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ALUMNI AWARDS

Each year, alumni are nominated for the Citizen Lawyer Award and the Taylor Reveley Award, which represent leadership, integrity and service. In addition to this year's award recipients, 2020 and 2021 honorees were included in our award ceremony held during this year's Dean's Council dinner. [Learn more about our award winners](#)



DEAN'S COUNCIL DINNER

William & Mary Law School headed toward Thanksgiving break with its annual signature event, the Dean's Council Dinner. Held on Saturday, November 19, at Kingsmill Resort, the event featured a lively program including the bestowing of a number of alumni awards, remarks from student Margaret C. Reach '23 detailing her work with the Puller Veterans Benefits Clinic, and Professor Adam Gershowitz highlighting faculty research. Membership in the Dean's Council ensures that students receive the best legal education possible. [View the slideshow](#) with highlights from this year's event.



ONLINE & EXECUTIVE EDUCATION NEWS

Online LL.M. Program

William & Mary Law School has launched a 100% Online LL.M. Program designed to help internationally trained attorneys gain foundational knowledge of the U.S. legal system, giving them a

competitive edge in an increasingly global legal environment. Flexible start dates allow students to begin in either the fall or spring semester and complete the program within 24 months. [Learn more.](#)

Corporate Compliance Certificate Program

Watch a new video about the program, featuring Program Director Chris Gottfried '09. [Watch the video.](#)



Catch up on all the things that happened in November as the Law School gets ready for final exams. [Learn more.](#)

IN THE NEWS



International Competition Team to Compete for a Second Year

The International Competition Team (ICT) was started by law students in Fall 2021 with the goal of enhancing opportunities to engage and network in the international law field. The team had a successful season during



Dean Spencer Publishes Op-ed on Making Law Degrees More Accessible

Dean A. Benjamin Spencer recently published an opinion piece in *Bloomberg Law* on how law schools can build up an alternative, more affordable path to practicing law that makes a legal career accessible to

2021-22 and wants to carry that momentum into this competition year. [Learn more.](#)

more people. This alternate path would supplement rather than displace the traditional J.D. [Learn more.](#)

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT ●●● SALEM AMARE '23

In October, W&M's National Trial Team participated in the national All-Star trial competition, the largest in the country after combining with another competition during Covid. There were eight regions around the country with 179 rounds of competition on Zoom, 1,176 judges, and 360 advocates. Salem Amare tied for best advocate with perfect scores, and the National Trial Team got an honorable mention as well. Congratulations, Salem!



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ALUMNI WEEKEND 2023



April 14-16 2023: Alumni Weekend

Catch up! Network! Make new friends! Alumni Weekend will be here before you know it with reunion events for class years ending in 3s & 8s! It will be a wonderful time for all and a great time to

celebrate with alumni, friends, and family!

[Learn more.](#)

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS



The Arlington Bar Foundation bestowed its highest accolade, the William L. Winston Award, to attorney **William Murray '73**. [Read more.](#)



Timothy Chance '15, with the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers' Service, holds clinics to help families fight through tangled titles. [Read more.](#)



Kathy Hessler '88 has been appointed Assistant Dean, Animal Legal Education, and Director of GW Law's new Animal Legal Education Initiative. [Read more.](#)

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Loan Repayment Assistance Program Deadline: January 30, 2023, 5:00 p.m. EST

The Law School's Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) assists graduates who work full-time for 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, legal aid offices, prosecutors, public defenders, government agencies, JAG Corps, and legislative offices. Some organizations outside the U.S. also qualify. William & Mary Law graduates are eligible to apply even if their law school loans are in federally-approved, Covid-related forbearance. [Click here](#) for details and instructions for accessing the LRAP application. The deadline to apply is 5:00 p.m. EST on January 30, 2023. Contact Associate Dean [Rob Kaplan](#) or Administrative Assistant [Kate Ainslie](#) if you have questions.

Support for LRAP is provided through the generosity of The John Levy Loan Repayment Fund; The Ernest W. Goodrich Law Public Service Endowment; The Richard and Laurie Bellinger Loan Repayment Assistance Endowment; The R. William Arthur Loan Repayment Assistance Endowment; The Gregory A. Presnell Loan Repayment Assistance Fund; and The William & Mary Public Service Fund.

SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS



Save the Date! The Public Service Fund Auction will be February 25, 2023.

PSF Auction relies on donations from alumni and the community to craft creative, charming packages that are sold at auction to help public interest students fund their summers. Online bidding for many auction items will be open to alumni, staff, and the community starting in February. If you are interested in donating or bidding, you can reach out to 3L Auction Chair Elle Shipley at knshipley@wm.edu.

The **Public Service Fund Gift Shop** has Law School branded merchandise available online throughout the year on their Bonfire page, including adult apparel, onesies, tote bags and more. [Visit the PSF Gift Shop on Bonfire](#) to place your order. Questions? Email publicservicefund@gmail.com.

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Please **help** or **hire** our
recent graduates and law students



Alumni seeking employment may request OCS graduate career resources [HERE](#). Happy holidays and best wishes for much success in 2023!

Join Us for the 2023 Virtual 1L-Alumni Mock Interview Program

All 212 W&M 1Ls will practice their interview skills with alumni on February 3, 2023. The Office of Career Services (OCS) will host mock interviews on our FloRecruit virtual interview platform which students will use for their virtual summer job interviews. Promote your practice and organization while giving back to your law school. Choose a morning, afternoon, or full-day interview schedule. Ask the questions you typically ask when conducting law student interviews, or use our sample questions. [Volunteer HERE](#) to conduct virtual mock interviews.

Recruit Students for Summer and Entry-Level Positions

OCS can help you recruit law students for 2023 summer internships and post-graduate entry-level positions. [Register HERE](#) for virtual or in-person interviews or job postings.

Help or Hire Our Class of 2022 Graduates

Our recent graduates still need your help and seek employment in 10 states (CO, IN, MN, MO, MS, NY, OR, PA, UT, and VA) and DC, as well as Saudi Arabia, South Korea, and Belgium.

If you or someone you know is hiring for entry-level positions in these and other locations, please [post a recent grad position](#), share this information with those who are hiring, or [request our recent graduates' resumes directly from Ramona Sein '97](#), Assistant Dean for Employer Relations.

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