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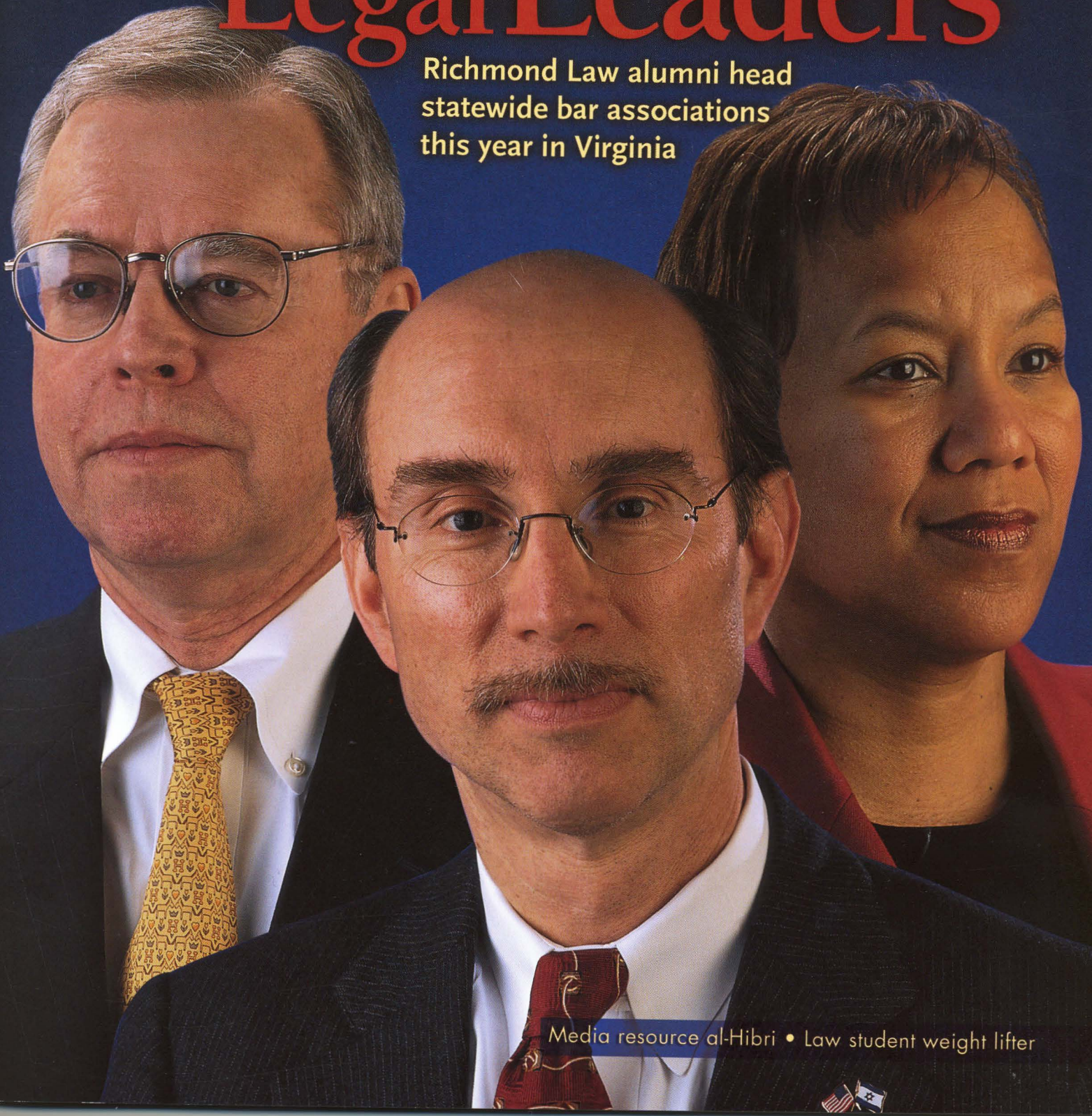
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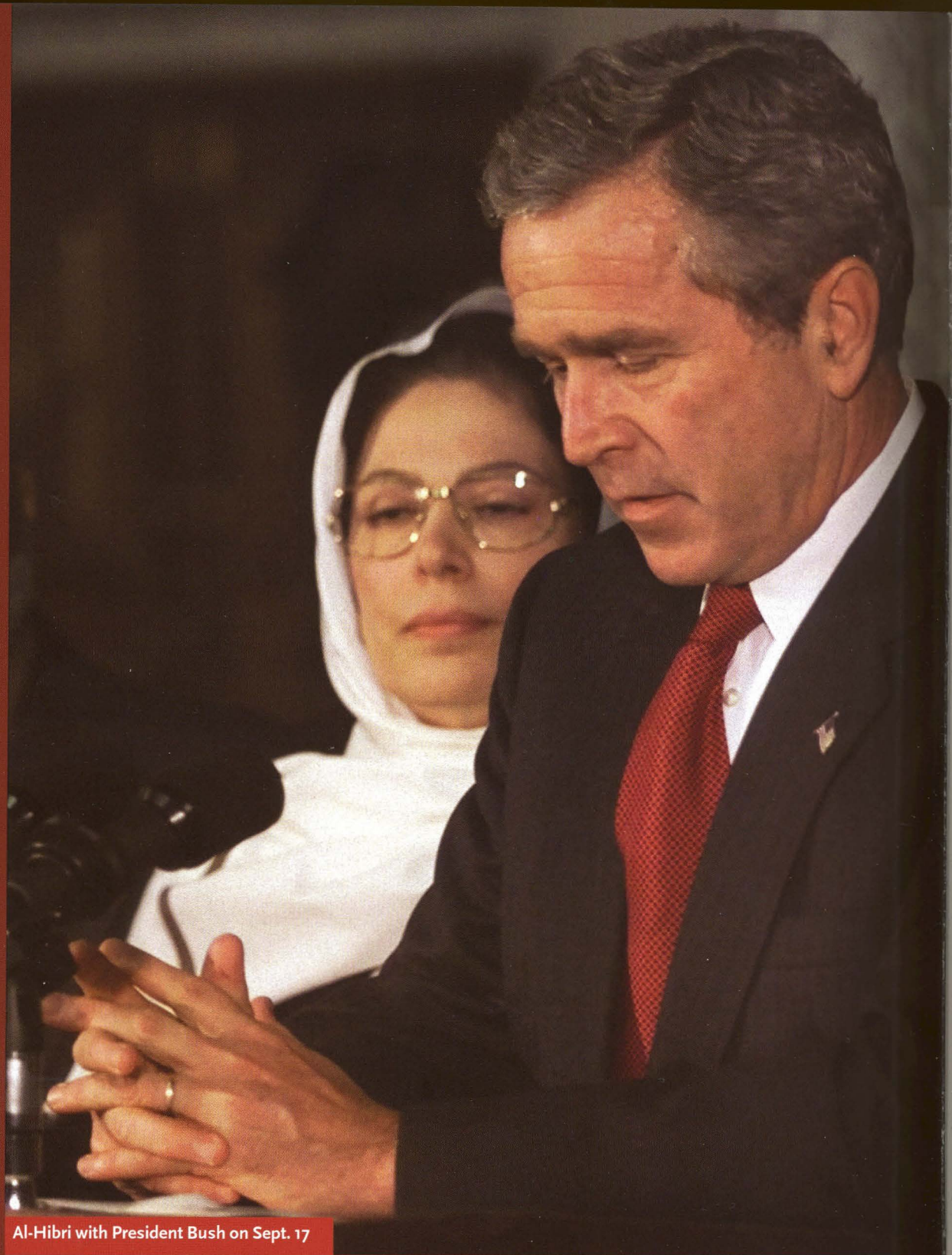
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Al-Hibri with President Bush on Sept. 17

Representing the Muslim community

Professor Azizah Y. al-Hibri was one of a group of the nation's top Muslim leaders scheduled to meet President George W. Bush at the White House on the afternoon of Sept. 11.

After the terrorist attacks, that meeting was postponed until the following week, when the group gathered at the Islamic Center of Washington, D.C. There President Bush reassured the Muslim leadership that he would not allow any acts of intolerance toward Muslims. "The face of terror is not the true faith of Islam," he said during remarks at the center.

That Islam is not a religion of violence is al-Hibri's message, too. See the article on p. 14 about her role as an authoritative source for journalists and government officials.

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Task force recommends new initiatives

A task force appointed by the University of Richmond Board of Trustees has completed a report examining a series of important issues facing the Richmond School of Law.

"The task force made some interesting recommendations," says Dean John Pagan. "The faculty and I will give careful consideration to their advice, and I invite alumni and friends to give us the benefit of their own views on these issues."

Among the task force recommendations are the following:

- Encourage efforts to recruit and retain students of high academic standing. Additionally, renew emphasis on recruiting faculty and administrators from a nationwide pool of applicants with the highest academic credentials.
- Expand efforts to provide programs that will enhance students' academic perfor-

mance and bar-passage rates.

- Investigate creating specialty areas in the curriculum and developing centers of excellence.
- Offer students the opportunity to complete requirements for dual degrees in three years instead of the traditional four-year period required elsewhere.
- Develop a strategic plan for finding jobs for Richmond Law graduates, including identifying potential employers along the Eastern seaboard as well as nationwide.

Additionally, the task force recommends consideration of initiatives such as adding a part-time juris doctor program, offering nondegree-directed law courses and interdisciplinary courses, and developing continuing legal education courses.

Task force members were Robert F. Brooks, R'61, L'64 and G'93, Hunton & Williams senior counsel and a University trustee; J. Waverly Pulley III, R'68 and L'72, partner with Hunton & Williams and a member of the University's Board of Associates; the Hon. Elizabeth Lacy, H'92, a justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia and an adjunct faculty member; Jeremiah Sheehan, former CEO of Reynolds Metals and a trustee; the Hon. Frederick Stamp Jr., L'59, U.S. District Court judge of the Northern District of West Virginia and a trustee; and Janice Moore, L'81, attorney with McGuireWoods and Board of Associates member.

Ex officio members were Dr. June Aprille, University provost; Carolyn Martin, C'86, executive assistant to the president; Robert L. Burrus Jr., R'55, rector of the trustees; and University President William E. Cooper.

In other law school news,

Dean Pagan has been reappointed to his post for 2002-03, and he has announced that he will conclude his service as dean at the end of that academic year. Pagan plans to return to the faculty in order to focus more of his time and energy on teaching and scholarship. An early American legal historian, Pagan is author of a forthcoming book to be published later this year by Oxford University Press.

