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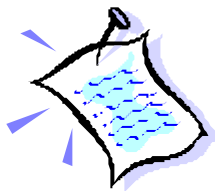
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NEWSWORTHY NOTES

WELCOME – Celeste Vaughn has recently joined the Courtroom 21 Project as the Assistant Director for Court Affiliates and CIP (Courtroom Information Project). She has been working in marketing communications for over 20 years, with most of her experience in business to business. She has a Masters Degree in Marketing from Temple University and an undergraduate degree from Kutztown University. She has lived in the Newport News area for the last 4 years with her husband Paul, and her 10 year old son, Liam. We are delighted she is here. Please welcome her!

CONGRATULATIONS to the Trial Team of Nick DePalma, Aimee Byrne, Lee Kaufman and Emily Jones and to Jeffrey Briet, their coach. The team finished as a semi-finalist in the highly competitive Michigan State Trial Tournament earlier this month. Nick was awarded the Best Overall Advocate award. It was the first time a William & Mary law student had received the tournament's top honor and the highest overall finish for the trial team. Aimee also received the Best Opening Statement award. The William & Mary team was one of 18 teams competing in the national tournament and competed against teams from campuses across the country such as Florida State University, Georgia State and Fordham. The William & Mary trial team lost narrowly to Catholic University in the semi-final round. The trial team from Southern Methodist University finished in first place.

CONGRATULATIONS to William and Mary National Trial Team's newest members: Melanie Augustin, James Bilborrow, M. Cabell Clay, Gregory Demo, Brandon Jordan, Benjamin Lusty, Bradford Meacham, Joycelyn J. Powe, Ryan Stevens, Alison Stuart, Bin Wang, and Josh Whitley

NEW ELPR ASSOCIATE EDITORS - ELPR **CONGRATULATES** its new associate editors and welcomes them to the Volume 30 Editorial Board! *Associate Articles Editors:* **Julie Webb, Rachel Gedid, Jason Wells** and **Sara Outterson**. *Associate Symposium Editors:* **Janet McCrae, Andy Esser, Tom Poole** and **Kelly Mosteller**.



THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION in the “Lee National Denim Day” fund raiser during the week of October 3. We raised an amazing \$500 for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. These monies will be used to provide funding for research and for projects in the areas of cancer screening and treatment, for breast health education and resources for patients, friends and families. The Komen Affiliates in Richmond and in Virginia Beach work closely with the Virginia Breast Cancer Association. The “helping hands” that were signed and placed on the bulletin board will not be discarded. We will display them each year alongside our current year’s “memorial” as a tribute to those who are or who have been affected by cancer. Again, thank you all for your tremendous support! It is very heartwarming to be part of such a compassionate law school community!

PLEASE HELP WITH PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS - Every five years a review committee conducts a periodic performance review of James S. Heller, Director of the Marshall-Wythe Law Library and Professor of Law. The review process includes a survey of constituents who may be in a position to assess Professor Heller's performance. We would like all students who have the time, to contact Stephen Cobb (sacobb@wm.edu) and fill out a review evaluation of Professor Heller. Thank you for your time and aide in this matter.

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 each!!!

IT'S GETTING CHILLY OUTSIDE! A School of Law Sweatshirt would be just the thing to keep you warm. Go to www.wmalumnigiftshop.com to get your sweatshirt today!

THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF VIRGINIA is looking for law students and lawyers to serve as Legal Poll Monitors on and/or after Election Day (November 8) in targeted voting precincts in the Hampton Roads area. The role of Legal Poll Monitors will essentially be to prevent voter intimidation and misinformation in these precincts on Election Day. Post-Election Day activities will include verification of the election results.

Actual assignments on and/or after Election Day will depend on how far you're willing to drive (we can coordinate carpooling) and how much time your schedule permits you to serve. It's totally flexible. This is your historic chance as a law student or lawyer to help preserve democracy and the rule of law during one of the most closely watched off-year elections this year. If you're interested in serving as a Legal Poll Monitor, please contact Bereket Bisrat at bereketb@yahoo.com as soon as possible for more details.

