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NEED TO KNOW



Last weekend, a William & Mary Trial Team comprised of Keith Buzby, Emily Gomes, Andrew King, and Skyler Peacock competed against 31 other law school teams from across the country at the Phi Alpha Delta Mock Trial Invitational Tournament held in Arlington, Virginia. The William & Mary team advanced to the finals, marking the third year in a row that William & Mary

has reached the finals of this tournament. **CONGRATULATIONS** to the Trial Team on their continued success!

CONGRATULATIONS the William & Mary's Black Law Students Association was — once again — named "Mid-Atlantic BLSA Chapter of the Year." Our BLSA chapter received additional recognition as the runner-up "National BLSA Chapter of the Year." The finalists for National BLSA Chapter of the Year were the winners from the 6 national regions: Florida State, Harvard, Indiana-Bloomington, Texas, UCLA, and William & Mary. Florida State was the overall winner. Please join me in congratulating William & Mary BLSA President Jonathan Peterson, and all of the members of our BLSA chapter. Our chapter, a recent winner of the National BLSA Chapter of the Year award, continues its impressive performance as an organization with a deep commitment to public service and the improvement of the law school experience for everyone.

SUMMER JOB (WM LAW COMMUNICATIONS) - The Law School's Communications Office is looking for a student interested in working at the Law School this summer. Please send me your resume and let me know what weeks you are available (and if you are interested in full or part-time hours). I welcome all applicants but need help in the following areas: news & featuring writing, web communications, social media, video, publications, photography, editing and proofreading. Thank you for your interest. Jaime Welch-Donahue, jpwelc@wm.edu.

SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING BAR APPLICATIONS

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 provides these upon submission of a written request and a payment of \$7.00 per copy. Please follow this link to request an official transcript:

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. Wherever you go, 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, Gloria 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 14. And most important, the deadline for the Virginia bar application is May 10.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

EMERGING ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE: THE INTERFACE BETWEEN GLOBALIZATION, TRADE, AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY is TODAY, March 23, room 141, 12:00-4:00 p.m. The William & Mary International Law Society and Business Law Review's Annual Symposium will examine the health of the broader international legal environment through the prism of the uniquely close economic relationship between the United States, the European Union, China and Korea. Info and agenda at http://wmpeople.wm.edu/site/page/internationallaw

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY DAY OF SERVICE - The Volunteer Service Corps (VSC) is partnering with the George Wythe Society's Day of Caring on Saturday, March 24. Sign up to volunteer and join us as we work with Habitat for Humanity right here in Williamsburg! Volunteers will be working on a Habitat for Humanity renovation project only 2.5 miles from campus. We are looking for volunteers for either the full day (9-4), morning (9-12:30), or afternoon (12:30-4). All law students are welcome and encouraged to join us! Lunch will be provided! To sign up, or for more information, contact wmvsc@email.wm.edu.

INTERNATIONAL LAW COURSE FOR GRADUATING STUDENTS - Graduating students only may apply to attend a course titled: Assessing Patterns of Transnational Organized Crime, the International Criminal Responsibility of Non-State Actors, and the Effectiveness of the International Enforcement System. The course will be held May 20-30. Application deadline is March 25. ISISC will select 60 participants. For more information: www.isisc.org.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR A FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP NEXT FALL TO GO ABROAD IN 2013-2014? SIGN UP FOR ONE OF THESE INFORMATION SESSIONS!

Sessions will be held on Monday, March 26 6:00-7:00 p.m. AND Tuesday, March 26 6:00-7:00 p.m. Want to come? Register here by noon on the day of the session you plan to attend. http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/S7PGH5T. All info sessions are in Blow Hall 201. Can't make the session but interested in applying? Come see (or contact) a Peer Scholarship Advisor! http://www.wm.edu/sites/scholarships/peerscholarshipadvisors/index.php

WHAT IS A FULBRIGHT SCHOLARSHIP? GENERAL INFO

A U.S. Student Fulbright Grant

- Allows for individually designed study/research projects or an English Teaching Assistantship You can propose a project and/or study plan that will take place during one academic year in a country outside the U.S.
- Provides support for study/research/teaching in a single country (For exceptions, see World Region Summaries) You can meet, work, live with and learn from the people of the host country, sharing daily experiences.
- Facilitates cultural exchange through direct interaction on an individual basis in the classroom, field, home, and in daily tasks, you can gain an appreciation of others' viewpoints and beliefs, the way they do things, and the way they think.
- Promotes mutual understanding Through engagement in the community, you can interact with your hosts on a one-to-one basis in an atmosphere of openness, academic integrity, and intellectual freedom.

