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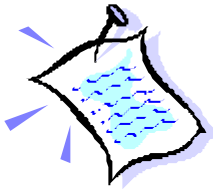
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## NEWSWORTHY NOTES



**CONGRATULATIONS** to the new members of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Team: Holly Brady, Paige Corbly, Shannon Daily, Robert DeRise, Trevor Hall, Neal Hoffman, Jeremy Hunt, Catherine Jenkins, Erik Jennings, Omid Safa, David Sella-Villa, and Wenhong You.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the new members of The William & Mary School of Law National Trial Team! Kenneth Abrams, Jennifer Bacon, Alex Brodsky, M. James Faison, Kevin Grady, Neal Hoffman, Michelle Jacobs, Heather Stangle, Arpan Sura, Megan Tumi, David Tyler, and Brooke Williams.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Clint Paulson (3L) and his wife, Mindy, on the birth of their daughter, Ainslee Virginia. She was born on Sunday, October 8, weighing 5 pounds, 15 ounces and 19" long. She joins her sister, Mollie, who is 15 months old.

**SBA COMMUNITY SERVICE LISTSERVE** - 1Ls: Looking for ways to get involved in serving the Williamsburg community? 2Ls and 3Ls: Are you missing the weekly Volunteer Council Newsletters? If you would like to be on the Volunteer Council Listserve and hear about exciting service opportunities on and off-campus, please send a blank email to [wmlawsba@yahoo.com](mailto:wmlawsba@yahoo.com) with the subject "Volunteer Council" to be added to the listserv. Even if you were on the listserv, last year, it was erased, so please send an email to be added. If you have any service opportunities you would like to share, please include that in your email.

**STUDENT HEALTH INSURANCE COMMITTEE** - The Grad Council is looking for two law student representatives to sit on the Graduate Student Health Insurance Committee, which advocates for affordable, high quality health care for students. This is a great leadership opportunity that addresses a salient issue for law students. If interested in learning more, please contact Mimi Poe at [mmpoex@wm.edu](mailto:mmpoex@wm.edu).

**ABA** - Any students who are still interested in joining the Law Student Division of the ABA or would like more information on the benefits of membership, please visit [www.abanet.org/lstd](http://www.abanet.org/lstd) . The \$20 membership price is more than offset by the many benefits of membership. If you have any questions, please email [jlstic@wm.edu](mailto:jlstic@wm.edu).

**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.

**BLSA - CLOTHING DRIVE** - Do you have old clothes & you need to clean out your closet? Donate to BLSA's clothing drive! Accepting new and used clothing for the Richmond City Drug Treatment Court Program! People in rehabilitation facilities are in desperate need of clothing while they try to regain control of their lives. Although there is an extreme shortage of clothing for plus-sized women & slender men, all clothing is accepted. Place your clothing in one of the boxes around the law school. If you have any questions, contact Megan Clark at [mlclar@wm.edu](mailto:mlclar@wm.edu).

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**WILLIAMSBURG FARMERS' MARKET, MERCHANTS SQUARE** – This Saturday, **October 14, from 8:00 a.m.-noon** - Children's Day – there will be lots of pumpkins, fall produce, pasture-raised meat, fresh oysters, drawings for gifts for children only, pumpkin carving and face painting sponsored by Ukrop's. Music by Zendiva. Chef Charlie Little of Berret's Restaurant will have recipes for children. For questions please call 259-3768 or visit: [www.williamsburgfarmersmarket.com](http://www.williamsburgfarmersmarket.com). Please note the market will be open on November 18, 25 and December 9.

**TIPS TRAINING** - All student organizations that plan or sponsor an event where alcohol is served, please mark your calendars for **October 18, 2:00-4:00 p.m., room 124**. **TIPS TRAINING IS REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS THAT SPONSOR EVENTS WHERE ALCOHOL IS SERVED.** Dean Jackson has coordinated a training session to be held at the Law School. At least one representative from each organization **MUST** attend.

