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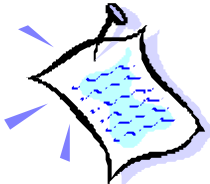
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## NEWSWORTHY NOTES



**CONGRATULATIONS TO RYAN IGBANOL** – Dean Reveley and the Dean’s Advisory Committee are pleased to announce that Ryan is the 2006/07 Drapers’ Scholar.

**GOOD NEWS!** A number of our trial teams have been very successful. The team of Flyn Flesher, Greg Demo, Ben Lusty, and Alison Stuart won the ABA Employment Law Tournament in Washington, DC in mid-November. A second team of Bin Wang, Clint Paulson, Temidayo Koledoye-Andeson, and Ryan Stevens placed third in the same competition.

Earlier the team of Matt Mall, Ryan Stevens, James Bilsborrow, and Josh Whitley made it into the semifinals of the Michigan State tournament. Matt won Best Direct and Best Cross, while James (or Jacksy as he is better known) earned Best Overall Advocate.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU AND  
TO YOUR COACH, JEFFREY BREIT, FOR A JOB WELL DONE**

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Joycelyn Powe on her recent marriage to Tyron Eason. They were married on October 14.

**Please be advised that the student lounge fridge is scheduled for cleaning Friday morning. If you have items you want to keep, please remove them ASAP. The next scheduled cleaning will be Friday, December 15.**

**SAVE THE DATE** - 100th Night Celebration (100 nights before graduation) will take place on February 2, 2007 in Trinkle Hall at the Campus Center beginning at 8:00 p.m. for all 3Ls and LLMs. Please mark your calendars. You will receive an invitation in your hanging file.

**REMINDER TO STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS** – If you have permission to post flyers on the law school doors, please remember to remove them after the event is concluded. Please help keep the Law School tidy.

**MOLITERNO'S GETTING HIS SEXY BACK** (*song by Justin Timberlake*) - Did you know we have a professor who hasn't shaved since he was 17 years old? Would you like to see him shave his Italian face and get his sexy back? Help the Public Service Fund and the BLSA Oliver Hill Committee raise \$2,000 by dropping off donations in the clear ballot box with Moliterno's picture in the student lounge. Legal Skills Director, Jim Moliterno, has so bravely volunteered to shave in the lobby of the law school in front of the student body, but only if we can raise \$2,000 for the Public Service Fund and the BLSA Annual Oliver Hill Banquet. Stop by the student lounge and make a donation.

**IMPORTANT FOLLOW-UP TO OCS/ATLA TRIAL LAWYERS PROGRAM** - The Executive Committee of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA) chapter at William and Mary Law would like to thank those of you who attended our program on November 14. For those of you who were not able to attend, take heart. The chapter will have such programs in the future, as well as:

- trial advocacy training/education sessions
- networking events with established trial lawyers
- panel discussions or debates on protecting the civil justice system

(This list is by no means exhaustive.)

Also, the Executive Committee would like to encourage you aspiring trial lawyers, regardless of what area(s) of law you intend on practicing in, to consider ATLA student membership. The benefits of membership are TOO MANY to list here, but membership dues are only \$15, paid to the national organization. (The chapter requires no other dues for membership!)

If you would like to be informed of chapter programs in the future and/or you would like to have an informative membership brochure dropped in your hanging file, please send an e-mail to Bereket Tesfu at [btesfu@gmail.com](mailto:btesfu@gmail.com) containing your name, class year, and whether you want to be added to the chapter mailing list, have a membership brochure dropped in your hanging file, or both.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**SBA - HOLIDAY CHEER: FUN FOR ALL AGES** - Come out for cider and other refreshments before walking over to Colonial Williamsburg's Grand Illuminations on **Sunday, December 3**. Meet in the Law School Lobby at 5:15 p.m. to socialize and

snack before leaving at 6:00 p.m. Grand Illuminations is the kick-off of the holiday season in Colonial Williamsburg, complete with fireworks and fife and drums. Bring your families and enjoy the holiday spirit! For more information, contact Wes Allen, [wdalle@wm.edu](mailto:wdalle@wm.edu).

