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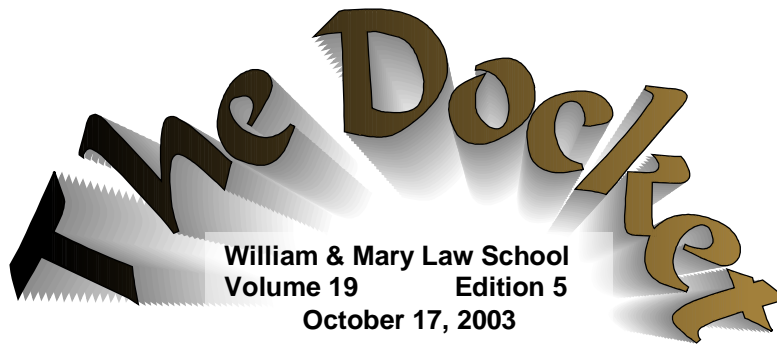
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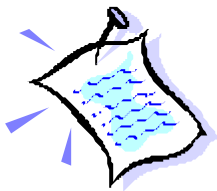
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NEWSWORTHY NEWS



From the American Bar Association – The ABA Section of Real Property, Probate and Trust Law Announces Winners of Schlenger Student Writing Competition: “In third place is **Jennifer Eastman ('03)** of the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, Virginia, for her essay, “Toward a New Paradigm of Attorney-Client Relationships for Clients with Dementia.” She will receive a check for \$250 and honorable mention in the section’s magazine.

WELCOME – the law school community would like to welcome **Shelley Dowling**, our new part-time reference librarian and **Sharon Burkhamer**, our new part-time clerk at the Circulation Desk.

CONGRATULATIONS to the 2003/04 Dean’s Associates: *Sarah Black, Dana Bowling, Monty Cooper, Tom Cullen, Nathan Doan, Geoffrey Grivner, Justin Hargrove, Ben Ladd, Jenn Maceda, Emily Cromwell Meyer, Elle O’Flaherty, Ian Ralby, Matthew Thompson and Kristin Zech.*

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.

FLU SHOTS are now available at the Student Health Center. The cost is \$15.00 for all faculty, staff and students. The hours available for flu shots are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.; and Wednesday from 10:00-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m. No appointment is necessary. If you can’t make it to the Student Health Center, please be advised that personnel will be at the Law School on Monday, November 3, 1:00-4:00 p.m. in the Lobby to administer shots.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Admission Office has an information session for prospective applicants scheduled on **Friday, October 17**. Please welcome and share information with our guests. Thanks to all participants!

Fall from Grace, Saturday, October 18, 9:00 p.m.-2:00 a.m., Holiday Inn Patriot, 3032 Richmond Road

On Monday October 20, 2003 at 1:00 p.m., room 119, **Federalist Society Speaker: Professor George Shepherd**, Emory Law School, will lecture on "No African-American Lawyers Allowed: The Inefficient Racism of the ABA's Accreditation of Law Schools." 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.

The William and Mary Alternative Dispute Resolution Team would like to announce its upcoming **Negotiation Competition**. The competition will be held **October 30-31** and intent to compete forms are now available in the ADR hanging file. This competition is open to **ALL** students and the winners will represent W&M at the regional competition. The entry fee is only \$15 (free to current team members). Intent to compete forms and fees are due October 17th by 5:00 p.m. For more information please contact Kirstin Michener, kemich@wm.edu.

Judicial Independence and the Separation of Powers - Come hear attorney David Baugh's presentation "Judicial Independence and the Separation of Powers" on **Friday, October 31st, at 10:00 a.m. in room 124**. Mr. Baugh, who practices law in Richmond, Virginia, is one of the most controversial lawyers in the U.S. The son of a Tuskegee Airman, he often represents controversial clients in constitutional law cases, such as Ku Klux Klan Grand Dragon Barry Elton Black, and embassy bomber Mohamed Rashed Daoud Al-Owhal. Mr. Baugh is a staunch advocate of First Amendment rights who works closely with the ACLU. Alan Dershowitz has written that Mr. Baugh deserves a place of honor in the pantheon of free-speech heroes. (Co-sponsored by the Black Law Students Association and the law library.)

