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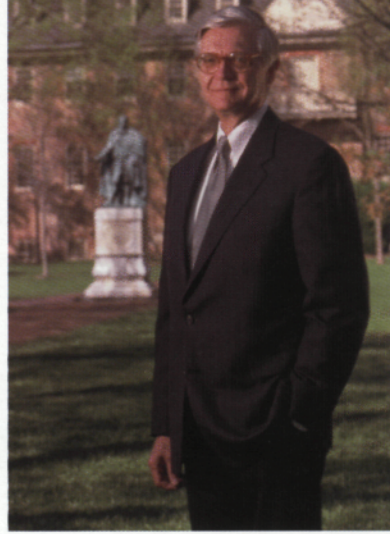
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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN



Studying law can be an extraordinary experience. Now that you have decided to go to law school, the question becomes, where?

We encourage you to look closely at William & Mary. Its greatest strength, in our view, is the superb job it does of educating students. The faculty puts tremendous energy into working with students, in class and individually.

No institution succeeds without a capacity to change. Our Law School changes constantly to take advantage of the best in today's legal instruction. The McGlothlin Courtroom is the most technologically advanced in the United States. It attracts lawyers and jurists from all over the world. It teaches students what they must know to thrive in a technological age. Our two-year Legal Skills Program stands at the cutting edge of programs all over the country that seek to give students a real sense of a lawyer's life. Our faculty comprises nationally known scholars, committed to innovative teaching. This law school is vibrantly alive!

William & Mary also has deep, enduring roots reaching back more than 300 years into American history. This was the first academic institution in the country to teach law in a university setting. Thomas Jefferson had the idea. George Wythe implemented it, and John Marshall was one of his students. Thus, William & Mary's law school is often called Marshall-Wythe.

Institutions take strength from their past. Marshall-Wythe moves through the centuries with a confidence born of its august origins. These origins ensure as well that Marshall-Wythe remembers its obligation to produce graduates who are not simply wise counselors and powerful advocates, but also honorable human beings and good citizens.

Having invested enormously in our students, we care very much about their opportunities after graduation. The Law School works hard to ensure these opportunities are notable. Marshall-Wythe's concern for its graduates continues throughout their lives.

W. TAYLOR REVELEY III
Dean and Professor of Law



Our students are people the professors know by name, not merely faces passing in the hall or statistics on a list. Each student is someone carefully selected from among many to study law at William & Mary and, for us, each student is important.