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THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11
WE SHALL NEVER FORGET

NEWSWORTHY NEWS

CHECKED YOUR E-MAIL? Remember that you are expected to check your e-mail at least once



a day. The faculty and administration send important information via e-mail – information that may not be available through any other means. If you have forwarded your college e-mail account to your personal account, you are responsible for verifying that the forwarded address continues to be accurate.

BUYING BOOKS? THIS MAY BE OF INTEREST TO YOU - Students may easily apply funds to their W&M debit card at the Bursar's Office. For your convenience, a transfer of funds to purchase your text books may be made from your loan refund in advance of the check being mailed to you. See more information and a link to the form to request this transfer of funds here: http://www.wm.edu/offices/financialoperations/sa/refunds/index.php.

LAWYERS HELPING LAWYERS (LHL) - Virginia's LHL is a confidential resource that helps lawyers and law students get confidential help with mental health and substance abuse issues. Keep the following toll-free number in case you or a friend needs confidential assistance during law school: Toll Free: 877-545-4682 (877-LHL-INVA).

LHL has an investment in your well-being and wants to hear from you if the stresses of law school become too much!! Also, if you would like to be a peer resource for fellow law students, consider becoming a part of LHL-Student Division. Student volunteers receive training and work together with LHL-faculty advisor, Professor Susan Grover, to help law students at William and Mary. If interested, please email Professor Grover at ssgrov@wm.edu.

STILL WONDERING IF CASEY ANTHONY IS EVIL OR MENTALLY ILL? Interested in how psychology and science function in the courtroom? Join BNLC! 3L Jana Robinson was recently selected as the Student Editor for the ABA's Behavior and Neuroscience Law Committee (BNLC), which is part of the Science & Technology Section of the ABA. We encourage you to join the Committee! Become part of a community of scholars, practicing attorneys, psychologists, and

many others who are on the forefront of research and legal issues that concern neuroscience, psychology, and related behavioral sciences. Learn about the latest developments in jury selection techniques, the insanity defense, expert witness testimony, mental health of prisoners and victims, the psychology of persuasion, and many other topics. **Great for networking and good for your resume!** And it's free! http://tinyurl.com/ABA-BNLC.

VIRGINIA BAR UPDATE - The Application for the Virginia Bar Examination and the Applicant's Character and Fitness Questionnaire are available online through the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners web site at: http://www.vbbe.state.va.us/forms.html Students who expect to sit for the Virginia Bar Examination can file the Character and Fitness Questionnaire within the first 14 months of their law school career for a discounted rate. The Bar Application, itself, cannot be filed more than three months prior to sitting for the exam.

Those planning to sit for the Virginia Bar are forewarned that the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners requires applicants to take the Multi-state Professional Responsibility Examination (MPRE). The MPRE is a fifty question, two-hour, multiple-choice examination administered three times each year. You can register online at http://www.ncbex.org/tests/mpre/mpre.htm. GOOD LUCK!!!

Reminder! No signs on walls, doors or windows. You may post notices in the Student Lounge. Obtain permission from Gloria Todd to post notices on the Administration Bulletin Board in the Student Lounge.

FACULTY ACCESS - If there is a need to contact an administrator or faculty member through their Law School mailbox, please place the item in the appropriately marked box in the reception area. The item will be placed in the administrator/faculty mailbox. Please REMEMBER THAT STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN THE WORKROOM.

REMEMBER THE INTERNET! Use the Law School web site to answer common questions regarding academics and/or student life. AND, please review the Unified Honor Code found from the Law School Homepage by clicking on Academics, then What About, then the Honor System. Students should also review the Student Handbook (found through the same links).

FREE UMBRELLAS - Rainy day got you down? Need to hike 3,000 miles to the other side of the parking lot with no umbrella? Have no fear! You can borrow an umbrella from the library circulation desk! The Library and the SBA have partnered to provide students with FREE umbrella rentals. Simply go to the Library Circulation desk, request an umbrella, and go your merry way. Umbrellas are due back by the time the library closes the following day. Questions? Email studentbar@email.wm.edu.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JEWISH LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION INTEREST MEETING - Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 6, 12:50 p.m. in room 134. Meet the crew, find out what we've done in the past (food seems to be the common denominator) and tell us what you want to happen this year!

