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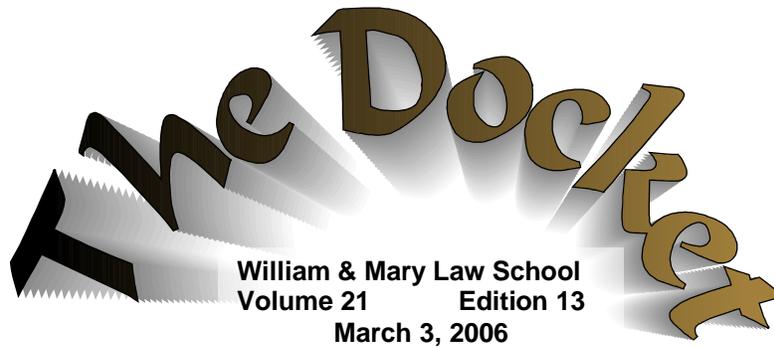
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NEWSWORTHY NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to TREY FREEMAN for his election as SBA's upcoming president! Congratulations also to the following new officers:

Vice President: STEPHEN COBB
Treasurer: RYAN BROWNING
Secretary: SARAH FULTON
2L Representatives: JILLIAN KIPP, WES ALLEN
3L Representatives: JESSICA JOHNSON, MATT RUESSING

CONGRATULATIONS to the new ELPR Editorial Board:

Editor-in-Chief: JULIA C. WEBB
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MOOT COURT COMPETITOR UPDATES - CONGRATULATIONS to W&M's Moot Court team attending the George Mason University Henry G. Manne Moot Court Competition for Law & Economics, where they won **FIRST PLACE!!!** Team members included *Shari Diener, Evelyn Protano, and Paul Sumilas*. **CONGRATULATIONS** also go out to the team attending the Regent University competition and earning **SECOND PLACE!!!** Team members included *Matt Barndt, David Morisson and Michael Sweikar*. Good luck to all of the teams attending competitions in the coming weeks.

CONGRATULATIONS to Adam Suppes and his wife on the birth of their son, William Isaac Suppes on February 21.

CONGRATULATIONS to DeMarion Johnston and her husband on the birth of their son, Pierce Wickham Johnston on February 29.

AMERICA READS PROGRAM - The College of William and Mary is looking for graduate students who have an interest in helping children. There are five positions in the America Reads Program open for this semester, tutoring elementary school children to help them improve reading skills. Experience is not necessary. Tutors must work at least five hours per week, and provide their own transportation.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The Student Lounge Refrigerator will be cleaned out on the following dates: **March 31, April 28** and **May 12**. All items must be removed. What's left will be tossed!

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT - *Deadline Friday, March 3rd: Administrative Assistants wanted for 2006 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 25 - August 2.

Duties: aiding the on-site Directors (Dean Roberts and Dean Jackson) 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, March 3rd**.

Interviews will be held after spring break, during the week of March 13-17. Hiring decisions will be made shortly after the interviews are held.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT BROWN BAG LUNCH & LEARN PROGRAM – On Wednesday, March 8, noon-1:00 p.m. in room 133, there will be a program on Hydroponics. Crystal Mihansky of "Let it Grow Nursery & Hydroponics" will demonstrate how a hydroponic garden can be set up – almost anywhere!

2006 CLASS GIFT CAMPAIGN KICK-OFF PARTY - Members of the Class of 2006: Please join us for a Green & Gold Class Gift Campaign Kick-off Party on **Wednesday, March 15, from 7:00-10:00 p.m.** in the W&M Alumni House. Refreshments from the Green Leafe will be available! All members of the Class of 2006 are welcome. Come celebrate with our class and help us reach our goal of 89/89! Wear green and gold to show your class spirit!

AMERICA'S MOST WANTED: LAWYERS FOR THE POOR - The Student Division of the Institute of Bill of Rights Law presents William & Mary Law Professor Paul Marcus and University of Oklahoma Law Professor Mary Sue Backus speaking on "America's Most Wanted: Lawyers for the Poor" on **Thursday, March 16, 12:50-1:50 p.m. in room 127.** *Lunch will be provided for those who **RSVP.***

The year 2003 marked the 40th Anniversary of Gideon v. Wainwright, the landmark case that upheld a criminal defendant's 6th Amendment "Right to Counsel." That same year, the Constitution Project and the National Legal Aid & Defender Association formed a partnership to assess how this right was being upheld in criminal courts throughout the nation. Professor Marcus and Professor Backus, a William & Mary alumna (Class of 2001), oversaw the research for this project. What they learned is far from encouraging. You are invited to hear their findings.

If you plan to attend this event, please RSVP by Tuesday, **March 14**, to ibrisd@wm.edu.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LIBRARY GOLF! **Friday, March 17**, our very own law library will be hosting the Marshall-Wythe Open! Tee times will be around noon. To make this a successful event, we still need a few more volunteers. The Open will be a nine-hole mini-golf tournament played on a course set up throughout the library. We need volunteers to help in the following areas: Course design, course set-up, refreshments, awarding prizes, and clean-up. For those of you that signed the Virginia Bar Association's volunteer commitment, helping with this event could count toward your hours! If you are interested in helping with the Library Golf tournament, please email Maggie, meshou@wm.edu, or Janey Janson, jwjans@wm.edu.

