can assist with minor health problems – not the least of which is the common cold and symptoms of the flu. The Counseling Center is in Blow Hall (221-3620). You are encouraged to use these resources if needed.

HONOR CODE

A reminder that our Honor Code and Honor system process is found both on the Web site (<http://www.wm.edu/law/academicprograms/regulations/honorsystem.shtml>) and in the Student Handbook (found on the Student Lounge shelving). Please seek out a member of the Law School Honor Council or the Chief Justice, Bo Foley, should you have any question about either the Code or the process.

ADD/DROP Banner Web access for add/drop will run from 8:00 a.m. Monday, January 12 through 4:00 p.m. Friday, January 16. The first opportunity to add a class will be 8:00 a.m., January 12. If, however, you would like to drop a course you may do so at any time prior to 4:00 p.m., January 16. *Remember that by dropping courses early and removing your name from waitlists, the add/drop process runs smoother and more students are able to finalize schedules earlier in the first week of the semester.* Upper-level students may make changes through the Banner Web for any course, which has an open seat. Students wishing to wait list for a course or to add into a course from the posted invitation to add list can do so only through contacting Dean Jackson. Remember to check the add/drop board daily for invitations to add classes. Holds on your account will be in effect during Add/Drop and prohibit you from making schedule changes. Therefore, PLEASE make sure your bills/fines are paid and library books are returned before you return in January.

SPRING FIRST-DAY ASSIGNMENTS and BOOK LIST should be posted to the Internet prior to the end of the fall exam period. From the external web page (www.wm.edu/law) click into Academic Programs and then into Academic References.

GRADE CARDS - Your fall semester grades will be posted to Banner Web after January 16 and may then be viewed through the Internet at <http://worcs.wm.edu>.

ADDRESS CHANGES- *Remember to notify* the administration as soon as possible when you have a change in address, phone number or name. Also remember that all official University information is mailed to your “permanent” address.

SPRING SCHEDULE - Prior to returning in January, please double-check your schedule through the Internet (<http://my.wm>). Last minute schedule changes are inevitable.

LIBRARY NEWS

Restricted Library Access - From Friday, December 5 at 5:00 p.m. until Saturday, December 20 at 1:00 p.m. **Law Library access is limited** to Marshall-Wythe law students and others who require the use of Law Library materials for research purposes. Please remember that patrons needing legal reference assistance and those using legal materials **are permitted** access.

Winter Break Hours - The library will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day. On other days during the break, the circulation desk will be open reduced hours, depending upon the availability of staff to work. Watch the library bulletin board for specific circulation desk hours, which will be posted soon.

Building Access - On holidays and during interims, when the library is closed, law students with properly programmed ID cards may access the building and library. Be sure to check your ID in the magnetic locks on the building and library front doors to ensure your card is properly programmed for access. Simply swipe your card through the magnetic reader. If the green light displays, your card is properly programmed. Please report problems to the circulation staff. We may be able to fix the problem and save you a trip to the Campus Center to have your card reprogrammed by the ID Office.

Library Lockers - The deadline for locker clean-out and key return is Friday, December 19 by 5:00 p.m. Lockers must be emptied and the locker key returned (with barcode and key tag attached) to the circulation desk. There is a \$10.00 replacement charge for lost keys or tags.

Circulation staff will be available to reserve lockers for the spring semester at 7:45 a.m. on Monday, January 12. Locker keys are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis until all keys have been distributed.

Carrel Renewals - The deadline for carrel renewal is Friday, December 19 by 5:00 p.m. During the break library staff will be reshelving carrel materials in anticipation of the start of the new semester, so be sure to renew your carrel and materials before you leave for the holiday.

Interlibrary Loan Returns and Renewals - Please return interlibrary loan materials that come due during the Winter Break before you leave for the holidays. Some libraries will extend the loan period, but you must request a renewal **before the due date**. If the lending library will not extend the loan, we must return the book. If you still need the material, photocopy the pages cited **and the title page**, or complete an interlibrary loan form and request that we borrow it from another library when we return in January.

GOOD LUCK WITH EXAMS AND HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY!

FROM OCPP

GOOD LUCK ON EXAMS and Best Wishes from OCS for a Happy Holiday Season! OCS will be open throughout finals, and Deans Kaplan and Lewis will be available for appointments through December 19 and then again in the new year beginning January 5.

