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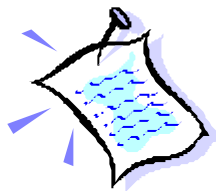
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## NEWSWORTHY NOTES



The Law School community would like to **CONGRATULATE** the 2005/06 Dean's Associates: Sarah Armstrong, Les Boswell, Beth Burgin, Noelle Coates, Mike Dick, Kim Finnigan, Kelly Hart, Svetlana Khvalina, Pia Miller, Melissa Mott, Maryann Nolan, Linda Oramasionwu, Michael Pacella, Clint Paulson, Matt Roessing, Tanya Schuessler, Ashleigh Schuller and Tripp Whitbeck.

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL THREE DOORS THAT LEAD TO THE NORTH WING PATIO ARE LOCKED DAILY AT 5:00 PM.**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Joshua Greer (2L) and his wife on the birth of their daughter, Eleanor Rebecca Greer, who was born on September 22. Mom and older brother, Jonah, are doing well.

**FALL BREAK IS APPROACHING.** While there are no classes on October 10-11, the school will be open for business as usual. Of course, access to the building is available 24 hours with your key card. Please be mindful of **SECURITY** after hours – do not prop doors open nor admit individuals you do not know.

The Law Library hours will be:

Saturday, October 8: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 9: 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Monday and Tuesday, October 10-11: 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**AVALON SHELTER FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN** - During the month of October, Phi Alpha Delta will be collecting supplies for the Avalon shelter. Avalon is a refuge for families that are experiencing situations of domestic violence and sexual assault. Their mission is to intervene in and reduce these incidences within their community. Last year, Avalon provided emergency shelter to 354 women and children who called on

them when they had nowhere else to turn. Your donations will help make their life transitions a success and lessen the economic stresses that these desperate families face.

Requested supplies include: toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, deodorant, and other personal care products, detergent, cleaning items, bleach, paper towels, toilet paper, trash bags, disposable diapers, baby wipes, sweat suits for women and children, new underwear for women and children, multi-racial puzzles, dolls, posters, all stages of developmental toys, arts and crafts supplies and non perishable food items. Boxes will be marked and located in the Student Lounge for you to place your donations. Thanks for helping!

**OPERATION LIFESAVER** – It has been a month since Hurricane Katrina hit. In remembrance of those who have lost lives and homes, as well as in honor of the rebuilding efforts, wear green t-shirts. You can buy Project Relief t-shirts for \$10.00 by going to Campus Center 157 (\$10.00 cash or checks made payable to the American Red Cross).

**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. The forms can be returned to a box in the lobby.

**LOOKING FOR A LAW SCHOOL GIFT?** The William & Mary Alumni Gift Shop now carries a selection of Marshall-Wythe School of Law gifts and would like to extend a \*20% discount to School of Law alumni and students. Please reference Code LW05 under "Special Instructions" when placing an order on the Internet or when phoning in your order. For a quick preview go to [www.wmalumnigiftshop.com](http://www.wmalumnigiftshop.com). The William & Mary Alumni Gift Shop is located in the Alumni Center, next to Zable Stadium. Phone number 757-221-1170 or email [wmgift@wm.edu](mailto:wmgift@wm.edu)"

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

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The **Williamsburg Farmers' Market** is open on Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. – Noon. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation will be at the Market with a "Campaign for Clean Water" exhibit. Have you noticed that the fall produce seems to be heavy? The wagons at the Market tent are there to help you transport pumpkins and plants to your car. The Market will continue through October 29, with the Market Days Festival on October 8

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\* Offer expires 10/31/05. Not valid on chairs or lamps.

and 9. Holiday Markets will be November 19, 26 and December 10. Keep posted on the WEB SITE: <http://www.williamsburgfarmersmarket.com>

The Law School's very own, Brian Lewis and his wife, Mary, will present a lively historical program of popular country music from the 1930s, '40s, and '50s, featuring acoustic guitars, mandolin, and songs sung in close harmony. They will be at the market on Saturday from 9:00-11:00 a.m. If you miss their performance, they will also be playing on the following days/times:

Sunday, October 2 – An Occasion for the Arts  
12:00 noon - 12:30 p.m. on the Prince George Stage  
Corner of Prince George and Boundary Streets

Saturday, October 8 – Fall Festival in Merchants Square  
12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. at the Henry Street Shops

