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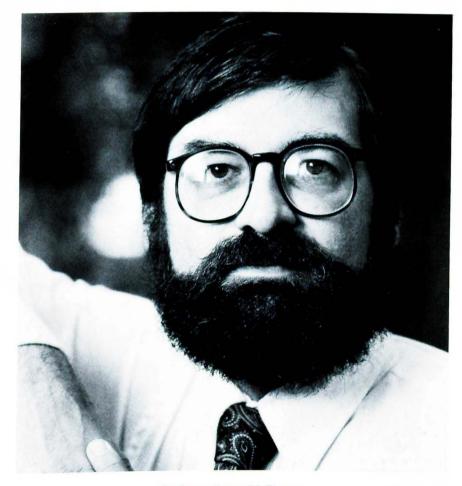
Legal Skills Program Debuts

August 15th brought with it not just the beginning of school, but also the start of an exciting, innovative approach to legal education, the Marshall-Wythe Legal Skills Program.

Legal Skills is an experimental attempt to better prepare students to serve their eventual clients while at the same time augmenting traditional academic approaches. The program is based upon the concept that to impart skills successfully, students must be presented with a unified, realistic approach that mirrors reality as much as possible. Accordingly, Legal Skills is based upon small student "law firms," and a methodology which integrates a wide variety of skills, topics, and teaching approaches. Rather than address only a few skills, Legal Skills will include the following topics:

History and structure of the legal profession Professional ethics Legal research Legal writing Legal drafting Interviewing Counseling Negotiation Alternative Dispute Resolution Introduction to trial practice Introduction to appellate practice

For the class of 1991 our prior mandatory courses in Legal Research and Writing, Legal Profession, and Appellate Advocacy have been abolished in addition to elective courses in Lawyering Process and Trial Practice (as distinguished from Trial Advocacy). Instead, they must participate in the eight credit, two year, Legal Skills course.



Professor James Moliterno

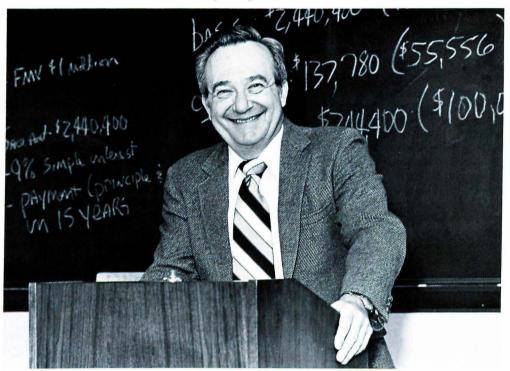
Much of Legal Skills instruction will be in the form of simulated client service. Over the two years, students will represent five clients. Representation will include a wide variety of tasks including interviewing, negotiating, drafting, and trial and appellate practice. For every client seen by one large office, there will be another party represented by a different office. Clients will range the gamut of legal possibilities. Particular attention will be paid to ethics which is integrated into every aspect of the course.

Upon their arrival on August 15th, one week before the upper classes, the new students were greeted by the Dean and Justice Thomas of the Virginia Supreme Court and then immediately thrust into the ethical analysis of a videotaped negotiation.

MARSHALL -WYTHE UPDATE

Professor Emeric Fischer Tazwell Taylor Professor of Law

By Toya Cook



"I really love to teach, it's my soul. Nothing gives me greater pleasure than when I find the students in my courses are able to really respond to my efforts to teach," says Professor Emeric Fischer, the 1988 Tazwell Taylor Professor Law.

Professor Fischer's record of service to Marshall-Wythe is quite distinguished as he has dedicated most of his professional life to this institution. He began his teaching career at Marshall- Wythe in 1964 after receiving a J.D. and M.L.T. from this institution. This year, Professor Fischer's scholarly contributions included a casebook Principles of Insurance Law, published by Matthew Bender. Reflecting on his 25-plus years at the law school, Professor Fischer says, "I've seen the law school grow. I was here when we were in the basement of Bryant Dormitory. There were only about fifty students and small facilities. I've had

Professor Emeric Fischer

the privilege of watching the law school grow from a fairly local school to what can now be considered a national law school."

Not only has professor Fischer watched the law school grow, but he has also played a pivotal role in its growth as he served as acting dean for the 1975-76 academic year. He also was the director of the M.L.T. program from 1970 to 1980, during which period the program grew from an average of two students per year to 15 full time and large numbers of part time students.

