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COVER
The Marshall-Wythe Mace, ca. 1850-1855. Donation to the Law School in the mid-1970s, the mace is carried each year at graduation by the president of the Student Bar Association. It is a copy of the mace used in the British House of Commons. The British have 11 such maces that were wrought during the reign of William and Mary, with the Georgian coat-of-arms re-imposed later.
Dear Graduates, Parents, and Friends,

We are happy to share with you the news that Marshall-Wythe closed the books on a very successful fundraising year on June 30, 2010: we raised approximately $2.5 million, which is about a 25 percent increase from the prior year. Of that total, approximately $1.4 million came as gifts to the Annual Fund, with the balance coming in contributions for our endowment, building renovations, and in-kind gifts. Thank you for your generosity!

Your support makes a significant difference in the education of our students. With your help, we are able to attract and retain our outstanding faculty, and are also able to provide a rich environment for learning through support for our library, institutes and programs, student journals and organizations, and clinics and externships. Raising money for student scholarships remains one of our highest priorities. We are proud that we have been able to double the financial aid that we offer students in the past several years.

As we forge ahead, we are mindful that we must continue to rely more on private support and tuition. The state has cut its support for William & Mary by one third in the past three years, and that support will only continue to decline in the future.

We appreciate that many of you have continued to give despite a challenging economic climate. And special thanks to those alumni who have also lent a hand in our fundraising efforts by enlisting classmates in our gift drives.

Thank you for your continued support of the nation’s oldest law school. We firmly believe that our best days lie ahead of us.

Sincerely,

Davison M. Douglas
Dean and Arthur B. Hanson Professor of Law

Mark C. Van Deusen ’98
2009–10 Chair, Law School Annual Fund
FACULTY

New faculty: Allison Orr Larsen and Nancy Leong joined us as Assistant Professors. Professor Larsen’s teaching and research interests include constitutional law, administrative law, and statutory interpretation. Professor Leong’s teaching and research interests include civil rights law, criminal procedure, and evidence. Jason M. Solomon joined us as an Associate Professor with tenure from the University of Georgia Law School. His research interests are in the area of tort law; he also teaches employment law and administrative law. Sarah L. Stafford, Paul R. Verkuil Distinguished Professor of Public Policy, Economics, and Law, has received an appointment to the law faculty, along with her longstanding appointment in the Economics Department. Her research focuses on the effect of environmental regulations on firm and industry behavior.

Named Professorships: Professor Nancy Combs and Ernest W. Goodrich Professor of Law and Professor of Government Neal E. Devins were appointed Cabell Research Professors for academic year 2010–11. Professor James G. Dwyer was named the Arthur B. Hanson Professor of Law, making him the Law School’s second Hanson Professor. Professor Michael S. Green was appointed to the newly created Robert E. & Elizabeth S. Scott Research Professorship for academic year 2010–11.

Promotions: Eric D. Chason was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure. His areas of specialization include employee benefits, tax law, income tax, and trusts and estates. He is the Director of the William & Mary Tax Conference. Nathan B. Oman was promoted to Associate Professor. His areas of expertise include contracts, economic analysis of law, jurisprudence, law and religion, and legal history.

Three members of the faculty — Jayne W. Barnard, James G. Dwyer, and Alan J. Meese — were among 20 W&M faculty who received Plumeri Awards for Faculty Excellence.

Haynes Professor Paul Marcus received an Outstanding Faculty Award from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. The awards recognize the finest among Virginia’s college and university faculty for their excellence in teaching, research, and service.

Christie S. Warren, Professor of the Practice of International and Comparative Law, was appointed a U.N. Senior Mediation Expert in Constitutional Issues for a 12-month term. She is spending the year mediating conflicts in many of the world’s most conflict-laden nations. Warren is Director of the Comparative Legal Studies and Post-Conflict Justice Program.

Kathryn Urbonya, Professor of Law, retired from the faculty. Highly regarded as a scholar of the Fourth Amendment and as a professor committed to teaching, she joined the faculty in 1997.

STUDENTS

The Black Law Students Association was named the Regional Chapter of the Year for the Mid-Atlantic Region. This is the second year in a row that the chapter received national recognition.

