William & Mary Law School

at a GLANCE

Established: **1779**
America's first law school

Affiliation: **The College of William & Mary**
America's second oldest college, chartered in 1693

Location: **Williamsburg, VA**
150 miles southeast of Washington, DC
50 miles east of Richmond, VA
45 miles west of Norfolk, VA

Tuition and Financial Aid

$30,800
Virginia Resident Tuition (2015-16)

$39,800
Non-Resident Tuition (2015-16)

91%
Students receiving financial aid (2014)

$9.6 million
Total scholarship and fellowship value (2014)

2014–15 Student Body

661
Full-time students
[**47%** Male : **53%** Female]

47
States and the District of Columbia represented

19%
Identify as students of color

10
Countries represented

20–62
Age range

315
Undergraduate schools represented

Class of 2017

213
Enrolled

4,418
Applicants

163
Median LSAT
[75th/25th: **165/157**]

3.79
Median GPA
[75th/25th: **3.89/3.53**]

35%
Studied abroad

51%
With full-time work experience

Degree Programs

J.D.

J.D. / Master of Arts in American Studies

J.D. / Master of Business Administration

J.D. / Master of Public Policy

LL.M. (Master of Laws in the American Legal System)

A late eighteenth-century illustration of the mythological griffin as it appears on George Wythe's bookplate. William & Mary adopted the Griffin as its mascot in 2010.

Local Landmarks

Colonial Williamsburg, the world's largest living history museum

Jamestown, site of the first permanent English settlement in America

Yorktown, site of the battle that ended the Revolutionary War

On the Cover: George Wythe, right, was the nation's first professor of law. John Marshall, left, who would later become "the Great Chief Justice," was among Wythe's first students at William & Mary.

Message *from the* Dean

William & Mary holds a special place in American history as the nation's first law school. Thomas Jefferson had the original idea, believing that university-trained lawyers could provide the leadership necessary to the success of the fledgling nation.

We have since then created a compelling reputation as a top law school. Mindful of tradition and dedicated to innovation, we host everything from an amazing rare book collection to the most technologically advanced educational trial and appellate courtroom in the world.

We're known for strong teaching, scholarly excellence, and innovative clinical and legal-practice programs. We're committed to training highly skilled and ethical lawyers—citizen lawyers—who graduate ready to make a difference for the greater good.

Our faculty comprises internationally recognized scholars and legal trailblazers who understand that teaching is paramount. Their influential scholarship, which helps shape the development of our legal system, informs their teaching whether in the classroom or one-on-one.

Our professors know students by name, not merely as faces passing in the hall or people on a list. We are a close-knit community dedicated to providing an outstanding education at a reasonable price and ensuring that each of our graduates is well prepared to enter the legal profession.

We hope that you will consider joining our community of citizen lawyers.

Davison M. Douglas

Dean and Arthur B. Hanson Professor of Law

Select Résumé:
A.B., Princeton University; M.A.R., Yale Divinity School; J.D., Yale Law School; Ph.D. (History), Yale University; one of the nation's leading constitutional historians; author or editor of seven books, including *Jim Crow Moves North: The Battle over Northern School Segregation, 1865–1954* (Cambridge University Press) and *Redefining Equality* (Oxford University Press)

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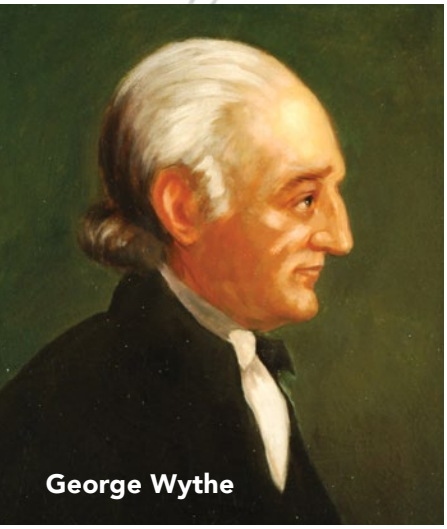


George Wythe

First in the Nation

In 1779, against the backdrop of the Revolutionary War, Virginia Governor and William & Mary alumnus Thomas Jefferson urged William & Mary's Board of Visitors to establish a chair in law. The appointment of Jefferson's mentor, George Wythe, as the College's—and the nation's—first law professor marked the founding of the first law school in America. The training of American lawyers in a university setting had begun.

Citizen Lawyers

Jefferson's actions were pivotal for American legal education and for the role of lawyers in our society. Jefferson and Wythe believed that lawyers have an obligation not only to their clients and the legal profession but also to the greater good.

William & Mary's citizen-lawyer tradition resonates today throughout our community. Our graduates are effective, skilled, and creative attorneys who also do a great deal of pro bono work and extend their philanthropic reach far and wide. They are citizen lawyers in every sense of the term.

Graduates leave here making a difference from day one of their new careers. It's a responsibility they proudly fulfill.

William & Mary's Sir Christopher Wren Building, the oldest academic building in continuous use in America, was home to William & Mary Law School from 1779 to 1859.

Citizen Lawyers *at* Work

Kendall Kemelek '16

Hometown: Williamsburg, VA

Degree: B.A., Hampton University, 2009

Summer 2015 Employment: United States Army JAG Corps (Fort Stewart, GA)

I am the Community Service Chair for the Black Law Student Association. As a group, we held an international book drive that benefited children and adults in South Africa, and we partnered with the Election Law Society on its Revive My Vote initiative. William & Mary is an interactive, inclusive community of scholarship and friendship that molds a certain kind of person, lawyer, and experience, exemplifying the citizen-lawyer concept.

