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THE BRIEF

W&M LAW SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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December Highlights

Click [HERE](#) for more.

Catch up on all the things that happened in December as the Law School held final exams and finished up fall semester for a well-deserved rest. And take a look at the renovated lobby, new Student Services Suite, and first floor reading room. There's also fun on main campus with the Yule Log ceremony. [Learn more.](#)

Online and Executive Education News

Corporate Compliance Certificate Program

This new program provides an in-depth understanding of the complex compliance issues common

across industries and organizations of all sizes. March 2 deadline for the inaugural Spring 2023 program. [Learn more.](#)

Online LL.M. Program

The Law School recently 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. July 1, 2023, deadline for term starting in August. [Learn more.](#)



Clinical Program and Practicum News

[Read the latest clinics newsletter](#) to learn more about our students' experiences in our eight clinics and how our clinics impact the communities they serve. Learn more about our clinics on our [website](#).

[Read the latest Virginia Coastal Policy Center newsletter](#) for recent news and an update about VCPC's practicum. Learn more about the VCPC [here](#).

IN THE NEWS



Professor Peter A. Alces Retires from William & Mary Law School

As Peter A. Alces, Rita Anne Rollins Professor of Law, finishes a new book, he is retiring from William & Mary Law School after 32 years. Learn more as he shares his thoughts about his career, legal research, and what's in store next as he pursues new adventures.

[Read more.](#)



Professor Kern-Scheerer Sworn in to Williamsburg City Council

Prof. Stacy Kern-Scheerer, a Clinical Associate Professor of Law, Director of William & Mary Law School's Clinical Programs, and Director of the Immigration Clinic, won election to the Williamsburg City Council on November 8, and was recently sworn in. [Learn more.](#)



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Alumni Association Board *Alumni Spotlight*



Jay Sinha '12
Attorney-Advisor
U.S. Department of Justice

Jay is an information security & AI attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice. Jay credits the citizen lawyer values at W&M with fostering his desire to serve. As a student, Jay received the George Wythe Award in recognition of his work as SBA President. As an alumnus, Jay has mentored students from every class year, and several years ago, encouraged students to start the Data Privacy & Cybersecurity Legal Society, which he continues to support. Jay believes his desire to serve is fueled by the gratitude he feels for the education and support he received at W&M Law. "In my personal opinion, W&M Law's curriculum is one of the strongest privacy and cybersecurity ones around, and my hope is that I'll get to tell more people about how pioneering and successful W&M Law was in building its courses to meet the future," he says.

Read more about Jay's impact [here](#).

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.](#)

GET INVOLVED

February 10: Problematic AI: Finding the Best Way Forward

Hosted by the Center for Legal & Court Technology at W&M Law School. Hybrid conference.

[Learn more.](#)

February 10: Stanley H. Mervis Lecture

Intellectual Property and Fundamental Values in the Internet Age

Professor Jessica Silbey will highlight key themes and disputes to examine the experience of everyday creators and innovators navigating IP laws in the current internet eco-system.

[Learn more.](#)

February 10: Charter Day Ceremony

Charter Day marks the 330th anniversary of the awarding of the Royal Charter from King William III and Queen Mary II of England establishing William & Mary.

[Learn more.](#)

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ALUMNI IN THE NEWS



Puller Clinic founder **Stacey-Rae Simcox '99** has just published, with David E. Boelzner, *Veterans Benefits: Law, Theory & Practice*. [Read more.](#)



Longtime defense lawyer **Ivan Bates '95** was sworn in as Baltimore's top prosecutor in January. [Read more.](#)



Trial attorney **Adam McGonigle '13** has been elected a partner of HeplerBroom LLC, and is practicing in the firm's St. Louis office. [Read more.](#)



The Chesapeake Bay Commission, which represents state legislators from across the Bay region, has named **Anna Killius '13** as its new executive director. [Read more.](#)



Novelist, poet, and short story writer **Sarah Collins Honenberger '78**, talks about the writer's life at the Bonita Springs author series. [Read more.](#)



Carl Ezekiel "Zeke" Ross '03 was confirmed by the U.S. Senate in December as one of seven judges for the D.C. Superior Court. [Read more.](#)

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CALL for NOMINATIONS!



The [Nomination Portal](#) is now open for new members to the Law School Alumni Association Board and for the Citizen Lawyer and Taylor Reveley Awards that represent leadership, integrity, and service. You are invited to nominate classmates or fellow W&M Law alumni for Board membership and these awards. Nominations must be received by February 15. New Board members will begin their term on July 1. The Citizen Lawyer and Taylor Reveley Awards are presented during a special ceremony in November as part of our Dean's Council and Board Meeting Programming. Contact KaCey Jackson at kjackson01@wm.edu with any questions.



CO-COUNSEL PROGRAM



Senior Co-Counsel sign-ups are open!

We are looking for alumni to volunteer to serve as mentors ("Senior Co-Counsels") to members of our 1L class. If you are interested, [please complete our survey by March 1](#). In the survey, we ask you to share some information about your background and career path. We will be announcing the program to our 1Ls soon, so we welcome hearing from you! Alumni and students will be notified of their matches in early March.

To learn more about the program, please visit [our Co-Counsel Program page](#).

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

As mentioned in the December 1, 2022 edition of *The Brief*, 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



The *live* Public Service Fund Auction is February 25, 2023; Online Auction Bidding Begins February 1!

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 from February 1 through February 25. Check the Law School's social media accounts for details! If you are interested in donating or bidding, you can reach out to 3L Auction Chair Elle Shipley at knshipley@wm.edu. If you'd like to make a monetary donation to support PSF's work, please visit our Giving page (under "Specific Fund" type in "Public Service Fund.")

[PSF 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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OCS OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES

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



We hope your 2023 is off to a strong start. Seeking graduate career resources? Request them [HERE](#).

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, IL, MN, MA, MO, NY, OR, PA, and VA) and DC, as well as Saudi Arabia, 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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