The Election Law Society and the Election Law Program received a Help America Vote College Program grant for a new initiative in which ELS members helped local governments with recruiting and training of young poll workers.

In a recent ranking of more than 1,000 U.S. and selected non-U.S. legal periodicals, the William and Mary Law Review ranked as the 19th most-cited legal journal. The William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal ranked as the 3rd most-cited constitutional law journal, the William & Mary Journal of Women and the Law ranked as the 4th most cited journal for gender, sexuality, and women’s issues, and the William & Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review ranked as the 12th most-cited environmental, natural resources, and land use journal. A new journal, the William & Mary Business Law Review, published its first volume in 2010.

The Law School’s competitive teams brought home numerous recent honors. The National Trial Team’s recent triumphs include: 1st Place, Gourley...
Trial Competition; 1st Place, Phi Alpha Delta National Tournament; 1st Place, George Mason University Costello Criminal Advocacy Tournament; 1st Place, Stetson Law School Pretrial Competition; and 1st Place, National Trial Competition Regional Finals.

The Alternative Dispute Resolution Team won the Tulane Law School National Baseball Arbitration Competition and the Moot Court Team won the Regent Law School Moot Court Competition and the Federal Bar Association’s Thurgood A. Marshall Moot Court Competition.

ALUMNI AND FRIENDS
There were approximately 7,000 living Law School alumni in FY ’10. Altogether, Marshall-Wythe alumni live in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and 40 other countries.

Two W&M students – law student Blake Christensen ’12 and undergraduate business major Brittany Kidd ’11 – were honored as TowneBank’s first Alvin P. Anderson Scholars, an annual award to be given in memory of Alvin P. Anderson ’72. Each student received a $5,000 scholarship.

The Law School’s Order of the Coif chapter inducted Robert M. Fitzgerald ’75, a Senior Partner at Watt, Tieder, Hoffar & Fitzgerald, as an honorary member.

Virginia Governor Robert F. McDonnell announced the appointment of Edward L. Flippen ’74, a Partner at McGuireWoods, to W&M’s Board of Visitors effective July 1. The Governor also announced the appointment of Courtney Malveaux ’02 as Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry.

The St. George Tucker Adjunct Professorship Award, which recognizes a member of the adjunct faculty for outstanding teaching and service, was awarded to John Tarley, Jr. ’92 for 2010–11. Tarley’s partner at Tarley and Robinson, Neal J. Robinson ’92, was the 2009–10 honoree.

GIVING
In FY ’10, the Law School raised approximately $2.5 million in private support. Gifts to the Annual Fund totaled approximately $1.4 million. For more about annual giving, see page 5.

Reunion classes made generous gifts and five-year pledges totaling $917,361 by June 30. For more about reunion giving, see page 7.

The Class of 2010 raised $58,410 in gifts and pledges for their class gift. Despite a challenging job market, 45% of the class participated in the gift drive.

ENDOWMENTS
Law School endowments totaled approximately $36 million as of June 30, 2010. This constitutes an increase from a valuation of approximately $31.9 million on June 30, 2009, and is the result of new endowment gifts and recovering financial markets.

CLINICS AND PROGRAMS
The “WarriorConnect” program was sponsored on May 22 by the Veterans Benefits Clinic and the Department of Veterans Services – Virginia Wounded Warrior Program, and made possible by generous support from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund. More than 50 representatives from veteran-friendly organizations were on hand for a resource fair for veterans and their families. Following the fair, the Clinic hosted a roundtable discussion with service organizations.

The Law School’s six institutes and programs offered a variety of lectures, panels, and conferences which examined cases that will be coming before the Supreme Court, provided perspectives on international legal systems, and addressed how law affects human rights and shapes democracy. Recent distinguished speakers have included Harvard Law Professor Michael Klarman, FCC Commissioner Robert M. McDowell, Haitian diplomat René Magloire, Panamanian
Ambassador Jaime Alemán Healy, and two former Solicitors General of the United States, Paul Clement and Walter Dellinger.

