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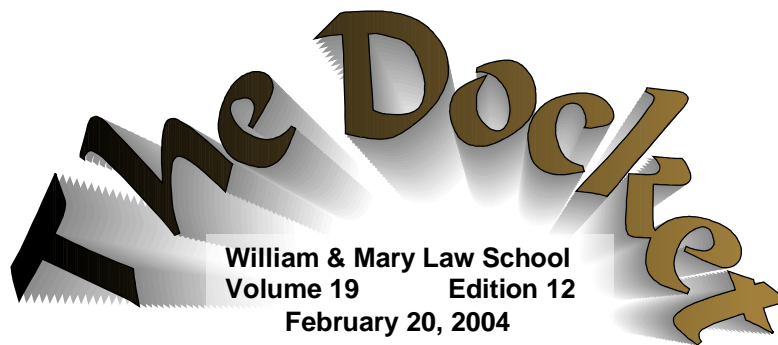
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[[[[NEWSWORTHY NOTES]]]]

CONGRATULATIONS TO MOOT COURT MEMBERS: Two of our teams competed at the Regent tournament earlier this month. Both teams advanced to the final four, but were beaten by Villanova's two teams. However, **Dominique Callins**, a 2L, received 5th best oralist out of 22 competitors eligible for the award, and our 3L team, comprised of **John Hackel**, **Jason Eisner**, and **Kirstin Michener**, won best brief.

CONGRATULATIONS to **Professor Mechele Dickerson** who was inducted into the Virginia Law Foundation's 2004 Class of Fellows on January 15 during The Virginia Bar Association's Annual Meeting. Fellows membership is limited to one percent of the active and associate membership of the Virginia State Bar and, according to the Foundation, induction is conferred on "selected Virginia attorneys, law professors, and retired members of the judiciary who are deemed to be outstanding in their profession and in their community."

CONGRATULATIONS to **Professor Richard A. Williamson**, Chancellor Professor of Law and Coordinator of Legal Affairs for the College. The College recognized him with its Thomas Jefferson Award, the highest honor it can bestow on members of its faculty, during Charter Day ceremonies on Feb. 7. Only three other law faculty have received this recognition before Professor Williamson: Dudley W. Woodbridge (1963), William Spong (1980) and John E. Donaldson (2001).

CONGRATULATIONS to **John Hackel** (3L) and his wife, **Cristin**, on the birth of their son, **Nathan Wayne** on Valentine's Day! Nathan weighed in at 7 pounds, 11 ounces and 21-1/2" long.

CONGRATULATIONS to the **2004/05 WILLIAM & MARY LAW REVIEW EDITORIAL BOARD:** Jen Ketron, Alexander Beeler, Tim Castor, Kelly Gastley, Jim Langan, Carl Beattie, Jon Garlough, Ted Lotchin, Marie Siesseger, Trey Baker, Christine Dealy, Hutch Hicken, Ben Ladd, Ben Theisman, Amanda Kutz, Maria Mullarkey, Elizabeth Peiffer, Ian Ralby, Brian Rosenau, Rosa Evergreen and Kim Ziegler.

DEADLINE TODAY!!! ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS WANTED FOR 2004 SUMMER LAW PROGRAM IN MADRID, SPAIN! At least two student participants will be hired to serve as administrative assistants.



Qualifications: Must be fluent in Spanish; must have the ability to work well with others; must be able to balance class work and administrative responsibilities; must shown discretion in dealing with confidential matters and be sensitive to cultural differences. Familiarity with Madrid desired, but not required.

Time of employment: June 27 - August 4.

Duties: Aiding the on-site Director (Dean Christie Warren) as translator/liaison with various offices in Madrid, performing clerical work for the Director in final preparation for the arrival of the other students, serving as an RA in the dormitory, helping with administrative matters throughout the program, and other duties as required.

Payment: Free Room & Board in the dorm (normally costs \$1,250).

Deadline: Interested students must be registered for the Madrid program and indicate their interest in these positions to Anne Beckley, Room 238, 221-7544, ajbeck@wm.edu, no later than **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH**.

Interviews will be held the week of February 23-27. The final decision will be made shortly after the interviews are held.

LEGAL SKILLS/TRIAL AD. TEACHING ASSISTANT POSITIONS

We are seeking to fill thirteen teaching assistant positions for the 2004-2005 academic year. These positions consist of ten Legal Skills openings for current 2L students, two Legal Skills openings for current 1L students, and one Trial Advocacy opening for a current 1L student. Teaching Assistant positions are compensated. Legal Skills teaching assistants will serve as junior partners in Legal Skills firms and will be responsible for a wide variety of administrative, research and writing, and instructional duties. Teaching assistants will also staff office hours in the Legal Skills Program Office Suite. Trial Advocacy teaching assistants are primarily responsible for course administration and the staffing and docketing of trials for the Trial Advocacy courses.