**SBA-STUDY SNACK BREAK** - On *Monday, December 4* stop by the lobby from **6-8:00 p.m.** to grab some SBA sponsored snacks and mingle with that crazy person who sits at the table across from you in the library.

**TAKE A BREAK FROM FINALS** - *Monday, December 11 and Tuesday, December 12 from 1-4:00 p.m.* and bring those textbooks you no longer need (or want) and get some **\$\$\$CASH\$\$** for them. The W&M Bookstore will be set up in the Law School lobby at those times to buy them back from you.

## ADMISSION

**REED SMITH VIRGINIA ADVERSITY FELLOWSHIP** – This \$15,000 fellowship is open to first year law students attending an ABA certified Virginia law school who have overcome significant social adversity in their pursuit of a legal career. To receive the entire award (split between the second and third years of law school), the recipient must work as a summer associate at one of their Virginia offices between his/her second and third year of law school. The deadline to apply is **February 28, 2007**. For more information and an application, please stop by the Admission Office.

## NEED TO KNOW INFO

**BAR INFORMATION** – For information and links regarding the Virginia Bar Exam, check <http://www.wm.edu/law/academicprograms/references/barinformation.shtml>.

**VIRGINIA BAR** - Remember to file the Character and Fitness Questionnaire within the first 14 months of law school for a discounted price. More info at: <http://www.vbbe.state.va.us/forms>. The Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam is a fifty question, two-hour, multiple-choice examination administered three times each year. It is required by most states. You can register online at <http://www.ncbex.org/tests/mpre/mpre.htm>.

**VERMONT BAR** - The Vermont bar has moved up their application deadline to December 1. Check out their web site for more information: <http://www.vermontjudiciary.org/BBE/bbelibrary/bbedefault.aspx>

## LIBRARY NEWS

**RESTRICTED LIBRARY ACCESS** - From Friday, December 1 at 5:00 p.m. until Friday, December 15 at 5:00 p.m. **Law Library access is limited** to Marshall-Wythe law students and others who require the use of Law Library materials for research purposes. Please remember that patrons needing legal reference assistance and those using legal materials **are permitted** access.

## LIBRARY WINTER BREAK HOURS

Saturday, December 16: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 17: 1:00-6:00 p.m.

Monday - Thursday, December 18-21: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 22: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Saturday - Tuesday, December 23 - 26: CLOSED**

Wednesday - Friday, December 27-29: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**Saturday - Tuesday, December 30 - January 2: CLOSED**

Wednesday - Friday, January 3-5: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 6: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 7: 1:00-6:00 p.m.

Monday - Friday, January 8-12: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 13: 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 15: 1:00-6:00 p.m.

Monday, January 15: (MLK, Jr. Day) 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Tuesday, January 16: (normal) 7:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

**HOLIDAY ACCESS** - On holidays and during interims, when the library is closed, law students with properly programmed ID cards may access the building and library. Be sure to check your ID in the magnetic locks on the building and library front doors to ensure your card is properly programmed for access. Simply swipe your card through the magnetic reader. If the green light displays, your card is properly programmed. Please report problems to the circulation staff. We may be able to fix the problem and save you a trip to the Campus Center to have your card reprogrammed by the ID Office.

**LIBRARY LOCKERS** - The deadline for locker clean-out and key return is Friday, December 15 by 5:00 p.m. Lockers must be emptied and the locker key returned (with barcode and key tag attached) to the circulation desk. There is a \$10.00 replacement charge for lost keys or tags.

Circulation staff will be available to reserve lockers for the spring semester at 7:45 a.m. on Tuesday, January 16. Locker keys are distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis until all keys have been distributed.

**CARREL RENEWALS** - The deadline for carrel renewal is Friday, December 15 by 5:00 p.m. During the break library staff will be re-shelving carrel materials in anticipation of the start of the new semester, so be sure to renew your carrel and materials before you leave for the holiday.

