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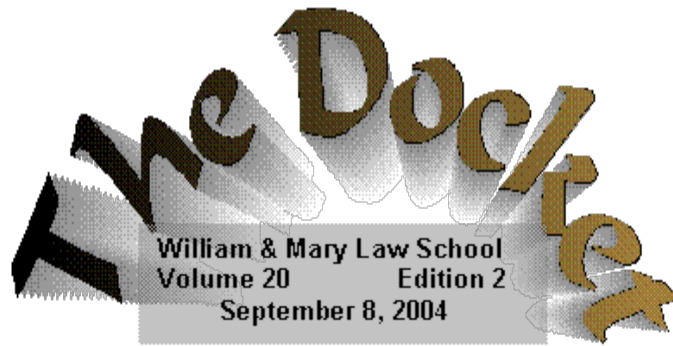
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THE ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11

WE SHALL NEVER FORGET

Editor's Note: Professor Eric Chason's name was misspelled in Edition 1.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION: The Williamsburg Farmers' Market is open 8:00 a.m.-noon on Saturdays in Merchant Square. This Saturday, September 11, fall produce including pumpkins, will be at the Market. Chef Dan Kennedy of Giuseppe's will demonstrate at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m., the Williamsburg Land Conservancy will exhibit, the Williamsburg Center will test blood pressure, and designated vendors will accept WIC coupons. Tim Seaman will play flutes and dulcimer. For more information, call 259-3768, or www.williamsburgfarmersmarket.com

WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

The Law School must always have your most current address and phone number on file. Students should check their contact information by logging onto Banner Self Service. Please notify Chris Creech immediately of any correction to this information.

Reminder! No signs on walls, doors or windows. You may post notices in the Student Lounge (using tape only on the walls and doors please). Obtain permission from Gloria Todd to post notices on the Administration Bulletin Board.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

If your organization did not register with the Law School Administrative office last spring, please stop by and see Gloria Todd. Registered organizations will receive priority for room reservations at the Law School, and are eligible for provided hanging files and bulletin board space from the SBA. Officers should frequently check organization hanging files. FYI: Room Reservation Request Forms can be found on the Library handout shelves and by Gloria Todd's office across from the moot courtroom.

ADMINISTRATOR AND FACULTY MAILBOX ACCESS

If there is a need to contact an administrator or faculty member through their Law School mailbox, please place the item in the appropriately marked box in the reception area. The item will be delivered for you. ***Please remember that students are not allowed in the workroom.***

CHECKED YOUR E-MAIL?

Remember, you are expected to check your e-mail at least once a day. If you have forwarded your college e-mail account to your personal account, you are responsible for verifying that the forwarded address is accurate.

REMEMBER THE INTERNET! Use the Law School web site to answer common questions regarding academics and/or student life. AND, please review the Unified Honor Code found from the Law School Homepage by clicking on Student Life, then Academic Regulations, then Honor System or: <http://www.wm.edu/so/honor-council>.

UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS

Students can now print their unofficial transcripts from Banner Self Service. It is possible to paste this unofficial transcript to a Word Document and then delete duplicative information (no changing or deleting grades though - :)); make certain you add your name to the top of the document and should add the statement "Unofficial Transcript -

Produced from the Internet." Please review the information for accuracy and immediately bring discrepancies to Dean Jackson's attention.

24 ACCESS

The Law School is open 24/7 with ID access after the close of business. It is extremely important that security to the building not be compromised, especially after hours. Please protect yourself, your colleagues and your possessions by keeping access doors closed. Campus police will check the building several times between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. to ensure doors are not propped open.

Be sure to test your ID card in the magnetic locks before you need to use your card. If the green light does not come on, report the problem to the circulation staff immediately. If the card was incorrectly programmed, we should be able to fix the problem. If the magnetic strip is defective, you will need to go to the ID office to receive a new card.

We emphasize the importance of keeping all outside doors as well as the doors into the library locked at all times after hours in order to maintain a secure facility. Since non-law patrons may remain in the library when the circulation desk closes, if you find a door ajar, please secure the door. We need everyone's help to maintain a secure facility for law students who wish to study in the library late at night. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and secure study facility for everyone so that we may continue the 24/7 ID access policy.

VIRGINIA BAR UPDATE

The Application for the Virginia Bar Examination and the Applicant's Character and Fitness Questionnaire are available online through the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners web site at: <http://www.vbbe.state.va.us/forms.html> Students who expect to sit for the Virginia Bar Examination can file the Character and Fitness Questionnaire within the first 14 months of their law school career for a discounted rate. The Bar Application, cannot be filed more than three months prior to sitting for the exam.

MULTISTATE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAM

Those planning to sit for the Virginia Bar are forewarned that the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners requires applicants to take the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE). The MPRE is a fifty question, two-hour, multiple-choice examination administered three times each year. A limited number of MPRE applications are by the handout shelves in the Library. You also can register online at: <https://actrs19.act.org/app/mpre/mpre>. The next scheduled MPRE exam is **November 12, 2004**. Good luck!!!