S. Douglas Bunch '06

Associate, Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll (Washington, DC); Co-Founder and Chairman, Global Playground

Being a citizen lawyer is about more than simply taking pro bono cases. It's about engaging yourself with the world around you, identifying a human need, and then using your skills and abilities—as a lawyer and as a person of sound judgment—to respond. That's why I co-founded Global Playground; I felt an obligation to reinvest a fraction of what I've been given to make the world a better place.

Tyler Rosa '16

Hometown: Carmel, CA

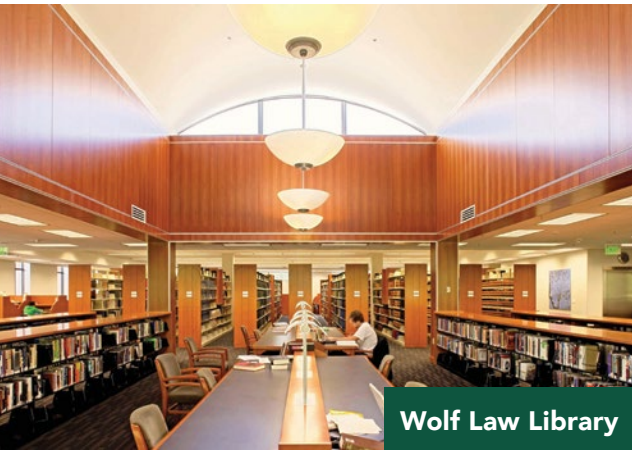
Degree: B.A., Dickinson College, 2012

Summer 2015 Employment: Pender & Coward (Virginia Beach, VA)

In order to help the community around you, you must first be able to speak to and understand those who need your help. I believe William & Mary does a great job fostering an environment where students can learn the intellectual and social skills necessary to become excellent citizens and effective citizen lawyers.

Academic Life

Learning is everywhere at William & Mary Law School, both inside and outside the classroom. The Wolf Law Library's spacious architecture, extensive print and electronic resources, and expert staff make it a welcoming place for study and research. We also host the world's most technologically advanced educational courtroom, the McGlothlin Courtroom.



Wolf Law Library

McGlothlin Courtroom

Come here and you'll discover another gem, our **Legal Practice Program**, a required set of courses that develop practical lawyering skills and professional responsibility. The three-semester program will allow you to cultivate first-hand knowledge of the law in a small group setting and will increase your skills as you work with experienced legal writing faculty and law librarians.

During the 1L year, you will master objective and persuasive writing through individualized one-on-one writing conferences with your writing professor. In the spring semester of your 2L year, you will take your skills to the next level by choosing a specialized, upper-level course of study, such as pre-trial criminal law, pre-trial civil law, or transactional law.

William & Mary Law School boasts five well-respected, **student-edited law journals**. Through journal work, students hone their writing while contributing to the world of legal scholarship. More than 340 students are involved in journals each year, and 190 of them earn credit as a board or staff member.

Externships are important ways to earn academic credit, gain practical experience, and develop professional contacts by assisting judges and practicing attorneys. You may earn externship credit during any semester after your first year while in residence at the Law School or by externing full time in metropolitan Washington, DC, during the fall semester of your third year.

Federal Government
Judicial
Nonprofit Organization
Private Practice and In-House Counsel
Prosecutor
Public Defender
State and Local Government
US Attorney
Virginia Attorney General

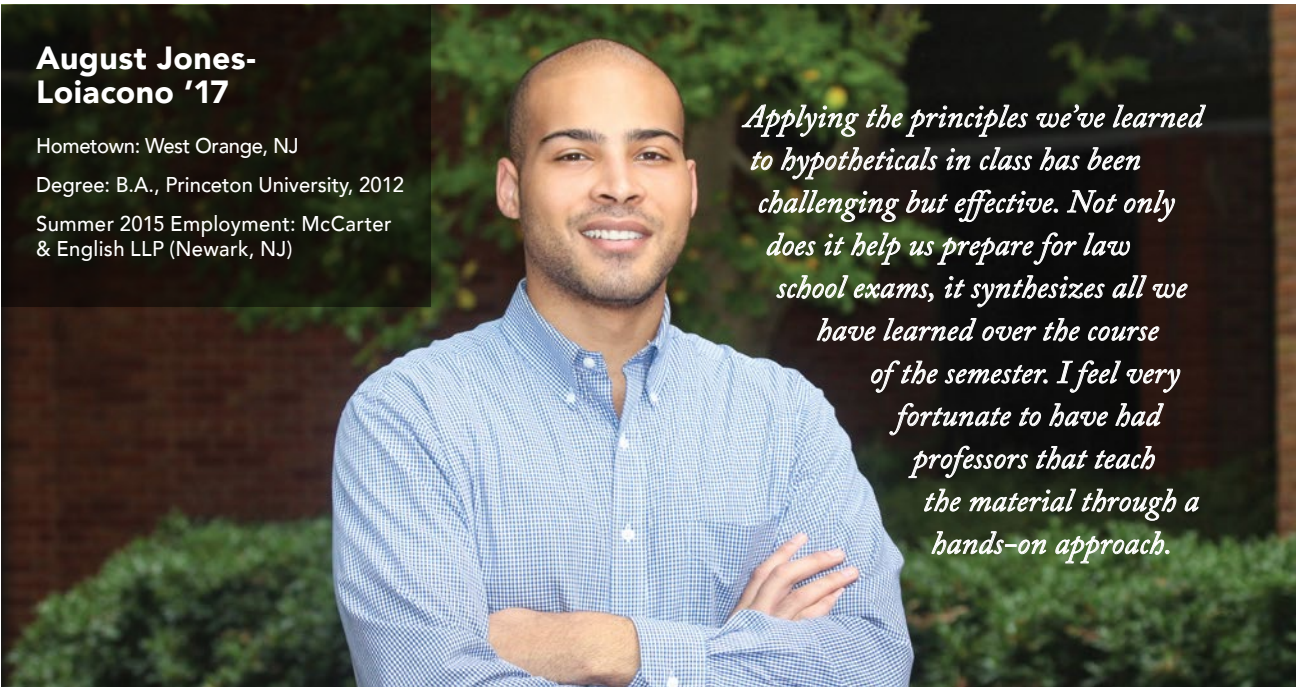
Working as a Legal Practice Fellow has allowed me to mentor 13 first-year law students. So many second- and third-year students helped me during my first year of law school that I was certain I wanted some sort of teaching assistant role for the incoming first-year class. I think every second- and third-year law student should become a mentor in some way to pay forward the help we received our first year.

