



# William & Mary Law School Established 1779

#### **Fast Facts**

Year Founded-1779

HISTORY-First law school in America

AFFILIATION–College of William & Mary; America's second oldest university, chartered in 1693

LOCATION–Williamsburg, Virginia 150 miles southeast of

- Washington, DC
- 50 miles east of Richmond50 miles west of Norfolk

## LOCAL LANDMARKS

Colonial Williamsburg, "the world's largest living history museum," three blocks from the Law School

■ The College's Wren Building, oldest academic building in continuous use in America

Jamestown, site of the first permanent English settlement in America

Vorktown, site of the military campaign that ended the Revolutionary War

#### 2008-09 Students

**ENROLLMENT-635** full-time students

PERCENT WITH PRIOR WORK EXPERIENCE—48%

PERCENT HOLDING GRADUATE DEGREES-8%

 $\operatorname{Male}/\operatorname{Female}\operatorname{Ratio}{--51\%}/49\%$ 

AVERAGE AGE-25

STUDENTS OF COLOR—21% U.S. STATES AND TERRITORIES REPRESENTED—47, and the District of Columbia

OTHER COUNTRIES REPRESENTED—11

Colleges/Universities Represented—242

ENTERING CLASS MEDIANS—UGPA 3.64, LSAT 164

APPLICANTS (CLASS OF 2011)—4,585 PERCENT OF APPLICANTS

ACCEPTED—25%

#### 2009-10 Tuition and Fees

VA RESIDENT TUITION & FEES—\$21,646 Nonresident Tuition & Fees— \$31,846

## 2008-09 Financial Aid

SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS—353 students (56% of student body)

TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP VALUE—\$4.4 million

#### Academics

#### DEGREE PROGRAMS

- J.D.
  J.D./Master of Arts in American Studies
- J.D./Master of Business Administration
- J.D./Master of Public Policy
- LL.M. Master of Laws in the American Legal System
- LAW STUDIES ABROAD—Semester in Austria, China, Japan, Luxembourg, New Zealand, and Spain for advanced foreign legal study

SUMMER STUDY ABROAD—Five-week program in Madrid, Spain

LEGAL SKILLS PROGRAM—A required, comprehensive, two-year course of study that prepares students to practice law through simulated client representation and course instruction. Winner of the ABA's E. Smythe Gambrell Professionalism Award. Featured in the *Wall Street Journal*, the *ABA Journal* and *The Professional Lawyer*.

**EXTERNSHIPS**—Practical legal experience under the tutelage of experienced practitioners and judges

- Types of externships Criminal Litigation
- Federal Government
- Judicial
- Nonprofit Organizations
- Private Practice and In-house Counsel
- State and Local Government
- U.S. Attorneys
- Virginia Attorney General
- Virginia General Assembly
- CLINICS—Valuable experience in client representation under the direction of experienced lawyers SPECIALIZATIONS
  - Appellate Litigation
  - Domestic Violence
  - Federal Tax Practice
  - Innocence Project
- Legal Aid
- Special Education Advocacy
- Veterans' Benefits



## **Institutes and Programs**

CENTER FOR LEGAL AND COURT TECHNOLOGY

INSTITUTE OF BILL OF RIGHTS LAW

ELECTION LAW PROGRAM

HUMAN SECURITY LAW PROGRAM

PROPERTY RIGHTS PROJECT

PROGRAM IN COMPARATIVE LEGAL STUDIES AND POST-CONFLICT IUSTICE

VCU–W&M HEALTH POLICY AND LAW INITIATIVE

## Student Life

STUDENT-EDITED JOURNALS—4 William and Mary Law Review, William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal, William & Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review, and William & Mary Journal of Women and the Law

**ORGANIZATIONS**—46 service, special interest, and competitive organizations

#### Alumni

LIVING ALUMNI-7,000

MOST FAMOUS ALUMNUS—John Marshall, the great Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court

U.S. STATES REPRESENTED—50

OTHER COUNTRIES REPRESENTED—39

#### **Career Services**

**RESOURCES**—Individualized career planning and advising, web-based job listings, online searchable alumni directory, Alumni Mock Interview Program, skills workshops, practice area programs, and videoconference interviews 2008 EMPLOYERS REGISTERED FOR ON-CAMPUS INTERVIEWS-207

- 2008 NONVISITING EMPLOYERS LISTING POSITIONS—2,000+
- 2008-09 OFF-CAMPUS INTERVIEW PROGRAMS—34, including events in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, New York, and Washington, DC

# Employment Statistics for 2008 Graduates

LOCATION—25 states, DC, and Mexico

EMPLOYMENT PROFILE—97.1% employed as of February 2009

STARTING SALARY RANGE—\$33,700 -\$225,000

MEDIAN PRIVATE SECTOR STARTING SALARY-\$135,000

MEDIAN PUBLIC AND NONPROFIT SECTOR STARTING SALARY— \$54,000

JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS—12 federal, 16 state

#### Summer Public Service Fellowships

NUMBER AWARDED IN 2009-104

FELLOWSHIPS—Students worked in 17 states, DC, Argentina, Azerbaijan, Cambodia, India, Russia, Spain, and Switzerland.

## Loan Repayment Assistance Program

- **ELIGIBILITY**—Graduates working for private nonprofit organizations or government agencies
- LOAN FORGIVENESS—Up to \$5,000 annually per recipient for a maximum of three years

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This stained glass window, a prominent feature of the Law School's entrance hall, depicts Sir William Blackstone, who held the first professorship of law in the English-speaking world, established at Oxford University in 1758. Blackstone's example helped inspire the second professorship of law in the English-speaking world, established at the College of William & Mary in December 1779. The warden and fellows of All Souls College at Oxford presented this window to the Law School in 1979 on the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of George Wythe's appointment as William & Mary's, and America's, inaugural law professor.



# Message from the Dean

Congratulations on your decision to study law. We are delighted that you are considering William & Mary Law School! William & Mary's greatest strength is the superb job we do educating new lawyers. Our faculty of nationally known scholars puts tremendous energy into working with students — both in the classroom and one-on-one. At William & Mary, you will undergo rigorous training that will prepare you to practice law in every conceivable setting.

Our award-winning Legal Skills Program develops excellence in the full range of transactional, litigation, and other skills that lawyers require. We are home to the most technologically advanced courtroom in the United States, which we use to teach students what they must know to thrive in a technological age.

Both our trial team and moot court team excel on the national stage. Students represent clients under the supervision of skilled attorneys in our legal clinics, including our recently established Veterans' Benefits Clinic and Special Education Advocacy Clinic. Our four student-edited law reviews afford in-depth opportunities to develop research and writing skills. A broad array of law school programs, including our nationally acclaimed Institute of Bill of Rights Law, foster debate on cutting-edge legal issues.

William & Mary has deep and enduring roots, reaching back more than two hundred years into American history. We were the first institution in the United States to teach law in a university setting. Thomas Jefferson had the original idea, believing that university-trained lawyers could provide leadership necessary to the success of the new nation. In 1779, he turned to William & Mary to implement his vision. William & Mary's first law students exceeded Jefferson's expectations. They included Chief Justice John Marshall, President James Monroe, and many others who later served as governors and United States senators.

Institutions take strength from their past. William & Mary continues to train lawyers who serve their communities and the nation at the highest levels of law, business, and government.

Our graduates span the globe. Some work in the nation's largest law firms. Others use their legal skills in public interest law or in the business world. Many engage in government service. Our job is to help students fulfill their professional goals, whatever those goals might be.

We hope that you will consider joining us next year.

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DAVISON M. DOUGLAS Dean and Arthur B. Hanson Professor of Law



Our students are people the professors know by name, not merely faces passing in the hall or statistics on a list.



# An Introduction to the Law School

We welcome your interest in William & Mary Law School! The Law School is moving powerfully into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, with roots running deep into America's past.

Legal education at William & Mary began in 1779, at the urging of Thomas Jefferson. He was governor of Virginia and a member of William & Mary's Board of Visitors. Jefferson believed that aspiring lawyers should be taught in a university setting and that they should be trained not simply to be excellent legal craftsmen, but also good citizens and leaders of their communities, states, and nation. He wanted them to become citizen lawyers. The Law School remains extraordinarily committed to training citizen lawyers, just as was true in Jefferson's day.

George Wythe (a great lawyer, teacher, and statesman of this country's Revolutionary Era) was hired in 1779 to begin legal training at William & Mary. Among the first lawyers Wythe taught at the university was John Marshall. As Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, Marshall had a profound impact on U.S. history.



Statues of George Wythe and John Marshall stand together before the Law School, commemorating its historic origins. In 1779, at Thomas Jefferson's urging, Wythe (right) was appointed as William & Mary's — and America's — first professor of law. John Marshall (left), who served as the fourth Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, was among the earliest law students at William & Mary, receiving his formal legal training under Wythe's tutelage.

We are a relatively small school with approximately 635 students. Admission is quite selective. There were almost 5,000 applicants for the Class of 2012. Our alumni live and work in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia, as well as 39 other countries. More than 60 percent of the Class of 2008 work outside Virginia, in 24 states, DC, and Mexico. Employers enthusiastically seek the services of our students for judicial clerkships, pro bono ventures, and positions in law firms, corporations, and public agencies.

Because collegiality is a prime virtue here, the students, faculty, and administrators enjoy their time together. Pleasant, friendly relationships characterize the Law School. People care about one another.

Members of our faculty teach with real passion in and out of the classroom. They contribute meaningfully to scholarship. They study the role of law in society, which in turn invigorates their teaching.

Our curriculum prepares students for the increasingly complex world confronting lawyers. One aspect of the curriculum is an innovative program called Legal Skills. Entering students spend their first week on campus in an intense introduction to Legal Skills and then continue for two years with both classroom instruction and simulated client representation. Each student joins a law office led by a senior partner drawn from the faculty and a junior partner chosen carefully from among third-year students. Within the law office and in the context of specific cases, much happens: research, counseling, interviewing, drafting all sorts of legal papers, and actual work in court. Each student follows his or her cases from beginning to end, through all phases of representation. Along the way there is intense training in legal skills and ethics. Legal Skills, now in its second decade, has enjoyed marked success.

Along with Legal Skills, the Law School gives students ground-breaking instruction

William & Mary Chancellor and former Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor is a lively participant in Law School events. In the springs of 2008 and 2009, for example, the chancellor was a guest at informal question and answer sessions with the first-year classes.



in the use of technology to support and conduct litigation. Our McGlothlin Courtroom is the most technologically advanced in the United States. Students receive hands-on instruction on how to use the Courtroom's innovative technology and get to know it well. A steady stream of judges, court administrators, lawyers, and other members of the legal profession from around the world visit the Courtroom each year.