VIRGINIA ATTORNEY GENERAL KEN CUCCINELLI will present a lecture at the Law School titled "Federalism's Last Stand?" on Thursday, September 15, at 1:00 p.m. in Room 120. Admission is free and all are welcome. Mr. Cuccinelli began serving as Attorney General of Virginia in January 2010. He earned a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Virginia, and both a J.D. and master's degree in international commerce and policy from George Mason University. Prior to serving as attorney general, Mr. Cuccinelli was in private practice. He also served in the Virginia Senate, representing a portion of Fairfax County, from 2002 to 2010.

1L PSF CASINO NIGHT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! Interested in getting involved in PSF and applying for the PSF board? Help with PSF's first event: Casino Night! The Casino Night Planning Committee needs help with soliciting local restaurants food for the event; making decorations; and the assorted fun planning activities. If you are interested please email Lauren Coleman at lscoleman@email.wm.edu for more information! Casino Night will be held September 24 at the law school. Get excited for a night of fun music, games, and prizes!

ADMISSIONS

FINANCIAL AID / SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Bradley Arant Boult Cummings Diversity Scholarship: A \$10,000 scholarship will be awarded to a student in his or her second year of law school. Recipients will be required to clerk in one of their seven offices in Alabama, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee and the District of Columbia for a minimum of six weeks during the summer preceding the 2L scholarship year. For more information, contact Mary Screws at mscrews@babc.com. Applications are available in the Admission Office and are due by September 15, 2011.

Latham & Watkins Diversity Scholars Program is offering six \$10,000 scholarships to second year law students for use in their third year of law school (2012-13). The application deadline is October 14, 2011. For more information and an application, visit their website at http://www.lw.com/upload/aboutLatham/upload/docs/doc165.pdf.

Paul & Daisy Soros Fellowships for New Americans — Thirty individuals a year, for up to two years of graduate study will be awarded \$25,000/year maintenance and half tuition, up to \$20,000 per year, wherever the Fellow attends. Applicants must be a "New American" who, if born abroad, either holds a Green Card or is a naturalized citizen. Candidates who were born in this country to parents who were both born abroad as non-US citizens are also eligible if at least one parent is a naturalized citizen. Applicants should be to first and second year students during the 2012-13 academic year. The application deadline is November 1, 2011. Visit their website for more information and an application. www.pdsoros.org.

Dinsmore & Shohl LLP Diversity Scholarship Program: In addition to working as a salaried summer associate in one of Dinsmore's offices, recipients will receive a scholarship between \$5,000-10,000. They seek applicants who have a strong record of academic or professional achievement, demonstrated leadership qualities and a meaningful commitment to diversity. Second-year students must apply by September 15, 2011. First year students should apply

between December 1 and December 31, 2011. For more information, visit http://www.dinsmorecareers.com/Diversity/

Dinsmore and Proctor & Gamble are also offering a unique opportunity for one **first-year law student.** The recipient will be a salaried Summer Associate for both P&G and Dinsmore, splitting a 12-week internship between both organizations' Cincinnati, OH offices. Interested first-year students may apply between December 1 and December 31, 2011.

OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI AFFAIRS

Co-Counsel sign-ups will be on September 7 and 8 in the front hall from 9:00-11:00 a.m. This is a mentor program that will match students with W&M alumni who use their law degree in various careers. Mentors may be from the geographic area where you hope to locate, practice law in the area of law that you plan to pursue, using their degree in a non-traditional area, or simply share your interests and hobbies. These Senior Counsels have sent their information for you to review in hopes of helping you through your law school experience. Information about the program will be emailed to you, as well as a Junior Counsel form that you'll need to bring with you on September 7 and 8.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

The Office of Career Services will no longer be publishing announcements in the Docket. Please look for our new biweekly emails on Mondays and Thursday called the "OCS Biweekly Bulletin." If you have any questions about our new communication strategy or our biweekly email system, please contact Dean Jennifer Thurston at imthurston@wm.edu.

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.

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