Lacey Coppage '16

Hometown: Rochester, NY

Degree: B.A., Marist College, 2013

Summer 2015 Employment: US Government Accountability Office (Washington, DC)



August Jones-Loiacono '17

Hometown: West Orange, NJ

Degree: B.A., Princeton University, 2012

Summer 2015 Employment: McCarter & English LLP (Newark, NJ)

Applying the principles we've learned to hypotheticals in class has been challenging but effective. Not only does it help us prepare for law school exams, it synthesizes all we have learned over the course of the semester. I feel very fortunate to have had professors that teach the material through a hands-on approach.

Clinics

Appellate and Supreme Court

Domestic Violence

Elder Law

Family Law

Federal Tax

Innocence Project

Special Education Advocacy

Veterans Benefits

From helping veterans get the benefits they earned to briefing and arguing constitutional claims in the United States Courts of Appeals, our students have the opportunity to practice their lawyering skills and professional judgment while working closely with supervising attorneys. These professors are leaders in their fields who provide close mentorship, guided reflection, and exploration of professional responsibility, all within the context of client representation.

Our clinical program—featuring eight clinics with more than 150 positions for 2L and 3L students—addresses the unmet legal needs of our community while strengthening skills and a sense of responsibility among our students. We expect much of our clinic students, and they do not disappoint. Their dedication to their clinic work is inspirational and forms a solid foundation for their future pro bono work and ethical practice of law.

Appellate Clinic

Appellate and Supreme Court Clinic students engage in appellate practice in the federal Courts of Appeals and the US Supreme Court, focusing on First and Fourth Amendment cases.

Elder Law Clinic students assist low-income seniors in planning for long-term care, creating documents to ensure their privacy and protection, advocating for necessary services and resources, and addressing their immediate legal needs.

The **Domestic Violence Clinic** provides students the opportunity to interview victims and witnesses, provide advice and counsel to those victims, and represent them in court.

Family Law Clinic students work in the Williamsburg office of the Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia, providing legal services to low-income clients that address divorce, custody, support, and equitable distribution matters.

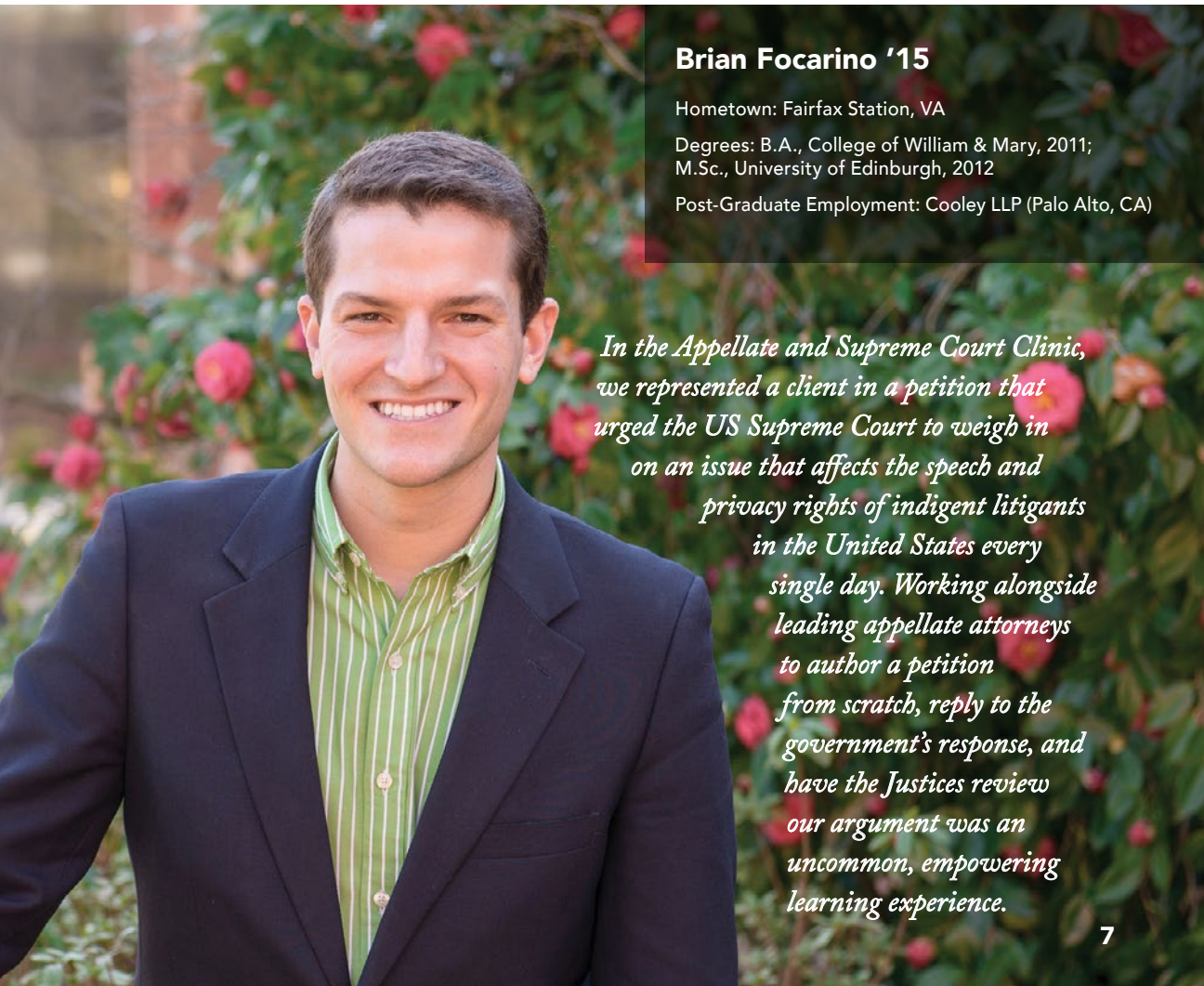
The **Federal Tax Clinic** teaches students federal tax practice and procedure and prepares them to assist in the representation of low-income Virginia taxpayers.

