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*Marshall-Wythe School of Law*

# **Master of Laws in the American Legal System**

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**Marshall-Wythe School of Law  
Williamsburg, Virginia**



## THE COLLEGE OF WILLIAM AND MARY

Founded in 1693 as the second institution of higher education in the country, the College of William and Mary in Virginia is today a small, residential, full-time, coeducational university. While it is a state university, it is also national and international in character and contribution, enrolling students from throughout the nation, many foreign countries and varied backgrounds.

William and Mary is a college community, small enough to provide for relationships that allow true teaching and learning, large enough to have the resources to achieve excellence. An important aspect of this community is the location of the College in the beautiful and historic city of Williamsburg, where it constitutes an integral part of the restoration of Colonial Williamsburg. The partnership of the College, the City and the Restoration and the educational, cultural and recreational opportunities afforded to all students at the College by this partnership adds to the quality of life and the quality of education at William and Mary.



## THE MARSHALL-WYTHE SCHOOL OF LAW

The study of law at William and Mary rests upon venerable tradition. Antedated only by the Vinerian Professorship at Oxford, held by Sir William Blackstone, and by the Chair at Trinity College at Dublin, the Chair of Law at William and Mary is one of the oldest in the English speaking world and the oldest in the United States.

Through the efforts of Thomas Jefferson, the Board of Visitors of the College of William and Mary created a professorship of Law and Police on December 4, 1779. They chose as the first occupant of the Chair, George Wythe, in whose offices studied Thomas Jefferson, John Marshall, James Monroe and Henry Clay. Wythe, who had been a leader in the struggle for independence, both as a signer of the Declaration of Independence and as a member of the Federal Constitutional Convention, proved to be an inspirational force in the development of legal education. During the decade of his professorship, he developed a comprehensive course of study including courses in legislative drafting and moot court.

Today, the Marshall-Wythe School of Law enrolls 550 students from all regions of the nation and abroad.



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## GRADUATE PROGRAM IN THE AMERICAN LEGAL SYSTEM

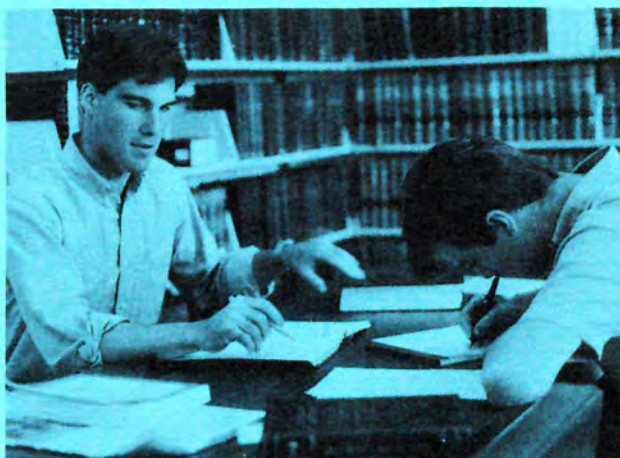
The graduate program in the American Legal System provides advanced training for foreign students who are interested in careers in legal education or who wish to increase their familiarity with the American legal system.

Williamsburg and the College of William and Mary are ideal venues for graduate education in American legal studies. The College has exceptional strengths in American constitutional law and human rights through the Institute of Bill of Rights Law, and in the historical foundations of the American republic under the auspices of the Institute of Early American History and Culture as well as the Commonwealth Center for the Study of American Culture. These programs are strongly reinforced by the unique setting of Colonial Williamsburg. There is no place in the nation better equipped to provide law students with specialized training in the American legal system. The establishment of the Reeves Center for International Studies has stimulated courses available to graduate students throughout the university, allowing for interdisciplinary study in African Studies, East Asian Studies, International Rela-

tions, Latin American Studies, and Russian/Soviet Studies, to name only a few areas. A substantial number of courses are also available in environmental studies in the Law School and throughout the College, as well as through the Virginia Institute of Marine Science.

