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[[[[NEWSWORTHY NOTES]]]]

CONGRATULATIONS - The College of W&M's Hourly and Classified Employees Association (HACE) has bestowed on the Law Library's Public Relations and Staff Development teams its first "College Team Recognition Award." HACE created this award in late 2003, and will present the first award for the first time in February. The "College Team Recognition Award," which will be presented only twice a year, recognizes outstanding achievement, performance, creative contributions, or improvement beyond what is normally expected of employees. Although the award is being given to the Law Library's Public Relations/Staff Development Team (Steve Blaiklock, Eva Brooks, Janey Janson, Doris Kappes, Joan Pearlstein, and Sandy Oertli), the entire Law Library staff participates in activities such as the March Madness Free Throw Competition that raises money for the W&M Bone Marrow Drive, the Ice Cream Social welcoming new law students in August, the Lee National Denim Day fundraiser for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, and our diverse and entertaining bulletin boards.

Professor Michael Gerhardt, the Hanson Professor of Law, will present the St. George Tucker Lecture, "**The Constitution Outside the Court**," on **Thursday, January 29, room 127, at 3:00 p.m.** His lecture suggests that the constitutional activity outside the courts dwarfs the constitutional activity within the federal courts and is ultimately more important to the future of constitutional law than what the Court decides. The law school community is invited to attend. A reception will follow the lecture in the Lobby.



LAW LIBRARY MOVIES -- The law library has a large collection of movies on VHS and DVD, including new releases like Daredevil (with Ben Affleck and Jennifer Garner), Identity (John Cusack and Ray Liotta), and The Recruit (Colin Farrell and Al Pacino). Movies can be checked out for two days, FREE of charge! To browse the library's Feature Film Collection, just drop by the circulation desk, or visit our website at <http://fsweb.wm.edu/lawmovies/>.

The law school's ADR Team is hosting the ***in-house Representation in Mediation Competition***. Winners of the in-house tournament will not have to travel because William and Mary is **also** hosting the **regional competition!** The in-house competition is a **GREAT OPPORTUNITY** to learn and apply practical lawyering skills. Don't miss the general interest meeting for all interested on **Friday, January 30th at 12:30 p.m. in room 138**. The meeting will cover the competitions, and ADR board positions for the upcoming academic year. This official ABA competition costs \$15 for those not already ADR Team members.

**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)**

*Legal Services of Eastern Virginia Annual Benefit Concert
Featuring Grammy Award-winning, African American female a cappella ensemble*

"Sweet Honey in the Rock"

February 17, 2004

Harrison Opera House, Norfolk

*Proceeds raised will assist in providing civil legal services to the indigent
community in Hampton Roads.*

If you are interested in purchasing tickets to this event, contact Dean Roberts.

Tickets also available through Ticketmaster.

Tickets will be priced \$75 Orchestra Center (and Reception),

\$55 Regular Orchestra, \$45 Mezzanine, \$40 - Balcony.

NEED TO KNOW INFO

Information sessions for prospective applicants and students are scheduled for three upcoming Fridays - January 23 and February 20. Please expect visitors interested in your William & Mary Law School experiences. Special thanks to SBA Admission Committee members Dana Bowling, Erin Butler, Justin Hargrove, Scott Herman, Ben Ladd, Cassi Ward, and Leasa Woods and all our volunteers assisting with the program. We appreciate everyone greeting our guests; sharing information and making them feel welcome in Williamsburg.

Grade Conversion: A reminder, 3L students opting to convert a previously earned grade, subject to the policy, must declare their intention to Liz Jackson no later than February 13. Forms for doing so are at the handout center in the Library.

MPRE: Applications are available on the handout shelves in the library or on-line at <http://www.ncbex.org/tests.htm>. There are a growing number of states that require this exam. A complete list is found on-line and in the application booklet. Please check it as well as contacting specific bars to determine if you need to take the exam.

Bar Applications: It is not too early to begin the process of completing the Virginia Character and Fitness form and Bar Exam Application. The Virginia Education Certificate and finger print cards are available for pick-up from Chris Creech. We will notify students when Chris is prepared to schedule fingerprinting with Campus Police. Those who need to be fingerprinted may use any facility capable of doing this. Campus Police is happy to assist with fingerprinting but by appointment only.

Ranks: First-year students and transfer students are not ranked until the completion of one full year of legal study at William & Mary Law School. Second-year students will receive their new ranks by February 13th. Third-year students will receive new ranks by February 29th, following the application of all grade conversions. LL.M. students are not ranked.

