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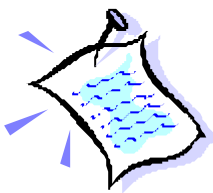
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NEWSWORTHY NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS - W&M Moot Court Team congratulates Quarterfinalists **Phil Chapman, Monique Cioffalo, and Stacy Haney** for their achievements at Regent University's Constitutional Law Tournament, held February 4-5. The team also won 4th Best Brief.

CONGRATULATIONS to our National Trial Team who will be representing William and Mary for the first time ever at nationals for NTC, the National Trial Competition created by the Texas Young Lawyers Association! This past weekend, two 3-member teams competed in the regional competition for NTC in Fairfax County. We were proudly represented by **Joseph Jay, Richard Farley, and Jason Miyares** on one team and by **Virginia Vile, Claire Maddox, and Melanie Friend** on the other team. The girls' team placed second overall at the tournament, winning one of two spots in the region to nationals. This is the highest the school has ever placed at this regional tournament. The national competition will be held in Austin, Texas during the first weekend of April. **GOOD LUCK, TEAM!**

CONGRATULATIONS to the Law School's six Benjamin Rush Scholars – **Kate Aidala (3L), Colleen Diver (2L), Amanda Kutz (3L), Kate Miller (2L), Rachel Wheeler (3L) and Joseph Sciulli (2L).**

It's Official! **Anne Sommers (2L)** is among the top 20 women USA Powerlifters. If you would like to see her name in print, please go to the following website and scroll down to 114 Squat: <http://www.usapowerlifting.com/newsletter/ranking/2004/women>

Volunteer Opportunity: Make PB&Js! - **Saturday, March 26th**, come help prepare and deliver bag lunches (peanut butter and jelly sandwich, juice box, graham crackers, pudding cup) to community children whose families are impacted by seasonal unemployment. 240+ lunches are made and delivered each Saturday. Prepare and pack lunches starting at 9:00 a.m. at Williamsburg United Methodist Church. Deploy to deliver lunches at 10:00 a.m. You'll be done by 11:00 a.m. E-mail Stephanie at slspir@wm.edu if you are interested in helping out.

PSF Board - There are still a few positions available for the PSF board. Email Emily Meyer ejcrom@wm.edu, if you are interested in getting involved! Also, if you applied for the PSF board, but have not heard from us, please contact Emily Meyer.

PSF Singer Songwriter Showcase: Part Deux –

When: Friday, March 18

Where: Casa de Kevin "Wilkie" Wilkes, Joshua Snyder, Andrew "Drew" Louis, and the infamous Eric "The Captain" Leppo.

Time: Doors open at 8:00 p.m. Music will start shortly thereafter

Cost: \$8.00

Needed: Rock Star Law School Peers

Please Contact: Justin Michael Laughter at jmlaug@wm.edu, if you would like to play or would like more details. Please contact as soon as possible because there are a limited amount of spaces.

Head Start Book and Supply Drive - The Law School is about to embark on this month long project starting February 21. Head Start is a comprehensive child development program which serves children from birth to age 5, pregnant women and their families. The goal of Head Start is to increase the school readiness of young children in low-income families. Our local Head Start Program serves 3-5 year old children, and currently has 150 children participating in the program, 10% of whom have disabilities, and all from low-income families. The supply budget for materials, furniture and books for the local Head Start Program this year was \$1000. Just one story-telling set can cost \$150 by itself.

So how can you help?

1. Bring in new or gently used books (without religious connotations) appropriate to ages 3-5
2. Make a donation for Head Start to use to purchase books/supplies.
3. Sign up to purchase a Head Start wish-list item and include the funds necessary for the purchase
4. Read to children in your life!

Questions? Contact Dean Roberts, an SBA Representative, or Professor John Levy, who volunteers weekly at Head Start.

Thank you in advance for any contribution you can make to this worthy cause.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The William and Mary School of Law Institute of Bill of Rights Law: Student Division presents its annual symposium, "Orden v. Perry and McCreary County v. ACLU of Kentucky: An Analysis of the Ten Commandments Cases." The symposium will be held on **February 21, 2005**, in conjunction with the Final Round of the Bushrod Moot Court Tournament. The symposium will be open to the public and held in room 119 of the law school.

Events begin at 3:30 p.m. with Moot Court. Two students will present arguments on whether the First Amendment permits a town to place an engraving of the Ten

Commandments outside its courthouse. A brief reception will follow the competition. At 4:30 p.m., panelists will address the role of religious symbols in American society and the Supreme Court's interpretation of First Amendment establishment clause issues.

