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WILLIAMSBURG, Va., May 19—A strange combination and a unique story is that of the late Dean Dudley Woodbridge, last year's law school graduate, who made his name through a chance discovery.

About the time that the University of Virginia and Washington & Lee University posted openings for law school professors, a telegram was received by Dr. Woodbridge, the law school dean at William and Mary.

"Dr. Woodbridge," it read, "Do you want a law professor?"

Dr. Woodbridge, a native of New York, said that his name was not on the school's list of candidates. He put himself forward as a candidate, and the job was offered to him.

Dr. Woodbridge, who had been teaching at William and Mary for 15 years, accepted the offer and began his new career.

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