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## THE ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11 WE SHALL NEVER FORGET

**Reminder!** No signs on walls, doors or windows. You may post notices in the Student Lounge (using tape only on the walls and doors please). Obtain permission from Gloria Todd to post notices on the Administration Bulletin Board. Unauthorized notices will be removed.

### WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

The Law School must always have your most current address and phone number on file. Students should check their contact information by logging onto Banner Self Service. Please notify Chris Creech immediately of any correction to this information.

### STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

If your organization did not register with the Law School Administrative office last spring, please stop by and see Gloria Todd. Registered organizations will receive priority for room reservations at the Law School, and are eligible for provided hanging files and bulletin board space from the SBA. Officers should frequently check organization hanging files. FYI: Room Reservation Request Forms can be found on the Library handout shelves and by Gloria Todd's office across from the moot courtroom.

### ADMINISTRATOR AND FACULTY MAILBOX ACCESS

If there is a need to contact an administrator or faculty member through their Law School mailbox, please place the item in the appropriately marked box in the reception area. The item will be delivered for you. ***Please remember that students are not allowed in the workroom.***

## **CHECKED YOUR E-MAIL?**

Remember, you are expected to check your e-mail at least once a day. If you have forwarded your college e-mail account to your personal account, you are responsible for verifying that the forwarded address is accurate.

**REMEMBER THE INTERNET!** Use the Law School web site to answer common questions regarding academics and/or student life. AND, please review the Unified Honor Code found from the Law School Homepage by clicking on Student Life, then Academic Regulations, then Honor System or: <http://www.wm.edu/so/honor-council>.

## **UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS**

Students can now print their unofficial transcripts from Banner Self Service. It is possible to paste this unofficial transcript to a Word Document and then delete duplicative information (no changing or deleting grades though - :)); make certain you add your name to the top of the document and should add the statement "Unofficial Transcript - Produced from the Internet." Please review the information for accuracy and immediately bring discrepancies to Dean Jackson's attention.

## **EXAM CONFLICT FORMS**

Will be available from outside Gloria Todd's office and what is called a "perky file" next to the handout shelves in the Law Library, on Monday, September 5. The deadline for these forms is Friday, November 4.

## **24 ACCESS**

The Law School is open 24/7 with ID access after the close of business. It is extremely important that security to the building not be compromised, especially after hours. Please protect yourself, your colleagues and your possessions by keeping access doors closed. Campus police will check the building several times between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. to ensure doors are not propped open.

Be sure to test your ID card in the magnetic locks before you need to use your card. If the green light does not come on, report the problem to the circulation staff immediately. If the card was incorrectly programmed, we should be able to fix the problem. If the magnetic strip is defective, you will need to go to the ID office to receive a new card.

We emphasize the importance of keeping all outside doors as well as the doors into the library locked at all times after hours in order to maintain a secure facility. Since non-law patrons may remain in the library when the circulation desk closes, if you find a door ajar, please secure the door. We need everyone's help to maintain a secure facility for law students who wish to study in the library late at night. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and secure study facility for everyone so that we may continue the 24/7 ID access policy.

## **VIRGINIA BAR UPDATE**

The Application for the Virginia Bar Examination and the Applicant's Character and Fitness Questionnaire are available online through the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners web site at: <http://www.vbbe.state.va.us/forms.html> Students who expect to sit for the Virginia Bar Examination can file the Character and Fitness Questionnaire within the first 14 months of their law school career for a discounted rate. The Bar Application, cannot be filed more than three months prior to sitting for the exam.

## **MULTISTATE PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY EXAM**

Those planning to sit for the Virginia Bar are forewarned that the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners requires applicants to take the Multistate Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE). The MPRE is a fifty question, two-hour, multiple-choice examination administered three times each year. A limited number of MPRE applications are by the handout shelves in the Library. You also can register online at: <https://actrs19.act.org/app/mpre/mpre>. The next scheduled MPRE exam is **November 12, 2004**. Good luck!!!

## **Operation Lifesaver:**

In wake of Hurricane Katrina's devastation, over 1 million people will be left homeless across the Gulf Coast. Among those people are friends and family members of the law school community. You can help by making a charitable, tax deductible donation to a variety of charities that will aid those in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida. Your donations will go to the American Red Cross and local charities giving direct aid to the ravished communities. Because of the magnitude of the disaster, please donate cash only. We ask only that you give what you can. Members of the 2L class will be located at tables in the lobby beginning this Friday and through next week or you can give your donation to Liz McElroy ([eymcel@wm.edu](mailto:eymcel@wm.edu)).

