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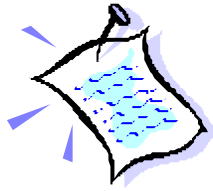
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NEWSWORTHY NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS to **Meg Bisk** for winning the position of 2005-2006 Student Bar Association President! We are confident that she will be a truly excellent leader.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following people for being elected Student Bar Association Officers and Class Representatives for the 2005-2006 school year: **Vice-President - Trey Freeman; Secretary - Jacquelynne Jordan; Treasurer - Ryan Browning; 3L Representatives - Stephanie Spirer and Matt White; 2L Representatives - Gabe Kennon and Linda Quigley.**

CONGRATULATIONS to **Professor Don Tortorice** for winning the BLSA Tsunami Fundraiser—Jelly Bean Guessing Contest. With a guess of 6,014 jelly beans, Professor Tortorice's guess was the closest to the actual number of jelly beans in the jar, 6,117. As the winner of the contest, Professor Tortorice generously donated the prize – a \$25 Target gift certificate to PSF. Additionally, BLSA would like to thank everyone who participated in the contest – \$225 was donated towards the campus-wide Tsunami Relief Fundraiser.

The Loan Repayment Assistance Program Committee (Jayne Barnard, Judy Conti '94, Dave Dalke '93, Rob Kaplan, Sally Kellam, John Levy, Emily Meyer '05, Patty Roberts, and Faye Shealy) is pleased to announce the inaugural awards from the John Levy Loan Repayment Assistance Program:

- Jason Eisner '04 - Danville Public Defender's Office, Danville, VA
- Shannon Hadeed '04 - Lynchburg Commonwealth's Attorney's Office, Lynchburg, VA
- Scott Kennedy '04 - Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, Glen Allen, VA
- Hope Townes '04 - Virginia Legal Aid Society, Lynchburg, VA

Spring Break is March 7-11. In preparation for this holiday from classes, remember that: the Law School administrative offices and FASC will be open as usual during normal business hours.

- Java City will not be open during Spring Break but will resume normal hours of operation March 14.

- The Law Library will be open for full service according to the schedule listed below. Remember you always have access to the Law Library via your W&M ID which serves as a key car.

Saturday, March 5th:	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 6th:	1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Mon. 7th - Fri. 11th:	8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 12th:	10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 13th:	10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Head Start Book and Supply Drive - The Law School embarked on this month long project on February 21. 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.

Professor William Van Alstyne will be speaking at a brown bag luncheon at the William & Mary DC Office on **Friday, March 11, 2005 at 12:30 p.m.**

Professor Erwin Chemerinsky of Duke University will present a lecture on **Monday, March 14**, titled "Guantanamo: A Consideration of the Legal Issues Surrounding the U.S. Detention of Individuals at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Since January 2002." The lecture is free and open to the public and will be held at **4:30 p.m. in room 119** of the Law School. It is cosponsored by the Human Rights and National Security Law Program and the Institute of Bill of Rights Law.

Professor Chemerinsky is representing one of the people detained at Guantanamo Bay and frequently argues appellate cases, including in the U.S. Supreme Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals. He joined the Duke faculty in July 2004 as the Alston & Bird Professor of Law and taught previously at the University of Southern California where he was Irmas Professor of Public Interest Law, Legal Ethics, and Political Science. For more information, call 757/221-1840 (lawcom@wm.edu).

Moot Court Board positions available - 1Ls and 2Ls - The Moot Court Board will be accepting applications for Board membership from Moot Court Members and non-members through **Wednesday, March 16th**. Applications and descriptions of the board positions will be available on the Moot Court bulletin board and in the student lounge. All positions on the board are open to Moot Court members, and the research justice

positions (those who write the appellate opinions to be used in the Bushrod and Spong tournaments) and the treasurer position are open to non-team members. Interviews will be held Sunday, March 20th. Applications should be dropped in the Moot Court hanging file by 8:00 p.m. on March 16. For questions, contact Emily Meyer at ejcrom@wm.edu.

Class of 2005 St. Patrick's Day Kickoff Celebration of the Class Gift Campaign -

Come show your class spirit and enjoy green beer, wine, light appetizers and music. Faculty and Staff are welcome, **Wednesday, March 16, 2005, 7:30-10:30 p.m.** in the Law School Lobby.

3L Day (March 17) events include:

Ordering cap and gown, diploma frame, rings.

