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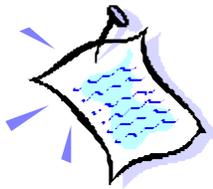
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NEWSWORTHY NOTES



The Law School community would like to welcome the following new students displaced by Hurricane Katrina. They are here from Tulane and Loyola. Please be sure to give them a warm Law School welcome. Lauren Dana, 3L, from Tulane; Jiang (John) Huang, LLM, from Tulane, Melissa Kennedy, 3L, from Loyola, Mario Stellute, 2L, from Loyola, and Mason Wann, 2L, from Tulane.

CONGRATULATIONS to the new 1L SBA representatives – Wes Allen, Sarah Fulton and Tom Robertson.

CONGRATULATIONS to Andrew de Heer and his wife on the birth of their son on September 9.

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).

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) if you are a 3L and would like to serve on the Graduation or Class Gift Committees.

SBA UMBRELLAS - Is it raining? Did you forget your umbrella? No worries – your friendly SBA is looking out for you! SBA has placed a limited number of umbrellas at the library circulation desk for you to use in the parking lot. Rather than run between

the rain drops, check out an umbrella for 24 hours. When you are finished, simply return the umbrella to the circulation desk.

VBA COMMUNITY SERVANT - The Virginia Bar Association (VBA) has asked each law student to pledge 35 hours of community service for the year (September.-August). All you have to do is perform 35 hours of community service and at the end of the year, you will be asked to certify that you fulfilled the commitment. Then you can include your status as a VBA Community Servant on your resume – looks great to employers that you care enough about your community go outside the law school to be an active citizen. For more information about the initiative, the website is: <http://www.vba.org/comserprog.htm>. If you have any questions, please contact Dean Kaplan or Stephanie Spirer. Pledge forms will be distributed next week in Legal Skills for 1Ls and 2Ls and in hanging files for 3Ls. The forms can be returned to a box in the lobby.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The **Williamsburg Farmers' Market** is open on Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. – Noon, at Merchants Square. This Saturday, **September 17**, apples, pumpkins and fall produce will be in abundance at the Market. Chefs Joe Scordo and Dan Kennedy of Guiseppe's will demonstrate recipes using Market produce at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m., and singer, songwriter Stephen Moore will perform from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Farmers' Market WIC coupons accepted.

DATES: The Market will continue through October 29.

Market Days Festival - Saturday and Sunday October 8 and 9.

Holiday Markets will be November 19, 26 and December 10.

Keep posted on the WEB SITE: <http://www.williamsburgfarmersmarket.com>

The College has designated Friday, **September 16, 2005**, for observance of Constitution Day and Citizenship Day. The Law School's **William W. Van Alstyne** will present a lecture that day titled "Some Reflections on the World's Oldest Constitution and How Congress Chose to Honor It" at noon in room 101 inside Andrews Hall on the main campus. (Andrews Hall is back-to-back with Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall; the main entrance to Andrews Hall faces Swem Library.) The lecture 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 here following a distinguished 39-year career at Duke. 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.

CALLING ALL FACULTY, ADMINISTRATORS, LIBRARIANS, AND STAFF -

The Public Service Fund's first event of the year is just around the corner! Casino Night will be Friday, **September 16**, in the Law School Lobby. This event was well attended by many of you last year, and PSF is extending a warm welcome again this year. Casino Night is a great event and a great fundraiser for PSF! If you have any further questions, or are interested in being a dealer, please do not hesitate to contact me at ecmcco@wm.edu. Thanks, and I hope to see you out on Friday!

PDP AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SOCIETY COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY - On Saturday, **September 17**, Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity and the Environmental Law Society will be volunteering at the Yorktown River State Park. We will be doing grounds work and setup for a charity benefit at the park. We will carpool from the school at 9:30 a.m. (weather permitting) and staying until about noon. If you are interested, please email PDP VP Katie Falk at kgfalk@wm.edu so we have a rough idea of who is coming and how many cars we need to take!

