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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ONE AND ALL
WE LOOK FORWARD
TO SEEING YOU IN 2006!**

NEWSWORTHY NOTES

SPECIAL SAFETY NOTICE - Recent events have shown us all that, even in Williamsburg, we need to be vigilant about our safety. With late nights at the library and our minds on exams, the SBA would like to remind everyone, especially those living in and around Governor's Square apartments, to be careful. In addition to locking house doors, walking with a buddy at night, and maintaining a cautious state of mind, please help us to keep the law school safe by keeping exterior doors closed and library doors closed after hours.



2005 BLSA THANKSGIVING BASKET COMPETITION RESULTS

The 2005 Thanksgiving Basket Competition was a complete success and the Black Law Students Association would like to thank everyone who participated. We should all be especially proud of the generous community here at Marshall-Wythe for the bountiful contribution we were able to make to less fortunate members of the Williamsburg Community this year. We had a total of 14 entries. All of the food was donated to the Williamsburg Social Services Department. The competition was fierce this year but our judges have singled out the following entries for recognition:

- 1st place: **Tarley Molloy**
- 2nd Place: **Clancy, Dignan & Baker**
- Best Presentation (students): **Killilea, Stern & McCool**
- Best Presentation (non-students): **Law Library**

Judges' Special Recognition for a Basket by an Individual: **Annie Lahren**
BLSA's Special Recognition for Outstanding Effort: **Green, McGinty & Eberhart**

CONGRATULATIONS to those participants.

The **STUDENT REFRIGERATOR** will be cleaned out on **December 2 and 16**. Please remove your personal items no later than 5:00 p.m. the day before the scheduled cleaning.

ATTENTION STUDENTS
PLEASE HAND TO CHRIS CREECH OR GLORIA TODD ANY ITEM
TO BE PLACED IN A FACULTY MAILBOX ... ESPECIALLY PAPERS THAT ARE DUE!

WILLIAMSBURG FARMERS' MARKET, Saturday, December 10, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Merchants Square. Fresh trees, wreaths, gifts, eggs, sweet potatoes, peanuts, baked goods, meats and seafood from the Market's local producers will prepare you for the holidays. Enjoy the singing of the Decades and the Pasttimes, a visit with Santa, hot coffee, cider, muffins, and scones while shopping. Need more info about it? Call 259-3768 or go to www.williamsburgfarmersmarket.com

INTERNATIONAL LAW SOCIETY "OCCASIONAL PAPERS" - International legal issues are increasingly affecting every facet of the law. The growing interest in international law courses at William & Mary reflects the evolving requirements of the legal profession in the 21st century. With that said, The International Law Society is sponsoring a new up-and-coming "Occasional Papers" (a new student-run electronic publication on international law issues). If interested in participating in this project, please submit your application to ils_wm@yahoo.com. Note, we are currently only soliciting for four key positions, the editorial board. Once these positions are filled and the structure of the project has been fully realized, then more positions will become available. For more information please contact Tanya Schuessler at tdschu@wm.edu. This opportunity is open to ILS members and non-members alike, however unfortunately at this time only 2Ls and 3Ls are eligible to apply. The ILS would encourage all interested to apply as this is an exciting and ideal opportunity to increase international law scholarship at William and Mary (not to mention getting in at the beginning stages of a new electronic publication).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

BOWL FOR RELIEF: DECEMBER 2! Tired of studying for finals? Hands cramped from typing and writing furiously? Come to the Williamsburg AMF lanes for two hours of friends, fun, bowling and charity on December 2. From 2:00-4:00 p.m., gather ALL your friends and some goods and supplies to donate to service organizations in Baton Rouge and New Orleans who are contributing to Hurricane Katrina Relief. Shoes are FREE

and bowling is ONLY \$2 per game! If you can't make it to bowl, you can still contribute by donating items in the box in the library. Special thanks to Lexis Nexis and SBA for co-sponsoring this event. If you have any questions, email Mike at mtkauf@wm.edu

GRAND ILLUMINATION 2005 - Experience a memorable holiday event at Colonial Williamsburg's Grand Illumination. A magnificent fireworks display will take place simultaneously at three locations in the Historic Area, concluding a weekend of old-fashioned merriment and cheer, and heralding the start of the holiday season. Near the Governor's Palace, the Magazine, and the Capitol. Colonial Performances begin at 4:45 p.m. and continuing after the fireworks until 7:30 p.m. FIREWORKS BEGIN AT 6:15 p.m. No admission required.