The academic experience extends beyond the classroom. Students are involved in a rich mix of public service and social programs and numerous symposia, lectures, and visiting scholars contribute to a nourishing — albeit full — calendar of events.

The Law School is located a few blocks from the main campus of the College of William & Mary. The grounds of Colonial Williamsburg are equally close. The immediate neighbors of the Law School are the National Center for State Courts (a think tank for state court issues), a modern residential facility for graduate students, and a splendid tennis complex.

Williamsburg is a comfortable, fun place to spend several years. It has the easy charm of a small, historic, and secure community. Opportunities abound for entertainment of all sorts, including outdoor activities. A full range of amenities is nearby. Williamsburg is less than an hour's drive from Richmond to the west and Norfolk/Virginia Beach to the east. Washington, DC, is two and a half hours away by car. An AMTRAK station (less than a mile from the

Law School) and three nearby airports (Richmond, Newport News, and Norfolk) make travel elsewhere convenient.

While the Law School was created in 1779, the university of which it is part began in 1693 and is one of the leading academic institutions in the country. The College of William & Mary was created by Royal Charter from King William and Queen Mary of Great Britain. Among U.S. colleges and universities, only Harvard has roots running deeper into America's past than William & Mary. The College's alumni include four signers of the Declaration of Independence, 16 members of the Continental Congress, three associate justices of the U.S. Supreme Court, and Presidents Washington (who received his surveyor's license here), Jefferson, Monroe, and Tyler.

Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's first scholastic honor society, was founded at William & Mary in 1776. Three years later, the College introduced an honor system. Faithful to these traditions, the Law School emphasizes both academic excellence and integrity. We recognize the most academically distinguished third-year students by electing them to Order of the Coif, and we work together at the Law School under an Honor Code administered by students.

Legal education is expensive. We believe that William & Mary is among the best law school buys. For more details about this and other matters just highlighted, please keep reading and visit **law.wm.edu**.



## DAVISON M. DOUGLAS

Dean and Hanson Professor of Law A.B., Princeton University M.A.R., Yale Divinity School J.D. and Ph.D. (History), Yale University

"William & Mary holds a special place in legal education as the nation's oldest law school. We are privileged to have a distinguished faculty who excel both as teachers and scholars, impressive and energetic students, and a highly accomplished alumni body with a strong commitment to the ideal of service. I am honored to be dean and look forward to continuing the tradition of excellence at William & Mary."

Davison Douglas is a scholar of constitutional law who has focused in particular on the interplay of race and law in American history. He is the author or editor of seven books, including Jim Crow Moves North: The Battle Over Northern School Segregation, 1865-1954 (2005), Redefining Equality (1998), and Reading, Writing & Race: The Desegregation of the Charlotte Schools (1995). He also has published articles in several of the nation's leading law reviews, including those at Michigan, Northwestern, Texas, UCLA, and William & Mary. He has lectured on American constitutional law and history at universities throughout the United States, Africa, Asia, Australia and Europe.

He joined the faculty in 1990 and has held a number of leadership positions at the Law School. From 1997 until 2004 he was director of the Institute of Bill of Rights Law. In 2005 he founded the Law School's Election Law Program, which he directed until 2008, and in 2009 was appointed dean. In 2002 he was one of 11 professors from all colleges and universities in Virginia to receive the State Council of Higher Education's highest honor for professors — its Outstanding Faculty Award. Dean Douglas also has received the Walter L. Williams, Jr. Teaching Award five times as the Law School's outstanding teacher and received a 2009 Plumeri Award for Faculty Excellence.

# Academic Program

## Legal Skills

What does it really mean to be a lawyer? Beyond knowledge of the law, which skills are required to represent a client effectively? How do lawyers relate to one another as adversaries or as partners? How do good lawyers apply ethical principles in the practical world of everyday lawyering? These are important questions for both legal education and the profession. They also are questions that remain a mystery for most law students. At William & Mary School of Law, an innovative skills program helps provide answers in the most direct fashion; with due allowance for their neophyte status, our students assume the role of counselors-at-law.

The Legal Skills Program is a required nine-credit, two-year program that begins the first day a student enters William & Mary. This innovative, award-winning program utilizes a wide range of original materials and instructional methods to teach students the skills necessary to be successful law students and practicing attorneys. William & Mary provides a challenging legal education in a supportive environment, and trains students through experience to manage the demands and deadlines of a practicing attorney in an ethical manner.

First-year students begin their legal education with a week-long introduction to the legal system, law study, and the lawyer's role. During this orientation, first-year students have a chance to get to know one another before upper-class students arrive and traditional firstyear courses begin. Students are introduced to law as a profession and the ethical responsibilities of being an attorney, and are instructed on how to brief and analyze cases before the first-year curriculum starts.

The Legal Skills Program is organized into law offices that use the law of an actual jurisdiction. This law office setting encourages students to begin to master lawyering skills and ethical concepts. During their first week, students are introduced to their law office colleagues, approximately 16 first-year



# From the very first day, students begin to learn the real meaning of the phrase "a life in law."



students, and a faculty member and a carefully selected third-year student who are the senior and junior partners. These partners serve as mentors and instructors. Topics are taught through "hands-on" representation of simulated clients and traditional instruction. Topics include professional ethics, legal research, writing and drafting, interviewing, negotiating, counseling, alternative dispute resolution, and trial and appellate practice. Through detailed case scenarios and roleplaying, each student represents multiple clients from the initial client interview, through each step required by the representation, to a logical conclusion for each client's problem. Sometimes this conclusion is a negotiated settlement; other times it may mean a trial and appeal.

Another unique feature of the Legal Skills Program is the teaching of legal research and writing as part of the lawyering simulations. Instead of research and writing being taught as a separate course as it is in the majority of American law schools, William & Mary students learn their research and writing skills by completing the documents necessary to successfully represent their Legal Skills clients. The small group environment of the law office offers students the opportunity for candid and personal feedback on writing assignments from the senior and junior partners.

The Legal Skills Program emphasizes the value and importance of the lawyer's duties to the client, the justice system, and the public. Ethical conflicts and considerations are treated in the practical setting of client representation, allowing students to incorporate ethical duties into their legal practice from the very beginning. Students also serve as client role-players for their classmates. Acting as a client offers an additional perspective on conflicts of interest and the need for lawyer-client confidentiality. This creates greater sensitivity to a lawyer's ever-present ethical obligations and professional responsibility.

Students in the Legal Skills Program have the support of the Center for Legal and Court Technology, which includes the Law School's McGlothlin Courtroom, the most technologically advanced trial and appellate courtroom in the United States. Center staff supplies handson courtroom technology training to all second-year students, who incorporate this technology into their bench trial experience.

A law school's skills program is a student's first window into the legal profession. Each William & Mary Legal Skills student associate has the tremendous advantage of practicing the skills and ethical responsibilities required of every attorney while still in the supportive environment of law school. The Legal Skills Program cultivates talented and successful attorneys with the highest ethical standards.

## **First-Year Curriculum**

The first-year curriculum is designed to introduce students to the essential analytical skills they will need to practice law. Through the study of traditional first-year subjects – civil procedure, constitutional law, contracts, criminal law, property, and torts – and their responsibilities as first-year associates in the Legal Skills Program, students develop their ability to read and analyze cases, conduct legal research, and prepare legal documents.

## First-Year Required Courses

## Second-Year Required Courses

Civil Procedure Constitutional Law Contracts Criminal Law Legal Skills I, II Property Torts Legal Skills III, IV Legal Skills Ethics



## LAURA A. HEYMANN

Associate Professor of Law B.A., Yale University J.D., University of California at Berkeley

"What I love about William & Mary is the close community that it fosters among faculty and students. This environment enables me to share with students my fascination with intellectual property law — a field of increasing importance to them as both creators and consumers of culture — and enables them to share with me the wonderful diversity of viewpoints and experiences they bring to the study of law."

Laura A. Heymann joined the William & Mary faculty in 2005. Before arriving in Williamsburg, she was the inaugural Frank H. Marks Visiting Associate Professor of Law and Administrative Fellow at The George Washington University Law School, where she taught courses in Internet law and privacy. She has also served as an assistant general counsel for America Online, Inc., as an associate at Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering in Washington, DC, and as a law clerk to Judge Patricia M. Wald on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the DC Circuit. She writes and teaches in the areas of copyright law and trademark law; she also teaches torts in the first year. Professor Heymann received the 2008 Walter L. Williams, Jr., Teaching Award, which recognizes outstanding teaching. Its recipient is chosen each year by the graduating class.

# The Elective Curriculum

The elective curriculum is broad and diverse. In a typical year it embraces more than 100 courses and seminars, giving students opportunities to study a wide range of subjects or to focus intensely in a few areas.

For most students, the second year is best centered around introductory courses covering major fields. These courses serve several important purposes. They build on first year courses, provide a foundation for more intensive study, and facilitate formulation of career goals and objectives.

In the third year, students take courses that refine their understanding of materials previously encountered. The third year is also the time to pursue individual interests through externships and clinical placements, performance-based courses and selfinitiated projects.

Courses in the elective curriculum include lecture courses, seminars, advanced skills courses, and independent studies. Some of these utilize simulation exercises, supervised representation of live clients, and externships. Students may enroll in courses and seminars offered by other units of the College and receive up to six hours of law school credit with the approval of the vice dean.