The graduate program is designed to provide students with a range of opportunities, from obtaining a basic knowledge of the legal system of the United States to undertaking original research on a particular aspect of law. The individual programs of study of graduate students are drawn from the courses and seminars in the Law School curriculum, as well as other courses in the College, subject to approval by the director of the program and course instructor.

One objective of the graduate program is to integrate American and foreign students at various levels of study. Therefore no separate or special courses specifically for graduate students are offered. The Law School does not prescribe study programs for particular legal specializations or offer degrees which specify an area of concentration.



### DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

Degree candidates must be in residence for two semesters while earning a minimum of 30 credit hours with a quality point average of at least 2.5. At least 15 credit hours must be earned in law school courses; nine credit hours, if approved by the director of the program and the course instructor, may be taken in other schools and departments. From three to six credit hours can be earned for graduate legal research and writing projects

supervised by a member of the law faculty. Courses in the Law School generally carry two to four units of credit, varying with the number of hours of class meetings per week.

A series of classes on the American legal system in the week prior to the start of the fall semester classes is required of all degree candidates. LL.M. candidates must complete a major research paper in a seminar or class which requires a major research paper or by successfully completing Law 610 Independent Legal Writing. Degree requirements must be completed within three years of the beginning of the semester in which a student receives degree candidate status.





## COURSES

Please note that not all courses listed herein are offered each year.

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### A. Upper Level Course Offerings

Administrative Law  
Admiralty  
Agriculture Law  
Antitrust  
The Bill of Rights and Constitutional Interpretation  
Business Planning  
Civil Rights Law  
Comparative Law  
Conflict of Laws  
Corporate Finance  
Corporate Taxation  
Corporations  
Criminal Law  
Criminal Procedure I  
Criminal Procedure II  
Criminal Procedure Survey  
Debtor-Creditor  
Economic Analysis of the Law  
Employment Discrimination  
Environmental Law  
European Community Law  
Evidence  
The Family and the State  
Family Law  
The Federal Courts and the Federal System  
Federal Income Tax  
History of the Legal Profession  
Independent Legal Writing  
Insurance  
Intellectual Property  
International Business Operations  
International Law  
Jurisprudence  
Labor Law  
Land Use Control  
Legal Accounting  
Legal History  
Legal Research  
Legislation  
Local Government Law  
Mass Media Law  
Modern Land Finance  
Partnership and Agency

Payment Systems  
Products Liability  
Regulation of Financial Institutions  
Remedies  
Sales  
Secured Transactions  
Securities Regulation  
Separation of Powers and the Fourth Branch  
Trusts and Estates  
Unfair Trade Practices  
Virginia Procedure  
White Collar Crime

### B. Seminars

Administration of Social Programs Seminar  
Admiralty Seminar  
American Legal History Seminar  
Business Planning Seminar  
Civil Rights Seminar  
Computers and the Law Seminar  
Constitution, Law, and Politics in the Age of Chief Justice Marshall Seminar  
Environmental Law Seminar  
Government Contracts Seminar  
Intellectual Property Seminar  
International Law Seminar  
International Organizations Seminar  
Juvenile Law Seminar  
Land Use Control Seminar  
Law and American Culture Seminar  
Law and Economics Seminar  
Law and Medicine Seminar  
Legal History Seminar  
Local Government Law Seminar  
Mental Health Law Seminar  
Property and the Constitution Seminar  
Regulated Industries Seminar  
Selected Constitutional Problems Seminar  
Special Problems in Corporate Governance Seminar  
Tort Law Seminar

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# WILLIAM & MARY

## *Marshall-Wythe School of Law*

**WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA 23185**

MASTER OF LAWS IN THE AMERICAN LEGAL SYSTEM

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

A NON-REFUNDABLE PROCESSING FEE OF \$30 MUST ACCOMPANY THIS APPLICATION

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN INK**

1. Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Sex: \*Male ☐ m Female ☐ f  
Last First Middle
3. Date of Birth: \* \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year
5. Racial/Ethnic Category: \* (Check one)
- |                                   |                          |   |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Asian or Pacific Islander         | <input type="checkbox"/> | A |
| Black, not of Hispanic Origin     | <input type="checkbox"/> | B |
| Hispanic                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | H |
| American Indian or Alaskan Native | <input type="checkbox"/> | I |
| White, not of Hispanic Origin     | <input type="checkbox"/> | W |
6. Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Type of Visa (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

\*Note: This information is needed by the school for statistical purposes. It will not be used in an unlawfully discriminatory manner. You are assured both by school policy and by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act that the information will be confidential and accessible only to school officials, government agencies and others with a legitimate educational interest in the information.