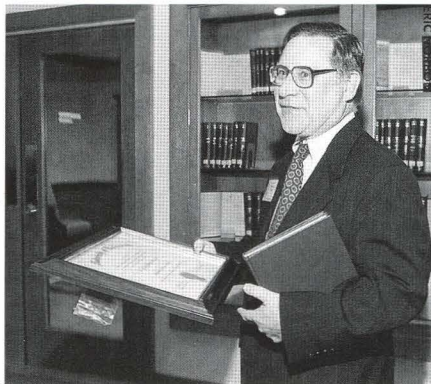
"Next year will be John's sixth year as dean, and he will have served nearly twice as long as the average tenure of a law school dean in this country," says Aprille. "Under John's leadership, the law school has made significant progress in recruiting outstanding students and faculty, attaining reaccreditation, raising \$6 million as part of the school's Top-Tier Initiative, and increasing the bar-passage rate of our graduates."

Bryson honored as library adds 300,000th volume

On Oct. 5, 2001, the William T. Muse Law Library marked the addition of the 300,000th volume to its collection. The volume selected for the latest commemoration was *Cases Concerning Equity and the Courts of Equity, 1550-1660*, edited by Professor W. Hamilton Bryson and published in the Selden Society series, the leading collection of materials on English legal history.

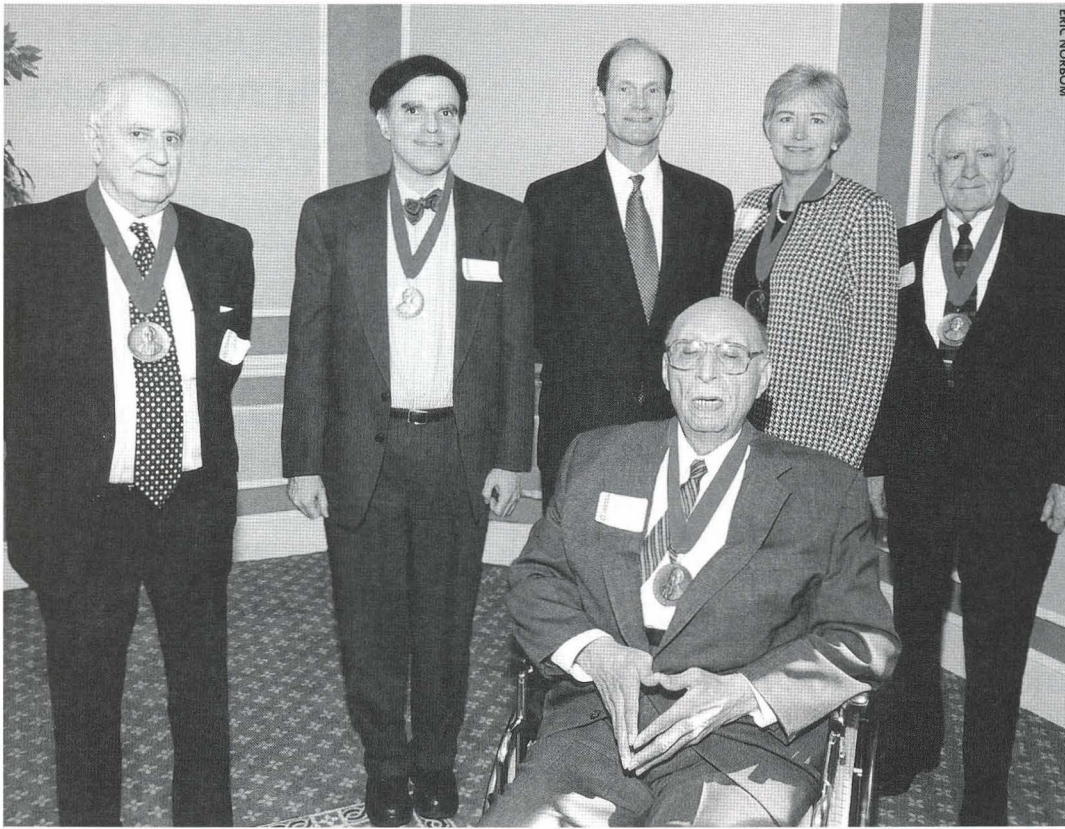
The Richmond College law library had its origins in 1893, when Harriet M. Purcell donated 700 law volumes in honor of her brother, Henry Heaton.

At the ceremony marking the 300,000th volume, Dean John Pagan also recognized Bryson as the Blackstone Professor of Law at the University. A new category of professorship for senior faculty members, the honorific title "ranks among the highest honors that a university can bestow on one of its faculty members," says Provost June Aprille.



To be given rarely, the title will be unique to the faculty member who receives it and will be named for a giant in his or her discipline. The University will give the honor only to those with many years of outstanding service on campus and in their profession, exemplary teaching and advising, a lifetime of passionate intellectual engagement, and scholarly work recognized for its high quality and significance.

Bryson, a member of the law faculty since 1973, has achieved international prominence as an expert on early modern English legal history. His professorship is named for Sir William Blackstone (1723-1780), author of *Commentaries on the Laws of England* and professor of law at Oxford.



ERIC NORBOM

2001 Green Award recipient Katzman, second from left, with previous recipients Judge Robert R. Merhige Jr., L'42 and H'76; Dean John R. Pagan; Oliver W. Hill Sr., H'94, seated; the Hon. Elizabeth Lacy, H'92; and Chief Justice Harry L. Carrico, H'73

Katzmann receives 2001 Green Award

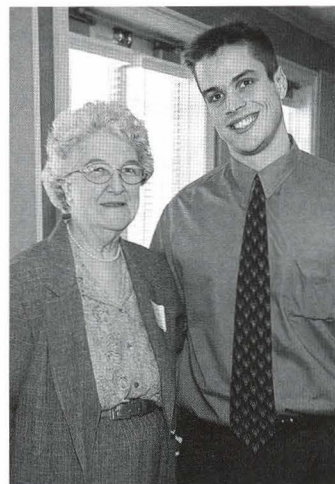
The Hon. Robert A. Katzmann was named the 2001 recipient of the William Green Award for Professional Excellence. Katzmann received the award at the 19th annual Scholarship Luncheon, which was held in November.

A lawyer and political scientist, Judge Katzmann is a circuit judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. Before his appointment, he was the Walsh Professor of Government, professor of law and professor of public policy at Georgetown University; a Fellow of the Governmental Studies Program of the Brookings Institution; and president of the Governance

Institute, a nonprofit organization concerned with the nexus between law, institutions and policy.

Judge Katzmann holds an undergraduate degree from Columbia College, a master's degree and a Ph.D. in government from Harvard University, and a J.D. from the Yale Law School. He is a native of New York, N.Y.

The Scholarship Luncheon honors individual and corporate donors who have established the more than 70 scholarships at the law school, as well as the student recipients of those scholarships.



Jean Tarpley, retired director of law admissions, with Paul Emigholz, L'03, student recipient of the scholarship bearing her name

Van Zandt speaks on negotiation

The former chief hostage negotiator for the FBI visited Richmond Law in October to provide his personal perspective on the fateful 1993 siege at Waco and discuss changes since Sept. 11 in how law enforcement responds to threat assessment and security.

Clinton R. Van Zandt, who is now president of his own investigative support and threat assessment group, visited the campus as both the speaker and a final round judge for the Client Counseling and Negotiation Board competition, held annually for first- and second-year students.

A 25-year veteran special agent with the FBI, Van Zandt also served as a supervisor at the FBI Academy and co-manager of the major case/crisis management program. He was the U.S. government's chief hostage negotiator and negotiation coordinator during the 1987 siege at the Oakdale, La., federal correctional facility and the 1991 prison riot at Talladega, Ala., as well as the siege at the Branch Davidian compound at Waco, Texas.



Judge Gregory speaks at *Law Review* induction

Scott Crumley, L'02 (left), executive editor of *Richmond Law Review*, and Buddy Omohundro, L'02 (right), editor-in-chief, visit with Judge Roger L. Gregory following the *Law Review* induction in September. Judge Gregory, who was the guest speaker at the induction ceremony, sits on the Fourth Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals in Richmond. He is a former attorney with Hunton & Williams and co-founded his own firm before being appointed by President Bill Clinton to the court in 2000.

Bar passage rate improves significantly

Richmond Law graduates taking the Virginia bar exam for the first time last July showed significant improvement over their University counterparts and other Virginians who took the previous three exams.

Seventy-seven percent of the law school's first-time test takers passed the July 2001 exam – a rate that was higher than the statewide average of 75 percent. The passage rate was also ahead of both statewide and Richmond Law rates for exams given in February 2001 and February and July 2000.

Previous bar passage rates for University law graduates taking the exam for the first time ranged from 59 to 72 percent in the last three exams. Statewide averages for first-time exam takers during that same period ranged from 65 to 75 percent.

The University's overall passage rate, including graduates taking the exam a second or more time, was 72 percent for the July 2001 exam, compared with a 71 percent passage rate for the same exam statewide.

Spring 2001 law graduates were among the first students to benefit from the law school's new Academic Success Program. The program includes a voluntary, noncredit academic skills class for first-year students, a supplemental bar preparation course for third-year students and individual academic counseling.

Forty-four students regularly attended the academic skills class, while 29 students participated in the bar exam preparation class, says Emmeline Paulette Reeves, assistant professor for aca-

demic success. Another 15 students received one-on-one instruction on essay writing for the Virginia bar exam from Reeves.

The bar preparation course "provided third-year students with an intensive review of substantive material, instruction on test-taking skills and practice with multiple choice and essay questions," says Reeves.

ADDITIONAL CLERKSHIPS

Since publication of the Fall 2001 issue of *Richmond Law*, two more members of the Class of 2001 have notified the law school that they are serving clerkships this year. The total of clerkships for the class stands at 24.

Phi Alpha Delta recognized

Phi Alpha Delta, a law student fraternity that promotes public service and pro bono work, has been recognized with a national award.

At the biennial convention held last summer, Richmond Law's Patrick Henry chapter received third place for outstanding chapter out of more than 200 chapters eligible for the award.

In addition, Michele Frazier, L'02, received one of five public service scholarships presented annually by the fraternity. The chapter nominated her for the \$500 scholarship, which is presented for service to the law school, the fraternity and the community.

The chapter also hosted the District 24 annual conference and received the district's most outstanding chapter award.

Phi Alpha Delta sponsors a variety of activities, including blood and toy drives, participation in the annual MS walk, and an auction to fund summer stipends for students taking unpaid, public interest positions.

Katherine Reneé Rouse
Hon. James P. Jones, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia
Abingdon, Va.

