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## NEWSWORTHY NEWS



**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Josh Whitlock (2L)** and his wife, **Iris**, on the birth of their daughter, **Lydia Lucille Whitlock** on October 25<sup>th</sup>. She was 7 pounds 13 ounces and 20 inches long.

The Law School community would like to **WELCOME** two new staff in Courtroom 21. **Stacey-Rae Simcox**, a 1999 graduate of our law school. She is a Special Assistant United States Attorney and comes to us after distinguished service as a United States Army Judge Advocate. She will teach Legal Skills and Technology-Augmented Trial Advocacy while helping in our lawyer training programs and heading up our academic research into terrorism prosecutions.

**Martin Gruen**, a former volunteer expert on courtroom design and technology, joins us formally after years of dedicated *pro bono* service. Likely the best high-technology courtroom designer in the world, he was significantly responsible for the initial creation of the Courtroom 21 Project and has been the mastermind behind the continuing upgrading of the McGlothlin Courtroom. He will not only enhance our internal technological capabilities but will greatly improve our ability to design and renovate courtrooms and law school academic courtrooms and classrooms throughout the nation.

**WE ARE HAPPY TO WELCOME STACEY-RAE AND MARTIN TO THE LAW SCHOOL.  
BE SURE TO INTRODUCE YOURSELF WHEN YOU SEE THEM IN COURTROOM 21!**

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**THE INNOCENCE PROJECT OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION** will host a discussion and reception featuring Peter J. Neufeld, co-founder of the Innocence Project in New York and author of *Actual Innocence*, and Marvin L. Anderson, Virginia exoneree on **Thursday, November 18, 7:00 p.m., at the University of Richmond School of Law**, Moot Court Room, 28 Westhampton Way, University of Richmond, VA 23173. The Innocence Project of the National Capital Region works to correct and prevent the conviction of innocent people in Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. To RSVP, please contact Kris Henderson, (804) 289-8186. For more information about

the Project contact Misty Thomas at (202) 274-4199 or <http://wcl.american.edu/innocenceproject>.

**THE 50TH ANNUAL WILLIAM & MARY TAX CONFERENCE** will be held November 18-19 at the Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg. The conference, titled "Guiding Privately Held Businesses and Their Owners During the Life Cycle of a Business," is presented by the School of Law and the School of Business, as well as the Taxation Section of the Virginia Bar Association and the Taxation Section of the Virginia State Bar. Please visit the Tax Conference website to download the program brochure and registration form at [www.wm.edu/law/institutesprograms/taxconference/](http://www.wm.edu/law/institutesprograms/taxconference/)

**HOLIDAY FARMERS' MARKET** – Saturday, November 20, 9:00 a.m.-noon at Merchants Square. Visit the Williamsburg Farmers' Market for the ingredients and produce to prepare Thanksgiving dinner. Decorations, breads, cheeses and ready-made baked goods will make the perfect accompaniments. For more information, please call 259-3768, or [www.williamsburgfarmersmarket.com](http://www.williamsburgfarmersmarket.com)

**THANKSGIVING BREAK** - The Law School will be closed Wednesday, November 24 through Friday, November 26.

## LIBRARY NEWS

### 2004 THANKSGIVING CIRCULATION DESK HOURS:

Tuesday, November 23	7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 24	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 25	CLOSED
Friday, November 26	CLOSED
Saturday, November 27	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 28	12:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

### HOLIDAY 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.

## ADMISSION

**FRIDAY INFORMATION SESSION** - Last Friday, the first of our Friday Information Sessions was held. The Program was a great success and was very well received by the prospective applicants that attended. The Admission Staff appreciates the contribution of everyone that participated in the event as well as those that assisted our visitors. It was a truly impressive event that is of immense benefit to our recruiting efforts.

**ATTENTION STUDENTS:** Here is a great opportunity to support PSF at William & Mary! All you have to do is log onto [www.hhlaw.com](http://www.hhlaw.com) and play their Hogan Challenge to help raise money for PSF. The law firm of Hogan & Hartson will reward law schools for having the greatest number – and greatest percentage – of students registered on their website. The winners could receive up to \$15,000 for PSF. Please log on, and play today!

## OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

**World Wide Web Site of the Week** - FindLaw.com claims to be the “highest-trafficked legal Web site, providing the most comprehensive set of legal resources on the Internet for legal professionals, businesses, students and individuals.” Their *Law Student Resources* section alone will keep you busy for hours! <http://findlaw.com/>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**1L Resume Review** - First-year students who turn in their resumes to OCS (with the completed Resume Review Check List) by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 15 will be *guaranteed* a written critique by Monday, November 29. According to the NALP Guidelines, first-year students may send resume to employers beginning December 1<sup>st</sup>. Students may also submit cover letters for review.

**Mock Interview Program** - 1L students are invited to sign up to participate in mock interviews with alumni practitioners in January. This will be your chance to get a practice interview in before spring on-campus interviews and job fairs begin. If you are interested in participating, see Christina Lindsey in OCS ***no later than Monday, November 15.***

**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** which provide stipends of up to \$3,600 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 2005. 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 2005 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 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19 AT 5:00 P.M.**

**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.

**WE’LL BE OPEN** - For those of you planning ahead, OCS will be open throughout finals, and Dean Kaplan, Dean Lewis and Ms. Sein will be available for appointments through December 22 and then again in the new year beginning January 3.

## **NEW RESOURCES**

The **Judicial Yellow Book** has contact information for over 3,300 federal and state judges in federal and state appellate courts, including staff and law clerks, and the law schools they attended. Valuable to 3Ls seeking clerkships after graduation or 1Ls and 2Ls seeking summer judicial internships.

## **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:

➡➡ **IADC Legal Writing Contest** - The International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) announces its 2005 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 18, 2005.**

➤➤ **Health Law** - Epstein Becker & Green, a national firm engaged in the practice of health law, announces its seventh annual **Health Law Writing Competition** for papers on current topics of interest relating to health law. Papers may address any traditional area of the law as applied to health care (e.g., antitrust, tax, corporate), or areas of law unique to health care (e.g., fraud and abuse, managed care, Medicare/Medicaid). First prize is \$4,000, second prize is \$2,000, and third prize is \$500. **Competition entries are due January 24, 2005.**

**Editor's Note: Due to the shortened week before Thanksgiving, the next edition of The Docket will be sent on Friday, December 3d.**

**Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!**

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