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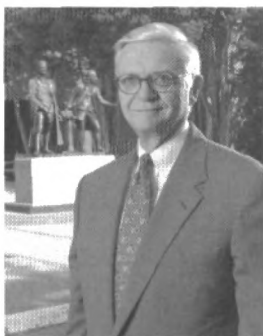
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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Dear Graduates and Friends:

“Here we will form such characters as may be useful in the national councils of our country,” wrote George Wythe about the law school that he led at William & Mary in the late eighteenth century. Wythe’s instruction of John Marshall, among others, laid the historic foundation for American legal education.

William & Mary Law School remains robustly healthy some 225 years after Wythe’s and Marshall’s day. As you will read in these pages, there is much good news on many fronts. We grew the faculty — now including William W. Van Alstyne, one of the nation’s preeminent constitutional law scholars. We had an avalanche of applications — 4,243 — and welcomed from that number the Class of 2007, some 204 strong. We set fundraising records in two programs — the Annual Fund and reunion class giving (including gifts, pledges and deferred gifts) — with each program exceeding \$1 million.

You will find much in these pages to make you proud. Marshall-Wythe continues to move forward with your encouragement and support.

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