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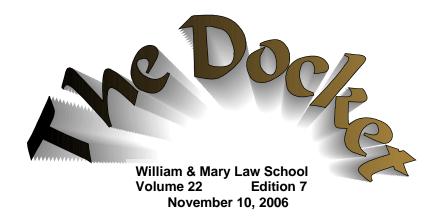
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Dean W. Taylor Reveley III cordially invites you to attend an historic event in the life of William & Mary Law School the naming of the Law Library Friday, the tenth of November at four o'clock in the afternoon on the third level of the Law Library

NEWSWORTHY NOTES

CONGRATULATIONS to Karen Anslinger – she won an award from the ABA Law Student Division for being the "Outstanding Student Liaison of the Year." Out of about 60 students who served as Liaisons last year, she was one of 5 that received the award. She served as a liaison to the Senior Lawyers' Division and was asked to come back and work with them again this year. The Law School community is very proud of her.

CONGRATULATIONS to the W&M team Trial Team of Matt Mall, Ryan Stevens, James Bilsborrow and Josh Whitley. They were one of four teams out of twenty that made it to the semi-finals at the Michigan State Tournament. They lost in the semi-final round to the University of Houston. That team also took home three of the five individual honors: James ("Jacksy") Bilsborrow won Best Overall Advocate and Mat Mall won Best Direct Examination and Best Cross Examination. The W&M team of Elizabeth McElroy, Jamie Mickelson, Brad Meacham and Jo Powe attended the St. John's Civil Rights Tournament. Disappointingly, they did not place.



IN APPRECIATION - Thank you very much for your participation in the "Lee National Denim Day" fundraiser during the month of October. We raised an amazing \$500. These monies will be used to provide funding for research and for projects in the areas of cancer screening and treatment, for breast health

education and resources for patients, families and friends. The "Helping Hands" that were signed and placed on the bulletin board will not be discarded. We will display them each year alongside our current year's "memorial" as a tribute to those who are or who have been affected by cancer. Again, thank you all for your tremendous support! It is very heartwarming to be part of such a compassionate law school community!

WELCOME NEW STAFF TO THE FACULTY AND ACADEMIC SUPPORT CENTER. *Ebony Witherspoon* started on November 6 and *Cheryl Westray* will start on November 27. Ebony has worked in higher education since 1998, primarily supporting the deans within Thomas Nelson Community College and the University of Georgia. She has a BS in Psychology from Nova Southeastern University and recently relocated to the area with her husband.

Cheryl comes to us with nearly seven years experience in higher education. She has worked in a variety of offices at Norfolk State University, most recently supporting the needs of the dean in the School of Science and Technology. Cheryl has a degree in Office Administration from ECPI and lives with her husband in Hampton. Please join us in welcoming these ladies to the William & Mary family.

FRIENDS IN FELLOWSHIP – René Bowditch invites you to a weekly Women's Bible Study on Thursdays, at her home. Come at 3:30 p.m. for cookies, refreshments, and encouragement. Study begins at 4:00 p.m. and ends at 5:00 p.m. For more information and directions, please call René at 561-4749 or Abigail (1L) at 472-4151.

THANKSGIVING BASKET COMPETITION - BE THANKFUL AND GIVE! Participate in BLSA's Annual Thanksgiving Basket Competition! Get together in your Legal Skills Firm or Organization and design a Thanksgiving basket with non-perishable foods, gift certificates, and more. The firm or organization with the best basket will win our competition and earn a pizza party for the entire group. Judging will take place *Thursday, November 16 at 1:00 p.m.* in the law school lobby. If you have any questions, contact Megan Clark at <u>mlclar@wm.edu</u>

RECYCLING REMINDER - Do your part to save the planet! The law school and library have provided recycling bins for your convenience. Please, remember to rinse your beverage and food containers, and be careful not to put any trash in the recycling bins. Our recycling is powered by fellow students, and they'll appreciate your thoughtfulness!