BONE MARROW DRIVE LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AVAILABLE! The Bone Marrow Drive is looking for 1Ls and 2Ls who are interested in helping to run events this coming spring, including Ali's Run (5K), our annual poker tournament, and the actual Drive. Ideally, we are looking for people who are open to the possibility of taking a leadership position for the Drive next year. A meeting/discussion about the future of the Drive will be held next Thursday **November 3** at 1:00 p.m. in room 137. All 1Ls and 2Ls who may be interested or who have questions are encouraged to attend or email Patrick Speice (pfspei@wm.edu) and Josh Baker (jebak2@wm.edu).

UMBRELLAS - The green and white SBA umbrellas available from the library are property of the law school, provided for your convenience. If you have NOT checked an umbrella out of the library, do NOT take one left in the lobby by another student; doing so would be equivalent to taking another student's library book. If you have mistakenly picked up an umbrella, please kindly return it to the library so it can be available for the next bout of bad weather. Thank you!

PENNY WARS FOR HURRICANE RELIEF! Starting Monday penny jars will be in the lounge. There will be one jar for each class and one jar for the faculty and staff. Put pennies in the jar for your group and quarters, dimes, and nickels in the jars for other groups. Quarters, dimes, and nickels in a jar lowers that group's total score. The group with the most pennies wins! The group with the highest score wins the coveted philanthropic pig (*aka* the public service swine). All proceeds go to Hurricane Relief.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

LATHAM & WATKINS' DIVERSITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM FOR 2L STUDENTS - A \$10,000 scholarship will be awarded to four second-year law students for use during their third year of law school in 2006-07. The application and supplemental materials including law school transcript must be submitted by December 1, 2005 and the recipients will be announced in spring 2006.

GEORGE V. POWELL DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP - Lane Powell PC has created the George V. Powell Diversity Scholarship. The recipient will be a 2006 summer associate in the firm's Seattle or Portland office and receive a \$6,000 scholarship for the student's third year of law school. For information about their summer associate program, please visit their website at www.lanepowell.com/recruitment. Inquiries regarding the scholarship may be sent to rodenl@lanepowell.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The ***Williamsburg Farmers' Market*** is open on Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. – Noon. This Saturday is the last Market of the season, with Holiday Markets coming November 19, 26 and December 10. Enjoy music from 9:00 -11:00 a.m. by Kindred Spirits, the Master Gardeners who will man an exhibit of fruits and nuts, and cooking demonstrations by Williamsburg Winery Chef Jill Brockavich at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. For additional questions, please call 259-3768 or go online at www.williamsburgfarmersmarket.com

CHUCK E. CHEESE AND AMC NIGHT - Tired of outlining and interviewing? Then take a break with SBA on ***Friday, October 28*** where a kid can be a kid! Students are headed to Chuck E. Cheese in Hampton to enjoy pizza, games, and drinks. But that's not all. Chuck E. Cheese is a walk away from AMC 24 where they will catch a movie. There are some great flicks coming out Halloween weekend, so join us for pizza, games and a movie all for the price of \$10.00. The festivities will begin at 3:00 p.m. at Chuck E. Cheese and we will head over to an early evening movie around 5:00 p.m. Families and friends are also invited.

HAUNTED FOREST - Williamsburg/James City Recreation Center is having its annual Haunted Forest on **Saturday, October 29** from 5:30-9:30 p.m. They are looking for volunteers for 1½-hour shifts to help with the Children's Pumpkin Patch Hayride (the Haunted Forest is for older kids). Law School students helped with this last year and impressed them so much, that they saved this opportunity just for us! We help load and unload kids (and their parents) on the hayride wagon. Costumes are strongly encouraged! Velma and Daphne from Scooby Doo were HUGE hits!) This is one of the most popular activities we do all year! (The PSF party doesn't really start until after this, so it's easy to go to both!) Email slspir@wm.edu with the times you're available.

