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### The William and Mary Law School Association

## Citizen-Lawyer Dinner

honoring

### Ernest Whitmore Goodrich

Friday, April 23, 1999 Alumni Leadership Hall

# Ernest W. Goodrich 1999 Citizen-Lawyer Award Recipient

The William and Mary Law School Association is honored to present Ernest W. Goodrich with the 1999 Citizen-Lawyer Award. Mr. Goodrich graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the College of William and Mary in 1935 with an A.B. in Jurisprudence. A recipient of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award for service to the College, Ernest later attended George Washington University Law School where he received his J.D. in 1938 and earned his LL.M. in 1946.

Mr. Goodrich's service to his community, his state, and the law remains unparalleled. In 1939 he was elected as the Commonwealth's Attorney for Surry County and, following his service in the U.S. Navy from 1942 to 1946, continued to work in the Commonwealth's Attorney's office until 1975. Despite the challenges of this position, Ernest maintained his own private practice in Surry and returned to the Marshall-Wythe School of Law where he taught taxation as an Adjunct Professor from 1946 to 1950. So respected was he by students and faculty alike that one graduate established the Ernest W. Goodrich Professorship in 1993 as a tribute to one of the Law School's most beloved professors.

Ernest has combined his love of the law with his desire to serve his community through his participation in many volunteer activities. He has been a member of the Executive Committee of the Virginia State Bar and was elected for three non-consecutive terms to the Fourth Disciplinary Committee of the Virginia State Bar. He is also a former President of the Virginia Commonwealth's Attorneys Association. He has been Chairman of the Committee on the 300th Anniversary of Surry County and Delegate to the White House Conference on Education in 1956. He was President of the Bank of Surry County from 1952 until 1980. He has served as Chairman of the Transportation Safety Board of Virginia and as *aide-de-camp* to Virginia Governors Stanley, Almond, Harrison, Godwin, Dalton, and Robb.

Mr. Goodrich has also been a loyal and active alumnus of the College. He served on the Board of Visitors from 1964 to 1972 and was Rector from 1970 to 1972. He has been President of the Law School Alumni Association, Chairman of the Olde Guarde Council and a board member of the Endowment Association and the Society of the Alumni. In 1979, the Society of the Alumni awarded him its highest honor, the Alumni Medallion. The William and Mary Law School Association is proud to honor Ernest W. Goodrich tonight with its most prestigious award, the Citizen-Lawyer Award.

#### Program of Events

Welcome

Dean Reveley

Dinner

Lobster Bisque with Tarragon
Smoked Breast of Chicken accompanied by Gulf Prawns
served with Potato Gnocchi and a medley of
Swiss Chard and Asparagus with Sun-Dried Tomatoes
Field Greens with Balsamic Vinaigrette and Fried Shallots
Fresh Berry Tartlet with Crème Anglaise and Raspberry Sauce

Introduction of Association President

Dean Reveley

Recognition of Association Board President-Elect Eveleigh

Presentation of the Citizen-Lawyer Award

President-Elect Eveleigh

**Closing Remarks** 

Dean Reveley

The William and Mary Law School Association

The primary purpose of this organization shall be to further the development and improvement of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law of the College of William and Mary in Virginia, and to foster a spirit of fraternity among graduates and former students of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law.



"The College of William and Mary has no finer graduate to offer to any community. His accomplishments have honored his *alma mater* for decades. He is a wise counselor, respected by his peers, a citizen dedicated to community service, a father loved by his family and, most certainly, a favorite son of The College of William and Mary in Virginia."

Timothy J. Sullivan President, The College of William and Mary

"Over two centuries ago, Thomas Jefferson stressed the importance of lawyers being not simply good legal craftsmen, but also good citizens and leaders. Ernest Goodrich is precisely what Jefferson had in mind. We are honored to recognize him as our 1999 Citizen-Lawyer."

W. Taylor Reveley, III Dean, William and Mary School of Law