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WILLIAM & MARY LAW SCHOOL



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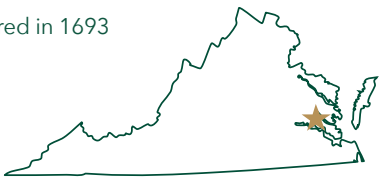
1779
America's first law school

Affiliation:

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



**Tuition and
Financial Aid**

\$32,964

Virginia Resident
Tuition (2017-18)

\$41,964

Non-Resident
Tuition (2017-18)

87%

Students received
financial aid (2016)

**\$10.5
million**

Total scholarship
and fellowship
value (2016)

2016–17 Student Body

694

Full-time students
[**46% Men : 54% Women**]
[**633 J.D. | 61 LL.M.**]

24%

Identify as students of color

20–65

Age range
[Average **24**]

45

States, DC, and the US
Virgin Islands represented

12

Countries represented

350

Undergraduate schools
represented

**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)**

Class of 2019

236

Enrolled

4,227

Applicants

162

Median LSAT
[75th/25th: **164/157**]

3.75

Median GPA
[75th/25th: **3.88/3.49**]

65%

Engaged in significant
volunteer work

52%

With full-time
work experience



A late eighteenth-century illustration of the mythical griffin as it appears on George Wythe's bookplate. William & Mary adopted the Griffin as its mascot in 2010.



**Local
Landmarks**

Colonial Williamsburg,
the world's largest living
history museum

Jamestown, site of the
first permanent English
settlement in America

Yorktown, site of the
battle that ended the
Revolutionary War

On the Cover: Dedicated in February 2017, the James A. and Robin L. Hixon Center for Experiential Learning and Leadership reflects our strong emphasis on preparing students to practice law the day they graduate. The 12,000 square-foot Center houses the Legal Practice Program and our clinics.

MESSAGE

from the DEAN

William & Mary takes its special place as the nation's first law school very seriously. Since our founding by Thomas Jefferson in 1779, we have created a compelling reputation as a top law school, and today we host everything from an amazing collection of rare books from Colonial America to the most technologically advanced educational trial and appellate courtroom in the world.

We have also built for a strong future with our new James A. and Robin L. Hixon Center for Experiential Learning and Leadership, home to our legal clinics, Legal Practice Program, and leadership activities. The Hixon Center is providing students with the experiential edge that puts their legal careers on a strong footing.

We also take great pride in attracting an excellent faculty comprising internationally recognized scholars and legal trailblazers who prize teaching above all. Their influential scholarship, which helps shape the development of our legal system, informs their teaching, whether in the classroom or one-on-one.

As you can imagine, we enjoy a close-knit community. Our professors know students by name, not merely as faces on a seating chart. Per Jefferson's intent, we are committed to training highly skilled and ethical citizen lawyers who graduate ready to serve the greater good.

With a storied past and great days ahead, we hope you will consider joining us.

Davison M. Douglas



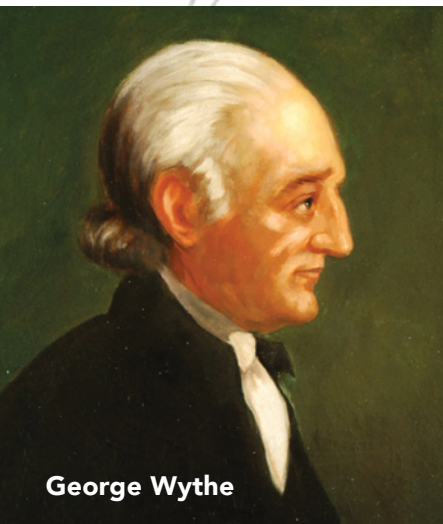
Davison M. Douglas

*Dean and Arthur B. Hanson
Professor of Law*

Select 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 University Press) and *Redefining Equality* (Oxford University Press).

a STORIED HISTORY



George Wythe

First in the Nation

In 1779, against the backdrop of the Revolutionary War, Virginia Governor and William & Mary alumnus Thomas Jefferson urged William & Mary's Board of Visitors to establish a chair in law. The appointment of Jefferson's mentor, George Wythe, as the College's – and the nation's – first law professor marked the founding of the first law school in America. The training of American lawyers in a university setting had begun.

Citizen Lawyers

Jefferson's actions were pivotal for American legal education and for the role of lawyers in our society. Jefferson and Wythe believed that lawyers have an obligation not only to their clients and the legal profession but also to the greater good.

William & Mary's citizen-lawyer tradition resonates today throughout our community. Our graduates are effective, skilled, and creative attorneys who also do a great deal of pro bono work and extend their philanthropic reach far and wide. They are citizen lawyers in every sense of the term.

Graduates leave here dedicated to making a difference from day one of their new careers. It's a responsibility they proudly fulfill.



William & Mary's Sir Christopher Wren Building, the oldest academic building in continuous use in America, was home to William & Mary Law School from 1779 to 1859.



CITIZEN LAWYERS *at* WORK

William C. Smith '04, J.D. '09

Maryland State Senator; recipient of the 2015 Taylor Reveley Award for public service

William & Mary equipped some of the most talented members of our country's founding generation with the knowledge to ensure our society reached its full potential. Whether in the courtroom or in the realm of public policy, you need the right tools to be an effective advocate. The philosophy behind the citizen-lawyer driven education at W&M prepared me to succeed as a lawyer and as a State Senator and has enabled me to do my part in serving my community.



