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The School of Law at the College of William and Mary, located in Williamsburg, Virginia, enrolls approximately 500 students from throughout the United States. Supported by the Commonwealth of Virginia, approximately two-thirds of the student body are Virginia residents. Acceptance for one of the 170 entering class seats is competitive; however, once admitted, students will find the atmosphere collegial. The legal education at William and Mary is national in scope. Our placement of graduates has been extremely successful with alumni located in virtually every state in the nation and several foreign countries.

The study of law at the College of William and Mary rests upon a venerable tradition. Antedated only by the Vinerian Professorship at Oxford held by Sir William Blackstone and by the Chair at Trinity College in Dublin, the Chair of Law at William and Mary is one of the oldest in the English speaking world, and the oldest in the United States. William and Mary's campus is a mixture of the ancient and the modern, reflecting more than 300 years of the College's history. The Sir Christopher Wren Building, located on the undergraduate campus, is the nation's oldest educational building in continuous use. In contrast, the School of Law's McGlothlin Moot Courtroom is home to the Courtroom 21 Project which enhances the courtroom with state-of-the-art technology. The innovative four-semester Legal Skills Program combines classroom instruction and simulated client representation to provide students with instruction in skills and ethics in concert with actual use of those skills in realistic settings requiring resolution of difficult ethical issues.

The Law School's educational program seeks to test the intellectual capacity of its students while directing that capacity along professionally productive lines. While the primacy of intellectual rigor in a lawyer's training is well recognized, the School of Law faculty firmly believes that a lawyer's education must be more than training in the life of the mind. It believes traditional character traits to be equally important. It recognizes that, of course, no law school can create character, compassion or sensitivity to human needs. A law school can, however, make it clear to its students that these qualities, combined with intellectual ability, are important in the education of a lawyer who aspires to genuine professional distinction. It is the ultimate aim of the School of Law to prepare each of its graduates for a life in law which, if pursued with persistence and integrity, will be marked by significant legal achievement and unfailing adherence to the highest ideals of the profession.

It is against this background and philosophy that the College of William and Mary School of Law is an institution of unlimited possibilities, exciting opportunities and interesting challenges. Its expansive curriculum permits students to experience the diverse areas of law. The use of technology in the courtroom introduces students to real-world possibilities in litigation. Through the Legal Skills Program its students experience their "firsts in legal practice" including writing briefs, the process of discovery and dealing with ethical choices within, at once, an educational environment. It is through fellowship endowments, such as that created in memory of Mary Siegrist Hinz, that the College of William and Mary School of Law is able to assist students in exploration of possibilities, opportunities and challenges. Thus, this institution is proud of its program and grateful that, via the support of the Mary Siegrist Hinz Leadership Fellows Program, it is able to attract the highest quality of student.

Faye F. Shealy
Associate Dean for Admission

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Mary Siegrist Hinz
March 13, 1959 - August 10, 1984

"The Mary Siegrist Hinz Leadership Fellows program validated my decision to attend law school at William and Mary in two ways. First, it eased some of the financial burden of returning to school. Second, I realized that if someone as accomplished as Mary Siegrist Hinz had chosen William and Mary, then it must be a law school of the highest caliber. While I am humbled by Mary's accomplishments, I am honored to carry on in her name, particularly at such a distinguished institution."

Laura Rugless
Mary Siegrist Hinz Fellow
Class of 2001

MARY SIEGRIST HINZ LEADERSHIP FELLOWS

By age 25 Mary Siegrist Hinz had distinguished herself in her academic, professional and personal life as a person of high intelligence, outstanding athletic ability, and sincere concern for the welfare of others.

At the time of her death, Mary Siegrist Hinz had completed her second year of law school at the College of William and Mary, where she ranked in the top five percent of her class. A graduate of Mount Vernon High School in Alexandria, Virginia, Mary came to the School of Law from Mary Washington College from which she graduated summa cum laude and a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

At Mary Washington she founded, coached, and played on the College's softball team. In high school, Mary had been captain of the softball team as a senior and also was a member of the varsity basketball and field hockey teams. At the time of her death, Mary was training for a triathlon and bicycling nearly eighty miles a day.

The list of Mary's extracurricular activities in high school, college, and law school is extensive. She worked to improve each of the educational communities of which she was a part. At Mary Washington, she served as Chairman of the Student Academic Affairs Committee and as a defense counsel for the College Honor System. After her first year of law school, Mary worked in the Pentagon for the United States Army Judge Advocate General and after her second year, for the law firm of Vandeventer Black LLP in Norfolk, Virginia.

The Mary Siegrist Hinz Leadership Fellows Program was created to recognize outstanding students at the College of William and Mary School of Law who share Mary Siegrist Hinz's best qualities. Therefore, Hinz Leadership Fellows must demonstrate:

1. Academic distinction during undergraduate and/or law school years. While no arbitrary grade point or class rank is required, it is the intent of the Hinz Leadership Fellows Program to recognize students who have achieved the highest levels of academic success;

2. Characteristics of citizenship which reflect a concern for others, or involvement in the larger community and an unselfish desire to contribute to the welfare of others;

3. Athletic excellence through involvement both in organized athletics and a personal commitment to physical fitness.

The Hinz Leadership Fellows Program was created by the family of Mary Siegrist Hinz, her husband Lt. Dan Hinz, Jr., USN, and her parents Mr. and Mrs. Robert Siegrist with the assistance of the Norfolk, Virginia, law firm of Vandeventer Black LLP. The Hinz Leadership Fellows Program also received the generous support of Mary's classmates, teachers, and friends.

Mary's father wrote of her:

"She burned with an innate sense of justice, fair play, and propriety. She always played by the rules. There was no better friend, no more charming and challenging companion and no greater champion of the underdog."

Hinz Leadership Fellows are selected by the Dean of the School of Law upon the recommendations of a committee consisting of the Associate Dean for Admission, a member of the School of Law Class of 1985, a law school professor, and a member of the firm of Vandeventer Black LLP.