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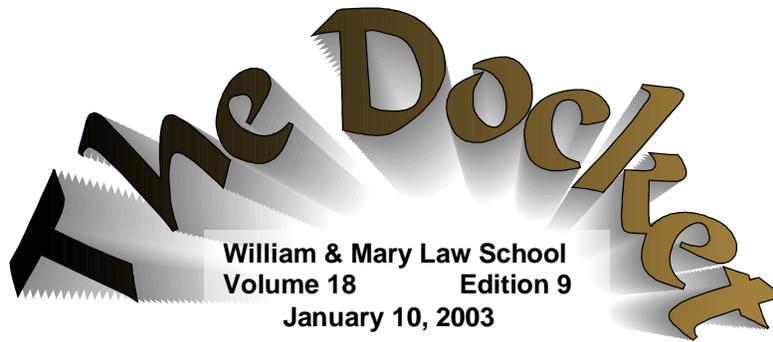
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## [[[[ NEWSWORTHY NOTES ]]]]

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR** – The Law School is officially *closed on Monday, January 20* to commemorate *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*.

**Mark L. Earley** (Class of 1982), current President of Prison Fellowship Ministries and the former Virginia Attorney General will be visiting the law school on January 21-22. Two lunches and a breakfast are being planned as well as several other events to commemorate his visit. More details will be sent via e-mail.

Members of the Class of 2003  
Mark your Calendars for the  
First Annual  
100<sup>th</sup> Night Celebration!  
Friday, January 31  
9:00-p.m.-1:00 a.m.  
RSVP today!  
Liv Moir (lamoir@wm.edu)

## NEED TO KNOW INFO

### 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.

**GRADE CARDS** - Your fall semester will be posted to the SIS 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 "home" address.

## FROM OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES (OCS)

**World Wide Web Site of the Week** - Before you get too wrapped up in the semester we thought you might have time for something on the lighter side. **Andrew McClurg, a law professor who also wrote a monthly humor column for the ABA Journal for more than four years, produces Lawhaha.com.** He says the site is "designed to be an interactive humor network for legal types of all stripes: law students, lawyers, law professors, judges, legal secretaries, prison inmates, recidivist parking meter violators – just about anyone with a computer, basically." Readers are asked to contribute entries for sections such as "Funniest Law School Moments" and "Weird Legal News." [www.lawhaha.com](http://www.lawhaha.com)

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

**Writing Effective Cover Letters** – Your resume tells what you've done, but it's the cover letter that convinces an employer that you should be invited for an interview. Learn what you need to tell employers that *isn't* on your resume and how best to get it down – persuasively – on paper. **Wednesday, January 15 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 120.**

**Winning Interviewing Strategies** - Learn how to master the 20-minute screening interview – as well as how to handle the all-day call-back interview. **Wednesday, January 22 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 120.**

**An Extraordinary Job Search Seminar** - By special arrangement, the Office of Career Services will sponsor a seminar on "**Guerilla Tactics for Getting the Legal Job of Your Dreams**" presented by **Kimm Walton**, "America's most sought-after legal job expert" and author of several best-selling books on the legal job market. Mark your calendars – you don't want to miss the opportunity to hear and meet the person known coast to coast as "The Job Goddess!" **Friday, January 24 at 11:30 a.m. in Room 119.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**1-Ls Participating in the Mock Interview Program** – Just a reminder that we need you to submit a copy of your resume to the Resume Submission Cabinet in OCPP by 9:00 a.m. on **Monday, January 13, 2003.**

**Judicial Clerkship Program in Washington, DC** - All William & Mary law students have been invited to attend an informational program about judicial clerkships, which will be sponsored by the Asian Pacific American Bar Association Educational Fund and held at the offices of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher in Washington, DC, on **Wednesday, January 29** from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. A panel consisting of judges from the U.S. District

Court in Maryland, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit, the DC Court of Appeals, and the District Court of Maryland will make presentations detailing the experiences and the application process for judicial clerkships. A reception for judicial participants, former law clerks, and current law students will follow. All students are welcome to attend. **RSVPs to [ksampson@foleylaw.com](mailto:ksampson@foleylaw.com) (or call 202-672-5530) are requested no later than January 22 to permit an accurate headcount for the hosts.** Business attire recommended. For more information, contact Dean Lewis in the Office of Career Services.