**INTERLIBRARY LOAN RETURNS AND RENEWALS** - Please return interlibrary loan materials which come due during the Winter Break before you leave for the holidays. Some libraries will extend the loan period, but you must request a renewal **before the due date**. If the lending library will not extend the loan, we must return the book. If you still need the material, photocopy the pages cited **and the title page**, or complete an interlibrary loan form and request that we borrow it from another library when we return in January.

**LIBRARY STUDY AIDS** - The law library provides a database of professors' sample exams on the web, as well as book reviews of various study aids we have available at the Circulation & Reserve Desk. We have helpful study aids for most subjects on reserve, including flashcards, Black Letter Law Outlines, Examples & Explanations, Roadmap, Understanding, Nutshell, Concise Hornbook, and Questions and Answers series. More information is available on the library's website at: <http://www.wm.edu/law/lawlibrary/research/exams.shtml>

**Good luck with exams and have a happy and safe holiday!**

## **FROM THE OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES**

**GOOD LUCK ON EXAMS AND BEST WISHES FROM OCS FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!** OCS will be open throughout finals, and staff will be available for appointments through December 21 and then again in the new year beginning January 3.

**World Wide Web Site of the Week** - Two sites, actually, which may be of interest to students looking for information about **study abroad** programs for the summer. See [www.studyabroad.com/summerlaw/](http://www.studyabroad.com/summerlaw/), and then select the country you're interested in. The American Bar Association lists foreign summer programs at <http://www.abanet.org/legaled/studyabroad/foreign.html>.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

***Paid Labor and Employment Law Summer Internships*** - The Peggy Browning Fund is a nonprofit corporation established in memory of Margaret A. Browning, a prominent labor attorney and member of the National Labor Relations Board. The Fund's mission is to educate law students about the rights and needs of workers. To this end, the Fund supports **paid summer 2007 internship opportunities with labor and employment law-related employers throughout the United States.**

The Peggy Browning Fund (the "Fund") will support at least 36 funded, 10-week summer fellowships in labor and employment law-related organizations, including private law firms, state and federal government agencies, and public interest organizations. The total minimum stipend for the 10-week Summer Fellowship is \$4,000, and some employers (Mentor Organizations) will supplement the Fund's stipend, resulting in a total stipend of \$1,000 per week for certain fellowships. For a list of the Mentor Organizations and their fellowship descriptions, please visit the Fund's Web site at <http://www.peggybrowningfund.org>. There you'll also find extremely helpful FAQs.

The Peggy Browning Fund has invited William & Mary Law School to participate in the fellowship program. Only students from invited law schools are eligible to apply for these fellowships. Your application package should include a cover letter, completed application form, supporting essays, and your resume. Students may apply to a maximum of five Mentor Organizations.

**Application deadline:** Students interested in applying for a fellowship must submit applications BOTH to the listed organization AND to The Peggy Browning Fund.

**Applications must be received by the Mentor Organizations and the Fund no later than Friday, January 12, 2007, but you are strongly encouraged to apply as soon as possible rather than waiting until the deadline.** Please note that these applications are due before you return from the holiday break.

As part of an effort to recruit talented students and increase diversity in the Delaware Bar, the ***Eleventh Annual Delaware Minority Job Fair for First-Year Law Students*** will be held in Wilmington on **Saturday, January 20, 2007**. There is no fee to participate, meals are provided, and at least a portion of your transportation costs will be reimbursed. (Historically, they have been able to reimburse 100% of those costs.) Participating employers will represent the spectrum of the Delaware legal community, including private firms, government, and corporations. Students' resumes will be circulated to participating employers in advance, who will then select whom they wish to interview. Students selected for interviews will be notified the first week of January, and will have a week to accept or decline the invitation(s) to interview. Application materials were e-mailed to all first-year students on November 15. **Your completed application, along with a resume and a photocopy of your undergraduate transcript, should be submitted to the OCS Resume Submission Cabinet NO LATER than the end of the day on Wednesday, December 6.**

***1L Information and Resource Inventory*** - First-year students are reminded that they will need Lexis and Westlaw passwords to complete parts of the OCS Information and Resource Inventory. If you have not already obtained your passwords, contact Shelley Landfair (shelley.landfair@lexisnexis.com) and Lynne Clark Rozier (lynne.rozier@westgroup.com).