In addition to his service in the administrative and academic branches of this institution, Professor Fischer has served as Secretary of the Alumni Association from the late sixties to early 1970s. He is very proud of this accomplishment because he raised over \$50,000 as the contact person for the law school.

His words of hope and wisdom for

the alumni: "That they realize that the degree that they hold is something to be very proud of because this is a school of excellence. To maintain that excellence we must have alumni participation and support." Professor Fischer sees the Exeter program, of which he served as director for many years, as a vehicle for promotion of our institution and urges that through the program we have affected the lives of several thousand attorneys across the country; they know Marshall-Wythe because of our program and "it behooves us to maintain that program through alumni participation and support."

Similarly, the annual Tax Conference, of which he has been director since 1970, keeps the name of Marshall-Wythe in front of the hundreds of practitioners who attend this outstanding program.

Faculty Profile

Elmer J. Schaefer comes into a classroom rather quietly. His lecture style is unassuming as he addresses the class in soft spoken tones. You have to listen carefully to his words and as you do, you understand rather quickly the complexity of his intellect. He deals with the intricacies of law, but his lecture ranges from the level of a layman's understanding to someone with expert knowledge. Frequently, he will touch upon the higher echelons of legal scholarship. Then, just as the layman begins to look puzzled, Professor Schaefer glances out and explains a concept in clarity, keeping the students leaning forward to grasp the arguments that inevitably follow in the lecturer's discourse. Expanding and stretching the limits of the narrow confines of a law students' legal understanding is a task this professor relishes.

Many students from his first year contracts classes recall fondly the literary, mythological, sports world, and philosophical allusions illuminating the basics of offer and consent. And indeed, as one Corporate Finance class recently trudged along, the cobwebs were thoroughly swept away and quickly replaced by a damp, musty office in Great Britain, with us eavesdropping on a conversation between Sherlock Holmes and Watson. In this inimical manner Professor Schaefer throws open a mental door challenging students to be creative problem solvers in a class where the subject may appear dry or unappealing except to the devoted corporate lawyer.

Elmer Schaefer has an exemplary enthusiasm for his subject, law and economics. His interest in this area recently took him to Stanford University for a year-long sabbatical of research and study. His wife, Margo, a professor of mathematics in the Masters Program in Operations Research at the College of William and Mary, also received a year-long sabbatical to pursue her research interests. Her goal – to research in a completely new area in her field of

by Jerome Self

mathematic operations – was greatly aided by a highly specialized mathematics course offered at Stanford. The course was so specialized that four other Stanford professors were also sitting in on it <u>and one</u> for the second time due to the complexity of the subject.

The academic environment was quite stimulating, with weekly "working lunches" held for Stanford faculty. He guest lectured at one of these lunches. In addition, five Law and Economics Seminars were held each semester providing interaction with fellow enthusiasts in his field. He also had the opportunity to audit an interdisciplinary course given by law professors, psychologists and economists, including one Nobel Peace prize winner. When asked whether Stanford met his expectations, Schaefer replied "I went with stars in my eyes" expecting a "university with a great law school in a beautiful part of the country . . ." He found exactly what he had anticipated. While at Stanford, Professor Schaefer pursued research interest in Antitrust topics. Several articles

are evolving from his work.

Overall Schaefer found the experience quite satisfying. The chance to completely focus on research and writing and at the same time be exposed to a fresh and vital intellectual environment proved invaluable. In comparing his experience at Stanford to Marshall-Wythe, the most notable difference that came to mind was the number of faculty members there who were "keenly interested" in law and economics.

In assessing Marshall-Wythe over the fifteen years he has been here, he feels the "students continue to get better and better." What stands out? The students are "nice". "Current students are more interested in going to other parts of the country than ever before, and because we have never emphasized just Virginia law," they have a broader curriculum to choose from. When asked what would strengthen this school, he responded "conservative strategy makes sense for a school like ours – doing the traditional law school things well."