Sunday, October 9 – Fall Festival in Merchants Square  
2:30 - 3:45 p.m. in front of Baskin & Robbins on Prince George Street

**FIRST MEETING OF THE VIRGINIA BAR ASSOCIATION WILLIAM AND MARY CHAPTER!!!** If you are interested in practicing law in Virginia, this is the one meeting you can't afford to miss! Come hear what the organization is all about. We will also elect officers and eat FREE PIZZA!!! 1Ls are strongly encouraged to attend. The meeting is on Monday, **October 3** at 5:00 p.m. in room 141. If you cannot come or if you have any other questions please feel free to contact Rachel Juhas at [rmjuha@wm.edu](mailto:rmjuha@wm.edu). We hope to see you there!

**THERAPEUTIC JURISPRUDENCE/TJ SOCIETY** - Come and join Professor Baker and be a part of organizing the Therapeutic Jurisprudence/TJ Society. It is a unique opportunity to help begin and nurture a student organization that will promote and enhance the law school's Therapeutic Jurisprudence Program. If you want to be a part of an organization that will be dedicated to advancing the law with a true ethic of care and as a helping profession, come and join us on Monday, **October 3** at 1:00 p.m. There will be elections for officers.

**GRADUATION SPEAKER SUGGESTIONS** - Attention 3Ls: although graduation may still seem a long way off, the time to nail down a great graduation speaker is now. Please email Meg Bisk ([mebisk@wm.edu](mailto:mebisk@wm.edu)), or stop by the table in the lobby on **October 4**, with any suggestions, as well as any connections you might have that would help in persuading these individuals, or others, to come speak at Marshall-Wythe. A vote to determine who will be invited to speak will be held in a couple of weeks.

**BLSA MEETING** - BLSA is having a general body meeting on Tuesday, **October 4** at 8:00 p.m. in room 133.

**THE INTERNATIONAL LAW SOCIETY PUBLICATION** - 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 having your paper considered for publication in the "Occasional Papers," please submit your paper to

[ils\\_wm@yahoo.com](mailto:ils_wm@yahoo.com). The paper should concern any issue in public or private international law. For more information please come to the ILS Meeting on Wednesday **October 5** at 1:00 p.m. in room 124. This endeavor is open to all ILS and non-ILS members. So please come and bring your thoughts!

**LARS WALDORF**, who is a project leader at The New School's World Policy Institute, will present a lecture titled "**Mass Justice for Mass Atrocity: Cautionary Lessons from Post-Genocide Rwanda**" at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, **October 5**, in room 127. The talk, part of the Distinguished Lecture Series sponsored by the Human Rights and National Security Law Program, is free and all are welcome. *Hotel Rwanda* recently focused world attention on the genocide that occurred during that country's civil war. Rwanda has embarked on the most ambitious experiment in transitional justice ever attempted: 110,000 lay judges are trying genocide cases in more than 10,000 *gacaca* (community) courts. Mr. Waldorf will describe how these courts, inspired by Rwanda's traditional form of dispute resolution, offer important cautionary lessons for adapting traditional practices to provide justice and reconciliation in other societies recovering from mass atrocity.

There will be a **BROWN BAG LUNCHEON DISCUSSION WITH MR. WALDORF** at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, **October 5**, in room 137. All are welcome but seating is limited. To reserve a seat (and a free lunch), please email Derek Mathis in the Faculty Support Center at [dxmat2@wm.edu](mailto:dxmat2@wm.edu). Professor Nancy Combs will introduce Mr. Waldorf.

On Wednesday, **October 5**, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in room 141, Bell-Jo Rodgers, Nurse Consultant, **BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP FACILITATOR** and past Interim Director of Hospice Support Care of Williamsburg, will talk about support groups and how they can benefit us when we find we have particular questions or needs. A listing of approximately 82 support groups and contacts in the Williamsburg area will be available.



**LEE NATIONAL DENIM DAY** is Friday, **October 7**. This is a fund-raiser for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. During the week of October 3, everyone is invited to sign a "helping hand" in MEMORY of someone who lost their courageous battle with cancer, in CELEBRATION of survivors fighting this disease today, and in HONOR of those who support or who are involved with the care of those who have cancer. These "helping hands" will be displayed on the large bulletin board in front of the Circulation desk. Everyone is encouraged to wear denim in support of breast cancer awareness on October 7. Please make a donation (any amount) towards breast cancer research to help eradicate this life-threatening disease. A box for donations will be in the Law Library lobby all week.

