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NEWSWORTHY NEWS



THE MOOT COURT TEAM HAS CAPTURED YET ANOTHER CHAMPIONSHIP! This past weekend, a W&M Law School Moot Court team comprised of Matt Kapuscinski (3L) and Chris Healy (3L) won the John J. Gibbons National Criminal Procedure Moot Court Competition at Seton Hall University School of Law.

Forty law schools competed in this competition that focused on (1) whether lawful police conduct can impermissibly "create" exigent circumstances which preclude warrantless entry under the Fourth Amendment, and (2) the proper statutory construction of "cocaine base" in the mandatory minimum sentencing provision of the Controlled Substances Act.

In addition to winning the tournament, Chris Healy was named Best Oralist for both the preliminary rounds and the final round of the competition. Please join me in congratulating Matt and Chris on their great success – and the entire moot court team on a phenomenal year!

STAFF CHANGES / ADDITIONS - As previously announced, Jennifer Thurston has left the law school admission office to serve William & Mary law students upstairs as an Assistant Dean for Career Services. We appreciate her important work for our admission program since July 2008 and extend best wishes to her as she assists our law students and alumni in their careers.

Third-year law student Brian Wall will assume the now vacant Assistant Dean for Admission position on May 25, 2011. We are fortunate to have Brian join the administrative team in this position. He earned both undergraduate and graduate degrees with honors from Brigham Young University and will receive his William and Mary law degree next month. While in law school, Brian has served as a Senior Articles Editor on the *William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal*, president of the International Law Society and J. Reuben Clark Law Society, and as a Legal Skills Teaching Assistant. Brian has already worked with our admission program as both a Graduate Fellow and enthusiastic student volunteer. In those capacities, he has participated in a wide number of admission events and activities, including representing the Law School at recruitment programs. We are delighted that he is joining our admission team on a fulltime basis.

Please join us in welcoming Jennifer and Brian to their new positions.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED! The Law School raised \$735.00 for the Free Throw Competition in memory of Ali Kaplan. The Student Team of Will Versfelt, Brendan Clegg, Joe Sherman, Chris Hummel, and Jarette Pittman WON with a total of 17 baskets!! On the woman's side - Kristin White had the most individual baskets and on the men's side - the

Library's own Fred Dingley had the most baskets. It was a PERFECT DAY for shooting basketballs!

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.***

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

WILLIAM & MARY LAW REVUE PRESENTS: TRIAL SCENES - On Saturday, April 9, at 7:00 p.m., the Law Revue will be putting on its inaugural performance in the Courtroom! We will be presenting three famous trial scenes, from A Few Good Men, The Crucible, and The Merchant of Venice. Admission is free but donations are welcome. We hope to see you there!

BUSINESS LAW REVIEW is looking for TIPS trained individuals to help at our banquet on Saturday, April 9 from 6:15-8:30 at Miller Hall (Mason School of Business). If you would like to

work at this event we will provide you with a free meal and \$25 for your help. Please email Maria Faconti at mcfaconti@email.wm.edu asap if you are interested.

SPRING GRAD BASH will be on Saturday, April 9, 12:00-4:00 p.m. at Lake Matoaka. Entrance fee is \$5.00 per person. Food and beverages will be available. Bring your games, bring your family, bring your dog! 5 VOLUNTEERS needed for set-up/clean-up, monitoring food and pouring beer (must be TIPS trained). Volunteers get in for FREE. If interested, contact Jamel Rowe ASAP.

PUBLIC SERVICE FUND PLEDGE DRIVE - Public Service Fund is currently hosting its Annual Pledge Drive and will be tabling in the Law School Lobby April 11-14. Representatives of PSF will be available to answer questions and accept donations or pledges to donate for Pledge Drive. This is a great opportunity for faculty, administration, and students to contribute to Public Service Fund. We appreciate your continued support of PSF!! If you have any questions or would like information, please visit our website: www.wmpeople.edu/site/page/pubser or email us: publicservicefund@gmail.com.

FEDERALIST SOCIETY LECTURE BY CLETA MITCHELL — The *Citizens United Decision*: The First Amendment v. The Liberal Elite on April 11, 1:00 p.m., room 124 - Come get a free lunch and hear Cleta Mitchell speak on the *Citizens United Decision*, which held that under the First Amendment corporate funding of independent political broadcasts in elections cannot be limited.