Speakers include: ACLU President Nadine Strossen, Chief Counsel of the American Center for Law and Justice Jay Sekulow, Retired Third Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Arlin Adams, Congressman Bobby Scott, Professor William Van Alstyne and Professor Neal Devins.

BLSA Issues in Black Professionalism Symposium - The Black Law Student Association will conduct a symposium on ***Monday, February 21 in room 239 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.*** Topics include investing, budgeting, coping with stress, self-esteem, substance abuse, and relationship issues. Frank Smith of Sphinx Financial Group in Williamsburg will speak on the financial issues. Felicia Brown-Anderson of the W&M Counseling Center will speak on mental health issues and relationships. Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited, so please RSVP to ldmadd@wm.edu.

SBA Presidential Elections - Next Week! Elections for the 2005-2006 SBA President will take place on ***Wednesday, February 23rd***. The polls will be open from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Elections are open to all three classes. An information session for the other SBA officer and class representative positions will also be held next Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. (Location to be announced.) Elections for those positions will be held the following week.



Deadline Friday, February 25th: Administrative Assistants wanted for 2005 Summer Law Program in Madrid, Spain! At least two student participants will be hired to serve as administrative assistants.

Qualifications: Must be fluent in Spanish; must have the ability to work well with others; must be able to balance class work and administrative responsibilities; must show discretion in dealing with confidential matters and be sensitive to cultural differences. Familiarity with Madrid desired, but not required.

Time of employment: June 26 - August 3.

Duties: Aiding the on-site Director (Professor Don Tortorice) as translator/liaison with various offices in Madrid, performing clerical work for the Director in final preparation for the arrival of the other students, serving as an RA in the dormitory, helping with administrative matters throughout the program, and other duties as required.

Payment: Free Room & Board in the dorm (normally costs \$1,350).

Deadline: Interested students must be registered for the Madrid program and indicate their interest in these positions to Anne Beckley, room 238, 221-7544, ajbeck@wm.edu, no later than ***Friday, February 25th***. Interviews will be held the week of February 28th - March 4th. The final decision will be made shortly after the interviews are held.

3L's... IT'S COMING!!! March 16, 7:30-10:30 p.m.. Save the Date!

Ali's Run - Bone Marrow Drive 5K - Come out and run or walk 5K with members of the entire campus and the community to benefit the Bone Marrow Drive on **March 19**. All participants will receive a t-shirt, and awards will be presented to the quickest finishers. Early registration is only \$15, and registration on the day of the race is \$20. Contact Maren Schmidt (jmschm@wm.edu) or Kate Miller (csmil2@wm.edu) for more details.

Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament - Win a Trip to Las Vegas!!! The Second Annual Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament will be held on **Saturday, March 26** in the law school lobby. The entry fee gets you a stack of chips, beer, and snacks, and re-buys will be available. This year the top prize is a three-day, two night trip for two to the Rio in Las Vegas! Other great prizes for at least all participants who make it to the final table. All proceeds benefit the Bone Marrow Drive, so come out and show off your Hold 'Em skills on March 26. For more information, contact Josh Baker (jebak2@wm.edu) or Patrick Speice (pfspei@wm.edu).

\$10,000 Legal Scholarship – The ***Judge Elliott D. Marshall Foundation*** is pleased to announce that this scholarship will be available this year, 2005, to Virginia residents of either Warren, Clark, Fredrick, or Shenandoah counties or the city of Winchester who are in the process of pursuing a legal education, as evidenced by enrollment in an accredited law school, and who expect to reside and practice in the 26th Judicial District after graduation. For application forms write to Mr. Robert Light, Box 602, Front Royal, Virginia 22639. Forms must be returned to the indicated address, between February 1 and April 1, 2005. Late applications will not be accepted.

Oliver Hill Scholarship - The Oliver Hill Scholarship is awarded to a student who is committed to the objectives, goals, and principles of the Black Law Students Association (BLSA) at William & Mary Law School. The recipient must demonstrate a commitment to personal excellence, social justice, and advancing and protecting civil rights of all citizens. Students in good standing at the Law School, who demonstrate financial need, exhibit leadership abilities in the Law School or the community and display a record of public or community service are eligible. Interested students must apply for the scholarship by submitting two copies of the following to the Dean's Office by **MARCH 4**: resume, statement (no more than one double-spaced page) that describes how the student meets the criteria and an essay (no more than two double-spaced pages) on the topic "How Oliver Hill's achievements have had an impact on my life." Please be sure to submit all applicant materials by **MARCH 4, 2005**.