Dharmesh S. Vashee
Hon. Douglas O. Tice, Chief Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
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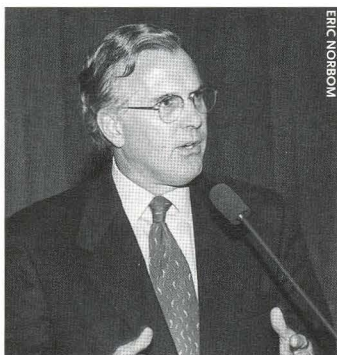
Fisher discusses labor market

Protesters and an unprecedented attendance marked a symposium on "The Changing Labor Markets of the Western Hemisphere," held in October at the University of Richmond School of Law. The symposium examined the controversial proposed Free Trade Agreement of the Americas, known as the FTAA, and its impact on labor markets and workers.

Keynoting the symposium was Ambassador Richard Fisher, former deputy United States trade representative under President Bill Clinton. Fisher discussed the importance of trade agreements to the U.S. economy because their implementation creates jobs.

Fisher's keynote address was interrupted by anti-globalization protesters chanting slogans and questions. The protesters were escorted from the law school without further incident by University police when they refused to stop interrupting.

In addition to Fisher, two panels of experts joined the discussion. They included Maurizio Del Conte of the University of Milan; Dr. Don Mitchell, associate professor of geography in the Maxwell School of Public Affairs at Syracuse University; Dr. Jonathan Wight of the University of Richmond Robins School of Business; Terry Collingsworth of the International Labor Rights Fund; Amanda DeBusk, W'78, former assistant secretary for export enforcement in the Commerce Department in the Clinton Administration and currently with Miller & Chevalier in Washington, D.C.; Thomas Palley, assistant director of public policy at the AFL-CIO; and Jimmie Reyna, an international



Fisher

trade attorney with Williams Mullen in Washington, D.C.

Fisher and the panelists each talked about the benefits and drawbacks of international trade agreements. Opinion appeared to be evenly divided as to whether trade agreements helped or hurt workers, and what can be done to directly address labor issues in international trade agreements.

The Moot Courtroom was filled at times for the half-day event with a varied audience of undergraduate and law students, faculty members, practicing attorneys and members of the community.

"The symposium was a great credit to the law school," says James V. Meath, L'79, one of the panel moderators. "It included panels of nationally recognized specialists on all sides of the trade/labor policy issues."

Fisher's address was sponsored by the law school's Emroch Lecture Series, established by the late Emanuel Emroch, R'28 and L'31, his wife Bertha, and friends. It is currently supported by Mr. Emroch's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Emroch.

Proceedings of the symposium will be published by the *Richmond Journal of Global Law and Business*. For more information, contact editor-in-chief Matt Vines, L'02, at rjglb@richmond.edu.

By Thor A. Hoyte, L'03

Terrorism and assassination examined at symposium

Should the United States undertake an operation to assassinate the leader of a terrorist organization deemed responsible for acts of violence against the United States?

That question will be explored from a variety of angles, including moral, legal, religious and political, during the 2002 Allen Chair Symposium, "Terrorism and Assassination: An Inquiry into Morality, Legality and Expediency," April 11-12 at the University of Richmond School of Law.

Led by Rodney Smolla, holder of the George E. Allen Chair in Law, the symposium will feature a role-playing exercise exploring a fictional scenario related to the theme and a town meeting discussion, in which members of the audience will participate in the debate and deliberation.

The second day will feature sessions that are more specifically focused on politics, moral and religious perspectives, and assassination as an instrument of policy and the law.

"The terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 have caused all of us to ask searching questions about our most basic constitutional and public policy values," says Smolla. "Universities are especially important forums for helping to lead the national community in this ongoing deliberation, and we are proud of the University of Richmond's leadership in taking on this highly sensitive but vitally important issue."

For more information, contact the law school dean's office at (804) 289-8740.

Re-enfranchisement of felons is Mattox Debate subject



Virginia Del. Brian Moran speaks in favor of a bill he sponsored in the General Assembly at the fourth annual Conard Mattox Commonwealth Debate in February. The debate's subject was: "Should convicted, non-violent felons be re-enfranchised after they have paid their debt to society?" Also debating was the Hon. Walter Felton, a Richmond Law adjunct faculty member. They were joined by a panel of journalists, including Gene Lepley from WWBT Channel 12 and Mary Anne Pikrone from the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*.



Chamallas speaks on employer liability

There is a pressing need to simplify liability rules to reflect the realities of contemporary workplaces and the limits of internal grievance procedures, says Martha Chamallas, the 2002 Russell C. Williams Visiting Professor. Chamallas presented the annual Russell C. Williams Lecture last October on "Employer Liability for Hostile Work Environments: Title VII's Midlife Crisis." With Chamallas are Dean John R. Pagan and Russell Williams, L'84, who established the chair in 1999 to bring nationally recognized scholars to the Richmond Law faculty.

FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Professor **Azizah al-Hibri** received a Fulbright scholarship to the University of Qatar in the summer of 2001 to continue her research on understanding Muslim marriage contracts. During 2000-2001, she was a National Humanities Center Jesse Ball duPont Fellow. Al-Hibri served as guest editor of a special issue on Islam of the *Journal of Law and Religion*, for which she also contributed the article "Muslim Women's Rights in the Global Village: Opportunities and Challenges."

Al-Hibri co-authored the book, *Religion in American Public Life: Living with Our Deepest Differences*, which was published by Norton Press. She wrote "Redefining Muslim Women's Roles in the Next Century" in *Democracy and the Rule of Law* and "Standing at the Precipice: Faith in the Age of Science and Technology" in *Religion in American Public Life: Living with Our Deepest Differences*.

Among the many media to which she has given interviews since Sept. 11 are Al-Jazira television, Middle East Broadcasting Service, National Public Radio, *New York Times*, *USA Today*, *Washington Times*, and *Richmond Times-Dispatch*. She also authored the article "Can We Restore America's Historical Role?" for the *Chronicle of Higher Education*.

Margaret I. Bacigal, director of the clinical placement program, wrote "In the Aftermath of September 11..." for *Education and Practice*, a newsletter of the section on education of lawyers for practitioners, judges and law teachers of the Virginia State Bar. She is chair of the board of governors of the VSB section on the education of lawyers; president of the board of directors of the Virginia Poverty

Law Center; and vice president of the board of directors of the Henrico Community Housing Corporation.

Professor **Ronald J. Bacigal** has written *Criminal Procedure: Cases, Problems and Exercises* (West) and the second edition of *Criminal Law and Procedure: an Introduction* (West), both published in 2001. His article "Monographs on Assault, Battery and Mayhem" appeared in the *Oxford Companion to American Law* (Oxford University Press).

Kathleen Ann Brady, assistant professor of law, wrote "The Push to Private Religious Expression: Are We Missing Something?" for the *Fordham Law Review*.

Professor **David A. Brennen** wrote "Tax Expenditures, Social Justice and Civil Rights: Expanding the Scope of Civil Rights Laws to Apply to Private Charities" in the *Brigham Young University Law Review*. He contributed the article "Real Property v. Personal Property: The Service Reverses its Position that Radio Towers are Real Property for Purposes of the UBIT Exclusion" in the newsletter of the ABA's section on taxation.

Professor **W. Wade Berryhill** has published the 2001 supplement to his book, *Virginia Real Estate Closings*.

Professor **W. Hamilton Bryson** has edited *The Chancery Reports of John Horne and of George Duke* (Hein). He is the author of the book, *Cases Concerning Equity and the Courts of Equity: 1550 to 1660* (Seldon Society).

Timothy L. Coggins, director of the William Taylor Muse Law Library and associate professor of law, wrote "The Leader as Champion," in *Leadership Roles for Librarians* (Hein). He also contributed "Just Do It to Stay Interested and Fresh" for "Care and Maintenance of the Successful Career: How Experienced Law Librarians Make Their Work Rewarding," published in the *Law Library Journal*.

Associate Professor **John G. Douglass** wrote "Confronting the Reluctant Accomplice" for the *Columbia Law Review*.

Professor **David Frisch**, wrote "Revised UCC Article 9: A Roadmap for the General Practitioner" for *Richmond Law Review*. He was guest speaker for the monthly luncheon of the bankruptcy section of the Richmond Bar Association in November.

Professor **Ann C. Hodges** has written the following articles: "The Changing Labor Markets of the Western Hemisphere: Introduction and Symposium Overview" for *Richmond Journal of Global Law & Business*; "The Employment Law Decisions of the October 2000 Term of the Supreme Court: A Review and Analysis" for *Employee Rights and Employment Policy Journal*; and "Arbitration of Statutory Claims in the Unionized Workplace: Is Bargaining with the Union Required?" in the *Ohio State Journal on Dispute Resolution*. She also published "Take 'em to Arbitration," about the Supreme Court's recent arbitration jurisprudence, in *Legal Times*.

Professor **John Paul Jones** has contributed "Collisions" to *Desk Reference*, *Benedict on Admiralty*. As editor of the *Journal of Maritime Law and Commerce*, he published the October and June 2001 issues. In September he spoke to the law clerks of the Virginia Court of Appeals about the ethical aspects of their new jobs. He also spoke to the John Marshall Inn of Court on "A State of Siege in the United States" and to the Virginia Association of Administrative Law Judges and Hearing Officers on the ethics of judges' associations.

Corinna B. Lain, assistant professor of law, joined the faculty in 2002. She has written "Accuracy Where It Matters: Brady v. Maryland in the Plea Bargaining Context" for the *Washington University Law Quarterly*.

Emmeline Paulette Reeves, assistant professor for academic success, wrote "An Introduction to the Mission and Methodology of Academic Success" for *Education and Practice*, a newsletter of the section on education of lawyers for practitioners, judges and law teachers of the Virginia State Bar.

Dean **John R. Pagan** wrote *Anne Orthwood's Bastard: Sex and Law in Early Virginia* (Oxford University Press).

Robert E. Shepherd Jr., professor of law emeritus, was awarded the "2001 Champion for Children Award" from the Action Alliance for Virginia's Children and Youth. He is serving as a columnist and contributing editor for the periodical *Juvenile Justice Update*. He is also the juvenile justice columnist and

contributing editor for *Criminal Justice* magazine, a publication of the American Bar Association, and is a member of the advisory board for the SSRN electronic journal *Family and Children's Law*.

Rodney Smolla, Allen Chair Professor of Law, has written several recent articles: "Information as Contraband: The First Amendment and Liability for Trafficking in Speech" for *Northwestern University Law Review*; "The First Amendment and the New Civil Liability" for *University of Virginia Law Review*; "The Puffery of Lawyers" for *University of Richmond Law Review*; "The War Against Terrorism and the Bill of Rights" in *William and Mary Bill of Rights Journal*; and "Accounting for the Slow Growth of American Privacy Law" in *Nova Southeastern University Law Review*.

He also wrote "The People's Right to Know: Transparency in Government Institutions," in *Democracy Papers*, a publication of the Office of International Information Programs of the U.S. Department of State; and "What Passes for Policy and Proof in First Amendment Litigation," in *University of Richmond Law Review*.

