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The Marshall-Wythe School of Law

**The College of William and Mary
in Virginia**

Phi Beta Kappa Memorial Hall
Williamsburg, Virginia

May 13, 1979

5 o'clock p.m.



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The Graduation Committee wishes to recognize the following individuals for their special contributions to this bulletin:

Professor William Swindler for his historical sketch of American legal education. He has been the John Marshall Professor of Law at Marshall-Wythe for the past fourteen years and is retiring this spring.

Carl Roseberg, Professor of Art at the College of William and Mary and designer of the Marshall-Wythe medallion, who assisted with diploma design.

Mel LeBlanc, professional artist, who designed the cover medallion for this bulletin.

Exercises for the Presentation of Diplomas

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Opening Remarks Dean Spong

Presentation of Awards Dean Spong

Address to the Graduates R. Harvey Chappell, Esq.

Presentation of Diplomas Dean Spong
Mr. Sullivan
Mr. Williamson

Closing Remarks Dean Spong

Recessional

R. HARVEY CHAPPELL, JR. is a partner in the law firm of Christian, Barton, Epps, Brent and Chappell of Richmond, Virginia. He received a B.A. degree in 1948 and a Bachelor of Civil Laws degree in 1950, both from the College of William and Mary. As a student at William and Mary, Mr. Chappell was elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa and Omicron Delta Kappa and was the first Editor of the William and Mary Law Review.

Mr. Chappell was admitted to the Virginia Bar in 1949. He is a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and a member of the Board of Governors of the American Bar Association.

Mr. Chappell is a Past President of the Bar Association of the City of Richmond and of the Virginia State Bar. During 1977 and 1978 he served as Chairman of the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary and from 1963-72 was Editor of the Insurance Counsel Journal.

You are cordially invited to attend a reception given in honor of the graduates, their families and friends on the Lawn behind the Hall immediately following the ceremony.

The Bicentennial of American Legal Education 1779-1979

The tradition of formal preparation for the bar goes back almost to the beginning of the history of the College of William and Mary, when John--later Sir John--Randolph enrolled as one of the early students at the newly chartered institution and went from there to Gray's Inn in London, to be made a barrister in 1717. He and his sons, Peyton and John, were leaders of legal developments leading up to the Revolution, and his grandson-- all students at the College-- became the first Attorney General of the United States.

Following this colonial tradition of law and the Randolphs of William and Mary, which significantly influenced the "Americanization" of the common law in the New World, a law school to teach this "American" law became a logical necessity with independence. This led to the creation, under the leadership of another William and Mary alumnus, Governor Thomas Jefferson, of the chair of law and "police" (i.e., government) December 4, 1779.

George Wythe, who taught Thomas Jefferson, John Marshall, James Monroe, and Henry Clay, was the first occupant of the chair of law. Wythe, who was a signer of the Declaration of Independence and a member of the Federal Constitutional Convention, became a powerful force in the development of American legal education. During the decade of his professorship, he developed a comprehensive course of law study which emphasized the acquisition of practical skills in such areas as legislative drafting and oral advocacy.

Wythe's successor was one of his pre-Revolutionary students, St. George Tucker, who proved to be a pioneer in legal education. Tucker drafted a formal description of the requirements for a law degree at the College, which included an exacting schedule of qualifying examinations in history, government and related pre-law subjects. Tucker's course material was soon published as the first American edition of Blackstone's Commentaries on the Laws of England. This work was the earliest treatise on the common law adapted to the needs of the legal profession in the United States. For a generation, Tucker's volume was considered the leading authority on American law.

Tucker's successors as Professor of Law at William and Mary included the brothers William and Robert Nelson, James Semple and St. George Tucker's son, Nathaniel Beverley Tucker. The younger Tucker was the author of *Principles of Pleading* which became a leading authority of its day. Beverley Tucker is perhaps best remembered as one of the ablest exponents of the states' rights school of Southern constitutional law.

The growth of the law school at William and Mary was abruptly halted by the beginning of the War Between the States. The commencement of military campaigns on the Virginia Peninsula compelled the College to close its doors. It would be another sixty years before the historical priority in law could be revived in a modern program that is now more than a half century old.

Thus, while the antecedents of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law are relatively ancient, the revived law program at William and Mary is relatively new. Moreover, it has only been within the last ten years that student enrollment has grown large enough to permit the curricular expansion and faculty growth essential to the development of a distinguished program of contemporary legal education.

Today, the Marshall-Wythe School of Law enrolls 450 students from all regions of the nation. Over 2200 applications for 150 spaces in the entering class were received last year. As a state supported institution, the Law School maintains a student body composed of 70% Virginians and 30% non Virginians. The legal education offered, however, is national in scope, since law graduates of William and Mary are engaged in the practice of law throughout the United States.