Professor Elmer Schaefer

HELP US FIND OUR LOST ALUMNI

Please call the Law School's Office of Alumni Affairs (804) 253-4886 if you know the whereabouts of any of the following alumni:

A. Todd Wyatt '24 Hampton, VA

Harry Christlief Somers '28

Joseph C. Shaffer, Jr. '35 Princeton, WV

John Ohanian '49

Anthony F. Moss '50 Greenfield, MA

Marvin Moran Murchison, Jr. '50 Newport News, VA

Lorin M. Brown '51

Edwin Hammond Pierce, Jr. '53 Alexandria, VA

Richard Francis Ellis '57

Bishop Cabell Tennis '56 Wilmington, DE

Roger M. Johnson '60 Geneva, Switzerland

Francis van Tambacht Kernan '60

Hal G. Ward '61 Norfolk, VA

Thomas W. Wharton '62

Douglas W. Conner '62

John J. Harrington '63 New York, NY

Richard W. Neve '64

H. Lee Stuart '64 Brick Town, NJ

Capt. Jeffrey M. Graham '65 Bayside, NY

Gerald P. McDermott '65 Uncasville, CT

Maurice C. Clem, Jr. '67 Suffolk, VA

Charles E. Kent '68 Century City, CA

Jamaes C. Patteson '68 Richmond, VA

Frederick P. Grill '69 Bridgeport, WV

LTC Eileen M. Albertson '70

T. J. Donovan '70

Margaret Ann McPherson '71

Jerald Robert Cureton '73 Philadelphia, PA

C. Curtis Sheffield '73 Norge, VA

Robert Daniel Stuart '73

Lawrence Denison Diehl '74 Harrisburg, PA

Stephen Clain Miller '74 Hudson, OH

Starr Jan Sinton '74

Daniel Alton Ward '74 Blacksburg, VA

John A. Caldwell, Jr. '75

Reed W. Easton '75 Linden, NJ

Robert H. Ellis'75

Paul E. Fridrich '75 Denver, CO

Phyllis W. Harden '75 Norfolk, VA

Robert B. Patterson '75 Alexandria, VA

Daniel P. Pepple '75

Michael Lawrence Geffen '76

Maj. Glenn Douglas Gillett '76 West Germany

Michael Dennis Hughes '76 Springfield, VA

Stephen Drew Lent '76 Virginia Beach, VA

Presley Morehead Rixey, IV '76

John Roger Tobias '76

Gary Philip Arsenault '77 Norfolk, VA

Patricia Beshore Swisher '77 York Haven, PA

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James Samuel Campbell III '79 Chester, VA Thomas William Horn '79 Williamsburg, VA

Kevin Charles McCormick '79 Elmer Rudolph Morris III '79 Williamsburg, VA

Ann Mary Morrison '79 St. Davids, PA

Steven Paul Roadcap '79

Carl Wayne Taylor'79

John S. Bell '80 Arlington, VA

Gary Wade Crawford '80 Alexandria, VA

Charles Ashley Fulton '80 Manassas, VA

Jocelin Louise Hackathorn '80 Decatur, GA

Suzy Tipson Hall '80 Philadelphia, PA

Eleanor Norton Bradley '81

William Clifford Meili '81 Dallas, TX

Roxie Oliver Rosemond '81 Virginia Beach, VA

Jean Burton Wyant '81 Richmond, VA

Robert Gerald Docters '82 London, England

Michael Lee White '82 Arlington, VA

Kenneth Jerome Adair '83 Belleville, NJ

David Nicholas Bowen '83 Ponte Vedra Beach, FL

Capt. Randi Elizabeth Dufresne Alexandria, VA

Richard Lynn Glazier '83 Ft. Lee, VA

Ok-Hoo Chung Hanes '83

Steven Dennis King '83 Salado, TX

Alfred Matano '83 Arlington, VA

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Sharron Swenck Mitchell '83 Newport News, VA Robert Gerrit Muilenburg '83 Austin, TX

Steven Gary Orgel '83 New York, NY

Jesse Earl Pond, III '83

Richard Lee Seelman '83 New Orleans, LA

Barry Alan Webb '83 Arlington, VA

Richard Keith Wilkinson '83 Big Stone Gap, VA

Joy Crafts Cantrell '84

Linda Carrier Frazee '84 Arlington, VA 22201

Paul V. Herzfeld '84

Eleanor Barry Knoth '84 Dayton, OH

Capt. Steven Rex Simon '84

Barbara Anne Wegener '84

Annette Laurel Bunker Andresen '85 Springfield, MA

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Damian Joseph Hansen '86 Williamsburg, VA

Martin Paul Lavelle '86 Staten Island, NY

Douglas Lee Roberts, Jr. '86 Atlanta, GA

Christopher Allen Fisher '87 Akron, OH

Gigi Desiree Schneppat '87

Newport News, VA 23606

Alumni Giving on the Rise!

Each year alumni solicit funds from fellow alumni for the William and Mary Law School Fund. All of the monies raised during each fiscal year – from July 1 through June 30 – are used in the following year to improve the School. Unless requested by the donor, none of these monies become part of the School's endowment.