Evan Lewis '19

Hometown: Kerrville, TX

Degree: B.S., Trinity University, 2015

Summer 2017 Employment: The Court of Appeals for the Fourteenth District of Texas (Houston, TX)

Being a citizen lawyer is about more than volunteering on weekends or charitable works. It is about integrating ideals of citizenship – duty, service, and respect for others – with the privileges and abilities given to us as law students and lawyers. William & Mary affords students the opportunities to integrate their values and skills to make meaningful contributions to their communities and fellow citizens.



Katie Lukish '18

Hometown: Richmond, VA

Degree: B.S., Virginia Tech, 2014

Summer 2017 Employment: McGuireWoods (Richmond, VA)

I believe being a citizen lawyer means aspiring to solve problems in the classroom, workplace, and community. William & Mary encourages this mentality by inspiring students to demonstrate civility and strive for excellence. Since my first day as a 1L, it has been clear that each professor and staff member truly cares about student happiness and success. Through the Law School's support and encouragement, I have grown as a citizen lawyer with the confidence to successfully handle any challenge.



ACADEMIC LIFE

The academic environment at William & Mary Law School is as rich as it is diverse, inclusive, and collaborative. Supportive faculty, staff, and students ensure the continuing vitality of our intellectual tradition, which marked the beginning of formal legal education in the United States.



The expertise of our faculty ensures a deeply stimulating classroom experience. Our professors eagerly lend a helping hand to students because they embrace student successes as their own.

The **Legal Practice Program**, a cornerstone of a William & Mary legal education, synthesizes classroom instruction and practical training to cultivate lawyering skills and professional responsibility. The three-semester program is a required set of courses that will allow you to develop firsthand knowledge of the law in a small group setting by collaborating with a legal writing professor, a practicing attorney, law librarians, and peers.

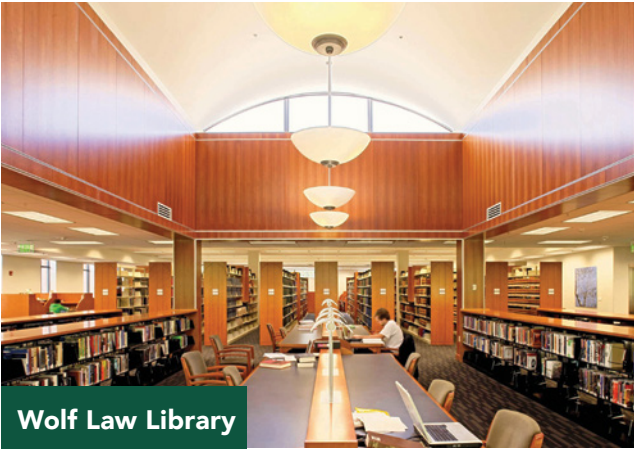


During the 1L year, you will master objective and persuasive writing through extensive individual conferences with your writing professor. These conferences will afford you feedback and instruction tailored to your own writing. In addition to writing, you will engage in a variety of exercises, led by practicing attorneys or judges, to hone such essential skills as client counseling, negotiations, and oral arguments.

You will propel your lawyering skills to the next level during the 2L year by taking an advanced writing and practice course: Appellate Advocacy, Pretrial Civil Practice, Pretrial Criminal Practice, or Transactional Practice.

Modern and technologically advanced facilities such as the **Wolf Law Library** are sure to enhance each step of your academic journey. The library's spacious architecture, extensive print and electronic resources, and expert staff make it a welcoming place for study and research. Talented reference librarians – all of whom hold law degrees – will assist you in navigating the complexities of legal research on any issue.

Due to our collaborative culture, robust Legal Practice Program, and rich substantive courses, you will graduate with the knowledge, tools, and analytical capacity crucial to success in the legal profession.



Wolf Law Library



McGlothlin Courtroom

Kiren Chauhan '18

Hometown: Spartanburg, SC

Degree: B.A., Smith College, 2012

Summer 2017 Employment: Army JAG Corps (Fort Polk, LA)

I had a great experience with the Legal Practice Program during my 1L year. My professor provided a solid introduction to legal research and writing, and my Legal Practice Fellow has been a great resource about being successful in law school. Through Legal Practice, I gained confidence and new skills in my research and writing. This year, my professor in the Pretrial Criminal Practice course has almost twenty years' experience as a prosecutor, and she incorporated real-world examples that have already proven useful in my internship.

CLINICS

Appellate & Supreme Court

Domestic Violence

Elder & Disability Law

Family Law

Federal Tax

Innocence Project

Special Education Advocacy

Veterans Benefits

From helping veterans obtain the benefits they earned to briefing and arguing constitutional claims in the United States Courts of Appeals, our students have the opportunity to practice their lawyering skills and professional judgment while working closely with supervising attorneys. These professors are leaders in their fields who provide close mentorship, guided reflection, and exploration of professional responsibility, all within the context of client representation.

Our clinical program – featuring eight clinics with more than 200 positions for 2L and 3L students – addresses the unmet legal needs of our community while strengthening skills and a sense of responsibility among our students. Their dedication to their clinic work is inspirational and forms a solid foundation for their future pro bono work and ethical practice of law.



Appellate & Supreme Court Clinic students engage in appellate practice in the federal Courts of Appeals and the US Supreme Court, focusing on First and Fourth Amendment cases.