Innocence Project Clinic students participate in the legal investigation and research of inmate claims of actual innocence.

Puller Veterans Benefits Clinic

The **Lewis B. Puller, Jr., Veterans Benefits Clinic** assists veterans with claims and appeals for disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs, as well as discharge upgrades. The Puller Clinic has captured national attention with its interdisciplinary approach and has been hailed on Capitol Hill as a model for law schools across the country.

The **Parents Engaged for Learning Equality (PELE) Special Education Advocacy Clinic** assists children with special needs and their families with eligibility, Individualized Education Programs, discipline matters, mediation, and administrative hearings.



Brian Focarino '15

Hometown: Fairfax Station, VA

Degrees: B.A., College of William & Mary, 2011; M.Sc., University of Edinburgh, 2012

Post-Graduate Employment: Cooley LLP (Palo Alto, CA)

In the Appellate and Supreme Court Clinic, we represented a client in a petition that urged the US Supreme Court to weigh in on an issue that affects the speech and privacy rights of indigent litigants in the United States every single day. Working alongside leading appellate attorneys to author a petition from scratch, reply to the government's response, and have the Justices review our argument was an uncommon, empowering learning experience.

Faculty

William & Mary Law faculty are personally invested in each student's education and success. Their teaching philosophies embody the Law School's ideal of the citizen lawyer, as George Wythe did more than 200 years ago.

In keeping with that tradition, our faculty conduct research because they want to effect change; they teach to prepare a new generation of lawyers to do the same. Our faculty comprises nationally and internationally recognized experts in many fields of law, and they have written hundreds of notable books, treatises, and articles.

Apart from our full-time faculty, we also boast an impressive adjunct professorship made up of practicing lawyers and public officials with decades of hands-on experience in the ethical practice of law. These professors help set the citizen-lawyer standard, proving by example that good lawyers are vitally engaged in the life of the local community, state, nation, and world.

Angela M. Banks

Professor of Law

Select Résumé:
B.A., Spelman College; M.Litt. (Sociology), University of Oxford; J.D., Harvard University; served as legal advisor to Judge Gabrielle Kirk McDonald at the Iran-US Claims Tribunal in The Hague; research focuses on immigration and human rights

Immigration & Citizenship is among my favorite courses to teach because it deals with complicated social and legal issues. In this class, students have the opportunity to think about and play with ideas involving the relationship between membership status and legal rights. I also love that this class enables students to see how constitutional, statutory, and administrative law interact to regulate a subject area.

Paul Marcus

Haynes Professor of Law

Select Résumé:
A.B. and J.D., University of California at Los Angeles; internationally known scholar of criminal law and procedure, jury behavior, and comparative criminal justice; 2010 recipient of the Commonwealth of Virginia's Outstanding Faculty Award and triple recipient of the Walter L. Williams, Jr., Teaching Award

Go to law school to bring about change. So very many of the vital issues facing our society revolve around the law. A good legal education—of the caliber we offer here at William & Mary—will enable you to thoughtfully evaluate those issues whether as an advocate, a counselor, a judge, a legislator, or an academic, and more fundamentally as a citizen lawyer.

Christopher L. Griffin, Jr.

Assistant Professor of Law

Select Résumé:
B.S., Georgetown University; M.Phil., University of Oxford; J.D., Yale Law School; research focuses on disability law, empirical analysis of law, employment discrimination law, and labor law

The law school experience is about much more than learning rules; it is a deeply rich academic one. We encourage students to approach vexing domestic and international problems certainly with knowledge of the law, but also with an appreciation for and ability to marshal the intellectual ingenuity required of the modern advocate.

Curriculum

Getting Started

Required courses

Our first-year curriculum will introduce you to the essential analytical skills you will need to practice law.

Credit Hours as Noted

First-Year Courses

FALL

Civil Procedure - 4

Criminal Law - 4

Legal Practice I - 3

Torts - 4

SPRING

Constitutional Law - 4

Contracts - 4

Legal Practice II - 3

Property - 4

Required Second-Year Course (Spring Semester)

Advanced Practice - 2

Required Course (Second or Third Year)

Professional Responsibility - 2

Hitting Your Stride

The elective curriculum

Starting in your second year, you will be able to delve more deeply into areas of law that interest you and are relevant to your career goals. With more than 100 elective courses and seminars to choose from, you will discover everything from criminal law to environmental law to litigation and more.

You also may earn academic credit through:

- Independent study with a professor
- Service on a student-edited journal or participation on a competition team
- Courses offered through William & Mary's other departments and schools

In addition, numerous externships and clinics will give you a chance to earn credit, gain practical experience, and develop professional contacts. Our curriculum is designed to help you achieve your career goals.