Over the past five years, contributions to our annual fund have risen significantly. In 1983-84, alumni gave \$70,565, compared to last year when we contributed approximately \$187,000. The average size of a gift also rose during this period - from \$130 to \$177. Although solid improvement has been demonstrated, much remains to be done in order to solidify the School's enhanced standamong the nation's law schools. One problem is the low percentage of alumni participation. Only 30 per cent of our alumni made a contribution last year, compared with much higher percentages at those schools with which William and Mary aspires to be compared, such as the

Yale Law Fund, which realized a 54 per cent participation rate.

MARSHALL -WYTHE

The School's reputation has improved markedly during the past several years. Increasingly one reads of reports placing Marshall-Wythe among the top ten per cent of American law schools. Alumni support has helped make this possible and is essential if the progress is to be continued in the future. Our funds support many worthwhile projects, including student scholarships, books for the library, faculty aid, for research and many student programs, such as moot court, law review, career planning and placement, et cetera.

The goals for the 1988/89 annual fund are twofold – to raise total contributions to \$210,000 (including non-alumni gifts) and to increase alumni participation to 40 per cent. Both goals are ambitious. Whether they are met depends largely upon the willingness and commitment of <u>all</u> alumni to contribute meaningfully to Marshall-Wythe.

Save these dates!

April 21 and April 22, 1989

Spring Reunion Weekend

LAW REVIEW HAPPENINGS

Listed below is our illustrious staff for Volume 30 of the William and Mary Law Review.

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During the month of September 14, candidates were invited to join the staff on the basis of a writing competition.

The first two (of four) issues will feature respected authors and examine interesting topics. Issue one will include three professional articles: "Citizenship, Race, and Marginality" by Professor Kenneth Karst of UCLA, "Chief Justice Marshall, Justice Holmes and the Discourse of Constitutional Adjudication" by Professor G. E. White of Virginia, and "Problems with Setoff: A Proposed Legislative Solution" by Stephen Sepinuck, an Associate in the San Francisco office of Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe. Our two student notes examine the philosophy and history of judging and the definition of "handicapped" under the Rehabilitation Statutes.

Issue two, based on the Fifth Annual Bill of Rights Symposium at Marshall-Wythe, will feature articles by President Verkuil, Professor Gerhard Casper of the University of Chicago, and Lloyd N. Cutler, Esq. of Wilmer, Cutler & Pickering.

The *Review* will conduct fundraising as well as professional activities during the year and welcomes the comments and suggestions of interested alumni.

MARSHALL -WYTHE UPDATE

Moot Court Program 1988-89



L to R, John Hayes, Brendan McCarthy, Susan Walker, Jim Lady, Bruce McDougal.

William and Mary's Moot Court program has traditionally been very successful. With the active support of the faculty and administration, the excellent training and hard work of students pay off with trophies, plaques and awards all of which enhance the reputation of the law school. The Moot Court program currently sponsors eleven moot court teams, plus a negotiation team, a client counseling team, and a trial advocacy team. In addition to sending teams to competitions, the program sponsors the William Spong Invitational Moot Court Competition each spring, a prestigious tournament named in honor of the former dean of the law school, and conducts the intraschool Bushrod T. Washington Moot Court Competition to select the teams from among interested second-year students.

This program is administered by a nine member board of third year

students who select the teams, conduct their training, and plan and run the tournaments. The program is funded by student activity fees and by a limited allocation of law school funds. Current available revenues will not sustain the program at desired levels.

In order to increase revenues, a Moot Court Graduate Board has been created for the purpose of conducting fund raising among alumni of the Moot Court program. The following alumni have agreed to serve on the first board for the 1988-89 year:

John Donaldson 1963 Michael Hillinger 1983 Arthur Volkle 1983 Joan Mahoney 1983 Scot Katona 1983 Mary Stewart Winters Murphy 1985 These alumni will be contacting fellow Moot Court alumni during the fall, and members of Moot Court teams will also contact selected alumni by telephone.

The Moot Court Board for 1988-89 consists of: Chief Justice, Bruce McDougal; Tournament Justice, Spong Tournament, Stephanie Molnar; Research Justice, Spong Tournament, Robb Storm; Research Justice, Bushrod Tournament, Tim Richardson; Business Justice, Kevin Hopkins; Administrative Justice, James Lady; Administrative Justice, Mary Warner; Administrative Justice for Client, Cheri Lewis; Counseling, Negotiation and Trial Teams, Tournament Justice for Bushrod Tournament.