The **Domestic Violence Clinic** provides students the opportunity to interview victims and witnesses, provide advice and counsel to those victims, and represent them in court.

Elder & Disability Law Clinic students assist low-income seniors in planning for long-term care, creating documents to ensure their privacy and protection, advocating for necessary services and resources, and addressing their immediate legal needs.

Family Law Clinic students work in the Williamsburg office of the Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia, providing legal services to low-income clients that address divorce, custody, support, and equitable distribution matters.

William Waller '18

Hometown: Arlington, VA

Degree: B.A., University of Virginia, 2011

Summer 2017 Employment: United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia (Richmond, VA)

The Elder & Disability Law Clinic offers an unparalleled opportunity to perform literally life-changing work. When clients come to the Clinic, they are often stressed and unsure of their options regarding end-of-life planning. It is a great feeling to know you can relieve anxiety for your clients and their families, ensuring they get all the proper legal documents they need. As a future lawyer, drafting estate-planning documents has enhanced my legal writing and editing skills.



The **Federal Tax Clinic** teaches students federal tax practice and procedure in order to assist in the representation of low-income Virginia taxpayers.

Innocence Project Clinic
students participate in the legal investigation and research of inmate claims of actual innocence.

The **Parents Engaged for Learning Equality (PELE) Special Education Advocacy Clinic** assists children with special needs and their families with eligibility, Individualized Education Programs, discipline matters, mediation, and administrative hearings.



Special Education Advocacy Clinic

The **Lewis B. Puller, Jr., Veterans Benefits Clinic** assists veterans with claims and appeals for disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs, as well as discharge upgrades. The Puller Clinic has captured national attention with its interdisciplinary approach and innovative partnership with Starbucks, called Military Mondays.

Co-Curricular Experiences

Learning is everywhere at William & Mary Law School. Law students expand their knowledge and gain the ability to be practice ready after graduation through co-curricular experiences.

Journals

William & Mary Law School boasts five highly respected, student-edited law journals. Law journals are publications that serve as central forums for debate and advocacy, and scholarly resources for lawyers and judges. Students on each journal edit and publish articles submitted by renowned legal professionals and student staff members. More than 360 students are involved in journals each year, and 190 of them earn course credit as a board or staff member. Through journal work, you will further hone your writing and research skills while contributing to legal scholarship.

- The **Law Review** ranks among the top general interest law journals in the nation, featuring the work of noted scholars in all subject areas of the law. State and federal courts, including the United States Supreme Court, have cited the *Law Review* more than 200 times during the last decade.
- The **Business Law Review** explores the nexus among business, law, and ethics. *BLR* publishes scholarship that analyzes new laws, challenges existing laws, and equips readers with practical research tools.
- The **Bill of Rights Journal** is among the most-cited student-edited constitutional law journals in the country. *BORJ* cosponsors annual symposia that host leading constitutional law scholars to discuss topics of contemporary significance.
- The **Journal of Women and the Law** serves as a forum for scholarly debate on gender-related legal issues through varied, multi-disciplinary perspectives.
- The **Environmental Law and Policy Review** provides a forum in which scholars, practitioners, and students can critically discuss current environmental issues through a legal lens.

Externships

Externships are important ways to earn academic credit, gain practical experience, and develop professional contacts by learning in a legal or law-related setting. Students gained experience through 290 externships in 2016. You may earn externship credit during any semester after your first year while in residence at the Law School, or by externing full time in metropolitan Washington, DC, during the fall semester of your third year. Students may extern with a wide range of organizations and practitioners, from law firms to nonprofits to federal judges.

- Federal Government
- Judicial
- Nonprofit Organization
- Private Practice and In-House Counsel
- Prosecutor

- Public Defender
- State and Local Government
- US Attorney
- Virginia Attorney General

Competition Teams

In addition to taking advantage of journals and externships, our students also participate in one of our four competition teams. The teams provide structured settings for honing crucial lawyering skills while working in a collaborative environment. Our teams routinely win awards and place highly at many such events. Membership on our teams is a highly sought after honor, and yet another way our community enhances the learning experience.



The **Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Team** focuses on client counseling and methods of dispute resolution besides litigation, such as negotiation, mediation, and arbitration.

The **Moot Court Program** promotes student refinement of oral advocacy and brief-writing skills on a range of topics in the context of appellate arguments.

The **National Trial Team** provides extensive trial advocacy training, from evidentiary objections and fundamental trial skills to sophisticated trial strategy and persuasion.

The **Transactional Law Team** helps students explore and improve skills and interest in transactional law, by negotiating simulated deals with teams from other schools.

As a member of the ADR Team, I traveled to New York and New Orleans to participate in negotiation competitions for professional sports leagues. Although I will not be practicing sports law, negotiating in front of practitioners working for the NBA, NFL, MLS, and individual sports teams while receiving their feedback has been one of the most rewarding experiences of law school.



Anne Wallice '17

Hometown: Greenville, SC

Degree: B.A., College of Charleston, 2011

Post-Graduate Employment: Kirkland & Ellis LLP (New York, NY)



CURRICULUM

Getting Started

REQUIRED COURSES

Our first-year curriculum will introduce you to the essential analytical skills you will need to practice law.

