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# William & Mary Law School



2012 *Q* 2013

# THE NATION'S Oldest Law School

## At a glance

**Established**—1779, America's first law school

**Affiliation**—College of William & Mary, America's second oldest college, chartered in 1693

**Location**—Williamsburg, VA

- 150 miles southeast of Washington, DC
- 50 miles east of Richmond, VA
- 45 miles west of Norfolk, VA

### Local Landmarks

- Colonial Williamsburg, "the world's largest living history museum"
- The College's Sir Christopher Wren Building, oldest academic building in continuous use in America
- Jamestown, site of the first permanent English settlement in America
- Yorktown, site of the battle that ended the Revolutionary War

## 2011-12 Student body

**Enrollment**—667 full-time students

**Male/Female Ratio**—50%/50%

**Percentage of Minority Students**—23%

**Average Age**—25

**States Represented**—45 and the District of Columbia

**Other Countries Represented**—8

**Undergraduate Colleges or Universities**—279

**Advanced Degrees**—8%

## 2011-12 Financial aid

**Scholarship and Fellowship Recipients**—407 (61% of the student body)

**Total Scholarship and Fellowship Value**—\$5.9 million

## 2012-13 Tuition and fees

**Virginia Resident**—\$27,800

**Non-Resident**—\$37,800

## 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)



## Clinics

Domestic Violence

Elder Law

Federal Tax

Innocence Project

Legal Aid

Special Education Advocacy

Veterans Benefits

## Externships

Criminal Litigation

Federal Government

Judicial

Nonprofit Organization

Private Practice and In-House Counsel

State and Local Government

U.S. Attorney

Virginia Attorney General

Virginia General Assembly



On the Cover: The Marshall-Wythe Mace, ca. 1850-55. Donated to the Law School in the mid-1970s, the mace is carried each year at graduation by the Student Bar Association president. It is a copy of the mace in the British House of Commons. The British have 11 such maces that were wrought during the reign of King William III and Queen Mary II, with the Georgian coat of arms reimposed later.

Left: 2012 graduation speaker John Charles Thomas, a former justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia, at left, and 2011-12 Student Bar Association President Jay Sinha.

Right: Dean Douglas addresses graduates and their friends and family members during the Class of 2012's graduation at W&M's Lake Matoaka Amphitheater.



## Message from the Dean

William & Mary holds a special place in American history as the nation's first law school. Thomas Jefferson had the original idea, believing that university-trained lawyers could provide the leadership necessary to the success of the fledgling nation.

We've created for ourselves a compelling reputation as a top law school with strong teaching, scholarly excellence, and a commitment to training highly skilled and ethical lawyers—citizen lawyers—who are committed to serving the greater good.

Our faculty comprises gifted professors who understand that teaching is a central focus of our work, both in the classroom and one-on-one. You'll have an opportunity to study with nationally and internationally recognized scholars, who consistently

publish influential scholarship and who help shape the development of our legal system.

Our students are people the professors know by name, not merely faces passing in the hall or statistics on a list. We enjoy a strong sense of community here, which helps to fuel our dedication to educating highly skilled, ethical lawyers.

We hope that you will consider joining William & Mary.



**Davison M. Douglas**

Dean and Arthur B. Hanson Professor of Law



### Résumé:

A.B., Princeton University; M.A.R., Yale Divinity School; J.D., Yale Law School; Ph.D. (History), Yale University; one of the nation's leading constitutional historians; author or editor of seven books, including *Jim Crow Moves North: The Battle over Northern School Segregation, 1865-1954* (Cambridge, 2005) and *Redefining Equality* (Oxford, 1998).

## Why W&M?

### Premier quality

W&M is consistently ranked among the nation's best law schools.

### Excellent value

Our competitively priced tuition and fees and the area's relatively low cost of living allow our students to achieve an outstanding education at a reasonable price.

### Tradition and innovation

We are proud to be America's first law school and home to the world's most technologically advanced trial and appellate courtroom.

### Faculty

Our professors are accomplished scholars and legal innovators who are committed to teaching.

### Community

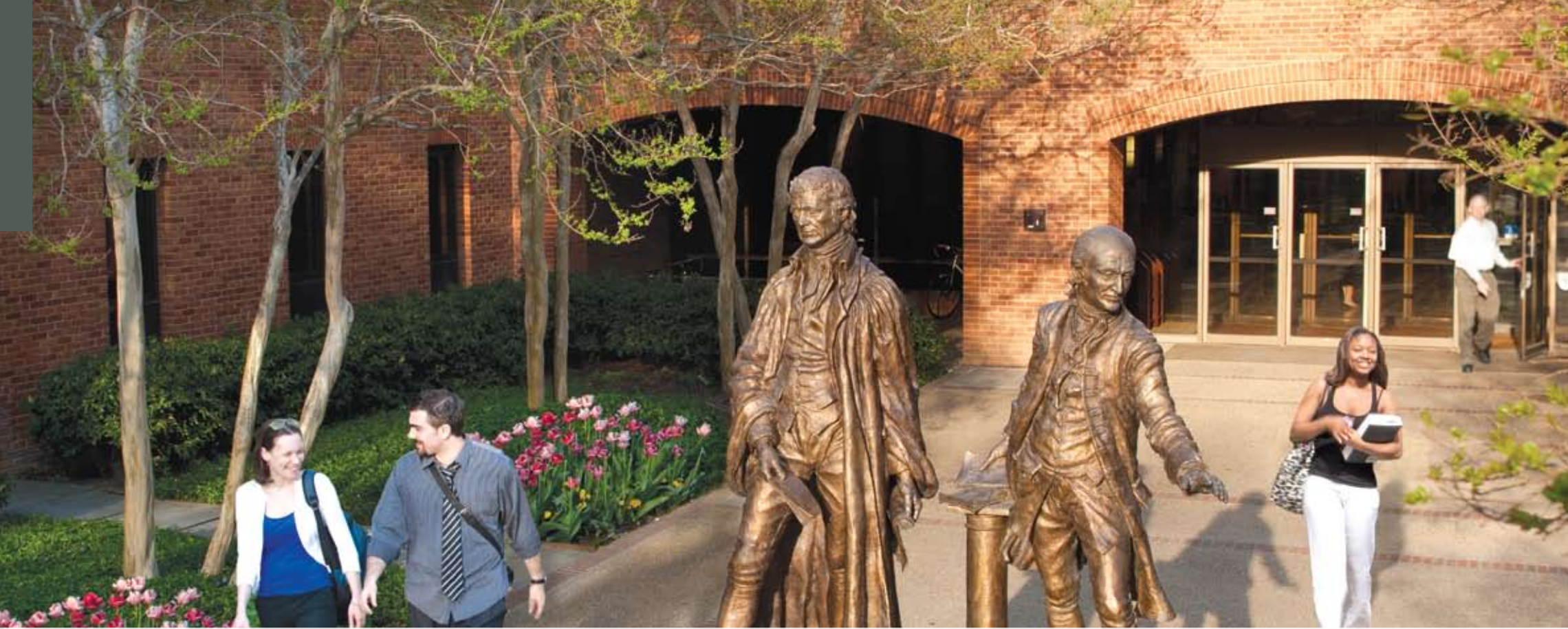
W&M faculty, students, and staff work together to foster a supportive environment.

### A commitment to educating highly skilled and ethical lawyers

Our Legal Skills Program helps students gain the tools and ethical sensibilities they'll need to be great lawyers.