INTERESTED IN INTERNATIONAL LAW COURSES NEXT YEAR? Are you interested in international law, and want to learn more about the courses offered at William and Mary in this exciting field? The International Law Society is gauging student interest in a potential 45 minute panel presentation about the courses offered. The panel would be held the week of March 20th. The purpose of this panel would be to

assist you in making appropriate course selections for next Fall semester. If you are interested, please e-mail Brian McNamara at bkmcna@wm.edu with "ILS-yes" in the subject line.

FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS IN THE INFORMATION AGE: LIBRARIES, PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS, AND THE INTERNET, a lecture by Theresa Chmara, will be held on Wednesday, March 22, 2006, from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in the Commonwealth Auditorium of the University Center on the main campus. This lecture is free and all are welcome. The lecture is sponsored by Swem Library, the Law Library, the Institute of Bill of Rights Law and the Williamsburg Regional Library. Introductory remarks by Connie McCarthy, Dean of Libraries, and Gene Nichol, College President. Chmara is a partner with the Washington, D.C. office of Jenner & Block and has counseled clients with regard to First Amendment issues. She has, for example, represented the American Library Association, the Freedom to Read Foundation and the American Booksellers Association on free speech issues. For more information, please visit <http://swem.wm.edu/programs/tchmara.cfm>

UPCOMING BONE MARROW DRIVE EVENTS - More details will follow, but save the dates for the following events to benefit the Bone Marrow Drive:

March 25 - Third Annual Texas Hold 'Em Tournament

April 8 - Second Annual Ali's Run 5K

April 10 - Free Throw Competition

April 12 - Drive Day

E-mail Patrick Speice (pfspei@wm.edu) or Josh Baker (jebak2@wm.edu) with any question.

PSF MR. MARSHALL-WYTHE COMPETITION - Calling all men who would love to hear a crowd cheering their name! PSF's annual Mr. Marshall-Wythe Competition is quickly approaching. The event will be held on March 23 and we are looking for 1L, 2L and 3L contestants. This fun, spoof-like competition involves a brief talent portion (sing, dance, lip-sync, whatever), casual wear, and formal wear. Previous and new competitors are welcome. Email Elizabeth Martin (emmart@wm.edu) or Nora Garcia (mngarc@wm.edu) if you are interested.

ANNUAL LAW SCHOOL GOLF TOURNAMENT - The annual law school golf tournament will be held at Kiskiack Golf Club on **Sunday, March 26**. There will be a scramble format and the winning team will receive free rounds. Prizes will also be awarded for longest drive and closest to the pin. We have room for 40 people and tee times will be staggered from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. There will be a post-round BBQ. The cost is \$40 per person. Kiskiack is located right off of I-64, one exit west of Rt. 199. Sign up as a team or as an individual to be paired with a team by emailing Brian Levy, bjlevy@wm.edu.

EXAM CONFLICT FORMS are now available in the library and outside Gloria Todd's office. Deadline date is Friday, April 7.

ADMISSION

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.

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 3**: 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 3, 2006**.

BAR LOAN, LENDER TERMS, FAFSA, LOAN APPLICATION QUESTIONS? A representative from the William & Mary Office of Student Financial Aid is available to meet with law students. Appointments may be scheduled at the Law School on Wednesday afternoons March 15, 22, 29 and April 5, 12 and 19. Please contact Faye Shealy in the Admission Office to schedule an appointment.

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES - The Admission Office would appreciate hearing from students/staff/faculty who know of apartments and other housing opportunities that will be available for the coming academic year. If you are moving from a desirable location or looking for roommates for next year, please stop by with the particulars or e-mail the information to lawadm@wm.edu. The information will be disbursed to new admits seeking housing in Williamsburg. Spread the word to contacts in the community with affordable real estate options for students. Thanks for your help!

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID - Information was placed in your all 1L and 2L hanging files on December 13 with financial aid information for the 2006-07 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. William & Mary's Title IV Federal School Code is 003705.

Additional scholarship opportunities are announced in the OCS section:

THE ROANOKE BAR ASSOCIATION is now accepting applications for the 2006 James N. Kincanon Scholarships. Applicants must be a resident of the City of Roanoke, the City of Salem or the County of Roanoke or be a graduate of a high school located in those jurisdictions. Visit www.roanokebar.com for more information.

The **ESSEX COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION** and its Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, in conjunction with the Hon. Vincent J. Biunno Memorial Fund is pleased to announce the Biunno Scholarship Program designed to offer financial assistance to persons with a disability who are currently attending law school. For purposes of this scholarship, a disability is limited to a permanent physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more of the major life activities of the individual having such an impairment. Contact lruckstuhl@essexbar.com for more information.