Who can apply for a U.S. Student Fulbright Grant?

- Recent BA/BS graduates, graduating seniors and recent Bachelor's-degree recipients
 usually propose projects for which they have had some undergraduate preparation
 and/or direct work or internship experience.
- Master's and doctoral candidates will demonstrate capacity for independent study or research, together with a general knowledge of the history, culture, and current events of the countries to which they are applying.
- Young professionals, including writers, journalists, and those in law, business, and other
 professional fields may have up to 5 years of professional study and/or experience in
 the field in which they are applying. Those with more than 5 years of experience should
 apply to the Council for International Exchange of Scholars in the Fulbright Scholar
 Program.
- Artists and musicians applicants without a Bachelor's degree may substitute at least four years of professional training or experience.

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program has a preference for candidates who have not had recent extensive experience abroad (excluding recent undergraduate study abroad), especially in the country of application. Grants shall not authorize activity for which a license to practice medicine or nursing is required.

When, and for how long, is the grant awarded? Grant lengths and dates vary by country. Please consult the Country Summaries for specifics. In general, grants for 2012-13:

- Are one academic year in length—between 9 and 12 months.
- Begin no sooner than July 2012 and no later than March 2013.
- Correspond to the academic calendars abroad.

Requirements for attendance at orientation programs, in the U.S. and/or overseas, are also contained in the <u>World Region or Country Summaries</u>.

GRANT AWARD BENEFITS

Full Grant and ETA Award Benefits

Full Grant benefits for Study/Research and English Teaching Assistantships include:

- Round-trip transportation to the host country
- Maintenance for the academic year, based on living costs in the host country
- Limited Health Benefits
- In addition, Full Grants may include (see relevant Country Summary for details):
- Book and research allowances*
- Mid-term enrichment activities in many countries or world regions
- Full or partial tuition
- Language study programs
- Pre-departure and in-country orientations

*The allowance provides some funding for research, books, and/or supplies. Grantees with projects that require extensive research support, in-country travel, study materials, or equipment should explore additional funding from other sources to supplement the Fulbright funding.

Benefits for Study/Research Grants and English Teaching Assistantships

- Are based on the cost of living in the host country
- Will be paid in host country currency to grantees in countries with a Commission/Foundation
- Will be paid in U.S. dollars to grantees in countries without a Fulbright Commission/Foundation

THE ELECTION LAW SOCIETY AND THE ELECTION LAW PROGRAM are pleased to announce their annual symposium on "Money in Judicial Elections." The Election Law Society and the Election Law Program at William & Mary Law School announce the Fifth Annual Election Law Symposium to take place on Thursday, March 29. Featuring prominent state supreme court judges, political consultants, and scholars, the symposium centers upon the topic, "Money in Judicial Elections," and evaluates the changing dynamics of state judicial elections in the post-Citizens United landscape. The event, which is free and open to the public, begins at 3:15 p.m. and will be held in Room 124.

EXAM CONFLICTS FORMS ARE NOW READY - Deadline is Friday, March 30 by 5:00 p.m.

NON-CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN THE AMERICAN POLICY will be held on Friday-Saturday, March 30-31 in room 127. The Institute of Bill of Rights Law is pleased to invite you to the

William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal's 2011-2012 Symposium. For more info and a list of speakers, visit http://events.wm.edu/lawibrl/2012/03/30/3312/

VANITY MULTICULTURAL FASHION SHOW - Come to Trinkle Hall on Friday, March 30, 7:00-9:00 p.m. to raise money and awareness for the Williamsburg AIDS network. This organization is committed to helping individuals living with HIV/AIDS in Williamsburg and the surrounding cities. The show will feature William & Mary graduate and undergraduate students. It is sponsored by The Black Law Student's Association, and AMP. Tickets for the show are \$5.00 for general admission and \$7.00 for VIP admission. Tickets will be sold at the door.

CHIEF JUSTICE CYNTHIA D. KINSER - The Greater Peninsula Women's Bar Association will be hosting the Chief Justice of Virginia's Supreme Court, the Honorable Cynthia D. Kinser, at its meeting on April 4. Dinner will be served, and the Chief Justice will deliver the keynote address. Tickets are \$50, but financial assistance is available for W&M law students. If interested, please contact Ms. Polly Chong, Esq. at ctappt@aol.com.