Cleta Mitchell is a partner in the Washington, D.C. office of Foley & Lardner LLP and a member of the firm's Political Law Practice. She has served as legal counsel to the National Republican Senatorial Committee and the National Republican Congressional Committee. Ms. Mitchell served as co-counsel for the National Rifle Association in the Supreme Court case involving the 2002 federal campaign finance law. Ms. Mitchell has been appointed to the American Bar Association's Standing Committee on Election Law. She serves on the board of directors of the National Rifle Association, is chairman of the American Conservative Union Foundation, and is president of the Republican National Lawyers Association.

ALAN BUKZIN MEMORIAL BONE MARROW DRIVE GOLF TOURNAMENT - Come play in the 13th Annual Alan Bukzin Memorial Golf Tournament and support W&M's Bone Marrow Drive. The tournament will be held at the Golden Horseshoe Green Course on April 10 with a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. Tournament fees are \$70 for students and \$100 for non-students and include range balls, golf cart, and tournament entry. Registration forms are attached here and can be found online at <http://wmpeople.wm.edu/site/page/bonemarrowdrive/5kandgolftournament> Questions can be directed to Jack Pollock at jrpollcock@email.wm.edu

ALUMNI DEVELOPMENT

CLASS OF 2011 3L GIFT – BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE FOR W&M LAW - The time is now – to join your classmates in building your legacy to William & Mary Law School, by making your personal pledge to the 3L Gift.

Dean Douglas will announce our results at our class dinner on Alumni Weekend (April 16), and at graduation – and we need everyone to join us now, so we reach our goal of 85%. It's all about participation and every gift matters! Last year, the members of the 3L class pledged a cumulative \$58,410 – and our goal is to raise \$60,000. We can beat them!

You can designate your gift to nearly any area at the Law School and direct your support where you want it to go. And remember: Nothing is due for your first year after graduation! Every gift helps to sustain and strengthen your soon-to-be alma mater and sends a message that you believe in the future of Marshall-Wythe. <https://www.development.wm.edu/ecommerce/lawclasspledge.asp>.

Questions? Contact Lindsay Raymond at ljnaiman@email.wm.edu or Anne Andrews at annehamptonandrews@gmail.com.

ADMISSION

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: April 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.

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

DRI Diversity Scholarship – Two \$10,000 scholarships are open to incoming second and third-year African American, Hispanic, Asian, Pan Asian, Native American and female law students. For more information and an application, visit <http://www.dri.org/open/Article.aspx?ID=496>. The deadline for submission is April 27, 2011.

McGuireWoods Diversity Scholarship – Is being offered to first year law students who are committed to contributing to and supporting diversity within the legal profession. The application deadline is May 15, 2011. For more information and an application visit: <http://www.mcguirewoods.com/messages/2011/diversity-scholarship.htm>.

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.

1L Diversity Scholarship – Cooley LLP is offering a paid Summer Associate position and an award of up to \$15,000 to assist with law school tuition. The application deadline is July 5, 2011. For eligibility and application information, please visit <http://www.cooley.com/files/uploads/students/diversity-announce-2011.html>.

LIBRARY NEWS

CARRELS & LOCKERS - Library carrels must be cleared or renewed and locker keys must be turned in by **5:00 P.M. on Friday, May 6**.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN RETURNS - Please return any interlibrary loan materials before you leave for the summer. Overdue ILLs checked out to W&M journals will be removed from the cite checking room. Personal ILLs that are not returned could affect fall class registration.

RESTRICTED LIBRARY ACCESS DURING EXAMS - From Friday, April 22 at 5:00 p.m. until Friday, May 6 at 5:00 p.m., **Law Library access is limited** to W&M law students and others who need to use the Law Library for research purposes. Please remember that patrons needing reference assistance and those using library materials **are permitted** access.

SUMMER ACCESS – If you're a continuing law student or a graduating 3L, you can access the law school and library during the summer with your student ID card. If you plan to use the library, be sure to check your ID by swiping your card through one of the magnetic readers by the building or library front doors. If the green light displays, your card is properly programmed. Please report problems to the circulation staff.

OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI AFFAIRS

CLASS OF 2011 DINNER INVITATION

SAVE-THE-DATE FOR THE ALUMNI WEEKEND DINNER on **April 16** at 6:30 p.m., at the Woodlands Conference Center. Come and meet Law School Alumni from the classes of '71, '76, '81, '86, '91, '96, '01, '06, and the most recent graduating Class of 2010. We will have music and wonderful food/drink. **At that time, the Class of 2011's Gift total will be presented to Dean Douglas. It's your chance to be featured in the Law School's Annual Report!**

Please mark your calendars for this fun event and the opportunity to be with other Marshall-

Wythe Alums, as you will be one soon! We look forward to seeing you - please let me know if you have any questions. **You must RSVP, if you will be attending to ktpond@wm.edu.**

Dear Faculty and Administrators:

*You are cordially invited to attend **ALUMNI WEEKEND 2011** on April 15-16. The weekend features celebration dinners for the **Classes of 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006**, and also invited are the most recent graduates from the **Class of 2010**. Additionally, we will invite the graduating **Class of 2011 for their 3L Class Dinner**. You are welcome to come to any event at no charge*

We would be delighted if you would be our guests at the picnic on Saturday, as well as the class dinners at the Woodlands that evening - just let me know so that we'll be sure to have a name tag for you. Also, the Dean will need to know that you're there so that you can be introduced at the opening reception.

Brochures and registration forms are on the mail room table.

If you'd like to come, please complete a registration form and return it to the Office of Development and Alumni Affairs. (1st floor, North Wing) You can also fill out a registration form by going to law.wm.edu/alumni/reunion/. Thank you and we hope you can join us.

Dear Students: **ALUMNI WEEKEND 2011** will take place at the Law School on Friday, April 15 and Saturday, April 16. In past years, we've had nearly 500 participants and we wanted to alert you that there will be lots of hustle and bustle (and noise) in and around campus. We will have our Foundation Board and Alumni Association Board meetings here on that Friday, and that will be followed by a Dean's Reception that will take place in the front hall from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Also, there will be tours of the law library on that Friday at 4:00 p.m. On Saturday, beginning at 9:30 a.m., we will have the PSF Silent Auction, as well as registration for Alumni Weekend in the front hall, and tours of the law library beginning at 1:00 p.m. From 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 16, there will be a picnic on the front lawn, which will include music that may be heard in the library.

We wanted to let you know so that if you've planned to study at the law school on that day, you may encounter some distraction. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let me hear from you. From all of us in the Alumni and Development Office, we wish you the very best on exams.

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

WEBSITE OF THE WEEK - Lawyerist.com is a leading legal website providing advice for attorneys and law students on law firm marketing, practice management, technology, career development, law school success, legal ethics and how to start a law practice. Free subscription is available. Visit www.lawyerist.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NALP has released a webinar entitled “**Destination Public Interest: Landing the Ideal Public Interest Job.**” The webinar is designed for 3Ls and recent graduates who are pursuing public interest careers, although it offers useful tips for anyone pursuing employment in the public sector. It offers concrete best practices and tips in the area of cover letter and resume drafting, as well as interviewing and professional networking. If interested in the webinar, visit: http://www.nalp.org/destination_public_interest?s=destination%20public%20interest.

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.**

Attention 2Ls: As rising third-years, **you're invited to join the l'Anson-Hoffman American Inn of Court**, the local chapter of a national organization that seeks to promote legal excellence, civility, professionalism, ethics and collegial exchange among lawyers, state and federal judges, law professors and law students. You participate as a student member during your third year of law school. The Inn usually holds a picnic in September, a reception at the Law School in October, and monthly dinner meetings between November and May in Norfolk and Hampton. You participate in a smaller subgroup, called a pupillage group, made up of approximately eight judges and lawyers. At the meetings you'll have the opportunity to speak with attorneys, state and federal judges and prominent practitioners from throughout Hampton Roads. More details are available in the invitation attached to the March 31 email from Dean Knowles. The deadline to submit your materials is **5:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 20, 2011.**

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.**

- May 31-June 30: Legal Technology Summer School
- 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 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)

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 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.

Check colleges and universities in your target city, since they often have housing options available to students for the summer.

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, April 13, 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.

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 **National LGBT Bar Association** is sponsoring the **Michael Greenberg Student Writing Competition**, which recognizes and encourages outstanding law student scholarship on the legal issues affecting lesbian, gay, bisexual and intersex persons. This year's first place award is \$1,000, publication in the *Journal of Law and Sexuality* at Tulane University Law School, and registration, transportation and lodging expenses for the 2010 Lavender Law Career Fair & Conference (August 2011, Los Angeles, CA). First and second runners-up will receive complimentary registration to the Lavender Law Conference. **Entries must be submitted by May 23, 2011.** For more information, see <http://lgbtbar.org/competition.html>.

NEW RESOURCES IN THE OCS LIBRARY

Landing a Federal Legal Job: Finding Success in the U.S. Government Job Market by Richard L. Hermann, American Bar Association, 2011. This book provides valuable information concerning

the wide variety of federal positions available, the application process, and federal government employment generally.

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