

# William & Mary Law School Class of 2020 Employment Highlights

As of April 9, 2021

## GEOGRAPHICALLY DIVERSE

The geographic diversity of our students and graduates is demonstrated in the locations where our graduates obtain employment. Graduates in our Class of 2020 have taken full-time positions in 29 states, the District of Columbia and one foreign country. The most popular employment locations for this Class were:

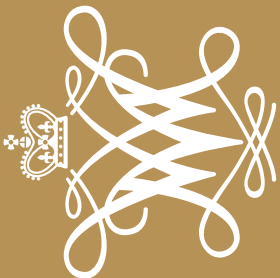
- Virginia
- Washington, DC
- New York

In addition to these locations, graduates accepted positions in Arkansas, California, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Washington, and West Virginia.

## BIG LAW

Our graduates accept positions with many of the preeminent global law firms, as evidenced by William & Mary's consistent ranking in the *National Law Journal's* "Go to Law Schools" (based on percentage of graduates joining the 100 largest U.S. based law firms as ranked by the NLJ). For our Class of 2020, more than 20% of the class began working with the following law firms of 100 lawyers or more.

- Arent Fox (Washington, DC)
- Arnold & Porter (Washington, DC)
- Bass Berry & Sims (Nashville, TN)
- Blank Rome (New York, NY & Philadelphia, PA)
- Bressler Amery & Ross (New York, NY)
- Cahill Gordon & Reindel (New York, NY)
- Cleary Gottlieb Steen & Hamilton (New York, NY)
- Cooley (Washington, DC)
- Covington & Burling (Washington, DC)
- Dechert (Palo Alto, CA)
- Dinsmore & Shohl (Cincinnati, OH)
- Eversheds Sutherland (Washington, DC)
- Faegre Drinker Biddle & Reath (Indianapolis, IN)
- Frederikson & Byron (Minneapolis, MN)
- Goodwin Procter (Washington, DC)
- Holland & Knight (Tysons Corner, VA)
- Hunton Andrews Kurth (Richmond, VA)
- Husch Blackwell (Kansas City, MO)
- K&L Gates (Washington, DC)
- Kobre & Kim (Shanghai, China)
- Latham & Watkins (Washington, DC)
- Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith (New York, NY)



- Llinks Law Offices (Beijing, China)
- McGuireWoods (Richmond, VA)
- Reed Smith (Washington, DC)
- Ropes & Gray (New York, NY)
- Simpson Thacher & Bartlett (New York, NY)
- Sterne Kessler Goldstein & Fox (Washington, DC)
- Sullivan & Cromwell (New York, NY)
- Troutman Pepper Hamilton (Charlotte, NC & Berwyn, PA)
- Venable (Washington, DC & Baltimore, MD)
- Vinson & Elkins (Washington, DC)
- Williams Mullen (Richmond, VA)

### **JUDICIAL CLERKSHIPS**

Our graduates also do well when it comes to post-graduate judicial clerkships. Nearly 23% of our Class of 2020 (41 out of 182) is serving in judicial clerkships (approximately 9% in federal clerkships). Members of our Class of 2020 are—or will be—serving in courts across the country, including:

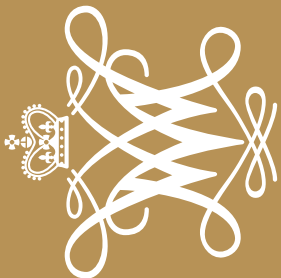
- U.S. Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit Staff Attorney’s Office (Richmond, VA)
- U.S. Department of Labor, Office of Administrative Law Judges (Newport News, VA)
- U.S. Court of Federal Claims (Washington, DC)
- U.S. Department of Justice, Executive Office for Immigration Review (Atlanta, GA)
- U.S. District Court, District of Delaware (Wilmington, DE)
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Arkansas (Little Rock, AR)
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas (Beaumont & Tyler, TX)
- U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia (Norfolk & Richmond, VA)
- U.S. District Court, Middle District of Florida (Jacksonville, FL)
- U.S. District Court, Southern District of West Virginia (Bluefield, VA)
- U.S. District Court, Western District of Virginia (Roanoke, VA)
- Virginia Supreme Court (Richmond, VA)
- Colorado Court of Appeals (Denver, CO)
- Washington Court of Appeals (Seattle, WA)
- State trial courts in the District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Virginia, and Vermont

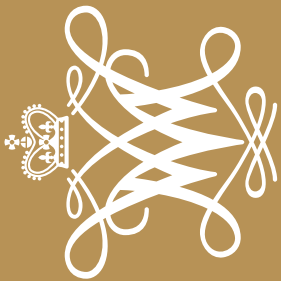
### **GOVERNMENT, PUBLIC SERVICE, AND NOT-FOR-PROFITS**

Approximately 20% of the Class of 2020 obtained positions with a variety of government agencies, public interest organizations, and not-for-profits, including:

- Brooklyn Defender Services (Brooklyn, NY)
- Chesapeake City Attorney (Chesapeake, VA)
- Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (Washington, DC)
- Equip for Equality (Chicago, IL)<sup>1</sup>
- Fair Housing Advocates of Northern California (San Rafael, CA)
- Fair Lines America (Alexandria, VA)
- Federal Bureau of Investigation (Washington, DC)
- Federal Defender of San Diego (San Diego, CA)
- Hampton Public Defender (Hampton, VA)

<sup>1</sup> Position funded through a fellowship with the Skadden Fellowship Foundation.





- Kings County District Attorney (Brooklyn, NY)
- Legal Aid of Western Michigan (Muskegon, MI)
- Mexican American Legal Defense Fund (Washington, DC)
- Newport News Commonwealth's Attorney (Newport News, VA)
- New York City Law Department (New York, NY)
- Office of the State Attorney for the Fourth Judicial Circuit (Jacksonville, FL)
- Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation (Washington, DC)
- Portsmouth Public Defender (Portsmouth, VA)
- Roads of Success (Rosemeade, CA)
- Rockingham County Commonwealth's Attorney (Harrisonburg, VA)
- U.S. Army JAG Corps
- U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (Washington, DC)<sup>2</sup>
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (San Francisco, CA)
- U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (Washington, DC)
- U.S. Government Accountability Office (Washington, DC)
- U.S. Marines JAG Corps
- U.S. Navy JAG Corps
- U.S. Navy, Office of General Counsel (Washington, DC)
- Winchester Public Defender (Winchester, VA)

#### **IN-HOUSE LEGAL, COMPLIANCE AND POLICY**

Finally, members of our Class of 2020 obtained positions with a variety of corporations where they are involved with legal, compliance and/or policy functions, including:

- Allied Title Insurance (Arlington, VA)
- Ernst & Young (Charlotte, NC & Tysons, VA)
- Fidelity National Title (Jacksonville, FL & Omaha, NE)
- FINRA (Rockville, MD)
- Friedman LLP (New York, NY)
- NEC Corporation (Arlington, VA)
- Parathon by JDA Health Systems (Naperville, IL)

<sup>2</sup> Two positions, one of which was obtained through the Presidential Management Fellows program.