### Ideals in action

Faculty, students, and alumni exemplify W&M's citizen-lawyer ideal, whether hosting a workshop series on the Constitution for local citizens or testifying before Congress.



# FIRST IN THE NATION

American legal education began at William & Mary. George Wythe, right, was the nation's first professor of law. John Marshall, left, who would later become known as "the great Chief Justice," was among Wythe's first students at the College.



Against the backdrop of the Revolutionary War, Thomas Jefferson brought widespread changes to his alma mater, the College of William & Mary, while serving as Governor of Virginia and as a member of the College's Board of Visitors. At his urging in 1779, the Board established a chair in law, the first in the United States. Jefferson had a hand in the naming of his mentor, George Wythe, to this professorship, which marked the founding of the first law school in America, and the beginning of the training of American lawyers in a university setting. It was a pivotal moment, not just in American legal education, but also in the role of lawyers in our society.

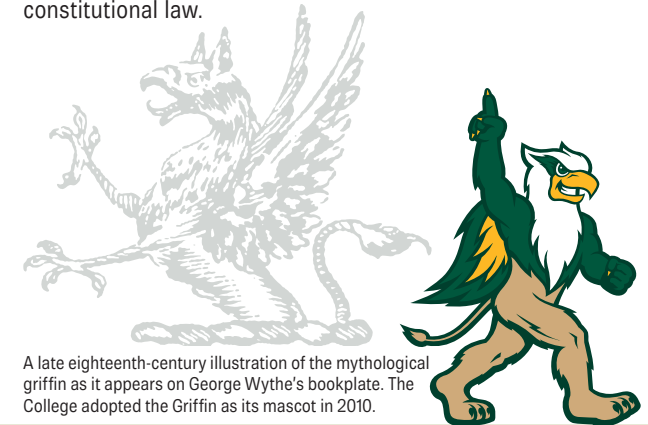


Debate by candlelight: A visit by "Thomas Jefferson" was among the highlights of the February 2012 mock legislature sponsored by students at Colonial Williamsburg, an event which revived a 230-year-old Law School tradition.

Wythe was one of the most distinguished lawyers and statesmen of his day. He was a delegate to the Continental Congress and a signer of the Declaration of Independence, a member of the Constitutional Convention and a force behind Virginia's ratification of the Constitution.

Counting the lawyers whom he mentored before and after his tenure at William & Mary, he trained two presidents of the United States, Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe; two Supreme Court justices, John Marshall and Bushrod Washington; several U.S. senators and governors; and many state legislators and state and federal judges.

One of Wythe's most illustrious students at the College was John Marshall. Marshall's time at William & Mary was brief but potent in forming the character of the person who as Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court would lay the foundations of American constitutional law.



A late eighteenth-century illustration of the mythological griffin as it appears on George Wythe's bookplate. The College adopted the Griffin as its mascot in 2010.



**My background:**

I attended Washington & Jefferson College and graduated *summa cum laude* with a degree in political science. After college, I played two years of professional baseball while also serving as a full-time assistant baseball coach at Marietta College in Ohio.

**My life at W&M:**

I am the Lead Notes Editor on the *William and Mary Law Review* and Co-Editor of the Sports and Entertainment Law Society Blog. I am also a member of the Alternative Dispute Resolution team and serve as an Admission Ambassador. I am an avid intramural participant,

particularly softball. I spent summer 2012 at Cahill Gordon Reindel in Manhattan. The firm does a great deal of work in securities and large financial transactions, in addition to its general business litigation practice.

**Why I would choose W&M again:**

A big reason I came to W&M was that I felt comfortable here. I went to a small undergraduate school and wanted to maintain that small school atmosphere where the professors take a genuine interest in their students. W&M's strong academic reputation was another important factor.



# THE Citizen Lawyer

Volunteers worked at sites around Williamsburg during students' March 2012 Day of Caring, sponsored by the Environmental Law Society, the George Wythe Society, the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund, and the Volunteer Service Corps.

# Citizen Lawyer

W&M Citizen Lawyers at Work

American legal education began here in 1779 with an extraordinary vision, first articulated by Thomas Jefferson and George Wythe, that lawyers should play significant roles in local, state, and national affairs. Our citizen-lawyer tradition reflects the principle that, as important as it is to be effective, skilled, creative attorneys, that's not enough. *Lawyers have an obligation not only to their clients and the legal profession, but also to society.*

■ Three W&M students have received the **Virginia State Bar's Oliver White Hill Law Student Pro Bono Award** since the award's creation in 2002. The annual award recognizes "extraordinary achievement in the areas of *pro bono* and under-compensated public service work in Virginia."

■ **Our professors set a high standard** as citizen lawyers. When these experts aren't teaching or publishing or advising students, they contribute to amicus briefs, consult with international governments on disability laws and policies, provide counsel to the United Nations on foreign constitutions, and lead state-wide civil rights organizations.

■ Forty-nine members of the Class of 2012 were recognized as **W&M Law School Community Servants** for providing more than 2,100 combined hours of *pro bono* legal assistance or volunteer community service.

■ Our students were among the first in the nation to participate in a **pilot program** sponsored by NALP, The Association for Legal Career Professionals, and Street Law, Inc., to teach high school students from diverse backgrounds about legal issues and legal careers.

■ **The George Wythe Society of Citizen Lawyers** is among our many student groups. The Society introduces 1Ls to the citizen-lawyer concept and to the Law School's history. It also hosts a lecture series which features distinguished citizen lawyers.

■ The William & Mary Law School Association confers the **Citizen-Lawyer Award** and the **Taylor Reveley Award** each year at graduation to graduates or friends of the Law School who are outstanding citizens and leaders.

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**Alexis McLeod '07** is Director of Development at My Friend's Place in Los Angeles and Treasurer, U.S. National Committee for U.N. Women; former Legal Fellow, International Justice Mission (South Asia) and Morrison & Foerster Equal Justice Fellow, Public Law Center (Santa Ana, CA); recipient, 2012 W&M Taylor Reveley Award for Public Service.



**Lacreia G. Cade '02** is Counsel at Taylor English in Atlanta and practiced in New Orleans from 2008-11; recipient of the Louisiana Diversity Council's 2012 Multicultural Leadership Award; founding member and immediate Past President of the Louisiana Association of Black Women Attorneys; member, ABA Young Lawyers Division Diversity Team.



**Craig Dixon '00** is Assistant Vice President, Senior Counsel, and Assistant Secretary at Smithfield Foods, Inc., in Virginia; member, Board of Trustees, Episcopal High School, Alexandria, VA, and the Richmond Police Foundation; served on the boards of the Norfolk State University Foundation and the Virginia State Bar Mandatory Legal Education Division.



**Congressman Eric Cantor '88**, who represents Virginia's 7th District, first won election to Congress in 2000; serves as Majority Leader for the 112th Congress; formerly Republican Whip for the 111th Congress; co-author of the *New York Times* best-selling book, *Young Guns: A New Generation of Conservative Leaders*.





F a c u l t y

Our professors make a difference for the better as teachers and as scholars. Their commitment to both teaching and scholarship ensures that William & Mary students receive high-quality instruction informed by current research and legal innovations.



Read our professors' biographies on the Web and you'll see that they've written hundreds of notable books, treatises, and articles. Visit their offices and you'll find open doors. W&M faculty live the Law School's ideal of the citizen lawyer, much like W&M's—and the nation's—first law professor, George Wythe, did more than 200 years ago. In keeping with that tradition, our faculty conduct research because they want to effect change; they teach so they can prepare a new generation of lawyers to do the same.