Credit Hours as Noted

First-Year Courses

FALL

Civil Procedure – 4
Criminal Law – 4
Legal Research & Writing I – 2
Lawyering Skills I – 1
Torts – 4

SPRING

Constitutional Law – 4
Contracts – 4
Legal Research & Writing II – 2
Lawyering Skills II – 2
Property – 4

Second-Year Course

Advanced Writing & Practice – 2

Second- or Third-Year Course

Professional Responsibility – 2

Hitting Your Stride

THE ELECTIVE CURRICULUM

Starting in your second year, you will be able to delve deeper into areas of law that interest you and are relevant to your career goals. With more than 100 elective courses and seminars to choose from, you can explore everything from criminal law to environmental law to litigation and more.

YOU ALSO MAY EARN ACADEMIC CREDIT THROUGH:

- Independent study with a professor
- Service on a student-edited journal or participation on a competition team
- Courses offered through William & Mary's other departments and schools

In addition, numerous externships and clinics will give you a chance to earn credit, gain practical experience, and develop professional contacts.

Business & Commercial Law

Accounting & Finance for Lawyers
Administrative Law
Admiralty Law
Alternative Business Entities
Antitrust
Banking Law
Bankruptcy Survey
Business & Financial Literacy
Business & Legal Problems
Business Associations
Community Association Law
Complex Transactions in Regulated Industries
Corporate Counsel – Legal Issues & Practice Difficulties
Corporate Governance & the Public Corporation Seminar
Corporate Security, Counterintelligence, Counterespionage & the Insider Threat
Corporate Taxation
Corporations
Debtors, Creditors & Consumer Bankruptcy Law
Drafting for Corporate & Finance Lawyers Seminar
Election Law Practicum – Challenges of the General Counsel

European Union Law
Federal Income Taxation
Government Contracts Seminar
Insurance
International Business Transactions
International Taxation
International Trade Law
Law & Entrepreneurship Seminar
Legal Drafting for a Transactional Practice Seminar
Mergers & Acquisitions
Mergers & Acquisitions Simulation
Non-Profit Law Practice
Partnership Taxation
Planning a Chapter 11 Filing
Private Equity – Structure & Issues
Private Equity & Venture Capital
Products Liability
Property Theory Seminar
Regulation of Markets
Regulatory Law & Public Policy
Sales
Secured Transactions
Securities Regulation
Selected Topics in Sports Law Seminar
Small Business Planning
Title Insurance

Constitutional Law

Administrative Law
Campaign Finance
Comparative Constitutional Law
Comparative Law
Congressional Investigative Power
The Constitution & Business Liberty
Constitutional Literacy
Education Law
Election Law
Election Law Practicum
Federal Courts
First Amendment – Free Speech & Press
First Amendment – Religion Clauses
Food & Drug Law
Introduction to Civil Law & Comparative Constitutional Law
Introduction to US Law & Legal System
IRS Regulation of Political & Issue Speech
Legislation & Statutory Interpretation
Nonprofits, Politics & the First Amendment
Presidential Power
Privacy Law
Regulatory Law & Policy
Section 1983 Litigation
Statutory Interpretation Seminar
Supreme Court Seminar
War Powers – The National Security Law Constitution

Criminal Law

Criminal Procedure I
Criminal Procedure II
Criminal Procedure Survey
Death Penalty Seminar
Evidence
International Criminal Law
Selected Topics in Criminal Justice Seminar
Selected Topics in Criminal Law Seminar
Terrorism Seminar
Virginia Criminal Procedure
White Collar Crime
The Wire – Crime, Law & Policy

Employment Law

Administrative Law
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Employee Benefits & ERISA
Employment Discrimination
Employment Law
Labor Law
Mediation
Mediation Advocacy
Negotiation for Lawyers

Environmental & Natural Resources Law

Administrative Law
Climate Change
Energy Law
Environmental Law
Environmental Policy
Fundamentals of Environmental Science for Policy
International Environmental Law
International Environmental Law Seminar
Land Use Control
Law of the Sea Seminar
Local Government Law
Natural Resources Law
Oil & Gas
Regulatory Law & Policy
Selected Topics in Environmental Law Seminar
World Resources Law

Family & Personal Wealth Law

Adolescents & Law Seminar
Animal Law Seminar
Bankruptcy Survey
Education Law
Family Law
Federal Income Taxation
Real Estate Transactions
Selected Topics in Juvenile Law Seminar
Selected Topics in Special Education Law Seminar
Trusts & Estates
Youth Law

Health Care Law

Administrative Law
Contracting Issues in Health Law Agreements
Food & Drug Law
Health Law & Policy
Medical Malpractice & Health Care Liability
Medical Malpractice Trial Advocacy
Selected Topics in Insurance Regulation Seminar

Intellectual Property Law

Copyright Law
Copyright Litigation Law Seminar
Electronic Discovery & Data Seizure
Entertainment Law Litigation Seminar
Intellectual Property
International Intellectual Property Law
Internet Law
Patent Law
Patent Litigation Seminar
Trademark Law

International Law

Admiralty Law
Advanced Applied International Research
Civil Litigation & State-Sponsored Terrorism
Comparative Corporations
Comparative Law
European Union Law
Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Seminar
Foreign & International Research
Global Approaches to Immigration & Citizenship Seminar
Human Rights Law
Immigration & Citizenship
International & Comparative Women's Rights Law
International Arbitration Seminar
International Business Transactions
International Criminal Law
International Election Principles
International Environmental Law
International Environmental Law Seminar
International Intellectual Property Law
International Trade Law
Islamic Law
Laws of War
Military Law Seminar
National Security Law
Post-Conflict Justice & the Rule of Law
Public International Law
Terrorism Seminar
World Resources Law