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION TEAM - All 1Ls and 2Ls are invited and encouraged to attend the ADR Team interest meeting. It will be held on Monday, **September 19** in room 127. There, you will have the opportunity to learn about ADR and its advantages from Professor Greg Baker, followed by a description of the team and the ABA sponsored NEGOTIATION, CLIENT COUNSELING, and MEDIATION competitions in which the team participates by ADR Team executive board members. The selection competition will be held on Saturday, October 1. If you have questions, feel free to contact Ben Baker at bgbake@wm.edu. We look forward to meeting you!

FEDERALIST SOCIETY PRESENTATION - On Monday, September 19th, from 1:00-2:00, Rm. 120 the Federalist Society presents Bradley Schlozman, Acting Assistant Attorney General of the Civil Rights Division, U.S. Department of Justice. He will be speaking on the Division's new human trafficking criminal statute. Lunch will be served! For more information, contact kecamp@wm.edu.

LECTURE, CAKE & EXHIBITS TO CELEBRATE JOHN MARSHALL'S BIRTHDAY - Charles F. Hobson, editor of *The Papers of John Marshall* and resident scholar at the Law School, will present a lecture, "Keeping Company with Chief Justice Marshall," on Thursday, **September 22**, at noon in the McGlothlin Courtroom. The lecture is free and all are welcome. On the occasion of the 250th anniversary of Marshall's birth, Hobson will reflect on the life and character of the "great Chief Justice" from his perspective as the editor of his collected papers. Marshall, an alumnus of the Law School, served as Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court from 1801 to 1835. Cake and cider will be served immediately following the lecture. In addition, two exhibits are on display from now through September 26. The Marshall family bible will be displayed in the Law Library lobby during daytime hours. In addition, facsimiles of some of Marshall's papers and letters will be on display in the Law School. Among the documents is a page from a book of law notes kept in 1780 by Marshall while he was a student of George Wythe's.

SELE'S YEAR KICK-OFF PARTY - Care about equality? Want to socialize with other law students that do too? Come out for a good time and help CREATE CONSCIOUS COMMUNITY!!! FREE LIVE PERFORMERS (including our own Dean Lewis and a Virginia Tech Sociology & Anthropology Professor & Rapper Mad Squirrel)! Thursday, **September 22**, from 8:00pm-midnight in the Tidewater Rooms in the University Center.

THE INSTITUTE OF BILL OF RIGHTS LAW is pleased to invite you to attend the 18th annual Supreme Court Preview conference. The conference will be held on the evening of Friday, September 23 and continues on Saturday, September 24th from 9 am to 4:30 pm.

The Preview is a truly wonderful event. It is an opportunity for lawyers who argue before

the Supreme Court, journalists who cover the Court, and law professors to talk about the Court's 2005-6 term. During the two-day event, there are a number of panel discussions and a moot court program, as well as the opportunity to engage in some informal and freewheeling reviews of what is happening at the Supreme Court. This year, in addition to talking about cases that the Court will hear this coming term, we will look at the Rehnquist court, examine Justice O'Connor's legacy, the possible impact Bush nominee John Roberts will have on the Supreme Court, and the politics surrounding the Roberts confirmation.

You may attend any panels you are interested in. There will be an overflow room to make it easy just to drop in and see the proceedings. The room number will be posted.

The conference starts at 6:15 pm on Friday, Sept 23, and continues on Saturday, Sept 24 at 9:00 a.m. A schedule with room locations will be posted a few days before the conference.

On Friday, we also will have a special presentation by New York Times' Supreme Court correspondent Linda Greenhouse. At 3:00 pm, Ms. Greenhouse will give a talk about her recently published book, *Becoming Justice Blackmun: Harry Blackmun's Supreme Court Journey*. Students do not need to register.