Among Smolla's presentations were "Free Speech and Violence," an endowed lecture at the Syracuse University School of Law; "Speech and Privacy" at the University of Maryland; "The First Amendment and Technology" at the Media Institute in Washington, D.C.; "Censorship in Libraries," presented with four Richmond Law students at the Virginia Librarians annual conference; and "Recent Developments in Constitutional Law" for the 2000 Judicial

Institute and new judges training for the Virginia Supreme Court.

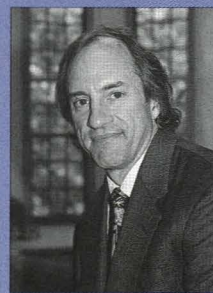
Acting as a cooperating attorney for the Virginia ACLU, Smolla presented oral argument in an appeal challenging Virginia's anti-cross burning statute on First Amendment grounds in the Virginia Supreme Court. In November 2001, the court struck down the statute in a 4-3 decision.

Professor **Peter N. Swisher** has written third editions of the books *Virginia Family Law: Theory and Practice*, with Lawrence Diehl and James Cottrell; and *Principles of Insurance Law*, with Jeffrey Stempel. Swisher contributed "Medical Malpractice in the PACU" to the fourth edition of *A Critical Approach to Perianesthesia Nursing*. He also wrote "Insurance Causation Issues: The Tort/Contract Conundrum" for *Nevada Law Journal* and "The ALI Principles: A Farewell to Fault - But What Remedy for the Egregious Marital Misconduct of an Abusive Spouse?" in *Duke Journal of Gender Law & Policy*.

Professor **Michael Allan Wolf** presented a paper in September on the *Palazzolo* case at an Environmental Law Institute seminar on regulatory takings in Washington, D.C. His recent publications include "Taking Regulatory Takings Personally: The Perils of (Mis)Reasoning by Analogy" in *Alabama Law Review* and "Practice, Policy and Pedagogy in a Mandatory Environmental Law Course" for *Water, Air & Soil Pollution: An International Journal of Environmental Pollution*. He also contributed the article "Environmental Slogans for the New Millennium" to *Environmental Law Reporter* and *University of Richmond Law Review*.

Wolf was quoted in articles in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, the *Roanoke Times* and the *Virginian Pilot* related to his appearance before a General Assembly committee in opposition to a bill that would allow schools to display copies of the Ten Commandments.

Virginia honor to Smolla



Rodney A. Smolla, Allen Chair Professor of Law and a leading American scholar of the First Amendment, is one of 11 winners of the Outstanding Faculty Awards, the highest honor for faculty members at Virginia colleges and universities. Presented by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, the awards recognize quality teaching, research and public service.

Since the first awards in 1987, three Richmond Law professors have won, more than from any other law school faculty in the state.

Smolla joined Richmond Law in 1998 and is in demand nationally as a lecturer on constitutional, First Amendment and mass media law. He and faculty members from 10 other institutions were selected this year from among 75 nominated.



Legal Leaders

Four Richmond Law alumni head statewide bar associations this year in Virginia

Betts, Glasser and Goss

By Edward R. Crews
Richmond free-lance writer

Alumni of the University of Richmond School of Law currently are heading four of Virginia's most prominent legal organizations. Dr. John R. Pagan, Richmond Law dean, isn't sure if this has happened previously, but he believes that this development reflects well both on the school and its graduates.

"The achievements of these four outstanding alumni exemplify the prominent roles our graduates have played in leading the legal profession in Virginia. We're extremely proud of these graduates, and their commitment to their communities and the legal profession," Pagan says.



The four alumni, their offices and the groups they now lead are:

- **J. Edward Betts, L'65**
President, Virginia Bar Association
- **Michael A. Glasser, L'78**
President, Virginia State Bar
- **Marilynn C. Goss, L'82**
President, Old Dominion Bar Association
- **John C. Shea, L'77**
President, Virginia Trial Lawyers Association.

These four groups vary greatly in size, purpose, issues and membership base. The Old Dominion Bar Association is the largest statewide organization of African American attorneys. The Virginia Trial Lawyers Association serves the needs of attorneys practicing in that specialty. The Virginia Bar Association is a large professional group that includes lawyers with varied backgrounds. The Virginia State Bar is an administrative agency of the Supreme Court of Virginia.

Primarily because membership in the last organization is mandatory, these four groups involve every lawyer in Virginia and have a combined and overlapping membership of more than 41,300.

Just as the groups they lead are diverse, so are the alumni who head them. While all share the common experience of attending Richmond Law, they chose to practice law and to study at the University of Richmond for different reasons. Some were responding to family traditions, while others were striking out into completely unknown areas in careers and educational experiences.

For Betts, who received an undergraduate degree in English literature from Colgate University, the choices were influenced by his father, James A. Betts Jr., L'35. The elder Betts was an attorney, providing inspiration through example. He also argued persuasively to his son that, at a minimum, law school would improve him through its rigorous workload and mental discipline.

Shea came to law from a different direction. The law seemed like a natural fit for Shea, who graduated from Wake Forest University in 1974 as a political science major. He realized through his undergraduate studies the essential role attorneys play in American society.



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For Glasser and Goss, the law represented a detour from the career plans they had as young adults.

Glasser grew up in a family of lawyers. His father and brothers practiced together. Mealtime conversation frequently focused on cases, clients and the daily events at the office.

"For my father, the law was a staple, just like food," Glasser recalls. "My father loved the law and loved the work."

His father's passion for the legal life, however, did not prevent him from encouraging Glasser to become a doctor when the son decided to attend the University of Virginia as a pre-med student. As Glasser explains, the



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dream of a life in medicine faded after a rigorous bout with the sciences in his first semester. The law seemed like a logical alternative.

"I talked with my father about changing my focus to the law," Glasser recalls. "So, I left the sciences and headed toward the liberal arts."

Goss too came to the law after trying another path. At Marshall University in Huntington, W.Va., she majored in elementary education. She began her working life as a schoolteacher. She liked teaching, but Goss also wanted more control over her future and working life.

"I wanted a career where I could be 'my own boss'; I wanted a challenge and a career in which I could make a contribution to my community," she says. "I felt then as I do now, that being an attorney is an honorable and noble profession."

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—Michael A. Glasser, L'78

For all these individuals, once they made the decision to become a lawyer, the next step was to choose a law school. For, Glasser, Betts and Shea, attending Richmond was a decision shaped heavily by family loyalties.

Betts' father attended law school there. Shea's parents — Jack, R'48, and Helen, W'47 — and his sister, Joanne Steiger, W'77, earned their undergraduate degrees at the University of Richmond. Glasser's brother Stuart, L'65, went to law school at the University.

Goss had no family tradition connected to the University of Richmond. Instead, she says, her choice was a practical one. Divorced with a 2-year-old son, she wanted to have family support as she studied. Her mother and father were deceased; however, her aunt and uncle lived in Richmond and could provide a family network here while she attended law school.

All recall the school as demanding. Yet, each remembers professors and classes that made a positive, lasting impression on their professional lives.

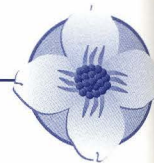
Even today, Glasser is grateful for the high standards Professor Peter Swisher maintained in his legal research and writing class, and how Professor Wade Berryhill increased his awareness of the implications of environmental law.

"It was one of the most important classes I took," Glasser says. "I remember doing a research paper that took eight drafts. It was a painful process, but I learned a lot. Here was a professor who made you comfortable, yet urged you to do your best."

Goss also found valuable the legal writing and research class and her involvement with the Moot Court board. A particularly important professor for her was Judge James Sheffield, an adjunct faculty member who taught trial advocacy.

Shea recalls being impressed by the tort class taught by Professor Charles Friend. Betts still admires the school's dean, William Muse, and professors Harry Snead, R'47 and L'50; Jim Payne; Bill Cudlipp, L'31; Ellsworth Wiltshire; and Orville Leahy. He also found himself taking property classes from Professor James Barnett, who had taught his father.

Betts had a particularly distinguished law school experience. He was chancellor of the McNeil Law Society, which recognized scholastic achievement; editor of the *Law Review*; member of the National Moot Court team; outstanding graduate of the Madison Inn of the Phi Delta Phi legal fraternity; and



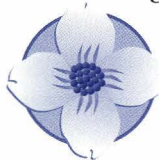
he became a member of Omicron Delta Kappa, a national leadership fraternity.

Determined to broaden his legal education further, Betts attended Harvard Law School after Richmond and received a master of laws degree there. Given these achievements, it is no surprise that Betts returned to the University of Richmond School of Law as its first adjunct professor of antitrust law.

After graduation, all four began practice soon after passing the bar. Betts graduated from Richmond in 1965 and Harvard in 1966. In the autumn of the latter year, he came to Christian & Barton, a major Richmond law firm, where he remains. Today, Betts' primary area of practice is the field of antitrust and unfair competition law. He also is his firm's managing partner.

Shea also quickly found a long-term home. He came to Marks & Harrison soon after graduating in 1977. Founded in 1911, the firm now has six Virginia offices. Shea has been with the firm since 1977 and works in the Richmond office. From the beginning, he was attracted to both private practice and personal injury work.

"I followed this course for three reasons," Shea says. "First, I wanted the opportunity to get in the courtroom. Second, I wanted to represent the little guy against the big guy. I wanted to work with people who really needed me. And third, I wanted the chance to flex my entrepreneurial muscle and develop a small business."



Glasser knew his ultimate professional destination from his first day at law school. He was headed for the family firm, Glasser & Glasser PLC, in Norfolk, which his father Bernard began in 1932. Glasser currently specializes in representing banks, mortgage companies, financial service companies and other creditors.

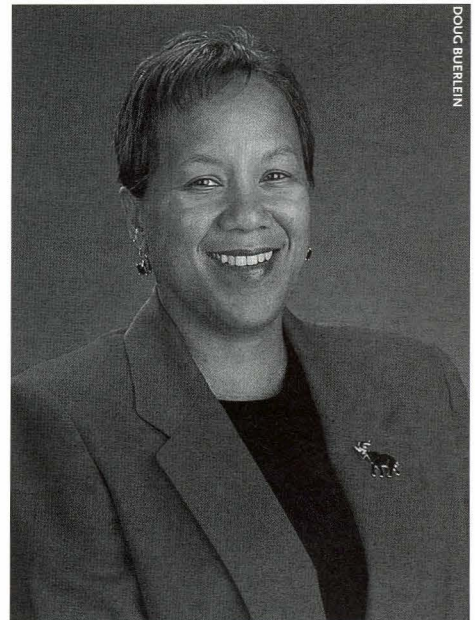
Goss had an early interest in poverty law. She worked at a small firm and then had a solo practice, but found herself drawn to the Central Virginia Legal Aid Society in Richmond. The center provides legal services for low-income families in civil cases. Today, she is the managing attorney for the Legal Aid Justice Center. Her specialty is poverty law with emphasis on domestic relations, landlord/tenant issues, consumer issues and bankruptcy. In January, she also became a substitute judge for Virginia's 13th Judicial District.