Litigation

Administrative Law
Advanced Brief Writing
Advanced Professional Development
Advanced Trial Techniques
Advocacy Regulation
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Alternative Dispute Resolution Survey
American Jury Seminar
Applied Evidence in a Technological Age
Basic Trial Practice in a Technological Age
Civil Litigation Strategy
Complex Civil Litigation
Conflict of Laws
Electronic Discovery
Electronic Discovery & Data Seizure
Entertainment Law Litigation Seminar
Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Seminar
Evidence
Mediation

Mediation Advocacy
Medical Malpractice Trial Advocacy
Negotiation for Lawyers
Patent Litigation Seminar
Post-Election Litigation
Pretrial, Depositions & Advanced Trial Strategy
Remedies
Technology-Augmented Trial Advocacy
Telecommunications Law & Policy
Trial Advocacy
Trial Advocacy – Basic Advanced Litigation
Trial Strategy & Persuasion
Virginia Civil Procedure
Virginia Criminal Procedure

Tax Law

Accounting & Finance for Lawyers
Corporate Taxation
Federal Income Taxation
International Taxation
Nonprofit Law Practice
Partnership Taxation
Planning a Chapter 11 Filing
Real Estate Tax
Small Business Planning
State & Local Taxation
Taxation of Mergers & Acquisitions Seminar
Tax Policy Research Seminar

Methods or Perspectives Courses

Advanced Readings in Political Economy
Citizen Lawyers Seminar
Conflict of Rights – Antidiscrimination Laws & Civil Liberties
Economic Analysis of the Law
Foundations of the Common Law Seminar
Historic Preservation Seminar
History of the Common Law Seminar
Influence of the Legal Profession on Legislative & Judicial Process Seminar
Law & Literature
Law & Neuroscience
Law & Psychology
Law & Social Justice Seminar
Power, Influence & Responsible Leadership
Philosophy of Law
Public Policy for Science & Professions
Race, Law & Lawyering in Diverse Environments
Resurgent Role of Legal History in Modern Judicial Decision-Making Seminar

Selected Topics in American Legal History Seminar
Selected Topics in Citizenship
Selected Topics in Higher Education Law
Selected Topics in Jurisprudence Seminar
Selected Topics in Legal History Seminar
Selected Topics in Race & American Legal History Seminar
Spanish for Lawyers

Clinics & Practicums

Appellate & Supreme Court
Domestic Violence
Elder & Disability Law
Family Law
Federal Tax
Innocence Project
Special Education Advocacy
Veterans Benefits
Virginia Coastal Policy Center Practicums

Externships

Federal Government
Judicial
Nonprofit Organization
Private Practice & In-House Counsel
Prosecutor
Public Defender
State & Local Government
US Attorney
Virginia Attorney General
Washington, DC Semester

Student-Organized Learning Experiences

Directed Reading
Independent Legal Research
Independent Legal Writing
Bill of Rights Journal
Business Law Review
Environmental Law and Policy Review
Journal of Women and the Law
Law Review

Some courses are listed under multiple practice areas.

Not all courses are offered every year.

INSTITUTES *and* PROGRAMS

We know you want the most fulfilling law school experience possible. Our nine research centers foster scholarship, assist courts and judges, and provide opportunities to work on legal projects around the world.

The **Center for the Study of Law and Markets** seeks to advance the understanding of the role of legal institutions in promoting well-functioning markets in a free society.

The **Dunn Civil Liberties Project** provides support for student research, summer internships, and fellowships with organizations that support or protect civil liberties. The Project also funds guest lectures and collaborative teaching of civil liberties.

The **Election Law Program** helps state court judges understand the unique nature of election litigation, hosts an annual symposium, and works closely with its student arm, the William & Mary Election Law Society, to run an election law speaker series and plan other events.

The **Institute of Bill of Rights Law** encourages discussion of constitutional issues. Experts from diverse disciplines – lawyers, journalists, historians, political scientists, economists, sociologists, and politicians – are brought together for serious discussion and debate at events such as our annual Supreme Court Preview.

The **Property Rights Project** promotes the exchange of ideas between scholars and members of the property rights bar through lectures and an annual conference, recognizing outstanding contributions of individuals to the field of property rights scholarship.

The **Virginia Coastal Policy Center** is an interdisciplinary initiative with the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) in which students participate in the development and execution of policies addressing the legal, scientific, social, and economic challenges confronting coastal resources and communities.



Brian Cannon '04, J.D. '11

Executive Director of OneVirginia2021: Virginians for Fair Redistricting, a multi-partisan effort to amend the Virginia Constitution to establish an independent, impartial redistricting commission to draw political districts

While an undergraduate at William & Mary, Brian co-founded the student voting advocacy group Virginia21, the first political action committee run solely by students. As a law student, he was founding editor of the State of Elections Blog, served as President of the Election Law Society, and was a member of W&M's winning team in the Virginia Redistricting Competition.

The Election Law Program prepared me to push for major changes in the way Virginia's election law operates. It introduced me to the top lawyers arguing the most important cases in election law today. The curriculum allowed me to dive in deeply with Professor Rebecca Green and other experts in the field to dissect the legal history of election law and craft arguments for its future. My peers in class have all gone on to contribute in this field – it's quite a network. William & Mary Law School is the only place to gain this incredible level of practical and scholarly expertise in election law.

