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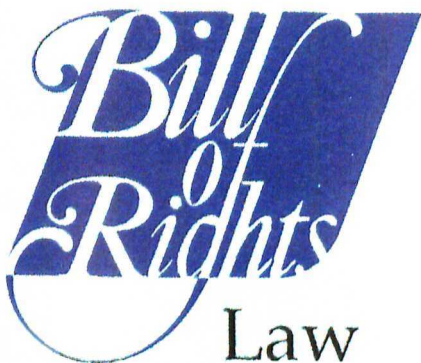
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OUR MISSION

The mission of the Institute of Bill of Rights Law, established in 1982 at the William and Mary School of Law, is to contribute to the ongoing national dialogue about important issues related to the United States Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

The Institute carries forth its mission through an extraordinarily rich variety of activities: public debates and lectures, scholarly conferences, an annual Supreme Court Preview conference, task forces charged with developing creative solutions to important questions of law and policy, publication of the *William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal*, sponsorship of the Constitutional Conflicts book series with Duke University Press, a Student Division that involves law students in the Institute's various activities, a distinguished visitors program, and the Lee Visiting Professor that brings a major constitutional law scholar each year to teach at the William and Mary School of Law.

PROGRAMS

Distinguished Visitors-in-Residence

Each year, the Institute of Bill of Rights Law brings to the William and Mary campus outstanding lawyers and legal academics who have distinguished themselves in the area of constitutional law. These guests remain in residence for a few days teaching classes, meeting with small groups of students and faculty, and delivering public lectures. During the 1998-1999 academic year, Professor Akhil Amar of Yale Law School, Professor John Blume of Cornell Law School, and Evan Wolfson of the Lambda Legal Defense Fund visited the law school.

Public Debate Series

The Institute of Bill of Rights Law helps foster deeper understanding of significant contemporary constitutional issues through its public debate series. Recent debates have considered whether the death penalty should be abolished and whether President William J. Clinton should be impeached.

Public Lecture Series

The Institute of Bill of Rights Law supports the education of students and the broader William and Mary community by sponsoring a guest lecture series. Each year, several outstanding lawyers, legal academics, and political leaders deliver public lectures on constitutional issues of broad public concern.

Recent lecturers have included Congressman Bobby Scott of Virginia and Professor John Blume of Cornell Law School.

Supreme Court Preview

Each September, the Institute of Bill of Rights Law marks the commencement of the new term of the United State Supreme Court with its annual Supreme Court Preview program. Now in its twelfth year, the Supreme Court Preview brings together leading legal scholars and Supreme Court journalists to discuss and analyze the Supreme Court's upcoming term. The Preview, generally rebroadcast by C-Span, is attended each year by journalists, editorial writers, academics, students, and lawyers from throughout the country. It is among the most highly visible activities of the Institute, and has gained an impressive national reputation for its quality.

Scholarly Symposium Series

Each year, the Institute of Bill of Rights Law sponsors two or three major scholarly symposia on topics of current constitutional significance. Leading scholars from around the nation assemble at the William & Mary School of Law to present papers and to debate their merits. These papers are published as a symposium issue of either the *William and Mary Bill of Rights Journal* or the *William and Mary Law Review*, and, on occasion, are published as a book. These Institute of Bill of Rights Law symposia have made a significant contribution to the ongoing scholarly debates about our Constitution and the Bill of Rights.

Student Division

The Student Division of the Institute of Bill of Rights Law is an integral part of the Institute's work and is an important component of student life at William and Mary School of Law. Each year, the Student Division also organizes a major conference devoted to the examination of a cutting-edge constitutional issue of significant public interest. The Student Division also coordinates a variety of other programs that pertain to Bill of Rights education, including public lectures and the Hampton Roads Schools Project wherein law students teach local high school students about the Bill of Rights.





Lee Visiting Professors

The Alfred W. and Mary I. W. Lee Professorship is an endowed visiting chair awarded each year to a person of national stature in the field of constitutional law. The Lee Professor typically teaches for either a semester or full academic year at the law school, and participates in the events and scholarly activities of the Institute.