For all four individuals, their involvement with the groups they now lead began early, reflecting a desire to play a role not only where they worked but also in the state's broader legal community. The organizations they lead vary greatly in size and purpose. Two of

the groups, those headed by Goss and Shea, have sharply focused interests.

As president of the Old Dominion Bar Association, Goss leads the largest statewide organization of African American attorneys. The ODBA was founded in 1942; its first president was Oliver W. Hill, H'94. The organization has more than 450 members, including educators, private practitioners, trial lawyers, corporate lawyers, public defenders and members of the judiciary.

Goss joined the ODBA in 1982, attracted by its networking, educational



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—Marilynn C. Goss, L'82

opportunities and involvement in social justice issues. She has been the bar association's secretary, second vice president and first vice president.

According to Goss, the ODBA currently has a wide range of interests: "There are numerous criminal law issues that we are interested in, such as the imposition of the death penalty, restoration of voter rights and fees for court-appointed counsel. We continue to be concerned about judicial appointments, access to legal services for the poor, educational opportunities for women and minorities, and the protection of our civil rights."

ODBA addresses these issues through various means, Goss says. In some cases, that means public education, community outreach, lobbying and forming partnerships with other legal organizations.

Like Goss, Shea leads an organization with a sharp focus, the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association. Founded in 1960, the group now has almost 3,000 members. All are trial lawyers involved in various personal injury practices, including medical malpractice, workers' compensation, social security and family law.

As Shea says, members make their livings in the courtroom representing

individuals, not businesses. The association is involved in a variety of activities, ranging from public service to professional education and improving the administration of justice through legislative representation.

Shea joined the organization in 1977, encouraged to do so by the example of other attorneys at Marks & Harrison. He's been involved in chairing several VTLA committees, including continuing education, fund-raising and membership. He also has served on the group's board and been treasurer and vice president.

Today, Shea's group is involved most actively in monitoring all General Assembly legislation with an eye toward ensuring that individuals enjoy their rights as citizens as well as access to jury trials. Part of this effort includes having a strong, non-partisan political action committee to support General Assembly members who support the association's position.

Besides the legislative and political aspect, the VTLA also is deeply involved in professional education. It offers members seminars and classes, and it sponsors trial competitions in law schools. The VTLA also has started the Virginia College of Trial Advocacy, aimed at training young trial lawyers. Classes take place at the College of William and Mary. Veteran trial lawyers teach, and instruction ranges widely from making opening statements to picking juries.

Unlike Goss and Shea, Betts leads an organization with a broad membership



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base and interests. The oldest statewide organization for attorneys, the Virginia Bar Association was founded in July 1888 in Virginia Beach. Today, this group has about 5,600 members involved in virtually every aspect of legal practice. The VBA has a broad mission; in short, Betts says, his group aims to serve the public and to promote the highest possible standards in the practice of law.

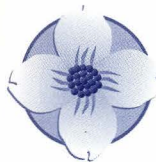
As a practical matter, this mission statement leads the association to involvement in legislative activity. The association's committees routinely analyze statutes and when appropriate, pursue changes before the General Assembly.

The association also seeks to help members improve law practice management, particularly concerning law office administration and the conduct of individual practices.

Beyond these concerns, Betts says the association is focusing on several

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—J. Edward Betts, L’65



important issues. First, the group pursues a wide range of continuing education initiatives. Second, it recently has taken up the issue of what Betts calls “lawyer burnout.”

“We want to provide some leadership in helping people achieve some balance in their lives,” he says. “Lawyers do a lot. They’re involved in community projects, pro bono work and big workloads at the office. But, they need to find a balance between all this and their families and personal interests.”

In addition, the VBA is committed to reinvigorating its public education effort. Concerned with a widespread lack of understanding about the American legal system and the role of lawyers in society, the association wants to help education efforts that correct these deficiencies.

While Betts, Goss and Shea head professional organizations that must recruit members and focus on their interests, Glasser, as president of the Virginia State Bar, leads the largest legal group in the state — and membership is mandatory to practice law. Created in 1938 by the General Assembly, the bar is an administrative agency of the Supreme Court of Virginia. The bar’s membership includes 23,518 active members and 8,773 associate members.

The Virginia State Bar has three primary missions. First, it regulates the legal profession of Virginia. Second, it aims at advancing the availability and quality of legal services provided to the people of Virginia. Third, it assists in improving the legal profession and the judicial system.

“Leading the only self-regulated profession in Virginia is both a privilege and a major responsibility,” says Glasser, who is the Virginia State Bar’s 63rd president and apparently the first Jewish president.

“The VSB wants to encourage professionalism and civility among the bar, as well as to fulfill its duties to afford access to justice and to protect the public from attorneys who do not abide by the Rules of Professional Conduct.”

To keep doing its job well, Glasser wants the Virginia State Bar to enhance its ability to deal swiftly with disciplinary issues. Typically, the bar must deal with complaints from citizens regarding unethical or incompetent behavior by attorneys. Glasser feels that a fast resolution to such complaints benefits both parties specifically and the legal profession broadly.

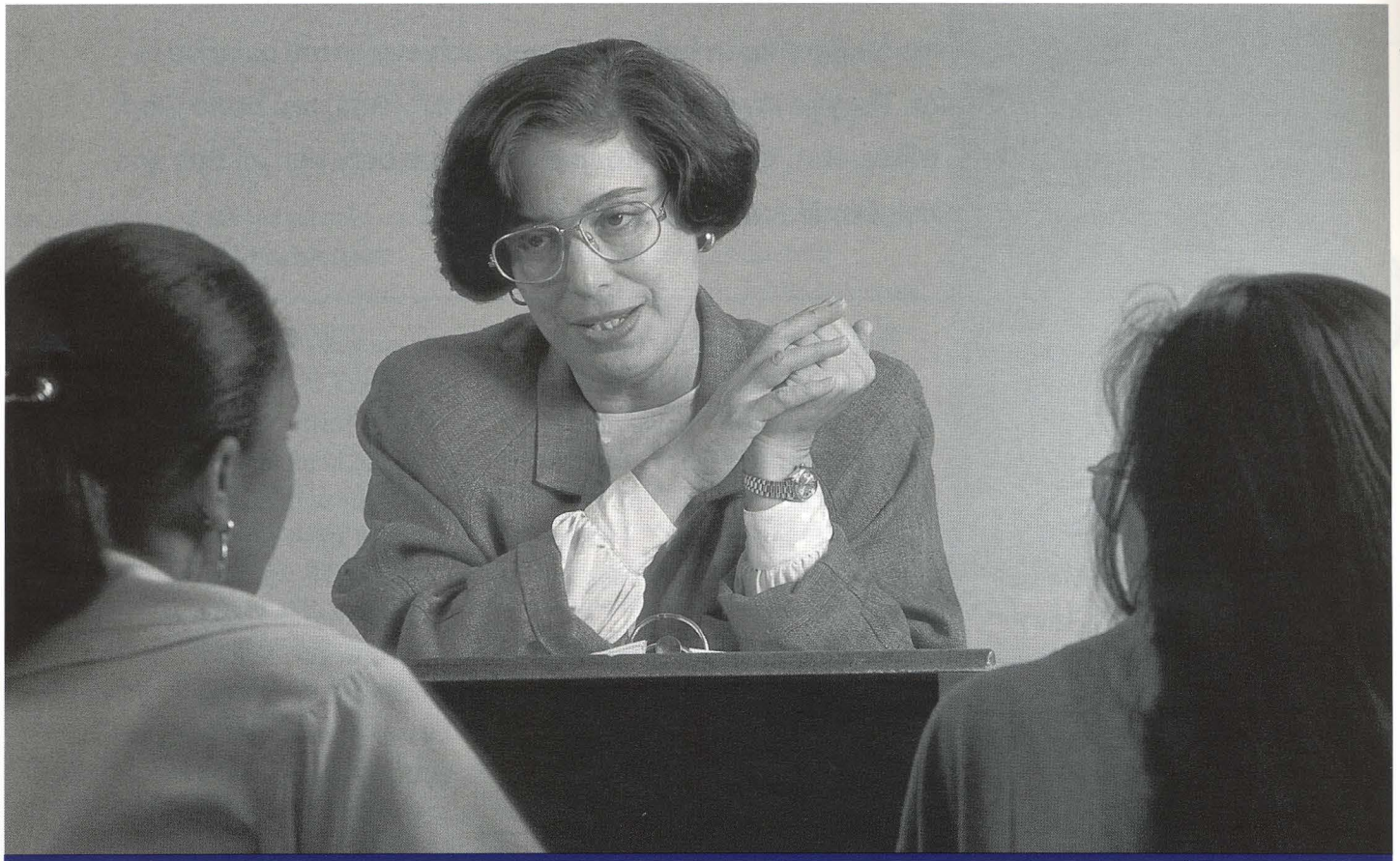
One way to help do this — as well as to improve the bar’s general operations — is to enhance its computer system. Work on improving performance is underway with the assistance of Dr. Cyril Miller at the Virginia Supreme Court and Dr. Michael Pratt at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Glasser also wants to increase participation in the bar by attorneys of all backgrounds. He notes that many opportunities exist to serve on committees, sections and conferences of the VSB and makes reference to the enhanced Web site at www.vsb.org.

“I want all Virginia lawyers to know that we welcome their assistance, input — even their constructive criticism. Each year, we strive to deliver better services to our constituents,” he says.

Although the president’s job is demanding, Glasser sees serving in the post as both a privilege and a pleasure.

“This job — the presidency — takes the majority of my time, easily two-thirds of it,” he says. “But, I wanted to do this. It was a way to give back. The law has been wonderful to me and my family.”



Interpreting Islam

Professor Azizah al-Hibri helps journalists and officials understand the Muslim world

Since the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, Dr. Azizah Y. al-Hibri has become one of the most reliable and authoritative experts on Islam for U.S. journalists and government officials.

Al-Hibri, a professor of law at the University of Richmond School of Law where she has taught since 1992, already had an international reputation for her work in the area of human rights and her expertise in Islamic jurisprudence.

That reputation has grown only brighter — and her voice more familiar — since 9/11.

“After Sept. 11, I felt I had a public duty to perform,” al-Hibri said during an interview in her office in late January. “But I’ve reached the point of exhaustion.”

She put a book project on the back burner and shoehorned even more interviews, meetings and speaking engagements into her schedule.