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◀ **Paul Marcus**  
Haynes Professor of Law

**Résumé:**

A.B. and J.D., University of California at Los Angeles; internationally known scholar of criminal law and procedure, jury behavior, and copyright law; 2010 recipient of the Commonwealth of Virginia's Outstanding Faculty Award and the 2010 Walter L. Williams, Jr., Teaching Award.

**Favorite class to teach:**

I can't choose a favorite among the classes I teach. Each subject remains fascinating to me as we consider all sorts of matters ranging from questions of criminal responsibility, to fair use under the Copyright Act, to rights of privacy for public figures, to the Miranda doctrine. All are truly significant and complex.

**What interests me as a scholar:**

My scholarly interests continue to shift. Over the past decade I have explored capital punishment, white collar crime, comparative criminal justice, and copyright infringement actions. Part of the joy of being a professor is that I am able to look at many different legal questions without feeling the need to focus on just one narrower subject.

**Advice to law students:**

**Go to law school to bring about change.** So very many of the vital issues facing our society revolve around the law. A good legal education—of the caliber we offer here at William & Mary—will enable you to thoughtfully evaluate those issues whether as an advocate, a counselor, a judge, a legislator, an academic, or more fundamentally as a citizen lawyer.



▲ **Angela Banks**  
Associate Professor of Law

**Résumé:**

B.A., Spelman College; M.Litt. (Sociology), Oxford University; J.D., Harvard University; served as legal advisor to Judge Gabrielle Kirk McDonald at the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal in The Hague; research focuses on immigration and human rights.

**Favorite class to teach:**

Immigration & Citizenship is among my favorite courses because it deals with complicated social and legal issues. In this class, students have the opportunity to think about and play with ideas about membership within the American polity and the relationship between membership status and legal rights. I also love that this class enables students to see how constitutional, statutory, and administrative law interact to regulate one subject area.

**What interests me as a scholar:**

I am interested in structural boundaries to political and legal participation within a nation-state. My current research projects examine the role that membership within a polity plays in the allocation of immigration-related rights. For example, one project examines who within a nation-state should have secure residence rights. Another project explores how ideas about membership influence the exercise of prosecutorial discretion in immigration enforcement.

**Advice to law students:**

**Take courses in a variety of subject areas because you never know what you will become passionate about.** My 1L Public International Law course introduced me to international trade law, which prompted me to take upper-level international trade electives and practice in this area after graduation.

▲ **Timothy Zick**

Robert E. and Elizabeth S. Scott  
Research Professor of Law

**Résumé:**

B.A., Indiana University; J.D., Georgetown University; frequent commentator in national and international media on constitutional issues; testified before Congress in January 2012 on the Occupy Wall Street protests and rights of free speech, assembly, and petition.

**Favorite class to teach:**

If I had to choose a favorite, it would probably be the First Amendment course. The subject matter, including the history and social context in which speech conflicts tend to arise, is fascinating. By the time students enter law school, they have pretty firm notions of what is or ought to be protected speech under the First Amendment. I enjoy testing and challenging those suppositions in the classroom.

**What interests me as a scholar:**

I've been particularly drawn over the years to First Amendment issues. My first book examined the concept of place and its importance to

demonstrations, protests, and other forms of public expression. My second book places the First Amendment in global perspective, by focusing on its intersection with international borders. As a scholar, I'm interested in finding new ways to look at longstanding problems. I try to bring a novel perspective to First Amendment issues that have been under active consideration by courts and scholars for some time.

**Advice to law students:**

**Get to know your professors.** Ask them about classes, careers, and other professional concerns. Be informed, involved, and engaged. You're entering a challenging but very intellectually stimulating and rewarding profession. Take advantage of the opportunities the Law School provides to develop your intellectual and professional skills.

# Academic Life

## Legal Skills Program

The Legal Skills Program is a required, three-semester course of study. In the program, you will work in small, simulated law firms with an experienced Legal Writing Instructor, a practicing attorney (your Senior Partner), a teaching assistant (your Junior Partner), and law librarians. In the first year, you will concentrate on objective and persuasive writing, as well as other practical skills necessary for successful law practice. In the second year, you will choose a specialized, upper-level course of study, such as criminal law or appellate advocacy.

### As a Legal Skills student, you will:

**Be welcomed into the Law School community and the world of law.** Your legal education begins with "Law Camp," a multi-day orientation to the Law School and the American legal system. You will get to know your classmates as you learn about the profession and receive expert instruction on how to brief and analyze cases. You will start your 1L courses ready to learn.

**Receive training in legal research and writing, drafting, interviewing, negotiating, and oral**

**advocacy.** The small class size and discussion-based format will allow you to practice and master the skills necessary to be a successful law student and attorney. Legal Writing Instructors, law librarians, and practicing attorneys will work closely with you to develop your talents.

**Gain the confidence you will need as you enter the job market.** Your Legal Skills training will help prepare you to interview for summer or permanent positions.

**Answer the "big questions."** What does it mean to be a lawyer? What skills do you need to represent a client effectively? How do lawyers relate to one another as colleagues or as opponents? Legal Skills helps to prepare you for your future practice of law.

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Bottom right: The Wolf Law Library's spacious architecture, extensive print and electronic resources, and knowledgeable, friendly staff make it a welcoming place for study, research, and relaxation.

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Rare Book Room

Previous page, top: The McClothlin Courtroom, the world's most technologically advanced trial and appellate courtroom, attracts visitors from around the globe and offers our students the opportunity for hands-on experience in the courtroom of the future.

## Journals

Selection for our five student-edited journals is made through a joint journal competition held at the end of the 1L year. Through journal work, students hone their writing skills while contributing to the world of legal scholarship.

First published in 1957, the **William and Mary Law Review** is

one of the top general interest law journals in the country and features the work of noted scholars in all areas of the law.

Recognized as one of the leading student-edited law journals of its kind, the **William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal** delivers timely and important commentary on constitutional issues.

The **William & Mary Business Law Review** publishes professional articles and student notes that address the nexus between business, law, and ethics.

The most-cited specialty law review in energy law, the **William & Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review** provides scholars, practitioners, and W&M law and public policy students with a forum for the exploration of environmental law and policy issues.

The **William & Mary Journal of Women and the Law** provides a forum for scholarship and discussion of gender-related issues and feminist legal studies.

## Competition Teams

The **Alternative Dispute Resolution Team** is an ABA Student Division Program that helps students develop professional skills through competitions that focus on client counseling and methods of dispute resolution other than litigation, such as negotiation, mediation, and arbitration.

The **Moot Court Program** promotes student development and refinement of both oral advocacy and brief



National Trial Team

writing skills. Each year the Moot Court Team sends its members to approximately ten tournaments around the nation. Our teams have enjoyed resounding successes, and

our students are well known as talented oral advocates who have demonstrated their writing skills by winning multiple "Best Brief" awards in recent years.

The **National Trial Team** competes annually in a number of prestigious national tournaments. Members gain extensive training in all levels of trial

advocacy, from evidentiary objections and fundamental trial skills to sophisticated trial strategy and persuasion.

Moot Court Team



# Curriculum

## Getting started: First- and second-year required courses

Our first-year curriculum will introduce you to the essential analytical skills you'll need to practice law. Through the study of traditional first-year subjects and your responsibilities in a Legal Skills law firm, you'll develop the ability to read and analyze cases, conduct legal research, and prepare legal documents.

