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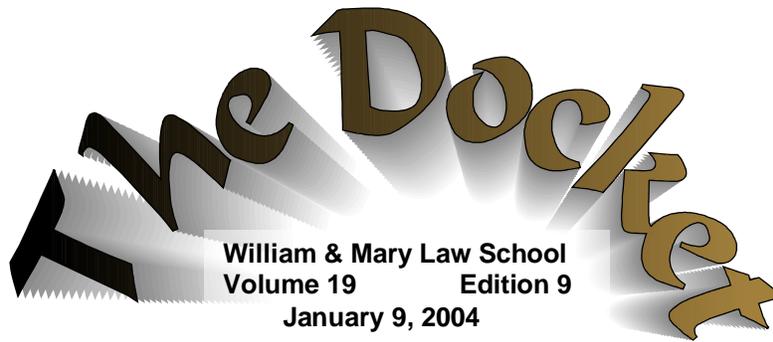
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[[[[NEWSWORTHY NOTES]]]]

MARK YOUR CALENDAR – The Law School is officially *closed on Monday, January 19* to commemorate *Martin Luther King, Jr. Day*.

CONGRATULATIONS to Carolyn Chambers (OCS) on her engagement to Eric Callaghan. The couple will be married on November 6 in Illinois.

CONGRATULATIONS to Alexander Tevis Marshall (3L) and Mary Caroline Reynolds on their recent engagement. They plan to marry in October 2004 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Members of the Class of 2004
Mark your Calendars for the
Second Annual
100th Night Celebration!
Friday, January 30
8:00-12:00 p.m.
Chesapeake A, University Center
Dance Party with light hors d'oeuvres, beer & wine
RSVP today!
Liv Moir (lamoir@wm.edu)

NEED TO KNOW INFO

ATTENTION ALL 1Ls and 2Ls: Information was placed in your hanging files on December 18, 2003 regarding financial aid for the 2004-2005 academic year. If you did not receive this information, additional copies are available in the Admission Office

(room 104). If you seek need-based aid for the next academic year, please review the information and proceed to complete the necessary forms in advance of the deadline.

HONOR CODE

A reminder that our Honor Code and Honor system process is found both on the Web site (<http://www.wm.edu/law/academicprograms/regulations/honorsystem.shtml>) and in the Student Handbook (found on the Student Lounge shelving). Please seek out a member of the Law School Honor Council or the Chief Justice, John Hackel, should you have any question about either the Code or the process.

GRADE CARDS - Your fall semester grades are posted to Banner Web and viewable beginning January 16.

ADDRESS CHANGES - *Remember to notify* the administration as soon as possible when you have a change in address, phone number or name. Also remember that all official University information is mailed to your “home” address.

FROM OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES (OCS)

World Wide Web Site of the Week - Before you get too wrapped up in the semester we thought you might have time for something on the lighter side. **Lawhaha.com** is produced by Andrew McClurg, a law professor who also wrote a monthly humor column for the *ABA Journal* for more than four years. He says the site is “designed to be an interactive humor network for legal types of all stripes: law students, lawyers, law profs, judges, legal secretaries, prison inmates, recidivist parking meter violators – just about anyone with a computer, basically.” Readers are asked to contribute entries for sections such as “Funniest Law School Moments” and “Weird Legal News.” www.lawhaha.com

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

On-Campus Interviews - First-year students and any others not familiar with the online and manual procedures for signing up for on-campus interviews and group mailings should attend **“Using eAttorney for On-Campus Interviewing” on Wednesday, January 14, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 119.**

An Extraordinary Job Search Seminar - By special arrangement, the Office of Career Services will sponsor a seminar on **“Guerilla Tactics for Getting the Legal Job of Your Dreams”** presented by **Kimm Walton**, “America’s most sought-after legal job expert” and author of several best-selling books on the legal job market. Mark your calendars – you don’t want to miss the opportunity to hear and meet the person known coast to coast as “The Job Goddess!” **Tuesday, January 20 at 3:00 p.m. in room 119.**

The Office of Career Services and members of William & Mary's Public Service Fund (PSF) will present a program on ***"Finding and Funding Summer Public Interest and Government Jobs"*** on ***Wednesday, January 21 at 12:30 in room 120***. Students planning to apply for summer stipends (see announcement below) should attend, as the application procedures for the seven funding programs will be explained in detail.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1Ls Participating in the Mock Interview Program – Just a reminder that we need you to submit a copy of your resume to the Resume Submission Cabinet in OCS by ***Sunday, January 18, 2004***. (You must have preregistered to participate.)