She was invited with other American Muslim leaders to meet President George W. Bush the week after the World Trade Center and Pentagon attacks. A photograph appeared in newspapers of al-Hibri standing next to Bush (see inside front cover). After that, her phone didn’t stop ringing for months.

She was interviewed by print and broadcast journalists around the country. She was quoted in publications such as *Newsweek*, *USA Today* and *The New Yorker*, and could be heard on National Public Radio.

Since the first meeting with President Bush, she has returned to the White House and the Old Executive Office Building for other meetings with senior officials. She has dined with Secretary of State Colin Powell and Attorney General John Ashcroft. She has spoken at the U.S. Department of Justice. She has

By **Bill Lohmann, R’79**

Richmond Times-Dispatch *feature writer*

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traveled to Brussels to participate in an international conference on the plight of Afghan women, and she has led a Sunday school class on Islam at a Richmond-area Presbyterian church.

All of this was in addition to her classroom teaching.

In fact, she was teaching a class on corporations when the terrorist attacks began unfolding on that fateful morning. Her students were keeping abreast of the news on their laptop computers.

Al-Hibri says she kept teaching, trying to maintain normalcy in the classroom and not "permit others to disrupt our lives." But as the bulletins kept coming, the news grew worse and the grim reality set in, al-Hibri knew she could not continue.

"I stopped class," she says.

In an odd coincidence, al-Hibri had been planning to drive to Washington that afternoon and attend a meeting at the White House with other American Islamic leaders. In a gesture of good will, the president wanted to improve communication with the Muslim community. The meeting, of course, was postponed and held the following week with an agenda brimming with greater urgency.

Al-Hibri is no stranger to dealing with the news media, but her challenge has never been more monumental — and the timing more historic — than it was when she was interpreting Islam for an American audience.

"What is frustrating is when they want you to reduce your thoughts to a buzzword or a short sentence," al-Hibri says. "When there are so many misconceptions about the topic, it can't be reduced to a buzzword or a short sentence.

"I'm used to lecturing," she says with a laugh. "A couple of lines in a newspaper may be effective, but for me I need the whole newspaper."

The most troubling question al-Hibri fielded?

"Why is Islam so violent?"

It is not, she would say, and then explain.

She spent considerable time talking to reporters on background or off the record, providing the basics of her religion — sort of Islam 101. Sometimes her name wouldn't show up in the reports of journalists she spoke with, but "you get a more informed journalist and that's fine with me," she says.

Al-Hibri has been impressed by the overall approach of the news media and Americans in general.

"People wanted to be fair, they wanted to hear our voices," she says. "It doesn't mean they didn't make mistakes sometimes, but they were trying hard to get it right."

Born and raised in Beirut, Lebanon, al-Hibri attended the American University of Beirut before coming to the United States in 1966 for her graduate education, which included a doctorate in philosophy at the University of Pennsylvania and a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania Law School.

She has traveled widely and worked in a variety of settings for a variety of causes. She is founder of Karamah: Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights. More recently, she served as a Jessie Ball duPont Fellow at the National Humanities Center. She has been a Fulbright Scholar in Qatar and last year worked as guest editor of a special issue on Islam of the *Journal of Law and Religion*.

She currently is working on a new book about the Muslim marriage contract in American courts. For the spring semester, she's teaching a class on corporations and another on Islam, with a speaking engagement in Morocco on the schedule, as well as summer lectures at Harvard.

An unexpected benefit of al-Hibri's recent high profile has been contact from people from her past who saw, heard or read about her and have tracked her down. She's heard from long-ago law partners and a principal from her school in Lebanon, among others.

"Many long-lost friends have found me," she says. "It's nice."

An even greater benefit has been the reaction of Americans toward their neighbors in the Muslim community in the wake of 9/11. She says it shows the power of the Constitution and the power of the American spirit.

"Americans were able to go to their Muslim neighbors and say, 'We're with you' and 'We're concerned for your safety' and 'We want to know more about your religion,'" al-Hibri says.

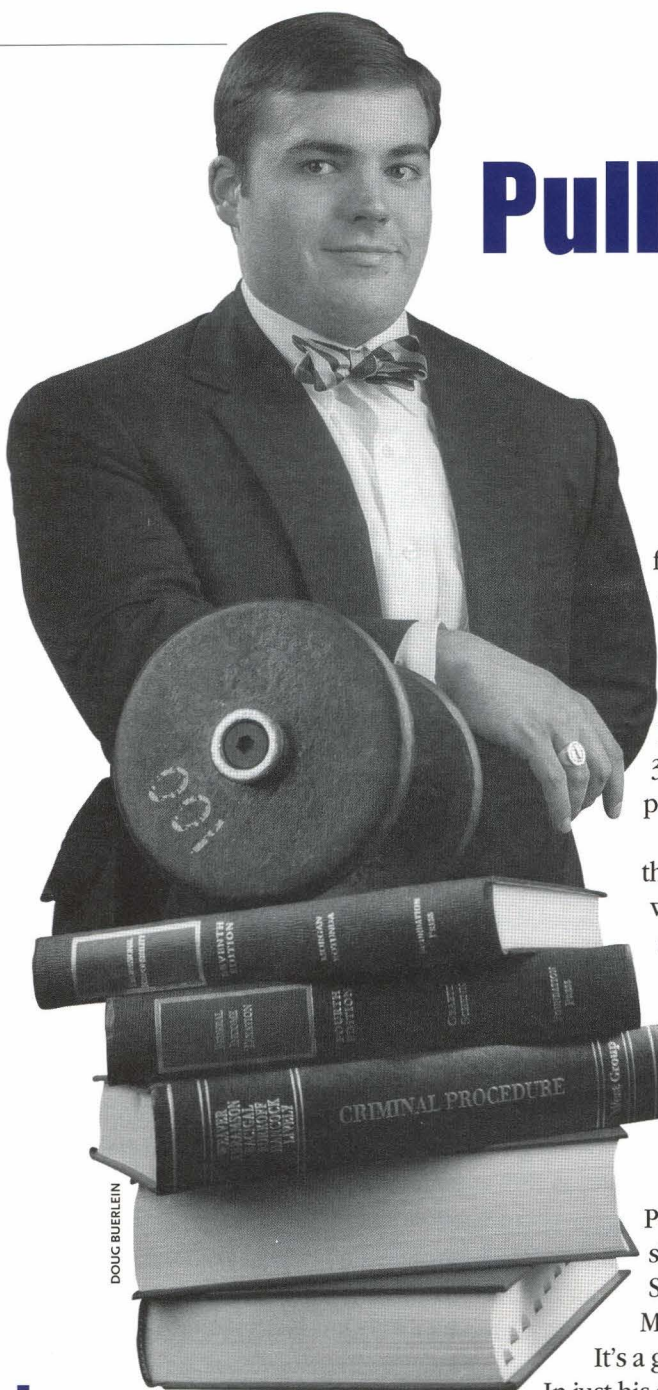
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Pulling His Weight

Second-year law student Kevin McCloskey sets powerlifting records in his free time

By Fred Jeter

Richmond Times-Dispatch sports writer



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Like all full-time students at the University of Richmond School of Law, Kevin McCloskey, L'03, carries a heavy load.

Only in his case, the "load" includes more than textbooks.

McCloskey's spring schedule includes courses in Criminal Procedure, Insurance Law, Federal Income Tax, Professional Responsibility and Lawyering Skills.

And, oh yes, don't forget that "noncredit" course — advanced weight lifting.

After three semesters, McCloskey ranks 39th in his law class of 146 with a 3.14 cumulative grade-point average.

In the weight room, the thick-chested, 23-year-old with Popeye forearms ranks first in Virginia in the 198-pound weight class.

McCloskey, the son of veteran railroad lawyer James McCloskey, competed in the AAU East Coast Regional Powerlifting Championships last fall at the Showplace Annex in Mechanicsville, Va.

It's a good thing he is so strong.

In just his second competitive meet, the burly Richmond Law student came away carrying quite a haul of trophies and medals.

Perhaps his biggest honor was being named Best Lifter out of some 77 competitors in all the weight/age divisions.

"It's unheard of for a newcomer to get best lifter against all those experienced people," says Barbara Beasley, one of the meet directors. "People were in awe of him."

Facing top opponents from all over Virginia and some surrounding states, the explosive, 5-foot-6 McCloskey rested his case with three most persuasive hoists.

Powerlifting competition consists of three exercises: the bench press, squat and dead lift.

McCloskey, who resides in Richmond's Fan District, squatted 480 pounds, bench pressed 390 (with full pause at the bottom of lift) and dead lifted 530 for a total of 1,400 pounds.

All three lifts, plus the total, established Virginia AAU standards for the 198-pound open class and the Junior (ages 20-23) Division.

Both the squat and bench press set U.S. records. Few men "approach the bench" with a better argument than McCloskey.

At the local competition, McCloskey competed "raw," which means he used no performance-aiding clothing or wraps.

Don't look for McCloskey to be getting red-faced and sweaty anywhere near campus — unless it's a killer exam that's got him stressed.

He almost never pumps iron at the University of Richmond weight room. Most of his training is done at a small gym called The Weight Room in eastern Henrico County.

Remarkably, considering his chosen profession, McCloskey's lifting mentor is named Chris Lawyer. McCloskey has trained under Lawyer for about 18 months.

"I trained awfully hard for the contest [at Showplace Annex], and it sure helped having Chris to give me a kick in the butt when I wasn't doing something right," says McCloskey.

Lawyer sees tremendous potential in McCloskey, who is very young by powerlifting standards.

Unlike some activities, such as sprinting, jumping and throwing, weight lifters can continue to make substantial gains, well into their 40s.

"For his age and stage, Kevin is quite a lifter," Lawyer says. "No telling what he might do if he sticks with it."

McCloskey, while new to lifting competition, is no intern in the weight room. He began lifting as a young football player at Norfolk Academy.

He played for the Prep League school's varsity as a down lineman in his sophomore and junior years, but passed on the gridiron as a senior.

"With me, it was the weight room first, football second — opposite of most guys," he says.

McCloskey discovered at a young age that he had a talent for picking up very heavy objects.

"I tried other sports but wasn't that good," he says. "Lifting was different. I found I was pretty good and stuck with it."

McCloskey received his undergraduate degree in history from the University of Virginia. He concedes that he remains a U.Va. sports fanatic even though he now attends Richmond. This past fall, he purchased Virginia football season tickets.

McCloskey is toying with numerous options in the legal world. He has not decided what type of law he hopes to pursue. This summer, he plans to work for a law firm in Richmond or Roanoke.

"I'm taking a general approach," he says. "I'm looking for whatever can get me a job in the state of Virginia."

At Richmond Law, one of McCloskey's favorite professors is Rod Smolla. He received B's in Smolla's classes on Constitutional Law and Intellectual Property.