GENERAL ANTHONY ZINNI, USMC (ret.), will present a lecture titled "America's Role in a Changed World," at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, **September 26**, in room 119 at the Law School. The lecture, sponsored by the Law School and its Human Rights and National Security Law Program, is free and all are welcome. For nearly 40 years, General Zinni served in the U.S. Marine Corps, rising from a second lieutenant in command of an infantry company in Vietnam to a four-star general in charge of the U.S. Central Command. Since his retirement from the Marine Corps in 2000, General Zinni continued to serve his country as President Bush's special envoy to the Middle East and as the special envoy to the Henri Dunant Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue. He has been a vocal critic of the war in Iraq in interviews with the national media and also in a chronicle of his career titled *Battle Ready*, co-written with Tom Clancy. Zinni, who also serves as a distinguished visiting professor at William & Mary, will be in residence at the Law School on September 26-27 as the 2005 Carter O. Lowance Fellow in Law and Public Policy. The fellowship honors the extraordinary contributions of the late Carter O. Lowance, who served as Chief of Staff to six Virginia governors and was Executive Vice President of the College. Established in 1989, the fellowship brings a distinguished public servant to campus each year for several days of lectures, discussions and meetings with students and members of the College community.

NATIONAL TRIAL TEAM WANTS YOU! All 1Ls, 2Ls, and 2L transfer students are invited and encouraged to attend the National Trial Team interest meeting. It will be held in Room 119 on **September 29**, 6:30 p.m. Jeffrey Breit of Breit, Drescher & Imprevento who serves as Trial Team Advisor will speak. Try-outs will be the week of October 17th. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Nick DePalma at nmdepa@wm.edu or Ashleigh Schuller at easchu@wm.edu. We hope to see you there!

FIRST ANNUAL BLSA BOWL – Black Law Students Association announces its 1st Annual BLSA Bowl. This is a flag football tournament (co-ed) that will be held on

Saturday, **October 1**. There will be seven people per team, and each team's entry fee is \$35.00. There WILL be a prize!! Contact Pia at pjmill@wm.edu for more information. Team registration began on Monday, September 12.

THE ALLIANCE FOR SEXUAL ASSAULT PREVENTION (ASAP) would like to announce the opening of the Office for Sexual Assault Prevention (OSAPE) on Monday, **October 17**. The opening coincides with Virginia's Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Awareness Month. OSAPE provides sexual assault resources and intervention services. Volunteer student staff are peer advocates for survivors. The Office will be located on the second floor of the Campus Center. For more information on the office or ASAP please contact rafait@wm.edu.

WILLIAMSBURG HOUSING PARTNERSHIP – Housing Partnerships works to improve substandard housing conditions for local elderly and low-income families by making essential repairs to their homes. Typical work includes painting, repairing, and building, depending on the skills level. We'll be helping out on Saturday, **October 22**, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (be at the Law School at 7:45 a.m.). Please RSVP by e-mailing Stephanie, slspir@wm.edu, with your interest and skills level (if you have special talents in construction, etc.)

WILLIAM AND MARY SAFE ZONE is hosting a Law School in-house volunteer training on Thursday, **October 27**, 4:30-6:30 p.m. in room 138. Faculty, staff and students interested in learning more about gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered sensitivity issues and becoming Safe Zone certified are welcome! More information can be found at www.wm.edu/safezone

THE 51ST ANNUAL WILLIAM AND MARY TAX CONFERENCE is **November 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.

NEED TO KNOW INFO

EXAM CONFLICT FORMS - Are available outside Gloria Todd's office and what is called a "perky file" next to the handout shelves in the Law Library. The deadline for these forms is Friday, **November 4**.

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: <http://www.ncbex.org/tests/mpre/mpre.htm>. The next scheduled MPRE exam is **November 4, 2005**. Good luck!!!

