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[[[[NEWSWORTHY NOTES]]]]



CONGRATULATIONS to Andrea and Mark D'Ambra on the birth of their twins:

Daughter - Bryndal - 7 pounds, .3 oz
son - Evan - 6 pounds, 11.6 oz

who arrived on February 6, at Portsmouth Naval Hospital.

CONGRATULATIONS to William Lamberth, SBA President for 2003/04.

CONGRATULATIONS to the 2003/04 Law Review staff: Sarah Belcher, Dave Wonderlick, Rob Barnsby, Matthew Brown, Jennifer Komoroski, Ashley Handwerk, Jeremy Hochberg, Jeff Spann, Dennis McLoughlin, Angela Montag, Alex Pickands, Amanda Wait, David Blessing, Monty Cooper, Mike DeLuca, Joe Schouten, Eric Cook, and John Hughes.

CONGRATULATIONS to the 2003/04 Environmental Law and Policy Journal staff: Elle O'Flaherty, Natasha Robinson, Jenn Maceda, Bryan Short, Matthew Thompson, Jennifer Macierowski, Rusty Anderson, Carter Chandler, Matt King, Gunther Chestnut and Todd Muldrew.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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. The lecture is open to the public so please plan to attend. A reception will follow in the Lobby.

The Establishment Clause is one of two First Amendment clauses that address the relationship between religion and government. In two controversial cases

last year – one challenging the Pledge of Allegiance and the other a school voucher plan in Cleveland – federal courts affirmed the importance of coercion in determining when government action has violated the Establishment Clause. In her lecture, Professor Ward will examine the core meaning of coercion, compare it with the conception of coercion that has appeared in the Supreme Court's recent Establishment Clause opinions, and suggest the proper role of coercion in a coherent Establishment Clause jurisprudence.

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**.

BLACK LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION is holding its annual Oliver Hill Scholarship Banquet on Sunday, March 30, 2003. The recipient of the Oliver Hill Scholarship will be announced at the banquet. The banquet will be held at the University Center, Tidewater A, from 3:00–6:00 p.m. Tickets for this event are \$20 for students and \$25 for non-students and will be on sale on March 10th in the lobby. All proceeds go towards the Oliver Hill Scholarship Fund. If you have questions, please contact Jessica Cook at jtcook@wm.edu.

**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

The last **INFORMATION SESSION FOR PROSPECTIVE APPLICANTS AND STUDENTS** is scheduled for today. 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. Your information will be distributed to new admits on April 5. Thanks for your help!



STUDENT FINANCIAL AID - Attention all 1Ls and 2Ls: Don't forget: March 1 is the FAFSA deadline. The FAFSA is required for educational loans and need-based financial aid. Please contact the Financial Aid Office by calling 221-2426 if you wish to schedule an appointment for more information.

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 Dean Shealy'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 - 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 13**. 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.

For those who do require official transcripts ... forms are in Dean Jackson's office or <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 in the order received. A request may take up to 10 working days for receipt, so PLAN AHEAD!

STAFF AWARDS – Don't forget that students can nominate an hourly or full-time 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 may be made to the Student Assembly Office, Campus Center 167 or 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 or 221-3796.

FROM OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES (OCS)

World Wide Web Site of the Week - International Non-Governmental Organizations (www.politicalresources.net/int2.htm) This site provides a link to various international organizations, including governmental, non-governmental, and media, categorized by reference group.

HOT JOBS

Equal Justice Works Fellowships - 3Ls interested in public service are advised that Equal Justice Works has recently posted new "Route B" Fellowships at 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 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

Watch your e-mail for details about the **Non-Traditional Career Conversations** program on Friday, March 14 and the **Small Firm Job Fair** on Friday, March 28. Both events will be held here at the law school.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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>

William & Mary Washington Office – The DC Office 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>

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 information in OCS, check online at 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

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.**

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, 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.

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. The registration deadline for the exam is March 12.

NEW RESOURCES

The **2003 Hampton Roads Legal Directory** has listings for judges, lawyers, law firms, bar associations and more for the Hampton Roads region.

The **2003-2004 Directory of Legal Aid and Defender Offices** lists contact information for every legal aid and public defender office in the U.S., as well as contact information for national and state legal support organizations which deal with civil rights, mental health, Native American rights, women's issues, consumer rights, and much, much more.

The 2003 edition of **BNA's Directory of State and Federal Courts, Judges and Clerks** not only lists contact information, it also has useful information on how the courts are structured in each jurisdiction.

If you're looking for a job on Capitol Hill, the **Congressional Yellow Book** lists contact information for U.S. Senators and Representatives and more than 13,500 key staff, as well as Senate and House committee and subcommittee staffs, and leadership and party organizations.

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.

∂ **Affordable Housing** - The ABA Journal of Affordable Housing and Community Development Law is sponsoring a writing competition for students currently enrolled in law school. Papers should address any legal issue regarding affordable housing and/or community development law. The best paper will be

awarded \$1,000. All entries must be postmarked by March 15, 2003. For more information, see <http://www.abanet.org/forums/affordable/home.html> .

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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