ADMISSIONS
The J.D. Class of 2013, 217 strong, was chosen from a pool of 6,292 applicants, a record for the Law School and an increase of more than 26% from the prior year. The Class's median undergraduate GPA of 3.70 is the highest in our history; the Class's median LSAT of 165 (92nd percentile) has been equaled by only two prior entering classes.

Nineteen students joined us as members of the 2011 LL.M. degree class. These students are from Canada, China, the Czech Republic, Georgia, India, Japan, Mexico, Pakistan, Sweden, Thailand, and the United Kingdom.

TUITION AND FINANCIAL AID
Tuition and fees for 2010–11 are $23,800 (for VA Residents) and $33,800 (for non-residents).

Fifty-seven percent of the student body in the 2010–11 academic year is receiving financial aid in the form of scholarships or fellowships; the total value of these scholarships and fellowships is approximately $5.5 million.

PUBLIC SERVICE
Twelve alumni received 2010 awards from the Law School’s Loan Repayment Assistance Program. The Program has provided forgivable loans totaling $189,500 to 52 graduates since 2005.

The Law School awarded $300,000 in Summer Public Service Fellowships to 109 rising second- and third-year students. This was the most money ever awarded and the largest number of students to receive summer fellowships in the program's history. Students worked at 91 non-profit organizations and government agencies in 18 states, DC, and seven other countries.

Our law students contributed more than 68,000 hours to community and public service activities in the 2009–10 academic year. These endeavors included service via community legal outreach, nonprofit/government externships and clinics, the Community/Pro Bono Service Program, Street Law, Wills for Seniors, public service fellowships, and the Student Hurricane Network. These hours are in addition to the substantial service students provided through their organizations and their own individual efforts.

CAREER SERVICES
As of Feb. 15, 2010, 97.9% of the Class of 2009 who reported their status to the Office of Career Services and who were seeking employment had jobs or were pursuing advanced degrees. These graduates were located in 28 states, DC, East Timor, and Nigeria.

Among members of the Class of 2009 who reported their yearly salaries, the median starting salary was $92,000. Among leading employment areas: private practice (56.4%), government (17.9%), judicial clerkships (15.1%), corporations/businesses (6.7%), and public interest (2.9%).

RANKINGS

HONORS AND AWARDS
Retired Supreme Court Justice and W&M Chancellor Sandra Day O'Connor received the 2009–10 Marshall-Wythe Medallion. The medallion is the highest honor conferred by the faculty and recognizes members of the legal community who have demonstrated exceptional leadership and accomplishment. Justice O'Connor also delivered the May 2010 Commencement address.

Carol M. Rose, the Ashby Lohse Chair in Water and Natural Resources at the University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law, received the 2010 Brigham-Kanner Property Rights Prize at a dinner held in conjunction with the 7th annual Brigham-Kanner Property Rights Conference. The 2009 prize was awarded to Professor Richard E. Pipes of Harvard.

For a list of awards conferred at graduation, see page 9.
TOTAL GIFTS FY’10*

Annual Fund (cash) $1,382,052
Gifts-in-Kind $296,008
Endowment $635,373
Capital (building) $274,749
TOTAL GIVING $2,588,182

*Total number of alumni donors for FY’09 was 1,727; total for FY’10 was 1,826

COMPARISONS TO FY’09

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Graduates from near and far journeyed back to Williamsburg for the Law School’s annual Alumni Weekend on April 16–17. On Friday evening, Dean Douglas hosted a reception, in conjunction with the 7th Annual Public Service Fund Silent Auction, and many classes enjoyed get-togethers around town. On Saturday, alumni could join in the fun of golf, tennis, volleyball, a yoga class, walking tours of Colonial Williamsburg and Lake Matoaka, and a picnic on the Law School lawn. The weekend celebration concluded with an all-alumni reception on Saturday night and reunion class dinners.
Classes celebrating reunions in 2010 showed support for Marshall-Wythe through their generous gifts and pledges that totaled $867,560 by Alumni Weekend. By June 30, reunion giving for all classes totaled $917,361 in gifts and pledges. New reunion giving records were set by the Class of 1995 for cash gifts for a 15th reunion and the Class of 2000 for gifts and pledges for a 10th reunion.