"One of the delightful things about being a law teacher is that one encoun-

ters a fascinating array of people who have achieved great success in other areas," says Smolla.

"Kevin is a terrific example. I marvel at the discipline, the intensity and the competitive zeal that have driven him to excel as an athlete, and have seen many of those same strengths emerge in his responses to the challenges of law.

"It's the kind of inspirational story that makes a person proud to be a teacher."

Law students receive little rest. As soon as you study for one exam, there's another waiting ominously on the horizon.

Powerlifting is much the same.

McCloskey's total in September was a resounding 1,400. He's pushing for much more.

"I'd like to continue to improve," he says. "Someday I'd like to do a 1,600 ... still at 198 [pounds]."

His most recent competition was March 9-10, a USA Powerlifting meet in the Charlottesville area. Once again, he set state records for the 198-pound juniors with a 415 bench press and a 1450 total.

"I'll certainly continue to lift, testing myself out," he says.

Then there is the bar exam, down the road another year. McCloskey hopes to take the bar in the spring of 2003.

In his case, he's already passed one "bar exam" — the kind with heavy weights on each side.

Students bring diverse backgrounds

A wide range of experiences is the rule for Richmond Law students, as director of admissions Michelle Rahman makes clear when she introduces the members of the newest class to each other at orientation. Here are excerpts from her remarks to the Class of 2004.

You are the graduates of 86 American colleges and universities, with 45 different majors represented. Fourteen of you have advanced degrees — two with a Ph.D. and one with an MD.

Many of you have lived, worked and studied abroad in such countries as Japan, the Dominican Republic, Israel, Poland, New Zealand, Thailand, Columbia, Mexico and India. You are fluent in German, Vietnamese, Spanish and Korean. One of you is a citizen of France.

Impressive careers abound. One classmate left a career as a physician; one has a doctorate in psychology and was a clinical psychologist with the CIA. Another has an advanced degree in nuclear engineering and had a career in the Navy.

One of your classmates has had a career as an environmental specialist. Another of you has won an award as a poet with the best collection of work at his university.

One classmate has just left the Army and is a horn player with the Richmond Symphonic Winds and the Brass Consort. Last year's Miss Virginia is a member of your class.

One of you recently completed a three-month solo trek across New Zealand and took a mountaineering course in Alaska. A former law clerk has been working with Holocaust restitution attorneys on claims against the German government.

You have a serious commitment to public service. You gave thousands of hours to women's shelters, rape crisis centers, Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics, soup kitchens and crisis hotlines. Four of you are dedicated EMTs and give many, many hours in emergency service.

The arts have not escaped your interest and you play many instruments. One of you was in a rock band and another had a part on a Japanese TV show and an ABC-TV movie.

And so it goes — 169 different stories. Can you guess who is who? You'll have the next three years to find out as you become lifelong friends.

Initiative concluded

Under the leadership of co-chairs James V. Meath, L'79, and J. Waverly Pulley, R'68 and L'72, the law school's \$6 million Top-Tier Initiative, Phase I, successfully reached its goal as this issue went to press.

A full report and analysis of the Top-Tier Initiative, Phase I, will appear in the next issue of *Richmond Law*.



Krajewski joins law staff

Heather Lee Krajewski, AW'94, has joined the University of Richmond School of Law staff as the associate director of development and alumni affairs.

Krajewski assumes responsibilities with the annual Law Fund and alumni affairs programs, including the Law School Association board and the Young Grads Council. She works closely with Anne Jacobson, director of development and major gifts, and Mary Grace Greer, coordinator of law alumni and development programs.

Krajewski worked for nearly four years in the

University of Chicago's central development office.

Most recently, as associate director of the annual giving office, she was responsible for direct mail campaigns for the college fund, parents' fund, and multiple graduate funds; the telefund and Internet solicitation initiatives; and leadership giving. Earlier, she served as assistant director of the college fund and as a development associate.

She received a bachelor's degree in English from the University of Richmond in 1994.

Rare Books Room dedicated

The Robert R. Merhige Jr. Special Collections and Rare Books Room, dedicated in October, provides space for scholars and students who wish to examine the rare books, archives and personal papers housed in the Muse Law Library. These collections include the working judicial papers of Judge Merhige, L'42, shown with his wife, Shirl, at the dedication. At the ceremony, Judge Merhige reflected on his connection to the law school; his former law clerk, Michael W. Smith of Christian & Barton, gave a brief review of the judge's career.



Help complete yearbook collection

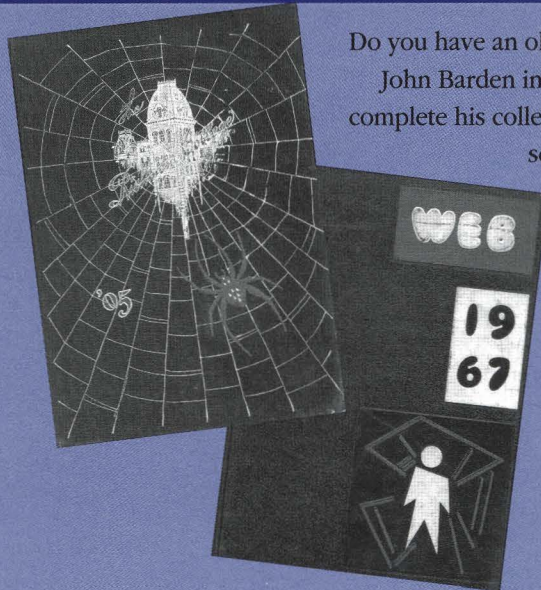
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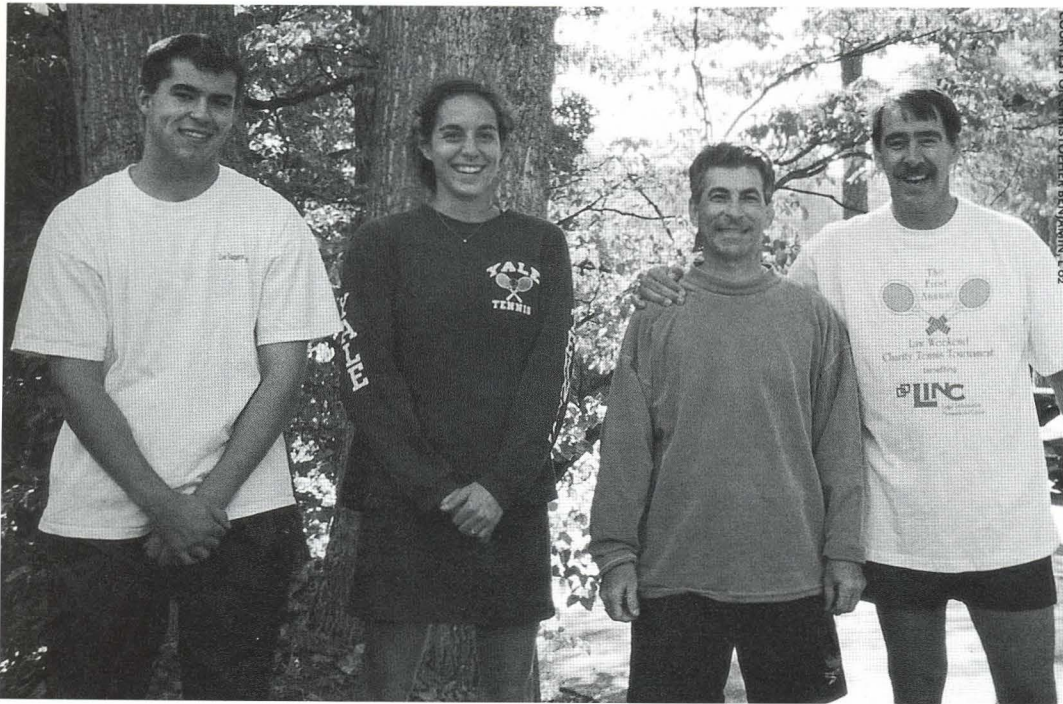
John Barden in the Muse Law Library would like to complete his collection of yearbook holdings for the law school archives. He requests clean copies of

The Spider for the following years: 1897, 1899, 1905-13, 1915-16 and 1918-21.

He also needs copies of *The Web* for the following years: 1922-23, 1933-34, 1937-38, 1943-46 and 1967.

If you can help, please contact Barden at (804) 289-8727 or jbarden@richmond.edu.





Tournament champions Vining and Khanlarian with finalists DeGaetani and Krueger

First charity tennis tourney held

Alumni, faculty, students, staff and spectators gathered on Oct. 7 for the first annual Law Weekend Charity Tennis Tournament, benefiting the Legal Information Network for Cancer.

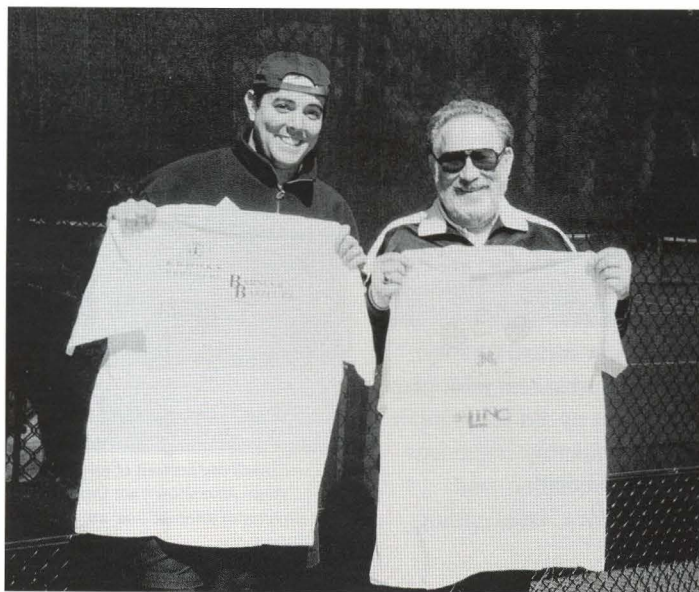
The final round featured an alumni team of Frank DeGaetani, L'83, and Mark Krueger (husband of Patricia Krueger, L'83), facing off against a student team, Somer Khanlarian, L'03, and Jeff Vining, L'04. The championship went to Khanlarian-Vining, but both teams have been invited to compete next year. All finalists' names will appear on a plaque displayed in the law school's main hallway.

Organized by the Law School Alumni Association, the tournament was coordinated by Christopher Benjamin, L'02.

Through corporate sponsorships, donations from alumni, and contributions from tournament participants and spectators, LINC received a check for \$1,000. Among the key sponsors were Barnes & Batzli PC, Brooks Brothers and

the American National Lawyers Insurance Reciprocal.

LINC is a nonprofit community-based organization dedicated to helping cancer patients deal with the business and legal aspects of the disease.



