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## NEWSWORTHY NOTES



**PSF-CASINO NIGHT IS TONIGHT!** It's the first big PSF event of the year - and it is always a fun one. You will get a chance to drink, gamble, win prizes and have a great time - all while helping raise money for summer public service stipends.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the 1L SBA representatives – Jenny Case, Jeffery Hinchcliffe and Kerry Loughman-Adams.

**SECURITY NOTE** - The North Wing patio doors are locked weekdays at 5:00 p.m. The Law School is locked week days at 6:30 p.m. and is locked throughout the weekend. Access to the Law School is permitted through your key card. Organizations with weekend events should contact Dean Jackson regarding procedures to permit guest access during the weekend.

**FALL BREAK IS APPROACHING** - While there are no classes on October 16-17, the school will be open for business as usual. Of course, access to the building is available 24 hours with your key card. Please be mindful of **security** after hours – do not prop doors open nor admit individuals you do not know.

Remember <http://cardozo.wm.edu> is your resource for Law School information. The menu selections can guide you to our master calendar of events, the academic calendars, look-up people, academic schedules.

**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 listserve. Even if you were on the listserve, 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.

**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).

**CONVERSATION PARTNERS PROGRAM** - The Conversation Partner Program (CPP) at William & Mary is an opportunity for native and non-native English speakers to meet informally and discuss topics of mutual interest. The purpose of the program is twofold. For non-native English speakers, the CPP is an opportunity to meet Americans, learn more about American culture, and practice every day, spoken English. For native English speakers, the CPP provides an opportunity to meet people from different countries, and to learn more about different cultures. If you are interested in participating, or to learn more about the program, please go to <http://www.wm.edu/as/graduate/conversationpartners.php> or contact Barbara Monteith at [bgmont@wm.edu](mailto:bgmont@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.

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**PHI DELTA PHI AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SOCIETY** - Phi Delta Phi and the Environmental Law Society are participating in the "Helping Hands Day of Caring" at York River State Park on **Saturday, September 30**. We will meet at the law school at 8:00 a.m. to depart for the park. We will be cleaning and restoring trails! Please email [kgfalk@wm.edu](mailto:kgfalk@wm.edu) or [kjpere@wm.edu](mailto:kjpere@wm.edu) if you are interested or have any questions.

**WILLIAMSBURG FARMERS' MARKET, MERCHANTS SQUARE** – This Saturday, **September 30, from 8:00 a.m.-noon**, there will be pumpkins, seafood, potted mums and pansies. Music will be provided by the W&M Appalachian String Band. Jason Wade, Chef of Corner Pocket Chef will be on site. Markets continue through October 21. Questions? Call 259-3768 or go to [www.williamsburgfarmersmarket.com](http://www.williamsburgfarmersmarket.com)

**BRENDA SUE THORNTON**, an attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division, Counterterrorism Section, will deliver a lecture entitled *Prosecuting Human Rights in East Timor and Rwanda* on **Monday, October 2 at 4:00 p.m., in room 124**. The lecture is free and open to the public as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series sponsored by the Human Rights and National Security Law Program. Before joining the Department of Justice, Ms. Thornton worked for the UN in Rwanda and East Timor, successfully prosecuting a number of human rights violators and bringing the first successful charges of genocide against two of the offenders. Later she worked as part of a team that collected interview research that determined that the crimes of the Sudanese Government constituted genocide. Recently, she supported the prosecution of the Iraqi High Tribunal.

**BLSA MEETING** - BLSA will be holding its October General Body Meeting on **Wednesday October 4 at 12:50 p.m. in room 141**. Bring your lunch.

**PMBR** - 3Ls it's not too early to think about the bar! PMBR is the multi-state specialist and will be discussing the Bar Exam, Bar applications, and explaining the PMBR 6-day and 3-day courses next **Wednesday, October 4 at 1:00 p.m. in room 119**. Free food will be provided!

**GUANTANAMO BAY TEACH IN, Thursday, October 5, 10:00 a.m. in room 134**. The Law School is one of more than 200 schools nationwide which will access live via the web "**Quantamo: How Should We Respond?**" an all-day teach-in hosted by Seton Hall. The event's purpose is "to study the national and international implications of indefinitely detaining hundreds of individuals deemed 'enemy combatants'". Broadcast begins at 10:00 a.m. in room 134. It is free and all are welcome. Sponsored by the Human Rights and National Security Law Program. More information is available at [law.shu.edu/guantanamoteachin/](http://law.shu.edu/guantanamoteachin/)

**JAG INTEREST MEETING** – The two-year Law School Scholarship Information Brief will be held on **October 5, 1:00-2:00 p.m. in room 127**. Major Lutz from the W&M Army ROTC department provides information regarding our scholarship program and accessions into the Army JAG Corps. His office is located in the Western Union building next to sorority court or call him at 221-3611 [malutz@wm.edu](mailto:malutz@wm.edu)

**VIRGINIA BAR ASSOCIATION (W&M CHAPTER)** will host its first Networking Event, **Thursday, October 5 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.** in the law school lobby. Come ready to meet and greet local attorneys from the surrounding areas. This event is open to students and faculty. For questions, contact Carrie Harris at [cmharr@wm.edu](mailto:cmharr@wm.edu).



**LEE NATIONAL DENIM DAY** is **Friday, October 6**. This is a fundraiser to support the Women's Cancer Programs of the EIF (Entertainment Industry Foundation). Everyone is encouraged to wear **denim** in support of breast cancer awareness, take the informational leaflets, a "pink ribbon" pin, and make a donation (any amount is appreciated) towards breast cancer research to help eradicate this life-threatening disease.

