



African-American Law Alumni Celebration — February 21–22, 2014

January 23, 2014

Dear Alumni and Alumnae,

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to attend William & Mary Law School's first African-American Alumni Celebration in Williamsburg on **February 21 and 22, 2014**.

This year is the 60th anniversary of the graduation of the first African-American from William & Mary. Edward Augustus Travis received his B.C.L. degree from Marshall-Wythe in 1954, breaking the color barrier and paving the way for generations of exceptional students of color at the College and the Law School.

To recognize and celebrate this milestone in the history of the nation's first law school, William & Mary will host a two-day conference. The program will highlight the accomplishments of our graduates, and provide our current students with an opportunity to learn about the history of African-Americans at the Law School, about our graduates' legal careers, and about their impact in their communities, states, and in some cases, the nation. Virginia Congressman Bobby Scott and former Virginia Supreme Court Justice, John Charles Thomas, will both offer keynote addresses. President Taylor Reveley will also join us. The weekend will end with the annual Oliver Hill Banquet sponsored by BLSA.

Attached is the [registration](#) material outlining the program. I hope that you will join your classmates and other alumni in returning to campus for this special occasion in the life of William & Mary Law School. A special Facebook page has been created for the Alumni Celebration at [William & Mary Law Black Alumni](#)

I look forward to welcoming you back to your *alma mater*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Davison M. Douglas".

Davison M. Douglas
Dean and Hanson Professor of Law