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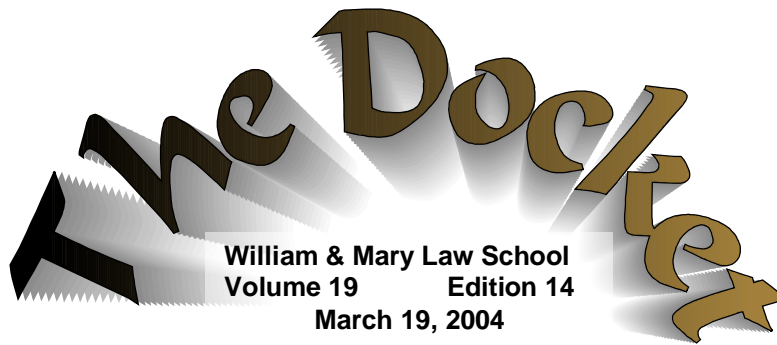
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[[[[NEWSWORTHY NOTES]]]]

CONGRATULATIONS to Jeffrey Geiger (1L) on his engagement to Kristy Archer. They will marry on May 22 in Keswick.

CONGRATULATIONS to the new Teaching Assistants for the Legal Skills Program and a big thank you to all of the talented students who applied. New TAs: Katherine Aidala, Caroline Fleming, Stacy Haney, Claire Maddox, John Mills, Catherine Molloy, Michael Monahan, Maria Mullarkey, Mark Ohrenberger, Elizabeth Peiffer, Geneva Perry, Kimberly Pierro, Kristina Rozek, and Benjamin Willoughby.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



The **BLACK LAW STUDENT ASSOCIATION** is holding a clothing drive for families in the Williamsburg Community. They need all types of **clean clothing and toiletries for adults and children**.

All organizations, groups, classes, legal skills firms, or other interested individuals are encouraged to participate. Please bring your baskets or boxes filled with clothing to **the lobby by 1:00 p.m. on Thursday March 25th**. The organization with the most clothing and/or toiletries will be given a **pizza party** sponsored by the Black Law Student Association. There will also be a container in the student lounge between **March 19th-25th** for individuals who would like to donate but are not affiliated with a group or organization.

Former U.S. **Senator Nancy Kassebaum Baker**, who represented Kansas from 1978-1997, will receive the **Benjamin Rush Medallion** for her significant contributions to the advancement of American health in a ceremony on **Thursday, March 25, at 11:30 a.m. in the Law School's McGlothlin Courtroom**. All are welcome to attend. The recipient is chosen annually by William & Mary's Benjamin Rush Scholars, a select group of law students who have distinguished themselves by their research on health law and policy. For more information, contact Professor Donald Tortorice at 1-7638 (datort@wm.edu).

On March 26-27, the **WILLIAM AND MARY ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY REVIEW** will host a symposium in the McGlothlin Courtroom titled "Linking the Environment and Human Rights: A Global Perspective." The symposium is free and all

are invited to attend. Speakers include, for example, Professor Linda A. Malone of the Law School, co-author of the book "Defending the Environment: Civil Society Strategies to Enforce International Environmental Law"; David Bookbinder, Washington Legal Director of the Sierra Club; and Suzan Shown Harjo, President and Executive Director of The Morning Star Institute, a national organization for native peoples' traditional and cultural advocacy. A complete list of speakers and topics is posted at http://www.wm.edu/law/cnews/show_news.php. For more information, or to pre-register, contact Natasha Robinson at envlaw@wm.edu or at X13279.

OLIVER HILL SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET (celebrating the 50th anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education*) is holding its annual banquet on Sunday, **March 28, 3:00 p.m. at the University Center, Tidewater Room A**. The recipient of the Oliver Hill Scholarship will be announced at the banquet. Ticket prices are: \$21.00 for students, \$26.00 for non-students. Please contact Adrienne Mauney at 757/851-5849 or armaun@wm.edu for additional questions. Keynote speaker is The Honorable Nathaniel R. Jones.