I interned with People Against Suffering, Oppression, and Poverty, in Cape Town, South Africa. Very quickly, I understood the importance of the work we do each day; for many refugees, their initial appeals will be denied, and our clients rely on us to advocate on their behalf.



Mary Pickard '18

Hometown: Detroit, MI

Degree: B.A., Spelman College, 2015

Summer 2017 Employment: Habitat for Humanity, Office of General Counsel (Atlanta, GA)

Global Focus

William & Mary prepares the next generation of lawyers to practice in our increasingly globalized world through innovative courses and research, as well as concrete field experiences. You will learn about the legal systems of other countries, study with international faculty, sharpen your language skills, and gain a perspective on law through the lens of another culture.

Our internationally focused research centers and programs offer a variety of lectures, panels, and conferences that examine issues before US courts, provide perspectives on international legal systems, and address how law affects human rights and shapes democracy. We also offer **Semester Exchange Programs** where students may apply to study during the fall of their third year at eight universities located in **Austria, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Luxembourg, New Zealand, and Spain.**

The **Center for Comparative Legal Studies and Post-Conflict Peacebuilding**

focuses on legal and policy issues facing countries recovering from conflict, and in Summer 2017 facilitated internships for 15 students in eight countries.

The **Center for Legal and Court Technology**

works to improve the administration of justice worldwide through appropriate technology. Its hub and laboratory, the McGlothlin Courtroom, is the world's most technologically advanced educational trial and appellate courtroom and is visited by jurists throughout the world.

The **Human Security Law**

Center's core objective is creating citizen lawyers who have an appreciation for national security issues, by educating and exposing students to the interplay between national defense and the protection of civil rights.

FACULTY

William & Mary Law faculty are personally invested in each student's education and success. Their teaching philosophies embody the Law School's ideal of the citizen lawyer, as 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 to prepare a new generation of lawyers to do the same. Our faculty are experts in many fields of law, and they have written hundreds of notable books, treatises, and articles.

Apart from our full-time faculty, we also boast an impressive corps of adjunct professors, made up of practicing lawyers and public officials with decades of hands-on experience in the ethical practice of law. These professors help set the citizen-lawyer standard, proving by example that good lawyers are vitally engaged in the life of the local community, state, nation, and world.



Jay Butler

Assistant Professor of Law

Select Résumé:

B.A. (History), Harvard University; B.A. (Jurisprudence), Oxford University, where he was a Rhodes Scholar; J.D., Yale University. Law clerk to Judge Hisashi Owada and Judge Giorgio Gaja of the International Court of Justice. Legal consultant to the Government of Japan. Research on post-conflict responsibility, international dispute resolution, treaty ratification, and the role of corporations in global governance.

William & Mary's reputation for excellent scholarship and engaged teaching was a deciding factor in my joining the Law School's community of citizen lawyers. I've found lively discussions and exchange of ideas, and I teach my students to develop an array of tools through which they approach problems critically, understand what's at stake, and contribute purposefully to the realization of solutions.



Allison Orr Larsen

Professor of Law

Select Résumé:

B.A. (English and Psychology), William & Mary; J.D., University of Virginia. Law clerk to Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III (4th Circuit) and Justice David Souter (US Supreme Court). Research on constitutional law and the Supreme Court has been highlighted by the national press and earned her a guest spot with Stephen Colbert. Recipient of multiple awards, including the Walter L. Williams, Jr., Teaching Award, the Plumeri Award for Faculty Excellence, the McGlothlin Faculty Teaching Award, and the state-wide SCHEV Outstanding Faculty Award where she was recognized as a "Rising Star."



Law school is a great place for people who love to solve problems, wrestle with puzzles, and ask the hard questions. A legal education will take your analytic and communication skills to new heights, particularly at William & Mary, where the professors really care about and invest in their students' futures.

William & Mary has given me the unique opportunity to grow as a writer, professional, and advocate. The experience has challenged me to think critically about the substance of the law and the impact it has on individuals outside the classroom. Faculty consistently challenge students to examine nuances of doctrine in an exceptionally supportive environment.



Natalie Rankin '18

Hometown: Saint Augustine, FL

Degree: B.S., Florida State University, 2015

Summer 2017 Employment: OPN Law (Roanoke, VA)

STUDENT LIFE

William & Mary Law students are always making the most of a unique educational and social experience. They arrive from all over the world, quickly becoming valued members of our community and taking advantage of everything the Law School has to offer. Students participate widely in a variety of extracurricular activities to develop leadership skills, promote community spirit, perform public service, and forge bonds with their peers.



Activities Fair

More than 40 student organizations and myriad lectures and conferences ensure a rich and holistic experience. Here, you can support the Bone Marrow Drive, participate in the Day of Caring, and enjoy your classmates' performances in Law Cappella, the Law School's *a capella* group. You can also take part in the Student Bar Association's annual ski trip, the Black Law Students Association's talent show, and the Public Service Fund's auction. Here are just a few of the organizations our students love:



Intramurals

The **Student Bar Association (SBA)** is the Law School's student government organization, which serves as a liaison among students, the administration, and other organizations. SBA organizes the Law School's major social events.

The **Public Service Fund (PSF)** raises and provides funding for law students with unpaid summer jobs in the public interest. Committed to public interest law, PSF furnishes nearly \$50,000 per year to support legal services to the underprivileged. The annual PSF Auction brings together faculty and students for a night of great fun and fundraising.