## **BUSINESS LAW**

#### FOUNDATIONAL:

Business Associations Corporations Federal Income Tax

#### SUPPORTING:

Accounting for Lawyers Administrative Law Admiralty Antitrust **Bankruptcy Survey** Complex Transactional Practice Corporate Tax Drafting for Corporate & Finance Lawyers Mergers & Acquisitions Non-Profit Law Securities Regulation (Survey or I & II) Selected Problems in Securities Regulation Small Business Planning Taxation of Small Business The Public Corporation

#### **COMMERCIAL LAW**

#### FOUNDATIONAL:

Payment Systems Sales Secured Transactions

#### SUPPORTING:

Bankruptcy Survey Consumer Law Contract Theory European Union Law Government Contracts International Business Transactions International Trade Law Products Liability



## **CONSTITUTIONAL LAW**

#### FOUNDATIONAL:

Federal Courts

#### SUPPORTING:

Administrative Law **Campaign Finance** Comparative Constitutional Systems **Comparative Law** Constitutional Law & the Family Constitutional Literacy Education Law Election Law **Electoral Reform Federalist Papers** First Amendment Gender & Human Rights Influence of Legal Profession on Legislative & Judicial Process Law & Religion Legislative Process Presidential Public Financing **Property Rights** State & Local Government Takings & Just Compensation

## CRIMINAL LAW

#### FOUNDATIONAL:

Criminal Procedure Survey Criminal Procedure I Criminal Procedure II

#### SUPPORTING:

Death Penalty Domestic Violence Clinic International Criminal Law Selected Problems in Criminal Justice Selected Problems in Criminal Law Terrorism Transitional Justice Virginia Criminal Procedure White Collar Crime

## EMPLOYMENT AND LABOR LAW

#### FOUNDATIONAL:

Employment Discrimination Employment Law Labor Law

## SUPPORTING:

Administrative Law Alternative Dispute Resolution Survey Disability Law Employee Benefits General Mediation Labor Arbitration & Collective Bargaining Mediation Advocacy Negotiation & Settlement Advocacy Selected Topics in Employment Law

#### ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCE LAW

#### FOUNDATIONAL:

Administrative Law Environmental Law Land Use Control Natural Resource Law

## SUPPORTING:

Environmental Policy Fundamentals of Environmental Science for Policy Local Government Law Property Rights

# FAMILY AND PERSONAL WEALTH

#### FOUNDATIONAL:

Bankruptcy Survey Family Law Family Wealth Transactions Trusts & Estates

#### SUPPORTING:

Advanced Family Law Advocacy Constitutional Law & the Family Education Law Federal Income Tax Law & Intimate Associations Real Estate Transactions Selected Topics in Estate Planning & Elder Law Title Insurance Youth Law

## **HEALTH CARE**

#### FOUNDATIONAL:

Administrative Law Health Law & Policy

#### SUPPORTING:

Bioethics, Medical Ethics & the Law Food & Drug Law Insurance Law Medical Malpractice & Health Care Liability National Health Policy Selected Topics in Health Care Selected Topics in Insurance Regulation

#### INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

#### FOUNDATIONAL:

Copyright Law Intellectual Property Survey Patent Law Trademark Law

#### SUPPORTING:

Copyright Litigation Entertainment Law Entertainment Law Litigation Internet Law Media, Technology & the Courts Patent Appeals & Interferences Patent Practice Privacy in a Technological Age Sports Law

#### **INTERNATIONAL LAW**

#### FOUNDATIONAL:

International Business Transactions Public International Law

## SUPPORTING:

Admiralty Comparative Constitutional Systems Comparative Law Cultural Property Law European Union Law Human Rights Immigration & Citizenship Law International Criminal Law International Organizations International Taxation International Trade Islamic Law Law & Development Litigation in Civil Law Systems Military Law National Security Law Post-Conflict Justice & the Rule of Law Selected Problems in International Trade & Economics Terrorism Transnational Litigation

#### **LITIGATION**

#### FOUNDATIONAL:

Evidence Federal Courts Trial Advocacy Virginia Civil Procedure

## SUPPORTING:

Administrative Law Advanced Brief Writing Advanced Family Law Advocacy Advanced Research I Advanced Research II Alternative Dispute **Resolution Survey** American Jury Appellate Litigation Clinic Conflicts Depositions Discovery - Pretrial **Divorce Mediation & Family Dispute Resolution** Domestic Violence Clinic Electronic Discovery & Data Seizures

Electronic Evidence, Expert Testimony, Scientific Evidence Entertainment Law Litigation General Mediation Innocence Project Clinic Legal Aid Clinic Legal Technology Litigation in Civil Law Systems Mediation Advocacy Negotiation & Settlement Advocacy Objections Remedies Special Education Advocacy Technology-Augmented Trial Advocacy Transnational Litigation Trial Strategy & Persuasion Veterans' Benefits Clinic Virginia Criminal Procedure

#### **TAXATION**

#### FOUNDATIONAL:

Corporate Taxation Family Wealth Transactions Federal Income Tax

#### SUPPORTING:

Accounting for Lawyers Employee Benefits Federal Tax Practice Clinic International Taxation Real Estate Taxation Selected Problems in the Taxation of Mergers & Acquisitions

Small Business Planning Taxation of Small Business

## METHODS OR PERSPECTIVES COURSES

American Legal History English Legal History Citizen Lawyers Constitutional Literacy Economic Analysis Law & Literature Law & Politics Law & Social Justice Legal Themes in Literature Philosophy of the Law Statistics for Lawyers

## CLINICS AND EXTERNSHIPS

#### CLINICS

Appellate Litigation Domestic Violence Federal Tax Practice Innocence Project Legal Aid Special Education Advocacy Veterans' Benefits

#### **EXTERNSHIPS**

Criminal Litigation Federal Government Judicial Nonprofit Organizations Private Practice & In-house Counsel State & Local Government U.S. Attorneys Virginia Attorney General Virginia General Assembly

## STUDENT-ORGANIZED LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Directed Reading Independent Legal Research Independent Legal Writing Moot Court William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal William & Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review William & Mary Journal of Women and the Law William and Mary Law Review

Course descriptions can be explored and academic requirements and regulations can be found at **law.wm.edu**/ **academics**/.

#### ERIC CANTOR '88

#### Congressman, Virginia's Seventh District Republican Whip Washington, DC

While an undergraduate student at George Washington University, Eric Cantor interned with Congressman Thomas Bliley and served on the congressman's first reelection campaign. After earning his *juris doctor* at William & Mary, Congressman Cantor received a master's degree from Columbia University and served for nine years in the Virginia House of Delegates before being elected to Congress in 2000. During his first congressional term, he sat on the House Financial Services and the House International Relations Committees. Shortly after his reelection in

2002, he was selected as chief deputy majority whip, the highest appointed position in the House of Representatives. After winning reelection in 2008, he became the minority whip, the second-highest ranking position among House Republicans. Since 2003 he has held a seat on the House Ways and Means Committee. He also serves as chairman of the Congressional Task Force on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare.

As a member of Congress, I am constantly reminded of the



## The Class of 2011

Number of Applicants:	4,585
Enrolled Students:	
Median LSAT:	164 (75th/25th: 166/160)
Median GPA:	3.64 (75th/25th: 3.79/3.35)
Male/Female Ratio:	
Students of Color:	<mark>.</mark> 19%
Average Age:	24 (Age range 18 to 50)
States Represented:	plus DC, Ghana and Kenya
Undergraduate Institutions:	
Advanced Degrees:	

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This class includes: six Eagle Scouts, a chemist, a state trooper, an accredited judge for U.S.A. Women's Gymnastics, a pastor, an actor in musical theater, an appellant consultant, a prize-winning archer, legislative aides, Peace Corps members, military officers, advisors, analysts, musicians and campus and community leaders.

# International and Interdisciplinary Programs

## LAW STUDIES ABROAD

This program offers upperlevel law students the opportunity to pursue advanced study of foreign legal systems, international and comparative law, and legal practice in their fall semester at a select number of institutions abroad. In 2009-10, William & Mary law students may apply to study for a semester at the University of Vienna, City University of Hong Kong, China University of Politics and Law in Beijing, Keio Law School in Tokyo, the Instituto de Empresa in Madrid, the University of Luxembourg, and New Zealand's University of Auckland Law School. Through a reciprocal exchange arrangement, students from these institutions will also have an opportunity to study at William & Mary.

Information about semester exchange programs can be found at **law.wm.edu**/ **academics/programs/ studyabroad**/.

## SUMMER ABROAD PROGRAM

More than forty years ago, William & Mary became the first law school to offer a summer law program abroad. The Law School's five-week program in Madrid, Spain, has been one of the most popular programs offered by a U.S. law school in Europe. Law students from law schools around the country and a limited number of Spanish law students participate each year. Courses are taught in English by Spanish law professors, most of whom have experience in U.S. law schools and who are leaders in Spain's government or private practice, and William & Mary law professors. Courses have included Comparative Corporations, European Union Law and Politics, European Internet Law, Human Rights in Europe, International Environmental Law. Introduction to Civil Law and Comparative Constitutional Law, the Legal System of the European Union, and Securities Regulation in Europe.

Information about summer study abroad opportunities can be found at **law.wm.edu**/ **spain**/.

#### GRADUATE PROGRAM IN THE AMERICAN LEGAL SYSTEM (LL.M.)

The one-year Master of Laws (LL.M.) program in the American Legal System provides advanced education for persons who received their legal training outside the U.S. and are interested in careers in legal practice or education, or who wish to increase their familiarity with the American legal system.

The program provides a range of academic opportunities, from studying American legal subjects in the classroom to undertaking original research on a particular aspect of law. One objective of the program is to integrate American and international law students into a common learning experience. Therefore, LL.M. students take their courses alongside William & Mary J.D. students. The graduate students individualize their program of study by drawing from law school courses and seminars, as well as courses from other disciplines, subject to approval by the faculty advisor and course instructor.

Information about the application procedure for the LL.M. program can be found at **law.wm.edu**/ **academics/programs**/ **llmdegree**/.

#### JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS

To pursue a joint degree, candidates must apply separately to the School of Law and also to the other school or program desired. Law students may do so during their first or second year.

#### J.D.—M.A. Degree

The program in Law and American Culture encourages the interdisciplinary study of law and other aspects of American society and culture. This program culminates in a joint M.A. in American Studies/J.D. within three and a half years of study.

## J.D.-M.B.A. Degree

Through a four-year combined program with William & Mary's Mason School of Business, a student may earn the M.B.A./J.D.

#### J.D.—M.P.P. Degree

Candidates interested in the study of public policy may pursue the four-year Master of Public Policy/J.D.

Information about the application procedures for joint programs can be found at **law.wm.edu/academics/ programs/jointdegrees/**.



# Institutes and Programs

The Law School's centers, institutes and programs inject a special vitality to legal education at William & Mary. Please visit our web site at **law.wm.edu/academics/intellectuallife/ researchcenters/** for more in-depth descriptions.

## MCGLOTHLIN COURTROOM AND THE CENTER FOR LEGAL AND COURT TECHNOLOGY

To countless judges, administrators, lawyers, architects, and technologists throughout the world, the Law School's McGlothlin Courtroom is the center of courtroom technology, research, and application. To students, the Courtroom is where they receive hands-on legal technology training and where they try their Trial Advocacy and Legal Skills trials and appeals.