FROM THE OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

World Wide Web Site of the Week - NALP Directory (www.nalpdirectory.com) You can browse or search through information about hundreds of legal employers (mostly large private firms, but some in government and public interest areas). Listings include many, many details important to job seekers, such as hiring criteria, salary, hiring contacts, area of practice, links to Web sites and more.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Government Jobs for 3Ls - The federal government is seeking graduates who want to work for America. The **Presidential Management Fellows Program** (PMF) (formerly known as the Presidential Management Internship or "PMI" Program) is a two-year, paid leadership development program that provides opportunities for graduates to work with and impact public policy, to serve one's country, and to receive competitive pay, benefits and career advancement through a position with a federal agency. Andrew Larkin (W & M '97), Project Coordinator for NOAA @ Nauticus in Norfolk, will be on campus to speak about his experience with the PMF Program on **Wednesday, September 21, 2005, at 1:00 p.m. in room 124**. Learn about the online application process, the types of positions available, and how to succeed in the "group interview." This is an excellent opportunity for you to find out from one of our alumni what it takes to become a PMF, and where that program can take you. **The PMF online application deadline is 12:00 noon (ET) on Friday, October 14, 2005.**

HIRING APPLICATION DEADLINES

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. 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 Monday, 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.

Federal Government Jobs for 3Ls – The PMF Program - The **Presidential Management Fellows Program** is a two-year paid leadership development program which places law school graduates and other participants in various sectors of the Federal Government. Assignments may involve domestic or international issues, technology, science, criminal justice, health, financial management, and many other

fields in support of public service programs. William & Mary students have been very successful in being hired for past two-year PMF assignments, and third-year students interested in working for a Federal agency are *strongly* encouraged to apply. Applications are being handled entirely online at <http://www.pmf.opm.gov/>. **The application deadline is 12:00 noon (EDT) on Friday, October 14, 2005.**

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. Deadline to apply is **September 20, 2005**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 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.

Please note the following deadlines:

Wednesday, September 28 is the final day for students to submit resumes to employers. Students are encouraged to send resumes ASAP before the deadline, as interview slots are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. **Send your resume directly to employers.**

Wednesday, October 12 is the deadline for employers to complete their interview schedules. The EJW Web site says if you have not heard back from employers by this date, you should call the employers directly.

Online registration for the job fair closes Thursday, October 20. Although the Web site says it closes the 21st, OCS needs you to register no later than October 20 so we can complete our part of the registration process by the 21st.

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.**

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.

NEW RESOURCES IN OCS

Public Interest - Serving the Public: A Job Search Guide 2005-2006, published by Harvard Law School, has a wealth of information for anyone considering summer or permanent employment in the public sector. In addition to listings for hundreds of public interest and government employers – with information on contacts, application procedures, deadlines and salary – the book includes substantial information on job search strategy, networking, funding sources, fellowships, and more. Volume I lists opportunities in the United States; Volume II covers international opportunities.

The ***2005 National Directory of Prosecuting Attorneys*** has names and contact information for every state and local prosecutor's office, as well as a guide to state prosecution systems, which helps you know if they're called state attorneys, state's attorneys, prosecuting attorneys, commonwealth's attorneys, county attorneys, county prosecutors, district attorneys, or circuit solicitors. There is also contact information for state attorneys general.

The ***Directory of Associations for Women Lawyers*** contains listings for national, state and local women's bar associations and multicultural women's bar associations.

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.

-  **International Law** - The *International Law & Management Review*, a joint publication of Brigham Young University's School of Law and School of Management, is sponsoring its **Annual Student Writing Competition**. Articles may be either academic or practical in nature, but must cover a topic of international private law or international management. The author of the top essay will receive \$500 and the article will be published. **Entries must be received via e-mail by November 28, 2005 at 5:00 p.m.**

-  **State Statutory Law** - The National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL) is sponsoring the **William J. Pierce Writing Contest**. The winning article, note, or comment addressing a uniform or model act, or an issue arising from a uniform or model act promulgated by NCCUSL will win \$500. **Deadline: December 1, 2005.**

-  **Women's Rights** - The National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL) is sponsoring its **First Annual Selma Moidel Smith Law Student Writing Competition**. Entrants should submit an essay on an issue concerning women's rights or the status of women in the law. The winner will receive a cash prize of \$500 and travel expenses to a NAWL meeting where the author will be recognized. In addition, the winning essay will be published. **Entries must be received by March 1, 2006.**

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