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STUDENT DIVISION

Institute of Bill of Rights Law
The Institute of Bill of Rights Law was established at the College of William and Mary in 1982 by a private bequest to support research on issues involving constitutional liberties. It is an academic foundation with a mission of quality research and public education.

THE STUDENT

The Student Division of the Institute of Bill of Rights Law is an integral part of the Institute at large. It is designed to provide a forum for discussion of questions of constitutional and Bill of Rights law. It is open to any interested law student and is designed to enrich the educational life of the student community at the Marshall-Wythe School of Law. The goals of the Student Division are to promote dialogue, to encourage research, and to enhance public awareness of constitutional issues.

Student Symposia Series
The Student Division plans, organizes, and conducts an annual conference. The third annual student symposium, "From BB Guns to Automatic Assault Rifles: The Second Amendment in the 1990’s," is scheduled for February 13-14, 1992. It will cover issues ranging from police brutality to firearm purchase waiting periods. Presentation formats will include a "town meeting" debate of proposed legislation, a keynote address, and a moot court exercise.

The topic of the February 15-16, 1991 symposium was "Bioethics and the Law." The students addressed the topic through use of moot court and panel discussion formats. One moot court case involved issues related to medical research, while the other focused on issues relating to court-ordered bone marrow transplants. Students prepared the briefs used in the cases, and
student advocates argued the cases. The expert panel
discussion examined issues relating to in vitro
fertilization.

The first annual student symposium in 1990 was
titled "The War on Drugs and its Constitutional
Implications" and focused debate on the controversies
surrounding the war on drugs.

Conference support and organization are provided
by symposium chairpersons and committee members.

The D.C. Schools Project
During the summer of 1990, a group of six
students completely revised the handbook used by the
Federal Bar Association in its D.C. high schools' Bill of
Rights Program. Pending final arrangements, a group of
ten to fifteen law students has been invited to participate
with the volunteer attorneys in the classroom visits to
the high schools.

William and Mary Bill of Rights and Public Policy
Law Journal
Formed in 1991, the William and Mary Bill of Rights
and Public Policy Law Journal is a student-edited,
biannual publication. Participation in the journal is open
to all Marshall-Wythe students, and any interested
students may submit articles for consideration. Articles
are also written by professionals both in the William and
Mary community and elsewhere.
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