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WILLIAMSBURG (AP) — Former U.S. Sen. William B. Spong Jr. of Virginia, dean of the College of William and Mary law school, said Saturday he has no plans to reenter politics.

Spong said he will devote "100 per cent" of his time to his job at the Marshall Wythe School of Law.

He said his goals include seeing plans for a new law building become a reality and helping to reshape what he considers "a good law school" into a better one.

Spong was defeated in 1972 by GOP Sen. William L. Scott.

"Politics, it has been said, is a jealous mistress.

"You have to devote 100 per cent of your time to it to entertain any hope of returning. I plan to devote 100 per cent of my time here."

He added that he doubts "very seriously that there will any future opportunities" for him in politics.

Spong predicted that Williamsburg will become a national legal center with the establishment of the National Center for State Courts.

He hopes to draw on talents in Washington to bring more professors to Marshall Wythe.

In conjunction with that goal, the school this year is adding a clinical program to give third-year law students case experience and the opportunity to work with practicing lawyers.