**SBA-FALL FROM GRACE** - Fall From Grace is almost here! This year FFG will be held at the Kingsmill Marriott on **Friday, October 20, 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.**, with open bar, DJ, and appetizers all night. Tickets will be sold from 11:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. everyday in the lobby. Tickets are pro-rated depending on when you purchase them – so think ahead to save some money. Non drinking tickets are \$15.00.

**JUVENILE COURT JUDGE TO SPEAK** - Judges in the Juvenile & Domestic Relations courts in Virginia see a lot of heartbreaking cases. The courts' jurisdiction includes: juvenile delinquency; child abuse and neglect; disputes over child support, visitation, or custody; abandonment of children; foster care; and court consent for certain medical treatments.

At the next scheduled talk sponsored by the *Journal of Women and the Law*, Judge Eileen Olds of the Chesapeake J&DR Court will talk about her experiences overseeing

these cases. Judge Olds is a graduate of William & Mary Law School and is currently the President-elect of the American Judges Association. She'll talk about the challenges of deciding tough issues involving families. Also, how it feels to send young people to jail, how to keep them out of jail, and how to rise to a leadership position in a national organization. She'll be in **room 133 at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 24**. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to bring lunch.

**PSF SINGER/SONGWRITER SHOWCASE** - Get ready for the "concert event" of a lifetime! The PSF Singer/Songwriter Showcase will be held on **Saturday, November 11**, at the 327. Do you know someone who is interested in playing? If you would like to perform or would like more details, please contact Michael Ciminesi at [mscimi@wm.edu](mailto:mscimi@wm.edu) as soon as possible (space is limited).

**THE 52<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.wm.edu/institutesprograms/taxconference).

## **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>

**EXAM CONFLICT FORMS** - Are available outside Gloria Todd's office and what is called a "perky file" next to the handout shelves in the Law Library. The deadline for these forms is Friday, **November 4**.

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

**World Wide Web Site of the Week** - Stay Connected - As you travel here and there for interviews, you need to check your email, look up employer contact information in eAttorney, and scan employers' web sites. The **Wi-Fi FreeSpot Directory** is a listing of locations in the U.S. and elsewhere, including coffee shops, hotels, campgrounds, and more, that offer free wireless Internet connections [www.wififreespot.com](http://www.wififreespot.com).

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

**Lunch with Lawyers: Life on a Tropical Island – Living and Practicing in Guam - Wednesday, October 18 at 1:00 p.m. in the Faculty Room** (RSVP to Dean Lewis).

**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, October 23, 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.

**Lunch with Lawyers: Sports and Entertainment Law - Friday, October 27 at 1:00 p.m. in room 133** (RSVP to Dean Sein).

**Attention 1L Students:** Over the next few weeks we will be conducting important programs to introduce you to our career planning services and explain the entire job search process. Please make a note of the dates and times and plan to attend the Career Conversations event and the November session to which you've been assigned.

**CAREER CONVERSATIONS – Law School Lobby**

**Tuesday, October 31 at 12:50 p.m.** (everyone attends)

**JOB SEARCH SEMINAR – Room 120**

**Friday, November 3** (attend one of the following)

**8:30-11:00 a.m.** for 1Ls in Professor George's Civil Procedure class and students in Professor Moliterno's Civil Procedure class whose names begin with A-G.

**1:00-3:30 p.m.** for 1Ls in Professor Green's Civil Procedure class and students in Professor Moliterno's Civil Procedure class whose names begin with H-Z.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**United Nations Jobs** - The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Organization Affairs, United Nations Employment Information and Assistance Unit has told us the Department places a high priority on increasing the number of Americans working in the United Nations. This is a great opportunity for law students/alumni interested in international law, as there are job openings in the Legal Affairs department. **THE UN IS HOLDING A COMPETITIVE RECRUITMENT EXAMINATION ON FEBRUARY 27, 2007, FOR U.S. CITIZENS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN ENTRY-LEVEL PROFESSIONAL POSTS. The deadline for receipt of exam applications by the UN is October 31, 2006.** More information about the NCRE can be found at [www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/examin/exam.htm](http://www.un.org/Depts/OHRM/examin/exam.htm)

**International Law** - Students can join the **American Society of International Law** for only \$30, which gives you access to people and information from nearly 100 countries and a host of member benefits. For more information, see [www.asil.org](http://www.asil.org).