**Native American Law** - The Oklahoma Supreme Court, in cooperation with the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission, the Sovereignty Symposium, Inc., and the Oklahoma Arts Council will host **Sovereignty Symposium XVI** May 27-28, 2003, in Oklahoma City. Applications are now being accepted for 100 Symposium tuition scholarships and one full scholarship, covering tuition, meals and travel) for students interested in attending. Details are available in the Applications Cabinet in the Office of Career Services (OCS). **The deadline is April 1, 2003.** (Also, see the notification below about the Sovereignty Symposium writing competition.)

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

## NEW RESOURCES

***Beyond the Bench: The Guide to Judicial Clerkships*** explains all aspects of clerkships – what clerkships are, what kind of work law clerks do, why you should apply, how to find and apply for the type of court and clerkship that would be right for you, how to build a successful application and give a strong interview, and why clerkships give you stellar experience and credentials that prospective employers will actively seek out.

The National Legal Aid & Defender Association has published the ***2003-2004 Directory of Legal Aid and Defender Offices in the United States and Territories***. The listings include names, addresses, phone numbers, Web sites, and email addresses.

***Career Opportunities in Law and the Legal Industry*** is a “complete guide” to more than 80 legal careers, with detailed position descriptions, information on salaries, skills required, advancement prospects, and more. Appendixes list professional associations, Web resources, bar admission offices, and other resources of great use to students exploring legal careers.

***Nonlegal Careers for Lawyers*** explains how and when to choose a nonlegal career, the specialized skills needed, and how to plan and conduct a job search. The book contains information on careers in business and industry, government and public service, associations and institutions, and entrepreneurial ventures. A resource section

provides surveys and listings of nonlegal careers in several categories, and a listing of publishers and suggested readings on nonlegal careers.

New editions in the **Yellow Book** series are blanketing our shelves like new-fallen snow:

**Federal Yellow Book** – who’s who in federal departments and agencies

**State Yellow Book** – who’s who in the executive and legislative branches of the 50 state governments

**Municipal Yellow Book** – who’s who in the leading city and county governments and local authorities

**Corporate Yellow Book** – who’s who in the leading U.S. companies

The **2002-2003 Sports Lawyers Association Membership Directory**, listing sports law professionals from labor, management, and education, arranges member information both alphabetically and geographically.

#### **WRITING COMPETITIONS (see OCPP 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 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:

- ⊃ **Tax Law** - The Federal Bar Association Section of Taxation hosts an annual writing competition in invites law students to participate. Students may submit any original, unpublished paper concerning federal income taxation. The winning article will be published and carries a \$1,000 prize. **Entries must be postmarked by February 10, 2003.**
- ⊄ **Legal Commentary** - The **2003 S.I.U. Law Journal Student Writing Contest** will pay \$500 for the winning entry, on any topic, that is “fresh, cutting edge, and well-written.” **Entries must be submitted by February 15, 2003.**
- ⊂ **Contest in Family Law.** The contest is open to second- and third-year law students, and essays can address any aspect of family law. Cash prizes of \$1,500, \$1,000, and \$500 will be awarded, and each winner will receive a certificate for one free book (value up to \$99.95). **Entries must be postmarked on or before April 4, 2003.**

- € The American Judges Association announces its **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Law Student Essay Competition**. Prizes of \$3,000, \$1,500, and \$1,000 will be awarded for first, second, and third place, respectively. **Entries must be postmarked no later than May 31, 2003.**
  
- € **George Hutchinson Writing Contest** - The Federal Circuit Bar Association is sponsoring the George Hutchinson Writing Contest, open to all law students, on papers written during the 2002-2003 school year. Entries may discuss any topic that lies within the procedure, substance, or scope of the jurisdiction of the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals – patent litigation, Patent and Trademark Office decisions, government contract claims, International Trade Commission, Merit Systems Appeals, and Veterans Appeals. The best entry will win \$3,000; second and third place cash prizes may also be awarded. **Submissions must be postmarked no later than June 1, 2003.**

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