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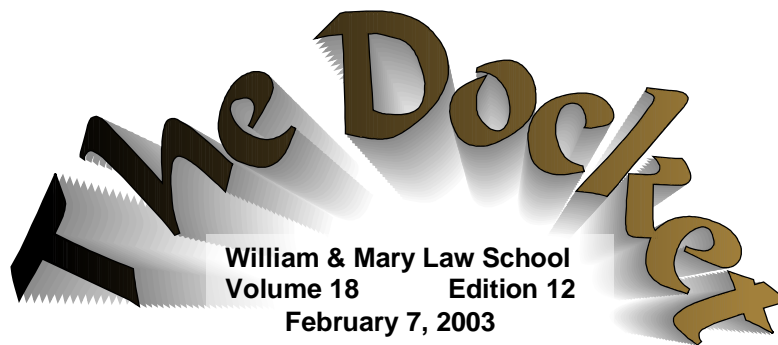
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## [[[[ NEWSWORTHY NOTES ]]]]

CONGRATULATIONS to Monique Anikwue and Thad Farrow on the birth of their son, Miles, on January 24. Miles weighed in at 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**Anthony Lewis**, The 2002/03 James Gould Cutler Lecturer, will present "Civil Liberties in the USA since 9/11," on Wednesday, February 19, 3:00 p.m., room 127. Mr. Lewis recently retired after a brilliant career at the New York Times. He is an excellent speaker; never reluctant to stake out strong positions on difficult issues, so this lecture should be very interesting. A reception will follow in the Lobby. This lecture is open to the public. Please plan to attend.

**Professor Cynthia Ward**, The 2002/03 Blackstone Lecturer, will present "Coercion and Choice in the Establishment Clause," on Thursday, February 27, 3:00 p.m., room 127. A reception will follow in the Lobby. The lecture is open to the public so please plan to attend. FYI: The Blackstone Lecture series was established in 1996 to recognize the scholarly achievements of a young member of the William & Mary Law School faculty each year. This series is made possible by the generosity of Law School alumni.

**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, 2003**.

**SPRING EXAM CONFLICT FORMS  
ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE  
HANDOUT COUNTER IN THE LIBRARY  
THEY ARE DUE FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 5:00 P.M.**

## **NEED TO KNOW INFO**

**INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS AND STUDENTS** are scheduled for today and February 21. Please expect visitors to be interested in your William & Mary Law School experiences. Special thanks to SBA Admission Committee co-chairs Erin Butler, Dana Bowling and Scott Herman and all our volunteers assisting with the program. We appreciate everyone greeting our guests; sharing information and making them feel welcome in Williamsburg.

**THE GILES SUTHERLAND RICH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** – An award of \$10,000, in memory of Giles S. Rich, Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, will be given by the Federal Circuit Bar Association to a law student showing financial need, and who has demonstrated academic promise, either in undergraduate studies or in law school. Selection for the award will be based primarily on a written submission of no more than one page setting out the applicant's financial need, any interests in particular areas of the law, and any qualifications for the award considered relevant by the applicant. The submission should also include all of the applicant's college and law school transcripts, and one-page curriculum vitae. All of the submitted materials will be considered, and prior academic performance will not be the primary criteria for selection. **DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: APRIL 2, 2003.** The materials should be sent to: Stephen L. Peterson, President-elect, Federal Circuit Bar Association, c/w/ Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner, 1300 I Street, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20005-3315.

**HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES** -The Admission Office would appreciate hearing from students who know of apartments and housing opportunities that will become available this summer. If you are moving from a desirable location or are looking for roommates for next year, please stop by with the particulars or e-mail us at [lawadm@wm.edu](mailto:lawadm@wm.edu). Your information will be distributed to new admits on April 5. Thanks for your help!

**STUDENT FINANCIAL AID - *Attention all 1Ls and 2Ls:*** Information was placed in your hanging files on January 20, 2003 regarding financial aid for the 2003/04 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. Note that March 1 is the deadline for returning William & Mary students to file the FAFSA. You may locate the required form by going to [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov).



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.

**PHOTOS FOR PUBLICATION** - *We are seeking photos* of publishable quality to represent life at William & Mary Law School for upcoming publications. Please review your law school experiences captured on film and route those suitable for print to Jaime Welch-Donahue (jpwelc@wm.edu) or Faye Shealy (ffshea@wm.edu) or drop by Faye's Office (Room 105). We are seeking diverse settings and smiling faces both at the Law School and activities in Williamsburg - don't forget the Barrister's Ball! Thanks in advance for any contributions submitted for printing and distribution in response to this request.