On hand to celebrate their classes' generosity during Alumni Weekend were, from left, Justin M. Hargrove '05, Kindra L. Kirkeby '00, Mary Beth Anderson Sherwin '00, Matthew J. Bissonette '95, Dean Davison M. Douglas, Michael R. Borasky '75, Marcia E. Asquith '90, John J. Jarosak '85, Mahlon G. Funk, Jr. '75, and Mark S. Hedberg '90.
2009–2010 REUNION COMMITTEES

1970 – 40TH REUNION
CHAIR
Edmund Polubinski, Jr.
COMMITTEE
Stephen R. Crampton*
Charles F. Midkiff
Kenneth A. Phillips
Howard P. Smith
Stuart D. Spirn

1975 – 35TH REUNION
CO-CHAIRS
Michael R. Borasky, Mahlon G. Funk, Jr., and Robert O. Johnston, Sr.

1980 – 30TH REUNION
CHAIR
Catherine Mahoney Blue
COMMITTEE
Anthony H. Anikeeff
Nell Buckelew Armstrong
Francis C. Bagbey
Dennis P. Crimmins
Martha Didinger Franklin
James F. Ireland III
Joseph F. Lagrotteria
Dorothy Martin McCorkle
Christopher R. Mellott
James Lee E. Osborne
Frances Herring Reynolds
W. Laird Stabler III
The Honorable Lydia Calvert Taylor

1985 – 25TH REUNION
CHAIR
John J. Jarosak
COMMITTEE
Claude Wood Anderson
Kimberly H. Ashbach
George Asimos, Jr.
Ann Burke Brogan

1990 – 20TH REUNION
CO-CHAIRS
Marcia E. Asquith and Mark S. Hedberg
COMMITTEE
MacKay Morris Boyer
Robert H. Chappell III
Cameron N. Cosby
Jeffrey S. Craig
Sara Beiro Farabow
Felicia Silber Faragasso
Charles A. Fincher
Mary Allison Francis
David S. Keir
Andrew R. Livingston
Daniel J. Perry
Tonia Jones Powell
Michelle Bodley Radcliffe
Kelly Barnes St. Clair
Scott J. Stein
Mary Jo Allen Swartz
G. William Van De Weghe, Jr.

1995 – 15TH REUNION
CO-CHAIRS
Carla N. Archie and Matthew J. Bissonette
COMMITTEE
Walter Benzija
Beverly R. Covington
Michael F. Cox
Liezelle Agustin Dugger
Martha McGlathlin Gayle
Ruth Litvin Goodboe
Joseph S. Guarino
Michael D. Homans
Robert R. Kaplan, Jr.
Julie Patterson Laine
Brett A. Loney

2000 – 10TH REUNION
CO-CHAIRS
Kindra Lynn Kirkeby and Mary Beth Anderson Sherwin
COMMITTEE
Jessica R. Arons
Jennifer Magoulas Campbell
Jonathan S. Campbell
Sara R. Chandler
Craig Alexander Anthony Dixon
Lavonda N. Graham
Joseph J. Grogan
Adam L. Hills
Jeffrey J. Polich
Troy R. Rackham
Kevin D. Rice
Jason C. Rylander
John McRae Stuckey III

2005 – 5TH REUNION
CHAIR
Justin M. Hargrove
COMMITTEE
Katherine N. Addison
Katherine A. Aidala
Michael L. Broadus
Dominique A. Callins
Stephen T. Del Percio
Caroline B. Fleming
Meghan E. Hallock
Kristine A. Kippins
David B. Lacy
M. Janelle Lyons
Adrienne R. Mauney
Robert A. Maylor
Jason S. Miyares
Jennifer D. Kane Mullen
David S. Stern
Kelly E. Street
Matthew C. Widmer

*deceased
Retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor urged 2010 graduates to make a commitment to “being bridge builders” during her remarks at the Law School’s May 16 graduation ceremony. Noting that the date marked the eve of the 56th anniversary of the *Brown v. Board of Education* decision that brought an end to racial segregation in schools, she counseled graduates to find inspiration in the landmark case. “The bridge to *Brown* ... was paved by many, many small stones in the road, laid by young lawyers,” she said.