8. PRESENT MAILING ADDRESS: (where you wish admission correspondence sent)
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Street or Box
- \_\_\_\_\_
- City State/County
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Zip Code Country/Area Code and Telephone Number
9. PERMANENT HOME ADDRESS: (through which you can be reached at any time)
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Street or Box
- \_\_\_\_\_
- City State/County
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Zip Code Country/Area Code and Telephone Number
10. After what date should correspondence be sent to your permanent address? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Do you claim Virginia domiciliary status for tuition purposes Yes ☐ y No ☐ n
12. Have you been admitted to the Bar? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Identify the Law School from which you received a degree, if any:
- Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Attendance: from \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_
- Rank in Class: \_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_ (If class rank is not available, provide your best estimate.)
14. List in reverse chronological order all other colleges and universities attended:
- Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Attendance: from \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Degree: \_\_\_\_\_
- Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank in Class: \_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_
- Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Attendance: from \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Degree: \_\_\_\_\_
- Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank in Class: \_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_
- Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Attendance: from \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Degree: \_\_\_\_\_
- Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Major: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank in Class: \_\_\_\_ out of \_\_\_\_



15. List all scholastic or academic honors you have received after secondary school including scholarships, fellowships, prizes, and honor societies:

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16. List the extracurricular or community activities that have been important to you:

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17. Were you employed during any academic year while a student? If yes, describe positions held:

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18. State your last four positions of full-time employment, including summer employment. Do not list military service or part-time employment. Submit a supplementary sheet of all additional employment.:

Date	Employer	Position	Reason for Leaving
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19. Have you served or are you now serving on full-time duty? \_\_\_\_? If yes, complete the following:

Branch of Service: U.S.A. ☐ U.S.A.F. ☐ U.S.N. ☐ U.S.M.C. ☐ U.S.C.G. ☐ Other ☐

Tour of Duty: From (mo./yr.) \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Rank or Rate at Discharge/Separation: \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Discharge/Separation: \_\_\_\_\_ Reserve Status (Current): \_\_\_\_\_

20. Will you be eligible for veteran's educational benefits while at William and Mary? \_\_\_\_\_

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IF THE ANSWER TO ANY OF QUESTIONS 21-25 IS YES, EXPLAIN FULLY ON A SUPPLEMENTAL SHEET

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21. Were there any personal, cultural, or economic factors which, in your opinion, adversely affected your academic performance? \_\_\_\_\_

22. Has your college, university, graduate or professional school attendance been interrupted for one or more terms while you were enrolled in a degree program for any reason? \_\_\_\_\_

23. Have you ever been separated from a branch of the Armed Services of the United States under conditions other than honorable? \_\_\_\_\_

24. Have you ever been subject to disciplinary action for scholastic or other reasons in any of the colleges, universities, graduate or professional schools you have attended? \_\_\_\_\_ Are there any disciplinary charges pending or expected to be brought against you? \_\_\_\_\_

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25. Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than minor traffic violations? \_\_\_\_\_ Are there any criminal charges pending or expected to be brought against you? \_\_\_\_\_

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26. List the names of those who will be sending recommendations:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

27. List any dates on which you have taken (or expect to take) the LSAT and the score(s): \_\_\_\_\_

28. List any dates on which you have taken (or expect to take) the TOEFL and the score(s): \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that the answers to the above are truthful and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. Any omission or misstatement of a material fact on the application may be the basis for denial of admission, or if admitted, dismissal from the Law School.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_



**Statement of Purpose**

State your legal interests and the particular research project you intend to undertake as a graduate law student. Further indicate your professional plans following completion of your study at Marshall-Wythe School of Law. Please state whether or when you plan to return to your country if applicable. Use additional sheets if needed.