***Applying for a Government or Public Interest Summer Job?*** Funding available through William & Mary may help you get that job! There are several **Fellowship Programs** which 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 2007. 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.

***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](http://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 IN OCS

For another take on interviewing skills, students may want to consult NALP's ***Interviewing Tips for Law Students with Disabilities and Employers Who Recruit Them.***

Looking for something other than traditional legal jobs? Check out JD Preferred Center's ***Alternative Legal Careers: 600+ Things You Can Do with a Law Degree (Other Than Practice Law).***

According to the *Wall Street Journal*, "Lawyers looking for the scoop on the nation's biggest law firms now have a place to go" by consulting the 2007 edition of the ***Vault Guide to the Top 100 Law Firms.*** The book includes 16,000 associates' opinions about hours, diversity, training, compensation, and more.

In addition to listings for internships in more than 50 organizations, ***Careers in International Law: A Guide to Career Paths and Internships in International Law*** has descriptions of practice settings in government, corporations, international organizations and NGOs, and law firms, as well as descriptions of what constitutes international practice in capital markets, criminal law, environmental law, family law, human rights and more.

***Of Counsel 700*** gives thumbnail sketches of the top 700 law firms in the country.

## 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.

***Technology*** - The *UCLA Journal of Law and Technology* is sponsoring a writing contest, awarding \$1,000 for the best essay on any subject matter related to law and technology. For more information, see [www.lawtechjournal.com](http://www.lawtechjournal.com). **Submission deadline: January 31, 2007.**

***Environmental Law*** - A prize of \$5,000 will be awarded in the **Roscoe Hogan Environmental Law Essay Contest** for the best essay written on the topic "Whose Earth is it Anyway? How Far can Environmental Protections Extend under the Current 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment Takings Doctrine?" **Intent-to-Enter forms must be postmarked or faxed by January 31, 2007.** Essays are due March 30, 2007. For more info, see [www.poundinstitute.org](http://www.poundinstitute.org).

***Professional Liability*** - The ABA Standing Committee on Lawyers' Professional Liability invites entries in the **2007 Bert W. Levit Essay Contest** on the topic of lawyer liability for aiding and abetting a client's breach of fiduciary duty. The



author of the best essay will receive \$5,000. **Entries must be postmarked by February 16, 2007.** The contest hypothetical, rules and information are posted at [www.abanet.org/legalservices/lpl/levit.html](http://www.abanet.org/legalservices/lpl/levit.html). The contest is open to law students who will have enrolled as student members of the ABA no later than February 14, 2007. Law students wishing to enroll may go to [www.abanet.org/join/lsd\\_enroll/lis\\_enroll.cfm](http://www.abanet.org/join/lsd_enroll/lis_enroll.cfm).

***Intellectual Property*** - The **Virginia State Bar Intellectual Property Section** is sponsoring a writing competition for law students in Virginia which 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 Friday, March 2, 2007.**

***Judiciary*** - The American Judges Association announces its **19<sup>th</sup> 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 topic of "The Rule of Law in Times of Conflict." **Entries must be postmarked no later than June 1, 2007.**

***Appellate Practice and Procedure*** - The **Eisenberg Prize** of \$2,000 will be awarded for the best article published on appellate practice and procedure published between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007. Those who would like to enter an article should send it to the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers, 15245 Shady Grove Road, Suite 130, Rockville, MD 20850 or by email to [msp@mgmtsol.com](mailto:msp@mgmtsol.com), with a postmark or email date **no later than July 10, 2007.**

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