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NEWSWORTHY NEWS



CONGRATULATIONS to the new SBA officers and Honor Council Chief Justice for the coming year:

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If you are interested in serving as SBA Webmaster, please contact Lee Tankle (leetankle@gmail.com).

MORE KUDOSS ARE DUE THE WILLIAM & MARY LAW SCHOOL MOOT COURT TEAM! Last weekend, two William & Mary teams competed at the ABA National Appellate Advocacy Competition in Washington, D.C. One team was comprised of Jimmy Dougherty and Tom Ports; the other was comprised of Karla Baker, James Evans, and Scott Fitzgerald. Both teams made it to the semi-final round.

James Evans was named the Best Oral Advocate for the entire competition -- and there were almost 80 moot court competitors from across the nation!

WILLIAM & MARY LAW SCHOOL HAS A NEW FACEBOOK PAGE!

<http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/pages/William-Mary-Law-School/136562523075471>

Become a fan of WMLS on Facebook to keep up with our events, press releases, announcements and more. Help us reach our goal of 1,000 fans before the end of the semester.

BONE MARROW DRIVE: ALI'S RUN 5K RUN/WALK 2011 - Looking for a way to get involved with the Bone Marrow Drive? The BMD will be hosting its 6th annual Ali's Run 5K Run/Walk, in honor of Ali Kaplan and in support of the Alan Bukzin Memorial Bone Marrow Drive, this April,

during the Spring semester, and is seeking motivated volunteers, interested in the planning and implementation of another successful event. Positions include members on the Financial and Publicity committees as well as Race Day Coordinators. Contact Valentine Uduebor, vuduebor@email.wm.edu, or Nicole Benincasa, nicole.benincasa@gmail.com, if you have any questions!

COMMITTEE ON SUSTAINABILITY (COS)

COS SUMMER RESEARCH GRANT PROPOSAL – COS seeks applications and proposals for Green Fee Summer Research Grants. Grants are open to all students of the College: undergraduate, graduate and professional students. The Green Fee Summer Research Grants support a student's close collaboration with William & Mary faculty and/or staff in researching sustainability issues on the campuses of the university. The grant is intended to provide the student with an opportunity to conduct creative research while advancing the College's goals of sustainability. Four awards will be made in amounts up to \$5,000 each (\$3,500 stipend and up to \$1,500 in research support), plus housing on the Williamsburg campus. An additional \$500 will be awarded to the student's advisor in recognition of the advisor's contributions. **The deadline for applications is Monday, March 14 at noon.** Contact Sarah Hanke at smhanke@wm.edu with questions. For more information and to apply, please visit <http://www.wm.edu/sites/sustainability/getinvolved/summerresearchgrants/index.php>.

COS SPRING 2011 GREEN FEES PROJECT PROPOSAL - The Committee on Sustainability (COS) seeks proposals for research that advance the President's Policy on Sustainability and the goals of COS. Proposals may be submitted by any individual or group within the College (faculty, staff or students), and on behalf of any academic or administrative unit or school of the College. Proposals should address an important issue for the sustainable future of the College. Projects will be supported for up to 12 months with funds from the Green Fee. Renewals will be considered on a case-by-case basis. **The Spring 2011 application deadline is Monday, March 28 at noon.** Contact Sarah Hanke at smhanke@wm.edu with questions. For more information and to apply, please visit <http://www.wm.edu/sites/sustainability/getinvolved/submitproposal/index.php>.

IMPORTANT BAR INFORMATION

OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPTS - Some state bars require official transcripts as part of the application process. The Law School **DOES NOT** provide official transcripts. The University Registrar's office sends transcripts upon submission of a written request and a payment of \$7.00 per copy. More transcript info at:

http://www.wm.edu/offices/registrar/documents/transcript/Official_Transcript_Request.pdf

TAKING THE CALIFORNIA BAR? Please order your transcript before graduation to ensure it arrives in a timely fashion to the CA bar.

FINGERPRINTS - Many state bar applications require submission of the applicant's fingerprints. Beginning immediately, Kay Hibbard, in the reception area, will be setting up appointments for students wishing to have their fingerprints done by Campus Police. Appointments are available

between the hours of 7:00-8:00 a.m. and 4:00-5:00 p.m. ONLY, Monday through Friday. All appointments are scheduled for the following week. There is no charge for this. For those taking the Virginia Bar, a Virginia Bar Application fingerprint card can be obtained from Kay Hibbard, Gloria Todd or Chris Creech. Of course, you can also go to any police station to have this done. Be sure to take two photo ids (driver's license and/or passport, student id, military id) with you for this appointment.