THE NATIONAL LESBIAN & GAY LAW ASSOCIATION MICHAEL GREENBERG STUDENT WRITING COMPETITION - This competition is open to students enrolled in an accredited law school during the 2005-2006 academic year. First place award includes \$1,000, publication in the *Journal of Law and Sexuality* and registration, airfare and lodging for Lavender Law 2006 in Washington, DC. The deadline for this competition is June 15, 2006. For more information, please stop by the Admission Office.

2006 FINNEGAN HENDERSON DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP - This \$12,000 award is open to students completing their first year (full-time) of law school. The application deadline is April 15, 2006. For additional information and an application, please stop by the Admission Office.

GILES S. RICH MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP - The Federal Circuit Bar Association (FCBA) has created a need based scholarship in memory of Giles Sutherland Rich. The application deadline for the \$10,000 award is April 28, 2006. Selection for the award will be based primarily on a written submission of no more than one page setting out the applicants' financial need, any interests in particular areas of the law, and any qualification for the award considered relevant by the applicant. The submission should also include all of the applicant's college and law school transcripts, and a one page curriculum vitae. Questions concerning the scholarship and the materials should be sent to:

Stephan L. Peterson, Past President
The Federal Circuit Bar Association
c/o Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett & Dunner
901 New York Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20001-4413

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

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. **Wednesday, March 15 at 1:00 p.m. in room 119.**

International Law - The Office of Career Services and the International Law Society will host the program, "**Distinguishing Yourself through International Law Opportunities**," **at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 16, in room 124.** The program will feature Matthew J. Wilson, Esq., Associate Professor of Law and Director of the Temple University Law Program in Japan. Before teaching law, Professor Wilson gained over 15 years of international experience in legal and corporate matters involving Asia. A reception for Professor Wilson and students attending the program will follow at 5:30 p.m.

HOT JOBS

Summer Research Positions with Faculty Members - OCS has surveyed professors about their hiring plans for summer 2006. 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 **OCl+ 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 JOBS

Applying for a Government or Public Interest Summer Job? Funding available through William & Mary may help you get that job! There are six **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 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. *The deadline to apply for funding is 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 23, 2006.*

Communications Law - For the thirteenth 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). In addition, the Foundation will select one outstanding intern from among the four chosen to receive an additional stipend of \$600 for the summer. For more information and an application, see www.fcba.org/foundation/internship_stipends.shtml. *The application deadline is Friday, March 17, 2006.*

Equal Justice Works has announced a funding opportunity for summer interns. The **Summer Corps** is an AmeriCorps-funded program that will provide 315 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 and click on "Summer Corps." *Online applications will be taken from March 22 at 12:00 noon through April 5 at 5:00 p.m.*

A list of "**Summer Public Service Funding Sources**" is posted among the Government and Public Interest Documents on the OCS Web site.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Foreign Service Exam - Online registration is now open for the Foreign Service Written Exam, which will be administered on **April 8, 2006**. 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/officer/join/examinfo.html>. *The registration deadline for the exam is March 8, 2006.*

Elder Law - The National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA) invited students to take part in their 2006 Symposium through their 2nd Annual NAELA Law Student Fellowship Program. The Symposium will be held in Washington, DC, April 21-22, 2006. For more information, see www.naela.org.

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.nalpexchange.org and you can search for summer housing opportunities from all around the country. *The Apartment Exchange will be available through May 15, 2006.*

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>

House-Sit for Part of the Summer in Northern Virginia - OCS recently received the following correspondence: "I am a retired member of the Virginia bar, seeking a house and cat-sitter from mid-May to mid-July, 2006, while my wife and I travel. Our home's location allows a convenient commute to Reston and Tysons Corner in Northern Virginia. I am, therefore, interested in being contacted by any of your law students who plan to clerk this summer with a law firm in this area, and who may be seeking a place to stay. Sincerely, Robert A. Searle, 486 Woodshire Lane, Herndon, Virginia 20170 (703) 471-1665."

Summer Housing in Atlanta - Emory University offers housing to students working in Atlanta for the summer. See www.emory.edu/sihp/.

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 .

More Summer Housing in New York City - Educational Housing Services is a not-for-profit organization offering fully furnished rooms in newly renovated residences in prime neighborhoods throughout New York City. There is a student membership fee of \$150. For more information, see <http://www.studenthousing.org/summerassociates.htm> .

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:

Class Action Law - Students are invited to submit papers on legal subjects within the scope of class action law for the **Beverly C. Moore, Jr. Memorial Student Writing Competition**. Winning entries will be selected for publication in *Class Action Reports*. **The deadline for submission is Wednesday, June 7, 2006.**

Federal Appeals - The Federal Circuit Bar Association is sponsoring the **George Hutchinson Writing Contest**, open to all law students, on papers written during the 2005-2006 school year. Entries may discuss any topic that lies within the procedure, substance, or scope of the jurisdiction of the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals – patent litigation, Patent and Trademark Office decisions, government contract claims, International Trade Commission, Merit Systems Appeals, and Veterans Appeals. The best entry will win \$3,000; second and third place cash prizes may also be awarded. **Submissions must be postmarked before June 30, 2006.**

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