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WILLIAMSBURG — The search is formally under way to select a new dean for the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary.

Dr. Thomas A. Graves Jr., college president, named the committee last week to head the search for a new dean. The committee is headed by Associate Professor and Associate Dean Timothy J. Sullivan.

Graves asked them to submit no fewer than three names and no more than five for consideration.

Included on the committee are five members of the law faculty, the law school alumni association, the president of the law school alumni association, the president of the law school alumni association, and the president of the law school alumni association, who will head the search for a new dean.

Graves announced May 2 that he intended to resign as dean and return to full-time teaching when a successor is named or no later than June 30, 1976.

Graves said the search "should be national, broad and intensive in its scope and attention."

He indicated that the committee should look for a dean who will provide strong educational and administrative leadership and direction to the school in continuing to move it toward a position of eminence in legal education.

Former U.S. Sen. William B. Spong Jr. of Portsmouth, who is currently a lecturer in law at the school (on a part-time basis), is the only person mentioned for the dean's post. Spong, who published an article in the Virginia Bar Association, has taken a non-committal position regarding the position.

Political involvement

Several law school faculty members have expressed the opinion that political involvements may lessen his attractiveness as a potential dean.

However, other members of the law school faculty and several college officials have contradicted this view. They believe that the political involvements of a candidate may put him in a strong position for the dean's post.

They also expressed the belief that an active role in state politics, in which Spong is involved, could help him in his future teaching position.

The committee is expected to hold its first meeting in mid-June and to make its recommendations to the board of visitors for its final decision.