### Required first-year courses\*

#### FALL

Civil Procedure – 4  
Criminal Law – 4  
Legal Skills I – 3  
Torts – 4

#### SPRING

Constitutional Law – 4  
Contracts – 4  
Legal Skills II – 3  
Property – 4

### Required second-year course\*

SPRING  
Legal Skills III – 2

### Required course\* (second or third year)

Professional Responsibility – 2

\*credit hours as noted

## Hitting your stride: The elective curriculum

Starting in your second year, you'll be able to choose from more than 100 different elective courses and seminars. Our elective curriculum covers every aspect of law, from criminal law to entertainment law to health law and policy.

### You also may earn academic credit through:

- independent study with a professor
- extracurricular activities such as serving on a student-edited journal or participating in Moot Court or Trial Team
- courses offered through the College's other departments and schools

In addition, numerous externships and clinics will give you a chance to earn credit, to gain practical experience, and to develop professional contacts. Our curriculum is designed to help you achieve your career goals.

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## Electives

### Business Law

#### Foundational:

Antitrust  
Business Associations  
Corporations  
Federal Income Tax  
Insurance  
International Business Transactions

#### Supporting:

Accounting for Lawyers  
Administrative Law  
Admiralty  
Antitrust  
Bankruptcy Survey  
Community Association Law  
Comparative Corporate Governance  
Complex Transactional Practice  
Corporate Governance & the Public Corporation



Boyd Fellow and Professor of Law Lan Cao teaches International Business Transactions and International Trade Law. Her research focuses on international economic development and the role that cultural norms play in developing countries.

Corporate Tax  
Drafting for Corporate & Finance Lawyers  
Mergers & Acquisitions  
Private Equity & Venture Capital  
Securities Regulation (Survey or I & II)  
Selected Problems in Securities Regulation  
Small Business Planning  
Taxation of Small Business  
Title Insurance

### Commercial Law

#### Foundational:

Payment Systems  
Sales  
Secured Transactions

#### Supporting:

Bankruptcy Survey  
European Union Law  
Foundations of the Common Law  
Government Contracts

International Trade Law  
Products Liability  
Real Estate Transactions

### Constitutional Law

**Foundational:**  
Federal Courts

#### Supporting:

Administrative Law  
Campaign Finance  
Comparative Law  
Constitutional Law & the Family  
Constitutional Literacy  
Election Law  
Federalist Papers  
First Amendment  
Influence of Legal Profession on Legislative & Judicial Process  
Law & Religion  
Legislative Process  
Post-Election Litigation  
Presidential Public Financing

Property Rights  
State & Local Government  
Takings & Just Compensation

### Criminal Law

#### Foundational:

Criminal Procedure I  
Criminal Procedure II  
Criminal Procedure Survey

#### Supporting:

Death Penalty  
Domestic Violence Clinic  
International Criminal Law  
Selected Problems in Criminal Justice  
Selected Problems in Criminal Law  
Terrorism  
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  
Selected Topics in Employment Law  
Special Topics in Sports 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  
Special Topics in Environmental Law: Climate Change

## Family and Personal Wealth

### Foundational:

Bankruptcy Survey  
Family Law  
Family Wealth Transactions  
Trusts & Estates

### Supporting:

Advanced Family Law  
Advocacy

Federal Income Tax  
Law & Intimate Associations  
Real Estate Transactions  
Selected Topics in Estate Planning & Elder Law  
Special Topics in Juvenile Law  
Title Insurance  
Youth Law

## Health Care

### Foundational:

Administrative Law  
Health Law & Policy

### Supporting:

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

## Intellectual Property

### Foundational:

Copyright Law  
Intellectual Property Survey

Patent Law  
Trademark Law  
**Supporting:**  
Copyright Litigation  
Electronic Discovery & Data Seizures  
Entertainment Law  
Entertainment Law Litigation  
Internet Law  
Patent Appeals & Interferences  
Privacy in a Technological Age

## International Law

### Foundational:

International Business Transactions  
Public International Law

### Supporting:

Admiralty  
Comparative Law  
Cultural Property Law  
European Union Law  
Gender and Human Rights  
Human Rights  
Immigration & Citizenship Law

International Criminal Law  
International Organizations  
International Trade  
Islamic Law  
Litigation in Civil Law Systems  
Military Law  
National Security Law  
Post-Conflict Justice & the Rule of Law  
Selected Problems in International Trade & Economics  
Terrorism  
Topics in EU Internet Law

## Litigation

### Foundational:

Evidence  
Federal Courts  
Trial Advocacy  
Virginia Civil Procedure  
**Supporting:**  
Administrative Law  
Advanced Brief Writing  
Advanced Research I

Advanced Research II  
Advocacy Regulation  
Alternative Dispute Resolution Survey  
American Jury  
Conflicts  
Depositions  
Discovery – Pretrial  
Domestic Violence Clinic  
Electronic Discovery & Data Seizures  
Entertainment Law Litigation  
General Mediation  
Innocence Project Clinic  
Legal Aid Clinic  
Negotiation & Settlement Advocacy  
Objections  
Post-Election Litigation  
Remedies  
Special Education Advocacy  
Technology-Augmented Trial Advocacy  
Trial Strategy & Persuasion  
Veterans Benefits Clinic I, II

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  
Partnership and LLC 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  
Constitutional Literacy

Crime, Law & Social Policy  
Economic Analysis  
Law & Literature  
Law & Neuroscience  
Law & Politics  
Law & Psychology  
Law & Sexual Violence  
Law & Social Justice  
Philosophy of the Law

Resurgent Role of Legal History in Modern Supreme Court Cases  
State & Local Government Finance  
Statistics for Lawyers

## Clinics

Domestic Violence  
Elder Law  
Federal Tax  
Innocence Project  
Legal Aid  
Special Education Advocacy  
Veterans Benefits

## Externships

Criminal Litigation  
Federal Government

Judicial  
Nonprofit Organization  
Private Practice & In-House Counsel  
State & Local Government  
U.S. Attorney  
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 Business Law Review*  
*William & Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review*  
*William & Mary Journal of Women and the Law*  
*William and Mary Law Review*

Ian M. Rably  
'05

Executive Director,  
I.R. Consilium

Counsel,  
Picard Kentz &  
Rowe, LLP



### My background:

I was born in Bombay, India, and raised mostly in Baltimore. I earned a B.A. in modern languages and linguistics, and an M.A. in intercultural communication at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. I recently received my Ph.D. in politics and international studies from the University of Cambridge on a Gates Scholarship.

### Best classes:

Professor Selassie's Public International Law course and Professor Warren's course in Comparative Law proved to be two of the most useful courses I have ever taken and have greatly influenced my professional endeavors since law school. Working in the Iraqi Special Tribunal Clinic with Professor Malone also gave me an excellent glimpse into the realities of international criminal justice.

### What I do:

In addition to completing a doctorate on the subject at the University of Cambridge, I have been consulting for several years now on issues relating to the regulation, governance, and oversight of private security companies, including those engaged in maritime and anti-piracy operations.

### My career path since W&M:

I practiced law in Virginia, then changed course to pursue my passion for international affairs. My practice now focuses on public international law and matters involving sovereign states. I am involved in international efforts to regulate and govern the provision of private security services.

### Advice for students:

Find your passion and stick to it. There are myriad opportunities for someone with a J.D. from an excellent school such as William & Mary.