Moot Court Honor Society and Women's Association - The 12th Annual National Women Law Students' Association (NWLSA) Conference and 8th Annual Sojourner Truth Moot Court Competition, will be hosted by Syracuse University College of Law in Syracuse, New York from **April 7-9, 2005**. If you need more specific details, please go to NWLSA's website at www.nwlsa.com. In addition, the Sojourner Truth Moot Court Competition will be held at the NWLSA Conference. More information on the problem, rules, and team registration fees and deadlines will soon be posted on NWLSA's website as well. For more information on the Competition, feel free to contact Kori Medow, Director of Moot Court at kamedow@syr.edu.

NEED TO KNOW INFO

Housing Opportunities -The Admission Office would appreciate hearing from students who know of apartments and housing opportunities that will become available this summer. If you are moving from a desirable location or are looking for roommates for next year, please stop by with the particulars or e-mail the information to lawadm@wm.edu. Your information will be distributed to new admits on April 2. Thanks for your help!

Student Financial Aid - Attention all 1Ls and 2Ls: Information was placed in your hanging files on January 19 regarding financial aid for the 2005/06 academic year. If you did not receive this information, additional copies are available from Faye Shealy (Office #105). The FAFSA is required for educational loans and need-based financial aid. Note that March 1 is the deadline for returning William & Mary students to file the FAFSA. You may locate the required form by going to fafsa.ed.gov.



A representative from the William & Mary Office of Student Financial Aid will be available to meet with law students regarding proper filing of the FAFSA, lender terms, loan application procedures, etc. Please contact the Financial Aid Office by calling 221-2426 if you wish to schedule an appointment.

Photos For Publication - We are seeking photos of publishable quality to represent life at William & Mary Law School for upcoming publications. Please review your law school experiences captured on film and route those suitable for print to Jaime Welch-Donahue (jpwelc@wm.edu) or Faye Shealy (ffshea@wm.edu) or drop by Faye's Office (Room 105). We are seeking diverse settings and smiling faces both at the Law School and activities in Williamsburg - don't forget Barrister's Ball! Thanks in advance for contributions submitted for printing and distribution in response to this request.

LEGAL SKILLS

The Legal Skills Office is seeking to fill twelve teaching assistant positions for the 2005-2006 academic year. These positions consist of ten openings for current 2L students and two openings for current 1L students. Legal Skills teaching assistants will serve as junior partners in Legal Skills firms and will be responsible for a wide variety of administrative, research and writing, and instructional duties.

Information and applications were dropped in all 1L and 2L hanging files on Friday, February 4. Extra copies of the application are available in the Legal Skills Suite.

Further information can be obtained from Professors Moliterno and Lederer, and from Dean Roberts.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

World Wide Web Site of the Week - Students who are interested in exploring **judicial clerkships** should check out www.judicialclerkships.com, a web site developed and maintained by Debra Strauss, who worked two terms as a clerk for a federal judge, served as Judicial Clerkship Advisor at Yale Law School, and has written extensively about judicial clerkships.

HOT JOBS

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.

OCS continues to receive numerous listings *daily* for summer and permanent positions. Check the **OCl+ Job Bank** frequently for new listings!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

OCS Express - Got a quick question about your job search? Want help finding the perfect opening for your cover letter? Want to see some of the latest job search resources? On **Monday, February 21, from 12:00-2:00 p.m.** OCS staff will be on hand in the lobby to answer students' questions about any job search topic. Feel free to stop by the table on your way to or from class.

Post-Graduate Judicial Clerkships for Second-Year Students - Learn about opportunities and application procedures for clerkships that start in 2006 and hear alumni discuss their clerkships with federal and state judges. **Thursday, February 24 at 12:30 p.m. in room 120**

Careers in the Foreign Service - Ralph Bressler, a career Foreign Service Officer, will discuss opportunities on **Tuesday, March 1 at 1:00 p.m. in room 133**. Note: The registration deadline for this year's Foreign Service Exam is March 23. Because of the lengthy State Department selection process, 1Ls and 2Ls interested in the Foreign Service after graduation are encouraged to attend this program and take this year's exam.

FUNDING SOURCES FOR SUMMER WORK

Civil Liberties Fellowship - The **Robert Masur Fellowship in Civil Liberties** is granted annually to a first-year law student undertaking research or an internship in civil rights or civil liberties. The fellowship recipient will receive an honorarium of \$1,000. All

applications must be postmarked by **May 31, 2005**. For more information, see <http://www.nationinstitute.org/awards/masur/> .

Equal Justice Works has announced a funding opportunity for summer interns. The **Summer Corps** is an AmeriCorps-funded program that provides law students with the opportunity to earn a \$1,000 education award voucher for spending their summer in a public interest internship. For more information, log onto www.equaljusticeworks.org, click on "Find an Opportunity" and then "Summer Corps." **Online applications will be taken from March 16-30**. Applications will only be accepted from 1Ls and 2Ls who are from EJW member schools (William & Mary is a member). For the Members Only Content, when prompted choose William & Mary from the drop-down menu and use the William & Mary password: equal2004.

