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NEWSWORTHY NOTES

The Second Annual *Sports Law Symposium* will be held *Saturday, November 6, 1999*, Blow Hall, Room 331, 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m., with a reception to follow in the President's Dining Room. Parking will be available at Dawson's Circle as well as Zable Stadium.

Exam Conflict Forms are due Friday, November 12.

Did you know you can get an electronic version of the *Virginia Character and Fitness Application* from the web? <http://www.vbbe.state.va.us/forms.html> That's a lot easier than finding a typewriter.

You are invited to attend the **BLSA Law Day** on *Saturday, November 6, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.* An interesting program is planned and The Honorable Wilford Taylor, Jr., Hampton Circuit Court Judge, will be the guest speaker at lunch. If you have questions, please see Monica Robinson (2L).

BUD WELCH LUNCHEON

The Student Division of the IBRL is sponsoring a luncheon for Bud Welch, the co-chair of Murder Victims Families for Reconciliation, on Wednesday, *November 10, 12:30-1:30 p.m.* Mr. Welch is the father of one of the victims of the Oklahoma City bombing, he has met with Timothy McVey, and is opposed to the death penalty. If you are interested in attending this luncheon, please contact Matt Frey (2L).

PROGRAM TO EXAMINE POWER IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION

The Journal of Women & the Law is sponsoring a day-long conference on How Women Get -- and Use -- Power in the Law. It will be held on *Friday, November 12, from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.* in the Courtroom. The program will feature seven conversations among successful attorneys in a wide range of practices, examining how they acquired the power they enjoy, the way in which they exercise power (and to what ends), and the satisfactions and challenges of having a powerful position in society. All of the conversations will touch on the challenges of family life in a legal career. All students are welcome to attend any part, or all, of the program.

FROM OCPP

World Wide Web Sites of the Week: Ever wonder how a cd-player works? Visit <http://www.howstuffworks.com/> to find out.

Bar Admission Information is available on the Web at www.abanet.org/legaled or www.ncbex.org

Summer Study Abroad Program Information is available on the Web at www.abanet.org/legaled

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Interview Tips, Wednesday, November 10, 10:00 a.m., Room 119

Job Search Savvy: Tapping the Hidden Job Market, Tuesday, November 16, 12:45 p.m., Room 239

Finding an International Summer Internship, Thursday, November 18, 12:45 p.m., Room 239

Using Westlaw in Your Job Search, November 8, 9, 10 & 11, Library Computer Training Center. Sign up for a time in the Computer Training Book at the Reference Desk.

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JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS

- If you were not able to attend the Judicial Clerkship program, you may pick up a copy of the *Judicial Clerkship Handbook* from a staff member in OCPP. We also had the program taped and it is available for overnight checkout from Carolyn in OCPP. Please make an appointment to see Dean Kaplan or Thrasher after you read through the Handbook and view the tape.

Updated Resources - Judicial Clerkship Information for 2Ls: NALP's 2000 Federal and State Judicial Clerkship Directory has arrived. This directory has helpful information on individual judge's application process. Although it is not a comprehensive directory, it is a good place to start gathering clerkship information. Please make an appointment to see Dean Kaplan or Thrasher if you have questions about the process.

The American Bench: Judges of the Nation - 1999-2000 - This biennial volume is current as of May 1999 and includes brief biographical sketches of federal and state judges. Shelved with the Judicial Clerkship materials (yellow and blue dots).



Guerilla Tactics Take Two - If you missed Kimm Walton's presentation on *Guerilla Tactics for Getting the Legal Job of Your Dreams*, OCPP has a videotape of her presentation available for check out. Please see Carolyn in OCPP.

Deadline Reminder for Early Decision Public Interest and Government Summer Funding for 2Ls. Funding through six programs (Bell, Lambda, Prosecutor, Public Service Fund, Virginia Law Foundation, and Williams) is available through an "early-decision" process. Applications are in the Applications File Cabinet in OCPP; fall application deadline is **Monday, November 22 at 5:00 p.m.**

Pro Bono Students America (PBSA) is now Public Service Law Network Worldwide (PSLawNET) - On the web at www.PSLawNet.org, this searchable database lists thousands of internships, fellowships, and jobs in the public service throughout the U.S. and internationally. The database includes comprehensive, current information on a range of pro bono and public service opportunities as well as resources and expertise. Pick up a handout in OCPP with tips for search the web site.

DC Legal Times has just published their annual listing of the 100 largest law firms in the Metro DC Region. List is posted outside OCPP on the News Boards. Detailed listings are on the spinner in OCPP.

VaultReports.com Guide to America's Top 50 Law Firms - This volume contains inside profiles of over 50 leading law firms and rankings by "prestige." Sort of like the US News and World Report Survey of Law Schools, only for law firms. Each entry includes 3 sections: The Scoop (firm history, clients, recent deals, recent firm developments); Getting Hired (qualifications the firm looks for in new associates, tips on getting hired) and Survey Says (quotes from current and former associates of the firm on such topics as the firm's assignment system, feedback, partnership prospects, level of responsibility, the summer associate program, culture, hours, pay, training). Shelved with the directory materials (red/blue dots). Also on the Web at www.vault.com.

Platinum Plunger Rejection Letter Contest - OCPP announces the 14th Annual Platinum Plunger Rejection Letter Contest. Submit your most outrageous, humorous, revolting letters to Carolyn Chambers, Deans Kaplan or Thrasher. Awards ceremony to be held in April.

International Law Career Forum - Washington College of Law's International Law Society and the ABA Section of International Law and Practice present an International Law Career Forum on **Saturday, November 13** at American University in Washington, DC. Information is available in the Application File Cabinet (under International Law Forum) and on the Web at: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/PUB/organizations/ilsociety/forum99.htm>

National Italian American Bar Association invites interested students to join their Law Student Division. See the Application File Cabinet for more information.

Writing Competition Information - Information regarding writing competitions is posted on the "Writing Competition" bulletin board outside of OCPP. We have recently posted information regarding the following writing competitions:

*The Roscoe Hogan **Environmental Law** Essay Contest.* TOPIC: Causation Standards for Toxic Torts. Deadline to submit Intent to Enter Form is **February 11, 2000**. Deadline to submit paper is **March 31, 2000**.

The Food and Drug Law Institute 1999-2000 H. Thomas Austern Writing Award Competition. Writing competition is designed to encourage law students' interest in the areas of **law that affect foods, drugs, devices, cosmetics, and biologics**. Papers should provide an in-depth analysis of a current issue relevant to the food and drug field including a review or relevant case law, legislative history, and other legal authorities. Deadline: **May 5, 2000**.

The Federal Circuit Bar Association 2000 George Hutchinson Writing Contest. Paper should address any topic that lies within the **procedure, substance or scope of the jurisdiction of the Federal Circuit Court of Appeals** (Patent and Trademark Office decisions, government contract claims, International Trade Commission, Merit Systems appeals, and Veterans appeals). Deadline: **June 1, 2000**.

What's On The Docket? is a biweekly publication of the William & Mary School of Law produced during the academic year. All submissions are due to Cassi Fritzius, (Room 108) or by e-mail (cbfrit@mail.wm.edu) no later than 5:00 p.m. the Wednesday prior to the Friday publication date.

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