**Personal Summary**

Please provide a brief account of your personal history, with emphasis on the development of your interest in law. Include mention of any academic distinctions or honors you have received or publications or other matters indicative of your abilities. List relevant employment and/or other professional activities.



TO BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED PRIOR TO FEBRUARY 1

RECOMMENDATION FORM  
MARSHALL-WYTHE SCHOOL OF LAW  
MASTER OF LAWS IN THE AMERICAN LEGAL SYSTEM

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Law School \_\_\_\_\_  
(print) (print)

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TO THE APPLICANT:

Recommendations in support of your application for admission must be submitted on, or accompanied by, this form. You must complete either section A or B below prior to giving the form to the person asked to submit the recommendation. In the event your school uses a composite form, be sure this form, with A or B signed by you, accompanies the composite recommendation.

A. I authorize release of a candid evaluation to assist in the admission selection process and, should I enroll, for counseling or other educational purposes of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law. I understand that the material will be kept confidential both from me and the public and I waive any right of access that I might have by law. I further understand that the Marshall-Wythe School of Law does not require me to execute this waiver and is willing to review my application without such a waiver.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_  
[OR]

B. I authorize the release of a candid evaluation but I choose not to waive my right to examine this letter of recommendation should I enroll as a student at the Marshall-Wythe School of Law.

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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TO THOSE ASKED TO SUBMIT RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is important that recommendations be frank and detailed. Brief letters in general terms are of little value. The letters should state the extent of the writer's acquaintance with the applicant and the writer's opinion of the applicant's aptitude for the study and practice of law. Any specific knowledge concerning the applicant's intellectual ability, character, or personality should be discussed.

Provided this applicant has signed the above waiver, you may be assured that your letter will be kept confidential from both the applicant and the public. If the applicant has chosen not to waive his or her right of access, please be advised that following enrollment as a student at this law school, he or she, upon request, may have access to your letter.

Your recommendation may be written directly on this form using the reverse side or additional sheets if necessary. Should you choose to write a letter, this form must be attached when the letter is mailed to us.

Return directly to: Office of Admissions, Marshall-Wythe School of Law, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, VA 23185.

NO ACTION CAN BE TAKEN ON THIS STUDENT'S APPLICATION UNTIL THIS FORM IS RETURNED.

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Office of Admissions  
College of William and Mary  
Marshall-Wythe School of Law  
Williamsburg, Virginia 23185

Recommender's  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_



Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ College \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your recommendation of

\_\_\_\_\_

for admission to the Marshall-Wythe School of Law. We appreciate having your comments, and you may be assured that they will be taken into consideration when the candidate's application is reviewed.

Faye F. Shealy  
Associate Dean  
Marshall-Wythe School of Law



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DATE \_\_\_\_\_ SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

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Office of Admissions  
College of William and Mary  
Marshall-Wythe School of Law  
Williamsburg, Virginia 23185

Recommender's  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_



Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Position \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ College \_\_\_\_\_

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## ADMISSION INFORMATION

### A. Qualification for Admission

Applicants for admission to the LL.M. program must have completed (1) at least six years of resident study at accredited colleges and law schools and must hold a professional degree from a law school approved by the American Bar Association, or (2) they must present satisfactory evidence of substantially equivalent academic training at foreign educational institutions. LL.M. students commence their study only in the fall semester. Applicants will not be considered for admission who already hold an LL.M. degree from an American law school.

Because the graduate program is limited in size to allow for individual attention on the advanced level, we cannot admit all qualified applicants. Admission is based upon a careful evaluation of the student's prior academic record, recommendations, employment experience, and similar relevant factors. The Graduate Studies Committee gives careful consideration to each applicant's personal statement required as part of the process.

Since the primary purpose of the graduate program is to familiarize foreign students with the American legal system, strong preference in admission is accorded nonresident aliens.

### B. Admission Procedures

(1) Complete the enclosed application form and other materials and return them with the nonrefundable application fee (\$30) to: Admissions Office, Marshall-Wythe School of Law, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185. If your fee is to be paid by a sponsoring agency or if currency regulations in your country require separate or delayed payment, please inform the Admissions Office of the situation. Make every effort to have your name written on the check itself so that it will be properly credited to your application.

