The College of William & Mary invites applications and nominations for the position of Dean of the Law School.

Founded in 1693, the College of Williams & Mary is the 2nd oldest institution of higher learning in the United States. With 5700 undergraduate students and 1900 graduate/professional students, it combines the attractions of a small liberal arts college with notably strong research across a range of disciplines. William & Mary is ranked 32nd in the 2009 U.S. News & World Report’s ranking of all U.S. universities and 6th in the ranking of state colleges and universities. Natural and architectural beauty grace the 1,200 acre campus.

Founded in 1779, William & Mary is the oldest academic law school in the United States. We enroll 625 J.D. candidates, and have a growing LL.M. program with 14 international students. The Law School is home to the Institute of Bill of Rights Law and the Center for Legal and Court Technology. Our faculty of 34 tenured and tenure-track professors work with others throughout the university in interdisciplinary programs, and with researchers at the National Center for State Courts, which is located next door to the Law School.

The Law School currently ranks 30th (tied) in the U.S. News law school rankings. It has a faculty distinguished for both teaching and research, a strong administrative team, a recently-expanded and renovated classroom building, a state-of-the-art library opened in 2007, a proud alumni base of over 6800, and strong ties with alumni in cities across the United States. We attract talented and engaged students (median LSAT score in the 90th percentile) from across the nation: more than half of our students come from outside of Virginia. Applications to the Law School rose 7.2% last year, in contrast a -0.4% decline nationwide.

William & Mary is located in Williamsburg, Virginia, the restored colonial capital and now a destination town with many good restaurants, leisure facilities, a state-of-the-art hospital, and beautiful natural surroundings between the James and York rivers. Richmond and Norfolk/Virginia Beach are each one hour away; Washington, D.C., two and half.

We seek candidates with a commitment to scholarly productivity; demonstrated
skills in consensus-building and execution of innovative ideas; the ability to work with faculty, students, administrators, alumni, and other constituencies to move the Law School forward; and with fund-raising skills.

Candidates should be eligible for tenure on the Law School faculty. The position is a full-time 12-month appointment with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2009. Salary is competitive.

The College of William and Mary is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer. Interested candidates are asked to visit http://jobs.wm.edu and complete a one-page demographic application for equal opportunity compliance purposes only. Please reference position number FA076W.

We welcome applications and nominations. Applications should include a c.v. and a letter of interest. Please direct all correspondence to the Committee Chair, Eric Kades, no later than November 15, 2008.

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