The McGlothlin Courtroom can accommodate almost any technology a judge or lawyer might want, whether it is electronic filing, hotlinked motions and briefs, a multi-media



Each fall, the Supreme Court Preview, sponsored by the Institute of Bill of Rights Law, brings together leading journalists, advocates, and scholars to discuss the court's upcoming term.

court record, remote judicial or witness appearances through videoconferencing, high technology evidence presentation, or use of the Internet to make the courtroom a vital information hub for all purposes.

The Courtroom is home to the Center for Legal and Court Technology, which includes the Courtroom 21 Project, a joint program of the Law School and the National Center for State Courts. Its mission is to improve through appropriate technology the administration of justice and the world's legal systems. Covered by national and international media, the Center regularly studies the interface among law, technology, public policy, and human behavior.

The Center for Legal and Court Technology puts the latest courtroom technology to the test in laboratory trials conducted by students in the Legal Technology Seminar. Recent laboratory trials have made legal history. The Center has tried groundbreaking terrorist, malpractice, and multinational civil mediation

cases. In recent years, for example, in conjunction with the Monterrey, Mexico, family court, the Center tried an experimental international parental child abduction case verifying the utility of a new international protocol developed by the Center for the resolution of multi-jurisdictional cases. In 2008, the Center addressed the needs of older Americans. In another simulated case brought under the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Center tested how assistive technologies can be used to provide equal access to justice for judges, lawyers, witnesses, and jurors who have mobility, sight, or hearing impairments that traditionally have made participation in court proceedings difficult. The trial was conducted with the support of numerous companies and organizations including the Justice Department's Disability Rights Section, the American Foundation for the Blind. and the WGBH Media Access Group.

#### T. ANDREW CULBERT '81

Associate General Counsel Microsoft Corporation Redmond, WA

After receiving a bachelor's degree in biology from Williams College, Andy served in the Peace Corps in Butembo, Congo (Zaire), teaching biology, chemistry, physics, and mathematics in French to Congolese high school students. At William & Mary, Andy was a member of the William and Mary Law Review and a legal writing course instructor. Following law school he practiced law and became a partner at Drinker, Biddle & Reath, where he focused mainly on intellectual property law. As associate general counsel for Microsoft Corporation, Andy is head of its worldwide patent infringement docket. He manages all of Microsoft's worldwide patent infringement litigation, My law including the hiring and supervising of outside counsel, directing strategic and tactical handling of cases, editing briefs professors and presenting oral arguments, and advising the company about its patent assets and liabilities. He also serves as an adjunct professor in the intellectual property LL.M. program at the University of Washington School of Law. Andy has tried a number of cases in federal courts across the country, and has written and spoken extensively on intellectual property issues.



were topnotch and approachable. I truly learned how to 'think like a lawyer' at William & Mary. The Center's most recent endeavors include renovating a courtroom used in military trials and training defense attorneys, prosecutors, and Military Commission staff to enhance the due process, transparency, and efficiency of the trials.

## INSTITUTE OF BILL OF RIGHTS LAW

Through its Institute, the Law School has established itself as one of the preeminent institutions engaged in the study of the Bill of Rights. Created in 1982, the Institute of Bill of Rights Law is nationally recognized for its high quality programs.

The Institute sponsors a variety of lectures, conferences, and publications that entice scholars from around the country to examine important and timely constitutional issues. The annual U.S. Supreme Court Preview is an Institute highlight that, through live broadcast on C-SPAN, brings the work of the Law School before audiences here and abroad.

In an ongoing effort to publicize the issues debated at William & Mary, the Law School publishes the student-edited William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal, considered one of the nation's leading journals on constitutional issues. The Institute also sponsors the award-winning book series, Constitutional Conflicts, published by the Law School in conjunction with Duke University Press.

Institute programs bring experts in their field for shortand long-term visits. The Jurist-in-Residence, Lawyer-in-Residence, Scholar-in-Residence, and Distinguished Visiting



Lee Professor programs enliven our constitutional discussions.

Law students keep William & Mary on the cutting edge of constitutional debate. The depth of their interests forces serious exploration of creative policy solutions to the emerging questions of constitutional law and policy. Actively engaged in the scholarship of the school, the Institute's Student Division organizes and presents conferences, lectures, and debates on constitutional law topics. Recent symposia have included "Conflicts 101: Higher Education and the First Amendment," "Citizen Lawyer," and "The Boundaries of Intellectual Property."

## PAUL MARCUS

#### Haynes Professor of Law A.B. and J.D., University of California at Los Angeles

Thanks to the Literature and the Law Program created by Paul Marcus, William & Mary students and people currently serving jail sentences have a chance to share their perspectives about criminal justice in a unique forum. The Program uses works of fiction, and excerpts from films based on these works, to spark a semester-long conversation. The Program is limited to 20 inmates and six student discussion leaders who come together one evening a month at the Virginia Peninsula Regional Jail. The reading list varies from year to year but has included novels such as To Kill a Mockingbird, A Lesson Before Dying, and The Sweet Hereafter.

According to Professor Marcus, most students who participate in the Program have never been in a prison or jail before. Many remark that the Program challenged their pre-conceived notions about inmates. "The Program is certainly not a traditional form of learning about being a lawyer," said Marcus, "but, in my judgment, it's a very good educational experience."

Professor Marcus has lent his expertise on a *pro bono* basis to many cases during his career. His books include *Criminal Procedure in Practice* (NITA Press, 3d ed., 2007) and *The Entrapment Defense* (Lexis Pub., 3d ed., 2002). He served as the U.S. reporter to the International Conference on Criminal Law in 2002 and 2004, and also as a co-reporter, with University of Oklahoma Law Professor Mary Sue Backus '01, for the National Committee on the Right to Counsel.

Professor Marcus was appointed the Law School's first Kelly Professor of Teaching Excellence in 2007. He also has been honored with the University of Arizona's Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award, William & Mary's Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, the Williamsburg Big Brothers Program Mentor of the Year Award, and the Law School's Walter L. Williams, Jr., Teaching Award.

#### ELECTION LAW PROGRAM

Some legal issues that arise in connection with elections ultimately require resolution in the courts. These election law cases are extraordinarily important to the democratic process as they often concern fundamental issues such as ballot access, accurate vote counts, and voter challenges. Created as a joint venture between the Law School and the neighboring National Center for State Courts, the Election Law Program seeks to provide practical assistance to state court judges in the U.S. who are called upon to resolve difficult election law disputes. In spring 2008, the

Program published the first edition of the Election Law Manual, a publication directed at judges discussing and analyzing election law issues and the judicial relief available for election law violations. The Program also produced a series of "Webinars" by prominent election law scholars intended to educate judges about specific election topics such as "Electronic Voting" and "Election Day Litigation." The Program's student division, the Election Law Society, hosted its second annual symposium in March 2009 on the topic of "Campaigning in the Courts."

#### BARBARA L. JOHNSON '84

#### Partner Paul, Hastings, Janofsky & Walker Washington, DC

Barbara is a graduate of Hampton University. She began her career as an analytical chemist and instrument engineer for The Dow Chemical Company and earned her law degree at William & Mary while on leave from the company. Prior to joining Paul Hastings in 2002, she served as in-house counsel for Dow in Michigan and Texas and was a partner in the Houston office of Wickliff & Hall. Barbara is a nationally known employment jury trial and class action lawyer representing employers. She provides employment law advice, defends class actions, advises employers on Department of Labor audits, and handles sexual harassment investigations and lawsuits. In

narassment investigations and favisuits. In addition, she has litigated ERISA, Sarbanes-Oxley, premises liability, toxic tort, environmental racism, and business tort cases. She has given numerous lectures about employment law issues, written about workplace drug testing, and is active in organizations that support diversity in the legal profession and in numerous community groups. A trustee of the William & Mary Law School Foundation, Barbara is a member of the American Bar Association, the American Employment Law Council, the DC Bar Association, and the National Employment Law Council.

I participated in moot court at William & Mary, and felt as if I truly found my niche in law. The experience helped me know that I wanted to be involved in advocacy. I was also active in the Black Law Students Association, and learned a great deal from the

# events that we sponsored.

## HUMAN SECURITY LAW PROGRAM

The Human Security Law Program is one of the latest additions to the Law School's array of well-respected institutes and programs for specialized legal study.

The Program offers students the opportunity to learn about the interplay between national defense and the protection of human rights, and has at its heart the objective of creating citizen lawyers who possess a deep appreciation for national security issues. Students can choose from a wide range of courses and seminars that provide a strong foundation for understanding this complex and dynamic area of study. In addition, the Law School offers summer fellowships for students who want to gain experience through international public service internships.

William & Mary was one of three law schools in the country working for the U.S. Department of Justice to provide legal support to the Iraqi Special Tribunal, the court trying Saddam Hussein. Students in the Iraqi Special Tribunal Clinic, working under the supervision of Program Director Linda A. Malone, prepared detailed legal memoranda for the Iraqi court on substantive legal questions. The clinic was featured in stories on CNN's *American Morning*, Fox News Channel, and network television affiliates, and in daily newspapers.

The Program's popular Distinguished Lecture Series and co-sponsored symposia bring leading experts to campus to foster discussion and debate about on-going and emerging issues.





In conjunction with the Center for Legal and Court Technology, the Program is also able to explore the use of technology and advanced legal forensics to meet the growing needs of international litigation and alternative dispute resolution.

These aspects of the Program have created an academic structure that fosters a sophisticated and practical understanding of national security law and human rights issues that face the United States and the world community.

## **PROPERTY RIGHTS PROJECT**

The William & Mary **Property Rights Project** encourages legal scholarship on the role that property rights play in society and also facilitates the exchange of ideas between scholars and practitioners. Each year the Project hosts the Brigham-Kanner Property Rights Conference to bring together members of the bench, bar, and academia to explore recent developments in takings law and other areas of the law affecting property rights. During the conference, the Project presents the Brigham-Kanner Prize to an outstanding figure in the field. Recipients include Professor Frank I. Michelman, Harvard Law School (2004), Professor Richard A. Epstein, University of Chicago Law School (2005), Professor James W. Ely, Jr., Vanderbilt Law School (2006), Professor Margaret Jane Radin, University of Michigan Law School (2007), and Professor Robert C. Ellickson, Yale Law School (2008).

