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## ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SOCIETY NEWS

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Marshall-Wythe School of Law Environmental Law Society (ELS) is an organization of law students interested in promoting the improvement of our environment and the efficient use of natural resources through education and research. From its inception in 1972, the purpose of the ELS has been to provide specialized programming for students interested in environmental law and policy. Throughout the academic year the group offers a variety of educational and social activities.

Much of our energy is directed towards the Environmental Film and Speaker Series. Every month or so we sponsor a film, speaker or panel discussion on current environmental issues. This year we hosted The Uranium Mining Panel Discussion in November. The panel members included: Delegate J. Paul Council; Mr. Richard Burton, Executive Director of the Virginia Water Control Board; and Ms. Georgia Herbert, Staff Attorney for the Piedmont Environmental Council. Professor Ronald Rosenberg of Marshall-Wythe School of Law moderated the panel discussion. Mr. Bud Watson, staff attorney for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, also spoke this year on the Foundation's work and provided insight into the role and activities of the environmental lawyer.

The ELS is also a source for Marshall-Wythe representation on local environmental groups and at national environmental conferences. The ELS has continued its tradition of sending one of its members to set on the Board of the York Chapter of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. In February, the Society and school were represented by Ms. Camille Bibles and myself at the annual ALI-ABA Environmental Law Conference in Washington, D.C.

Finally, to show that we are not all work, we again went tubing on the

James River in September. This activity has become an annual event for the ELS and all interested students and friends.

Since its inception, one of the most important functions of the ELS has been to provide students with a forum for research in environmental law. Five years ago the Environmental Law Society, in conjunction with the Virginia Bar Association, wrote the environmental law section of the Virginia Lawyer. Next year, again with the Virginia Bar, we hope to update that section of the handbook.

This year marks the reinstatement of the Environmental Practice News. Unfortunately, difficulties the past three years prevented its publication. With this issue, however, we hope to rekindle the spirit behind the EPN and continue its research and information services. As noted in the first issue, this publication is not intended to be a chronicle of the ELS's activities, or an environmental treatise, but rather a legal tool and forum of information for the interested lawyer. The Environmental Law Society hopes that you will continue to find the Environmental Practice News useful and interesting.

Kevin B. Smith  
President

### WILDLIFE PRINTS

Many years ago, reknowned animal artist Guy Coheleach generously donated his rare, limited-edition wildlife prints to the law school for resale, with proceeds going to the Environmental Law Fund at Marshall-Wythe.

These fine portraits, not available elsewhere, may be purchased through: Mr. Geof Follansbee, Associate Dean Marshall-Wythe School of Law College of William and Mary Williamsburg, Virginia 23185 (804) 253-4886

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### ELS RECYCLING

Last semester, the ELS began collecting aluminum cans for recycling. According to Stanley Olesh, ELS treasurer and Recycling Chairman, "although the ELS receives 17 cents per pound through Reynolds Aluminum Co., this project is largely non-profit; that is, what we get just about keeps us in garbage bags."

The ELS may expand its recycling efforts in the future to include newspaper and glass, contingent upon the finding of a recycler for either in the immediate area. "In the meantime," says Olesh, "we are grateful to the student body of Marshall-Wythe for supporting this project by depositing their aluminum cans in our collection receptacle in the Marshall-Wythe student lounge."

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ABOUT THE EPN

Since its first issue in 1975, the Environmental Practice News has provided information of general interest and practical value to practicing attorneys, state government decision makers, educators, and students.

In our efforts to publish relevant and up-to-date material, the EPN appreciates submissions from our readers. The EPN encourages all interested law students and other members of the legal community to contribute academic articles, comments on environmental litigation, and information on upcoming environmental events.

We have mailed this issue to the law schools, City and Commonwealth Attorneys, conservation organizations, and individual practitioners in Virginia who were listed in our last mailing list. If you have any comments regarding the publication, or would like to be dropped from or added to our mailing list, please contact us. We look forward to your input.

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