Some of our Lee Professors have included David Anderson (University of Texas), Vince Blasi (Columbia University), Kent Greenawalt (Columbia University), Sheri Johnson (Cornell University), Yale Kamisar (University of Michigan), Robert Kamenshine (Vanderbilt University), Michael Klarman (University of Virginia), John McGinnis (Yeshiva University), Robert Nagel (Colorado University), John Nowak (University of Illinois), David Rabban (University of Texas), and Stephen Wermiel (former Supreme Court reporter for the *Wall Street Journal*), G. Edward White (University of Virginia), Dianne Zimmerman (New York University).

Task Force Series

As part of its on-going effort to play a role in resolving public policy issues that pertain to constitutional law, the Institute sponsors a public policy task force series. Past task forces

have produced a model statute regulating the rights and responsibilities of workers and employers in the area of drug testing in the workplace and have examined the problems confronting the development of constitutional democracies in developing nations.

PUBLICATIONS

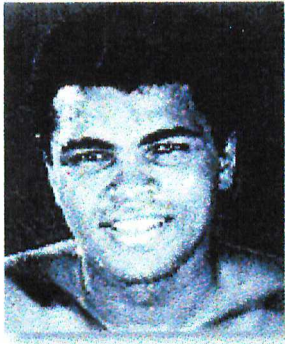
William and Mary Bill of Rights Journal

The Institute publishes its own journal, the *William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal*, which is one of the nation's leading law reviews devoted exclusively to constitutional law issues. The *Journal*, which publishes three issues each year, is edited and published by William and Mary law students.

Constitutional Conflicts Book Series

The Institute, in conjunction with Duke University Press, publishes a book series, "Constitutional Conflicts." One of the series' books, *A Year in the Life of the Supreme Court*, won the American Bar Association's prestigious Silver Gavel Award in 1995. Neal Devins, Goodrich Professor at William & Mary School of Law, serves as Series Editor.

STAFF OF THE INSTITUTE



Davison M. Douglas is Director of the Institute of Bill of Rights Law and a Professor Law at the William and Mary School of Law. Professor Douglas received his law degree, Ph.D. in history, and master's degree in theology from Yale University. He has written several books and articles dealing with American constitutional history.

Melody Nichols is the Program Coordinator for the Institute of Bill of Rights Law.

FACULTY FELLOWS

The following William and Mary faculty serve as Faculty Fellows for the Institute of Bill of Rights Law and help coordinate the Institute's various activities:

Lynda L. Butler, Professor of Law and Director of the Environmental Science and Policy Center, examines issues related to constitutionally protected property rights.

Neal Devins, Goodrich Professor of Law and Lecturer in Government, examines a variety of constitutional law issues, including how courts interact with other parts of the government in shaping constitutional values.

Michael J. Gerhardt, Professor of Law, examines a variety of constitutional law issues,

including the law of impeachment.

Charles F. Hobson, Director of The Papers of John Marshall, examines the legal and constitutional history of the early republic.

Fredric I. Lederer, Chancellor Professor of Law and Director of the Courtroom 21 Project, examines criminal procedure, evidence, and military justice issues.

John M. Levy, Professor of Law and Director of Clinical Legal Education, examines civil liberties issues.

Linda A. Malone, Marshall-Wythe Foundation Professor of Law, examines issues of domestic and international environmental law and international human rights law.

Paul Marcus, Haynes Professor of Law, examines constitutional and evidentiary issues in the criminal justice field.

Alan J. Meese, Associate Professor of Law, examines economic liberties and racial preferences.

James E. Moliterno, Professor of Law and Vice Dean of the Law School, examines issues of legal ethics.

Ronald H. Rosenberg, Professor of Law, examines the constitutional limits on the regulation of private property.

W. Taylor Reveley III, Dean of the Law School, examines the constitutional division of authority between the President and the Congress as it pertains to the use of force.

Kathryn R. Urbonya, Professor of Law, examines constitutional violations committed by government officials.

Cynthia V. Ward, Professor of Law, examines issues in legal theory.