ADMISSIONS

HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES - The Admission Office would appreciate hearing from students/staff/faculty who know of housing opportunities that will be available for the coming academic year. If you are moving from a desirable location or looking for a roommate(s) next year please email a description (cost, utilities, distance from the Law School, pets allowed/not allowed, etc.) and contact information. The contact information should include email and/or phone number. Email the information to Helen at lawadm@wm.edu. This information will be added to the Housing Bulletin and shared with incoming students seeking housing.

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION/PLANNING MEETINGS FOR ALL STUDENTS - Individual appointments are available for questions on financial aid, FAFSA preparation, lender terms, bar loans, loan 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 28, and April 11 and 25. Please stop by the Admission Office to reserve an appointment time. You may schedule an appointment to meet with Ms. Meier on other dates in Blow Memorial Hall by emailing your request directly to jmmeie@wm.edu. Questions regarding scholarships and fellowships awarded by the Law School should be addressed to Dean Shealy.

FINANCIAL AID / SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association Foundation, 2012 Fitzwater Memorial Scholarship: \$1,000.00 will be awarded to a deserving second year law student who demonstrates a strong interest in practicing law in the public service/public interest sector in the south Hampton Roads area of Virginia. Applications are due March 30, 2012. For a copy of the scholarship application, please email emcavallari@wm.edu.

NPBA Foundation, Elizabeth Barrett Fitzwater Memorial Scholarship: A \$1,000 scholarship is available to second year law students who intend to practice law in the public service/public

interest sector in South Hampton Roads. The first scholarship will be in the amount of \$1,000.00. The deadline is March 30.

http://www.norfolkandportsmouthbar.org/ScholarshipLaw.html.

Fredrikson & Bryon Foundation Minority Scholarship: The Fredrikson & Byron Foundation Minority Scholarship Program sponsors educational opportunities for currently enrolled, first-year law students of diverse backgrounds, to enhance the understanding and awareness of minority law students regarding opportunities for the private practice of law in the Upper Midwest. The scholarship includes one award of \$10,000 plus an invitation to become a summer associate the summer following 2L year. The deadline is March 31. http://www.fredlaw.com/firm/scholarship.htm.

National Federation of the Blind Scholarship Program: Applicants must be legally blind (PDF document) in both eyes; residing in the United States, the District of Columbia, or Puerto Rico; must be pursuing or planning to pursue a full-time, postsecondary course of study; and must participate in the entire NFB national convention and in all scheduled scholarship program activities. In addition to a scholarship, each winner will receive assistance to attend the 2011 National Federation of the Blind Annual Convention in July, providing an excellent opportunity for high-level networking with active blind persons in many different professions and occupations. Awards range from \$3,000 to \$12,000, and the deadline is March 31. http://www.nfb.org/scholarships/.

San Mateo County, CA Women Lawyers Section Educational Foundation: Scholarships are available to all students, both male and female, and are based on financial need, academic excellence, residential or other ties to San Mateo County, and involvement in activities, whether legal, scholastic, public, private or community. Applicants for the scholarship should submit a letter stating their qualifications for the award and the information about why they should be chosen. Please include in the letter, or as a separate attachment, the following information: All law school scholarships received and in what amounts, specify how the law school education is being financed, and include a copy of the current law school transcript. The awards range from \$1,000- \$4,000, and the deadline is March 31. Applications should be sent to San Mateo County Women Lawyers Education Foundation, P.O. Box 90, San Carlos, California 94070.

Howard Fox Memorial Law Scholarship Award: A \$3,000 scholarship is to help fund a deserving Berks County, Pennsylvania, resident embarking on his or her second year at an accredited Law School. The deadline is April 1. www.bccf.org.

Stephen K. Hall ACWA Water Law & Policy Scholarship: This scholarship is presented annually to a qualified graduate student majoring in law, policy or public administration with a focus or concentration in California water resources. Eligible students must be attending a graduate or law school in the U.S., carrying at least 8 units per term and planning to attend school for the complete year in which the scholarship is awarded. The deadline is April 1, and the scholarship award is \$7,000.

http://www.acwa.com/sites/default/files/page/2010/02/water law application 2012-13.pdf 💆

The VALS ... the association for legal professionals is awarding one \$1,500 scholarship to an individual who will be furthering their career with an interest/major in the legal field. The scholarship is limited to Virginia residents, and the deadline is April 2. For more information and to apply for the scholarship, go to www.v-a-l-s.org/education.htm.

DRI 2012 Law Student Diversity Scholarship: Two \$10,000 scholarships will be awarded to incoming 2L and 3L students who add the cause of diversity (includes but not limited to gender, race, and ethnicity). Scholarship criteria includes demonstrated academic excellence, service to the profession, service to the community, and service to the cause of diversity. The deadline is April 27.

http://www.dri.org/contentdirectory/public/awards scholarships/DRI 2012 Diversity Scholar ship Application.pdf.