The **Black Law Students Association (BLSA)** is devoted to creating a positive impact on the Law School and our greater community. BLSA spearheads such local community improvement efforts as voter registration drives, clothing and food donations, and mentoring programs. It also provides professional and networking opportunities to prepare students for successful legal careers and hosts speakers and an annual symposium.

Local Attractions

Our students also take advantage of William & Mary's other treasure: Williamsburg. The 'Burg has a charm you just won't find elsewhere. In addition to world-famous attractions Colonial Williamsburg and Busch Gardens, this historic college town provides a wide assortment of restaurants, parks, coffee shops, golf courses, and shopping. Only an hour from Richmond, Norfolk, and Virginia Beach, Williamsburg is a wonderful place in which to live and learn.



Pie Eating Contest



Colonial Williamsburg

Photo courtesy of The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation

Housing Options

Next to the Law School, the Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Graduate Complex, known as the Gradplex, offers two-, three-, and four-bedroom furnished apartments. These William & Mary residences are assigned as space is available, and rent includes all utilities, cable TV, and high-speed Internet. A wide assortment of affordably priced rental homes, apartments, and condominiums are also available off campus.



Willie Mejia '18

Hometown: Fairfax, VA

Degree: B.S., George Mason University, 2014

Summer 2017 Employment: Fairfax County Public Defender's Office (Fairfax, VA)

As a first-generation college student, I have never taken education for granted. At William & Mary Law School, I know I am receiving a superior legal education complete with brilliant professors, amazing extracurricular opportunities, and friendly students. The camaraderie among all the students here is what I appreciate most about the Law School. I know I have already made friends and colleagues here that I will have for the rest of my life.

the OFFICE of CAREER SERVICES

When it comes to your career, there is no such thing as one size fits all. Whether your goal is to practice with a law firm in New York, a government agency in DC, a legal aid organization in Texas, or a nonprofit in Virginia, the Office of Career Services (OCS) can help you develop the skills necessary for a successful job search and formulate a personalized action plan for pursuing your chosen career. We offer a high level of individualized support to every student.



Natalia Rezai '18

Hometown: Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Degree: B.A., Stanford University, 2012

Summer 2017 Employment: Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton LLP (New York, NY)

What makes William & Mary so special is the uniquely supportive community. Should you have a problem, want to network, obtain a recommendation, or seek advice, someone is always there to lend a helping hand. In my case, for example, a casual conversation led to an alumnus sending a same-day email on my behalf—while he was on a layover in Europe!

What can you expect from your relationship with OCS?

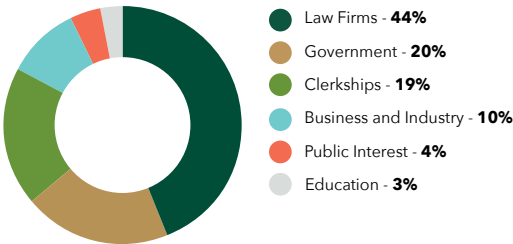
- **One-on-one advising** with experienced career advisors. All OCS advisors are attorneys who bring to their roles significant experience in various sectors of the legal profession.
- **Career planning programs and professional development workshops** to assist students in their job searches, including small group résumé writing, cover letter writing, and interview skills workshops in Legal Practice classes.
- Access to Symplicity, our **online jobs database**, and dozens of other online and print career- and job-related resources.
- Opportunities to **connect with alumni and employers** through our annual Alumni Mock Interview Program; the Law School's Co-Counsel Program, which pairs students with alumni mentors; on-campus interview programs; off-campus interview programs in Atlanta, Boston, Dallas, New York, Richmond, and DC; and a variety of information sessions and programs throughout the year that regularly bring alumni and employers to campus.
- **Support for public service careers.** For Summer 2017, 102 students received William & Mary Law School public service fellowships totaling \$313,305. Students assisted 94 organizations in 17 states, DC, Cambodia, China, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, the Netherlands, South Africa, and Switzerland.

More than 8,500 William & Mary Law School graduates live and work in all 50 states, DC, and 52 other countries and often are a valuable networking resource. Here is a sampling of places you will find them:

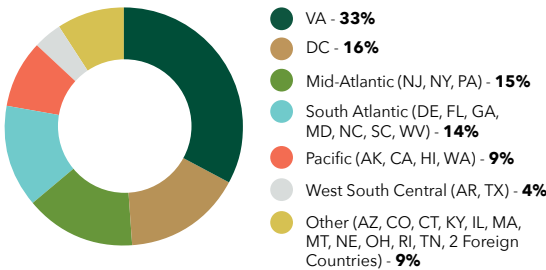
Businesses and Corporations	Pricewaterhouse-Coopers (CT, DC, IL, NY, PA, VA)	New York City Law Department (NY)	Law Firms	Seyfarth Shaw (DC, MA, NY)	Constitutional Accountability Center (DC)
Altria Client Services (VA)	SpaceX (DC)	Prosecutors' Offices (nationwide)	Covington & Burling (DC)	Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (CA, DC, DE, NY)	Disability Rights (CA, TX)
Capital One (VA)	Uber (CA, DC)	US Agency for International Development (worldwide)	Davis Polk & Wardwell (NY, Brazil)	Sullivan & Cromwell (NY)	Humane Society of the United States (DC)
Deloitte (CA, DC, GA, NY, VA)	Government	US Department of Justice (nationwide)	Drinker Biddle & Reath (DC, NJ, PA)	Venable (DC, MD, VA)	Legal Aid Societies (nationwide)
Ernst & Young (CA, DC, NY, VA, WA)	Federal Bureau of Investigation (nationwide)	US Department of Labor (CA, DC, NH, OK, VA)	Gibson Dunn (CA, DC, TX)	Vinson & Elkins (DC, TX)	National Employment Law Project (DC)
FedEx Corporation (TN)	Judge Advocate General's Corps- Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard (worldwide)	US Environmental Protection Agency (DC, KS, NY, TX)	Goodwin Procter (CA, DC, MA, NY)	Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati (CA, DC, NY, TX)	The Nature Conservancy (CO, VA)
Goldman Sachs (NJ, NY, UT)	New Jersey Office of the Attorney General (NJ)	US Securities and Exchange Commission (DC, IL, MA)	Huntton & Williams (DC, FL, NC, NY, VA)	Public Interest	Public Defenders' Offices (nationwide)
Jones Lang LaSalle (DC, IL, VA)			Jones Day (CA, DC, OH, PA)	American Civil Liberties Union (DC, NV, WA)	
KPMG (DC, NC, NY)			McGuireWoods (DC, FL, NC, VA)		
Norfolk Southern (VA)					