Judge Jones began his prestigious legal career in 1956 as the executive director of the Fair Employment Practices Commission for the City of Youngstown, Ohio. In 1960, Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy appointed him Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Ohio. Judge Jones later became General Counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in 1969. He was then appointed to the Sixth Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals. Currently he is a Senior Counsel for Blank Rome, LLP. Judge Jones is a great contributor to legal scholarship, publishing a myriad of articles on civil rights and the repercussions of the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision.

BONE MARROW DRIVES

Law School Poker Tournament - Calling all high rollers and those just looking for a good time – the First Annual Law School Poker Tournament will take place **Friday, March 26, 4:00 p.m. at 118 Mimosa**. The main tournament entry fee is \$25 which includes beverages throughout the evening. The top prize is a \$100 gift certificate to the Green Leaf. For those of you just looking for a fun time, \$5 gets you beverages all evening and opportunities to play side games throughout the night. All proceeds go to the Bone Marrow Drive. So please come support this good cause and have a great time playing poker.

Start Practicing your Free Throws - It's almost time for the annual Ali Kaplan Bone Marrow Drive Free Throw Event. This special event held every year on the Law School Patio will take place on April 12th. So gather your five-person team and shoot some free throws for a good cause. Pizza and sodas will be available for all participants.

BONE MARROW DRIVE DAY - Law School students will be able to place themselves into the National Bone Marrow Registry on April 14th all day in the Lobby. All it takes is a prick of the finger, and you will be entered into the registry. The registry is used to find potential bone marrow donors for leukemia, cancer, and other blood disorder sufferers. So please take a few minutes and help this immensely important cause. Additionally, if you want to help with the Drive or have questions about the registry or the Drive, please contact **3L Jeff Thurnher** at jsthur@wm.edu.

THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT BAR ASSOCIATION – 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 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 a 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 is April 30, 2004.*** The materials should be sent to:

Stephen L. Peterson, President
The Federal Circuit Bar Association
% Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner
1300 I Street NW, Suite 700
Washington, DC 20005-3315
www.fedcirbar.org

NEED TO KNOW INFO

The Admitted Student Welcome Event will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 2 and 3. Please join the Office of Admission in welcoming our admitted applicants. We appreciate your assistance in meeting and sharing helpful information regarding the William & Mary experience with our visitors. The event concludes on Saturday with a busy day of tours, Q&A's, and information sessions. Of course, friendly greetings and helpful assistance for Law School visitors is appreciated every day!

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 3. Thanks for your help!

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 Faye's Office (Room 105). We are seeking diverse settings and smiling faces both at the Law School and activities in Williamsburg - don't forget Barrister's Ball! Thanks in advance for any contributions submitted for printing and distribution in response to this request.

**SPRING EXAM CONFLICT FORMS
ARE NOW AVAILABLE AT THE
HANDOUT COUNTER IN THE LIBRARY
THEY ARE DUE FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 5:00 P.M.**

BAR EXAMS - Virginia Bar applications are available via their web site <http://www.vbbe.state.va.us/forms.html>. The application is due **May 14th**. Those considering the Virginia bar are reminded that the MPRE is now required for admission to the Virginia bar. Virginia Certificates of Education and fingerprint cards are available from Chris Creech in reception. Fingerprinting for bar applications can be scheduled through Chris Creech for appointments with Campus Police. Fingerprinting can be processed at locations other than Campus Police.

MPRE - Applications are located on the handout shelves in the Library. Next exams are August 13, 2004, and November 12, 2004.

TRANSCRIPTS - For those who do require official transcripts ... forms for ordering an official transcript are available from Liz Jackson or at Blow Hall in the Office of the University Registrar or at the web site: <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 and in the order received. A request may take up to 14 working days for receipt, so PLAN AHEAD!

Check your transcript carefully for errors – is a grade for a non-law class other than "P"? Do you have all the credits you should have for law review/journal or moot court? Do you still have an "I"? These are items that are more easily cared for sooner rather than later. See Liz Jackson if corrections need to be made!

REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2004 Rising 3L registration is Monday, March 29. Rising 2Ls will register Tuesday, March 30. A rising 2L information session is scheduled for Monday, March 23, 3:00 p.m., room 119.

THOSE TAKING A BAR EXAM THIS SUMMER - Chris Creech will make an appointment for you for fingerprinting. Chris has VA Bar Exam finger print cards. Those taking the VA Bar will need an Education Certificate. Chris has those as well and you can pick it up when you have your bar application notarized. Chris Creech and Gloria Todd are notaries. All certificates requiring Law School completion are to go to Dean Jackson. Please don't wait to the last minute to complete these school-related bar application tasks.

EXAM CODE NUMBERS - Spring 2004 exam code numbers were sent to each student via email. Please see Dean Jackson or Gloria Todd if you did not receive this email.

CLASS RANKS - Cumulative class ranks and rank GPA were sent to all 2L and 3L students via email. Please see Dean Jackson if you did not receive this email.

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.

THE WILKINS SCHOLARSHIP, offered by the Fairfax Law Foundation, an affiliate of the Fairfax Bar Association, is offering a \$1,000 award and is given to one or more recipients. The purpose of the scholarship is to encourage outstanding law students who are residents of Fairfax county to return to the community to share with them their abilities and skills in their future legal careers. The application deadline is May 3, 2004. Eligibility requirements and an application can be found at <http://www.fairfaxbar.org/foundation.asp> under the heading of Wilkins Scholarship.

REMINDER TO STUDENTS

**If you have something to be placed in a faculty/administrators mailbox, please leave the item in the tray in front of Chris Creech's desk in the receptionist's office.
Be sure to clearly mark the name of the recipient.**

ENJOY CHILDREN? NEED EXTRA CASH? BABY SITTERS NEEDED FOR REUNION WEEKEND!



Law School Alumni who are attending Reunion Weekend April 16-17 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 - The Law Library Reference staff publishes a series of **Career Guides** to help you choose your legal career path. Guides are available on 15 topics: Alternative Careers, Communications, Criminal, Environmental, Family and Domestic Relations, Health Care, Intellectual Property, In-House Corporate, International, Judicial Clerkships, Labor and Employment, Securities, Solo Practice, Sports and Entertainment, and Tax Law. www.wm.edu/law/lawlibrary/research/careerguides/index.shtml

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Reception Etiquette: How to Work a Room - Learn how to juggle a plate of food in one hand, a drink in the other, and still manage to exchange business cards with the greatest of ease. The program will be held for law and MBA students at the **Williamsburg Inn** on **Tuesday, March 23 from 5:00-7:30 p.m.** There is a \$15 charge, and participation is limited. See Carolyn Chambers in OCS to see if there is still space.

Small Firms - Donna Gerson, author of *Choosing Small, Choosing Smart: Job Search Strategies for Lawyers in the Small Firm Market*, will be speaking at the **University of Richmond School of Law on Wednesday, March 24 from 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m.** The University of Richmond Office of Career Services has issued an invitation to William & Mary students. If you are interested in learning more about the small firm experience, please see Carolyn Chambers in OCS to see if there is still space.

Judicial Clerkships: A Meeting for 2Ls - OCS's annual program on applying for post-graduate judicial clerkships will be held on **Thursday, March 25 at 1:00 p.m. in room 120.** A panel of alumni will discuss their clerkship experiences at various levels of the federal and state judiciary. We will also distribute the Judicial Clerkship Guide and explain the application procedures (most of which you will have to complete over the summer). If you have any interest in applying for clerkships, you should plan to attend this program – as well as the following program.

Using the Federal Judges Database to Apply for Clerkships - Adam Gutterman, Senior IT Liaison, will show students how to use the Federal Judges Database to simplify the process of applying for federal judicial clerkships. Current second-year students planning to apply for post-graduate clerkships need to attend to learn what they need to do in arranging for faculty letters of recommendation and for sending their own letters. **Thursday, April 1, 1:00 p.m. in room 141.**

Spring Job Fair - Just a reminder that the Spring Job Fair will be held at the law school on **Friday, March 26** and at the William & Mary Washington, DC, Office on **Saturday, March 27.** The job fair is a collaboration between William & Mary, Washington & Lee, the University of Virginia, and the University of Richmond. Since students from other schools will be participating here that Friday, parking may be a little tighter than usual.