The Hudson County Bar Foundation will award 12 \$2,000 scholarships to students who are attending law school or who have been accepted to law school for the September 2012 – May 2013 term. Applicants must be residents of Hudson County, demonstrate financial need, and provide two letters and recommendation in addition to completing the application. Application deadline is April 30, 2012. http://www.hcbalaw.com/Foundation.aspx

McGuireWoods' Diversity Scholarship Program will award up to eight \$5,000 scholarships to diverse current first-year law students with an expected graduation year of 2014, who are committed to contributing to and supporting diversity within the legal profession. At McGuireWoods, diversity is defined as recognizing and valuing the differences in our workforce. To us, diversity encompasses age, sex, gender identity, race, ethnicity, national origin, disability, religion, sexual orientation, marital status and veteran status, as well as educational and professional backgrounds. Applications are due May 15.

http://recruiting.mcguirewoods.com/docs/recruiting-diversity-program.pdf.

American Association for Justice (AAJ) Women for Justice Education Fund's Mike Eidson Scholarship: The Scholarship awards \$5,000 annually to a female student entering their third year of law school (the student can be enrolled in a three-year day program or four-year night program) who has demonstrated a commitment to a career as a trial lawyer, along with dedication to upholding and defending the principles of the Constitution, and to the concept of a fair trial, the adversary system, and a just result for the injured, the accused, and those whose rights are jeopardized. The deadline is May 31.

http://www.justice.org/cps/rde/xchg/justice/hs.xsl/8514.htm.

Perkins Cole 1L Diversity Fellowship: The individual must be a first-year law student in good standing pursuing the degree of Juris Doctor at an ABA-accredited law school. The individual must possess an academic record, interest and capacity that demonstrate great promise for a successful career during the remainder of law school and in the legal profession. The individual must contribute meaningfully to the diversity of the law school student body and, upon entering the legal profession, the legal community. The award is a \$7,500 academic scholarship and a paid summer associate position immediately following the completion of their first year. http://www.perkinscoie.com/careers/summer/?op=ilprogram

Ms. JD Summer Scholarship: Ms. JD is awarding \$500 scholarships to female law students entering their second or third year at an accredited U.S. law school and working the summer of 2012 at least 35 hours per week for a minimum of six weeks at a government agency or nonprofit organization. Unpaid judicial externs also qualify. The deadline is July 9. http://ms-jd-org/ms-jd-2010-summer-scholarship-application.

Reed Smith Diverse Scholars Program provides an award in the amount of \$15,000 and a summer associate position to two first-year law students who have demonstrated excellent academic scholarship and a commitment to diversity, inclusion and community. The \$15,000 will be awarded for the recipient's second year of law school and will be paid in addition to the summer associate salary. Applicants must meet the following criteria: excellent academic scholarship, demonstrated commitment to diversity, inclusion and community, agree to join the 2013 Reed Smith Summer Program and are authorized to work in the United States. Applications must be postmarked by August 6.

http://www.reedsmith.com/Diverse Scholars Program/

OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI AFFAIRS

CLASS OF 2012 DINNER INVITATION

SAVE-THE-DATE FOR THE ALUMNI WEEKEND DINNER on April 14 at 6:30 p.m., at the Kingsmill Resort. Come & meet Law School Alumni from the classes of '67, '72, '77, '82, '87, '92, '97, '02, '07, and the most recent graduating Class of 2011. We will have music and wonderful food/drink. At that time, the Class of 2012'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.

FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATORS: You are cordially invited to attend ALUMNI WEEKEND 2012 on April 13-14. The weekend features celebration dinners for the Classes of 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007, and also invited are the most recent graduates from the Class of 2011. Additionally, we will invite the graduating Class of 2012 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 Kingsmill Resort 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. 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.

STUDENTS: ALUMNI WEEKEND 2012 will take place at the Law School on Friday, April 13 and Saturday, April 14. 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, which 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 14, 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.

OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

"The Ultimate Bar Review: Insider's Guide to the Bar Exam." Monday, March 26, 1:00-1:45 p..m., Room 124. Anita Poston, a member of the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners, will cover:

- How you can best prepare for the bar exam
- Kinds of questions likely to be on the exam
- What bar examiners assess in grading the exam

Ms. Poston's comments will be applicable to all jurisdictions, not only to Virginia. Because she is a member of the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners, she also will offer observations specific to the Virginia exam.

If you plan to attend either of these programs, please RSVP through OCS Symplicity Events.

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