## PROGRAM IN COMPARATIVE LEGAL STUDIES AND POST-CONFLICT JUSTICE

This Program serves as a focal point for research, study and analysis of legal and policy issues relating to practices within various legal systems and to mechanisms for establishing justice after conflict. It is designed to bridge the gap between research and practice, providing much needed guidance and resources to international and local staff engaged in the difficult work of peacekeeping and institutional reconstruction following war, internal conflict and transitions to new legal systems. Coursework, symposia and research help prepare students to live in our increasingly globalized world. Additionally, in order to provide concrete experience in this field, the Program facilitates international summer public service internships. William & Mary law students have served as interns for the American Bar Association Europe and

Eurasia Program in Azerbaijan, the Center for Human Rights and Environment in Argentina, International Bridges to Justice in Cambodia, Rwanda, Geneva and India, the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance in Stockholm, the National Center for State Courts in Kosovo, and the U.S. Institute of Peace.

## VCU – W&M HEALTH Policy and Law Initiative

The Virginia Commonwealth University - William & Mary Health Policy and Law Initiative was established in 2008 to engage faculty and students from an array of disciplines at the two institutions in a collaborative effort to address issues in health policy, law and bioethics. In January 2009, the Initiative launched its first service learning project - the Veterans' Benefits Clinic - to assist veterans with the filing, adjudication and appeal of service-related disability compensation

claims. Students and faculty at the Law School help veterans with their legal needs while students and faculty at VCU's Center for Psychological Services and Development provide assessment, counseling and treatment to veterans in need of those services. Through the clinic, law students learn about veterans disability law and procedure and have the opportunity to represent real clients in actual cases. The clinic is directed by two former majors in the U.S. Army JAG Corps, who are adjunct faculty members and graduates of the Law School.

## GEORGE WYTHE SOCIETY OF CITIZEN LAWYERS

This civic leadership program recognizes and encourages community service and civic participation by members of the student body. The program honors George Wythe (1726-1806), William & Mary's and the nation's — first professor of law and one of the leading figures of the Revolutionary and early National Eras. To bring the Law School's early history to life and introduce first-year students to the citizen-lawyer ideal, the Society sponsors a guided walking tour each fall that begins at the Law School, winds its way through the streets of Colonial Williamsburg, includes a visit to George Wythe's home, and ends at the historic Wren Building on the William & Mary campus. Other activities vary from year to year, but include lectures, courses, conferences, community service projects, and mentorship opportunities to aid students' growth as citizens and leaders.

Applicants wishing to participate in the program should discuss their potential as citizen lawyers and answer Question 35 of the application. For more about the Society, please visit law.wm.edu/about/ wmcitizenlawyer/ georgewythesociety/.



## LYNDA L. BUTLER

Chancellor Professor of Law and Director, Brigham-Kanner Property Rights Project B.S., College of William & Mary J.D., University of Virginia

"What better place to tackle real-world ecological issues than at a university with such a strong commitment to teaching, research and service as William & Mary? As co-chair of the campuswide Committee on Sustainability, I am hopeful that our efforts to tap into the intellectual capital of our faculty and students will impact the university's ecological future for the better and will establish William & Mary as a leader in sustainability in higher education."

Lynda Butler has been a member of the Law School faculty since 1979. She served as vice dean for eight years, from 2000 to 2008, and as interim dean from 2008-2009 following the appointment of Taylor Reveley as William & Mary's president. Professor Butler co-chairs the William & Mary Committee on Sustainability, which directs the university's efforts to incorporate environmentally sound practices into its operations and programs. As she explained, "the College's sustainability program is bringing students, faculty and staff throughout the university together in new and innovative ways that not only educate and promote research but also improve operations and deepen our sense of community." She is a former director of the College's Environmental Science and Policy Cluster, which has grown into a freestanding program with its own lab building and undergraduate major. She was the faculty advisor to the *William & Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review* for more than a decade and currently teaches classes related to environmental law, takings, land use, and property law.





The Wolf Law Library was completed in summer 2007. With 540 seats, 2 reading rooms, 12 group study rooms, and 6 lounges (including one with billiards and table tennis), the library provides an elegant and comfortable state-of-theart center for research, instruction, individual and group study, and social interaction. Scholarly resources from around the world are available to students and faculty, thanks to the library's collection of 400,000 volumes, extensive electronic resources, interlibrary cooperation, and facility-wide wireless Internet access. The library's comprehensive treatise collection is particularly noted for its strength in constitutional and environmental law, taxation, jurisprudence, legal history, public and private international law, and Roman law. Our rare book collections include





American and European legal works dating back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century, pleadings prepared and signed by George Wythe in 1746, and John Marshall's family Bible, with

notations in the hand of the future Chief Justice. Extensive reference and research assistance is provided by the library's service-oriented staff, which includes seven librarians with law degrees.



# Faculty

Students and alumni praise William & Mary faculty not only for their expertise and skill in the classroom but also for their accessibility, compassion, and warmth.

# The Law School's powerful focus on

teaching and scholarship began in 1779 with its first professor, George Wythe. Interest in students' welfare and success in teaching them — so characteristic of George Wythe in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century — remain hallmarks of William & Mary law professors in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Our professors teach in and out of class. They know their students by name and want them to succeed. They are accessible. Ask a William & Mary law student and see how enthusiastic he or she is about the professors.

Members of our faculty have compelling academic and clerkship credentials. They are distinguished scholars and consultants who help resolve leading issues of the day. Drawing on their broad knowledge of law and society, they produce a striking quantity and quality of scholarly publications law review articles, monographs, treatises, casebooks, and expert reports. They are in great demand as participants in symposia and conferences and as visiting professors at other law schools.

The full-time faculty at the Law School is joined by an excellent corps of adjunct professors who come from the world beyond the campus. These professors are largely public officials and practicing lawyers who bring invigorating perspectives and experience to the classroom.

Faculty biographies and a list of faculty publications can be found at **law.wm.edu**/ **faculty**/.

## PETER A. ALCES

Rollins Professor of Law A.B., Lafayette College J.D., University of Illinois Teaches contracts, philosophy of law, products liability, and sales.

## ANGELA M. BANKS

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#### JAYNE W. BARNARD

Cutler Professor of Law and Kelly Professor of Teaching Excellence B.S., University of Illinois J.D., University of Chicago Teaches business associations and securities regulation.

## LYNDA L. BUTLER

Chancellor Professor of Law and Director, Brigham-Kanner Property Rights Project B.S., College of William & Mary J.D., University of Virginia Teaches land use control, property, and property rights.

## LAN CAO

Boyd Fellow and Professor of Law B.A., Mount Holyoke College J.D., Yale University Teaches business associations, international business transactions, international trade law, and corporations.



## WILLIAM W. VAN ALSTYNE

Lee Professor of Law B.A., University of Southern California J.D., Stanford University Certificate, The Hague Academy of International Law

One of the nation's foremost law professors and scholars, William Van Alstyne has addressed a wide range of constitutional questions in countless articles and books. Indeed, in 2000, the *Journal of Legal Studies* identified him as among the forty most-cited U.S. legal scholars of the twentieth century, and he has twice been named in polls of judges, lawyers, and his academic peers in its list of "most qualified" persons for appointment to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Of the many subjects he has taught, Professor Van Alstyne thinks that it is still the basic course in constitutional law that is most important for law students to understand well because of constitutional law's special significance in the United States and the exceptional authority entrusted to the Supreme Court—a more farreaching authority than nearly any other national court worldwide.

On the other hand, he says, "it is probably the First Amendment course students find to be the most engaging," perhaps because it draws them into so many of the most contemporary disputes, whether it be what passes for "treason"; or why or when "obscenity" is forbidden (or, oppositely, protected); or to what extent the Internet can (or cannot) be regulated; or the limits on regulating commercial advertisements "whether for candidates, cars, condoms, or cartridges"; or "why religion is treated differently from everything else." This is just a mere sampler, he says, of the diversity of topics freely examined in this always-lively class.

## ERIC D. CHASON

Associate Professor of Law and Director, William & Mary Tax Conference B.A., Duke University J.D., University of Virginia Teaches employee benefits, federal income tax, corporate tax, and trusts and estates.

## NANCY L. COMBS

2009-10 Cabell Research Professor of Law B.A., University of Portland J.D., University of California at Berkeley Certificate, The Hague Academy of International Law Ph.D., Leiden University Teaches criminal law, human rights, international criminal

law, and transitional justice.

## NEAL E. DEVINS

Goodrich Professor of Law, Professor of Government, Director, Institute of Bill of Rights Law, and Director, Election Law Program A.B., Georgetown University J.D., Vanderbilt University Teaches administrative law and constitutional law.

## SCOTT DODSON

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## JAMES G. DWYER

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## NASSIM HOOSHMANDNIA

#### Class of 2010 • Alexandria, VA

Nassim graduated with distinction from the University of Virginia with a B.S. in commerce. She majored in finance and international business and minored in Middle East studies. As an undergraduate, Nassim served on the executive board of Theta Nu Xi Multicultural Sorority, was an active leader in the Persian Cultural Society, and was a Persian language assistant. Before enrolling at William & Mary, Nassim worked at the Department of Institutional Integrity for the World Bank. Nassim is an active member of the Bone Marrow Drive Committee and the planning coordinator for the International Law Society. She spent the first part of summer 2008 interning



with Judge Roger W. Titus of the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland, and the later part working with International Bridges to Justice in Calcutta, India. She spent summer 2009 with Winston & Strawn in Washington, DC.

William & Mary has some of the most compassionate and knowledgeable professors in the country,

especially within the international law curriculum. With the help of these professors, I have been able to shape my future law career with the vast number of international opportunities they have made available to me.

#### ERIC A. KADES

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# Lan Cao

#### Boyd Fellow and Professor of Law B.A., Mount Holyoke College J.D., Yale University

"The world is more interconnected than ever before. Farm policies in the U.S. affect development in Africa. Capital movements in Asia affect the market in the U.S. Trade has national and international implications, as politicians of all stripes recognize. Teaching and writing about international trade and development require me to be on the alert not just about the most recent decisions of the World Trade Organization Dispute Settlement Body but also the policy debates surrounding trade in developed and developing countries. My personal interest in this field stems from my childhood in Vietnam, which remains, 30 years after the war, one of the world's poorest countries. Trade is a fascinating subject because it inspires hope for sustainable development as well as wrath from anti-trade critics. Teaching trade and development requires an understanding of many of the hotbutton issues that are in the news — labor, capital, environment, food, agriculture, health."