"Everything you wanted to know about the Virginia Bar Exam Character & Fitness Process"

Class Gift Kickoff (March 16)

**SEE E-MAIL FROM DEAN JACKSON
AND/OR CARDOZO CALENDAR FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

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.

Women's Rights and Islamic Family Law in Afghanistan" by Judge Marzia Basel -

The Islamic Law Seminar, ILS, and the William and Mary Journal of Women and the Law presents: "Women's Rights and Islamic Family Law in Afghanistan" by Judge Marzia Basel **March 18, 1:00-3:00 p.m., room 141.** Judge Basel served as a judge in Afghanistan from 1985 to 1996. Under Taliban rule, she operated a home school for women out of her house. Since the Taliban's overthrow, Judge Basel has returned to the judiciary and also served as a member of the Afghan Constitution Commission, a member of the Special Independent Emergency Loya Jirga Commission, Assistant to the Special Representative of the UNDP Mission to Afghanistan for the Establishment of an Independent Afghan Judicial Commission, Program Officer of the Gender Justice Program for UNIFEM Afghanistan, and Project Officer of the Juvenile Justice and Legal Protection Project for UNICEF Afghanistan. She is currently Director of the Afghan Women Judges Association.

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.

On the Horizon - Still looking to get involved? Interviews for Honor Council Justices, Student Assembly Representative, Graduate Council Representative and American Bar Association Representative will be held after spring break. Honor Council Justices will be chosen the week of March 21st, and the SA, Grad Council and ABA rep will be chosen the following week. Look for more information after spring break. Questions about any of the positions? Email Meg Bisk at mebisk@wm.edu.

The Satellite Broadcasting and Communications Association (SBCA) is hosting the **Media Law Forum** on **Tuesday, March 22**, at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. Featured debate is "Media and the 1st Amendment: Consumer Discretion vs. Government Protection." Free registration before March 18. For more information, go to www.sbca.com.

Volunteer Opportunity: Make PB&Js! - Saturday, March 26, come help prepare and deliver bag lunches 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.

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).

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.

More PSF Dates to Keep in Mind - April 8 - Date Auction; Mr. Marshall-Wythe (70's-80's style!) - date TBA. If you or someone you know has access to items that would be appropriate for the Date Auction silent auction (beach houses, airline tickets, or anything cool your friends would want to buy) please contact Emily Meyer at ejcrom@wm.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.

BAR EXAMS - Those interested in taking the Virginia Bar Exam are invited to bring questions regarding the exam and/or admission process to: "Everything You Wanted to Know About Character and Fitness Process ... But Were Afraid to Ask." Mark your calendars for this presentation/discussion with a member of the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners. **1:00 p.m., March 17, room 120.** This session is open to all students (1L and up) who have an interest in sitting for the Virginia Bar exam.

VIRGINIA BAR - Applications are available only via the web site <http://www.vbbe.state.va.us/forms.html>. The application is due **May 10th** for the July exam. Those considering taking the Virginia Bar Exam are reminded that the MPRE is now required for admission to the Virginia Bar. Virginia Certificates of Education and fingerprint cards are available from Chris Creech at the Law School Reception. Fingerprinting for bar applications can be scheduled through Chris Creech for appointments with Campus Police. Fingerprinting can be processed at locations other than Campus Police.

MPRE - Application is available via the web site <http://www.ncbex.org/mpre.htm>. Next exams dates: March 12, 2005, August 12, 2005, and November 4, 2005.

TRANSCRIPTS - For those who require official transcripts ... forms for ordering an official transcript are available from Dean Jackson or at Blow Hall in the Office of the University Registrar or at the web site: <http://www.wm.edu/registrar/forms/transcript/Official%20Transcript%20Request.pdf>.

There is a \$5.00 dollar charge for each transcript requested. Transcript requests are handled through the University Registrar and in the order received. A request may take up to 14 working days for receipt, so **PLAN AHEAD!**

Check your transcript carefully for errors – is a grade for a non-law class other than "P"? Do you have all the credits you should have for law review/journal or moot court? Do you still have an "I"? These are items that are more easily cared for sooner rather than later. See Dean Jackson if corrections need to be made!

REGISTRATION - Fall 2005 registration will occur March 28, 8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. for all rising 3L students. Fall 2005 registration will occur March 29, 8:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. for all rising 2L students. Registration is web-based via Banner Self-Service. Forms for independent work (independent writing or research; directed reading; and externship experiences) are due prior to being registered in these courses. Students interested in taking non-law courses should complete the appropriate paperwork before the end of the spring 2005 semester. These forms also are due prior to being registered in the course.