Alternative Careers -The Asian Pacific American Bar Association Educational Fund will present ***"Beyond the Practice of Law: A Panel Presentation and Discussion on Alternative Careers for Law School Graduates"*** on ***Tuesday, January 20***, from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. at the law firm of Covington and Burling, 1201 Pennsylvania Avenue, in Washington, DC. All law students are invited. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served. ***If you are interested in attending, RSVP by noon on Friday, January 16, to aefbeyondlawpractice@hotmail.com.***

Rebellious Lawyering - The ***Tenth Annual Rebellious Lawyering Conference*** will take place ***February 20-22, 2004*** at Yale Law School in New Haven, Connecticut. This student-run conference brings together practitioners, law students and community activists/advocates from around the country to discuss innovative, progressive approaches to law and social change. Registration is \$22.50 per person online, \$25 at the door, and efforts will be made to provide free housing to all law students who register promptly. For more information, see <http://islandia.law.yale.edu/reblaw/>

Leadership Positions Available - The ***American Bar Association Law Student Division*** has more than 100 opportunities for students to get involved as leaders at the regional and national level. ABA student leaders can represent the interests of law students across the country, build nationwide professional networks with law students and practicing attorneys, and even shape policy in the ABA. Any law student may apply. ***EACH LAW SCHOOL IS ENCOURAGED TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE CANDIDATE FOR CIRCUIT GOVERNOR, AND THOSE APPLICATIONS ARE DUE FEBRUARY 2. APPLICATIONS FOR LIAISON POSITIONS ARE DUE MARCH 15.*** Liaisons represent the Law Student Division to other ABA practice groups and work directly with practicing lawyers in their chosen field. The ABA offers more than 60 opportunities for student liaison involvement in specialized practice groups. For more information, see the poster on the bulletin board in OCS or visit www.abanet.org/lsd/elections .

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 \$3000 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.

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.

NEW RESOURCES

The **2004 Legal Times Directory of Metro D.C. Law Offices** has contact information and practice area descriptions for firms in Washington, DC, northern Virginia, and Suburban Maryland, as well as an index of firms by practice area.

The 2004 edition of **What Color is Your Parachute? A Practical Manual for Job-Hunters and Career-Changers** bills itself as “the best-selling job-hunting book in the world.”

The **Directory of Associations for Women Lawyers** contains listings for national, state and local women’s bar associations and multicultural women’s bar associations.

The **Federal Regional Yellow Book** lists who’s who in the federal government’s departments, agencies, diplomatic missions, military installations and service academies *outside* of Washington, DC

The **Nonprofit Sector Yellow Book** lists who’s who in the management of the leading foundations, universities, museums and other nonprofit organizations.

WRITING COMPETITIONS (see OCS for more info)

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 competitions:

Law and Technology - The Harvard Journal of Law & Technology is currently seeking submissions for its Third Annual Student Note Competition. Entries of previously unpublished work will be accepted on any issue concerning law and technology. All

entries must be between 7,000 and 10,000 words long (not including footnotes) and must be received via e-mail to slantagn@law.harvard.edu by **February 1, 2004**. Joint efforts are accepted. All identifying information, including name, e-mail address, phone number, and law school, should be confined to a separate cover sheet. First place award is \$1,000. For additional information, please contact Stacey Lantagne at slantagn@law.harvard.edu

Copyright Law - The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) invites third-year students to participate in the **Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition**. First and second prizes of \$600 and \$250, respectively, will be awarded *at each participating law school* for the best essays on any aspect of Copyright Law. For contest rules and other details, see Brian Lewis in OCS. **Submissions are due to Dean Lewis by Monday, March 29, 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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