PSF HALLOWEEN PARTY - Start planning your costumes and get practicing on the Monster Mash because the annual PSF Halloween Party is just around the corner! It will be held on **Saturday, October 29**, at the Law School Lobby. Look for PSF volunteers selling tickets in the coming weeks. Co-sponsored by the Graduate Students Association.

BRIGHAM-KANNER PROPERTY RIGHTS CONFERENCE. On **October 28-29**, William & Mary Law School will host the Second Annual Brigham-Kanner Property Rights Conference, presented by the William & Mary Property Rights Project and the Institute of Bill of Rights Law. During the conference, Professor Richard A. Epstein of the University of Chicago Law School will be honored with the 2005 Brigham-Kanner Property Rights Prize. The conference will include panel discussions on the impact of Professor Epstein's work, public use in the aftermath of the Supreme Court's recent decision in Kelo, and recent developments in due process protection of property rights.

Panelists include: Robert W. Ashbrook of Dechert in Philadelphia, Pa.; Vicki L. Been of New York University Law School; Dana Berliner of the Institute for Justice in Washington, DC; Eric R. Claeys of St. Louis University Law School; James W. Ely, Jr. of Vanderbilt University; M. Timothy Iglesias of the University of San Francisco Law School; Eric Kades of William & Mary Law School; Bradley C. Karkkainen of the University of Minnesota Law School; S. William Moore of Brigham Moore in Sarasota, FL; Eduardo M. Penalver of Fordham Law School; Mark Tunick of Florida Atlantic University; and Joseph T. Waldo of Waldo & Lyle in Norfolk, VA.

Following the academic panels, attendees are invited to a round table discussion of the role of the press in making the public aware of the use of eminent domain. Journalists participating in the round table discussion include: Greg Edwards of the Richmond Times-Dispatch; Dennis Hartig of the Virginian Pilot; Laura Mansnerus of the New York Times; and Dean Starkman, a freelance journalist, formerly with the Wall Street Journal. For conference registration and accreditation information, call Kathy Pond at 757-221-3796 (ktpond@wm.edu). Students are free for Saturday's conference.

The law library and Westlaw are sponsoring a **HALLOWEEN COOKOUT** on **Monday, October 31st**, on the main law school patio, starting at 12:00 noon. We will be grilling up "Halloweenies" (hot dogs), and serving refreshments! Last year, we cooked up over 200 hot dogs, and they went fast! This year, we'll have even more (and veggie-dogs, too!) Everyone's invited, so come enjoy the fine fall weather, and chow down!

UNDERSTANDING THE IMPACT OF DEMENTIA AND THE NEEDS OF CAREGIVERS is the title of the presentation by Christine J. Jensen, Ph.D. This Staff Development "Brown Bag" lunch program will be held on **Tuesday, November 1** in room 134 from 12:00-1:00 p.m. The Law School Community is invited to attend.

REMINDER FOR BUDGET PROPOSALS – To all Student Activity Coordinators: This is a reminder that proposals for next year's operating budget are due by **November 1** at 5:00 p.m. Please submit your organization's proposal to Ryan Browning (SBA Treasurer) or Terri Lorincz in the accounting trailer behind the law school. If your group wishes to receive funding for the upcoming year, a form **MUST** be submitted.

NOW, SELE and ACS ARE TEAMING UP FOR A FUN-FILLED NIGHT!!! On **Wednesday, November 2, 5:00 p.m.**, in room 124, come to a lecture by Professor Douglas, "Pauli Murray: Humanist Activist." Professor Douglas will share stories of Pauli Murray, little known, but largely influential black female lawyer-activist who believed in fighting oppression on all fronts. Professor Douglas is currently working on a book about Pauli Murray.

THEN, at 6:00 p.m. in the same room, stick around for FREE PIZZA and a movie (about 45 minutes), co-sponsored by ACS and SELE: "Is Wal-Mart Good for America?" In this film, FRONTLINE explores the relationship between U.S. job losses and the American consumer's insatiable desire for bargains. Through interviews with retail executives, product manufacturers, economists, and trade experts, correspondent Hedrick Smith examines the growing controversy over the Wal-Mart way of doing business and asks whether a single retail giant has changed the American economy." For more information, visit: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/shows/walmart/>

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**.