It's not too late . . . **Information for New Alumni Directory** Name_ MI Suffix First Last Nickname Spouse's name Office address – Firm_____ Street address Office Telephone (_____) _____ Home address _____ Home telephone (_____) _____ Areas of Concentration (Select up to 3 from Codes listed below - Rank in order of importance 2nd _____ 3rd in your practice) 1st _____ Code # Category Name Code # Category Name Code # Category Name 451 Government - Federal 650 Trade & Professional Associations 110 Administrative Law 459 Government - State & Local 660 Transportation Law 150 Antitrust Law 500 Health and Hospital Law 670 Trust, Estate Planning & Probate 160 Appellate Practice 505 Immigration Law 170 Aviation & Space Technology 680 Science & Technology 510 Insurance Law 701 Taxation - Corporate & Business 180 Bankruptcy, Insolvency & 520 Intellectual Property Law 702 Taxation - Personal Reorganization 530 International Law 190 Civil Rights 990 Bar Executive 534 Appellate Judge 200 Communications Law 992 Law Office Administration 535 Federal Trial Judge 210 Construction Law Legal Eduction & Bar Admissions Corporate & Business Law 536 State Trial Judge 545 Legal Education 301 537 Special Court Judge Banking & Savings Institutions 994 **Bar Admissions** 303 538 Administrative Law Judge Law School Administration **General Corporate Practice** 995 305 Finance & Securities 540 Labor and Employment Law 996 Law Librarian 551 Litigation-General Civil Practice 311 In-House Counsel 997 Unemployed Litigation-Copmmercial & 555 Non Law-Related Employment 351 Criminal Law - Public & 998 **Business Private Defense** (Specify) 560 Military Law 353 Criminal Law - Prosecution Natural Resources Law (All jurisdictions) 570 999 Retired 580 Product Liability Law 1000 Other (Specify) 360 Entertainment & Sports Law 370 Environmental Law 600 Public Contract Law 380 Family Law 610 Public Utility Law & Regulated 620 Real Estate Law 390 Franchise Law 640 Tort & Personal Injury 400 General Practice

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In Defense of Public Service

by Wendy L. Wiebalk

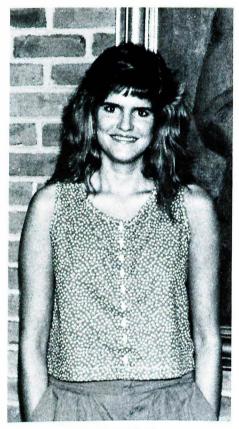
I spent my summer working for the Williamsburg law firm of McKenna & Rose, in conjunction with the Williamsburg Task Force on Battered Women. Although I did some law counseling directly through the Task Force, most of my time was spent working on the cases of women who had been battered.

Although Willafay McKenna and Karen Rose do have their own law firm, neither fits the stereotype of the rich, successful lawyer. They are successful, but their clientele will never make them rich; as a result of their combined eleven years working for the Legal Aid Clinic and their strong affiliation with the Task Force, the majority of Willafay and Karen's clients either represent the low-income faction of Williamsburg or are battered women in need of immediate, inexpensive help.

Working for a small, newly-founded firm offered me the unique opportunity to participate in every facet of running a law practice. Not only did I answer phones, aid in interviewing clients, research issues, and draft documents, but I went to court on a weekly basis with Willa-

fay and/or Karen. They also granted me much freedom in choosing how to spend my time in their employ; they allowed me to decide which cases I wanted to focus on, which client interviews I wanted to participate in, and which hearings I wanted to attend. This discretion enabled me to follow, as closely as possible, what I deemed to be the more compelling cases.

Domestic violence is a curious phenomenon of our society; episodes of domestic violence occur in epidemic numbers, yet our system of laws does not grant it the attention that it warrants. Without quoting statistics, suffice it to say that the police seldom treat the battering of a woman by her husband as analogous to a woman being battered by a stranger. Yet, if anything, the former crime warrants more attention, because of the constant proximity of the



Wendy Wiebalk

victim to the batterer, and the likelihood that the woman will be battered again and again, often with increasing severity.

My summer certainly had its rough spots, like the day I sat in on an interview and watched a client struggle to convey to us that her estranged husband had recently raped her. Or the numerous conversations that I had with a woman from the Midwest who had fled to the Williamsburg Battered Women's Shelter, to protect herself and her children from her husband who beat them often, and had repeatedly threatened her life with a gun in hand.

