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# THE BRIEF

W&M LAW SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## WELCOME TO A NEW YEAR!



As Dean A. Benjamin Spencer announced on the first day of classes, campus has stirred back to life, and a new energy at the Law School is fueling our collective momentum for the months ahead. We greeted the newest members of the Law community, the J.D. Class of 2026 and LL.M. Class of 2024, on August 14. Their records of achievements, awards, honors, leadership, employment, and service indicate students who will individually and collectively uphold the fine tradition of William & Mary Law School. [Read the story.](#) [View the Law Week slideshow.](#)

## IN THE NEWS

William & Mary Law School  
Wolf Law Library

Incorporating ChatGPT  
in the Legal Research  
& Writing Classroom



## Virtual Conference Examines ChatGPT in Legal Research and Writing Classes

The Law School recently hosted a virtual conference examining the implications, opportunities, and challenges of integrating AI technology, specifically ChatGPT, into the legal research and writing curriculum. [Read more.](#)



## Annual Fund Breaks New Record for Private Giving

Alumni, parents, and friends helped propel the Law School forward with generous gifts that provide vital financial aid, merit scholarships, clinical and public service opportunities, and more. [Read more.](#)



## J. Nicole Medved Joins Faculty as Professor of the Practice

J. Nicole Medved J.D. '18 joins the faculty as a Professor of the Practice of Law beginning in the 2023-2024 academic year. [Read more.](#)

## Three Faculty Appointed to Leadership Positions

The appointments include Professor Kami Chavis (Vice Dean), Professor Evan Criddle (Associate Dean for Research and Faculty Development) and Professor Iria Giuffrida (Assistant Dean for Academic & Faculty Affairs). [Read more.](#)



## Wheaton to Direct Special Education Advocacy Clinic

Jim Wheaton has joined William & Mary Law School as Clinical Associate Professor of Law and as Director of the PELE (Parents Engaged for Learning Equality) Special Education Advocacy Clinic. [Read more.](#)



## Paul Eckert Joins Faculty as Professor of the Practice

Securities expert Paul R. Eckert J.D. '96 joins the William & Mary Law School faculty as a Professor of the Practice beginning in the 2023-2024 academic year. [Read more.](#)





36th Annual  
SUPREME COURT PREVIEW  
October 6-7, 2023

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Us!



20th Annual  
BRIGHAM-KANNER  
PROPERTY RIGHTS CONFERENCE  
October 26-27, 2023



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Alumni Association Board  
*Alumni Spotlight*



**Chris V. Rey '10**  
President  
Barber-Scotia College

Effective July 17, Chris V. Rey J.D. '10 became the President of Barber-Scotia College, one of the nation's oldest historically black colleges. Chris earned his bachelor's degree in business administration with a concentration in Information Systems from Walden University. He is also a graduate of the UVA's Sorenson Institute for Political Leadership and the UNC at Chapel Hill's School of Government Advance Leadership Corps. Chris retired after 22 years of active duty and Army National Guard service, where he worked with a special team to stand up the first cyber brigade headquarters for the National Guard. He currently serves as International President of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., one of the nation's oldest historically black fraternities founded in 1914. He also serves on the Board of Governors for Charisma University, Board of Visitors for Fayetteville State University, and the Board of Directors for William & Mary University Alumni Association.

GET INVOLVED

**September 20:** Charlotte, NC Alumni Event. [Register here.](#)

**September 28:** New York City Alumni Event. [Register here.](#)

**October 6-7:** 2023 Supreme Court Preview

In addition to an in-person option, we also will broadcast the preview live via Zoom. The preview has traditionally been approved for 5 - 6 CLE credits in Virginia. Those wishing to attend virtually and not seeking CLE credits may register for free. [Learn more.](#)

**October 12:** Richmond, VA Alumni Event. For more information, please contact [Tara Radcliffe](#), Director of Donor Relations, Stewardship and Alumni Engagement

**October 26-27:** 20th Annual Brigham-Kanner Property Rights Conference

In addition to an in-person option, we also will broadcast the conference live via Zoom. The conference has traditionally been approved for 4 - 6 CLE credits in Virginia. Those wishing to attend virtually and not seeking CLE credits may register for free. [Learn more.](#)

**November 18:** Dean's Council Dinner at Kingsmill.

## FROM THE W&M ALUMNI MAGAZINE

### CHANGE MAKER

Philip Woodward '01, J.D. '04 is  
dedicated to making society work  
better for people with disabilities

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for more.

## ALUMNI IN THE NEWS





**Max Shafer '22** has joined Cranfill Sumner LLP as an associate attorney. [Read more.](#)



**Jasmine Hall '22** recently joined ROIG Lawyers, a NAMWOLF member law firm. [Read more.](#)



**Daniel Whitten '09** is the new county attorney in Fluvanna County, Va. [Read more.](#)



Transactional tax expert **Diana Clarkson '08** recently joined Akerman LLP. [Read more.](#)



In July, **Christopher C. White '95** joined Steptoe & Johnson in Dallas, Texas. [Read more.](#)



**Kayla McCann Marty '14** Named to North Carolina Lawyers Weekly's Healthcare Power List. [Read more.](#)

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PROGRAM**



### **Join our Co-Counsel Program!**

The goal of the [Co-Counsel program](#) is to further the professional growth and development of law students through interaction with established attorneys and professionals. Professionals facilitate the law student's exposure to the legal profession and address such issues as leadership skills, career management, networking opportunities and exposure to the actual practice of law. Senior Co-Counsel applications are accepted each year in the fall with the goal to match you with a first-year law student

by November 1. Please [submit at our sign-up page](#) by October 15. We also ask that you create a [One Network profile](#) as part of the program requirements. Reach out to Tara Radcliffe at [tmradcliffe@wm.edu](mailto:tmradcliffe@wm.edu) with questions.

# SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS



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](mailto:publicservicefund@gmail.com).



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# Please update your e-mails!



## Important Update to Alumni Google Services

Since 2010, William & Mary has extended access to Google services to alumni, including Gmail (email.wm.edu) and Google Drive. This access was not widely used, and due to security and storage concerns, the university has decided to phase out alumni access to Google services beginning in January 2023 and continuing until August 2023, based on current usage. [Learn more](#).

We strongly encourage those of you using Google services to update contact information so you can continue receiving communications from the Law School. You can update your information by clicking here: [Update your info](#).

**OCS** OFFICE OF CAREER SERVICES  
Please **help** or **hire** our  
recent graduates and law students



## Help or Hire a Recent Graduate

Please help our Class of 2023 graduates who seek employment in 17 states (CO, CT, FL, IL, MA, MI, MD, NC, NJ, NV, NY, PA, SC, TN, TX, VA, and WA), DC, Hong Kong, and Europe. If you or someone you know is hiring for entry-level positions, [post a recent graduate position](#) and share this message with your networks.

Interested in seeing their experience? Request resumes from [Ramona Sein](#) '97, Assistant Dean for Employer Relations.

## Recruit 2Ls and 3Ls for 2024 Positions



We invite alumni to interview our students for 2024 summer and post-graduate positions. Virtual and in-person fall on-campus interviews (OCIs) begin August 22nd. [Register for OCIs](#) or [post a student job](#).

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