**Professor Robert C. Post will present the 2005-06 Cutler Lecture** titled "Law and Culture: Prohibition during the Taft Court Era" on Thursday, September 8, at 3 p.m. in Room 124. All are welcome. Post, who is the David Boies Professor at Yale Law School, is the author of the forthcoming tenth volume in the *Oliver Wendell Holmes Devise History of the Supreme Court of the United States* published by Cambridge University Press. Volume 10 covers the years from 1921 to 1930 when William Howard Taft served as Chief Justice. Post's lecture will draw on a chapter from the volume and will discuss the impact of prohibition and the Eighteenth Amendment on conservative and liberal jurisprudence during that period.

**The 51st annual William and Mary Tax Conference** will be held Nov. 10-11, 2005, at the Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg. Titled "Taxing the Real (Property) World: A Program for Advisors to Privately Held Business," the conference is presented by the School of Law and the School of Business, and also by the Taxation Section of the Virginia Bar Association and the Taxation Section of the Virginia State Bar. For more information, please visit [www.wm.edu/institutesprograms/taxconference](http://www.wm.edu/institutesprograms/taxconference).

**Professor William Van Alstyne** will present the Constitution Day Lecture titled titled “Some Reflections on the World’s Oldest Constitution and How Congress Chose to Honor It,” at noon on Friday, September 16, in room 101 inside Andrews Hall on the main campus. The presentation is free and all are welcome.

Professor Van Alstyne joined the Law School faculty in 2004 and is one of the country’s foremost constitutional law scholars. He came to William & Mary following a distinguished 39-year career at Duke University Law School. He has twice been chosen in polls of his peers as being among those most qualified for appointment to the Supreme Court and a recent study named him as one of the 50 most-cited legal scholars of all time. Professor Van Alstyne is a *magna cum laude* graduate of the University of Southern California and received his *juris doctor* from Stanford University, where he was elected to Order of the Coif. He has been a Fulbright Fellow in Chile, a Senior Fellow at Yale, and a visiting faculty member at law schools across the nation. He has also lectured and taught in countries abroad. His publications are legion, including articles in the nation’s leading law journals, and books such as *Interpretations of the First Amendment*, and *The American First Amendment in the Twenty-First Century*, the principal textbook in its field.

#### **Changes in ASP Fall Schedule:**

Please note that due to scheduling conflicts, this week's (week of August 29th) **ASP Business Associations/Corporations review session** has been moved to Friday, September 2nd from 1:30 - 3:00, in room 141. Beginning Monday, September 5th, ASP Business Associations/Corporations fall review sessions will be permanently moved to Mondays, 5:00 - 6:30, in room 119. You may contact TA Matt Shaw at [masha2@wm.edu](mailto:masha2@wm.edu).

In addition, **individual first-year and LLM tutoring** TA Andy Smith has changed his office hours. They will now be held on Mondays from 1-2 pm and 3:30-5pm, and additionally by appointment. Andy Smith can be reached at [ajsmit@wm.edu](mailto:ajsmit@wm.edu).

Please let Dean Roberts know if you have any questions regarding these changes.

#### **Sports and Entertainment Law Society**

Please join the Sports and Entertainment Law Society for their first meeting on Monday, September 5 at 5pm in room 127. We will be discussing this year's events and ideas for next semester's symposium. Please contact Evelyn Protano, with any questions at [emprot@wm.edu](mailto:emprot@wm.edu).

#### **Child Advocacy Society Meeting**

The Children's Advocacy Law Society will hold their first meeting of the year on Thursday, September 8 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 133. Anyone with any interest at all in children's legal issues is encouraged to attend. Email [chadls@wm.edu](mailto:chadls@wm.edu) with any and all questions.

**The Student Intellectual Property Society (SIPS)** will be meeting at 5:00 p.m. Thursday, September 15 – Room 133. If you are interested in becoming a member, you are encouraged to attend! SIPS is a great opportunity to explore your interest in intellectual property & patent law through our guest speakers, trips, and other activities. The meeting itself will include PIZZA, and Professor Heymann has been invited as our guest speaker. She will impart the wisdom of her experiences in the IP field.

