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## NEWSWORTHY NEWS



**FLU SHOTS** will be administered at the Law School by personnel from the Student Health Center on Tuesday, November 4, 1:00-4:00 p.m. in the Lobby. The cost is \$15.00 for all faculty, staff and students.



From Emily Bazelon, Senior Editor: Following is information about the **First Annual *Legal Affairs* Writing Contest for Law Students**, launched by *Legal Affairs* magazine and

sponsored by The Marbury Institute of Piper Rudnick LLP. The contest offers students a rare chance to be published in an award-winning general-interest magazine. As a recent law school graduate and a senior editor of *Legal Affairs*, I'd like to ask for your help in telling students about this opportunity.

We're asking contestants to make an argument of no more than 1,500 words about a pertinent topic in the law, in a style that's accessible to general readers and lawyers alike. Entries, which are due on **January 7, 2004**, will be judged by *Legal Affairs'* editorial staff based on ingenuity of reasoning, strength of the evidence they present, and the clarity and style of writing.

The first-place winner will be awarded \$2,000 and his or her entry will be published in the "Argument" section of *Legal Affairs'* March/April 2004 issue. The second-place winner will receive a prize of \$1,000. The third-place winner will be awarded \$500. You can find more information about the contest at [www.legalaffairs.org](http://www.legalaffairs.org).

*Legal Affairs* began publishing in 2002 as the first general-interest magazine for lawyers as well as non-lawyers. The idea is to offer smart, influential, and entertaining writing about the law in a single forum. As an independent non-profit venture, we have a broad educational mission: To improve the quality of writing about the law, and to strengthen the legal process by making key issues of law and justice accessible to the public.

*Legal Affairs* publishes commentary from top academics like Cass Sunstein, Eugene Volokh, and Jonathan Zittrain alongside some of the nation's leading journalists: Jim Fallows of *The Atlantic Monthly*, the Pulitzer Prize winner Diane McWhorter, and *The New Republic's* Jeffrey Rosen. The magazine has received plaudits from legal leaders and the media.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

***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.)

**REGISTRATION REMINDER** - Remember to clear all holds – *even an overdue book will prohibit your registration*. Registration for 3Ls and LLMS is November 3. For 2Ls, registration is November 4. Students who are unable to register in their registration window can have a friend register them, *provided the friend is given the appropriate my.wm.edu login* and, naturally, course selection

**EXAM CONFLICT FORMS** are 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 - Job Links for Lawyers*** boasts "803 unique links to sites that post current job openings for attorneys" – and that includes internships, judicial clerkships, fellowships, and covers public and private employers. Links are sorted by jurisdiction and by web site type or publication type. <http://home.sprynet.com/~ear2ground/>

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

***Attention 1L Students*** - OCS will be conducting two different 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 just \$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](mailto:knightk@staff.abanet.org). Space is limited. For a schedule and registration form, see the ABA file in the Applications Cabinet in OCS.

**Sports Law** - Suffolk University Law School in Boston will host a **SPORTS LAW FORUM** on **Friday, November 14, 2003**. Panelists include Bob Kraft, owner of the New England Patriots, Gene Upshaw, head of the National Football Players Association, Jeffrey Kessler, attorney for the Football, Baseball, Hockey, Basketball and Major League Soccer Players Associations, player agents and lawyers for many of the best known professional athletes, and more. For more information, see OCS or [www.law.suffolk.edu/als](http://www.law.suffolk.edu/als).

**More on 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](http://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 Tuesday, November 18 at 5:00 p.m.** (Note: The application itself says it's due on Monday, November 18, which is incorrect – the 18<sup>th</sup> is Tuesday, and that's the day it's due.)

**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.

**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](http://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 the hours OCS is open – that is, the same hours as the library circulation desk. The machine may be used for outgoing faxes only; the Honor Code governs use. Instructions are posted next to the machine.

## **NEW RESOURCES**

The **Vault Guide to Bankruptcy Law Careers** gives the inside scoop on major types of bankruptcy practices, including work representing companies, creditors, the government, consumers filing for bankruptcy and more. Much of the book deals with how to get hired and what it's like to work as a bankruptcy attorney.

The **Vault Guide to Corporate Law Careers** includes overviews of the major career paths in corporate law, including work for law firms, in-house at corporations, for the government, and as a contract attorney; an inside look at typical days for corporate lawyers, from entry-level to partner; a breakdown of the hiring process; and tips for becoming a top corporate lawyer.

The 2004 edition of **BNA's Directory of State and Federal Courts, Judges and Clerks** not only lists contact information, it has useful information on how the courts are structured in each jurisdiction.

## 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.

**Entertainment Law Initiative (ELI) Scholarship Writing Competition** - In conjunction with the American Bar Association, the National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences (home of the GRAMMY® Awards) will award one first-place prize of \$5,000 and four second-place prizes of \$1,500 for winning essays on a compelling legal issue facing the music industry. All winners will also receive tickets to the GRAMMY® Awards Show, airfare, hotel accommodations, and more. For complete contest rules, send an e-mail to ELI@GRAMMY.com. **Paper submission deadline: January 2, 2004.**

**Business Law Competition** - The ABA Section of Business Law will award a first prize of \$2,500, a second prize of \$1,000, and a third prize of \$500 for winning entries in its annual **MENDES HERSHMAN STUDENT WRITING CONTEST**. Papers may be on any topic related to business law. For contest rules and other details, see Brian Lewis in OCS. **Submissions are due to Dean Lewis by Friday, January 16, 2004.**

**IADC Legal Writing Contest** - The International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) announces its 2004 Legal Writing Contest, open to all law students. Entrants must write on subjects in the fields of tort law, insurance law, civil procedure, evidence or other areas of the law of practical concern to lawyers engaged in the defense or management of the defense of civil litigation. Monetary prizes of \$2,000, \$1,000, and \$500 will be awarded for first, second, and third place winners, respectively. Contest rules, writing guidelines, and entry forms are available at [www.iadclaw.org](http://www.iadclaw.org). **Entries must be postmarked on or before April 19, 2004.**

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### **2003 publication schedule**

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