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YOUR FUTURE LAWYERS

SCHOLASTIC EXCELLENCE

PASSION FOR THE LAW

DEDICATION TO PUBLIC SERVICE

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OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Students with Distinguished Credentials

William & Mary shares the company of a select group of law schools nationwide based on combined LSAT scores and GPAs for their student bodies.

Chosen from over 5,000 applicants, the 375 members of William & Mary’s Classes of 2003 and 2004 demonstrate remarkable achievements in addition to impressive statistics. More than 10% have advanced degrees. Over half had full-time work experience before entering law school.

REPRESENT 45 STATES AND 215 SCHOOLS
OVER 60% WORK OUTSIDE VIRGINIA

Students with a National Orientation

William & Mary students represent 45 states, eight countries, and 215 undergraduate institutions. Over 60% of second- and third-year students work outside Virginia. Our two most recent graduating classes accepted positions in 31 states in all regions of the United States, Washington, D.C., and four foreign countries.

Reflecting the breadth of our students’ geographic and practice interests, we posted job listings from over 2,500 employers in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and abroad in 2001.

NATIONALLY ACCLAIMED LEGAL SKILLS PROGRAM

Students with Exceptional Professional Skills

William & Mary’s innovative Legal Skills program won the American Bar Association Gambrell Award for the nation’s most outstanding effort for the teaching of professionalism. The Wall Street Journal, Of Counsel, the ABA Journal, and The Professional Lawyer have reported on this nine-credit, two-year required program that combines the teaching of lawyering skills, professional responsibility, and legal research and writing into one challenging course.

Student-lawyers serve in law offices of approximately 15 members, each headed by a
faculty member who serves as "senior partner." Handling multiple, overlapping assignments both independently and collaboratively, every student:

- Interviews and counsels simulated clients in complex civil and criminal matters
- Maintains case files, including correspondence, pleadings, memoranda, and court orders
- Participates in face-to-face settlement negotiations with opposing counsel in a civil matter and plea negotiations in a criminal case
- Completes research for and prepares client opinion letters, legal memoranda, pleadings, pretrial motions and supporting memoranda, orders, and an appellate brief
- Prepares and responds to interrogatories
- Argues a pretrial discovery motion
- Handles a request for injunctive relief or other emergency intensive client service in a compressed time frame, or drafts a complex transactional document
- Conducts a bench trial, creating a full trial record
- Argues an appeal from the record created at trial
- Resolves many ethical issues arising out of client representation
- Receives hands-on, technologically-augmented litigation training as part of the Courtroom 21 Project in the Law School’s McGlothlin Courtroom, the world’s most technologically advanced trial and appellate courtroom

STUDENT JOURNALS & STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Students with Significant Co-curricular Accomplishments

William & Mary students complement their studies with meaningful involvement outside the classroom. The William and Mary Law Review is among the most frequently cited journals in the country. In 2000, its editor-in-chief was one of ten law students in the country honored for excellence in legal writing by the Burton Foundation. The William and Mary Bill of Rights Journal was ranked seventh in a recent national empirical evaluation of 285 specialized law reviews. Students also enhance their research, writing, analytical, and managerial skills by publishing the William and Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review and the William and Mary Journal of Women and the Law.

Three programs – Moot Court, National Trial Team, and the Negotiation & Client Counseling Board (NCCB) – put students’ lawyering skills to the test before they enter the legal profession. Moot Court team members take a required brief writing course and, among recent kudos, advanced to the national...
octofinals out of a field of more than 140 teams in the 2000 National Moot Court Tournament; one of our students was named Best Oralist. The National Trial Team’s aspiring litigators participate in civil and criminal trial tournaments. They have ably represented William & Mary in competitions sponsored, for example, by the National Trial Lawyers Association and the American Trial Lawyers Association. In 2000-01, our students participated for the first time in the NCCB, an ABA Student Division program, and competed on the regional level in competitions that simulate the dispute resolution process outside the courtroom and test students’ skills in negotiation, client counseling, and advocacy in mediation.

