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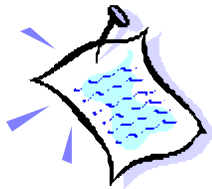
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REMEMBER OUR VETERANS
and ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS
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NEWSWORTHY NOTES



CONGRATULATIONS to the team of Bereket Bisrat, Melanie Friend, Liz McElroy, and Jamie Mickelson! They came in second place at the St. John's trial tournament, which is the best that our team has ever done there. After enduring a marathon couple of days, the team **NARROWLY** lost to Florida State in the final round of the tournament.

These four have done the trial team and the school proud ... great job!

Dean Reveley and the Dean's Advisory Committee are pleased to announce that **Brian Soiset** is the 2006/07 Drapers' Scholar.

The **STUDENT REFRIGERATOR** will be cleaned out on the following dates: **November 18, December 2, and December 16**. Please remove your personal items no later than 5:00 pm the day before the scheduled cleaning.

PSF STUDY GUIDES ARE COMING! PSF will be selling study guides and other review materials at tables in the main entryway next week for \$12.00 each!!!

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

VOLUNTEERING - Interested in finding out about tons of volunteer opportunities? Sign up to receive the SBA Volunteer Council Newsletter. Email slspir@wm.edu to join the email list.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATE - Stephen Rickard, acting director of the Washington, DC, office of the Open Society Institute, will present a lecture titled "Doing Well by Doing Right: Values in American Foreign Policy and the Struggle against Terrorism" at **5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 14**, at William & Mary Law School in room 120. The talk is part of the distinguished lecture series sponsored by the Human Rights and National Security Law Program.

Rickard serves as acting director of the Washington, DC, office of the Open Society Institute, a nonpartisan public policy organization which focuses its work there on violations of civil liberties and criminal and civil justice reform. He previously worked as director of the Nuremberg Legacy Project, the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Center for Human Rights, and of the Washington, DC, office of Amnesty International USA. He was senior advisor for South Asian Affairs at the U.S. State Department from 1994-96, and also, from 1989-94, was senior foreign policy advisor to Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan and was a senior professional staff member on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. During his time on Capitol Hill, he helped secure Senate approval for numerous treaties on international human rights and labor rights.

THOMAS SHAW, a managing attorney at the Trademark Office of the US Patent and Trademark Office (and the director of their internship program), will be speaking on his experiences at the Trademark Office and also past and current trends in Trademark law. **Wednesday, November 16 at 1:00 p.m. in room 124**. Sponsored by the Student Intellectual Property Society. All are invited to attend. Subs and drinks will be provided.

MOOT COURT INTEREST MEETING - Are you interested in joining the Moot Court Team? Want to learn more about what Moot Court is? All 1Ls and 2Ls are eligible to compete for membership in the Bushrod Moot Court Tournament during spring 2006. To find out more, please come to an Informational Meeting **Thursday, November 17, at 6:00 p.m.** (Room TBA) Questions? Contact Jessica Aber (jdaber@wm.edu).

PMBR – LAST DAY FOR DISCOUNT IS NOVEMBER 17 - Sale Prices for PMBR 6 and 3 day courses end on November 17

3Ls – Save up to \$200 on your bar review course by signing up now.

1Ls and 2Ls – Lock in this year's discounted prices for yourself and get 3 free study aids of your choice for finals by making a \$100 deposit.

Stop by the PMBR table in the lobby or e-mail pkсанд@wm.edu for more info.

THANKSGIVING BASKET CONTEST - *sponsored by the Black Law Students Association* - Gather your non-perishable goods and support a local Williamsburg family that is less fortunate. The Black law Students Association is holding its annual Thanksgiving Basket Contest. All organizations, groups, classes, legal skills firms, or other interested individual are encouraged to provide the necessary food and other supplies necessary to prepare a Thanksgiving meal. Please bring your basket to the law school lobby by 1:00 p.m. on **Monday November 22** to be judged by a group of faculty/staff. Recognition will be given for 1) most creative basket, 2) most abundant, 3) best presentation, and 4) best overall. The winning organization of “best overall” will be given a pizza party sponsored by the Black law Students Association. If you have any questions please contact Shalanda Franklin at snfran@wm.edu or Linda Oramasionwu at lnoram@wm.edu

**** DO NOT PURCHASE TURKEYS, HAMS, OR OTHER PERISHABLE GOODS – INSTEAD PURCHASE A GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR THE FAMILY TO REDEEM****

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.