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 - The American Bar Association's Web site includes **ABA Career Counsel**, "the ABA's central source for online information on finding jobs and enhancing lawyers' careers." It includes "tips on finding the right job and maximizing your career, job postings, tools and links to career related resources."

The "For Students" section features articles on specific practice areas, lawyer profiles, state and local resources and more. www.abanet.org/careercounsel/

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Central Intelligence Agency - George Jameson (Class of 1975) will discuss the work of the CIA General Counsel's Office and explain the application process for summer and post-graduate lateral opportunities. The program is open to all students. **Friday, October 24, 3:30 p.m., room 141.**

Attention First-Year Students - Over the next few weeks we will be conducting two separate programs to introduce you to our career planning services and explain the entire job search process. Please make a note of the dates and times and plan to attend both sessions.

Friday, October 31, 1:00 - 5:00 p.m., room 119

Friday, November 7, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., room 119

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Administrative Law - The ABA Section of Administrative Law & Regulatory Practice will present the **2003 Administrative Law Conference on November 6 and 7 in Washington, DC**, at the new Washington Convention Center. Students are invited to attend and receive a discounted rate for the conference. A student may pay \$15 to attend any session of the conference, or \$35 to attend the entire conference. The conference planners are also seeking a group of 20 or so students to volunteer at the conference in exchange for free registration. These students will provide approximately two hours of service either as room monitors, at the registration desk, or as otherwise needed. Any student interested in volunteering may sign up by sending an email to knightk@staff.abanet.org. Space is limited. For a schedule and registration form, see the ABA file in the Applications Cabinet in OCS.

The New York City Law Department and Corporation Counsel invite William & Mary students to attend the **Annual Diversity Reception** in New York City on **Wednesday, October 29 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.** For more information, see Dean Lewis.

Sports Law - Law students are invited to attend the **Institute for Sports Advancement, January 8-9, 2004**, at the Marriott Marquis Hotel in New York City. The event is intended to help participants find out what it takes to break into and succeed in the sports business industry. Topics covered will include sports marketing, sports law, team and franchise management, sports broadcasting, sports broadcasting, multi-media, journalism and corporate sponsorship. For more information, see www.sportsummit.com.

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 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.**

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.

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 3Ls. 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.

NEW RESOURCES IN OCS

Corporate Law - The **Corporate Yellow Book** lists contact information for more than 41,000 executives at over 1,000 companies and 5,000 subsidiaries and divisions, and more than 9,000 board members and their outside affiliations. **Most listings include the names of the firms who serve as outside general counsel to the companies.**

Federal Government - The **Federal Yellow Book** includes contact information for over 40,000 government officials in the Executive Office of the President, 15 Cabinet-level departments, and more than 80 independent federal agencies.

Interviewing - Why are beer cans tapered at the top and bottom? How many piano tuners are there in the world? Why do mirrors reverse right and left instead of up and down? According to the dust jacket for **How Would You Move Mount Fuji?**, "For years Microsoft and other high-tech companies have been posing riddles and logic puzzles like these in their notoriously grueling job interviews. Now 'puzzle interviews' have become a hot new trend in hiring." The book poses questions, posts answers, and tells how to outsmart the puzzle interview.

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.

Environmental Law - The William & Mary *Environmental Law and Policy Review* is seeking papers on any environmental law topic. The top paper will be awarded \$250. **Entries must be received by November 30, 2003.**

Clear Writing - *Legal Affairs* magazine and The Marbury Institute of Piper Rudnick LLP is sponsoring the **First Annual Legal Affairs Writing Contest for Law Students**. The competition promotes clear, accessible writing about the law and provides a chance for students to have a work published. Students are asked 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 *Legal Affairs* in the spring. Second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. **Entries are due January 7, 2004.**

Bioethics - The **American College of Legal Medicine** will present a first prize of \$1,000 (and \$500 and \$250 for second and third place, respectively) to a law student for the best paper on any legal aspect of bioethics. All papers submitted will receive consideration for publication in the *Journal of Legal Medicine* or other medical legal publications, and **must be received no later than January 19, 2004.**

