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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Dear Graduates and Friends:

Greetings from South Henry Street!

Giving to the Law School continues to rise, with nearly \$1.8 million contributed in 2001-02, an increase of nearly 12 percent over the prior year. Of this amount, \$821,000 came via the Annual Fund, keeping us on track to raise \$1 million in annual support by June 30, 2003.

One of the most concrete signs of confidence in Marshall-Wythe's future is its new North Wing. This vital addition was funded almost wholly by private money – an initial wave of gifts from graduates and friends, followed by a \$400,000 challenge grant from an anonymous Richmond foundation that was received in November 2001 and matched over the next six months by a renewed wave of gifts. Next comes construction of the Law School's library. In November 2002, Virginia voters overwhelmingly passed the higher education bond issue, including \$11.8 million for our library. While private funds will be needed too, state bonds will make the project feasible.

I hope the enormous vitality of the Law School can be glimpsed on the pages of this Annual Report. That Marshall-Wythe is moving so powerfully into the 21st century is a testament to your interest and generosity.

“Here we will form such characters as may be useful in the national councils of our country,” wrote George Wythe about the Law School, when he led it in the late 1700s. Marshall-Wythe is still in the business of training citizen lawyers, and it will continue to succeed splendidly with your encouragement and help.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which reads "W. Taylor Reveley III". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

W. Taylor Reveley III
Dean and Professor of Law