Business & Commercial Law

Accounting for Lawyers

Administrative Law

Admiralty Law

Antitrust

Banking Law

Bankruptcy Survey

Business & Financial Literacy

Business Associations

Business Law Field Projects

Community Association Law

Comparative Corporations

Corporate Finance

Corporate Governance & the Public Corporation

Corporate Taxation

Corporations

Debtors, Creditors & Consumer Bankruptcy Law

Drafting for Corporate & Finance Lawyers

E-Commerce Law

European Union Law

Federal Income Taxation

Government Contracts Seminar

Insurance

International Business

International Taxation

International Trade Law

Law & Entrepreneurship Seminar

Legal Drafting for a Transactional Practice Seminar

Mergers & Acquisitions

Partnership Taxation

Planning a Chapter 11 Filing

Private Equity & Venture Capital

Products Liability

Property Theory Seminar

Regulation of Markets

Regulatory Law & Policy

Sales

Secured Transactions

Securities Regulation

Securities Regulation in Europe

Securities Regulation Survey

Selected Topics in Admiralty Law Seminar

Selected Topics in Bankruptcy Law Seminar

Selected Topics in Securities Regulation Seminar

Selected Topics in Sports Law Seminar

Small Business Planning

Title Insurance

Transactions

Constitutional Law

Administrative Law
Advanced Election Law Seminar
Campaign Finance
Comparative Law
Constitution & the Family
Constitutional Literacy
Education Law
Election Law
Election Law Practicum
Federal Courts
First Amendment—Free Speech & Press
First Amendment—Religion Clauses
Food & Drug Law
Post-Election Litigation
Presidential Power
Presidential Public Financing Seminar
Privacy Law
Property Rights Seminar
Regulatory Law & Policy
Selected Topics in Constitutional Law Seminar
State Secrets Privilege
Statutory Interpretation Seminar
The Supreme Court
Supreme Court Seminar

Criminal Law

Criminal Procedure I
Criminal Procedure II
Criminal Procedure Survey
Current Topics of International Criminal Justice
Death Penalty Seminar
Evidence
International Criminal Law
Selected Topics in Criminal Justice Seminar
Terrorism Seminar
Virginia Criminal Procedure
White Collar Crime
The Wire—Crime, Law & Policy

Employment Law

Administrative Law
Alternative Dispute Resolution
Employment Discrimination
Employment Law
Labor Law
Law Governing Harassment
Mediation
Mediation Advocacy
Negotiation for Lawyers

Environmental & Natural Resources Law

Administrative Law
Energy Law
Environmental Law
Environmental Policy
Fundamentals of Environmental Science for Policy
International Environmental Law
Land Use Control
Law of the Sea Seminar
Local Government Law
Natural Resources Law
Property Rights Seminar
Regulatory Law & Policy
Selected Topics in Environmental Law Seminar
Virginia Coastal Policy Practicum
World Resources Law

Family & Personal Wealth Law

Adolescents & Law Seminar
Adoption Law Seminar
Animal Law Seminar
Bankruptcy Survey
Constitution & the Family Seminar
Education Law
Family Law
Family Wealth Transactions
Federal Income Taxation
Legal Issues in Education
Real Estate Transactions
Selected Topics in Juvenile Law Seminar
Selected Topics in Special Education Law Seminar
Trusts & Estates
Youth Law

Health Care Law

Administrative Law
Food & Drug Law
Health Law & Policy
Medical Malpractice & Health Care Liability
Selected Topics in Insurance Regulation Seminar

Intellectual Property Law

Copyright Law
Copyright Litigation Law Seminar
Electronic Discovery & Data Seizure
Entertainment Litigation Law
European Internet Law
Intellectual Property
Internet Law
Patent Law
Patent Litigation Seminar
Selected Topics in European Internet Law
Trademark Law

International Law

Admiralty Law
Civil Litigation Responses to Acts of International Terrorism
Comparative Corporations
Comparative Law
Current Topics of International Criminal Justice
European Internet Law
European Union Law
Foreign & International Research
Gender & Human Rights Seminar
Human Rights Law
Immigration & Citizenship
International Arbitration Seminar
International Criminal Law
International Election Principles
International Environmental Law
International Trade Law
Introduction to Islamic Law
Islamic Law Seminar
Laws of War
Legal Protection of Human Rights in the EU
Legal System of the European Union
Military Law Seminar
National Security Law
Post-Conflict Justice & the Rule of Law
Public International Law
Securities Regulation in Europe
Selected Topics in Admiralty Law Seminar
Selected Topics in European Internet Law
Selected Topics in Immigration & Citizenship Seminar
Terrorism Seminar
World Resources Law

Litigation

Administrative Law
Advanced Brief Writing
Advanced Trial Techniques
Advocacy Regulation
Alternative Dispute Resolution
American Jury Seminar
Applied Evidence in a Technological Age
Complex Civil Litigation
Conflict of Laws
Electronic Discovery & Data Seizure
Entertainment Litigation Law
Evidence
Mediation
Mediation Advocacy
Negotiation for Lawyers
Patent Litigation Seminar
Post-Election Litigation
Remedies
Technology-Augmented Trial Advocacy
Trial Advocacy—Basic Advanced Litigation
Trial Strategy & Persuasion
Virginia Civil Procedure
Virginia Criminal Procedure

Tax Law

Accounting for Lawyers
Corporate Taxation
Family Wealth Transactions
Federal Income Taxation
International Taxation
Partnership Taxation
Planning a Chapter 11 Filing
Real Estate Tax
Small Business Planning
State & Local Taxation
Taxation of Mergers & Acquisitions Seminar
Tax Policy Research Seminar

Methods or Perspectives Courses

Citizen Lawyers Seminar
Economic Analysis of the Law
History of the Common Law Seminar
Influence of Christianity on American Law Seminar
Influence of the Legal Profession on Legislation
Law & Literature
Law & Neuroscience
Law & Politics
Law & Psychology
Law & Sexual Violence Seminar
Law & Social Justice Seminar
Legal Issues in Education
Philosophy of Law
Public Policy for Science & Professions
Resurgent Role of Legal History in Modern Judiciary
Selected Topics in American Legal History Seminar
Selected Topics in Citizenship
Selected Topics in Higher Education Law
Selected Topics in Jurisprudence Seminar
Selected Topics in Legal History Seminar
Selected Topics in Race & American Legal History Seminar
Spanish for Lawyers