Lunch with Lawyers: Health Law - A panel of health law attorneys will discuss working in private practice representing medical practices, writing health and medical legislation, working for a six-hospital non-for-profit health care organization, and health law associations. **Tuesday, March 30 at 12:45 in Room 135.** RSVP to Dean Lewis.

HOT JOBS

Public Interest Fellowships for 3Ls - Equal Justice Works is still advertising two-year paid fellowships in Georgia, Ohio, Tennessee, and New York, but deadlines are quickly approaching. See www.equaljusticeworks.org/routeblistings.php for complete details. Additional postings will continue to be made weekly through April on a rolling basis as more fellowships become available, so check back periodically.

Summer Research Positions with Faculty Members - OCS has surveyed professors about their hiring plans for summer 2004. A chart summarizing their needs and hiring procedures was e-mailed to all 1Ls and 2Ls, and a copy is posted in OCS.

OCS continues to receive numerous listings *daily* for summer and permanent positions. Check the **OCI+ Job Bank** frequently for new listings!

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.

FUNDING SOURCES

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 Fellowships." **The deadline for applying for funding is 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 25.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Foreign Service Exam – Online registration has begun for the Foreign Service Written Exam, which will be administered on **April 24, 2004**. 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 <http://www.careers.state.gov> www.careers.state.gov/officer/register.html. **THE REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR THE EXAM IS MARCH 24.**

SUMMER HOUSING

Looking for summer housing outside Williamsburg? Law students seeking summer housing in the cities where they'll be working are invited to participate in NALP's free online **National Apartment Exchange**. The site facilitates summer sublets of apartments currently being used by law students in cities across the country who will be in another city for the summer. Just visit www.nalp.org and follow the link to the Apartment Exchange. **The Apartment Exchange will be available from January 15 until May 1, 2004.**

Other Summer Housing Options - The NALP site listed above is free. Another site that appears to be free is www.craigslist.org. The web site www.sublet.com will, for a fee, give you 90 days of access to listings for sublets available around the country. Before paying the fee, you can see if they have any listings in your target city and what the fee is, which varies depending on the city or region you pick. JDPost lists summer sublets for and by law students. See www.jdpost.com. Another suggestion is to check colleges and universities in your target city, since they often have housing options available to students for the summer.

Summer Housing in Washington, DC - 1) **Catholic University** offers several housing options 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> 2) The Law Center at **Georgetown University** 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 info in OCS, check online at www.law.georgetown.edu/reslife , or call 202-662-9290.

Summer Housing in Atlanta - Emory University offers housing to students working in Atlanta for the summer. See www.emory.edu/sihp/ .

NEW RESOURCES

Labor and Employment - The ***Vault Guide to Labor and Employment Law Careers*** features a breakdown of the types of employment litigation practices, including management/defense counsel, plaintiffs' counsel, and in-house counsel; insider looks at typical days in the life, tips on law courses to take, and advice on getting started; an overview of unions and collective bargaining arbitration and litigation; and types of cases, from discrimination litigation, wrongful termination, trade secrets, and more.

Contract Lawyering - If you would like more autonomy, flexibility, and variety than a traditional legal career provides, or you'd like to investigate ways to generate income between legal jobs, check out ***The Complete Guide to Contract Lawyering: What Every Lawyer Needs to Know about Temporary Legal Services***.

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.

Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual - The National Lesbian & Gay Law Association is sponsoring the ***Michael Greenberg Student Writing Competition***, which is dedicated to encouraging and recognizing outstanding law student scholarship on the legal issues affecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons. The best paper will be recognized with a \$1,000 first prize and publication in the Journal of Law and Sexuality at Tulane University Law School. ***Entries must be received no later than June 15, 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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