NOTARIZING THE APPLICATION - Most bar applications require you sign before a notary. Kay Hibbard, Gloria Todd and Chris Creech are notaries and will be glad to help you with this. **DO NOT SIGN ANY DOCUMENT TO BE NOTARIZED** until you are in front of a notary. Have all your documents/forms in order before you come in for notarization. This will greatly speed up the process!

FOR THOSE TAKING THE VIRGINIA BAR EXAM: Please remember to pick up the **EDUCATION CERTIFICATE** from Kay Hibbard, Gloria Todd or Chris Creech. A good time to pick this up is when you come in to have your application notarized. This form **must** accompany your Virginia Bar Application. The **VIRGINIA CERTIFICATE OF GRADUATION** will be sent by Dean Jackson on May 16. *And most important, the deadline for the Virginia bar application is May 10.*

JAVA CITY NEWS

March 17, Omelet Bar
March 24, Sushi Bar made to order
March 31, Cuban Sandwich

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CARTER O. LOWANCE PRESENTATION. JAMES B. COMEY, JR., March 14, 12:50 p.m., Room 124: a 1982 graduate of the College, Mr. Comey will speak on the topic of "Politics and the Justice Department." He served as Deputy Attorney General of the United States from 2002-2005. He will be honored during his visit as the Law School's 2011 Carter O. Lowance Fellow. Sponsored by the Federalist Society and the American Constitution Society. Lunch will be provided. All are welcome.

PROPERTY RIGHTS PROJECT INAUGURAL DISTINGUISHED LECTURE BY PROFESSOR THOMAS W. MERRILL COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL on March 14, 2:00 p.m., Room 120: Topic: "The Property Strategy." Following graduation from the University of Chicago Law School, Professor Merrill clerked for the Hon. David L. Bazelon of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit and the Hon. Harry A. Blackmun of the U.S. Supreme Court. Prior to entering academia, he practiced law at Sidley Austin Brown & Wood and served as deputy solicitor general in the Justice Department. Professor Merrill was the John Paul Stevens Professor at Northwestern University from 1993-2003. All are welcome.

*The Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project presents: **THE DNA NOTIFICATION PROJECT** - A training for volunteer attorneys and law students on Friday, March 18, 12:50-1:50 p.m., Room 133*

1 Free Virginia MCLE Credit - The Commonwealth of Virginia has ordered the DNA testing of biological evidence from hundreds of old criminal cases that was discovered in the archives of the Department of Forensic Science. The Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project (MAIP) has worked with the Governor's Office and legislatures to refine and implement this project. MAIP has been asked to recruit and train pro bono attorneys and law students to reach out to current and former Virginia inmates to let them know that evidence from their cases will be tested, to inform them about the process, its implications and its timing, and to answer their questions. Three people have already been exonerated as a result of this new testing ordered by the Commonwealth.

If you are interested in participating in this important and one-of-a-kind program please RSVP to John Hardenbergh at (202) 274-4197 or at jhardenbergh@exonerate.org

BARRISTERS' BALL – will be held on Saturday, March 19 at 9:00 p.m. in the Garden Pavilion at Ford's Colony Country Club. It will be an evening of fine drink, light hors d'oeuvres, music and fun. Tickets: \$40 Open Bar/\$20 Soft Drinks only if purchased by Wednesday, March 16. After March 16, \$45 Open Bar/\$25 Soft Drinks Only. Tickets will be sold in the Lobby Monday-Friday, March 14-18 or on-line at www.wmsba.com with an additional administrative fee.

ELECTION LAW SOCIETY SPEAKER SERIES: HANS VON SPAKOVSKY, former member, Federal Election Commission will be held on March 22, 12:50 p.m., room 141. Mr.Spakovsky will be discussing pending litigation regarding section 5 of the VRA (Voting Rights Act) and discuss potential repercussions of future court decisions.