Lan Cao's research focuses on the relationship between developed and economically developing countries and law and development. She is the author of numerous scholarly articles, a novel titled *Monkey Bridge* (Viking/Viking Penguin/Putnam 1997) (Penguin paperback ed. 1998) and a work of nonfiction titled *Everything You Need to Know About Asian Americans* (Penguin Plume 1996) (2d ed. 2004)(with Himilce Novas).

Before entering academia, Professor Cao practiced law at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison in New York City and clerked for Judge Constance Baker Motley of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. She was a Ford Foundation Scholar in 1991.

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Haynes Professor of Law A.B., J.D., University of California at Los Angeles Teaches criminal law and procedure, entertainment law, copyright, and law and literature.

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# Student Life and Student Organizations

Law students come to William & Mary with great potential. Many opportunities are provided so that everyone can realize their full potential.

Law students can participate in a wide array of co-curricular organizations, programs, and activities. Many of the activities further stimulate intellectual curiosity and divergent thinking, provide a useful resource in the search for rewarding professional employment, and allow students to collaborate rather than compete with each other.

The Student Bar Association (SBA) is the umbrella organization that oversees student groups and allocates funds to support them. The following groups and organizations sponsor various activities in line with their special interests. Many participate in community service activities. Alternative Dispute Resolution Team American Association for Iustice American Constitution Society Asian Law Students Association Bankruptcy Law Society Black Law Students Association Bone Marrow Drive Committee Business Law Society Children's Advocacy Law Society Christian Legal Society Criminal Law Society Election Law Society Environmental Law Society Federalist Society George Wythe Society Honor Council I'Anson-Hoffman American Inn of Court Institute of Bill of Rights Law Student Division International Law Society J. Reuben Clark Law Society Jewish Law Students Association Labor & Employment Law Society Lesbian and Gay Law Association

Marshall-Wythe Press Military & Veterans Law Society Moot Court Program National Lawyers Guild National Trial Team Phi Alpha Delta Phi Delta Phi Public Service Fund Sports and Entertainment Law Society St. Thomas More Society Student Bar Association Student Hurricane Network Students for Innocence Project Student Intellectual **Property Society** Student Legal Services Students for Equality in Legal Education Supporters in Law Therapeutic Jurisprudence Society William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal William & Mary Business Law Review William & Mary Chapter of the ACLU William & Mary Chapter of the Virginia Bar Association William & Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review William & Mary Journal of Women and the Law William & Mary Law School **Democrats** William and Mary Law Review Women's Law Society More information about student organizations can be found at law.wm.edu/ studentlife/.

#### KIMBERLEY A. PIRO '09

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Kim graduated *summa cum laude* from Washington University in St. Louis with a B.A. in economics. As an undergraduate, she was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa and her thesis won the Hyman P. Minsky Prize for Excellence in Economics. At William & Mary, Kim was the symposium editor for the *Environmental Law and Policy Review*, the president of the Asian Law Students Association, and a teaching assistant. She spent her first summer as an intern with the Department of Justice Antitrust Division in Washington, DC, and returned to the department to work after graduation. She spent summer 2008 as a summer associate with Arnold & Porter in Washington, DC.



From the Public Service Fund's Casino Night to the academic symposia organized by our journals, each of our many student organizations makes a meaningful contribution to the Law School community.

#### **HONOR COUNCIL**

An honor system administered by students is among the oldest and most important traditions of William & Mary dating back to 1779. At its core, the honor system requires that students conduct themselves honestly in all matters related to student life. Lying, cheating, and stealing are not tolerated, and students found guilty of these offenses are sanctioned, usually by dismissal. By accepting an offer of admission to the Law School, a student agrees to abide by the principles and procedures of the honor system.

The Law School's honor system is administered by the Honor Council. The Council is appointed by the Student Bar Association president and is composed of a chief justice from the third-year class and five justices from the student body. They educate students about the honor system, investigate allegations of honor code violations, determine guilt or innocence, and impose sanctions upon a finding of guilt.

The existence of the honor system and the student body's commitment to it permit a community of trust and an atmosphere of freedom at the Law School. The honor system models the professional code of responsibility under which lawyers live. In much the same way the legal profession is self-regulated, William & Mary law students take responsibility for safeguarding the character of their community.

More information about the Honor Council can be found at law.wm.edu/ studentlife/ studentorganizations/serve/.

#### JOURNALS

The publication of legal journals offers students an extraordinary opportunity to be involved in legal scholarship. William & Mary's four student-run and edited journals publish work by professors, judges, practicing lawyers, and students.

Students typically spend their first year on a journal verifying the accuracy of citations and footnotes provided by the authors. The journals' editorial boards manage the publication process and consist of upper-level students. Journal members also write student notes, which are legal research papers of publishable quality. The student note fulfills the Law School's writing requirement and may be selected for publication. Both second-year staff members and thirdyear editors may receive academic credit for their work on journals.

At least once annually, each journal chooses one legal issue and sponsors a printed or live symposium on the topic. These symposia are opportunities for legal scholars to exchange ideas and to lecture or publish articles on topics related to their special expertise. The symposia benefit our students who witness and often participate in cutting-edge debates of important issues. The William and Mary Law *Review*, the oldest and largest of our legal journals, does not have a particular focus, publishing articles on a wide array of topics. It was ranked as the 20th most-cited legal journal in a recent evaluation



of more than 900 U.S. and selected non-U.S. legal periodicals. In the same study, the William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal was ranked 3rd, the William & Mary Journal of Women and the Law was ranked 4th, and the William & Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review was ranked 10<sup>th</sup> among the most-cited student-edited journals in their subject areas. Students interested in a position on any journal or review must participate in an intensive writing competition conducted at the end of their first year. Selection to the *Law Review* also may be based o<sup>o</sup>n a student's academic standing at the end of his or her second semester of law school. Promotion to the editorial board of a journal is based on proficiency in legal writing and editing and level of dedication.



## ANGELA M. BANKS

Assistant Professor of Law B.A., Spelman College M.Litt., Oxford University J.D., Harvard University

"International human rights and immigration are two areas of law that address what legal rights the state will guarantee and protect, and who within the polity is entitled to the full enjoyment of these rights. It is especially exciting to teach and write about these issues at William & Mary because the students are enthusiastic about global events and bring thoughtful and insightful perspectives to discussions about these timely issues."

Angela M. Banks was the Reginald F. Lewis Fellow for Law Teaching at Harvard prior to joining the faculty in spring 2007. She studied as a Marshall Scholar at the University of Oxford Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, where she earned a Master of Letters in sociology. She received her J.D. from Harvard Law School, where she served on the Harvard Law *Review* and the Harvard International Law Journal. Following graduation from law school she practiced law at Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering in Washington, DC, and clerked for Judge Carlos F. Lucero of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. From September 2002 to August 2005, Professor Banks served as a legal advisor to Judge Gabrielle Kirk McDonald at the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal in The Hague.

#### JOHN J. O'KANE IV '09

#### Associate, Paul Hastings Janofsky & Walker Los Angeles, CA

John J. O'Kane IV graduated from Claremont McKenna College with a B.A. in government. After graduation he earned a Masters of Public Administration from Columbia and served as a legislative aide for the California State Assembly (District 44). At William & Mary, Johnny was the notes editor for the *Law Review*, as well as chief justice of the National Moot Court Team. He won numerous awards, including 2d place in the NYC Bar Association National Moot Court Tournament Region IV in 2008 (securing the Silver Cup for best oral advocate in the final round) and the title of champion in the Tulane Mardi Gras Invitational Moot Court Tournament in 2008 and 2009. Johnny spent his first summer as a



law clerk for the Office of the City Attorney in Los Angeles. Summer 2008 was spent with Paul Hastings Janofsky & Walker in Los Angeles, and he joined the firm after graduation.

Being a member of the Moot Court team was one of the most rewarding experiences I had during my time at William & Mary. It gives you great experience in

research, writing, and oral advocacy. You work with talented people and, if you're lucky like me, you get a free trip to Mardi Gras.

## nities for students to develop and refine both oral advocacy and brief writing skills. Each year, teams represent William & Mary in national and regional tournaments. In 2008, and again in 2009, a Law School team won the Tulane Mardi Gras Invitational. The Moot Court competitions require each team to research and write an appellate brief and defend it in an oral argument before panels of judges.

To join the Moot Court Team, students must compete in the Law School's Bushrod Tournament, an intense, two-week competition for first-year students. Similar to an actual tournament, participants in Bushrod research a selected topic and prepare an appellate-style oral argument that they defend in front of a panel of judges. The top participants earn positions on the Moot Court Team. Second-year students on the team are required to take an appellate brief writing class designed for the Moot Court Program.

The administration of the Moot Court Program is the responsibility of the Moot Court Board, which also sponsors the prestigious William B. Spong, Jr. Invitational Moot Court Tournament. This competition draws teams from across the nation. In recent years, teams have been judged by a distinguished panel of judges from the Virginia Supreme Court, federal courts, and numerous U.S. district courts. Outstanding participants in Moot Court are honored by induction into the Order of Barristers.

#### NATIONAL TRIAL TEAM

The National Trial Team is a student-run organization designed to develop law students' trial advocacy skills. Trial Team is an important part of William & Mary's oral advocacy program. In contrast to Moot Court, which focuses on appellate advocacy, Trial Team focuses on jury trial litigation. Students are selected to join the Trial Team during their first year through a competition that requires each student to conduct a full trial in successively challenging rounds. The team, in groups of two to four members, participates in complex criminal and civil trials at tournaments

throughout the United States. In the 2008-09 season, a W&M team won first place in two of the nation's top competitions, the William W. Daniel National Invitational Mock Trial Competition and the Gourley Trial Competition. Second-year students on the team are required to take a trial advocacy class designed to prepare them for competition. Outstanding members of the Trial Team are honored by induction into the Order of Barristers.

#### **MOOT COURT PROGRAM**

The William & Mary Moot Court Program has a long history of success and is one of the school's best opportu-

In 2009, the National Black Law Students Association named William & Mary's Black Law Students Association as Chapter of the Year. Myron McClees '10, 2009-10 BLSA President, and Latoya Asia '09, 2008-09 BLSA President, accepted the honor at the national convention.







# Living in Williamsburg

Williamsburg offers a unique blend of small-town hospitality and big-city amenities. Whether you're a history buff, a lover of the great outdoors, an avid shopper, or a connoisseur of fine restaurants, this is the place for you.

