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WILLIAMSBURG - William & Mary just took possession of the new Marshall-Wythe School of Law on the College of William and Mary campus Wednesday, accepting the freshly completed $16 million law school building - its first since the faculty and students "as a gift from the people of Virginia.

Dean of the new Marshall-Wythe School, William Spong Jr., dean of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary, said Wednesday that the school "will be used" to determine if we are worthy of our rich heritage, worthy of the long struggle for survival and worthy of the faith of the people of this commonwealth."

Three of the state's best known businessmen, Rich mond Times-Dispatch staff writer, W. J. Greeley, Chairman of the Board of the College of William and Mary, and Governor of Virginia, Jonathan Sharp, and William Spong, dean of the new Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary, led a host of state legal leaders.

Gov. John N. Dalton had a previous commitment to the dedication program. He said he thought Jefferson "would be pleased to find the better law schools eschewing calls for predominantly artisan education and determined to encourage students to seek, to make a variety of subjects," Spong said.

The dedication program was held in front of the red-brick law school building, which cost $16 million. While the eyes of New York's faculty and students are, understandably, on the future, Spong said it was perhaps a contradiction for him to turn to Thomas Jefferson. He said he thought Jefferson would be pleased to find the better law schools "eschewing calls for predominantly artisan education and determined to encourage students to seek, to make a variety of subjects," Spong said.