Interested students should complete an application form (distributed by hanging files last week; additional copies available in the Legal Skills Suite) and leave it in the box designated for applications in room 258 not later than **NOON on Friday, February 27TH**. Resumes are encouraged but not required and should be stapled to the application forms. First year students may apply for positions in both the Legal Skills and Trial Advocacy programs although only one such position may be held. If applying for both, please submit one application for each program. In the discretion of the faculty, individuals may be invited to apply for positions in either program before or after the deadline for applications. As has been our practice since the inception of the Program,

no paper screening of applicants will precede the interviews. Rather, each applicant will be afforded an interview. **INTERVIEWS WILL BE SCHEDULED DURING THE WEEK OF MARCH 1st**, and decisions made by approximately March 26th. **APPLICANTS SHOULD SIGN UP FOR AN INTERVIEW SLOT WHEN THEY TURN IN THEIR APPLICATION.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OLIVER HILL SCHOLARSHIP - The Oliver Hill Scholarship will be awarded to a student who is committed to the objectives, goals, and principles of the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) at William & Mary Law School. The recipient must demonstrate a commitment to personal excellence, social justice and advancing and protecting civil rights of all citizens. Students in good standing at the Law School, who demonstrate financial need, exhibit leadership abilities in the Law School or the community and display a record of public or community service are eligible. Interested students must apply for the scholarship by submitting two copies of the following to the Dean's Office by **MARCH 12**: resume, statement (no more than one double-spaced page) that describes how the student meets the criteria and an essay (no more than two double-spaced pages) on the topic "How Oliver Hill's achievements have had an impact on my life." Please be sure to submit all applicant materials by **MARCH 12, 2004**.

NEED TO KNOW INFO

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!

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID - *Attention all 1Ls and 2Ls:* Information was placed in your hanging files in mid-December regarding financial aid for the 2004/05 academic year. If you did not receive this information, additional copies are available from Faye Shealy (Office #105). The FAFSA is required for educational loans and need-based financial aid. Note that March 1 is the deadline for returning William & Mary students to file the FAFSA. You may locate the required form by going to fafsa.ed.gov.

A representative from the William & Mary Office of Student Financial Aid will be available to meet with law students regarding proper filing of the FAFSA, lender terms, loan application procedures, etc. Please contact the Financial Aid Office by calling 221-2426 if you wish to schedule an appointment.

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 - Those interested in taking the Virginia Bar Exam are invited to bring questions regarding the exam and/or admission process to: Everything You Wanted to Know About Character and Fitness and the Bar Exam ... But Were Afraid to Ask. @ Mark your calendars for this presentation/discussion with members of the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners at **12:30 p.m. on March 16, room 133**. This session is open to all students (1L and up) who have an interest in sitting for the Virginia Bar exam.

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.

MPRE - Applications are located on the handout shelves in the Library. Next exams are March 13, 2004, 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 - Fall 2004 registration will occur March 29, 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for all rising 3L students. Fall 2004 registration will occur March 30, 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for all rising 2L students. Registration is web-based via Banner Web. Forms for independent work (independent writing or research; directed reading; and externship experiences) are due prior to being registered in these courses. Students interested in taking non-law courses should complete the appropriate paperwork before the end of the spring 2004 semester.

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.

HOUSEKEEPING - Many thanks for the care with which you take in your home away from home. The housekeepers greatly appreciate the efforts you make to pick-up debris in and outside the school.

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.

**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 - International Non-Governmental Organizations (www.politicalresources.net/int2.htm .) This site provides a link to various international organizations, including governmental, non-governmental, and media, categorized by reference group.

HOT JOBS

Public Service Internships - The **Everett Public Service Internship Program** offers 200 paid summer internships for 10 weeks at 61 public service organizations in New York City, Washington DC, Boston, and Boulder, Colorado in environmental policy, women's issues, the arts, human rights, education, children's advocacy, and much more. For complete information, see www.everettinternships.org/

Equal Justice Works Fellowships - 3Ls interested in public service are advised that Equal Justice Works has recently started posting "Route B" Fellowships at www.equaljusticeworks.org and will continue to post new ones on a rolling basis through April. These full-salary fellowships, which begin in September, 2004, and last two years, were each developed by a nonprofit organization whose fellowship proposal was approved by Equal Justice Works. These organizations are now looking for talented, committed candidates to serve as their 2004 Equal Justice Works Fellows.