Communications Law - For the twelfth consecutive year, the Federal Communications Bar Association Foundation will award at least four \$4,000 stipends to law students employed as unpaid summer interns at the FCC and other government agencies or entities with jurisdiction over the communications industry, (*i.e.*, broadcasting, cable television, telephony, satellites and information technology). For more information and an application, see http://www.fcba.org/upload/fy05_summer_intern_application.doc . **The application deadline is Friday, March 18, 2005.**

Law School Funding for Summer Jobs in Government and Public Interest - Application materials for the seven law school-funded summer stipends are available in the OCS Applications Cabinet under "William & Mary Summer Public Interest/Government Fellowships" and on the Career Services Web site. **The deadline for applying for funding is 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 24.**

Harvard Law School's Office of Public Interest Advising annually publishes **Serving the Public: A Job Search Guide**, which has an entire chapter on sources of **summer funding for public interest internships**. There is a copy with the other public interest resources in OCS.

The Web site for **Public Interest Clearinghouse** (www.pic.org) has a link to "**Other Summer Grants and Fellowships.**"

PSLawNet (see above) posts **National and Regional Summer Funding Sources**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

International Law - Approximately 1,200 people from around the world will attend the **American Society of International Law's 99th Annual Meeting**, to be held in Washington, DC from **March 30 - April 2, 2005**. Students are invited to attend the more than 40 panels and lectures on such topics as human rights, trade, and the implications of the conflict in Iraq. The keynote address will be given by U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg; other speakers include Francis Gurry, Justice Michael Kirby, and Lt. Gen. Brent Scowcroft. Student ASIL members may attend for free, while students who are not currently members will receive the added benefit of a

one-year membership for their \$30 registration fee. For more information and to register online, visit www.asil.org, or call 202-939-6000.

Foreign Service Exam - Online registration is now open for the Foreign Service Written Exam, which will be administered on **April 23, 2005**. Registering for the exam is the first step in the process of becoming a Foreign Service Officer for the U.S. Department of State. For information on registration, the application process, and the official study guide, see <http://www.careers.state.govhttp://careers.state.gov/officer/join/examinfo.html>. **The registration deadline for the exam is March 23.**

SUMMER HOUSING

Looking for summer housing outside Williamsburg? Law students seeking summer housing in the cities where they'll be working are invited to participate in NALP's free online **National Apartment Exchange**. The site facilitates summer sublets of apartments currently being used by law students in cities across the country who will be in another city for the summer. Just visit www.nalp.org and follow the link to the Apartment Exchange. **The Apartment Exchange will be available through May 15, 2005.**

Other Summer Housing Options - The NALP site listed above is free. Another site that appears to be free is www.craigslist.org. The web site www.sublet.com will, for a fee, give you 90 days of access to listings for sublets available around the country. Before paying the fee, you can see if they have any listings in your target city and what the fee is, which varies depending on the city or region you pick. JDPost lists summer sublets for and by law students. See www.jdpost.com. Another suggestion is to check colleges and universities in your target city, since they often have housing options available to students for the summer.

Summer Housing in Washington, DC - Catholic University offers several housing options in residence halls at the campus approximately three miles north of the Capitol. Some are in new apartment-style halls and others are single and double rooms. Phones and 24-hour security are included, and meal plans are available. <http://conferences.cua.edu>

Summer Housing in Atlanta - Emory University offers housing to students working in Atlanta for the summer. See www.emory.edu/sihp/ for get information and download an application. Applications are available now and priority will be given to those submitted before April 15.

Summer Housing in New York City - Furnished apartments are available through NYU School of Law's Summer Living in New York program in Manhattan. For more information, see www.law.nyu.edu/depts/housing .

NEW RESOURCES

The **2005 Hampton Roads Legal Directory** has listings for judges, lawyers, law firms, bar associations and more for the Hampton Roads region.

The **Congressional Yellow Book** lists who's who in Congress, including committees and key staff, and is indispensable to anyone looking for a job on Capitol Hill.

Want to wow 'em in interviews? **Boost Your Interview I.Q.** includes advice on crafting the best answers to tough questions, strategies for playing up your strengths, and the "Interview I.Q. Test" to help you warm up for the big day

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.

Legal Ethics - Notre Dame Law School is sponsoring the **Smith-Doheny Legal Ethics Writing Competition** on any issue within the general category of legal ethics. Coauthored essays may be submitted. A prize of \$1,000 will be awarded for the winning entry. **All entries must be received before 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 29, 2005.**

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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