PLEASE RECYCLE: Non-waxed paper (including paper bags, wrapping paper, postits, and envelopes with plastic windows); cardboard (corrugated and non-corrugated, including non-greasy pizza box parts); aluminum/tin/steel cans; rinsed aluminum foil; glass bottles (no caps); plastic bottles (labeled 1 or 2 on the bottom, no caps)

DO NOT RECYCLE: Plastic bags, plastic and metal caps, waxed paper, plastics not labeled 1 or 2 (including styrofoam and sushi containers), open-faced plastic containers, pizza boxes with grease spots, paper plates and cups, milk and juice cartons.

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. **ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SOCIETY RECYCLING COMMITTEE -** Recycle your empty ink cartridges (and help ELS raise money!) ELS has placed a bin in the student lounge and will be accepting used printer and toner cartridges. ELS will receive between \$1 and \$5 for each collected cartridge.

HONOR COUNCIL LOUNGE SITTING - The Honor Council started a Lounge Sitting Program during lunch time. Come to the Student Lounge. Justices will make themselves available to talk and answer about anything about the law school, like the Honor Code. Have a favorite Justice? Each Justice will be available every week, just check the schedule posted Monday mornings. Students don't have to chat in the lounge – meetings can be arranged elsewhere for greater convenience and privacy. See you there!

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

PSF SINGER/SONGWRITER SHOWCASE - Tickets On Sale in the Lobby - Tickets for the PSF Singer/Songwriter show will be on sale in the lobby this week between 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. for \$10, and will be available at the door for \$12. The Showcase will be held on *Saturday, November 11*, at 327 N. Henry Street. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. Show starts at 7:30 p.m. Featuring a blend of classic hits and original material, the list of performers includes Seth Carroll, Michael Ciminesi, Margot Freedman, Ian Hoffman, Richard Neely, Nathan Pollard, Tom Poole, Matt Roessing, Leondras Webster, Will Woolston, and Daniel Zoller, with special appearances by Professor Erin Ryan as well as Brian and Mary Lewis. Beer and wine will be served, don't miss it.

TRIAL LAWYERS PROGRAM – Interested in what life as a trial lawyer is like? Wonder what it's like to work in a small firm that handles big cases? Curious about alternative career avenues for trial lawyers? Want an insider's perspective on the job hunting and candidate selection processes? The Office of Career Services and the William & Mary Law School student chapter of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America present CAREER AVENUES AS A TRIAL LAWYER *Tuesday, November 14, 2006 12:50 p.m., in room 119.* The esteemed program panelists will be:

Lisa Palmer O'Donnell, Esquire, a trial lawyer and certified agent in both the NBA and NFL who has represented Allen Iverson of the Philadelphia 76ers and Michael Vick of the Atlanta Falcons.

Richard A. Saunders, Esquire ('77), a trial lawyer whose firm's list of clients includes Liberty Mutual, the City of Norfolk, and the McDonald's Corporation.

John W. Rachels, CPC, a job placement consultant who helps match job candidates and employers in various professional fields, including the legal field.

FREE pizza and soft drinks will be served. **To attend, please RSVP** no later than **9:00 a.m., Monday, November 13**, by e-mailing Dean Sein in OCS at <u>rjsein@wm.edu</u>. We look forward to seeing you at the program!

PHI ALPHA DELTA LEGAL FRATERNITY INFORMATION MEETING - Looking for a way to get more involved in law school, the local community, and networking with current attorneys in various legal fields? PAD is an international law fraternity to help you do just that! Initiation will be in January and all officer positions will be available in February. An information session will be held on *Tuesday, November 14, 1:00 p.m. in room 124.* Food will be provided!

VIRGINIA BAR ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY SERVANT RECEPTION - YOU DID IT! Thanks to your efforts, William & Mary led *all* Virginia law schools in the number of participants (162) and total service hours (over 6,000) during the 2005/06 academic year in the Virginia Bar Association's Community/*Pro Bono* Servant Program. Please join Dean Reveley and the Virginia Bar Association's William & Mary Law Student Division for an informal reception to thank you for your commitment to community service: *Tuesday, November 14, 2006, 4:30-5:30 p.m.*, in the Law School Lobby.