FROM THE OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

World Wide Web Site of the Week - Law Periscope is an online law firm research tool. Its database includes information on the 300 largest U.S. law firms and produces its search results in the form of a succinct profile page with simple, direct links to the relevant section of a firm's web site. Each profile provides a quick and efficient road map for students to learn about a firm in general and then review a particular practice area, branch office or legal topic from a primary, current source – the firm's web site. www.lawperiscope.com

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AND DEADLINES FOR 2Ls AND 3Ls

Sunday, September 5 - Third On-Campus Bidding Deadline

Monday, September 6 - Third Group Mailing Bidding Deadline

Monday-Friday, September 6 -10, times TBA - Using Lexis in Your Job Search (Library Computer Training Center - sign up at Library Reference Desk)

Thursday, September 9, 3:00 p.m. - State and Specialty Judicial Clerkships for 3-Ls (Room 127)

Sunday, September 12 - Fourth On-Campus Bidding Deadline

Monday, September 13 - Fourth Group Mailing Bidding Deadline

Monday -Friday, September 13 -17, times TBA - Using Westlaw in Your Job Search (Library Computer Training Center - sign up at Library Reference Desk)

Mock Interview Program - The Asian Pacific American Bar Association Educational Fund (AEF), the Native American Bar Association of DC, and the South Asian Bar Association of Washington, DC is sponsoring a Mock Interview Program on **Saturday, September 11, 2004**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the offices of Hogan & Hartson in Washington, DC. All law students are invited and encouraged to participate. **REGISTRATION FORMS ARE DUE BY WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8.** They are available on the AEF website (www.aef-apaba.org) and in OCS.

2Ls and 3Ls - Information on the **U.S. Department of Justice hiring programs** is available in OCS as well as online at www.usdoj.gov/oarm. Applications for the **Summer Law Intern Program** for 2Ls and the **Attorney General's Honors Program** for 3Ls must be submitted online. **You have until midnight on Saturday, September 18, 2004 to submit your applications online**, but we advise students not to wait until the last day to submit, in case anything should go wrong with their Web site. If your application is not in by September 18, no matter whether the problem is yours or theirs, it will not be accepted.

3Ls - Equal Justice Works Equal Justice Fellowship applications are now being solicited. These two-year fellowships provide salary and loan repayment assistance to lawyers who advocate on behalf of individuals, groups, or interests that are not adequately represented by some aspect of the legal system. You may obtain additional information and an application on Equal Justice Works' website, www.equaljusticeworks.org. Deadline to apply is **September 16, 2004**.

2Ls and 3Ls – Equal Justice Works Public Interest Career Fair, October 28-29, 2004, Washington, DC - Law students seeking summer and permanent positions in public service will have the opportunity to conduct one-on-one interviews and participate in Table Talk with more than 200 employers at the job fair. There will also be workshop sessions on public interest career development, loan repayment assistance, and law school organizing throughout each day. More information should be available soon; we will pass it along as soon as we hear.

Strategies for Success If You Do Not Receive an Offer from Your Summer Employer If you find yourself in this situation, see Dean Kaplan, Dean Lewis or Ms. Sein, and pick up a copy of the handout on this subject from the OCS Display Rack.

Labor and Employment Law - The Peggy Browning Fund is sponsoring their sixth annual **National Workers' Rights Conference for Law Students** on Friday & Saturday, October 15-16 in Silver Spring, Maryland. The program will include four workshops led by leading labor practitioners and professors. **If you are interested in attending in this program, see Dean Lewis by September 15.** For more info, see www.peggybrowningfund.org.

Fax Machine - A fax machine is available in Room 263E of the Office of Career Services for students' 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

The ***Vault Guide to Law Firm Pro Bono Programs*** describes the inner workings of nearly 100 firms' pro bono programs.

Nonlegal Careers for Lawyers describes opportunities outside the traditional practice of law, as well as how to find jobs in those areas.

The ***ABA Guide to Foreign Law Firms*** lists firms by country and gives contact information.

Knock 'em Dead gives you “great answers to over 200 tough interview questions – plus the latest electronic job search strategies.”

National Trade and Professional Associations of the United States is a great networking tool. Got an interest? There's undoubtedly a specialty organization you can contact for useful information on membership, publications, meetings and more.

The ***National Directory of Corporate Public Affairs*** should be of interest to anyone interested in exploring careers in lobbying.

Of Counsel 700 gives thumbnail sketches of the top 700 law firms in the country.

The ***2004-2005 Directory of Corporate Counsel*** lists information on the organization and personnel of corporate and nonprofit law departments in the United States and Canada.

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.

The National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL) is sponsoring the ***William J. Pierce Writing Contest***. The winning article, note, or comment addressing a uniform or model act, or an issue arising from a uniform or model act promulgated by NCCUSL will win \$500. ***Deadline: December 1, 2004.***

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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