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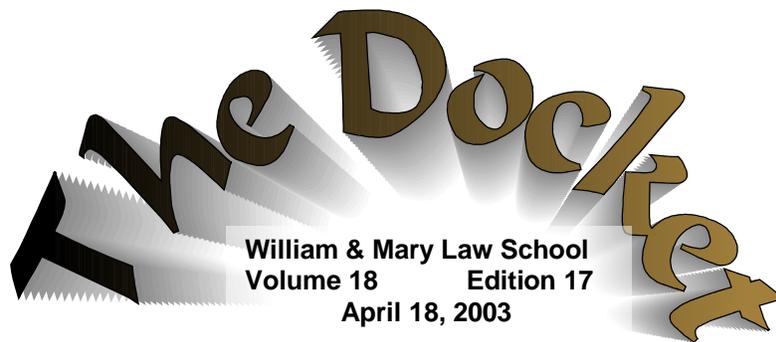
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## [[[[ NEWSWORTHY NOTES ]]]]

**NOTE FROM THE EDITOR:** On behalf of Dean Taylor Reveley and myself, I would like to CONGRATULATE The Class of 2003! We have watched you grow and mature into impressive young men and women and are confident that we will hear great things about you in the future. You have our blessing and hope that you will become the Citizen Lawyers needed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

*Cassi Fritzius*

Did you know that according to the **Chattanooga Times Free Press** (Tennessee), artist **Nathan Evans** (1L), a Signal Mountain resident, had several oil portraits of legendary jazz artists recently on display at the African American Museum in Chattanooga?

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Professor Mechele Dickerson, her husband, Mac, and their son, John on the arrival of their son and little brother – **Joshua Warner McCormick** was born on Sunday, April 13, 2003 at 4:28 p.m. He weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long.

**CONGRATULATIONS** also to Dave Minko and his wife on the birth of their son, **Clark Joseph**, at 12:42 a.m. on April 15. He weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces, and smiles a peaceful hello to all.

**MANY THANKS** to everyone at the Law School who made Reunion Weekend a great success. We appreciated everyone's help and patience. Meeting students and seeing faculty means so much to our graduates and we appreciate all of you who worked, attended events or simply made the alumni feel welcome when they entered the building.

*The staff of the Development & Alumni Affairs Office*

**Kathy Pond** recently joined the Law School's Office of Development and Alumni Affairs as administrative assistant. A Suffolk native, who currently resides in Smithfield, she was most recently self-employed as the owner of a gift basket shop in Smithfield. Previously, she worked for the city of Suffolk in the Department of Economic Development.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Megan Gillespie** (3L) and **David Blessing** (2L) on winning first and second place (respectively) in the Annual Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition.

**KUDOS TO THE LAW SCHOOL COMMUNITY** for their support of the Bone Marrow Drive. The Library staff collected **\$1507.00**. The goal was \$1500. **A very special THANK-YOU goes to Janey Janson** for her work in bringing this drive to such a successful conclusion.

### [[[[ MARK YOUR CALENDAR ]]]]

The InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington (IFC), in cooperation with the United States Conference of Religions for Peace and the American University Office of the Chaplain, presents

### **The 2003 Spring Public Dialogue The Death Penalty: Our Faiths and Our Communities**

This evening of interfaith dialogue will enable people of diverse faiths and good will to respectfully share and learn about different religious perspectives and the experience of persons of color and immigrants with the death penalty in our region. The Dialogue will incorporate the presentation of diverse views on capital punishment, including its moral implications and social consequences.

**Tuesday, April 29, 2003**  
**6:00 - 9:30 p.m. (Registration begins at 5:30 p.m.)**  
Hosted by Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church  
3401 Nebraska Ave, NW, Washington, DC

For more information and registration form, please go to [www.ifcmw.org](http://www.ifcmw.org).

### GRADUATION INFORMATION



**LAW SCHOOL AWARDS CEREMONY** is new this year! It will be held on Saturday, May 10, at 11:30 a.m., in room 119, immediately preceding the Graduation Barbeque. Award recipients, family, graduates, friends, faculty and staff are invited to attend. Please plan to attend this new graduation event.

The 2003 Commencement Committee cordially invites you to celebrate their graduation with them on Saturday, May 10 at noon at the **ANNUAL GRADUATION BBQ** in front of the law school, immediately following the Awards Ceremony. J & M entertainment will be providing music and karaoke. Yes, karaoke, don't miss the opportunity to show off all that talent you don't get a chance to use at Marshall-Wythe! Food is being catered by the Pottery Wine and Cheese Shop. The cost of the tickets is \$13.00 per person. They can be purchased through Emily Anderson (elande@wm.edu). The graduates look forward to sharing some good food, drink, and song with you so please plan to attend!

**THE ORDER OF THE COIF INDUCTION CEREMONY** will be in the Wren Building at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 10. All are welcome to attend this ceremony that recognizes those who have earned the highest academic honor awarded by the Law School. A reception will follow. Please plan to attend!