STICKER SHOCK: MAKING LAW SCHOOL AFFORDABLE - Join financial aid expert Jeff Hanson for a "live talk" on how to make law school affordable on *Wednesday*, *November 15 at 1:00 p.m*. Jeff Hanson, Director of Borrower Education Services at Access Group – a nonprofit organization that specializes in providing graduate and professional student loans – will answer applicant and law student questions about financing a legal education on a "live talk" hosted by *Newsweek.com*. Visit <u>http://ejw.newsweek.com</u> for more information and to submit questions in advance.

CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY/CHILD ADVOCACY SOCIETY SPEAKER - Christian Legal Society presents John Richmond, the former director of International Justice Mission in India giving a presentation entitled "Justice in the Trenches: Taking on child slavery and prostitution." *Wednesday, November 15, 8:00 p.m., in room 124*

THE 52nd ANNUAL WILLIAM AND MARY TAX CONFERENCE will be held *November* **16-17** at the Kingsmill Resort in Williamsburg. Entitled "When the Type of Pass-Thru Entity Makes a Difference: A Comparison of Life Cycle Issues for S Corporations and Partnerships, including LLCs," the conference is presented by the School of Law, the School of Business, and by the Taxation Section of the Virginia Bar Association and the Taxation Section of the Virginia State Bar. For more information, please visit www.wm.edu/institutesprograms/taxconference.

MOOT COURT INTEREST MEETING - Have you heard about Moot Court? Want to participate in the most exciting group on campus? Want to spruce up your resume? Are you interested in arguing in front of a three judge panel? Want to find out more about Moot Court? Come to the Bushrod Moot Court Interest Meeting *Thursday, November*

16, at 6:30 p.m. room 119. All 1Ls and 2Ls are invited to attend! This year's tournament will run from January 29 - February 16.

PMBR MULTI-STATE BAR REVIEW COURSE DISCOUNT ENDS NOVEMBER 17 – November 17 is the last day to get the discounted prices for PMBR! 3Ls: \$200 deposit locks in sale prices! Interested in getting a head start next semester so that the summer isn't so tough? If you are paid in full for the 6-day course by December 15, you can take it twice for no additional cost in January and May. 1Ls and 2Ls: \$100 deposit locks in this year's sale prices and gets you three free study aids. Stop by the PMBR table or e-mail pksand@wm.edu for more information

DEDICATION OF THE TIMOTHY J. SULLIVAN CLASSROOM (room 120) will be November 17, at 4:00 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

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 <u>http://www.wm.edu/law/academicprograms/references/barinformation.shtml</u>.

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 required most vear. lt is by 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: <u>http://www.vermontjudiciary.org/BBE/bbelibrary/bbedefault.aspx</u>

FROM THE OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

World Wide Web Site of the Week - FindLaw.com claims to be the "highest-trafficked legal Web site, providing the most comprehensive set of legal resources on the Internet for legal professionals, businesses, students and individuals." Their *Law Student Resources* section alone will keep you busy for hours! <u>http://stu.findlaw.com/</u>

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, November 13, 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.

The law student chapter of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America and OCS will present *Career Avenues as a Trial Lawyer* on *Tuesday, November 14 at 12:50 p.m., in room 119.* Open to all students.

OCS presents Lunch with Lawyers: International Trade Law on *Tuesday, November 14 at 1:00 p.m. in the Faculty Room.* Open to all students.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Complete Lawyer and The NALP Foundation for Law Career Research and Education recently cosponsored a national survey of lawyers called **What Is Right About The Profession Of Law?** Responses reveal marked differences in the perceptions of men and women and among lawyers from different generations on how lawyers assess career choices, their daily labors and the societal role of the legal profession. Check it out at http://virginia.thecompletelawyer.com/volume2/issue4/index.php

Fellowships for 1Ls and 2Ls interested in Planning and Land Use - The Planning and Law Division (PLD) of the American Planning Association serves those who seek to understand the diverse legal issues that affect the planning profession. The legal issues underlying the planning of our cities and communities are an important and essential component in the education and training of those who would become professional planners and land use practitioners. The PLD will offer two fellowships (with a stipend of \$2,000), the purpose of which is to foster increased interest in the study of land use planning and its interrelationship with the law. The term of the fellowship is approximately five months (the typical length of a semester) and will include approximately 50 to 100 total hours of work. *Application packages must be received no later than December 1, 2006.* For more details, e-mail Dean Lewis in OCS at <u>bdlewi@wm.edu</u>.