The following awards were presented at graduation:

**CITIZEN LAWYER AWARD**, presented by the Law School Association to a graduate or friend of the Law School who stands squarely in the Jeffersonian tradition of outstanding citizenship and leadership

MARK. S. DRAY ’68, PARTNER, HUNTON & WILLIAMS

**GEORGE WYTHER AWARD**, an award given in recognition of selfless service to the Law School

ZACHARIAH D'ELEOLA ’10

**JOHN MARSHALL AWARD**, honors exceptional character, leadership, and service to the Law School

JAN ABBOTT, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, JOURNAL CENTER

**LAWRENCE W. I’ANSON AWARD**, the highest award given to a graduating student or students by the Law School’s faculty in recognition of professional promise

ASHLEY CRENSHAW ’10 AND STEPHEN VAN STEMPVOORT ’10

**THURGOOD MARSHALL AWARD** for distinguished public service

MYRON MCCLEES ’10

**WALTER L. WILLIAMS, JR., MEMORIAL TEACHING AWARD**, recipient chosen each year by the graduating class

HAYNES PROFESSOR OF LAW PAUL MARCUS
The Cabell family of Virginia and William & Mary Law School have a long history together. In fact, William H. Cabell, later the 14th governor of Virginia, was the first person to be awarded a law degree from William & Mary in 1793.

More than 200 years later, the name Cabell rings stronger than ever at William & Mary, with the Cabell Foundation of Richmond supporting the Law School through the creation in 1994 of the William H. Cabell Research Professorship Endowment. In 2008, the Foundation offered a second challenge grant to supplement the Cabell Endowment, which now supports the research and scholarship of two law professors.

The grant challenged the Law School to raise $250,000 in new funds for the Cabell Endowment. Upon meeting this goal in 2010, the Law School received a $250,000 matching grant from the Cabell Foundation.

“We are enormously grateful to the Cabell Foundation for its support of faculty scholarship,” says Law School Dean Davison M. Douglas. “The gift ensures that our faculty have the resources to engage in cutting-edge research that advances our understanding of the law. It also helps us recruit and retain top-flight faculty members.”

The Cabell Foundation was established in 1957 by Robert G. Cabell III and Maude Morgan Cabell of Richmond, Va., as a private charitable foundation. While preference is given to qualifying organizations in the Richmond area, the Cabell Foundation has provided challenge grants to colleges and universities throughout the Commonwealth, mostly in support of capital projects.

“It’s unusual for the Foundation to establish faculty support grants, but William & Mary Law School was in the right place at the right time,” says Charles L. Cabell, the president of the Foundation and a 1977 graduate of the Law School who practices law in Richmond. “Because it’s a mature institution comfortable with its size and infrastructure, including a wonderful new building and law library, we felt it was more important to develop an even stronger faculty.”

Cabell believes that as competition for the best students becomes more intense, faculty enrichment becomes increasingly important in attracting them. “It’s a fairly simple equation,” he says. “Improve the caliber of the faculty and you attract the best students.”

Two professors were named William H. Cabell Research Professors for the 2010–11 academic year: Neal E. Devins and Nancy Combs. A member of the law faculty since 1987, Devins serves as director of the Institute of Bill of Rights Law and director of the Election Law Program.

“The award signals that the Law School values the productivity of its senior faculty and expects them to continue to be productive,” Devins says. “When the law school honors my work, it makes me feel proud of what I’ve done and encourages me to continue to do more.”

This is the second consecutive year that Combs has received a Cabell Research Professorship. A specialist in international criminal law, her Cabell Foundation funds have helped her do research in The Hague, The Netherlands, where many international criminal trials are held.

“I have no doubt that my scholarship on these trials will benefit immeasurably by my presence in The Hague,” Combs says. “I am terrifically grateful to the Cabell Foundation for helping me make this happen.”

“The Law School is extremely fortunate to have the Cabell Foundation as a partner in excellence, and we are indebted to the many alumni and friends who stepped forward and matched the Cabell grant so that we could expand this worthy endowment,” Douglas says. “This research professorship will help our Law School’s extraordinarily strong faculty.”
Growing up with parents heavily active in their community, Judy Conti ’94 knew she’d end up doing something in the public interest. That need to make a difference for others steered her toward a career in law. And her need for a law school steeped in community and public service steered her toward William & Mary.

