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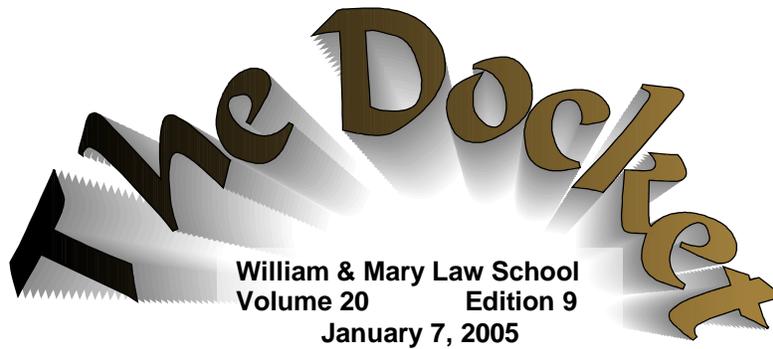
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MARK YOUR CALENDAR –

THE LAW SCHOOL IS OFFICIALLY **CLOSED ON MONDAY, JANUARY 17** TO COMMEMORATE **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY.**

The Law School will celebrate its 225th birthday with a birthday cake on **Thursday, January 20th at 2:00 p.m. in the Law School Lobby.** Everyone is invited to attend so please plan to attend the celebration.

Members of the Class of 2005
Mark your Calendars for the
Annual
100th Night Celebration!
Friday, January 28
8:00-p.m.-1:00 a.m.
University Center – Trinkle Hall
RSVP today!
Kathy Pond (ktpond@wm.edu)

NEWSWORTHY NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS to **Tammi & Darren Flythe** on the birth of their son, **Jalen Eric** on January 5.

Sharon Burkhamer, the Morning Circulation Assistant, will be leaving the Law School on Friday, January 14. We will certainly miss her warm smile!

NEED TO KNOW

GRADE CARDS and CLASS RANKS - Your fall semester grades will be posted to Banner Web and viewable beginning January 17th. 2L and 3L Class ranks will be complete by February 18th. A reminder, first-year and transfer law students receive a class rank following their first full year of law school at W&M. LLM students are not ranked.

GRADE CONVERSION OPTION - Third-year law students may look back on their second-year grades and their fall third-year grades. Any one grade (within the policy parameters) of "C" or higher earned during these semesters may be converted to a "P." The conversion option must be submitted to Dean Jackson by February 11th. Please review the policy in the Registration Bulletin or in the email sent by Dean Jackson. Grade conversion forms are available at the handout center in the Law Library.

ADDRESS CHANGES - *Remember to notify* the administration as soon as possible when you have a change in address, phone number or name. Also remember that all official University information is mailed to your "home" address.

ADD/DROP - Banner Web access for add/drop began December 28, 2004 and will end at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, January 14, 2005. *Remember that by dropping courses early and removing your name from waitlists, the add/drop process runs smoother and more students are able to finalize schedules earlier in the first week of the semester.* Upper-level students may make changes through the Banner Web for any course, which has an open seat. Students wishing to add into a course from the posted Invitation To Add list can do so only through contacting Dean Jackson. Remember to check the add/drop board daily for invitations to add classes. Holds on your account will be in effect during Add/Drop and prohibit you from making schedule changes. Therefore, PLEASE make sure your bills/fines are paid and library books are returned before you return in January.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

World Wide Web Site of the Week - Before you get too wrapped up in the semester we thought you might have time for something on the lighter side. **Lawhaha.com** is produced by Andrew McClurg, a law professor who also wrote a monthly humor column for the *ABA Journal* for more than four years. He says the site is "designed to be an interactive humor network for legal types of all stripes: law students, lawyers, law professors, judges, legal secretaries, prison inmates, recidivist parking meter violators – just about anyone with a computer, basically." Readers are asked to contribute entries for sections such as "Funniest Law School Moments" and "Weird Legal News." www.lawhaha.com

Job of the Week – with a January 15th deadline - Each year, the National Lawyers Guild sponsors the **Haywood Burns Memorial Fellowships for Social and Economic Justice**. These are public interest summer internships – 24 projects in 14 different cities across the United States that offer a unique blend of advocacy, challenging legal work, and community organizing. Information and application forms are available in the OCS Applications Cabinet (filed under “National Lawyers Guild”) or online at www.nlg.org/students/Haywood_Burns2005.pdf . **The deadline for receipt of application is January 15, 2005.**

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

On-Campus Interviews - First-year students and any others not familiar with the procedures for signing up for on-campus interviews, group mailings, and job fairs should attend **“Using eAttorney for On-Campus Interviewing” on Wednesday, January 12, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 124.**