SYMPOSIUM ON PROTECTIONS UNDER THE SIXTH AMENDMENT: SPEEDY TRIAL, JURY TRIAL, CONFRONTATION will be held on March 23, 3:15 p.m., Room 119. Speakers include Mary Sue Backus, U. Oklahoma College of Law; The Honorable David Duncan, U.S. Magistrate, AZ; Alfredo Garcia, St. Thomas University Law School; Roscoe C. Howard, Jr., former US Attorney, DC; Corrina Barrett Lain, University of Richmond Law School; The Honorable Tommy E. Miller, US Magistrate, VA; Fred Lederer, W&M Law, Director, Center for Legal and Court Technology; Nancy Leong, W&M Law; and Paul Marcus, W&M Law.

WILLIAM & MARY ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF LAW JASON M. SOLOMON will present the 2011 Blackstone Lecture on the topic of "Tort Law, Social Equality, and the Right to Recourse" on March 24, 3:30 p.m., Room 127. At a time of continued debate over tort reform at the state level and federal preemption of state tort law, Professor Solomon will explore the role of civil justice in a society committed to equality. Specifically, he will defend the importance of the right to civil recourse for wrongs in promoting equal accountability among citizens, and place the institution of tort law among other political and social institutions that serve to instantiate various forms of equality. His discussion will draw in part on political and moral theory, and in part on examples of civil justice familiar from U.S. legal and popular culture, as well as everyday experience. Reception to follow in the lobby.

EXAM CONFLICT FORMS are now available outside of Gloria Todd's office and at the handout counter in the library with a deadline date of Friday, April 1 (*No April's Fool Joke!*) by 5:00 p.m.

ADMISSION

FINANCIAL AID FOR THE 2011-2012 ACADEMIC YEAR – Information regarding financial aid for the 2011-2012 academic year was sent to all 1Ls and 2Ls via email from Associate Dean Faye Shealy on January 7. If you did not receive this important information, please contact Dean Shealy. The FAFSA located at www.fafsa.gov is required for all need-based funds and educational loans, and that important form should be completed and submitted by March 15, 2011. William & Mary's Title IV Federal School Code is 003705. IMPORTANT NOTE: Most Law School aid in the form of fellowships and scholarships is awarded and packaged based on residency status for each student. Aid initially awarded to out-of-state students reclassified as in-state students must go through the re-award process. Students are responsible for notifying Dean Shealy if they apply for and obtain in-state status. LGPA and class rank will be considered for any new merit awards if funds become available.

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION/PLANNING MEETINGS – Individual appointments are available for questions on financial aid, FAFSA preparation, loan terms, loan consolidation/repayment, and tax-related matters. Appointments may be scheduled with Jennifer Meier, Assistant Director for Student Loans and Graduate Aid, for individual meetings at the Law School on the following Wednesday afternoons: March 23; April 6 and 20; and May 4. Please stop by the Admissions Office to reserve an appointment time. You may schedule an appointment on other days in Blow Memorial Hall by emailing your request to [jmmeie@wm.edu](mailto:jimmeie@wm.edu).

ALVIN ANDERSON SCHOLARSHIP – TowneBank and the family of Alvin Anderson have funded a \$5,000 scholarship to support a second-year law student. They have asked that interested current first-year students apply for this scholarship to be awarded for the 2011-2012 academic year. The successful applicant will exhibit the values and characteristics of the late Alvin Powers Anderson, B.A. '70, J.D. '72. Mr. Anderson was the epitome of the citizen lawyer as a successful and highly respected practitioner and an individual who was a leader in his community and at his *alma mater*. The recipient will demonstrate a commitment to the highest integrity, personal excellence, academic success, leadership qualities, and community or public service. Additionally, finalists will be invited for a personal interview with representatives of TowneBank and the Anderson family. Interested applicants need to apply to the Dean's Office by **March 15** by submitting a résumé and a one-page personal statement about themselves and their aspirations as a lawyer. Applicants must also be available for a personal interview later this semester.

WARNEMENT SCHOLARSHIP – The family and friends of Thalia Warnement '93 have established the Thalia V. Warnement Scholarship in Intellectual Property Law in her memory. The Scholarship is to be awarded to a worthy William & Mary law student who intends to pursue a career in Intellectual Property Law. Interested individuals should submit their resume with a cover letter identifying their interest in and qualifications for this scholarship award to the Dean's Office by **March 15**.