**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](mailto:rafait@wm.edu).

**FALL FROM GRACE** – Tired of memo writing, interviewing, and for those few 1Ls still doing it, briefing cases? Get ready to FALL FROM GRACE, Friday, **October 21**, 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. at the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center. Tickets will go on sale starting October 3 for \$25. Buy your tickets early, because the price goes to \$30 as of October 17. Hotel reservation information will follow soon.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.wm.edu/safezone)

**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.

**THE 51<sup>ST</sup> 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](http://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!!!

## ADDRESS UPDATES

All students should contact **Chris Creech (cbcrec@wm.edu)** immediately upon changing addresses or phone numbers. Forms are due to Chris as soon as possible to change official records. **NOTE:** Administration **must** always have updated information.

## ALUMNI DEVELOPMENT

Spriggs & Hollingsworth Welcomes Associates, Washington, DC is pleased to welcome its class of 2005. Matthew Snyder, 26, is a 2005 graduate of The College of William and Mary Marshall Wythe School of Law. He rejoins the Firm after working as a law clerk and participating in the Firm's summer associate program in 2004. He received a B.A., double major, *summa cum laude*, in History and Political Science from Baldwin-Wallace College in 2002.

## FROM THE OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

**World Wide Web Site of the Week** - The American Bar Association's Web site includes **ABA Career Counsel**, "the ABA's central source for online information on finding jobs and enhancing lawyers' careers." It includes "tips on finding the right job and maximizing your career, job postings, tools and links to career related resources." The "For Students" section features articles on specific practice areas, lawyer profiles, state and local resources and more. [www.abanet.org/careercounsel/](http://www.abanet.org/careercounsel/)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please turn in your **Virginia Bar Association Community Service Forms** to OCS. The deadline has been extended to October 15.

***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.**

**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. To find complete details on participating employers, including which days the organization will attend, and any available positions, please check out [www.equaljusticeworks.org/employers/browse.aspx](http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/employers/browse.aspx). **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, was the final day for students to submit resumes to employers.** However, employers may, at their discretion, still accept resumes. **Send your resume directly to employers.** Even if you don't get a scheduled interview, you will have a chance to talk with every employer during Table Talk both days of the job fair.

**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** 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.**




## NEW RESOURCES IN OCS


**Federal Government** - NALP, in collaboration with the Partnership for Public Service and the ABA Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division, has published the **2005-2006 Federal Legal Employment Opportunities Guide**. A comprehensive source of information on federal departments and agencies, it includes profiles of government attorneys and tips for success in the federal government hiring process. A hard copy is on the shelf in OCS; it is also available as a pdf at [http://www.nalp.org/assets/190\\_fedemplguide2005.pdf](http://www.nalp.org/assets/190_fedemplguide2005.pdf).

**Courts and Government** - Anyone looking for a judicial clerkship after graduation, a summer internship with a judge, or internships with U.S. Attorneys' or state Attorney Generals' Offices will benefit by perusing the **Want's 2006 Federal-State Court Directory**. It has contact information for all federal judges, state court organization charts, bar associations and more.

## 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.

 **Clear Writing** - *Legal Affairs* magazine and The Marbury Institute of Piper Rudnick LLP is sponsoring the **Third Annual Legal Affairs Writing Contest for Law Students**. The competition promotes clear, accessible writing about the law and provides a chance for students to have a work published. Students are asked to make an argument of no more than 1,500 words about a pertinent topic in the law, written in a style that's accessible to general readers and lawyers alike. The first-place winner will be awarded \$2,000, and his or her entry will be published in *Legal Affairs* in the spring. Second prize is \$1,000 and third prize is \$500. **Entries are due December 1, 2005.**

 **Trusts and Estates** - The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel has announced the **Mary Moers Wenig 2006 Student Writing Competition**. First, second, and third prizes of \$5,000, \$3,000, and \$1,000, respectively, will be awarded for student-written scholarly works that address one or more legal issues in the area of trusts and estates and related taxation. **The deadline for submissions is April 1, 2006.** For more information, see [www.actec.org](http://www.actec.org).

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### 2005 publication schedule

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