Clinics

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Innocence Project
Special Education Advocacy
Veterans Benefits

Externships

Federal Government
Judicial
Nonprofit Organization
Private Practice & In-House Counsel
Prosecutor
Public Defender
State & Local Government
US Attorney
Virginia Attorney General

Student-Organized Learning Experiences

Directed Reading
Independent Legal Research
Independent Legal Writing
Moot Court
Trial Team
Bill of Rights Journal
Business Law Review
Environmental Law and Policy Review
Journal of Women and the Law
Law Review

Some courses are listed under multiple practice areas.

Institutes *and* Programs

We know you want the most fulfilling law school experience possible. Our seven research centers foster scholarship, assist courts and judges, and provide opportunities to work on legal projects around the world.

The **Election Law Program** helps state court judges understand the unique nature of election litigation, hosts an annual symposium, and works closely with its student arm, the William & Mary Election Law Society, to run an election law speaker series and plan other events.

The **Institute of Bill of Rights Law** encourages discussion of constitutional issues. Experts from diverse disciplines—lawyers, journalists, historians, political scientists, economists, sociologists, and politicians—are brought together for serious discussion and debate at events such as our annual Supreme Court Preview.

The **Property Rights Project** promotes the exchange of ideas between scholars and members of the property rights bar through lectures and an annual conference, recognizing outstanding contributions of individuals to the field of property rights scholarship.

The **Virginia Coastal Policy Center** is an interdisciplinary initiative in which students participate in the development and execution of policies addressing the legal, scientific, social, and economic challenges confronting Virginia's coastal resources and communities.

More about institutes and programs on page 14.

The National Trial Team

Brian Cannon '04, J.D. '11

Executive Director of OneVirginia2021: Virginians for Fair Redistricting, a multi-partisan effort to amend the Virginia Constitution to establish an independent, impartial redistricting commission to draw political districts

While an undergraduate at William & Mary, Brian co-founded the student voting advocacy group Virginia21, the first political action committee run solely by students. As a law student, he was founding Editor of the State of Elections Blog, served as President of the Election Law Society, and was a member of William & Mary's winning team for the Virginia Redistricting Competition.

The Election Law Program prepared me to push for major changes in the way Virginia's election law operates. It introduced me to the top lawyers arguing the most important cases in election law today. The curriculum allowed me to dive in deeply with Professor Rebecca Green and other experts in the field to dissect the legal history of election law and craft arguments for its future. My peers in class have all gone on to contribute in this field—it's quite a network. William & Mary Law School is the only place to gain this incredible level of practical and scholarly expertise in election law.

Competition Teams

In addition to taking advantage of our institutes and programs, our students also demonstrate a healthy team spirit. Join a competition team and you can expand your knowledge and skills while competing against the best students from other schools at regional, national, and international events. Membership on our teams is a highly sought after honor and accomplishment.

The **Alternative Dispute Resolution Team** focuses on client counseling and methods of dispute resolution such as negotiation, mediation, and arbitration.

The **National Trial Team** provides extensive trial advocacy training, from evidentiary objections and fundamental trial skills to sophisticated trial strategy and persuasion.

The **Moot Court Program** promotes student development and refinement of both oral advocacy and brief-writing skills.

The **Transactional Law Team** helps students explore and improve transactional law ability, skills, and interest through preparation for and participation in transactional law competitions.

(more) Institutes *and* Programs

Global Focus

William & Mary prepares the next generation of lawyers to practice in our increasingly globalized world through innovative courses and research as well as concrete field experience. You will learn more about the legal systems of other countries, study with international faculty, sharpen your language skills, and gain a perspective on law through the lens of another culture.

Our internationally focused research centers and programs offer a variety of lectures, panels, and conferences that examine issues before US courts, provide perspectives on international legal systems, and address how law affects human rights and shapes democracy.

The **Center for Legal and Court Technology** is dedicated to improving the administration of justice through technology by providing education, training, and courtroom design.

The **Human Security Law Center** fosters discussion of national defense, environmental security, and human rights issues to meet the growing needs of international law and alternative dispute resolution, through advanced legal forensics.

The **Program in Comparative Legal Studies and Post-Conflict Peacebuilding** focuses on legal and policy issues facing countries recovering from conflict, and in the summer of 2015 facilitated internships for 24 students in 14 countries, two states, and Washington, DC.

Amanda Campbell '16

Hometown: Woodinville, WA

Degree: B.A., Westmont College, 2011

Summer 2015 Employment: US Department of Justice, Tax Division, Criminal Enforcement Section (Washington, DC)

I went to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, for 10 weeks to serve as an intern with a USAID-funded project carried out by East-West Management Institute. I provided guidance on projects, edited quarterly reports and public outreach materials, and worked at a local law office that provides free counsel to Kyrgyz nonprofit organizations. Working with local attorneys, I made substantive changes to two draft laws, one of which was submitted to the Kyrgyz Parliament.

More than 4,600 students from law schools across the United States have participated in our five-week **Summer Abroad Program** in Madrid, Spain, in the past 25 years. We also offer **Semester Exchange Programs** where students may apply to study during the fall of their third year at eight universities around the world located in **Austria, China, Hong Kong, Japan, Luxembourg, New Zealand, and Spain.**

Kaylee Gum '16

Hometown: Wichita, KS

Degree: B.A., University of Oklahoma, 2013

Summer 2015 Employment: Air Force, Joint Base Langley Legal Office (Hampton, VA)

I spent the summer of 2014 in Baghdad, Iraq, where I worked with two senior legal advisors in the Iraq Access to Justice Program, part of the USAID's effort to improve access to justice for vulnerable and disadvantaged people in that country. One of my primary projects was to conduct comparative research on legal aid systems in Africa, Europe, the Middle East, and the United States. This internship gave me a perspective on international law that I couldn't have experienced without the Program in Comparative Legal Studies and Post-Conflict Peacebuilding.

