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MARSHALL-WYTHE
SCHOOL OF LAW
Chartered in 1693 by King William III and Queen Mary II of England, the College of William and Mary is the second oldest institution of higher education in the United States. William and Mary’s Chair of Law, created in 1779 at the urging of Thomas Jefferson, was this country’s first and is the third oldest in the English-speaking world. The Law School bears the name of the chair’s initial occupant, George Wythe, and one of his students, John Marshall, who later became the first Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court. Among Wythe’s other early pupils were Thomas Jefferson, James Monroe, and Henry Clay.

Wythe was a signer of the Declaration of Independence and a member of the Constitutional Convention. A powerful force in the development of American legal education, he designed a comprehensive course of study which emphasized practical skills in areas such as legislative drafting and oral advocacy.
Today's Marshall-Wythe

The Law School’s current status as a leading national institution befits its rich tradition. A study reported in the *American Bar Foundation Research Journal* rates Marshall-Wythe’s student body as of “superior quality” and among the top twenty percent of the nation’s law schools. This reputation for excellence is well-deserved. Marshall-Wythe holds a charter from the Order of the Coif. The well-respected *William and Mary Law Review* is published quarterly. Among its many accomplishments is the annual issue devoted to the proceedings of the symposium sponsored by the Law School’s Institute of Bill of Rights Law; for the 1986 symposium, the Law Review staff worked directly with legal scholars from the University of California at Berkeley, the University of Chicago, Columbia University, and New York University, a past Director of the American Civil Liberties Union, and a former Solicitor General of the United States.

Our moot court teams have been honored, in the past two years having won or placed second in the American Bar Association’s National Appellate Advocacy Competition, Kaufman Securities Law Moot Court Competition in New York, Benton Information Law Moot Court Competition in Chicago, Craven Moot Court Competition at the University of North Carolina, William and Mary’s Spong Invitational Tournament, and the regionals of both the National Moot Court competition and the Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. National recognition likewise has come to William and Mary’s client counseling and trial lawyers teams. Members of all of Marshall-Wythe’s moot court, client counseling, and trial lawyers teams are selected through intense intramural competition.
With an enrollment exceeding 500, the Law School selects its students from a large and highly competitive applicant pool. This past year, when law school applications declined by 6.3 percent nationally, applications to Marshall-Wythe increased by 11.4 percent. We received nearly eleven applications for each position in the entering class. Approximately 44 percent of the current first-year class are non-Virginia residents.

Our J.D. candidates offer impressive credentials. Their median LSAT score is 39, which ranks among the top 13 percent of all students taking the examination; their median undergraduate grade point average is 3.3.

Diversity marks the student body as well. Thirty-seven states, the District of Columbia, and three foreign countries are represented, as are 186 undergraduate institutions. Among the student body are individuals with advanced degrees in education, engineering, medicine, public policy, and social work. Others have distinguished themselves through military service and careers as accountants, deputy sheriffs, financial consultants, intelligence analysts, legislative aids, reporters, and teachers.

Individuals also may pursue an LL.M. degree in Taxation. Admission to the Master’s program generally is limited to students who rank in the top half of their law school class. The curriculum includes eighteen courses and affords significant opportunities for highly specialized, diverse study.
Placement

Reflecting the calibre of the school and its student body is a placement function both sophisticated and national in scope. During fall 1986, 192 representatives of 141 employers visited the Law School. They interviewed for offices in 23 states and the District of Columbia; four interviewed for nationwide or worldwide positions. These employers included law firms ranging in size from some of the nation’s largest to several attorneys, corporate law departments, accounting firms, government agencies, and the military. Major urban areas and mid-size cities throughout the United States were represented, as were smaller towns in the mid-Atlantic region. The placement office distributed more than 6,000 student resumes and arranged approximately 2,000 interviews.

In recent years 67 percent of our graduates have entered private practice, 11 percent government service, 8 percent corporate law departments and related business positions, and 2 percent the military justice system. Approximately 9 percent have accepted judicial clerkships with the United States Supreme Court, federal appellate courts for eight circuits, federal district, bankruptcy, tax, and claims courts, and appellate and trial courts of seventeen states. Marshall-Wythe alumni work in 48 states, the District of Columbia, and 11 foreign countries.

In 1980, the Law School moved to a new building adjacent to the National Center for State Courts. Employers enjoy comfortable interview facilities, including the Rare Book Room, in which Thomas Jefferson’s original law library has been replicated. Soon to be completed is a new placement suite which will house additional interview rooms and an employer lounge/reception area. As part of our continuing commitment to provide to employers progressive, efficient placement services, we will offer computerized student interview schedules beginning fall 1987.
Please Join Us

Located in historic Williamsburg, the Law School is quite accessible. Williamsburg is served by airports in Richmond and Norfolk, both approximately an hour away, and in Newport News, a half-hour's drive. Washington, D.C. lies 150 miles to the north. Rail service is also available. The town is easily reached by car. On-campus interviewing conveniently can be combined with a business or pleasure trip to the area or with interviewing at one or more nearby law schools.

Williamsburg, home of the world-famous colonial restoration, appears largely as it did in the Eighteenth Century. In addition to the many attractions in and around the restored area, Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in America, and Yorktown, where American independence was won, are each only fifteen minutes away. Williamsburg offers fine hotels and restaurants, including several that are within walking distance of the Law School.

Fall on-campus interviewing begins in mid-September and continues until Thanksgiving. Employers also may meet with our students between late January and mid-April. Please contact us to arrange an interview date. We look forward to seeing you.

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Marshall-Wythe School of Law is committed to state and federal statutes which prohibit discrimination in employment based on race, color, handicap, religion, age, sex, or ethnic or national origin and which grant job-related rights to veterans. The Law School also encourages employers to make hiring decisions without regard to sexual preference.

One of two imposing stained glass windows which grace the Law School lobby — a gift from All Souls College of Oxford University to William and Mary in 1979 — is featured on the front cover. This Oxford Window depicts Sir William Blackstone, the first occupant of the Vinerian Chair of Law at Oxford, which served as the model for the chair of law and “police” established at William and Mary in 1779.

The windows were given to the Law School in 1979 in commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the first chair of law in America.

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