**BAR EXAMS** - Remember that application and exam information for every state bar is located on reserve in the library.

Those interested in taking the Virginia Bar Exam are invited to bring questions regarding the exam and/or admission process to: Everything You Wanted to Know About Character and Fitness and the Bar Exam ... But Were Afraid to Ask.® Mark your calendars for this presentation/discussion with members of the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners at **10:00 a.m. on March 27**. This session is open to all students (1L and up) who have an interest in sitting for the Virginia Bar exam.

Virginia Bar applications are available via their web site <http://www.vbbe.state.va.us/forms.html>. The application is due **May 9th**. Those considering the Virginia bar are reminded that the MPRE is now required for admission to the Virginia bar.

**MPRE** - Applications are located on the handout shelves in the Library. Next exams are **March 8, August 8, and November 7, 2003**.

**TRANSCRIPTS** - Students are reminded that they should make multiple copies of the unofficial transcript dropped in hanging files. Liz Jackson will provide *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 or at the web site: <http://www.wm.edu/registrar/transcript/index.html>. 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!

**HOUSEKEEPING** - Many thanks for the care with which you take in your home away from home. The housekeepers greatly appreciate the efforts you make to pick-up debris in and outside the school. We still have a housekeeping vacancy so our three ladies are pressed to complete their routine daily. BTW, I hope you noticed via email

from Vice President Sam Sadler, the opportunity to nominate any hourly or classified staff member for the Ernestine Award. The Student Assembly, in honor of Ernestine Jackson, a beloved and long-standing Dining Services Employee, created this recognition. This is a weekly recognition. The nomination must come from a student by sending a note to the Student Assembly Office, Campus Center 167 or [ernestineaward@yahoo.com](mailto:ernestineaward@yahoo.com)

**POSTING OF LITERATURES** - A reminder that signs may be posted to the bulletin boards in the Student Lounge and the Administration Bulletin Board by the elevator (across from room 119). Signs, notices and fliers are not to be posted to doors, walls or windows. Signs advertising an event may be posted to the front doors on the day of the event only and only with the permission of the Administration.

### **ENJOY CHILDREN? NEED EXTRA CASH? BABY SITTERS NEEDED FOR REUNION WEEKEND!**

Law School Alumni who are attending Reunion Weekend April 11-12, 2003 are looking for local childcare. Sign up to be on the contact list - details (compensation, time and location) will need to be worked out directly between you and the family. Contact Liv Moir to sign up! [lamoir@wm.edu](mailto:lamoir@wm.edu) or 221-3796.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS WANTED FOR 2003 SUMMER LAW PROGRAM IN MADRID!** At least two student participants will be hired to serve as administrative assistants.



**Qualifications:** Must be fluent in Spanish; must have the ability to work well with others; must be able to balance class work and administrative responsibilities; discretion in dealing with confidential matters; sensitivity to cultural differences; familiarity with Madrid desired, but not required.

**Time of employment:** June 29 - August 6.

**Duties:** Aiding the on-site Director (Dean Patty Roberts) as translator/liaison with various offices in Madrid, performing clerical work for the Director in final preparation for the arrival of the other students, serving as an RA in the dormitory, helping with administrative matters throughout the program, and other duties as required.

**Payment:** free Room & Board in the dorm (normally costs \$1,250).

**Deadline:** Interested students must be registered for the Madrid program and indicate their interest in these positions to Anne Beckley, Room 238, 221-7544, [ajbeck@wm.edu](mailto:ajbeck@wm.edu), no later than **Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**.

Interviews will be held the week of February 17-21. The final decision will be made shortly after the interviews.

**IMPORTANT**

**2003-2004 Academic Calendar  
Fall 2003**

August 18-22	Legal Skills Week
August 25	Classes & Add/Drop Begin
August 29	Add/Drop Ends
October 13-14	Fall Break
November 26-28	Thanksgiving Break
December 5	Classes End
December 6-8	Reading Period
December 9-19	Exam Period
December 25- January 1, 2004	Winter Break

**Spring 2004**

January 12	Classes & Add/Drop Begin
January 16	Add/Drop Ends
March 8-12	Spring Break
April 23	Classes End
April 24-26	Reading Period
April 27-May 7	Exam Period
May 16	Graduation
June 1	Summer School Begins
June 4	Summer School Add/Drop Ends

**FROM OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES (OCS)**

**World Wide Web Site of the Week** - Looking at jobs outside of the local area? 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 \$88,650 living in Seattle, \$111,254 in San Francisco, and \$118,072 in New York City!