Employment and Labor Law - The **2003-2004 Louis Jackson National Student Writing Competition in Employment and Labor Law** is seeking papers on any topic relating to the law governing the workplace, such as employment law, labor law,

employee benefits, or employment discrimination. **ONLY THE FIRST TWO SUBMISSIONS PER LAW SCHOOL WILL BE ACCEPTED AS ENTRIES FOR CONSIDERATION.** One award of \$3,000 and two \$1,000 awards will be presented to the top three entries, and all three will be published. ***The deadline for submission is January 19, 2004.***

Legal Medicine - The **American College of Legal Medicine** will present the \$1,000 Letourneau Award to a law student for the best paper on any legal aspect of medical science, medical practice, or other health care delivery problem. All papers submitted will receive consideration for publication in the *Journal of Legal Medicine* or other medical legal publications, and ***must be received no later than January 19, 2004.***

Health Law - Epstein Becker & Green, a national firm engaged in the practice of health law, announces its sixth annual **Health Law Writing Competition** for papers on current topics of interest relating to health law. Papers may address any traditional area of the law as applied to health care (e.g., antitrust, tax, corporate), or areas of law unique to health care (e.g., fraud and abuse, managed care, Medicare/Medicaid). First prize is \$4,000, second prize is \$2,000, and third prize is \$500. ***Competition entries are due January 19, 2004.***

Race and Ethnicity - The **Second Annual LatCrit Student Scholar Program** seeks applications from students. "Latino/a Critical Theory (LatCrit) is a scholarly movement designed to respond to the long historical presence and general sociolegal invisibility of Latinas/os in the lands now known as the United States." In addition to having a paper published, each Student Scholar will receive a full scholarship to the Annual LatCrit Conference in Philadelphia in April as well as a full scholarship to the Critical Global Classroom, a summer study-abroad program in Chile and Argentina during the summer of 2004. In addition, each Student Scholar will receive a travel stipend of up to \$1,250. ***Applications must be postmarked or emailed by January 20, 2004.***

American Indian Law Writing Competition - The University of Oklahoma College of Law is accepting papers on any issue concerning American Indian Law. Prizes of \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 will be awarded for first-, second-, and third-place entries, respectively. ***All entries must be postmarked first class no later than January 31, 2004.***

Religious Freedom - The Alliance Defense Fund, Inc., is sponsoring the **2004 William Pew Religious Freedom Scholarship Competition**, which will award cash prizes of \$5,000, \$2,000 and \$500 for the top three papers that address "one or more legal issues justifying a perspective consistent with religious liberty, the sanctity of life and/or traditional values, including marriage as a uniquely being between one man and one woman, as advocated by the Alliance Defense Fund on its web site at www.alliancedefensefund.org." ***Entries must be postmarked no later than April 1, 2004.***

Contemporary American Government and Society - The Pacific Legal Foundation's Program for Judicial Awareness announces its **Fifth Annual Student Writing Competition**. Entrants are required to write on one of three topics: the impact on Takings Clause jurisprudence resulting from the Supreme Court's decision in *Lucas v. South Carolina Coastal Council*, 505 U.S. 1003 (1992); the role of international law in

judicial interpretation of the United States Constitution; and the scope of the Commerce Clause in enforcement of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act. First-, second- and third-place awards of \$5,000, \$3,000 and \$1,500 will be made. ***Submissions must be postmarked no later than May 31, 2004.***

“TWO BUCKS, A BOX, OR A PAIR OF SOCKS...”

“Two bucks, a box, or a pair of socks...” provides each member of the William and Mary Law School community an opportunity to have a positive impact in the life of an Iraqi child.

Inspired by Army Major Gregg Softy’s letter home (<http://www.iraqischools.com/letters.asp?ltr=1>), the 2L Legal Skills firm of Moliterno, Roberts, Fox, Pierro and Maddox (MRFPM) is coordinating a drive to gather school supplies and personal items to send to Iraq.

MRFPM challenges each member of the law school community—students, faculty and staff—to contribute \$2, a box of crayons/markers/pens/pencils, or a pair of children’s socks. Monetary contributions can be dropped in 2L Elizabeth Bircher’s hanging file. (All money collected will be spent on purchasing school supplies.) School supplies and socks can be dropped in a donation box in the student lounge or the library’s basement computer lab. The drive ends October 31st.

Please join our venture through your contribution!

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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