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Institute of Bill of Rights Law

The Institute of Bill of Rights Law was established at the College of William and Mary in 1982 by a private bequest to support research on issues involving constitutional liberties. It is an academic foundation with a mission of quality research and public education. "

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The Student Division of the Institute of Bill of Rights Law is an integral part of the Institute at large. It is designed to provide a forum for discussion of questions of constitutional and Bill of Rights law. It is open to any interested law student and is designed to enrich the educational life of the student community at the Marshall-Wythe School of Law. The goals of the Student Division are to promote dialogue, to encourage research, and to enhance public awareness of constitutional issues.

Student Symposia Series

The Student Division plans, organizes, and conducts an annual conference.

The third annual student symposium, "**The Second Amendment: The Right to Bear Arms**," was presented on February 13-14, 1992. It covered issues ranging from strict liability for accidental gun discharges to firearm purchase waiting periods. Presentation formats included a soapbox-style open microphone discussion, a "town meeting" debate of proposed legislation, a keynote address by Sarah Brady, and a moot court exercise presided over by the Honorable Abner Mikva, Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

The topic of the February 15-16, 1991 symposium was "**Bioethics and the Law**." The students addressed the

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topic through use of moot court and panel discussion formats. One moot court case involved issues related to medical research, while the other focused on issues relating to court-ordered bone marrow transplants. Students prepared the briefs used in the cases, and student advocates argued the cases. The expert panel discussion examined issues relating to in vitro fertilization.

The first annual student symposium in 1990 was titled "**The War on Drugs and its Constitutional Implications**" and focused debate on the controversies surrounding the war on drugs.

Conference support and organization are provided by symposium chairpersons and committee members.

William and Mary Bill of Rights Journal

Formed in 1991, the *William and Mary Bill of Rights Journal* is a new student-edited, biannual publication. It provides Marshall-Wythe students with an additional outlet for the publication of their scholarly research. Volume I, Issue 1 is dated Spring, 1992.

Participation in the journal is open to all Marshall-Wythe students, and any interested students may submit articles for consideration. Articles are also written by professionals both in the William and Mary community and elsewhere.

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