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Law School Holds 18th Annual Brigham-Kanner Property Rights Conference



The William & Mary Property Rights Project brought experts to Williamsburg on September 30-October 1 for its signature event: the Brigham-Kanner Property Rights Conference. Now in its 18th year, the conference brings together members of the bench, bar and academia to explore recent developments in the law that affect property rights. This year's conference began with a reception to celebrate the award of the Brigham-Kanner Property Rights Prize to Professor Vicki Been of New York University Law School.

[Read more.](#)

Fall Commencement



Class of 2020 Celebrated During Fall Commencement

Members of the Class of 2020 returned to campus on Sunday, October 10, to participate in a special Commencement Ceremony at Kaplan Arena. Afterward, they returned to the Law School for a celebration with classmates, families and friends. [View the slideshow.](#)

Patten Honored at Commencement

Renowned lawyer and former University Rector Donald N. Patten received an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws during commencement on October 10. A longtime friend of the Law School, he generously supported the recent, extensive renovation of the patio adjacent to the lobby, now known as the Patten Family Courtyard. [Read more.](#)

Clinics and Practicum



PELE Special Education Clinic Launches Virtual Project to Serve Virginia's Military Families

A Virginia Law Foundation grant will support the Clinic's new Empowering Military Families in Virginia Project. [Read more.](#)

Post-Graduate Legal Fellow Brianna Crews '19 will oversee the new project's development. [Read more.](#)

Coastal Policy Center to Co-Host Webinar on Virginia's Climate Change Strategies

Join the Coastal Policy Center and the Virginia State Bar's Environmental Section on October 28 for a free virtual webinar highlighting new climate change laws and Virginia's position in light of recent developments in federal policy which affect the regulatory and permitting process. *2.0 hours LIVE/interactive CLE credit (pending), APA credit (approved)* [Read more & register.](#)

Women in Law



Dolma LL.M. '21 Uses Degree to Serve Her Tibetan Community

Without Professor Christie Warren's belief in her and the financial support of a foundation, said Dolma, "I never would have dared to dream of the possibility of receiving a degree from a world-class law school like William & Mary. The opportunity they have given me has changed my life." [Read more.](#)

Wolf Library Hosts New Exhibit

A new exhibit in the Nicolas J. St. George Rare Book Room at the Wolf Law Library, *Women in History and the Law*, explores women's lives from the 17th to mid-20th centuries as illustrated in items selected from the special collection. The exhibit is open now through March 31, 2022. [Read more.](#)



Dani Makia J.D. '19
Chief Operating Officer and
Co-founder, Pembe

Dani is recognized in our October Alumni Spotlight for her commitment to fostering the next generation of citizen lawyers through her innovative non-profit Pembe. Dani, who is herself Cameroonian-American, helps mentor students of African descent in the law school application process through Pembe, offering support on the LSAT, personal statements, and considering schools. An associate at Goldman Sachs who focuses on consumer data privacy and protection matters, Dani founded Pembe shortly after graduation in the midst of the pandemic as a way of making positive change in the legal profession. Dani, you make W&M proud with your commitment to supporting future law students every day!



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Alumni Association Board
Alumni Spotlight

New! The Alumni Association Board has created a new monthly Alumni Spotlight, highlighting Citizen Lawyers who are committed to practicing our Law School's values in their daily lives.

To learn more about this initiative and to nominate a classmate or W&M colleague, click the button below.

[Learn More & Nominate Someone Today!](#)

Get Involved

October 28: [Virginia's Climate Change Strategies: Addressing Climate Change in a Fractured Legal and Policy Environment](#)

Free CLE webinar Hosted by Coastal Policy Clinic and the Virginia State Bar Environmental Law Section.

November 1: [BLSA Presents-Speaker Series: Big Law](#)

For BLSA's second speaker series, BLSA will feature talented Black lawyers working for Big Law firms or as in-house corporate attorneys. The program's format will be a virtual panel style with a list of questions followed by an interactive Q&A.

November 10: [Veterans Day Event at the Army Navy Country Club](#)

Honor the men and women who have served in America's Armed Forces and celebrate the 245th birthday of the Marine Corps at the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington, VA. Hear from Bob Merkl, special assistant to the president for military and veterans affairs, and Jonathan "JD" Due, executive director of the Mason School of Business Center for Military Transition.

November 10–12: [67th Annual W&M Tax Conference](#)

The William & Mary Tax Conference offers lawyers and accountants an in-depth look at current topics in tax law. Please plan to join us for our 67th conference.

November 13: [Military Appreciation Tailgate & Game](#)

Tailgate before William & Mary takes on James Madison University in the Military Appreciation Game! The tailgate begins at 12:30 p.m. on the Alumni House Lawn. Admission is free and includes appetizers, beer and non-alcoholic drinks.

April 2022: [Alumni Weekend 2022 - Save the Date!](#)

Aired on July 15: [Conversations & Connections: Tourism in Virginia](#)

Featuring law alumni Cliff Fleet '95 and Benming Zhang '20

Alumni in the News



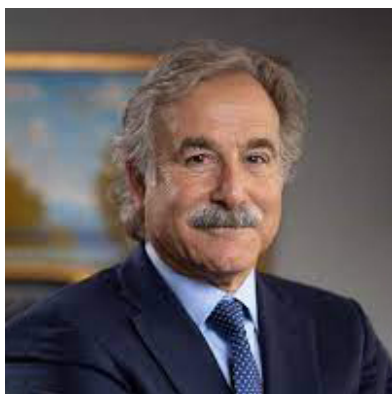
Latoya Asia '09

Latoya Asia '09 recently participated in an online discussion on the Future of the Virginia Workforce. [Read more.](#)



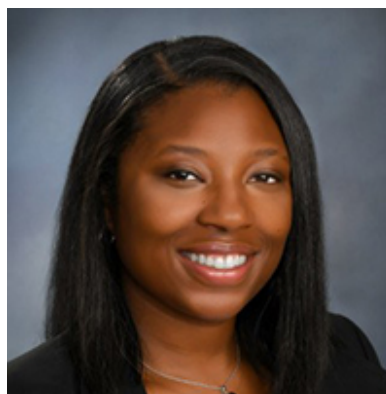
Jason Miyares '05

Jason Miyares '05 is running to become the next Attorney General of Virginia. [Read more.](#)



Jeffrey Breit HON '17

Jeffrey Breit HON '17 has been invited to join the Inner Circle of Advocates, a group of the nation's top plaintiffs' lawyers. [Read more.](#)



Jamel Rowe '12

Jamel Rowe '12 was recently promoted to a Lead Senior Associate at Livesay & Myers, P.C. [Read more.](#)

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Help or Hire a 2021 Graduate

Class of 2021 graduates plan to practice in 17 states—AK, CA, CO, FL, GA, MA, MD, MN, NC, NJ, NY, OH, PA, SC, TX, UT, VA—and DC.

If you or someone you know is hiring for entry-level, temporary, part-time, or remote positions, [post a recent grad position](#) or request resumes from [Ramona Sein '97](#), Assistant Dean for Employer Relations.

Recruit Students for Internships

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Request Alumni Career Resources

OCS is happy to assist alumni who are seeking employment. For access to Alumni Resources, [click here](#).



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