Student Life

William & Mary Law School students are always making the most of a unique educational and social experience. They arrive from all over the world, quickly becoming valued members of our community and taking advantage of everything the Law School has to offer.

More than 50 student organizations and myriad lectures and conferences ensure there is a lot to do outside the classroom. Students can support the Bone Marrow Drive, participate in the Day of Caring, and watch their classmates perform in Law Cappella. They take part in the Student Bar Association's annual ski trip, the Black Law Student Association's talent show, and the Public Service Fund's auction, where the proceeds help fund summer public service internships.

Local Attractions

Students can also take advantage of William & Mary's other treasure, Williamsburg. The 'Burg has a charm you just won't find anywhere else. In addition to world-famous attractions Colonial Williamsburg and Busch Gardens, this historic college town provides a wide assortment of restaurants, parks, coffee shops, golf courses, and shopping. All this and more—only an hour from Richmond, Norfolk, and Virginia Beach. Add a mild climate, and Williamsburg is a wonderful place to live and learn.

Housing Options

Next to the Law School, the Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Graduate Complex, known as the Gradplex, offers two-, three-, and four-bedroom furnished apartments. These William & Mary residences are assigned as space is available, and rent includes all utilities, cable TV, and high-speed Internet. A wide assortment of affordably priced rental homes, apartments, and condominiums are also available off campus.

Christine Henry '16

Hometown: Chantilly, VA

Degree: B.A., University of Virginia, 2011

Summer 2015 Employment: Hogan Lovells LLP (McLean, VA)

After living and working in a big city after college, I knew I wanted to join a smaller and more close-knit community for law school. William & Mary was the perfect fit. The community provides a supportive and collegiate environment, while also offering an unrivaled historical backdrop. The unique blend of collegiality and history makes William & Mary the perfect place to study law.

the Office *of* Career Services

When it comes to your career, there is no such thing as one size fits all. Whether your goal is to practice with a law firm in Virginia, a government agency in DC, a legal aid organization in New York, or a nonprofit in California, the Office of Career Services (OCS) can help you develop the skills necessary for a successful job search and formulate a personalized action plan for pursuing your chosen career. We offer a high level of individualized support to every student.

Krishna Jani '17

Hometown: Philadelphia, PA

Degree: B.A., Virginia Commonwealth University, 2012

Summer 2015 Employment: Legal Aid Justice Center (Richmond, VA)

I had a blast during the 1L mock-interview program when I interviewed with a William & Mary Law alumnus who works at the Department of Justice. The interview was more like a conversation, and I learned a lot about my strengths and weaknesses in interviews. He even emailed me with job opportunities after the interview based on our conversation! I feel extremely fortunate to have had the experience and to have the feedback of a working attorney.

What can you expect from your relationship with OCS?

- **One-on-one advising** with experienced career advisors. All OCS advisors are attorneys who bring to their roles significant experience in various sectors of the legal profession.
- **Career planning programs and workshops** to assist students in their job searches, including small group résumé writing, cover letter writing, and interview skills workshops in Legal Practice classes.
- Access to Symplicity, our **online jobs database.**
- Opportunities to **connect with alumni and employers** through our annual Alumni Mock Interview Program; Smart Manners Etiquette Reception and Dinner; the Law School's Co-Counsel Program, which pairs students with alumni mentors; on- and off-campus interview programs; and a variety of information sessions and programs throughout the year that regularly bring alumni and employers to the William & Mary campus.
- **Support for public service careers.** During the summer of 2015, the Law School awarded public service fellowships totaling almost $349,000 to 131 rising 2Ls and 3Ls. The Loan Repayment Assistance Program, which provides a maximum of $5,000 in loan forgiveness annually for up to three years, helps make public service more viable for our alumni.

More than 8,000 William & Mary Law School graduates live and work in all 50 states, DC, and 45 other countries and often are a valuable networking resource. Here is a sampling of places you will find them:

Businesses and Corporations

Altria Client Services (VA)

Capital One (VA)

Ernst & Young (DC, NY, TX, VA, WA)

Facebook (CA)

FedEx Corporation (TN)

Goldman Sachs (NJ, NY)

Jones Lang LaSalle (DC, IL, VA)

Microsoft Corporation (CA, WA)

Norfolk Southern (VA)

Pricewaterhouse-Coopers (CT, DC, NY, PA, VA)

Government

Federal Bureau of Investigation (CA, DC, OK, TN, VA)

Judge Advocate General's Corps–Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, and Coast Guard (worldwide)

New Jersey Office of the Attorney General (NJ)

New York City Law Department (NY)

Prosecutors' Offices (nationwide)

US Agency for International Development (worldwide)

US Department of Justice (nationwide)

US Department of Labor (CA, DC, NH, VA)

US Environmental Protection Agency (DC, GA, KS, NY)

US Securities and Exchange Commission (DC, IL, MA)

Law Firms

Covington & Burling (DC)

Davis Polk & Wardwell (NY)

Drinker Biddle & Reath (DC, NJ, PA)

Gibson Dunn (CA, DC, TX)

Goodwin Procter (CA, DC)

Hunton & Williams (DC, FL, NC, NY, VA)

Jones Day (CA, DC, OH, PA)

McGuireWoods (DC, FL, MD, NC, VA)

Seyfarth Shaw (DC, GA, MA)

Sidley Austin (DC, IL, NY)

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (CA, DC, DE, NY)

Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati (CA, DC, NY)

Public Interest

American Civil Liberties Union (DC, GA, WA)

Atlanta Legal Aid Society (GA)

Disabilities Law Program (DE)

Government Accountability Project (DC)

Humane Society of the United States (DC)

Legal Aid Societies (nationwide)

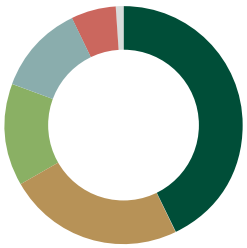
National Employment Law Project (DC)

The Nature Conservancy (CO, VA)

Public Defenders' Offices (nationwide)

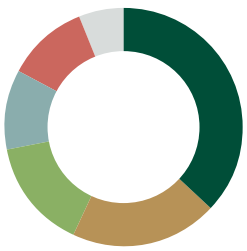
Class of 2014 Reported Status

Types of Employment



- Law Firms - **43%**
- Government - **24%**
- Clerkships - **14%**
- Business and Industry - **12%**
- Public Interest - **6%**
- Education - **1%**

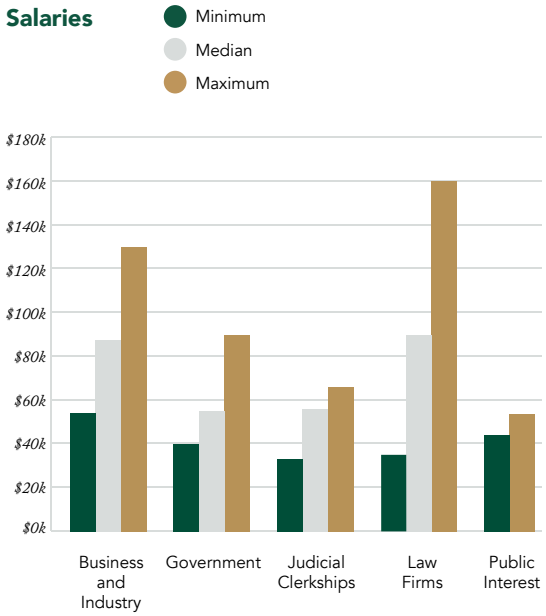
Employment Locations



- VA - **37%**
- Mid-Atlantic (NY, PA, NJ) - **20%**
- Other - **15%**
- DC - **11%**
- South Atlantic (MD, FL, NC, DE, GA, WV) - **11%**
- Pacific (CA, OR, WA, AK) - **6%**

Employment locations are based on the regions established in the Employment Report and Salary Survey for NALP, the Association for Legal Career Professionals. The American Bar Association does not define regions for employment locations. Percentages are based on the number of graduates in each category divided by the total number of employed graduates in the Class of 2014.

Salaries



Salaries reported are for graduates who have obtained full-time, long-term employment. Salary data does not include information for the 24 employed graduates in the Class of 2014 (16 in government and 8 in public interest) who were receiving stipends at an annual rate of $19,200 through the William & Mary Law School Public Service Post-Graduate Fellowship Program (PGF Program).

Employment Status	Full Time Long Term	Full Time Short Term	Part Time Long Term	Part Time Short Term	**Total**
Employed - Bar Passage Required	156	2	3	0	**161 (75%)**
Employed - J.D. Advantage	21	1	2	2	**26 (12%)**
Employed - Professional Position	6	0	0	1	**7 (3.3%)**
Employed - Non-Professional Position	0	0	0	0	**0**
Employed - Indeterminable	0	0	0	0	**0**
Pursuing Graduate Degree Full Time					**3 (1.4%)**
Unemployed - Start Date Deferred					**2 (1.0%)**
Unemployed - Not Seeking					**0**
Unemployed - Seeking					**16 (7.4%)**
Employment Status Unknown					**0**
Total Graduates					**215**

Employment status categories and definitions are those used by the American Bar Association. A long-term position is one that does not have a definite or indefinite term of less than one year. All numbers reflect information reported to the American Bar Association as of March 15, 2015, and includes 24 graduates working on a full-time, long-term basis through the William & Mary PGF Program.

Practical Matters

Powerful Education, Great Value

William & Mary Law School's competitively priced tuition and fees and the area's relatively low cost of living allow our students to obtain an outstanding education at a reasonable price. Compare your options and be the judge. Every student admitted to William & Mary Law School is considered for merit-based scholarships and fellowships.

During the admission process, we look for students who have strong academic backgrounds and a sharp intellect, but we also look for those with drive, commitment, and compassion. Each student is someone carefully selected from among many to study law at William & Mary and, for us, each student is important.

Faye F. Shealy
Associate Dean for Admission

Eduardo Lopez '16

Hometown: Mechanicsville, VA

Degree: B.S., Old Dominion University, 2013

Summer 2015 Employment: Khulumani Support Group (Johannesburg, South Africa)

I would choose William & Mary Law School again because William & Mary embodies what a law school should be. The academic environment here allows me to build on my strengths, while encouraging me to step outside of my comfort zone. I'm certain the experience I have gained here will prove to be invaluable to my legal career.

2015–16	Virginia Resident	Non-Resident
Tuition & Fees	$30,800	$39,800
Living Allowance	$16,100	$16,100
Books & Supplies	$1,600	$1,600
Total	**$48,500**	**$57,500**

You've learned about us. Now we want to learn about you.

Application Checklist

- ☐ Completed and electronically certified online application (LSAC.org).
- ☐ $50 nonrefundable application fee paid online to the Law School Admission Council (LSAC).
- ☐ Personal statement and optional essays.
- ☐ LSAT score report sent by LSAC with transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work.
- ☐ Two letters of recommendation or evaluations (more are welcome).
- ☐ Optional application for Virginia In-State Tuition Eligibility.
- ☐ Optional Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA); William & Mary's Title IV code is 003705.

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