Class of 2016 Reported Status

Types of Employment

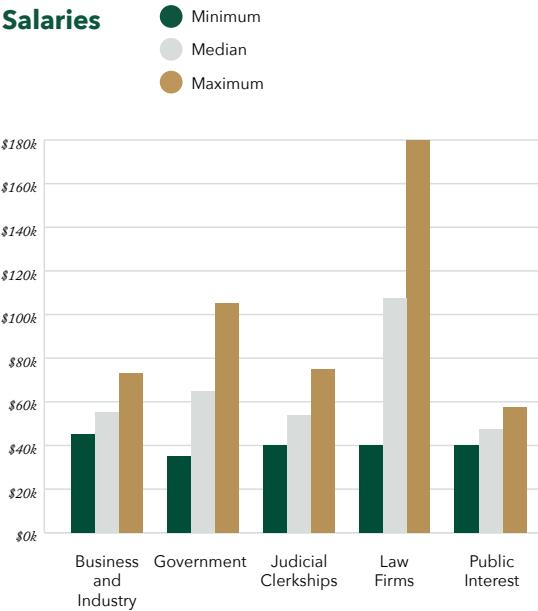


Top Employment Locations



Employment locations are based on the regions established in the Employment Report and Salary Survey for NALP, the Association for Legal Career Professionals. The American Bar Association does not define regions for employment locations. Percentages are based on the number of graduates in each category divided by the total number of employed graduates in the Class of 2016.

Salaries



Salaries reported are for graduates who have obtained full-time, long-term employment, with minimum of five salaries per category. These are estimates; exact figures are verified by NALP in July 2017.

Employment Status	Full Time Long Term	Full Time Short Term	Part Time Long Term	Part Time Short Term	Total
Employed - Bar Passage Required	162	4	1	0	167 (74%)
Employed - J.D. Advantage	21	2	1	5	29 (13%)
Employed - Professional Position	0	0	1	1	2 (0.9%)
Employed - Non-Professional Position	1	0	0	3	4 (1.8%)
Employed - Indeterminable	0	0	0	0	0
Pursuing Graduate Degree Full Time					1 (0.4%)
Unemployed - Start Date Deferred					4 (1.8%)
Unemployed - Not Seeking					0
Unemployed - Seeking					17 (7.6%)
Employment Status Unknown					1 (0.4%)
Total Graduates					225

Employment status categories and definitions are those used by the American Bar Association. A long-term position is one that does not have a definite or indefinite term of less than one year. All numbers reflect information as of March 15, 2017, as reported to the American Bar Association on April 7, 2017.

PRACTICAL MATTERS

Powerful Education, Great Value

William & Mary Law School's competitively priced tuition and fees and the area's relatively low cost of living allow our students to obtain an outstanding education at a reasonable price. Compare your options and be the judge. Every student admitted to William & Mary Law School is considered for merit-based scholarships and fellowships.

During the admission process, we look for students who have strong academic backgrounds and a sharp intellect, 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

Dan Sinclair '18

Hometown: Appleton, WI

Degree: B.S., University of Wisconsin - Madison, 2011

Summer 2017 Employment:
Kirkland & Ellis LLP
(Chicago, IL)

Adjusting to William & Mary Law School was effortless, despite my anxiety about coming from the working world. There's a tremendous sense of support and community at the Law School, which is clear in the great relationships I've developed with professors, advisors, and classmates. William & Mary has felt from the very beginning that it is as invested in my success as I am. Now that I'm here, I can't imagine being anywhere else.



2017-18	Virginia Resident	Non-Resident
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Tuition & Fees	\$32,964	\$41,964
Living Allowance	\$17,000	\$17,000
Books & Supplies	\$1,700	\$1,700
Total	\$51,664	\$60,664

You’ve learned about us. Now we want to learn about you.


APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- ☐ Completed and electronically certified online application (LSAC.org).
- ☐ \$50 nonrefundable application fee paid online to the Law School Admission Council (LSAC).
- ☐ Personal statement, résumé, and optional essays.
- ☐ LSAT score report sent by LSAC with transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work.
- ☐ Two letters of recommendation.
- ☐ Optional application for Virginia In-State Tuition Eligibility.
- ☐ Optional Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); William & Mary’s Title IV code is 003705.

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