LIBRARY NEWS

2005 THANKSGIVING CIRCULATION DESK HOURS:

Tuesday, November 22	7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, November 23	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 24	CLOSED
Friday, November 25	CLOSED
Saturday, November 26	10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 27	10:00 am to 10:00 pm

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.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

World Wide Web Site of the Week - FindLaw.com claims to be the “highest-trafficked legal Web site, providing the most comprehensive set of legal resources on the Internet

for legal professionals, businesses, students and individuals.” Their *Law Student Resources* section alone will keep you busy for hours! <http://stu.findlaw.com/>

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Lunch with Lawyers: Securities Law **Tuesday, November 15 at 1:00 in Room 133**

Ronald Long, Senior V.P. and Chief Regulatory Counsel for Wachovia Securities in Richmond, and Eric Hougen, Counsel for the Securities Department of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr in Washington, DC, will be on hand to talk about careers in securities law. Open to all students.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1L Resume Review - First-year students who turn in their resumes to OCS (with the completed Resume Review Check List) by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 18 will be **guaranteed** a written critique by Wednesday, November 30. According to the NALP Guidelines, first-year students may send resume to employers beginning December 1st. Students may also submit cover letters for review. (Students may, of course, submit resumes for review after November 18, but we can't guarantee that we'll have them critiqued by December 1st.)

1L Information and Resource Inventory - First-year students are reminded that they will need Lexis and Westlaw passwords to complete parts of the 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).

Mock Interview Program - First-year law students are invited to sign up to participate in mock interviews with alumni practitioners in January. This will be your chance to get a practice interview in before spring on-campus interviews and job fairs begin. If you are interested in participating, see Christina Lindsey in OCS **no later than Friday, November 18.**

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. **2LS PLEASE NOTE THE MESSAGE BELOW ABOUT THE "EARLY DECISION" PROCESS.**

Deadline for “Early Decision” Public Interest and Government Summer 2006 Funding for 2Ls - Funding through six programs (Bell, Criminal Justice, Lambda, Virginia Law Foundation, Public Service Fund [PSF], and Williams) is available through an “early-decision” process, which gives 2-Ls the opportunity to know about funding decisions before the end of the fall semester. **THE APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR “EARLY DECISION” FUNDING IS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18 AT 5:00 P.M.**

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

What Law School Doesn’t Teach You...But You Really Need to Know: Expert Tips & Strategies for Making Your Legal Career A Huge Success, by Kimm Walton, author of *Guerilla Tactics for Getting the Legal Job of Your Dreams*.

Flying Solo: A Survival Guide for the Solo and Small Firm Lawyer

Virginia Review Directory of State Government Officials

Navigating Detours on the Road to Success: A Lawyer’s Guide to Career Management

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:

➡➡ **Human Rights** - The *Willamette Journal of International Law and Dispute Resolution* is sponsoring a writing competition on the topic “Conflicts: Human Rights and Humanitarian Law.” Papers should address emerging issues in the relationship and/or inconsistencies in the fields of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law. The author of the winning entry will be awarded \$500 and publication in the journal. **Entries must be received no later than January 16, 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 Thursday, January 20, 2005.**
- **Health Law** - Epstein Becker & Green, a national firm engaged in the practice of health law, announces its eighth annual **Health Law Writing Competition** for papers on current topics of interest relating to health law. Papers may address any traditional area of the law as applied to health care (e.g., antitrust, tax, corporate), or areas of law unique to health care (e.g., fraud and abuse, managed care, Medicare/Medicaid). First prize is \$4,000, second prize is \$2,000, and third prize is \$500. **Competition entries are due January 27, 2006.**
- **Environmental Law** - A prize of \$5,000 will be awarded in the **Roscoe Hogan Environmental Law Essay Contest** for the best essay written on the topic “Corporate Charters – The Right to Do Wrong? Investigating Legal Strategies to Revoke the Charters of Corporations that Pollute.” The winner will also receive a free trip to Seattle to receive the award in person. **Intent-to-Enter forms must be postmarked or faxed by January 31, 2006.** Essays are due March 28, 2006. For more info, see www.roscoepound.org.
- **Professional Liability** - The ABA Standing Committee on Lawyers’ Professional Liability invites entries in the **2006 Bert W. Levit Essay Contest** on the topic of the legal standard controlling legal malpractice claims brought by persons convicted of crimes. The author of the best essay will receive \$5,000 and a free trip to New York City. Entries must be postmarked by **February 17, 2006.** For more information, see www.abalegalservices.org/lpl/levit.html .

Editor’s Note: Due to the shortened week before Thanksgiving, the next edition of The Docket will be sent on Friday, December 2d.

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

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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