A completed application includes the application form, the application fee, two letters of recommendation, official transcripts of undergraduate grades and any graduate and law school grades, and, if required, official copies of TOEFL and LSAT scores as set out below.

All prospective students are encouraged to submit completed applications by DECEMBER 1 of the year before that in which they wish to begin study. Early application allows time for an exchange of correspondence should the Graduate Studies Committee require clarification or additional information. The final deadline for receipt of completed applications is February 1. Most applicants are notified of admissions decisions in March. Applications are reviewed only once each year, and late applications cannot be considered.

(2) Submit two letters of recommendation from law faculty members. Letters of recommendation are to be returned to: Admissions Office, Marshall-Wythe School of Law, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185. Both letters must be returned as early as possible, but no later than the deadline for completed applications.



(3) TWO official academic records, showing graded course work, dates of enrollment, and award of the degree(s), plus a certified copy of the actual degree or state examination for all university and law school study are required. All official academic documents must be submitted directly to the Admissions Office of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law. Official records are original documents issued by the academic institution you attended; they bear the actual signature of the Registrar and the seal of the issuing institution. Photocopies are acceptable only if certified true copies of the original document by the Registrar, a Notary Public, or equivalent individual. (Photocopies of the official's signature, stamp or seal are not acceptable.) All official academic records must be issued in the original language and accompanied by certified English translations. If rank is determined by the results of comprehensive examinations, academic records should show the examination date and your scores, rank in class, and division. All records should include a description of institutional grading scales or other standards of evaluation. Official evidence of the conferral of university degrees and professional titles should indicate the exact name of the degree or title as it is known in the country of origin and not in American terms.

(4) Make arrangements to have an official copy of any LSAT score sent to the Marshall-Wythe School of Law (code #5115) by submitting this request in writing to:

Law Services  
Box 2000T  
Newtown, PA 18940-0995  
Attn: Test Administration

Be sure to include your name (and the name under which you originally registered with this service if different from your current name), your social security number, birthdate, date of test administration(s) and a check in the amount of \$25 made payable to Law Services.



(5) Applicants seeking financial aid should file the Financial Aid Form (FAF) through the College Scholarship Service (CSS) (see the section on financial aid for further instructions).

(6) Applicants claiming entitlement to in-state educational privileges in accordance with Section 23-7.4 of the Code of Virginia must submit the Application for Virginia In-State Tuition Rate when initially applying for admission to the Law School.

All correspondence concerning the Graduate Program should be directed to: Admissions Office, Marshall-Wythe School of Law, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185.

### **C. English Language Requirements for Foreign Applicants**

While students need not be perfectly fluent in English, students with serious language limitations will have difficulty coping with a new cultural, social and academic environment, especially when he or she is enrolled in a discipline like law, which involves considerable proficiencies in reading and writing in English. Since oral participation and a research paper are degree requirements, only those students who are confident of their command of the English language should apply.

The Law School requires Official Score Reports of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) before admitting an applicant from a country whose official language is not English. This requirement includes applicants from India, Pakistan, and Bangladesh. The TOEFL is the only English proficiency examination accepted. The minimum score required is 600; because of the extensive reading necessary to complete the graduate law programs, the Law School prefers to admit applicants whose TOEFL scores are above this minimum. Information regarding test dates and registration procedures is available at most universities and American consulates, or by writing directly to: TOEFL, Educational Testing Service, CN 6154, Princeton, New Jersey 08541-6155, USA.

TOEFL scores more than two years old at the time of application cannot be considered; applicants must retake the test to present a more recent score. Applicants should register for the TOEFL at the earliest convenient date to insure that the Official Score Report will be received by the Admissions Office of the School of Law before the final application deadline of February 1. An Examinee's Confirmation Record or photocopies of TOEFL scores are not acceptable.

Individuals who have completed one year as full-time students in an English-speaking university may be eligible for a TOEFL exemption. To request a waiver of the TOEFL requirement, write to the Admissions Office and explain your special qualifications.

