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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

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