Students have a chance to learn from some of the nation’s leading jurists and legal experts at the annual Supreme Court Preview and other events sponsored by the Law School’s Institute of Bill of Rights Law. Each spring, students organize their own conference on a cutting-edge issue of constitutional law. Topics have included the constitutionality of anti-terrorism proposals, racial profiling, religion in the schools, and controlling obscenity on the internet.

SUMMER PUBLIC SERVICE FELLOWSHIPS

Students Committed to Public Service

Many William & Mary students choose to work in public service positions during the summer. Nonprofit employers with no or limited funds for summer internships may hire William & Mary students through an array of Law School-funded programs.

During summer 2001, the Law School provided fellowships to 44 students who worked for government and public interest employers throughout the United States and abroad. Information about William & Mary’s summer fellowships may be obtained from the Office of Career Planning and Placement and is also posted on our web site (www.wm.edu/law).

We are proud of our students’ commitment to public service. Students work to better their communities by volunteering for many agencies in southeastern Virginia during the academic year. They provide hundreds of hours of assistance to legal aid organizations, shelters for victims of domestic violence, law reform and advocacy groups, public defenders, state and federal prosecutors, court-appointed private defense counsel, employee relations and environmental agencies, and low income taxpayers.
NO FEES, FULL PRESCREENING
ACCESSIBLE FACILITIES

Convenient On-Campus Recruiting

Employers interviewing on campus in 2001 represented 30 states, the District of Columbia, and abroad. Recognizing that on-campus interviewing is mutually beneficial for employers and students, we do not charge fees. We also permit full prescreening of students’ resumes. All interviews occur in the Law School.

Williamsburg is easily accessible. It is served by three airports (Norfolk, Richmond, Newport News) and is an easy drive from many metropolitan areas. Upon request, we will be happy to coordinate an employer’s on-campus date here with visits to other area law schools.

RESUMES FORWARDED/DIRECT CONTACT
ALUMNI PLACEMENT BULLETIN

Services for Non-visiting Employers

We will be happy to notify students of opportunities with employers unable to come to Williamsburg. We will collect and send resumes in one package or, if you prefer, instruct students to submit materials directly.

Lateral Hiring Assistance for Employers

The Alumni Placement Bulletin, a web-based job listing service, is available to William & Mary law graduates interested in making a lateral move. At no charge, employers can list vacancies for experienced attorneys. Listings may be “blind” or open.

William & Mary School of Law is committed to a policy prohibiting discrimination based on race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, disability, or age in its programs and activities. By using our facilities or services, employers signify that their practices at all stages of the recruitment and employment process are consistent with this policy.

Please complete Request for Services Form on the following page
Request for Services Form

EMPLOYER INFORMATION

Employer's Complete Name: ____________________________________________________________

Mailing Address: ____________________________________________________________________

Phone: ________________________________ Fax: __________________________________________

E-mail Address: _________________________ World Wide Web Address: ______________________

Contact Person: _________________________ Name ________________________________________

Title

Location(s) you will be recruiting for in addition to above: ________________________________

PLEASE CHECK THE SERVICES YOU DESIRE

___ We would like to interview on campus. (Fall interview season is September 12-November 15, 2002. Spring interview season is January 29-April 4, 2003. No interviews will be held September 16, October 14 and 15, 2002, or March 3-7, 2003.)

Please provide your preferred date _______________ Number of interview rooms: ____________

Class(es) to be interviewed: 2nds 3rds 1sts (spring semester only)

Please provide your carrier name and account number for overnight delivery of students' resumes:

Overnight Carrier Name ________________________________ Account Number ______________________

Please return with two copies of employer materials and NALP form.

___ We are unable to interview on campus but would like to receive resumes from:

2nds 3rds 1sts (spring semester only)

Resumes and additional materials should be:

Collected and sent in one package by the Office of Career Planning and Placement

Mailed directly by interested students (application deadline: ______________________________)

Please return with two copies of employer materials and NALP form.

Students should provide the following materials in addition to a resume:

transcript writing sample reference list other: ________________________________

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