#### CHRISTIA V. REY

#### Class of 2010 • Spring Lake, NC

Chris graduated *cum laude* from Walden University with a B.S. in business administration and a concentration in information systems. He served seven years in the Army as a captain and was deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. Prior to law school, Chris interned with Congressman John Lewis of Georgia. He serves as the national director of corporate relations for the National Black Law Students Association, and has been active at William & Mary in the Student Bar Association, Phi Alpha Delta, and the Election Law Society. In 2008 he was the first African American to represent the First Congressional District of Virginia as



rst Congressional District of Virginia as a presidential elector. Chris spent summer 2008 as an intern with the James City County Attorney's Office and the Office of the Virginia Attorney General. He worked at Sands Anderson Marks & Miller in Richmond during summer 2009.

The strength of a William & Mary law degree is not just the legacy of its rich tradition of citizen lawyers or the constant pursuit of providing quality legal

education, but the sum total of the education and the character of the lawyers it produces.

While Williamsburg boasts all the comforts of a college town - major chain restaurants and retail stores, coffee shops and movie theaters - it also has a charm you won't find anywhere else. Familyowned restaurants serve up favorites of Southern cuisine such as peanut soup, barbecue, and sweet tea. The Student Bar Association's Thursday night Bar Review programs will introduce you quickly to the town's nightlife, from pints with your friends at a favorite local deli to live music performances and karaoke nights at area restaurants and hotels. You can stroll along Williamsburg's historic Duke of Gloucester Street, two blocks from the Law School, and browse in shops selling pottery, silver, and glassware made by Colonial Williamsburg's artisans. Or, you can travel further down the road to peruse the many bargains offered on Richmond Road at Williamburg's multiple outlet malls.

The main campus of William & Mary offers many concerts and cultural activities for law students to enjoy, including numerous plays, readings, and lectures. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, the College's chancellor, is a frequent visitor. There also is a vibrant local arts scene offering a full calendar of chamber and classical music concerts, art exhibits, and community theater productions.

William & Mary's newlyrenovated Rec Center offers a wide range of athletic facilities which include a pool, basketball court, and running track. Tennis enthusiasts will enjoy playing on the courts of the College's McCormack-Nagelsen Tennis Center, located next door to the Law School.

Whether you're up for canoeing on Lake Matoaka on the main campus, sunbathing on a beach along the James River, hiking and biking on nearby trails, or golfing at any of the area's more than one dozen golf courses, Williamsburg's warm temperatures, beautiful spring blooming season, and vibrant fall foliage beckon everyone outside.



The Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Residences are adjacent to the Law School.

Thrill-seekers will enjoy braving the roller coasters at Busch Gardens or riding the waves at Water Country USA, while the more laid-back may prefer sipping a choice vintage on the local winery's outdoor patio.

Countless activities provide entertainment and a taste of local history. Just a short walk from the Law School, Colonial Williamsburg has been restored to appear as it did during the Revolutionary War, when it served as the capital of Virginia. You can enjoy strolling through its stately brick homes and English-style gardens, engaging in conversation with the likes of Thomas Jefferson and Patrick Henry, or even posing for pictures in the stockade.

A short drive down the Colonial Parkway will take you to Yorktown, the scene of the Revolutionary War battle that triggered the British surrender, and Jamestown, the site of the

first permanent English settlement in the New World. "Jamestown 2007," an eighteen-month commemoration of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the settlement's founding in 1607, drew visitors from around the world, including President Bush and Queen Elizabeth II.

All this and more makes Williamsburg a great place to live...and study.

## **Housing Options**

Many housing options are available to students including both privately owned and university-owned apartments. William & Mary offers graduate students housing in the Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Residences adjacent to the Law School. This complex features two-, three- and four-bedroom apartments overlooking a central courtyard. The

apartments are furnished and air conditioned, have private outside entrances, full kitchens with major appliances, one or two full bathrooms, and living/ dining areas. Each resident has a private bedroom. Local phone service, long distance access, and voicemail services are available upon request through the Department of Information Technology for a fee. Each bedroom and living room is equipped with a direct connection to the College's computer network, including email and Internet access (network card and software required), and cable television. All utilities are included in the rent, which averages \$5,480 for the 2009-10 academic year. Additional information can be found at www.wm.edu/ offices/residencelife/ oncampus/residencehalls/ graduate/.

#### **REBECCA BEACH SMITH '79** U.S. District Judge Eastern District of Virginia

Norfolk, VA

Judge Smith is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the College of William & Mary, where she earned a degree in government. She received a master's degree in city planning and public administration from the University of Virginia, graduating first in her class, and worked as a professional planner before attending law school. Judge Smith served as executive editor of the William and Mary Law Review, graduated first in her class, and was inducted into Order of the Coif, which is the highest academic honor a law graduate can achieve. Following graduation she clerked for U.S. District Judge J. Cavitt Clarke,

Jr., and then practiced law at Willcox & Savage. In 1985 she was appointed magistrate judge for the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. In 1989 she was named by President George H.W. Bush to her current position as U.S. district judge. She received the 2004 Woman of Distinction in Law Award from the YWCA of South Hampton Roads.

The Law School faculty was

accessible and caring. I always felt that I could talk with my professors about my course work, as well as my career ambitions. They were outstanding educators as well as outstanding people.



# **Career Services**

**Exploring options** and obtaining access to employment opportunities are important components of legal education at William & Mary. Like other aspects of a positive law school experience, successful career development is a responsibility shared between the school and each student. The Law School's Office of Career Services (OCS) relishes its role in this school-student partnership.

OCS has established relationships with thousands of employers around the world, including law firms, public interest organizations, prosecutors, corporations and businesses, federal, state and local government agencies, NGOs, and courts. Our contacts also include organizations that hire lawyers for professional positions not involving traditional law practice.

In 2008, 207 employers registered for on-campus interviews for 382 offices in 40 states, the District of Columbia, and 12 other countries. Our students participated in 34 off-campus job fairs and searched several thousand job listings from nonvisiting employers.

# Individualized Career Advising

Each student presents unique credentials, geographic and work preferences, and short- and long-term goals. We believe that one-on-one advising is the best way to assess options, refine career goals, and develop job search strategies. Our priority is knowing students and serving them as individuals. Recognizing that career development is a lifelong process, we provide graduates with access to OCS services throughout their legal careers.

## Career Planning Resources

## SKILLS WORKSHOPS AND PROGRAMS

OCS conducts and sponsors a series of information sessions designed to educate students about the job search process.

In addition to skills-based sessions covering effective resume and cover letter writing and interviewing, recent programs have focused on business etiquette, an international job search, mock interviews, principles of professionalism, succeeding in summer



jobs and targeting the hidden job market.

## SPEAKERS AND PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Each semester, attorneys representing a broad range of employment settings and practice areas speak with William & Mary law students. Panelists describe their career paths, provide candid insights about their work, and offer career planning and job search suggestions. Students have the opportunity to meet and network with panelists at informal receptions or lunches.

Other programs provide overviews of judicial clerkships, post-graduate fellowships, international public service internships, public interest advocacy, working on Capitol Hill, federal law enforcement, opportunities with local, state and federal government agencies, using a law degree outside the traditional practice of law, and practicing law in small towns.

## PUBLICATIONS AND OCS LIBRARY

Each student receives a Career Planning Manual (covering job search strategies, career satisfaction, resume and cover letter preparation, interview tips, and professionalism), a government and public interest job search guide, and an international public service job search guide.

Students also use comprehensive resources on the OCS website and in the OCS library to research employment options. Eighteen customized career bibliographies covering diverse practice specialties are also available.

We offer a full range of services and resources to assist students in mounting an individualized, creative, and thorough job search for summer and post-graduate positions. Visit **law.wm.edu/careerservices**/ for more information.

## **Recent Graduates Profile**

## Classes 2006 to 2008 Employment Status

Employment Profile	<b>68%</b> • Out of Stat 39 states, DC,
as of nine months post-graduation	2 other countries
Graduates Reporting Employment Status	
Total Employed or Pursuing Advanced I	Degree 98.7%
(excluding 16 graduates not seeking employm	ent)

## **Employer Types and Starting Salaries for 2008 Graduates**

Salary Range	\$33,700 - \$225,000
Median Private Sector Starting Salary	\$135,000
Median Public and Nonprofit Sector Startin	ng Salary \$54,000



human rights, homelessness, the environment, AIDS/HIV, housing, consumer protection, judicial reform, civil rights, employment, health care, prison reform, education and alternative dispute resolution. In addition to assisting organizations and clients literally from coast to coast, fellowship recipients have spanned the globe, working on six continents.

Opportunities with government agencies and public interest groups are plentiful, as a result of our aggressive outreach to nonprofit and public sector organizations and our membership in PSLawNet and Equal Justice Works. With assistance from OCS, William & Mary law students have been particularly successful landing highly competitive postgraduate Presidential Management Fellowships. OCS also coordinates student participation in several public service job fairs.

The Loan Repayment Assistance Program helps make the choice of public service careers more viable for Law School alumni. Graduates working for private nonprofit organizations or government agencies are eligible to apply for up to \$5,000 annually in loan forgiveness for a maximum of three years.

## **Human Resources**

Accessible faculty members and receptive Law School graduates provide excellent links to the legal community for students. Faculty regularly assist students in securing judicial clerkships and learning about substantive areas of practice. Some 7,000 graduates around the nation and the world offer a breadth of geographic and career contacts.

OCS's professional staff offers more than 45 years of experience in student services.

# **Emphasis on Public Service**

Employment Locations

32% • Virginia

We are proud of our students' commitment to public interest and government service and our array of summer public service fellowships. During summer 2009, students benefited from 104 fellowships. Positions vary from year to year but have included employment with civil rights organizations, legal aid societies, prosecutors, public defenders, government agencies, think tanks, and advocacy groups. Issue areas have encompassed international relations, children's rights, domestic violence,

#### ALEXIS A. MCLEOD '07

Morrison Foerster Equal Justice Works Fellow, Public Law Center, Santa Ana, CA

Alexis graduated from the University of California at Irvine with a degree in Spanish and English. There she was actively involved in various community outreach efforts. At William & Mary, Alexis continued to demonstrate her passion for public service. She was a board member of the Public Service Fund, a founding member of the Therapeutic Jurisprudence Society, and an ESL tutor. During summer 2006 Alexis worked for the Public Law Center in Santa Ana, CA. She received one of 54 Equal Justice Works Fellowships awarded in 2007, which allowed her to continue representing low-income



individuals living with HIV/AIDS at the PLC. The Law School recognized Alexis's distinguished *pro bono* work with the 2007 Thurgood Marshall Award.