Ranks and GPAs: Please refer to the e-mail message of January 15 from Dean Kaplan. This message explains how students should report their GPA for ranking purposes. Please remember that your transcript GPA extends to two decimal places; but for ranking purposes, your GPA is rounded to the first decimal (from the hundredth to the tenth).

Study Abroad Information Session will be held on **Monday, February 2 in room 141 from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.** Bring your lunch, if you wish. Cookies will be provided!

You can **TRAVEL ABROAD** to **Madrid, Spain** this summer. **Enjoy** one of Europe's most exciting cities! Study International and European law subjects with outstanding Spanish professors. **And earn six credits!!** Come and hear from 2Ls and 3Ls who have 'been there, done that'. Professor Koch will explain how you can **work** in the U.S. **and travel** abroad this summer. All interested students are invited and encouraged to attend!



FROM OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES (OCS)

World Wide Web Site of the Week - For the latest information on study abroad programs, see www.studyabroad.com. From the drop-down menu, select "Summer Law" and then you can search by country.

HOT JOBS

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Interested in a Summer Legal Internship with NPR? National Public Radio is having an **NPR Intern Career Fair in Washington, DC, on Friday, January 30 from 1:00-5:00 p.m.** The NPR General Counsel's Office provides legal assistance to all of the corporate divisions of NPR, and legal interns frequently work on matters raising legal and policy issues concerning a nonprofit corporation and a radio broadcast network. The office handles a wide variety of legal issues, including: communications, copyright, trademark, tax, employment, and labor law, as well as contracts in all areas. Completion of a minimum of one year of law school is required, as are strong legal research and writing skills. **IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE CAREER FAIR, RSVP BY CALLING (202) 513-2906 OR EMAILING careers@npr.org AND LEAVE YOUR NAME, PHONE NUMBER, SCHOOL AND YEAR IN SCHOOL.** All students who RSVP by January 23 are entered into a drawing for an NPR T-shirt. For more info, see <http://www.npr.org/about/jobs/intern/>.

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.**

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. Students also must file a FAFSA by February 15.*

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.**

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.*

NEW RESOURCES

Federal Government - The **Federal Yellow Book** includes contact information for over 40,000 government officials in the Executive Office of the President, 15 Cabinet-level departments, and more than 80 independent federal agencies.

The Legislative Branch - The **Congressional Yellow Book** lists contact information for U.S. Senators and Representatives and over 13,500 key staff, as well as Senate and House committee and subcommittee staffs, and leadership and party organizations.

Federal Government Overview - As the official handbook of the Federal Government, **The 2003-2004 United States Government Manual** provides comprehensive information on the agencies of the legislative, judicial, and executive branches. The *Manual* also includes information on quasi-official agencies; international organizations in which the United States participates; and boards, commissions, and committees.

CONFERENCES

The University of Virginia School of Law will hold its fifth annual **Conference on Public Service and the Law on February 27-28, 2004**, and invites students to participate. The conference consists panels such as Reforming the Federal Judicial Appointments Process, How the Patriot Act has Impacted Individual Privacy, The Practice of Abortion Litigation on the Ground Level, Enforceable International Labor Standards and more, as well as workshops on Clerkships, Getting a Job in the Public Sector, Public-Private Partnerships, and Extra-Legal Careers. The U.S. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer will be the keynote speaker. For more information, and to register online, see www.student.virginia.edu/~law-conf/2004/ .

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.

Corporate Law - The Corporate Counsel Section of the Virginia State Bar is sponsoring a writing competition for law students in Virginia. Cash prizes of \$2,500, \$1,500, and \$1,000 will be awarded for winning papers written on “a topic that may be encountered by, affect, or is of interest to, in-house corporate attorneys or attorneys with a general corporate practice.” ***The deadline for submission is February 15, 2004.***

Technology and the Law - The *Richmond Journal of Law and Technology* has announced its **Technology Law Student Writing Competition**. Students may submit articles, case notes, essays, and commentary involving the relationship of technology and the law. First prize will be \$1,000 and publication; second and third prizes are \$500 and \$300, respectively. ***Submissions are due April 15, 2004.***

IADC Legal Writing Contest - The International Association of Defense Counsel (IADC) announces its 2004 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. **Entries must be postmarked on or before April 19, 2004.**

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