NEED TO KNOW INFO

EXAM CODE NUMBERS - Remember that all students have an assigned Exam Code for use in law courses where anonymous grading is used. Exam Code numbers were emailed to each student in late September. If the email has been lost, please contact Gloria Todd, Chris Creech or Dean Jackson.

REED SMITH VIRGINIA ADVERSITY FELLOWSHIP will grant the recipient \$15,000, as well as a summer associate position in any of their three Virginia offices. The competition is open to first-year law students attending an ABA certified Virginia law school who have overcome significant social adversity in their pursuit of a legal career. In order to receive the entire award (to be split over the second and third years of law school), the recipient must work as a summer associate in any of their Virginia offices between his/her second and third year of law school. The application process will involve the completion of an application as well as the submission of an essay. Thereafter, selected persons will be called in for an interview with the Fellowship Committee. For an application, please stop by the Admission Office. Applications are due on or before February 28, 2006.

LIBRARY NEWS

RESTRICTED LIBRARY ACCESS - From Friday, December 2 at 5:00 p.m. until Saturday, December 17 at 5:00 p.m. **Law Library access is limited** to Marshall-Wythe law students and others who require the use of Law Library materials for research purposes. Please remember that patrons needing legal reference assistance and those using legal materials **are permitted** access.

LIBRARY WINTER BREAK HOURS

Saturday, December 17:	10:00 am to 3:00 pm (providing no Make-Up exams)
Sunday, December 18:	1:00 pm to 6:00 pm
Monday-Thursday, December 19 - 22:	8:00 am to 6:00 pm
Friday-Sunday, December 23-25:	CLOSED
Monday-Friday, December 26-30:	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (depending upon the availability of staff to work)
Saturday-Monday, December 31-January 2:	CLOSED

Tuesday-Friday, January 3-6: 8:00 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday, January 7: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm
Sunday, January 8: 10:00 am to 10:00 pm (resume normal hours)

Watch the library bulletin board for specific circulation desk hours December 26-30, which will be posted soon.

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.

LIBRARY LOCKERS - The deadline for locker clean-out and key return is Friday, December 16 by 5:00 p.m. Lockers must be emptied and the locker key returned (with barcode and key tag attached) to the circulation desk. There is a \$10.00 replacement charge for lost keys or tags.

Circulation staff will be available to reserve lockers for the spring semester at 7:45 a.m. on Monday, January 9. Locker keys are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis until all keys have been distributed.

CARREL RENEWALS - The deadline for carrel renewal is Friday, December 16 by 5:00 p.m. During the break library staff will be reshelving carrel materials in anticipation of the start of the new semester, so be sure to renew your carrel and materials before you leave for the holiday.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN RETURNS AND RENEWALS - Please return interlibrary loan materials which come due during the Winter Break before you leave for the holidays. Some libraries will extend the loan period, but you must request a renewal **before the due date**. If the lending library will not extend the loan, we must return the book. If you still need the material, photocopy the pages cited **and the title page**, or complete an interlibrary loan form and request that we borrow it from another library when we return in January.

GOOD LUCK WITH EXAMS AND HAVE A HAPPY AND SAFE HOLIDAY!

FROM THE OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

GOOD LUCK ON EXAMS and Best Wishes from OCS for a Happy Holiday Season! OCS will be open throughout finals, and staff will be available for appointments through December 21 and then again in the new year beginning January 3.

World Wide Web Site of the Week - Two sites, actually, which may be of interest to students looking for information about **study abroad** programs for the summer. See www.studyabroad.com/summerlaw/, then select the country you're interested in. The American Bar Association lists foreign summer programs at <http://www.abanet.org/legaled/studyabroad/foreign.html> .