**Federal Government Jobs for 3Ls - The Presidential Management Fellows Program (PMF Program)** - The PMF Program is a two-year paid leadership development program which places law school graduates and other participants in various sectors of the Federal Government. According to President George W. Bush, "the purpose of the Program is to attract to the Federal service outstanding men and women from a variety of academic disciplines and career paths who have a clear interest in, and commitment to, excellence in the leadership and management of public policies and programs." For law school graduates who want an alternative to the traditional practice of law, the PMF Program offers assignments involving domestic or international issues, technology, science, criminal justice, health, financial management and many other fields in support of public service programs. W&M students have been very successful in being hired for PMF assignments and third-year students interested in working for a Federal agency are *strongly* encouraged to apply. For more information on the PMF Program, go to <https://www.pmf.opm.gov/Index.aspx>. Applications will be handled entirely online through [www.USAJOBS.gov](http://www.USAJOBS.gov). **The application period is scheduled to open sometime in mid-October 2006 and will close three weeks later.** (At press time, the dates had not been set; check the site periodically for updated information.)

**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 W&M enhances your candidacy with employers. There is a one-page handout available on the display racks in OCS that describes W&M'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.**

## NEW RESOURCES IN OCS

**Law Firms in DC** - The **2006 Legal Times Directory of Metro D.C. Law Offices** includes listings for more than 1,850 firms and solo practitioners, with information for most about firm size, firm leaders, contact information, and practice areas.

**Courts and Government** - Anyone looking for a judicial clerkship after graduation, a summer internship with a judge, or internships with U.S. Attorneys’ or state Attorney Generals’ Offices will benefit by perusing the **2007 Federal-State Court Directory**. It has contact information for all federal judges, state court organization charts, bar associations and more.

**Thinking Outside the Box?** Great opportunities exist for law students outside the traditional practice of law. **Nonlegal Careers for Lawyers** includes information on careers in business and industry, government and public service, associations and institutions, and entrepreneurial ventures.

## 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.

**Entertainment Law Initiative (ELI) Legal Writing Competition and Scholarship** - In conjunction with the ABA Forum on Entertainment, the GRAMMY® Foundation will award one first-place prize of \$5,000 and four second-place prizes of \$1,500 for winning essays on a compelling legal issue facing the music industry. All winners will also receive tickets to the GRAMMY® Awards Show, airfare, hotel accommodations, and more. For complete contest rules, send an e-mail to [ELI@GRAMMY.com](mailto:ELI@GRAMMY.com). **Paper submission deadline: January 5, 2007.**

**Employment and Labor Law** - The **2006-2007 Louis Jackson National Student Writing Competition in Employment and Labor Law** is seeking papers on any topic relating to the law governing the workplace, such as employment law, labor law, employee benefits, or employment discrimination. *Only the first two submissions per law school will be accepted as entries for consideration.* One award of \$3,000 and two \$1,000 awards will be presented to

the top three entries, and all three will be published. **The deadline for submission is January 16, 2007.**

***International Business*** - The University of Iowa College of Law Journal *Transnational Law & Contemporary Problems* is accepting submissions for the **2006-07 Trandafir International Business Writing Competition**, which is open to all law students. The winning submission will be published and the writer will receive a \$2,000 cash prize. Submissions should address a topic of contemporary international business or economic issue, and **must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2007.** For more information, see [www.law.uiowa.edu/journals/tlcp/trandafir.php](http://www.law.uiowa.edu/journals/tlcp/trandafir.php).

***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 March 2, 2007.**

***Immigration*** - The American Immigration Law Foundation is sponsoring the **24th Annual Edward L. Dubroff Memorial Legal Writing Contest**. Law students may submit manuscripts on any aspect of immigration and nationality law. The winning author will receive \$1,000. **Entries must be submitted by March 12, 2007.**

***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. At the discretion of the Dean, second-year students may also compete. First place local winners are eligible to compete nationally for first, second, and thirds prizes of \$3,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000, respectively. For contest rules and other details, see Brian Lewis in OCS. **Submissions are due to Dean Lewis by Monday, March 26, 2007.**

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