**The Law School diploma ceremony is at 3:00 p.m., May 11<sup>th</sup> in Zable Football Stadium (In case of rain, PBK Hall. Guest tickets are required at PBK Hall.**

## **EXAM REMINDERS**

Check the *worcs* for your exam code before the exam period begins. If you have a problem, please see Gloria Todd.

Read **(or find and read)** Dean Jackson's exam information e-mail of April 11 for exam procedures and helpful hints.

Be sure to make an appointment with the IT staff, Adam Gutterman ([axgutt@wm.edu](mailto:axgutt@wm.edu) or X 11563) or Peg Wagner ([prwagn@wm.edu](mailto:prwagn@wm.edu) or X11561), to format your laptop to print to the lab printer. **PLEASE DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO REQUEST THIS ASSISTANCE!**

## **GRADES AND RANKS**

Grades will be viewable on *worcs.wm.edu* beginning May 9. Graduating student grades are due May 7 and all remaining grades are due by May 22.

Ranks will be mailed with the Career Services summer mailing. This typically arrives to your summer address in early July.

It might be a wise decision to be sure Chris Creech has your summer address!

## **THIRD-YEAR STUDENTS WORKING FOR PAY/CREDIT**

Third Year Practice certificates are requested automatically for all eligible rising 3L students after the spring semester grades have been submitted. Eligibility requires completion of four semesters of law study, Evidence, Criminal Law, Procedure, Ethics (all four semesters of Legal Skills) and that the student be in good standing. Certificates will be available by June 15. More information regarding Third Year Practice is in the Registration Bulletin.

## **NOTARY SERVICES**

Gloria Todd and Chris Creech can provide Notary Services. Please don't wait until the last minute to have your bar applications notarized (and **REMEMBER** - do NOT sign your documents until you bring them to a notary).

## **GENERAL REMINDERS**

**Transcripts** - There is a \$5.00 fee for every official transcript request. Official transcripts may be ordered in person at Blow Hall (with check in hand), or in writing by mail (with a check attached) made payable to the College of William & Mary.

**MPRE Applications** - Remember these applications are on the handout shelves in the Library. Quantities are limited so please, only one to a customer.

**Virginia Bar Exam** - Remember that all Virginia Bar Exam Applications are due in Richmond prior to graduation!

**Joint Degree Candidates** - If you haven't yet done so, please notify Liz Jackson in writing of your plans for the coming academic year. It is very important that Dean Jackson know where your 2003-04 hours are.

**Summer Contact** - Summer addresses are the only means by which you will receive your class rank and important career services information. If you haven't done so, please return these forms to Chris Creech.

**Bar Certification** - Those applying to sit for a bar exam this July should read the application rules carefully. Forms that require school certification are to be given to Dean Jackson. If the application requires the attachment of an official transcript, please remember to make an official request and attach a check for \$5.00.

## ADMISSIONS

The **Admitted Student Weekend** was a huge success! Thanks to **Erin Butler, Dana Bowling and Scott Herman**, SBA Admission Committee Co-chairs, and **Justin Hargrove** - who helped arrange lodging for visitors. Everyone's contribution resulted in a positive experience and warm welcome for our guests. Your efforts were sincerely appreciated.

**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!

## FROM OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES (OCS)

**OCS wishes you success!** We'll be thinking of you as you go off into the "real world" for the summer – or for good. Whether you're graduating in May or returning next fall, we will be here throughout the summer to answer any questions you might have. Feel free to contact us via phone (757-221-3805), e-mail ([lawocs@wm.edu](mailto:lawocs@wm.edu)), fax (757-221-1611), or regular mail (P.O. Box 8795, Williamsburg, VA 23187-8795). **Current 1Ls and 2Ls should make sure you have provided Chris Creech with a summer address so that you will receive our mailing in late June/early July.** It will include critical information about fall job fairs (for which you must register this summer), fall OCIs, and more.

***Please turn in your employment surveys!*** There was one placed in every student's hanging file, but if you've misplaced yours, we've got extras. In addition to us being able to help you if you're still looking for a job, the information provided by those who **are** employed helps us in marketing the law school to employers over the summer as we work to entice them to interview on campus, participate in job fairs, or list future positions with us for our students and graduates. We appreciate your help.

## HOT JOBS



***Summer Research Positions with Faculty Members*** - OCS has surveyed professors about their hiring plans for summer 2003. A chart summarizing their needs and hiring procedures was e-mailed to all 1Ls and 2Ls, and a copy is posted in OCS.

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

***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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

***Bar Loans*** - The two lenders whose Web sites are listed below offer loans to students to cover the expenses of taking a state's **bar examination** and/or a **bar exam prep course**. Students can apply for up to \$8,000 and can receive the funds six months in advance through six months after graduation. It is recommended that students apply online; the links are [www.accessgroup.org](http://www.accessgroup.org) and [www.salliemae.com](http://www.salliemae.com). For additional information, contact either Tracey Williams (221-2423) or Dave Deibel (221-2426) in the Financial Aid Office on main campus.

