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WILLIAMSBURG, Va. - The ABA's Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary is facing several accreditation problems in addition to the much publicized inadequacy of physical plant.

Dr. Thomas A. Graves Jr., college president, told a press conference Sept. 30 to state that representation of the William and Mary Council on Accrediting had warned William and Mary that it faced a possible loss of accreditation because the law school was "the most in­adequate physical plant of any law school in the nation, other than the nation's oldest law school.

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