Not all stories about battered women have unhappy endings, but

far too many of them do. Just last year, a client of McKenna & Rose, who had been in and out of the Battered Women's Shelter, was shot and killed by her husband in the presence of their two children. This woman had worked with the Task Force, worked with Willafay and Karen, worked with the judicial system, and worked with the police to escape her battering husband once and for all. She followed every proper procedure, yet no one was able to save her from the murder that she had oft predicted. The most important thing that I learned about domestic violence this summer is that our legal system is, at this time, grossly inadequate in its attempts at dealing with this insidious problem of our society.

Although McKenna & Rose is a "profit" organization, they could not have financed my summer. The Marshall-Wythe Public Service Fund literally fed, clothed, and sheltered me during the three months that I worked. It is a difficult thing to define what public service means, but I think that my work with battered women falls within the category. I believe it does, because the problem of domestic violence is so widespread that it warrants the attention of our society as a whole, even though each isolated incident may involve as few as two people. The chance to spend the summer learning more about this problem and trying to help some of its victims was a deeply rewarding experience for me. I am most grateful to the Public Service Fund for enabling me to help battered women and to learn more about domestic violence firsthand.

Editor's Note: Wendy is a secondyear student who was the recipient of the first Public Service Fund fellowship award.

CLASS NOTES

In Memorium

William Carol Baskett, '55, of Virginia Beach, died suddenly June 28, 1988. He was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha and Wythe Law Club. His wife, Harriett Rasmussen Baskett, is a graduate of William and Mary, class of 1954; his daughter, Cynthia, received her J.D. in 1979. He is also survived by his daughter, Virginia, and son, William C. Jr., both William and Mary alumni. He will be greatly missed by the Marshall-Wythe community.

1960's - 1970's

Richard B. Potter, '69, was appointed to serve on the Prince William County General District Court. An additional judgeship on this court was created in order to handle the growing caseload, which ranked third in Virginia in terms of cases heard by judges in 1986. Potter had served as president of the Prince William County Bar Association.

John R. "Randy" Stevens, '73, was appointed General District Court Judge in the 15th Circuit. He had been aserving as assistant commonwealth's attorney in Fredericksburg, and will preside over courts in Fredericksburg and Spotsylvania.

Richard G. Powell, '73, after leaving the U.S. Army, began working in Huntsville, AL as a senior program analyst for a major Dept. of Defense contractor and continues to participate in the Army Reserves. He is married and has two daughters, ages 3 and 5.

George R. McInturff, '74, is executive vice president of Milligan-Reynolds Guaranty Title Agency Inc., Chattanooga, TN, which is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

Anthony F. Radd, '75, is a founding partner of an 8-man law firm, Payne, Gates, Farthing & Radd, PC, located in Norfolk, VA. Anthony Gambardella, '76, has been named the Virginia State Corporation Commission's new general counsel. He has been employed by the attorney general's office since 1976, most recently as senior assistant attorney general in charge of antitrust and consumer litigation.

H. Stanley Muir, '77, was transferred to Associate Chief Counsel, International Section for NCR Corporation in Dayton, OH.

John D. Beckman, '77, of Golden, CO, was named Outstanding Young Lawyer for 1987-88 by the 535member First Judicial District Bar Association. He and wife Paula have a 5-year old daughter, Taylore.

William D. Breit, '78, Norfolk, has formed a new law firm with his brother and another partner, concentrating in personal injury and criminal litigation. He was recently reelected to the Board of Governors of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association and also named a Diplomat in Civil Trial Advocacy by the National Board of Trial Advocacy.

Richard and Carol Hill Pickard, both Class '79, relocated to Los Gatos, CA, where Rich is serving as general counsel of Zilog, a wholly owned affiliate of Exxon Corporation, and Carol is a trial attorney with the West Coast Litigation Office of the Navy's Office of General Counsel. They have two sons, ages 4 and 5, and a newborn daughter.

James J. Burns, '79, is with the Richmond firm of Williams, Mullen, Christian & Dobbins, PC and his practice emphasizes commercial litigation and creditors' rights in bankruptcy. He and his wife Kate have three children, two sons and a daughter, ages 5, 3, and 1, respectively.

Andrew E. Thurman, '79, has joined the Pittsburgh, PA law firm of Berkman Ruslander Pohl Lieber & Engel, where he will concentrate his practice in health care law. His previous practice in the health care field was with an Oklahoma City law firm and he had also been adjunct assistant professor at the College of Allied Health, University of Oklahoma.