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES – The Admissions 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 next year, please email the particulars 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!**

FINANCIAL AID / SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Roanoke Bar Association offers the James N. Kincanon Scholarship to residents of the city or county of Roanoke or the City of Salem, VA, or graduated from a high school in one of these jurisdictions and have at least a 3.0 grade point average in law school. The application deadline is March 31, 2011. For more information and an application, visit www.roanokebar.com.

VALS, the association for legal professions in the Commonwealth of Virginia is pleased to offer a \$1,500 scholarship to one individual who will be or is currently pursuing a degree in the legal field as a lawyer, paralegal, court reporter, legal secretary, etc. For more information and an application, please stop by the Admission Office. The deadline is April 1, 2011.

DRI Law Student Diversity Scholarship offers two \$10,000 scholarships to 1L & 2L diversity and female law students. The deadline is April 27, 2011. For more information and an application visit <http://www.dri.org/open/Article.aspx?ID=496&AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1>

Mike Eidson Scholarship – This scholarship is awarded annually to a rising 3L female student who has demonstrated a commitment to a career as a trial lawyer. Stop by the Admission Office for additional information and an application. The deadline is May 31, 2011.

Bradley Arant Boult Cummings Diversity Scholarship: Offers a \$10,000 scholarship to a student in his or her second year of law school and a \$5,000 scholarship to a student in his or her first year of law school. Scholarship includes a minimum six-week clerkship position in one of the firm's seven offices. The deadline is September 15, 2011. For more information visit: www.babc.com/diversity_scholarship.

CENTER FOR LEGAL AND COURT TECHNOLOGY

2011 LEGAL TECHNOLOGY SUMMER SCHOOL - Seeking cutting edge legal technology skills to separate yourself from the crowd of applicants? Looking for a way to lighten your second- or third-year course load? Searching for a backup plan in case your summer job falls through?

If you answer "YES" to any of these questions, consider the 2011 Legal Technology Summer School, May 31 to June 30, 2011.

Attend classes four days a week for five weeks and earn six credits at a fraction of a regular semester's tuition. Best of all, you'll finish in time to also accept that split summer internship, or to attend W&M's Summer Law Program in Spain.

Course options this year include:

- Electronic Discovery and Data Seizures
- Evidence

- Internet Law
- Privacy in a Technological Age

For further information, visit <http://www.legaltechcenter.net> and click on Legal Technology Summer School, stop by the Center for Legal and Court Technology in Rm. 211C, or contact Summer School Coordinator Mary Beth Dalton at medalt@wm.edu.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

Web Site of the Week - Equal Justice Works provides a continuum of programs that begin with incoming law school students and extend into later careers in the profession. The organization provides a public interest law fellowship program and offers more postgraduate, full-time legal positions in public service than any other organization: www.equaljusticeworks.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Equal Justice Works Summer Corps Program** provides law students with the opportunity to dedicate their summer to a legal project at a qualifying nonprofit public interest organization. Summer Corps members expand the delivery of critically needed legal assistance in low-income and underserved communities across the country on a broad range of issue areas. Summer Corps is an AmeriCorps-funded program that in 2011 will provide 700 law students with the opportunity to earn a \$1,132 education award voucher for dedicating their summer to a qualifying legal project at a nonprofit public interest organization. Beginning **March 16**, the Summer Corps application will become available on the Equal Justice Works web site at <http://www.equaljusticeworks.org/programs/summercorps/>. **The application deadline is April 5, 2011.**

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** that 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 2011. 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 application deadline for funding is Friday, March 25 at 5:00 p.m.**

Attention 3Ls: Post-Graduate Public Service Fellowships: William & Mary School of Law offers post-graduate public service fellowships for third-year students providing temporary assistance to government or public interest organizations following graduation. Eligible organizations include civil legal services offices; public defenders; prosecutors; federal, state, and local government agencies; 501(c)(3) organizations; non-U.S. nonprofit organizations with a public service mission; legislative offices; and judges and courts. A maximum fellowship is between

\$3,000 and \$3,600. You may seek funding for as many hours as you want, up to the 400-hour maximum. You may assist part-time, full-time, or a combination of the two up to 400 total hours. You also may seek funding for fewer than 400 hours. You are not obligated to assist for a specified number of hours. If you secure a full-time, permanent position or have another change in circumstances, you may, with your organization's consent, discontinue your fellowship and return any unused funding to the Law School. To receive a fellowship, you need to (1) secure an offer for a position to be funded by a post-graduate fellowship; (2) have the organization send to you a letter that conforms to the requirements in the program description; and (3) let Dean Kaplan know as soon as possible that you have lined up a position. **The application deadline is May 15, but these fellowships are being allocated on a rolling basis until the money runs out.**