EXAM CODE NUMBERS - Spring 2005 exam code numbers were sent to each student via email. Please see Dean Jackson or Gloria Todd if you did not receive this email.

CLASS RANKS - Cumulative class ranks and rank GPA were sent to all 2L and 3L students via email. Please see Dean Jackson if you did not receive this email. First-year students and transfer students are ranked only after the completion of their first full-year of law school at William & Mary.

POSTING OF LITERATURES - A reminder that signs may be posted to the bulletin boards in the Student Lounge and the Administration Bulletin Board by the elevator (across from room 119). Signs, notices and fliers are not to be posted to doors, walls or windows. Signs advertising an event may be posted to the front doors on the day of the event only and only with the permission of the Administration. All events registered via Gloria Todd will also appear on the Lobby Plasma.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

World Wide Web Site of the Week - JDpost.com, an "Internet Community for Law Students," was designed by recent law school graduates. According to their Web site, part of their mission is to "assist in helping students with the employment, housing, and legal education processes. JDpost also provides a confidential community forum through the use of message boards and online surveys for members to provide candid opinions about former employers, law schools, classes, and other subject matters at the

core of the law student experience.” Besides job listings, of particular interest to students right now might be their listing for summer sublets. www.jdpost.com

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Interested in exploring the possibility of doing an **externship** this summer? OCS will sponsor a program on **Summer Work for Academic Credit** on **Wednesday, March 16 at 3:30 p.m. in room 124**. All 1-Ls and 2-Ls are welcome to attend. Learn how you can get some worthwhile professional experience and give yourself an opportunity to lighten your course load in the fall.

Everything You Wanted to Know About Character and Fitness . . . But Were Afraid to Ask - Stephen A. Isaacs, a William & Mary law graduate and director of the Character and Fitness Committee of the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners, will discuss the character and fitness process and recurring issues and problems of which you should be aware. **Thursday, March 17 at 1:00 p.m. in room 120**.

HOT JOBS

Government Jobs for 3Ls - The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has established an Attorney Honors Program for graduating law students and recent graduates. Applications are now being accepted and must be received no later than **March 31, 2005**. For more information, see www.fcc.gov/attorneyhonorsprogram/.

Summer Research Positions with Faculty Members - OCS has surveyed professors about their hiring plans for summer 2005. A chart summarizing their needs and hiring procedures was e-mailed to all 1Ls and 2Ls, and a copy is posted in OCS.

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

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.

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.**

NEW RESOURCES

The **Virginias Legal Directory** lists all attorneys licensed to practice in Virginia and West Virginia. It is arranged both geographically and alphabetically, and also lists firms, judges, state government agencies, and bar associations.

Professor Dwyer’s graduate research fellow, Sarah Cane, has compiled a new resource, **Finding Employment in Legal Advocacy for Children**, which is now shelved with the other public interest resources in OCS. It includes an introduction to children’s rights law, personal narratives of child advocates, a list of informational web sites, and lists of employment and fellowship opportunities.

Want to know the secrets of a successful legal career? Vault’s **View From the Top: Law Firm Leaders** has advice garnered from managing partners at nearly 100 top law firms on such topics as law school preparation, traits that make effective lawyers, the

rewards of practice, the future of the legal profession and more. Before you interview with any of the managing partners of these firms, you might want to see what they have to say. Included are comments from James Sweet, a 1973 William & Mary law school graduate, who is chairman of Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.gov><http://careers.state.gov/officer/join/examinfo.html>

The registration deadline for the exam is March 23.

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.

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 .

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.

The Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation announces the twelfth annual **Brown Award for Excellence in Legal Writing**. Open to all current law students writing on any legal subject, the Brown Award includes a stipend of \$10,000. **Entries must be postmarked no later than April 22, 2005.**

Lesbian-Gay-Bisexual The National Lesbian & Gay Law Association is sponsoring the **Michael Greenberg Student Writing Competition**, which is dedicated to encouraging and recognizing outstanding law student scholarship on the legal issues affecting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex persons. The best paper will be recognized with a \$1,000 first prize and publication in the *Journal of Law and Sexuality* at Tulane University Law School. **Entries must be received no later than June 15, 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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