## Clinics

Our Clinical Program offers you many opportunities to practice the wide range of skills necessary to provide clients with representation of the highest caliber. Working under the supervision of an experienced lawyer serving as your professor, you will have opportunities in your second and third years to represent real clients in actual cases.

### **Domestic Violence:**

Assists victims of domestic violence and gives students experience in interviewing, counseling, and representing clients in court.

**Elder Law:** Provides assistance to seniors with issues such as competency, guardianships, long-term care options, limited estate and probate matters, and public benefit programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security.

**Federal Tax:** Assists in the representation of low-income Virginia taxpayers before the

IRS, U.S. Tax Court, and U.S. District Court.

**Innocence Project:** Supports the investigation of inmate claims of actual innocence, focusing on DNA evidence, investigative activities, and post-conviction remedies and procedures.

**Legal Aid:** Offers services to low-income clients in a variety of civil matters, including domestic relations, consumer law, debt collection defense, landlord-tenant law, and public benefits.

**Special Education Advocacy:** Assists children with special

needs and their families in obtaining special education services; representation includes eligibility or Individualized Education Program meetings, discipline matters, mediation, and administrative hearings.

### **Veterans Benefits:**

Aids veterans in the filing, adjudication, and appeal of their disability compensation claims, VA pension, discharge upgrades, retroactive retirements and active duty medical separations.

[law.wm.edu/academics/programs/jd/electives/clinics](http://law.wm.edu/academics/programs/jd/electives/clinics)



Dean Davison M. Douglas welcomes scholars, judges, practitioners, and students from the U.S. and China to Beijing for the 8th Annual Brigham-Kanner Conference, sponsored by the Property Rights Project.

## Institutes and Programs

To ensure the fullest experience possible for our students, our six institutes and programs offer a variety of lectures, panels, and conferences, which examine cases before U.S. courts, provide perspectives on international legal systems, and address how law affects human rights and shapes democracy. These centers also foster research, assist courts and judges, and give our students the chance to work on legal projects around the world.

[law.wm.edu/academics/intellectuallife/researchcenters](http://law.wm.edu/academics/intellectuallife/researchcenters)

### **Center for Legal and Court Technology:**

Dedicated to improving the administration of justice through appropriate technology. Conducts research including Lab Trials, designs courtrooms and courthouses, and provides training and

consulting worldwide. Teaches tech-related courses and trains students to use court technology.

### **Election Law Program:**

In partnership with the National Center for State Courts, the program was formed to help state court judges

understand the unique nature of election litigation. Creates educational resources for judges on election law topics and sponsors events and conferences with the student-run Election Law Society.

**Human Security Law Center:** Fosters discussion of national

defense, environmental security, and human rights issues. Sponsors a Distinguished Lecture Series and partners with student organizations, such as the Human Security Law Society, to present symposia.

### **Institute of Bill of**

**Rights Law:** Encourages discussion of constitutional issues through lectures, panels, and conferences. Presents the annual Supreme Court Preview, which brings together scholars, advocates, judges, and journalists for a lively analysis of the Court's upcoming term. Supports the activities of the IBRL Student Division.

### **Program in Comparative Legal Studies and Post-Conflict Peacebuilding:**

Focuses on legal and policy issues facing countries recovering from conflict. Provides comparative research to organizations working in developing and transitioning environments, facilitates summer internships and independent research projects for students with international organizations, and hosts guest speakers.

### **Property Rights**

**Project:** Promotes the exchange of ideas between scholars and members of the property rights bar through lectures, an annual conference, and a conference journal. Recognizes outstanding contributions of individuals to the field of property rights scholarship with the annual Brigham-Kanner Property Rights Prize.

## Your passport to a global legal education

Through W&M Law's many study abroad opportunities you can learn more about the legal systems of other countries, study with international faculty, sharpen your language skills (though many courses are taught in English), and *gain a perspective on law through the lens of another culture.*

Through our **Semester Exchange Programs**, 2Ls may apply to study during the fall of their third year of law school at eight universities around the world:

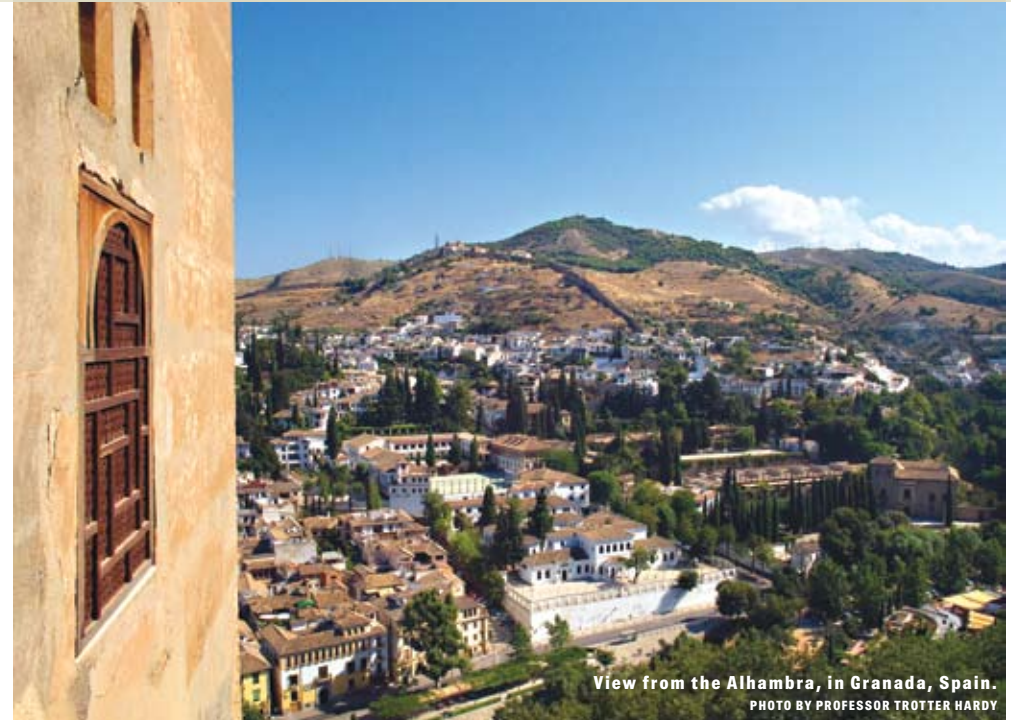
- China University of Politics and Law (Beijing, China)
- City University of Hong Kong

- Instituto de Empresa (Madrid, Spain)
- Keio University School of Law (Tokyo, Japan)
- Tsinghua University (Beijing, China)
- University of Auckland School of Law (New Zealand)
- University of Luxembourg
- University of Vienna (Austria)

In addition, we offer a five-week **Summer Abroad Program** in Madrid, Spain. More than 4,600 students from law schools across the U.S. have participated in the program, which is now in its 25th year. Courses are taught in English by a W&M

professor and nine Spanish faculty from multiple universities in Madrid, many of whom are leaders in Spain's government and legal community.

[law.wm.edu/academics/programs/studyabroad](http://law.wm.edu/academics/programs/studyabroad)



View from the Alhambra, in Granada, Spain.  
PHOTO BY PROFESSOR TROTTER HARDY

Alexandria  
Poole  
'13



### My background:

I am a native of Flint, MI, and a graduate of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, where I earned a B.A. with distinction in political science. Before law school, I worked in the Flint public school system.