Summer Job Opportunities for 1Ls and 2Ls: W&M Faculty Summer Research Assistantships:

The Office of Career Services has surveyed the faculty regarding their plans to hire Summer Research Assistants, their areas of research, the hours and weeks expected, and what and when application materials are due. We have compiled the results in a table, which is now posted in OCS Resources for Students on Blackboard under “**Faculty Summer RAs.**” There are over **35 research assistant opportunities available**. Some of the application deadlines are soon; others are later in the semester. **However, we advise interested students not to wait.** *Faculty members frequently conclude the process as soon as the right student comes along.* Some positions have been filled already. The table in OCS Services for Students on Blackboard explains the application procedure and requirements. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact OCS.

Summer employment as a Research Assistant offers a number of attractive benefits:

1. In many cases, **flexibility** of when and where the hours are worked. A student may be able to **split the summer** with another employer and/or do the RA work from a location other than Williamsburg. The work need not necessarily be done during "normal business hours" as long as it's completed thoroughly and in a timely manner.
2. Interesting, **challenging work**, often dealing with emerging legal issues.
3. Opportunity to produce one or more **writing samples**.
4. *Chance to build a relationship* with a faculty member who can serve as a reference for a future job search.
5. **Opportunity to develop a working knowledge** of one or more areas of law.
6. **Prospect of developing professional contacts** with and referrals to lawyers whom the professor knows.
7. **Potential for work being acknowledged** in the professor's articles or treatises.
8. It's **paid work!**

The Law Research Unit of the Athens Institute for Education and Research (AT.IN.E.R) has announced its ***Eighth Annual International Conference on Law*** which will take place on **July 18-21, 2011 in Athens, Greece**. The aim of the conference is to bring together scholars and students of law. Law students may participate as a presenter of a paper or observer. Papers from all areas of law are welcome and the deadline for abstract submission is **March 11, 2011**. For details and additional information on registration and submission of a paper, go to www.atiner.gr/docs/Law.htm.

The Legal Studies Institute, sponsored by The Fund for American Studies, provides the opportunity for first and second year law students to gain a first-hand look at the American legal system in Washington, D.C. The ten-week summer program combines a legal placement and a 3-credit constitutional law course with networking opportunities and career development activities. Applications for the program will be reviewed and accepted on a rolling basis until the **final deadline of March 18, 2011**. For more information and the online application, go to www.dccinternships.org/lis/about.index/asp.

Attention 1Ls and 2Ls: It seems early to think about next summer and fall, however please keep the dates listed below in mind so you won't inadvertently create conflicts as you make plans for summer 2011 -- jobs, vacations, and study abroad. **For the off-campus interview programs you will need to have application materials ready between early June and mid-July; for employers interviewing on campus during August you will need to prepare your materials by August.**

- July 2-August 3 William & Mary Summer Program in Madrid
- July 28-29 Patent Law Interview Program (for employers throughout U.S.; held in Chicago)
- July 29-30: Southeastern Minority Job Fair (for employers throughout U.S.; held in Atlanta)
- August 5: Texas Interview Program (for employers in Texas; held in Dallas)
- August 8: Northeast Interview Program (for employers in New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut; held in NYC)
- August 15: Chicago Interview Program (for Chicago employers)
- August 17: Fall on-campus interviews begin
- August 22: 2L and 3L classes begin
- September 2: Southern California Interview Program (for employers in Southern California, Arizona, Nevada and New Mexico; held in Los Angeles)
- September 9: New England Interview Program (for employers in New England; held in Boston)
- September 14: New Hampshire Interview Program

William & Mary students are invited to participate in a variety of career- and employment-related events and job fairs around the country. The Office of Career Services forwards information about these programs to all students. All students are welcome to participate.

The Boston Lawyers Group ("BLG") invites Students of Color to our annual Career Conference, ***Charting Your Legal Future***. The Conference will be held at the Law Offices of Foley & Lardner, 3000 K Street, N.W., Suite 600, Washington, DC, on **Wednesday, March 30, 2011** from 5:30

p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The BLG is a consortium of over 40 members including prominent law firms, government agencies and corporations in the City of Boston and surrounding area. Its mission is to support the efforts of its member organizations to identify, recruit, advance and retain attorneys of color in Boston. For more information see: www.thebostonlawyersgroup.com.