During the week of October 2, everyone is invited to sign a "helping hand" in **MEMORY** of someone who lost their courageous battle with cancer, in **CELEBRATION** of survivors fighting this disease today, and in **HONOR** of those who support, or who are involved with the care of those who have cancer. These "helping hands" and the "helping hands" that have been signed in years past will be displayed on a wall on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Law Library.

The box for donations, a basket of "pink ribbon" pins and the leaflets will be on a table in the Law Library the week of October 2.

**ATTORNEYS LIABILITY PROTECTION SOCIETY** - Ready to make \$30? Attorneys Liability Protection Society (ALPS) is the VA State Bar endorsed carrier for malpractice insurance. ALPS is having a free CLE in Williamsburg on **October 6, 2006** at the Woodlands Conference Center. ALPS would like two students to help with the registration table from 7:30-9:00 a.m. ALPS will pay \$15 an hour, with minimum paid of

\$30 per student. It would also be an opportunity to meet attorneys from across the state. If interested please call Jessica Walrath at 804-314-3782 by October 2.

**BRIGHAM-KANNER PROPERTY RIGHTS CONFERENCE.** On **October 7, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**, the Law School will host the Third Annual Brigham-Kanner Property Rights Conference, presented by the William & Mary Property Rights Project and the Institute of Bill of Rights Law.

The W&M Property Rights Project will honor Professor James Ely as the recipient of the third annual Brigham-Kanner Prize. The conference will include academic commentary on Professor Ely's property rights scholarship, and a panel comparing the protection of property with other civil liberties enumerated in the Bill of Rights. Participants include: Stuart Banner UCLA School of Law, Charles McCurdy University of Virginia Department of History, John Orth University of North Carolina School of Law, Gerald Torres University of Texas Law School, Michael Heller Columbia Law School, Michael Berger, Manatt, Phelps & Phillips, LLP, Los Angeles, and Toby Prince Brigham, Partner, Brigham, Moore, LLP, Coral Gables, Florida.

For conference registration and information, call Kathy Pond at 757-221-3796 ([ktpond@wm.edu](mailto:ktpond@wm.edu)). Students are free for Saturday's conference.

**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).

## **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 FOLKS** - 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.html>. 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** - The American Bar Association's Web site includes **ABA Career Counsel**, "the ABA's central source for online information on finding jobs and enhancing lawyers' careers." It includes "tips on finding the right job and maximizing your career, job postings, tools and links to career related resources." The "For Students" section features articles on specific practice areas, lawyer profiles, state and local resources and more. [www.abanet.org/careercounsel/](http://www.abanet.org/careercounsel/)

### UPCOMING PROGRAMS

OCS invites you to attend a presentation, **Protecting Immigrants' Rights**, on **Tuesday, October 3, at 3:30 p.m. in room 137**. W&M alumna **Liz McGrail ('89)**, the Detention Project Director for the Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition in DC, will speak about her and the CAIR Coalition's work representing immigrants and indefinite detainees in the area's prisons. She also will sign up volunteers to provide pro bono assistance with CAIR Coalition's jail visits and representation of detainees. **If you'd like to attend the program, please RSVP to Dean Kaplan in OCS at [rekapl@wm.edu](mailto:rekapl@wm.edu) by noon on Monday, October 2.**

OCS presents, **The Presidential Management Fellows Program: Opportunities in the Federal Government for 3Ls**, on **Wednesday, October 4, at 1:00 p.m. in room 133**. Working as a Presidential Management Fellow in the PMF Program is an alternative to the traditional practice of law for students interested in federal government leadership and management positions in public policy and programs. Interested third-year students are invited to meet with W&M Law School alumnus **Andrew Larkin ('97)**, Project Coordinator for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration at Nauticus, Norfolk, Virginia. Mr. Larkin will discuss his experiences as a Presidential Management Fellow and the career opportunities available after the fellowships. Space is limited at the program. **To attend, RSVP to Dean Sein in OCS at [rjsein@wm.edu](mailto:rjsein@wm.edu) by 5 p.m., Monday, October 2.**

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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. William & Mary 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 deadline will be in mid-October 2006.***

***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 2-Ls 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**

***Federal Government*** NALP, in collaboration with the Partnership for Public Service and the ABA Government and Public Sector Lawyers Division, has published the ***2006-2007 Federal Legal Employment Opportunities Guide***. A comprehensive source of information on federal departments and agencies, it includes profiles of government attorneys and tips for success in the federal government hiring process. A hard copy is on the shelf in OCS; it is also available as a pdf from the OCS Web site.

***The 2006-2007 Comprehensive Fellowship Guide – The Ultimate Resource for Law Students and Lawyers*** is now on the shelf in OCS. Fellowships are paid, post-graduate opportunities that generally last one year and provide opportunities for public interest work, research, graduate study, or teaching. The ***Guide*** includes program and application details for hundreds of fellowships across the country in diverse practice areas.

The ***2007 Vault Guide to Law Firm Pro Bono Programs*** describes the inner workings of nearly 100 firms' *pro bono* programs.

## 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.

**Securities Law** - First, second, and third prizes of \$5,000, \$3,000, and \$2,000, respectively, will be awarded by the Association of Securities and Exchange Commission Alumni, Inc., for the **ASECA Securities Law 2006 Writing Competition**. Papers can be on any subject in the field of securities law, and **must be submitted by November 15, 2006**.

**American Indian Law Writing Competition** - The University of Oklahoma College of Law is accepting papers on any issue concerning American Indian Law. Prizes of \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 will be awarded for first-, second-, and third-place entries, respectively. **All entries must be postmarked first class no later than January 31, 2007.**

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