1L Resume Review - First-year students who turn in their resumes to OCS (with the completed Resume Review Check List) by **5:00 p.m. on Monday, November 20** will be *guaranteed* a written critique by Thursday, November 30. According to the NALP Guidelines, first-year students may send resume to employers beginning December 1st. Students may also submit cover letters for review. (Students may, of course, submit resumes for review after November 20, but we can't guarantee that we'll have them critiqued by December 1st.)

1L Information and Resource Inventory - First-year students are reminded that they will need Lexis and Westlaw passwords to complete parts of the Information and Resource Inventory. If you have not already obtained your passwords, contact Shelley

Landfair (<u>shelley.landfair@lexisnexis.com</u>) and Lynne Clark Rozier (lynne.rozier@westgroup.com).

Mock Interview Program - First-year law students are invited to sign up to participate in mock interviews with alumni practitioners at the beginning of the spring semester. This will be your chance to get a practice interview in before spring on-campus interviews and job fairs begin. If you are interested in participating, e-mail Christina Lindsey (<u>cllind@wm.edu</u>) in OCS *no later than Monday, November 20*.

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. 2LS PLEASE NOTE THE MESSAGE BELOW ABOUT THE "EARLY DECISION" PROCESS.

Deadline for "Early Decision" Public Interest and Government Summer 2007 Funding for 2Ls - Funding through six programs (Bell, Criminal Justice, Lambda, Virginia Law Foundation, Public Service Fund [PSF], and Williams) is available through an "early-decision" process, which gives 2Ls the opportunity to know about funding decisions before the end of the fall semester. The application deadline for "early decision" funding is Friday, November 17 at 5:00 p.m.

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 <u>www.PSLawNet.org</u> 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 *Virginia Review 2006-2007 Directory of State & Local Government Officials* includes a whole section on protocol: Who is to be addressed as "honorable?" Who is an Esquire? How do you address elected leaders? What's the difference in attire between formal, semiformal, informal and casual?

Vault's *View from the Top: Q & A with Legal Women Leaders* – Law firm women leaders unlock the secrets of a successful legal career.

The 2007 edition of **BNA's Directory of State and Federal Courts, Judges and Clerks** not only lists contact information, it has useful information on how the courts are structured in each jurisdiction.

Ending the Gauntlet: Removing Barriers to Women's Success in the Law is a primer for women who face challenges in the practice of law, from "benign exclusion" to rainmaking to "full-time work with part-time pay." Strategies are presented to combat the fact that women are more likely to leave firms, less likely to become partners, and are seldom included in the upper echelons of firm management.

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.

Health Law - Epstein Becker & Green, a national firm engaged in the practice of health law, announces its ninth annual **Health Care and Life Sciences Law Writing Competition** for papers on current topics of interest relating to health care and life sciences law. Papers may address any traditional area of the law as applied to health care (*e.g.,* antitrust, tax, corporate), or areas of law unique to health care (*e.g.,* fraud and abuse, managed care, Medicare/Medicaid). First prize is \$4,000, second prize is \$2,000, and third prize is \$500. *Competition entries are due January 26, 2007.*

Planning, Land Use, and Environmental Law - The Planning & Law Division of the American Planning Association is sponsoring the **Smith-Babcock-Williams Student Writing Competition** on questions of significance in planning, planning law, land use law, local government law, and environmental law. Prizes of \$2,500, \$1,000 and \$250 will be awarded. *Entries must be submitted by June 8, 2007.*

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