Special Two-Part Public Interest Program - The Office of Career Services and members of William & Mary’s Public Service Fund (PSF) will present a program on **“Finding and Funding Summer Public Interest and Government Jobs”** on **Tuesday, January 18 at 11:30 a.m. in Room 119.** Students planning to apply for summer stipends (see announcement below) should attend, as the application procedures for the seven funding programs will be explained in detail. **The program will be followed at 12:15 p.m. by “Exploring Public Service” in the law school lobby** where approximately 30 students will be on hand to talk about the summer work they did in a variety of government agencies, legal services offices, advocacy groups and other public service organizations. Everyone is welcome to participate. **STUDENTS WHO ATTEND THE 11:30 A.M. PROGRAM WILL RECEIVE TICKETS FOR FREE PIZZA AND SOFT DRINKS, WHICH WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE LOBBY BY LEXIS.**

An Extraordinary Job Search Seminar - By special arrangement, the Office of Career Services will sponsor a seminar on **“Five Steps to Securing Your Dream Job”** presented by **Craig Thompson**, a practicing attorney from Baltimore with a radio talk show, a television show, a monthly magazine column, and an award from his law school as its Outstanding Young Alumnus. Mark your calendars – you don’t want to miss the opportunity to hear and meet this dynamic speaker. **Tuesday, January 25 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 124.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1Ls Participating in the Mock Interview Program – Just a reminder that you need to upload a copy of your resume into eAttorney by **Sunday, January 16, 2005.** (You must have preregistered to participate.)

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 2005. 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.

Public Interest Law Retreat - The **18th Annual Robert M. Cover Public Interest Law Retreat** will take place from **March 4-6, 2005**, near Peterborough, New Hampshire. Organized by Touro Law Center, the retreat brings together 150 public interest law students, practitioners, and professors. Registration is \$125, which covers meals and lodging. **Registrations are due February 10, 2005.** For more information, see the brochures filed in the OCS Applications Cabinet under "Cover."

First-Year Diversity Fellowship - Stoel Rives, a 375-lawyer firm with offices on the West Coast, has established a First-Year Diversity Fellowship in its Seattle and Portland offices. Each fellowship includes a salaried summer associate position and a \$7,500 scholarship to defray tuition and expenses during the 2005-06 academic year. First-year students "who contribute to the diversity of the student body at their law school and will contribute to the diversity of our legal communities" are eligible to apply. For more information, see the brochures filed in the OCS Applications Cabinet under "Stoel Rives" or visit <http://join.stoel.com/diversity.pdf> . **Application materials must be postmarked by Monday, January 24, 2005.**

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 **Federal Regional Yellow Book** lists who's who in the federal government's departments, agencies, diplomatic missions, military installations and service academies *outside* of Washington, DC

The ***Nonprofit Sector Yellow Book*** lists who's who in the management of the leading foundations, universities, museums and other nonprofit organizations.

The ***Associations Yellow Book*** lists who's who at the leading U.S. trade and professional associations.

The ***Financial Yellow Book*** lists who's who at the leading U.S. financial institutions.

The ***Foreign Representatives in the U.S. Yellow Book*** lists who's who in the U.S. offices of foreign corporation, foreign nations, the foreign press and intergovernmental organizations.

The ***Human Rights Organizations & Periodicals Directory*** has more than 1,200 entries for groups and publications in the U.S. dedicated to "human rights and to peace, and to improving the conditions under which we live, our treatment of one another, and our chances of survival." It includes a list of organizations offering internships.

Public Interest Group Profiles 2004-2005 is an "in-depth guide to the most influential public affairs and advocacy groups in the United States." The 252 organizations profiled in the resource cover a wide range of views from across the spectrum of political orientations. Information about internships and permanent employment is included.

The ***National Directory of Corporate Public Affairs*** lists contact data about corporations and the people in them who are engaged in the informational, political, and philanthropic aspects of public affairs throughout the United States.

The ***2004-2005 Sports Lawyers Association Membership Directory***, listing sports law professionals from labor, management, and education, arranges member information both alphabetically and geographically.

WRITING COMPETITIONS (see OCS for more info)

A Word on Writing Competitions 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 outside OCS. In addition to the intellectual and often economic benefits of these contests, the competitions are another way for you to demonstrate your legal writing abilities to 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 if you decide to participate. We have recently posted information regarding the following writing competitions:

Copyright Law - The American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) invites third-year students to participate in the **Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition**. First and second prizes of \$600 and \$250, respectively, will be awarded *at each participating law school* for the best essays on any aspect of

Copyright Law. For contest rules and other details, see Brian Lewis in OCS. ***Submissions are due to Dean Lewis by Monday, March 28, 2005.***

Employee Benefits - The American College of Employee Benefits Counsel announces its first annual **Employee Benefits Writing Competition**. Two prizes of \$1,500 will be awarded for the winning entries on any topic in the field of employee benefits law. ***All papers must be submitted by April 15, 2005.***

Judiciary - The American Judges Association announces its **17th Annual Law Student Essay Competition**. Prizes of \$3,000, \$1,500, and \$1,000 will be awarded for first, second, and third place entries, respectively, on topics in the category of criminal law – recent decisions in search and seizure. ***Entries must be postmarked no later than June 1, 2005.***

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, 2005.***

The **Virginia State Bar Intellectual Property Section** is sponsoring a writing competition for law students in Virginia that will award a single prize of \$4,000. Students may submit any article relating to intellectual property law issues or practice. ***Entries must be received by Thursday, January 20, 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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