**HOT JOBS**

**Public Service Internships** - The Everett Public Service Internship Program offers 200 paid summer internships for 10 weeks at 64 public service organizations in New York City, Washington DC, Boston, Chicago, and Boulder, Colorado in environmental policy, women's issues, the arts, human rights, education, children's advocacy, and much more. For complete information, see [www.everettinternships.org/](http://www.everettinternships.org/)

**Equal Justice Works Fellowships** - 3-Ls interested in public service are advised that Equal Justice Works has recently posted new "Route B" Fellowships at [www.equaljusticeworks.org](http://www.equaljusticeworks.org) and will continue to post new ones on a rolling basis through April. (At the Web site, click on "Find an Opportunity" then "Route B Fellowships.") These full-salary fellowships, which begin in September, 2003, and last two years, were each developed by a nonprofit organization whose fellowship proposal was approved by Equal Justice Works. These organizations are now looking for talented, committed candidates to serve as their 2003 Equal Justice Works Fellows.

**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](http://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.

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

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

Interested in exploring the possibility of doing an externship this summer? OCS will sponsor Summer Work for Academic Credit on Wednesday, February 12 at 3:00 in Room 120. All 1-Ls and 2-Ls 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.

## **FUNDING SOURCES**

**Communications Law** - For the tenth consecutive year, the Federal Communications Bar Association Foundation will award at least four \$2,500 stipends to law students employed as unpaid summer interns at the FCC and other government agencies or entities with jurisdiction over the communications industry, (*i.e.*, broadcasting, cable television, telephony, satellites and information technology). For more information, see [www.fcba.org/FY03\\_SUMMER\\_INTERN\\_APPLICATION.htm](http://www.fcba.org/FY03_SUMMER_INTERN_APPLICATION.htm). The application **deadline is Friday, March 21, 2003.**

**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 OCS 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 25. STUDENTS ALSO MUST FILE A FAFSA BY FEBRUARY 15.**

**Funding for Summer Internships** - Equal Justice Works has announced a funding opportunity for summer interns. The Summer Corps is an AmeriCorps-funded program that provides 200 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.equaljusticeworks.org](http://www.equaljusticeworks.org), click on "Find an Opportunity" and then "Summer Corps." For the Members Only Content (William & Mary is a member school), when prompted choose William & Mary from the drop-down menu and use the William & Mary password: justice2003.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***Rebellious Lawyering*** - The Ninth Annual Rebellious Lawyering Conference will take place February 21-23, 2003 at Yale Law School in New Haven, Connecticut. This student-run conference brings together practitioners, law students and community activists/advocates from around the country to discuss innovative, progressive approaches to law and social change. Registration is \$20, and is collected upon arrival. For more information, see <http://islandia.law.yale.edu/reblaw/>

***Patent Law*** - Information regarding the Patent Law Interview Program, which will be held in Chicago next July 31-August 2, has been distributed to current first- and second-year students who have technical backgrounds. Registration materials are due to OCS no later than Friday, February 21.

***Foreign Service Exam*** - Online registration has begun for the Foreign Service Written Exam, which will be administered on April 12, 2003 (the ONLY time it will be administered in 2003). Registering for the exam is the first step in the process of becoming a Foreign Service Officer for the U.S. Department of State. For information on registration, the application process, and the official study guide, see [www.careers.state.gov](http://www.careers.state.gov). The registration deadline for the exam is March 12.

***Looking for summer housing outside Williamsburg?*** - Law students seeking summer housing in the cities where they'll be working are invited to participate in NALP's free online National Apartment Exchange. The site facilitates summer sublets of apartments currently being used by law students in cities across the country who will be in another city for the summer. Just visit [www.nalp.org](http://www.nalp.org) and follow the link to the Apartment Exchange. The Apartment Exchange will be available from February 1 until May 1, 2003.

## **NEW RESOURCES**

The Federal Regional Yellow Book lists contact information for all federal department and agency offices outside of Washington, DC. With the geographic index, it's easy to find out which federal agencies have regional offices in the city you may be targeting and help you identify the appropriate contacts in each of them.

## **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.

- ∂ Copyright: The University of Oregon School of Law's Art & Law Forum invites students to participate in the Digital Commons Copyright Writing Contest. Essays should critically examine the intersection of creativity, copyright law and current technology. Winning essays will be featured in the first Art & Law Electronic Journal, and will be awarded prizes of \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 for first, second, and third place, respectively. For more information, see [www.law.uoregon.edu/org/alf](http://www.law.uoregon.edu/org/alf) . The deadline for submission is March 10, 2003.

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*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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