1980's

Fred Holland, '80, has formed a new partnership, Murphy, Butterfield & Holland, with offices at 330 Pine Street, Williamsport, PA.

John S. Bell, '80, is an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney for Warren County, Virginia.



Panelists L to R – Steve Boardman '73, Marged Harris '79, Chris Honenberger '77, and Ray Stoner '71 discuss how to succeed at summer clerkships with a group of students.

CLASS NOTES



Katherine '82 and Carl '79 Esson attended an alumni reception in Norfolk last spring.

Richard M. Sherman, '80, was married in May to Andrea Peters, and they spent their honeymoon in England en route to Sri Lanka, where he will took up his new position as Consul in Sri Lanka for a twoyear period.

Richard A. Marone, '81, was one of the founding partners in the firm of Marone, Messina and Seifel, PC, Farmington, CT in February. He and his wife, Sandra White Marone, have a one-year old daughter.

Ann C. Suhler, '81, who is with the Legal Services of Northern Virginia, was married in May to Patrick J. Halter and they reside in Alexandria, VA.

David T. Henry, '82, is presently in Ft. Davis, Panama, heading up the Atlantic side branch office of the Staff Judge Advocate for the U.S. Army South.

Philip J. Kochman, '82, who maintains a small private law practice in Houston, TX, also serves as President of Wolffkran America, a subsidiary of MAN GHN GMBH, the 11th largest public company in German. His wife Paula, who attended Marshall-Wythe, graduated from the South Texas College of Law, was recently admitted to the Texas Bar, and is employed in the Litigation Department of CONOCO, Inc. Blane B. Lewis, '82, is serving on active duty the U.S. Air Force. His current position is Deputy Staff Judge Advocate in Myrtle Beach, SC, with his practice concentrating on government procurement, environmental matters and labor law. He and his wife have a daughter born in September 1987.

Gregory P. Williams, '82, was elected a partner in the Wilmington, DE law firm of Richards, Layton and Finger.

Thomas M. Jackson, Jr., '82, a partner in the firm of McGrady and Jackson, in Hillsville, VA, was elected to the advisory board of Hillsville's Sovran Bank. He was also elected to the Virginia General Assembly for the 8th District, serves as county attorney for Carroll County, and represents the Board of Supervisors, the county School Board and the Dept. of Social Services. He is married to Cynthia Jones and they have a son.

Roberta A. Colton, '82, has become a member of the firm of Trenam, Simmons, Kemker, Scharf, Barkin, Frye & O'Neill in Tampa, FL. She joined the firm in 1983 and has been a litigator.

Robyn Carla Hylton, '83, is married to Paul D. Hansen, and they recently moved from Boston to Newport News, where she resumed her position with Jones, Blechman, Woltz and Kelly. They have a daughter born in March 1988.

Karen D. Waldron, '83, was named deputy executive director for disciplinary actions of the Virginia Board of Medicine. She formerly served as assistant attorney for Chesterfield County.

J. Thomas Cookson, '83, an associate in the New York law firm of Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson, was married to Carol E. Bazarian in New York City.

Barbara Johnson, '84, is with Dow Chemical Company in Freeport, TX, serving as a division attorney and handles legal matters in a number of areas including employee relations.

Jerome L. Lonnes, '84, is associated with the Richmond, VA law firm of Mezzullo, McCandlish & Framme, specializing in taxation and employee benefits. He is married to Laurel Burkett Patterson.

Jere M. H. Willis, III, '84, has been made a partner in the firm of Shackelford, Honenberger and Thomas, with offices in Culpeper, Orange, and Lake of the Woods, VA. He is serving his third term on the board of governors of the Virginia State Bar Young Lawyers Conference. He and his wife, Markey, have a daughter.

UPCOMING FALL ALUMNI EVENTS

December 7 Peninsula Chapter Reception Ramada Inn, Newport News

December 14 Tidewater Chapter Chrysler Museum

December 15 Greater Washington Alumni Chapter Reception City Club

CLASS NOTES



Jean Herron hard at work proofing the soon to be released William and Mary Lawyer.

Debora L. Cress, '85, married Edward A. Embrey last year, and is continuing her private practice in Richmond, VA, specializing in juvenile and domestic relations, criminal law and real estate.

Denise M. McGorrin, '85, relocated from Detroit to Los Angeles and is an associate in the employment law department of Paul, Haskings, Janofsky & Walker, representing management in employment discrimination and wrongful discharge actions.