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.

FROM THE OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

World Wide Web Site of the Week - FirstGov/Federal Agencies (www.firstgov.gov)
The federal government's official web portal. Includes links to all executive, legislative, and judicial branch agencies, and links to all state, local, and tribal governments.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Finding Summer International Public Service Internships

Monday, November 7, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 119.

Lunch with Lawyers: Environmental Law

Wednesday, November 9, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 124.

Attention First-Year Students: Next week we will be conducting an important program to introduce you to our career planning services and explain the entire job search process. One half of the class will attend on Tuesday and the other half will attend on Wednesday. Please plan to attend the session to which you've been assigned.

Job Search Seminar – Room 119

Tuesday, November 1 at 1:00 p.m. for 1Ls whose last names begin with A - F as well as every student in Prof. Grover's Civil Procedure class

Wednesday, November 2 at 1:00 for 1Ls whose last names begin with G - Z unless you are in Prof. Grover's Civil Procedure class

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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** that 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 2Ls 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

The **2006 Vault Guide to Law Firm Pro Bono Programs** describes the inner workings of nearly 100 firms’ pro bono programs.

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.

- **Entertainment Law Initiative (ELI) Legal Writing Competition and Scholarship** In conjunction with the ABA Forum on Entertainment and Sports Industries, the GRAMMY® Foundation will award one first-place prize of \$5,000 and four second-place prizes of \$1,500 for winning essays on a compelling legal issue facing the music industry. All winners will also receive tickets to the GRAMMY® Awards Show, airfare, hotel accommodations, and more. For complete contest rules, send an e-mail to ELI@GRAMMY.com or visit www.grammyfoundation.com. **Paper submission deadline: January 6, 2006.**

- **Business Law** - The fifth annual **American Business Law Journal Student Writing Contest** is open to all third-year law students. Entries should address any area of business law, broadly interpreted, including but not limited to antitrust, banking, bankruptcy, business organization, contracts, environmental, constitutional, e-commerce, employment, ethics, financial, international, property, securities, and torts. The first place winner will receive a Writing Competition Winner Certificate, an offer to publish the paper in the *American Business Law Journal*, and a cash prize of \$1,000. **The deadline for submissions is February 15, 2006.**

- **Elder Law** - The National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) is offering the **NAELA Student Journal Writing Competition** on topics related to one or more of the following three issues in elder law practice: 1) diversity in senior housing, 2) diversity in access to health care, and 3) diversity on capacity and guardianship. The top eight articles will be published, and the writer of the best article will receive \$1,500. **The deadline for submissions is February 27, 2006.**

- **Ethics and Civility** - The American Inns of Court sponsors the **Warren E. Burger Writing Competition** to encourage outstanding scholarship “promoting the ideals of excellence, civility, ethics and professionalism within the legal profession.” The winning submission will receive a cash prize of \$5,000 and will be published. **Entries must be submitted by June 15, 2006.**

- **Intellectual Property** - The American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) is sponsoring the **Robert C. Watson Writing Contest**, which will award \$2,000 to the author of the best article on a subject relating to the protection of intellectual property. **Articles must be submitted on or before June 30, 2006.**

- **Intellectual Property** - The American Intellectual Property Law Association (AIPLA) is sponsoring the **AIPLA Quarterly Journal Publication Staff Competition**, which is open only to current first-year law students. Through the writing competition, students are eligible to compete for a position as a Publication Staff member for the period from August, 2006, through May, 2008. The Publication Staff’s responsibilities are similar to that of members on other student-run journals and are coordinated by several student editors, selected each year from among the first-year Publication Staff. **Students wishing to compete must submit a Request to Compete form by Friday, March 10, 2006.** For additional information, see the www.aipla.org.

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.

2005 publication schedule

August 19; September 2, 16, 30; October 14, 28; November 11; December 9

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