### Activities at W&M:

I am a staff member on the *Journal of Women and the Law* and served as Secretary of the Black Law Students Association. For my 3L year, I am a Graduate Council representative for the Student Bar Association, LL.M. Co-Coordinator for the International Law

Society, and a mentor with Big Brothers Big Sisters. During summer 2012, I worked in Beijing at a children's rights and migrant workers' NGO.

### Why I would choose W&M again:

In addition to the history and prestige of W&M and Williamsburg, the relationships I began to

form during Admitted Student Weekend made me realize that this is where I needed to be.

The people here are phenomenal—from the students to the maintenance staff to the faculty and administrators.





# Student Life



William & Mary law students are always busy making the most of a once-in-a-lifetime educational and social experience. You can be a part of about 50 different student organizations. There are service groups like the Public Service Fund, educational organizations like the Election Law Society, five student-edited law journals and a student newspaper, as well as Trial, Moot Court, and Alternative Dispute Resolution teams. And, as if that's not enough, the Law School hosts more than 80 lectures and conferences each year.

**You'll find lots to do:**

Get to know your classmates during the Student Bar Association's ski trip, winery tour, homecoming tailgate, and semi-formal dances.

Learn from top experts at the annual Supreme Court Preview and at major conferences on topics such as capital murder and the death penalty, regulating and supporting "green" businesses, and non-citizen rights.

Show your concern for the greater community by participating in the Bone Marrow Drive Committee's 5K "Ali's Run," or by contributing an entry in the

Thanksgiving food basket competition sponsored by the Black Law Students Association.

Exchange ideas with visiting experts and citizen lawyers. Recent guests have included former U.S. Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates, Chancellor of the College of William & Mary; veteran Supreme Court reporters Joan Biskupic and Adam Liptak; and Douglas Bunch '06, a co-founder of Global Playgrounds, a charity that builds schools and libraries for children in the developing world.

[law.wm.edu/studentlife](http://law.wm.edu/studentlife)

Former U.S. Secretary of Defense Robert M. Gates spoke with students at the invitation of the International Law Society following his investiture as Chancellor of the College of William & Mary.



**Lend your time and talents to:**

**Organizations**

- American Civil Liberties Union
- American Constitution Society
- Asian-American Law Students Association
- Black Law Students Association
- Bone Marrow Drive Committee
- Business Law Society
- Children's Advocacy Law Society
- Christian Legal Society
- Criminal Law Society
- De Vecino a Vecino Election Law Society
- Environmental Law Society
- The Federalist Society
- The George Wythe Society Honor Council
- Human Security Law Society
- I'Anson-Hoffman American Inn of Court
- Institute of Bill of Rights Law Student Division
- International Law Society
- Jewish Law Students Association
- J. Reuben Clark Society
- Labor and Employment Law Society
- Law Cappella
- Law Revue
- LGBT Equality Alliance
- Mediation Society
- Military and Veterans Law Society

- Multicultural Law Students Association
- National Lawyers Guild
- Northeast Legal Society
- Phi Alpha Delta
- Phi Delta Phi
- Public Service Fund
- Sports and Entertainment Law Society
- Student Bar Association
- Student Intellectual Property Society
- Student Legal Services
- Students for the Innocence Project
- Volunteer Service Corps
- W&M Chapter of the Virginia Bar Association
- W&M Law School Student Animal Legal Defense Fund
- W&M Women's Law Society

**Publications**

- William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal*
- William & Mary Business Law Review*
- William & Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review*
- William & Mary Journal of Women and the Law*
- William and Mary Law Review*
- Not Wythe Standing (the News)*

**Competitive Teams**

- Alternative Dispute Resolution Team
- Moot Court Program
- National Trial Team



Lee Tankle  
**'13**

**My background:**

I went to Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA, where I was a law and policy major and served as Student Body President. I am originally from suburban Philadelphia.

**My life at W&M:**

I am the Student Bar Association President, a Notes Editor for the *Bill of Rights Journal*, an admission tour guide, and an Admission Ambassador. In summer 2011, I split my time between the Office of General Counsel

at Dickinson College and the Hon. John E. Jones III, U.S. District Court, Middle District of Pennsylvania. I was a 2012 summer associate at McNees Wallace & Nurick in Harrisburg, PA.

**Why I would choose W&M again:**

The people. Plain and simple. W&M has a community of students who genuinely care about each other. They are the

type of people who will send you notes (without asking) if you have to miss a class. They are the people you want to be with when you are relaxing after a hard day of studying

or if you just want to go grab a coffee at 1 a.m. This community ethos is also present in student relationships with faculty, staff, and administration.

Our professors care about us and our interests—both inside and outside the classroom.





LIVING IN **W**illiamsburg

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 good food, this is the place for you.



At left, Fourth of July fireworks at Colonial Williamsburg's Governor's Palace. *Reproduced with permission of The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.*

Above, The Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Graduate Complex is a few steps away from the Law School.

Top, at right, Duke of Gloucester Street (or "DoG Street" as it's affectionately known) recently was recognized as "One of the Top Ten Great Streets in America" by the American Planning Association.

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. Family-owned restaurants serve up Southern cuisine and a weekly Farmer's Market features locally grown produce. The Student Bar Association's Bar Review programs will introduce you to the city's nightlife, from pints with friends to live music performances to karaoke nights.

You can stroll along historic Duke of Gloucester Street, two blocks from the Law School, and enjoy lunch outdoors. Or, you can travel down Richmond Road to peruse the bargains offered at our outlet malls. Students ride for free on Williamsburg Area Transit buses, and it's a short trip to the city's two new shopping areas and local attractions like Busch Gardens.

The main campus of William & Mary hosts many cultural events for law students to enjoy. The university's Rec Center offers a wide range

of athletic facilities, including a fitness center, pool, climbing wall, and basketball courts. Tennis enthusiasts will enjoy playing in the McCormack-Nagelsen Tennis Center, located next door to the Law School. Whether you're up for kayaking on the James River, biking on nearby trails, or golfing at any of the area's more than a dozen golf courses, you'll find that Williamsburg's mild climate beckons everyone outdoors.

Guidebooks often refer to the area as the Historic Triangle. Just a short walk from the Law School, Colonial Williamsburg has been restored to appear as it did when it served as Virginia's capital. A short drive down Colonial Parkway will take you to Yorktown, the scene of the Revolutionary War battle that triggered the British surrender, and to Jamestown, the site of the first permanent English settlement in the New World.

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

[law.wm.edu/about/ourtown](http://law.wm.edu/about/ourtown)



### Where to live

You can live steps away from the Law School in the Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Graduate Complex, or the Gradplex as it is better known, which has two, three, and four bedroom furnished apartments. These university-owned apartments are assigned as space is available

and rent includes all utilities, cable TV, and high-speed Internet access. Many students opt to live off campus, and rent affordably priced homes, apartments, or condos in the community.

[law.wm.edu/studentlife/studenthousing](http://law.wm.edu/studentlife/studenthousing)

Ann Zachariah

'14



### My background:

I'm from Richmond, VA, and went to college at the University of Richmond where I graduated *cum laude* with majors in political science and international studies and a minor in history. I spent my junior year abroad at the London School of Economics where I studied government and history.

### My life at W&M:

I am the Co-President of the Asian-American Law Students Association, Vice President of the Criminal Law Society, and a member of the International Law Society. In summer 2012, I interned with the State Department and worked as a Research Assistant for Professor Christie Warren.

