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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. It is headed by Associate Professor and Associate Dean Timothy J. Sullivan. Graves asked it to submit no fewer than three names and no more than five for consideration.

Included on the committee are five members of the law school faculty, the law school alumni association, the president-elect of the law school alumni association, the president of the law school alumni association, the president-elect of the Virginia Bar Association, and three members of the Virginia Bar Association, all of whom submit recommendations regarding the position.

Political involvement
Several law school faculty members have expressed the fear that the political involvement of the political appointments may lessen the attractiveness of a candidate.

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The committee is expected to hold its first meeting in mid-July, with recommendations possibly coming until early next year. Graves is expected to name the committee's recommendations for his final decision.