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, 2011.**

Other Summer Housing Options - The NALP site listed above is free. Another site that is 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 determine if they have any listings in your target city as well as the service fee, which varies depending on the city or region you choose. Another suggestion is to check colleges and universities in your target city since they often have housing options available to students for the summer.

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In Atlanta:

- Emory University offers housing to students working in Atlanta for the summer. The housing dates are from May 22 to August 6 and rates begin at \$27.50 a night. See www.emory.edu/sihp/ for more information or contact the Summer Intern Housing Program at 404-712-2492 or SIHP@learnlink.emory.edu.

In Chicago

- The School of the Art Institute of Chicago offers loft-style rooms with private baths and kitchenettes in the heart of the city. Students from other schools are eligible for summer residency if they are doing an internship in the Chicago area. Housing this summer begins on May 22 and goes through August 19. The rooms include a full-size refrigerator and stove, private phone line with voice mail, high-speed Internet connection, cable TV, and more. See <http://www.saic.edu/life/housing/index.html#summer>.

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 <http://www.law.nyu.edu/housing>.
- Educational Housing Services is a not-for-profit organization offering fully furnished rooms in newly renovated residences in prime neighborhoods throughout New York City. For more information, go to <http://www.studenthousing.org/>.

In Washington, D.C.:

- American University provides summer intern housing as well. For details, go to <http://www.american.edu/ocl/housing/intern-housing.cfm>.
- George Washington University offers summer and conference housing, for details, go to <http://summerhousing.gwu.edu>, send an email to sumhouse@gwu.edu, or call (202) 994-6883.

Please note: OCS is providing these resources solely as a convenience to students. Inclusion does not constitute a recommendation/endorsement of any housing option you may find through these resources. It is up to you to determine whether a particular property is appropriate for your circumstances.

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 **Wednesday, March 16 and 23, from 12:30-2:00PM**, 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.

DETAILS FOR THE PROGRAMS BELOW CAN BE FOUND ON SYMPPLICITY. PLEASE RSVP THROUGH SYMPPLICITY.

Thursday, March 17, Room 119, 12:50-1:50 p.m.: Successfully Navigating the Judicial Clerkship Application Maze

Tuesday March 22, Room TBD, 1:00-1:50 p.m. The Inside Scoop: The Real Life of an Associate. Co-sponsored by the W&M Chapter of the VBA.

Wednesday, March 23, Room 133, 12:50-1:50 p.m.: Starting and Building Your Own Practice

Thursday, March 24, Room 124, 1:00-1:50 p.m.: Insiders' Guide to the Character and Fitness Process

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 on a bulletin board in OCS and in OCS Resources for Students on Blackboard. 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:

The Faculty of Law at the University of Alberta has announced the **2011 Holocaust Remembrance Essay Award**, an annual international award for the best essay written by a law student on a topic relating to law and the Holocaust. The best essay will be awarded a certificate and an honorarium of \$500 CDN. **The submission deadline is July 1, 2011.** For more information, see <http://www.law.ualberta.ca/currentstudents/financialinformation/holocaust.php>.

The Judge John R. Brown Scholarship Foundation has announced the **18th Annual Brown Award** to recognize Excellence in Legal Writing in the U.S. This year, there is no restriction on the topic except that the writing must be on a legal subject. Submissions must be accompanied by a letter of recommendation by the law school faculty member or legal professional who is sponsoring the paper. This year's stipend for the winner is \$10,000. **The submission must be postmarked by May 20, 2011.** For more information, please see: <http://www.brownsims.com/judgebrownaward.htm>.

The National Law Review (NLR) has announced its **2011 Law Student Writing Competitions**. These competitions offer law students the opportunity to submit articles for publication consideration on the NLR Web site. Featured topics and submission deadlines are: **Health Care and Labor Law (April 2010, Submission Deadline: March 25, 2011); Tax Law (May 2010, Submission Deadline: April 25, 2011).** For complete rules and submission guidelines, go to <http://www.natlawreview.com/nlr-writing-competition>.

NEW RESOURCES—OCS LIBRARY

Congressional Yellow Book, Winter 2011, Leadership Directories, Inc. Who's who in Congress, including committees and key staff.

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

2011 publication schedule

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