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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Dear Graduates and Friends:

The message I bring today is one of vibrancy and change.

Taylor Reveley answered the call to serve as interim president in February 2008 and was sworn in as William & Mary's 27th president this past September. In remarks at his inauguration, he said that he would do "his level best to make a serious difference for the better." This is a promise I know our former dean will keep. While it was difficult for me to see him go, Taylor truly bettered Marshall-Wythe on all fronts during his decade with us. He was dedicated to rekindling pride in the Law School's unique history and labored long and hard to place Marshall-Wythe on sure footing.

This has been a remarkable time for the School — and for me. We officially celebrated the dedication of our award-winning Wolf Law Library in December. The Annual Fund topped \$1.3 million for the second year in a row. Our talented faculty grew by three new members, Professors Timothy Zick, Larry Palmer, and Patty Roberts. The Class of 2011 was chosen from 4,585 applicants, a record for the Law School and an increase of almost eight percent from the previous year despite a nationwide decline. I have been given the opportunity to reconnect with almost 30 years of former students. What a fantastic experience!

The Law School truly is grateful for your support. To quote our former dean, you have made "a serious difference for the better." I trust you will find abundant good news in the following pages.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynda". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional but personal style.

Lynda L. Butler

Interim Dean and Chancellor Professor of Law