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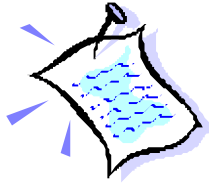
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NEED TO KNOW



WELCOME - Ruth Layman has joined the Law School's Development & Alumni Affairs Office as a Development Associate. Ruth previously worked in William & Mary's office of University Development. Prior to that, she was in the U.S. Air Force for 23 years. She brings great skills and a wealth of knowledge about William & Mary's development program and will be able to make an immediate impact on our program. Please join us in welcoming Ruth to the Law School.

The Office of Admission is pleased to **WELCOME** Lynda Weisflog as our new Admissions Enrollment Services Assistant. Lynda joined our staff about a month ago and jumped right in to assist with a successful Admitted Student and securing a strong Class of 2015. She has been a welcoming and friendly face to all our visiting prospective students, and we are very happy to have her as part of the admissions team! Please stop by to welcome Lynda before the semester is over.

SUMMER PROGRAM IN MADRID - REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED! A few spots still remain for our study abroad program in Madrid, so we are extending our registration deadline. If you have some free time this summer between July 1-August 2, consider traveling abroad to Madrid, Spain to enjoy one of Europe's most exciting cities! Study International and European law with outstanding Spanish professors and our own Professor Dwyer while earning five credits and taking classes four days a week! Stop by the International Program Office, Room 238 to pick up an information packet. Registrations will be accepted on a space available basis.

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.**

ADMISSIONS

APPRECIATION FROM ADMISSIONS – The Law School admission team is pleased to report a large and strong applicant pool of over 5,500 this year. Many, many student volunteers contributed to the success of the program. To all those volunteer tour guides, student hosts, phonathon participants, student e-mailers, together with the many students that participated in Admitted Students Weekend activities and other students who informally reached out to welcome our visitors to the William & Mary community – WE SAY HEARTFELT THANKS!

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: 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 jimmeie@wm.edu. Questions regarding scholarships and fellowships awarded by the Law School should be addressed to Dean Shealy.

FINANCIAL AID / SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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_Scholarship_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. <http://www.hcbalaw.com/Foundation.aspx>.

Hudson County Bar Foundation Scholarship: Open to all law students, incoming and rising 2Ls and 3Ls. Students must be bona fide residents of Hudson County; must demonstrate financial need; must provide two (2) current Letters of Recommendation; and must account for appropriate academic standards. All applications must be received on or before April 30. <http://www.hcbalaw.com/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=ZC9euQ3dmNE%3d&tabid=65&mid=399>

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/

LIBRARY

LIBRARY CARRELS – Current carrel registrations expire at the end of the Spring exam period. If you are staying in Williamsburg this summer for work or studying for the bar exam, you can renew your current carrel at the Circulation Desk before the end of exams. If you're not renewing, please clear your carrel of library and personal items before the end of exams on **Friday, May 4**. Library staff will empty un-renewed carrels on this date. On Monday, May 7, the library will open carrel sign-ups for Summer 2012. Summer carrels expire August 24, 2012.

LIBRARY LOCKERS – Library locker keys must be returned before 6:00 pm on **Friday, May 4**. Library staff will clear the lockers after the exam period. If you are staying in Williamsburg this summer, you may renew your current locker at the Circulation Desk, or check out a new locker on Monday, May 7. The fee for a lost locker key is **\$10.00**.

RESTRICTED LIBRARY ACCESS DURING EXAMS - From Friday, April 20 at 5:00 p.m. until Friday, May 4 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.

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TO HEARING GREAT
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