### **D. Visas**

All students must satisfy the United States governmental requirements for admission into the United States and for permission to remain in the United States for the necessary

duration of study for the LL.M. degree. An admitted foreign student will normally come to the United States on an F-1 student visa or a J-1 exchange visitor visa. After you have been accepted and have certified your funding for the academic year (by returning to the Admissions Office a completed Confirmation of Financial Resources form), you will receive a visa document to present at a US embassy or consulate.

## **FINANCIAL AID**

Law School financial aid funds are severely limited. No full fellowships are available. In exceptional circumstances, partial awards (in the form of grants or tuition waivers) may be available. Students must be prepared to pay necessary travel, living and educational expenses from outside sources.

Foreign applicants may wish to contact the United States embassy, consulate, Information Agency or Educational Exchange Commission for information about Fulbright travel grants and other educational opportunities. Standardized student budgets are available from the Office of Student Financial Aid.

The probability of receiving aid through the College depends on several factors: the number of applicants seeking aid, availability of funds, and the extent of an individual's qualifications and financial need in comparison to others.

The law school participates in the College Scholarship Service. To be considered for need-based financial assistance administered by the Law School, students must file the Financial Aid Form (FAF) for the academic year of their enrollment by March 1. The form is filed with the College Scholarship Service and is the only form necessary to apply for assistance administered by the Law School. Financial need is established through the analysis of this report.

FAF forms are available from most financial aid offices or by sending a request directly to: College Scholarship Service, CN 6300, Princeton, New Jersey 08541. In general only citizens and permanent residents of the United States are eligible to apply for financial assistance through the Stafford, Perkins, SLS, LAWLOANS and Law Access Loan Programs.

## **TUITION AND FEES**

Students entering the Law School are strongly advised to plan carefully to meet the costs and financial obligations of their legal education. Students applying for F-1 or J-1 visas are required to show that they have sufficient funds to provide for educational and personal expenses for each year they plan to study in the United States before the university will issue the necessary immigration forms. While subject to change, the tuition and general fee (\$1981 per semester for full-time Virginia students and \$4906 for full-time out-of-state students) is a payment toward the general maintenance and operating costs of the College including recreational and health facilities. Board and room charges are additional. Any student registered for nine hours or more is considered to be a full-time student and will be charged these full-time rates.



Section 23-7.4 of the Code of Virginia sets out the statutory test for domicile to be eligible for in-state tuition rates. As a general matter, very few foreign applicants can meet the statutory criteria. Questions involving individual situations should be addressed to the Office of the Registrar, College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia 23185. Requests for assistance must be made using the official form available from the Committee.

## BAR ADMISSION

The LL.M. degree alone does not qualify foreign lawyers to practice law in the United States. Each of the 50 states has its own criteria and procedures for admitting lawyers to practice and requirements vary. Lawyers from abroad seeking information on these requirements should contact the bar examiners in the state in which they wish to practice.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### A. The Law Library

The Law Library offers an excellent setting for research and study and occupies three floors covering the entire south wing of the Law School building. Seating includes a combina-

tion of carrels, tables, and lounge areas totaling over 400 locations. The collection of over 260,000 volumes provides a strong combination of primary and secondary material in Anglo-American Law. The library's equipment includes numerous microform readers and reader-printers, cassette players, audio-visual decks and monitors, photocopiers equipped with the VendaCard System, personal computers and printers which are available for computer-assisted instruction, as well as student word processing. The library also subscribes to the LEXIS/NEXIS, VU/TEXT and DIALOG databases.

### B. Office of Career Planning and Placement

The Law School Office of Career Planning and Placement provides a full range of career services to Marshall-Wythe students, including letter-writing techniques, interviewing techniques, individualized job search strategies, and career counseling.

### C. Academic Calendar

The academic year begins in mid-August and ends in May. The School of Law is conducted on the semester system: Fall Semester runs from August to December; Spring Semester from January to May. Only a very limited number of law courses are offered during the summer months.

## THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COLLEGE AND THE SCHOOL OF LAW

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