“My experience at William & Mary was unparalleled in terms of education, community, support, professional development and mentorship,” says Conti, the Federal Advocacy Coordinator of the National Employment Law Project (NELP) in Washington, DC. “In the years since I graduated, that level of support and community has continued for me personally.”

Looking back, Conti cites the William & Mary faculty as prime builders of that community. She has only fond memories of such professors as John Levy, Davison Douglas, Paul Marcus, Susan Grover, Jayne Barnard, and others, all of whom have continued to follow her work and support it since graduation.

“They were all excellent teachers in the classroom, but they took it further than that,” Conti says. “They grounded us in reality and in practice, giving us a sense that what they were teaching us and training us to do really mattered for people.”

Thus inspired, Conti threw herself into the life of a law student. Among her many activities outside the classroom, she served as president of “Mary and William,” the Women’s Law Society at the College; as a member of the William and Mary Law Review and Moot Court; and as a founding editor of the William & Mary Journal of Women and the Law, one of the most highly regarded gender-oriented law journals in the country.

After graduation, Conti clerked for a judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, and then spent five years working on union-side labor issues at the Washington, DC, law firm of James & Hoffman. She then spent seven years as the co-founder and executive director of the Employment Justice Center, a non-profit legal services provider devoted to workplace justice in the Washington, DC, metropolitan area.

More recently Conti has been busy with NELP, making her expertise felt in the halls of Congress and relevant federal agencies. She has lobbied on issues of income security, job training for workers who have lost jobs due to globalization, and the needs of workers whose criminal records serve as a barrier to full employment.

She also spends her time and talents helping law students at her alma mater. Not only has she been a major and consistent supporter of the Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) at William & Mary, she also helped found it.

“It’s a real passion of mine, helping students keep out of a mountain of debt, and building something that will fund more students who might otherwise not be able to attend,” she says. “I hope other people will direct some of their donations to this worthy program.”

Conti has remained very close to the Law School since she graduated, returning numerous times to teach labor law as an adjunct professor. She also enjoyed being a committee member for her 10th reunion giving effort and recently completed her term on the Law School Association Board.

“The Law School has given me a continued mooring,” she says. “And as I remain involved and I see how the Law School continues to develop and thrive, I know that not only is the education at an even higher level, perhaps, than it was when I was there, but the community that exists matters just as much as it ever did. It’s a unique kind of place.”
Commencing his legal studies at the age of 30, Courtney Malveaux ’02 had plenty of time to consider what he wanted in a law school. Such factors as reputation, location, price, and faculty were of primary importance in his decision.

Not surprisingly, he chose William & Mary.

“I wanted to go to a top law school in the Virginia-DC area, and William & Mary is certainly one of the best,” Malveaux says. “It was not quite the Taj Mahal of buildings that it is today, but it was what was inside that counted.”

Malveaux discovered a faculty not only brilliant in the law, but personable and approachable. Among his favorite professors were Alan Meese and A. Mechele Dickerson. “Each of the faculty were experts in their field, but they added warmth and a great sense of humor that made each class so much more enjoyable,” he says.

He found that life outside the classroom also had much to offer him. He served as a member of the Trial Team and Moot Court teams, as president of the Student Bar Association, and as vice president of the Black Law Students Association.

When he entered law school in 1999, Malveaux discovered that only 11 students in his class, or five percent, were African American. Hoping for numbers that better reflected American diversity, he and his fellow students volunteered to help the admissions staff with recruitment efforts.

“We got on the phones and called prospective students personally,” Malveaux explains. “Our efforts doubled the number of African American students entering as members of the Class of 2003 the following year. We would have had one more, except that the student ultimately couldn’t afford the tuition.”

That student has remained on Malveaux’s mind since graduation. Accordingly, he created a scholarship that supports a student who lacks financial means to enroll.

Today, the Law School enjoys a much more diverse student body, thanks in great part to alumni support for scholarships and alumni and student assistance in admissions efforts. Fifty-three members of the Class of 2013 — or 24 percent — identified themselves as minority students.