### **A New Tradition!**

Attention 2L's: It's time to start a new tradition at W & M. Save all your job rejection letters, and we will have a big bon fire at the end of the year to celebrate getting jobs! We will take additional suggestions, but they must contain rejection letters and fire in some form.

### **Public Service Fund (PSF)**

Wants YOU! The Public Service Fund is an organization comprised of fun, enthusiastic, hard-working folks who want to make sure that those who wish to work in summer public service jobs get the money they need to do so. Our new member meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 14 from 1-2 pm in Room 119. We will serve PIZZA, tell you a little about the fun we are planning for this semester and let you know how you can help. Whether or not you are interested in working in public service, come out and lend your support for a good cause and lots of fun!

### **Attention 3Ls: Graduation & Class Gift Committees**

Want to help plan our graduation? Interested in helping to ensure the class of 2006 leaves a financial legacy? Email Meg Bisk ([mebisk@wm.edu](mailto:mebisk@wm.edu)) if you are a 3L and would like to serve on the Graduation or Class Gift Committees.

### **Bar Review**

Socialize, help people and listen to live jazz music. Come out to J.M. Randall's Thursday Night for Bar Review sponsored by the Bone Marrow Drive. Raffle tickets will be sold at the door to win great prizes. Appetizers will be sold at half price. Band will be playing all night. Show your William & Mary I.D. at the door. 1 L's, 8:30 class is no excuse to miss bar review, but bar review is a great excuse to miss 8:30 class. Special guest appearance by Christina Eberhart. For directions email Matt White at [msswhi2@wm.edu](mailto:msswhi2@wm.edu) or look it up online. Bar Review will be sponsored by the Bone Marrow Drive and 50/50 raffle tickets will be on sale at the bar to benefit the Drive. Anyone with a "Virginia is for Donors" or Ali's run shirt from last year is encouraged to wear it to JM Randall's to show support for the Drive.

### **The Annual William & Mary Law School Softball Tournament**

will be held Friday, Sept. 2 and Saturday, Sept. 3!!! Come out to the James City Rec Center at 11:30 AM on Friday and Saturday to cheer on your favorite teams!

### **First Annual Fishing Extravaganza**

SBA is sponsoring a fishing trip on Saturday September 10th. The boat leaves at 12:30 P.M. We will be out on the ocean for 4 hours. The cost is \$25 a person. This includes bus to Newport News, beer, snacks, boat and fishing gear. To sign up please make a check out to the student bar association and give it to an SBA rep who will be in the law school lobby or drop the check in the hanging file of Matt White. There are limited spots available so sign up as soon as possible. If you have any questions send them to <<mailto:mswhi2@wm.edu>>mswhi2@wm.edu.

### **Swing Dancing Monday Nights!**

Monday night swing dancing at the W+M Gradplex is in full swing! Lessons start at 8:30 pm. You don't need a partner or dance experience and the event is free. So learn a step or two, mingle with new friends and kick off the week with some fun. Hope to see you there... questions: <<mailto:mwsmith2@erols.com>>mwsmith2@erols.com

## **FROM THE OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES**

**World Wide Web Site of the Week** **Law Periscope** is an online law firm research tool. Its database includes information on the 300 largest U.S. law firms and produces its search results in the form of a succinct profile page with simple, direct links to the relevant section of a firm's web site. Each profile provides a quick and efficient road map for students to learn about a firm in general and then review a particular practice area, branch office or legal topic from a primary, current source – the firm's web site. [www.lawperiscope.com](http://www.lawperiscope.com)

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**State and Specialty Court Judicial Clerkships for 3-Ls** It's not too late to apply for judicial clerkships! Third-year students are invited to come hear William & Mary Law School alumni discuss their experiences clerking for trial, appellate and supreme court judges. Learn about the types of clerkships available and the benefits that each have to offer. **Wednesday, September 7, at 1:00 p.m in Room 124.** Students interested in attending should RSVP via email to Ramona Sein ([rjsein@wm.edu](mailto:rjsein@wm.edu)) in OCS by 12:00 noon on Monday, September 5.