World Wide Web Site of the Week - Two sites, actually, which may be of interest to students looking for information about **study abroad** programs for the summer. www.studyabroad.com covers all kinds of programs; to get to law-related information, click on Summer Programs, choose Summer Law Programs from the drop-down menu, and then select the country you're interested in. Shortly, the ABA will be updating their site, which is www.abanet.org/legaled/studyabroad/abroad.html; see "Foreign Summer Programs." The ABA will post information about all U.S. law schools' summer abroad programs as they receive it from the schools, and they encourage students to check back periodically for additions.

HOT JOBS



Spend the summer working for National Public Radio - The General Counsel's Office at National Public Radio in Washington, DC, is seeking legal interns for the summer of 2004. The office handles a wide array of legal issues including communications, copyright, trademark, labor, antitrust, tax and insurance law, as well as contracts in all areas. 2Ls are preferred, but 1Ls with relevant experience and strong research and writing skills will be considered. The stipend for the summer is \$2,800. **ALTHOUGH THE DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 15, 2004, NPR WILL CONSIDER APPLICATIONS AS THEY ARRIVE AND MAY MAKE DECISIONS BEFORE THE DEADLINE.** For more information, see the Job Bank in eAttorney.

OCS continues to receive numerous listings *daily* for summer and permanent positions. Check the **Job Bank in eAttorney** frequently for new listings!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As part of an effort to recruit talented students and increase diversity in the Delaware Bar, the **Eighth Annual Delaware Minority Job Fair for First-Year Law Students** will be held in Wilmington on **Saturday, January 17, 2004**. There is no fee to participate, meals are provided, and at least a portion of your transportation costs will be reimbursed. (Historically, they have been able to reimburse 100% of those costs.) Participating employers will represent the spectrum of the Delaware legal community, including private firms, government, and corporations. Students' resumes will be circulated to participating employers in advance, who will then select whom they wish to interview. Students selected for interviews will be notified the first week of January, and will have a week to accept or decline the invitation(s) to interview. Applications are available in the OCS Applications Cabinet. Your completed application, along with a resume and a photocopy of your undergraduate transcript, should be submitted to the OCS Resume Submission Cabinet **NO LATER THAN THE END OF THE DAY ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 8.**

NEW RESOURCES IN OCS

The **Law Firms Yellow Book** contains contact information for over 25,000 attorneys and administrators who make the business decisions and manage the practice areas in over 800 of the nation's largest U.S. law firms.

NOTES

When an employer requests a transcript, you may provide the employer with a copy of your most recent *Grade Report*. The Grade Report serves as an unofficial transcript, which is acceptable to the vast majority of employers. (This is true of undergraduate transcripts as well, which for 1Ls is all you have to work with until sometime in January when your first law school grades will be available.) You may want to plan ahead and make several copies of your most recent Grade Report. Official transcripts need only be provided when an employer specifies that you must submit an "official" transcript. Until Grade Reports are issued, if you know your grades you may type a list of your courses, grades, and GPA, with your name at the top, on paper that matches your resume.

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

WRITING COMPETITIONS (see OCS for more info)

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 OCS. 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:

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, "If a Tree Is Felled in the Forest, Who Would Make a Sound?: Legally Protecting the American Wilderness From Anti-Environmental Governmental Policies." The winner will also receive a free trip to Boston to receive the award in person at the Roscoe Pound Institute's Annual Fellows Dinner. **INTENT-TO-ENTER FORMS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR FAXED BY FEBRUARY 9, 2004.** Essays are due March 29, 2004. For more info, see www.roscoepound.org.

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 MARCH 1, 2004.**

Trusts and Estates - The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel has announced the inaugural **Mary Moers Wenig 2004 Student Writing Competition**. First, second, and third prizes of \$5,000, \$3,000, and \$1,000, respectively, will be awarded for student-written scholarly works that address one or more legal issues in the area of trusts and estates and related taxation. **THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS MARCH 1, 2004.** For more information, see www.actec.org.

Evidence - The 2004 **Judge John M. Manos Writing Competition** is open to all law students, nationwide, writing on an evidentiary issue. The winning entry will be awarded \$1,000 and will be considered for publication in the *Cleveland State Law Review*. **THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS APRIL 1, 2004.**

Tax Law - The **2004 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, 2004.**



Please remember our troops during the holiday season.

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.

2003 publication schedule

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