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MESSAGE FROM

The Dean & The Chair

Dear Graduates, Parents, and Friends,

With the year ending June 30, the Law School's Annual Fund celebrated eighteen years of continuous growth and achieved a new milestone. Donors contributed \$1,907,660 in Annual Fund dollars by year's end, compared to \$1,553,017 in FY '11. This was the largest one-year increase in the fund ever achieved. Overall giving in FY '12 totaled \$2,805,400, the third largest amount in our history.

Financial support from alumni is essential to our success. We appreciate that so many of you support your *alma mater* to the degree that you can despite the challenging economy. Every gift — no matter the amount — makes a difference. Using the latest comparative data available (from FY '11), only 24 law schools (out of the almost 200 in the nation) had alumni giving percentage rates equaling or exceeding 20 percent. Among this elite group, Marshall-Wythe's alumni participation rate of 23.7% earned us 14th place overall (and 6th among state-supported schools).

We take enormous pride as a community in Marshall-Wythe's unique history as the nation's first law school, in our enduring success at educating citizen lawyers, and in our faculty of dedicated teachers and scholars. Your financial support helps to provide our students with the exceptional learning experiences and the skills training they will need to become practice-ready graduates.

With your continued encouragement and support, we believe that Marshall-Wythe's best days truly lie ahead of us.

Sincerely,



Davison M. Douglas, *Dean*



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