“My parents taught me that when you reach certain places, you help pull others up,” Malveaux explains. “It’s a joy to help those who otherwise might not enroll in law school. The idea of that one student drives a lot of what I did then and do today.”

And Malveaux does a lot. Having previously worked as an assistant attorney general and deputy counsel to the Attorney General of Virginia, he was recently appointed by the Governor of Virginia to serve as Commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry. He also has taught as an adjunct professor at Virginia Commonwealth University and at the University of Richmond Law School. He is the immediate past president of the Hill-Tucker Bar Association, and is the vice chairman of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Living History and Public Policy Center. He also remains very active in Marshall-Wythe affairs as an officer of the Law School Association.

Malveaux praises the Law School for instilling the concept of the citizen-lawyer in its students and graduates. In recognition of his service as a student, the Law School awarded him the George Wythe Award, one of the Law School’s highest honors, at his 2002 graduation.

“I consider the George Wythe Award not so much an award as a challenge or charge to keep,” Malveaux says. “It reminds me to serve every day, whether in public service, for my firm, or in my community.”
The Brigham-Kanner Property Rights Conference may have hosted its 7th annual gathering in fall 2010, but Joe Waldo ’78, a member of the conference coordinating committee, still refers to it as being in its infancy. And he likes how it’s growing.

“Brigham-Kanner has become a national property rights conference, the only one hosted by a law school,” says Waldo, a Norfolk, Va., attorney who specializes in eminent domain and property rights law. “It’s definitely one of a kind.”

The conference is made possible by an endowment Waldo created during the Campaign for William & Mary. Each year, a coordinating committee invites leading members of academia, the bench, and the bar to participate in the event. The coordinating committee comprises the director of the William & Mary Property Rights Project (formerly Professor Eric Kades and now Chancellor Professor of Law Lynda Butler), the Dean of the Law School, and a member of the practicing bar (Mr. Waldo). The conference is named in honor of Waldo’s mentors, Toby Prince Brigham, a founding partner of Brigham Moore, in Florida, and Gideon Kanner, Professor of Law emeritus at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles and currently of counsel at Manatt, Phelps & Phillips in California.

Each year, the Brigham-Kanner Prize is awarded to an outstanding figure in the field. The 2010 prize was awarded to Carol M. Rose, the Lohse Chair, James E. Rogers College of Law, University of Arizona, and Professor of Law emerita, Yale Law School. She joins an illustrious list of prior recipients that includes Professor Frank I. Michelman, Harvard Law School (2004), Professor Richard A. Epstein, University of Chicago Law School (2005), Professor James W. Ely, Jr., Vanderbilt Law School (2006), Professor Margaret Jane Radin, University of Michigan Law School (2007), Professor Robert C. Ellickson, Yale Law School (2008), and Professor Richard E. Pipes, Harvard University (2009).

Waldo notes that interest in both the conference and in property rights in general has grown since the Supreme Court’s 2005 ruling in *Kelo v. the City of New London* upheld that city’s proposed takings for economic development.

“The subject of property rights has always been a fundamental equation in law schools or part of the foundation of legal scholarship, but to some degree it had worked its way to the back burner over the years,” he explains. “Kelo definitely brought property rights back into major focus.”

Even before *Kelo*, Waldo knew the time was right to increase awareness, and that his own law school was the perfect place to do so. “William & Mary has the right patina,” Waldo explains. “George Wythe, Thomas Jefferson, and John Marshall rolled up their sleeves here, studied property rights, and believed in the scholarship of property rights. The very foundation of American democracy began in Williamsburg, so the College is the perfect place for the ongoing study of this most basic of constitutional rights.”

The conference is a resource for students and seasoned professionals as well. Other schools around the country are making use of the conference presentations, with law libraries ordering complete sets of the recordings of the conference proceedings. The 2011 conference will be held at Tsinghua University in Beijing, where it will become an international event. The venue is an apt one, as property rights have increasingly become an important issue for China’s prosperity and a focus of world attention.

“It’s rewarding to see this conference grow, not only in scope, but in people’s support, both financially and professionally,” Waldo says. “The more resources we have, the more we can get things on rock solid ground. It’s getting better every year.”
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