### Why I would choose W&M again:

There are so many opportunities available for students through the Law School and local organizations. I also enjoy the lighthearted moments we have in class, especially the occasional law jokes from professors. It really shows how comfortable the learning environment is here.

The faculty and staff are interested in knowing students and are willing to offer valuable advice to help us reach our goals.



Job Search Guide. You'll also gain access to resources on our Web site and in the OCS library to investigate employment options.

### Support for public service careers

**Summer Public Service Fellowships.** During summer 2012, the Law School awarded almost \$300,000 in summer public service fellowships to 105 rising 2Ls and 3Ls. Past fellowship recipients have worked on six continents at civil rights organizations, human rights groups, legal aid societies, prosecutors, public defenders, government agencies, think tanks, and advocacy groups.

**LRAP.** The Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) helps make the choice of public service careers more viable for our 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.

[law.wm.edu/careerservices](http://law.wm.edu/careerservices)

## Office of Career Services

Career Services (OCS) believes successful career development is a responsibility shared between the school and each student. OCS welcomes its role in this partnership. Many factors—including the economy, your academic and extracurricular accomplishments, interview skills, and individual effort—will affect your job search. Although we cannot guarantee a specific job or a particular salary, we are committed to working closely with you to prepare you for a successful search. We also pledge to implement innovative ways of establishing relationships with employers.

### OCS offers:

#### Individualized career advising

Our priority is to help you find a meaningful career that aligns well with your interests, values, skills, and personality. Your designated advisor will help you assess what you value in a career. Once you have identified the factors most important to you, we help you analyze your options, refine your career goals, and develop a personalized job-search strategy.

#### Human resources

**OCS Advisors.** OCS advisors have a wealth of experience in career advising. They have established relationships with employers in a variety of settings and organizations. Their contacts also include organizations that hire lawyers for professional positions beyond the practice of law.

**Faculty and Alumni.** Faculty members and alumni can also lend a helping hand in your job search. They regularly assist students in securing judicial clerkships and learning about substantive areas of practice.

#### Career planning resources

**Skills Workshops and Information Sessions.** In addition to practical "skills focused" workshops on writing effective résumés and cover letters,

networking, and interviewing, OCS offers sessions on strategies for an effective, personalized job search.

**Practice Areas Programs.** OCS brings lawyers to campus to discuss a broad range of employment settings and practice areas.

#### Alumni Mock Interviews and Co-Counsel Program

You'll have a chance to hone your interviewing skills in practice interviews with alumni attorneys who'll provide helpful feedback. You can also participate in the Co-Counsel Program, sponsored by our Alumni Affairs and Development Office, which pairs you with an alumni mentor.

**Research Tools.** You'll receive a Career Planning Manual, a Government and Public Interest Job Search Guide, and an International Public Service



### Class of 2011 JD Employment Status\* as of February 15, 2012

Employment Status	Number	Percentage	Full-Time Long-Term	Full-Time Short-Term	Part-Time Long-Term	Part-Time Short-Term
Employed - Bar Passage Required	127	62.3%	112	13	1	1
Employed - JD Advantage	29	14.2%	27	1	0	1
Employed - Professional Position	6	2.9%	4	1	0	1
Employed - Non-Professional Position	1	0.5%	0	0	0	1
Employed - Undeterminable	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0
Pursuing Graduate Degree Full Time	8	3.9%				
Unemployed - Start Date Deferred	4	2.0%				
Unemployed - Not Seeking	0	0.0%				
Unemployed - Seeking	25	12.3%				
Employment Status Unknown	4	2.0%				
<b>Total Graduates</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>100%</b>				

\*Employment status categories and definitions are those used by the American Bar Association. The ABA defines a short-term position as one that has a definite term of less than one year. A long-term position is one that does not have a definite or indefinite term of less than one year. Due to rounding, total exceeds 100%. All employment reported above is funded by the graduates' employers. None are short-term Law School/University Funded positions.

More than 7,600 W&M Law graduates live and work in all 50 states, DC, and 45 other countries and often are a valuable networking resource.



### Class of 2011 Employment Type\*

Type	Number	Percentage
Law Firms	51	31.3%
Business & Industry	26	16.0%
Government	38	23.3%
Public Interest	8	4.9%
Judicial Clerkships	33	20.2%
Academia	7	4.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>100%</b>

\*Employment types are those used by the American Bar Association.

### Class of 2011 Employment Locations

	Number	Percentage
Virginia	66	40.5%
Non-Virginia <i>(25 states, DC, South Korea, and Italy)</i>	96	58.9%
Unknown <i>(Military JAGC to be assigned)</i>	1	0.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Here is a sampling of places you'll find W&M Law graduates:

### Law Firms

Arnold & Porter (DC)  
 Covington & Burling (DC)  
 DLA Piper (DE, GA, IL)  
 Dorsey & Whitney (NY)  
 Fulbright & Jaworski (DC, China)  
 Gibson Dunn (DC)  
 Hughes Hubbard & Reed (NY, France)  
 Hunton & Williams (DC, FL, NC, NY, TX, VA, UK)  
 Jones Day (CA, DC, OH, PA)  
 Locke Lord Bissell & Liddell (GA, IL, TX)  
 Mayer Brown (CA, China)  
 McGuireWoods (DC, FL, NC, NY, VA)  
 Parker Poe (NC, SC)  
 Ropes & Gray (DC, MA)  
 Seyfarth Shaw (DC, IL, MA)  
 Sidley Austin (DC, IL, NY)  
 Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (DC, DE, NY)  
 Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati (CA, DC, NY)

### Businesses and Corporations

Bristol-Myers Squibb Corporation (NJ)  
 Capital One (TX, VA)  
 Delta Air Lines Foundation (GA)  
 Facebook (CA)  
 Federal Express Corporation (TN)  
 Norfolk Southern (VA)  
 Microsoft Corporation (WA)  
 Time Warner Cable (NY)  
 Tory Burch LLC (NY)  
 The Walt Disney Company Foundation (FL)

### Public Service

American Civil Liberties Union (DC)  
 American Constitution Society (DC)  
 Disabilities Law Program (DE)  
 National Center for State Courts (VA)  
 National Employment Law Project (DC)  
 The Nature Conservancy (CO, VA)  
 New York Legal Assistance Group

### Government

City of San Francisco  
 Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (DC)  
 Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (Austria)  
 Federal Bureau of Investigation (CA, DC, FL, TN, VA)  
 Internal Revenue Service (DC, OH, VA)  
 Judge Advocate General's Corps (worldwide)  
 Massachusetts Department of Revenue  
 New Jersey Superior Court  
 North Carolina Department of Secretary of State  
 Office of the Attorney General (nationwide)  
 U.S. Agency for International Development (DC)  
 U.S. Department of Commerce (DC, MD, VA)  
 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DC, MD)

U.S. Department of Justice (nationwide)  
 U.S. Department of State (DC, France)  
 U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (CA, DC, MA)