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.

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Interested in exploring the possibility of doing an **externship** this summer? OCS will sponsor **Summer Work for Academic Credit** on **Monday, February 23 at 12:30 p.m. in room 124**. All 1-Ls and 2-Ls are welcome to attend. Learn how you can get some worthwhile professional experience and give yourself an opportunity to lighten your course load in the fall.

Lunch with Lawyers: Working "Out" – **Monday, March 1 at 12:30 p.m. in room 239**

Lunch with Lawyers: Public Interest – **Wednesday, March 3 at 12:30 p.m. in the Faculty Room**

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.**

Communications Law - For the eleventh consecutive year, the Federal Communications Bar Association Foundation will award at least four \$2,500 stipends to law students employed as unpaid summer interns at the FCC and other government agencies or entities with jurisdiction over the communications industry, (i.e., broadcasting, cable television, telephony, satellites and information technology). For more information and an application, see <http://www.fcba.org/FY04InternApp.doc> . **The application deadline is Friday, March 19, 2004.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Public Service - The University of Virginia will hold its fifth annual **Conference on Public Service and the Law** on **February 27-28, 2004**, in Charlottesville. The event will bring together a wide variety of public service practitioners who are working on a vast array of cutting-edge public service issues. The conference consists of many programs over the two days, including panels on aspects of the law relating to judicial appointments, the Patriot Act, children, labor, animals, and abortion and workshops on getting a job in the public sector, clerkships, public-private partnerships, and extra-legal careers. U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer will be the keynote speaker. There is no charge for students to attend. For more information, see <http://www.student.virginia.edu/~law-conf/2004/index.html> .

International Law - Approximately 1,000 people from around the world will attend the **American Society of International Law's Annual Meeting**, to be held in Washington, DC from **March 31 - April 3, 2004**. Students are invited to attend the more than 30 panels and lectures on such topics as human rights, trade, and the implications of the conflict in Iraq. The keynote address will be given by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia; other speakers include Abdullahi An Na'im, Amy Chua, Gareth Evans and Michael Moore. Student ASIL members may attend for free, while students who are not currently members will receive the added benefit of a one-year membership for their \$30 registration fee. For more information and to register online, visit www.asil.org, or call 202-939-6000.

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. 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 - 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>

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

NEW RESOURCES

The **2004 Comprehensive Guide to Bar Admission Requirements**, published by the National Conference of Bar Examiners and the American Bar Association Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar, will tell you *everything* you need to know about becoming licensed to practice law in every state in the country

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.

- ? **Information Technology** - The Computer Law Association and the *Marquette Intellectual Property Law Review* are sponsoring the **2004 Information Technology Law Writing Competition**. The top paper relating to information technology law will receive a \$250 award, and two other papers will be honored. Winning submissions will also be considered for publication. **ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2004.**
- ? **Global Economics** - The *Inter-American Bar Association* awards prizes to three law students from the Americas for the submission of the best research papers on one of two specified topics on global economics (see info on file in OCS). First, second, and third prizes of \$800, \$600, and \$400, respectively, will be awarded. **The submission deadline is April 30, 2004.**
- ? **Legal Ethics** - Notre Dame Law School is sponsoring the **Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition** on any issue within the general category of legal ethics. Coauthored essays may be submitted. A prize of \$1,000 will be awarded for the winning entry. **All entries must be received before 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 30, 2004.**
- ? **Judiciary** - The American Judges Association announces its **16th Annual Law Student Essay Competition**. Prizes of \$3,000, \$1,500, and \$1,000 will be awarded for first, second, and third place entries, respectively, on topics of interest to a broad segment of the judiciary. **ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN JUNE 1, 2004.**

I M P O R T A N T

2004-05 Academic Calendar

Fall 2004

August 16-20	Legal Skills Week
August 23	Classes & Add/Drop Begin
August 27	Add/Drop Ends
October 11-12	Fall Break
November 24-26	Thanksgiving Break
December 3	Classes End
December 4-6	Reading Period
December 7-17	Exam Period

Spring 2005

January 10	Classes & Add/Drop Begin
January 14	Add/Drop Ends
January 17	Martin Luther King Holiday
March 7-11	Spring Break
April 22	Classes End
April 23-25	Reading Period
April 26-May 7	Exam Period
May 15	Graduation

Summer 2005

May 31	Classes Begin
June 3	Add/Drop Ends
July 1	Classes End
July 2-4	Reading Period
July 5	Exams

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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