ANNOUNCEMENTS

As part of an effort to recruit talented students and increase diversity in the Delaware Bar, the **Tenth Annual Delaware Minority Job Fair for First-Year Law Students** will be held in Wilmington on **Saturday, January 21, 2006**. There is no fee to participate, meals are provided, and at least a portion of your transportation costs will be reimbursed. (Historically, they have been able to reimburse 100% of those costs.) Participating employers will represent the spectrum of the Delaware legal community, including private firms, government, and corporations. Students' resumes will be circulated to participating employers in advance, who will then select whom they wish to interview. Students selected for interviews will be notified the first week of January, and will have a week to accept or decline the invitation(s) to interview. Application materials were e-mailed to all first-year students on November 16. **Your completed application, along with a resume and a photocopy of your undergraduate transcript, should be submitted to the OCS Resume Submission Cabinet NO LATER than the end of the day on Tuesday, December 6.**

1L Information and Resource Inventory - First-year students are reminded that they will need Lexis and Westlaw passwords to complete parts of the OCS Information and Resource Inventory. If you have not already obtained your passwords, contact Shelley Landfair (shelley.landfair@lexisnexis.com) and Lynne Clark Rozier (lynne.rozier@westgroup.com).

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 2006. 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 IN OCS

The 2006 edition of *BNA's Directory of State and Federal Courts, Judges and Clerks* not only lists contact information, it has useful information on how the courts are structured in each jurisdiction.

The *2006 National Directory of Corporate Public Affairs* profiles public and government affairs programs and executives in America's largest and most influential corporations.

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:

- **Indigenous Law** Articles, notes, comments and reviews are sought from academics, students, members of the judiciary and practitioners for Volume V of the *Indigenous Law Journal*, which will be published in the fall of 2006. The *Indigenous Law Journal* provides a forum for the discussion of Indigenous legal issues in Canada and internationally, and encourages submissions from all peoples, nations and perspectives. For detailed information regarding submissions, please refer to: www.indigenoulawjournal.org/submit.htm. Please direct all submission inquiries to: submissions.ijl@utoronto.ca. **Articles should be received by 4 p.m. EST on January 14, 2006.**
- **Securities Law** First, second, and third prizes of \$3,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000, respectively, will be awarded by the Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc., for the **ASECA Securities Law 2005 Writing Competition**. Papers can be on any subject in the field of securities law, and **must be submitted by January 15, 2006.**
- **Intellectual Property** The **Virginia State Bar Intellectual Property Section** is sponsoring a writing competition for law students in Virginia which will award a single prize of \$4,000. Students may submit any article relating to intellectual property law issues or practice. **Entries must be received by Friday, January 20, 2006.**
- **Law and Technology** A grand prize of \$1,200 and a second prize of \$650 will be awarded in the third *Richmond Journal of Law & Technology Biennial*

Writing Competition. The topic for this year is “Emerging Topics in Law & Technology” What’s Next?” For more information, see <http://law.richmond.edu/jolt/writingcomp.html> . **Entries must be received by February 1, 2006.**

➤➤ **Native American Law** The Supreme Court of Oklahoma, the Oklahoma Indian Affairs Commission, the Sovereignty Symposium, Inc., and the Oklahoma Arts Council are sponsoring the **Chief Justice John B. Doolin Writing Competition** and will be awarding prizes of \$500, \$300, and \$200 for winning papers. The subject can be on any area of the law relating to Native Americans or other indigenous peoples. **Entries must be received no later than March 15, 2006.**

➤➤ **Disability Law** Mercer University School of Law invites entries for the **Adam A. Milani Disability Law Writing Competition**. Submissions may address any aspect of disability law, theory or practice. The Essay category is open to 2Ls and 3Ls; the Law Practice category is open to *all* law students. The first prize will range between \$300 and \$500, depending on whether two awards are given. **Submissions must be postmarked by June 15, 2006.**

➤➤ **Tax Law** - The **2006 Tannenwald Writing Competition** will award first, second and third prizes of \$3,500, \$2,500, and \$1,500, respectively, for winning papers on any topic in the field of taxation. **Submissions are due June 30, 2006.**



Please remember our troops during the holiday season.

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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