The support and encouragement I encountered in the Office of Career Services were integral to securing my postgraduate fellowship in the public service arena. The

OCS staff possesses the breadth of knowledge, tools, and dedication to help students secure employment in law firms, government agencies, or public service organizations.

# Admission Information

# **Admission Policy**

The number of applications for admission to the Law School exceeds the number of places in the entering class. Based upon academic record and LSAT score, a very high percentage of the applicants are deemed qualified for admission. While the Law School could choose its class solely on the basis of academic potential, the faculty has concluded that neither the public nor the profession would be best served by an admission process that was limited to selecting only those most likely to achieve academically. The faculty believes the educational process at the Law School, as well as the profession the students enter upon graduation, is best served by an admission process that will result in the selection of a diverse and talented student body. To that end, the faculty has formulated an admission policy that takes into consideration individual skills and characteristics that might not necessarily be directly related to academic potential.

For requirements for admission and steps for applying, visit law.wm.edu/ admissions/ howtoapply/.

Therefore, admission to the Law School will be granted to those applicants who, in the opinion of the admission personnel, will make the most significant contribution to society as members of the legal profession. Factors used in making decisions regarding admission include: (1) the applicant's general academic ability based upon a careful examination of the undergraduate (and graduate, if any) transcript, including factors such as the grade-point average, the quality of the school attended, the difficulty of the major or department in which the degree was earned,



the hours spent on outside employment or other timeconsuming extracurricular activities, and the length of time elapsed since graduation; (2) the applicant's capacity for the academic study of law based largely upon the LSAT score and writing sample; and (3) other relevant personal qualities and characteristics of the applicant, including factors such as the location of the applicant's permanent residence, the applicant's career goals, ethnic status, cultural, economic, and educational background and experiences, moral character, leadership qualities, commitment to community service, ability to undertake independent and creative research. and communication skills. The applicant should discuss his or her own characteristics and qualities in the

personal statement required as part of the admission process and should seek to have those persons writing letters of recommendation discuss such factors.

An offer of admission to the school is valid only for the year stated in the admission letter. Deferment requests will be considered on an individual basis if a written request is submitted with an explanatory statement. An admitted applicant who does not enroll that year may reapply by filing the application for a subsequent year and will be considered with other students applying that year. Admission one year does not ensure admission for a subsequent year.

"We look for students who have strong academic backgrounds and a sharp intellect during the admission process, but we also look for those with drive, commitment, and compassion. Each student is someone carefully selected from among many to study law at William & Mary and, for us, each student is important."

#### -FAYE F. SHEALY Associate Dean for Admission

## **Application Checklist**

**Completed and signed application form** or electronic certification if applying electronically;

**\$50 nonrefundable application fee** payable to the College of William & Mary or paid by credit or debit card to LSAC if applying electronically;

Personal statement and optional essays (if any);

**LSAT score** report sent by LSAC with **transcripts** of all undergraduate and graduate work;

• Two letters of recommendation (more are welcome); and

• Application for Virginia In-State Tuition Privileges if you claim Virginia domicile for tuition purposes.





# First-Year Admission Decisions

Applications are reviewed when the files are complete. Decision letters are mailed no later than April 1 for firstyear applications complete by March 1. The majority of decisions are finalized and mailed during the last week of March.

# To Reapply

William & Mary Law School retains files for two years and applicants may reapply. To do so:

Submit the current application with the application fee — where indicated provide the year of entrance for which your application(s) was previously submitted.

 Include an updated personal statement or specify direction to use the prior statement and updated supporting materials.

 Submit additional letters of recommendation if desired — recommendations from previous file may be used.

# Transfer and Visiting Student Applications

Individuals may apply for admission to the Law School as transfer students with advanced standing if they have successfully completed a minimum of 26 semester hours at other ABA-accredited law schools. All advanced credit awarded will be on the basis of an evaluation of previous law work in light of the curriculum here. Credit in excess of 35 semester hours is rarely granted, and in no event will a Juris Doctor degree be conferred when fewer than the final 30 semester hours were earned while in residence at William & Mary.

Transfer application procedures can be found at law.wm.edu/admissions/ howtoapply/ transferstudent/.

Visiting student status for one semester or one academic year is considered for applicants with the approval of their home law school to accept course credits for the law degree to be awarded by the home school.

Visiting student application procedures can be found at law.wm.edu/ admissions/howtoapply/ visitingstudent/.

#### DANA J. HALL '09 Associate, Weil, Gotshal & Manges

New York, NY

Dana graduated with distinction from Cornell University with an A.B. in government. He spent his junior year abroad at Oxford University. At William & Mary, Dana earned honors in Legal Skills II and was also selected as a Benjamin Rush Scholar, a designation that recognizes excellence in writing about health care law and policy. Dana was a Legal Skills teaching assistant, Public Service Fund board member, and admissions ambassador. He was also actively involved



in the creation of the Innocence Project Clinic. During summer 2007 Dana was a research assistant for Professor Erin Ryan and also was an intern in the U.S. Attorney's Office in Newport News, VA. He spent summer 2008 at Weil, Gotshal & Manges in New York City and joined the firm after graduation.

William & Mary provides an incredible legal education at a very reasonable price. The Law School's national

reputation enables its students to obtain employment throughout the country.



## **Financial Information**

#### **COST OF ATTENDING**

William & Mary's relatively modest fees, cost of living, and comprehensive financial aid program make financing a legal education more manageable than at many other law schools.

Tuition and fees for law students during the 2009-10 academic year total \$21,646 for Virginia residents and \$31,846 for nonresidents. The Office of Student Financial Aid prepares standardized student budgets. Examples for the 2009-10 academic year are presented below. The living allowance is an estimate and many students, through careful budgeting and shared living arrangements, find their expenses are less than those quoted. Students who meet the requirements for Virginia residency during their time of enrollment are eligible for the in-state tuition rate.

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

We are committed to helping students meet the costs of their legal education. William & Mary administers a financial assistance program including merit and need-based scholarships, work-study, and education loans. The Admission Office administers the scholarship program and selects Graduate Fellows. Approximately half of our students benefit from these funds. Educational loans are administered by the University's Financial Aid Office.

All applicants selected for admission are automatically considered for merit scholarships and fellowships awarded by the Law School. Awards are based on information required in the application for admission. Students applying for need-based funds and/or educational loans are required to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (www.fafsa.ed.gov). The suggested deadline is February 15. William & Marv's Title IV code is 003705. No other financial aid application is required by William & Mary Law

School for scholarships or grants. Stafford loans are available to students whether or not they have demonstrated financial need. The annual Stafford loan limit for a law student is \$20,500, of which \$8,500 can be subsidized. The federal government pays the interest on a subsidized loan while the student is enrolled. However, the interest on an unsubsidized loan accrues from the date of receipt and must be paid by the borrower. Most Stafford loan lenders will allow the interest to accumulate, with no payment necessary until after graduation or enrollment ceases. Only citizens or permanent residents of the United States are eligible for federal funds. Additionally, students may apply for a Graduate PLUS loan to bridge the gap between the cost of attendance and any other aid. The Grad PLUS is a federal loan similar to the Stafford loan and these loans can be consolidated upon graduation. It has a fixed interest rate of 8.5 percent. More information can be found at www.wm.edu/admission/ financialaid/. For inquiries, email aid@wm.edu.

#### **FELLOWSHIPS**

The Institute of Bill of Rights Law, the Center for Legal and Court Technology, the Election Law Program, and The Wolf Law Library have a small number of three-year fellowships. These special fellowship opportunities are described at **law.wm.edu/admissions/ financialaid/fellowships/.** 

Interested applicants should answer Question 35 of the application and note their interest in, and qualifications for, these fellowships. Institute Fellowship applicants should have a special interest in constitutional law. Center for Legal and Court Technology Fellowship applicants should have an interest in the impact of technology on the legal system; a technology background is not required but may be helpful. Election Law Fellowship applicants should have a strong interest in election law and related research. Law Library Fellowship applicants must have a M.L.S. degree.

Information about student employment can be found at law.wm.edu/ academics/whatabout/ studentstatus/.

	VA Resident	Nonresident
Tuition & Fees	\$21,646	\$31,846
Living Allowance	\$12,968	\$12,968
Books	\$1,250	\$1,250
Total	\$35,864	\$46,064



# Visiting W&M Law School

## We invite you to visit!

You may call the Admission Office to arrange an informational meeting with an admission dean, arrange to observe a class, and/or schedule a student-guided tour of the Law School. Tours may be scheduled weekdays during the academic year at 9 a.m. or 1 p.m. To schedule a visit, please contact us at (757) 221-3785 or at lawadm@wm.edu at least one week in advance. You can also schedule a visit online at **law.wm.edu/admissions/visitus/tourreservations**/.

## **Directions**

#### Arriving by Car

William & Mary is 150 miles south of Washington, DC, midway between Richmond and Norfolk on I-64.

From I-64 east, take Exit 242A (Route 199 West) toward Jamestown and Williamsburg. Turn right at the second traffic light onto South Henry Street (Route 132 North). The Law School is located on the right 1.5 miles from the intersection.

From I-64 west, take Exit 238 (Route 143 East) toward Colonial Williamsburg and proceed four-tenths of a mile. Turn right on Route 132 South — the Law School is located 2.5 miles from this turn. Proceed through the first light and move to the right lane — bear right continuing on Route 132 South. The Law School is the second large building on the left after passing Newport Avenue.

#### From the William & Mary undergraduate campus, the Law School is located several blocks to the east.

- From Richmond Road (at the College Corner "V") go straight onto South Boundary Street.
- From Jamestown Road (at the College Corner "V") go right onto South Boundary Street.

At the next block turn left onto Francis Street (Route 5 East). At the stop light, turn right onto South Henry Street. The Law School is approximately two blocks on the left.

Parking is available at the Law School. Obtain a parking permit from the Administrative Office located to your left as you enter. Visitors with parking permits may park in any faculty/staff or student space.

## Arriving by Train or Bus

Visitors may use AMTRAK service to Williamsburg from major northeast cities including Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, DC. The combined train and bus (Greyhound) station is less than one mile from the Law School. Taxi service is available.

## Arriving by Plane

Newport News/Williamsburg Airport is approximately 30 minutes from campus. Williamsburg is also served by Richmond International and Norfolk International airports, each one hour away. Ground transportation companies meet flights at all three airports with limousine or shuttle service to the College available with advance reservations.



# **Admission Contacts**

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