***Summer Housing in Washington, DC*** - OCS Has received several notices about summer housing opportunities in Washington, DC. See "Summer Housing in DC" File in the Application File Cabinet in OCS.

***William & Mary Washington Office*** – The DC Office now has an agreement with George Washington University to designate a housing area for William & Mary students conducting internships in Washington, DC for the summer. The arrangement has been made to simplify the process of looking for summer housing, and to guarantee William & Mary students a safe, convenient, and quality living arrangement while in DC. For more information, see <http://fsweb.wm.edu/dcoffice/gwhousing.htm>. The Washington Office also provides a service through its Web site consisting of links to university and private housing

sites, and has a forum for students to communicate about leads, locate roommates, etc. <http://fsweb.wm.edu/dcoffice/summerhousing.htm>

**Catholic University** – Several housing options are available in residence halls at the campus approximately three miles north of the Capitol. Some are in new apartment-style halls and others are single and double rooms. Phones and 24-hour security are included, and meal plans are available. <http://conferences.cua.edu>

**Georgetown University** – The GU Law Center offers housing from June 1 through August 9. Apartments are fully furnished, air-conditioned, and within walking distance to the Capitol, courts, and more. See the info in OCS, check online at [www.law.georgetown.edu/reslife](http://www.law.georgetown.edu/reslife), or call 202-662-9290.

**NALP Apartment Exchange** - The National Association for Law Placement sponsors this on-line service where you may list your own apartment or look for an apartment in the city where you plan to work this summer. It's easy and it's free, and will be available on-line until May 1, 2003. [www.nalp.org](http://www.nalp.org)

**More Summer Housing** - JDPost lists summer sublets for and by law students. See [www.jdpost.com](http://www.jdpost.com)

## NEW RESOURCES

**The Lawyer's Guide to Job Surfing on the Internet** is, well, the title pretty much says it all, doesn't it?

The **Congressional Yellow Book** lists contact information for U.S. Senators and Representatives and over 13,500 key staff, as well as Senate and House committee and subcommittee staffs, and leadership and party organizations.

The **Corporate Yellow Book** has contact information for over 40,000 executives at over 1,000 companies and 4,000 subsidiaries and divisions, and more than 9,000 board members and their outside affiliations.

The **Federal Yellow Book** includes contact information for over 4,000 government officials in the Executive Office of the President, 14 Cabinet-level departments, and more than 80 independent federal agencies.

## WRITING COMPETITIONS

**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 competition:

- **Intellectual Property** - Building Block CLE (BBCLE) has announced the **First Annual BBCLE.com IP Law Student Writing Competition** that will award \$2,500 for the best student paper directed to an Intellectual Property issue or subject. Intellectual property includes patents, trademarks, copyrights, issues of domain ownership and use, licensing, trade secrets and unfair competition. All current students are eligible. **Entries must be submitted by email no later than July 1, 2003.**
  
- **Wildlife and Conservation Law** - The Legal Committee of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA) is sponsoring a **Wildlife and Conservation Law Writing Contest** for law students. Entries may be on any one of several topics suggested by SEAFWA (such as constitutional and criminal issues related to the regulation of hunting and fishing, issues related to holding exotic wildlife as pets, privatization of fish and wildlife resources, etc.) or any topic related to wildlife or conservation law. **Deadline for entry: August 15, 2003.**

## LIBRARY NEWS

**Restricted Library Access** - From **Friday, April 18, at 5:00 p.m., until Monday, May 5, at 5:00 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 or those using legal materials are permitted access.

**Graduation Sunday Library Hours** - The Library will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Graduation Sunday, May 11.

**Memorial Day Library Hours** - Abbreviated circulation desk hours will be observed on Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, based upon the availability of staff. Hours will be posted on the library bulletin board in mid-May.

**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, May 2, 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.

If you plan to attend summer school, work as a research assistant, or study for the bar examination you may renew your locker. Students who need a locker for the summer may obtain a key at the circulation desk. Lockers will be available for the summer session as keys are returned from the spring semester. All locker keys must be returned at the end of the summer session.

**Carrel Renewals** - The deadline for carrel renewal is **Friday, May 2, by 5:00 p.m.** During the week prior to graduation, library staff will be reshelving carrel materials, so be sure to renew your carrel and materials if you plan to use the carrel this summer.

**Interlibrary Loan Returns and Renewals** - Please return interlibrary loan materials before you leave for the summer. The loan period for interlibrary loan material is generally one month. Some libraries will extend the loan period for an additional month, but you must request a renewal before the due date. If the library will not extend the loan, we must return the book. If you need the material even though the book must be returned, photocopy the pages cited and the title page, or complete an interlibrary loan form and request that we borrow it from another library.

Good luck with exams and have a happy and safe summer!

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