### Academia

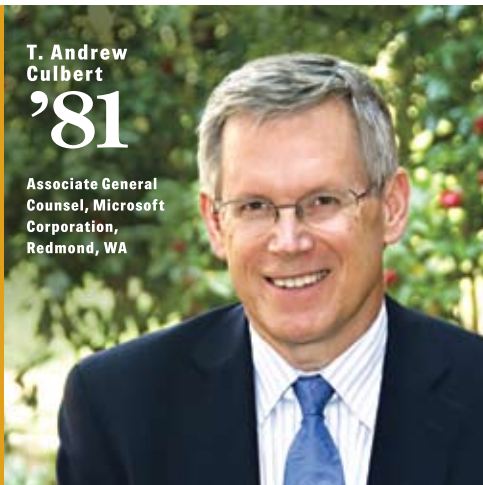
Boston College Law School  
 Columbia University Law School  
 George Washington University  
 Michigan State University  
 Naval War College  
 Stetson University College of Law  
 U.S. Military Academy  
 The University of New England (Australia)  
 University of Richmond Robins School of Business

### Class of 2011 Salary\*

	Status Known	Number Salaries Reported	Percentage Salaries Reported	Minimum	25th Percentile	Median	75th Percentile	Maximum
Classwide	163	134	82.2%	\$30,000	\$50,000	\$60,000	\$77,237	\$160,000
Private Sector	77	57	74.0%	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$75,000	\$95,000	\$160,000
Public & Non-Profit Sectors	86	77	89.5%	\$37,000	\$45,000	\$53,000	\$62,467	\$98,400

\*All salaries reflect full-time employment.

**T. Andrew Culbert**  
 '81  
 Associate General Counsel, Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, WA



#### My background:

I grew up in Loudoun County, VA (when it was rural), and went to Williams College where I majored in biology.

#### What I do:

I manage Microsoft's worldwide patent infringement litigation.

I have a team of five patent litigators and we typically have a docket of about 50 pending patent infringement cases. Much of the job entails developing the tactics for handling particular cases and directing the company's overall patent defense and enforcement strategies.

#### My career path since W&M:

I've only had two jobs. My first job was with Drinker Biddle in Philadelphia. I had a varied commercial litigation practice that eventually became concentrated in the intellectual property area. I became a partner and enjoyed my time as a Philadelphia lawyer.

After 17 years, I was lured to Microsoft to take on the role as the person responsible for all of Microsoft's patent litigation.

#### Why I became a lawyer:

I was attracted to a career that involved analytical reasoning and problem solving.

#### Advice for students:

Always analyze every legal issue from your opponent's perspective, and respect your adversary in the same way that you would respect your own client.

## You've learned about us, now we want to learn about you.

### Application checklist

1. **Completed and electronically certified online application** (LSAC.org);
2. **\$50 nonrefundable application fee** paid online to LSAC;
3. **Personal statement and optional essays;**
4. **LSAT score report** sent by LSAC with transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work;
5. **Two letters of recommendation or evaluations** (more are welcome); and
6. **Application for Virginia In-State Tuition Privileges** if you claim Virginia domicile for tuition purposes.

Check out our blog at  
[law.wm.edu/admissions/  
blog/index.php](http://law.wm.edu/admissions/blog/index.php)



“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

### Class of 2014 profile

**Number of Applicants:**  
5,939

**Enrolled Students:** 217

**Acceptance Rate:** 22%

**Median LSAT:** 165  
(75th/25th: 167/161)

**Median GPA:** 3.73  
(75th/25th: 3.82/3.46)

**Male/Female Ratio:**  
51%/49%

**Percentage of Minority  
Students:** 19%

**Average Age:** 24

**Age Range:** 18 to 36

**States Represented:**  
35 and the District of  
Columbia

**Other Countries  
Represented:** China and  
South Korea

**Undergraduate Colleges  
or Universities:** 136

**Advanced Degrees:** 8%

### Class members have diverse backgrounds and include:

Five Teach for America corps  
members

Williamsburg City Council  
member

Deputy Chief of Staff to a  
U.S. senator

Paralegals and legal  
assistants

A classically trained pianist

Two student body presidents

Seven presidents of  
fraternities and sororities

Nine Eagle Scouts

Six missionaries

Five members with military  
service

Eighteen members of  
Phi Beta Kappa

### Members have earned degrees in almost every discipline, including:

Biology

Business Management

Communications

Computer Science

Economics

Engineering

English

Government

History

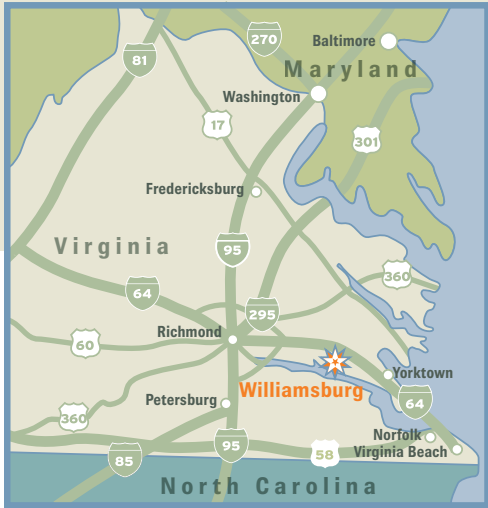
Humanities

International Relations

Political Science

Philosophy

Psychology



### Visit us

We invite you to visit and meet with an admission dean, sit in on a law class, and take a tour with a student. Visits are scheduled on weekdays during the academic year with tours offered at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. To schedule your visit, please use our online reservation form at [law.wm.edu/admissions/visitus/tourreservations](http://law.wm.edu/admissions/visitus/tourreservations), call us at (757) 221-3785, or email [lawadm@wm.edu](mailto:lawadm@wm.edu) at least one week in advance.

### Powerful education, great value

2012-13	Virginia Resident	Non-Resident
Tuition & Fees	\$27,800	\$37,800
Living Allowance	\$14,850	\$14,850
Books/Supplies	\$1,450	\$1,450
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$44,100</b>	<b>\$54,100</b>



William & Mary tuition, fees, and cost of living are competitive—some say a bargain—compared to most law schools. Compare your options and be the judge. Every student admitted to William & Mary Law School is considered for merit-based scholarships and fellowships. To apply for special fellowships associated with the Institute of Bill of

Rights Law, the Center for Legal and Court Technology, the Election Law Program, and the Wolf Law Library ([law.wm.edu/admissions/financialaid/fellowships](http://law.wm.edu/admissions/financialaid/fellowships)), indicate your interest on the application. Most of our students qualify for financial assistance and educational loans are available. To apply for need-based funds and federal student aid/loans, file the FAFSA by

February 15 and have a report sent to William & Mary—Title IV Code 003705—for eligibility and processing.

*William & Mary does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex/gender, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, political belief, disability, veteran status, age, or any other category protected by the Commonwealth or by federal law.*

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Jean-Paul Theroux  
'13



#### My background:

I grew up on my family's farm in Loudoun County, VA, but spent a significant portion of my childhood overseas, living for four years in New Delhi and then for another year in Rome. I attended the University of Virginia, where I rowed crew and graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a degree in English literature.

#### Life at W&M:

I serve as a Lead Articles Editor on our flagship journal, the *William and Mary Law Review*, and during my 2L year was Secretary of the Students for the Innocence Project. I have had internships with leading law firms in Mumbai, India, and Costa Rica, as well as a period of legal study abroad in

Istanbul. I was also a 2012 summer associate in the Washington, DC, office of Baker & McKenzie.

#### Why I would choose W&M again:

W&M is providing me the superb legal education I will need to practice in the complex and changing field of international

trade. The Law School community itself is made up of a devoted and brilliant faculty, intelligent and supportive fellow students, and a helpful alumni network with connections to all the places and organizations on my professional horizon.

William & Mary has opened doors for me around the world.





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