Steve and Beth Edwards, '85, reside in Isle of Wight County where Steve was recently elected to the Board of Supervisors. Beth is an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney in Hampton and Steve is Director of Advocacy for the Association for Retarded Citizens, Tidewater Area. They have a two year old daughter.

Mary S. Mirkhani and James "Chris" Fletcher, both '85, were married last year and both are associates at the law firm of Eugene L. DeFronzo in Waterbury, CT.

Caryn L. Zimmerman, '86, transferred from the Ohio office of Baker & Hostetler to the firm's office in Washington, DC. She is residing in Alexandria, VA.

Mark Mullins, '86, and Tina Cook, '85, were married in April in Falls Church, VA and spent their honeymoon in Hawaii. They live and work in Miami, FL. **Donald R. McKillop, '87**, is an associate with the law firm of Klinedinst, Fliehman & Rescigno, San Diego, CA and specializes in civil litigation.

Don Johnsen, '87, will begin the practice of law with the firm of Faegre & Benson in Minneapolis, MN upon completion of his clerkship with Judge Haynsworth in South Carolina. He and his wife, Cindy Currence, are the parents of a son born last April.

Sarah L. Stewart, '87, has become associated with the firm of Walsh, Colucci, Stackhouse, Emrich & Lubeley, PC, with offices in Arlington, Prince William and Loudoun, VA.



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The First Year of Law School?

by Tad Pethybridge

The first year of law school? Piece of cake. The teachers were pussycats, the cases about as challenging as reading cereal boxes, and the Williamsburg nightlife immensely varied and stimulating. I had a great time.

At least that's what the doctor said I should keep telling myself. He said it's therapeutic. Something about auto-reverse psychology. He tried to explain it to me, but I was confused.

It was probably vestigial. For me, anyway, that's what I remember most about the first year of law school: confusion. Sometimes I went into class thinking I had the day's material pretty much under control and came out of class confused about how I could have so monumentally missed the point. Sometimes I went into class wondering what the point was and came out confused about how it could be so easy that I really understood it all along but just didn't think it could be so easy. And around exam times I was really confused about how the admissions office could have gotten my name, which is fairly distinctive, confused with the person they really meant to admit — a person who, no doubt, would have little or no trouble with the intricacies and permutations of the parol evidence rule. One thing I was sure about by the end of the year, though: if the first year of law school is any indication, Professor Kingsfield was dead wrong. You go into law school with a head full of mush, and you come out thinking like a mushhead.

Okay, so I'm exaggerating a little. Maybe not like a mushhead. Maybe like a jellohead or something. (Come to think of it, if there wasn't any improvement — if I went through all that for nothing - I might be tempted to find a high place and make mush of more than just my head.) If any beneficial congealing did occur, a good deal of the credit has to go to our teachers. They led us through what seemed like a pretty difficult process on both sides with a mixture of high expectations and patience, keeping us on our toes with sharp questions and sharp wit. What's more, they almost always did it with smile. Professor Kingsfield a wouldn't have approved.

But even though no proteges of Professor Kingsfield teach here, many in our class still suffered from what seems to be the universal firstyear malady: near-paralytic fear of speaking in class. (Actually, it's not that surprising: in polls measuring what people fear most, people consistently rank public speaking first, ahead of death, poverty, mothers-inlaw and other horrors.) Law school seems rarely to inspire joy, but there is no other word for the radiance that shines from a first-year's face when the professor says, "Now, Mr. Quisling ..." — and points to your namesake on the *other* side of the room.

And no discussion of the first year of law school would be complete without some comments on that rite of passage (or failage), the first law school exam. Unfortunately, I can't remember anything about it. The doctor calls it "traumatic repression." He says it will pass in time. (More than you can say for me.) I do remember quite vividly my thoughts when I came out of my daze about three hours after the exam. No, it wasn't, "God, am I glad that's over," or, "I survived." I thought to myself, not too calmly, "What do you meanthere's four more?"

The first year of law school? Piece of cake. The teachers were pussycats, the cases — oh, forget it. I'm just glad it's over. The weird thing is that I'm looking forward to the coming year. I'm sure the doctor will have something to say about that.

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During the remainder of their introductory week, they analyzed the major aspects of the common law legal system, engaged in first year type analysis of a line of cases, learned briefing and analytical techniques, interviewed a client, and wrote their first closed research memorandum.

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We must await future developments but every sign points to an encouraging and successful start of this unusually challenging and innovative approach to legal skills.

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