**Lunch with Lawyers: Central Intelligence Agency, Office of General Counsel** Two staff attorneys from the CIA OGC (including a 2000 William & Mary grad) will be on hand to talk with students about the surprising array of matters handled by the OGC and opportunities for employment. The OGC handles, among other things, both civil and criminal litigation, foreign intelligence and counterintelligence activities, counterterrorism, counternarcotics, nonproliferation and arms control, personnel and security matters, contracting, finance and budget matters, tax, immigration, international financial transactions, corporate law, copyright, intellectual property, foreign and international law, and legislation. **Tuesday, September 13, at 1:00 in Room 124.**

**Mounting a Successful Government and Public Interest Job Search** What's unique about searching for government and public interest jobs? Are resumes and cover letters different than those you send to law firms? We will cover all that, as well as Early Decision Public Interest and Government Summer Funding for 2Ls and will provide information on the largest public interest job fair in the country, which is coming up in October. **Wednesday, September 14, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 124.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**2Ls and 3Ls** Information on the **U.S. Department of Justice hiring programs** is available in OCS as well as online at [www.usdoj.gov/oarm](http://www.usdoj.gov/oarm). Applications for the **Summer Law Intern Program** for 2Ls and the **Attorney General's Honors Program** for 3Ls must be submitted online. **You have until midnight on Saturday, September 19, 2005 to submit your applications online**, but we advise students not to wait until the last day to submit, in case anything should go wrong with their Web site. If your application is not in by September 19, no matter whether the problem is yours or theirs, it will not be accepted.

**3Ls Equal Justice Works Equal Justice Fellowship** applications are now being solicited. These two-year fellowships provide salary and loan repayment assistance to lawyers who advocate on behalf of individuals, groups, or interests that are not adequately represented by some aspect of the legal system. You may obtain additional information and an application on Equal Justice Works' website, [www.equaljusticeworks.org](http://www.equaljusticeworks.org). Deadline to apply is **September 20, 2005.**

**Equal Justice Works Public Interest Career Fair, October 27-28, 2005, Washington, DC** Law students seeking summer and permanent positions in public service will have the opportunity to conduct one-on-one interviews and participate in Table Talk with more than 200 employers at the job fair. There will also be workshop sessions on public interest career development, loan repayment assistance, and law school organizing throughout each day. Check out [www.equaljusticeworks.org/employers/browse.aspx](http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/employers/browse.aspx) to find complete details on participating employers, including which days the organization will attend, and any available positions. **Each position description includes student application procedures.** Search by issue area, state, or date of the conference to find the employer you are looking for. More employers are registering every day, so be sure to check for updates.

**Strategies for Success If You Do Not Receive an Offer from Your Summer Employer** If you find yourself in this situation, see Dean Kaplan, Dean Lewis or Ms. Sein, and pick up a copy of the handout on this subject from the OCS Display Rack.

**Labor and Employment Law** The Peggy Browning Fund is sponsoring their seventh annual **National Law Students Workers' Rights Conference** on Friday & Saturday, October 14-15 in Silver Spring, Maryland. The program will include a keynote address, a film and panel discussion, four interactive workshops led by leading labor practitioners and professors, and more. The law school may select up to three students for the program; students should have a demonstrated interest in either workers' rights issues or public interest law. Some support is available for on-site meals and lodging. **If you are interested in attending in this program, see Dean Lewis by September 15.** For more info, see [www.peggybrowningfund.org](http://www.peggybrowningfund.org).

**Fax Machine** A fax machine is available in Room 263E of the Office of Career Services for students' law school-related matters, such as job searches, bar applications, and coursework. Use of the machine is free for current students. Students have access during all the hours OCS is open – that is, the same hours as the library circulation desk. The machine may be used for outgoing faxes only; use is governed by the Honor Code. Instructions are posted next to the machine.

## 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.

The ***Asian Law Journal Student Writing Competition*** encourages legal scholarship addressing the legal issues affecting Asian Pacific Americans. The author of the winning entry will receive a cash award and have his or her paper published in this year's issue of the *Asian Law Journal*. Possible topics include, but are not limited to: Asian Pacific American political empowerment, the use of "cultural defenses" in criminal law, racial profiling, or Asian Pacific Americans and affirmative action. **Submissions must be postmarked by September 23, 2005.**

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### **2005 publication schedule**

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