Tournament coordinator Christopher Benjamin, L'02, with Robert Shepherd, professor of law emeritus

Corrections to listing of Richmond Law alumni serving in the judiciary

The following were listed incorrectly or omitted in the Fall 2001 issue of *Richmond Law*. The magazine regrets the errors.

1964

Von L. Piersall Jr., R'61
Portsmouth Circuit Court

1972

Morton V. Whitlow, B'69
Portsmouth General District Court

1976

Thomas L. Vaughn, R'73
Chesterfield General District Court

1982

C. Randall Lowe
Washington Circuit Court

The following judges were listed but actually had retired:

1952

James B. Wilkinson
Richmond Circuit Court

1958

Joseph E. Spruill Jr., R'55
Essex Circuit Court

William L. Wimbish, Chief Judge
Richmond General District Court

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Oliver A. Pollard Jr., Chief Judge
Petersburg Circuit Court

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Robert E. Gillette
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James F. Ingram, Chief Judge
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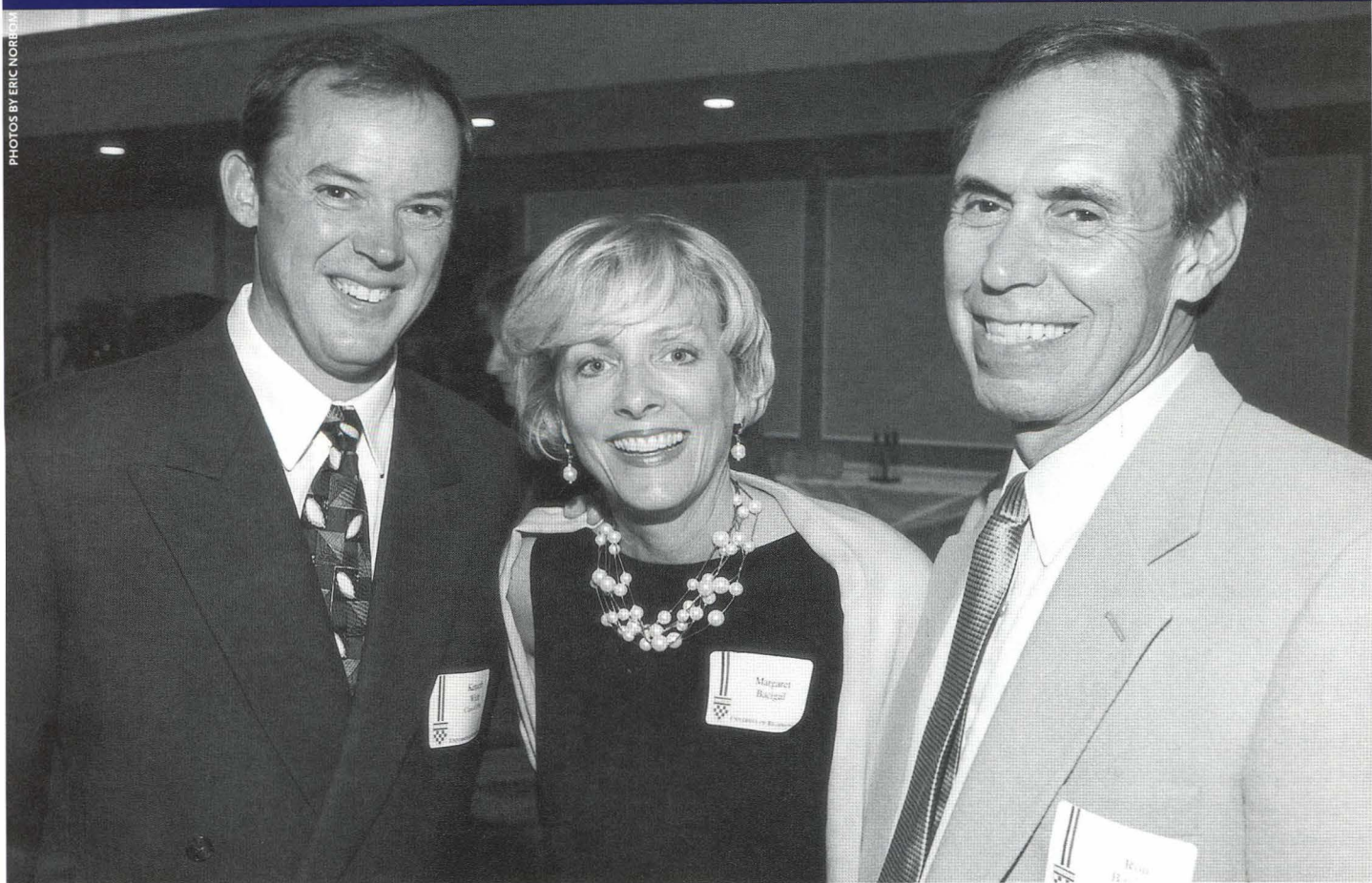
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Highlights from Law Weekend 2001



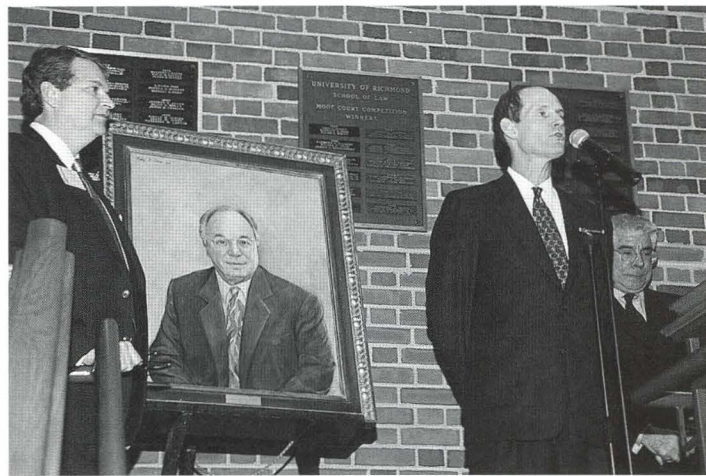
Fall Gathering reception

Kenneth White, L'86, with Margaret Bacigal, L'79, and Ronald Bacigal

Opening the events of Law Weekend last October was a symposium on "The Changing Labor Markets of the Western Hemisphere," on Oct. 5. Ambassador Richard W. Fisher, deputy U.S. trade representative from December 1997 to January 2001, delivered the keynote address (see article, p. 5).

Following the symposium was Fall Gathering, along with tours of the Robert R. Merhige Jr. Special Collections and Rare Books Room in Muse Law Library (see p. 18); dedication of the 300,000th volume in the library (see p. 2); and unveiling of the portrait of Dean Harbaugh.

The first annual Charity Tennis Tournament took place (see p. 19), as did the annual business meeting of the Law School Association, and reunions for classes ending in 1 and 6.



Portrait unveiling

During Fall Gathering, Law School Association President Olin R. Melchionna Jr., L'74, helped unveil the portrait of former Dean Joseph Harbaugh, commissioned by the association. Also shown are Dean John R. Pagan and Daniel Murphy, professor of law and director of international studies.



A

Reunions

- A Class of 1951
- B Willard Robinson, R'57 and L'61, and his wife, Patricia; Class of 1961 reunion chair Harry Garrett, R'58 and L'61, and his wife, Mary; and Charles Leppert, L'61 and his wife, Karen
- C Donald Butler, R'66 and L'72, and his wife, Chena, with Charles Triple, C'68 and L'71, and his wife, Susie
- D Antonio Calabrese, L'86; Pamela Belleman, L'86; Thomas Langhorne, L'86; and Kenneth White, L'86, and his wife, Catherine
- E Members of the Class of 1991



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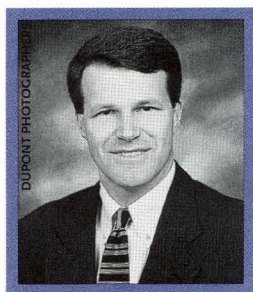


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NEW BOARD MEMBERS

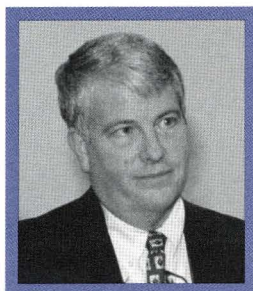
Six alumni have joined the Law School Association board of directors. They began serving their three-year terms at the October 2001 board meeting. Officers of the board include Olin R. Melchionna Jr., L'74, president; John C. Ivins Jr., L'83, vice president; and Peter D. Eliades, L'84, past president.

The board is made up of 24 members who meet three times a year. The new members include the following:

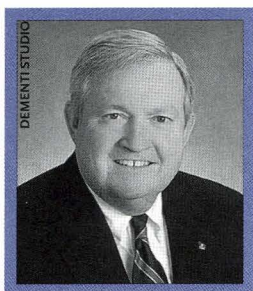


Attison L. Barnes III, L'89, is a partner with Wiley Rein & Fielding LLP, Washington, D.C., specializing in resolving commercial, employment and technology disputes for established companies, including many within the high-tech sector. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia.

Upon graduation from law school, Barnes served as a law clerk for the U.S. District Court's Eastern District of Virginia, after which he became a commercial litigator with Hazel & Thomas in Alexandria, Va.



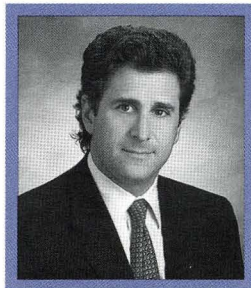
William S. Davidson, L'73, received his bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia and is a partner with the firm of Davidson, White & Lesniak. His practice is involved primarily with estate planning, administration and asset management.



The Hon. Donald H. Kent, R'60 and L'63, was a judge of the 18th judicial circuit from 1974 to 1996, serving the last 12 years as chief judge. From 1997 to 2000 he was counsel to the Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission. Judge Kent has taught at Richmond Law, Washington and Lee Law School and Northern Virginia Community College. Previously a member of the law school association's board of directors, he is also the 1989 recipient of the Distinguished Law Alumni Award. Since 2001 he has been a member of the McCammon Group.

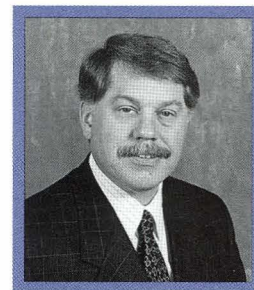


Jacqueline M. Kraeutler, L'83, is assistant general counsel for ATOFINA Chemicals Inc. in Philadelphia. Earlier, she was an associate with Ballard, Spahr, Andrews & Ingersoll. She received a bachelor's degree from Radford University and a master of social work degree from Virginia Commonwealth University, after which she was a social worker for the Richmond Public Schools before entering law school. Kraeutler was the 1999-2001 national chair of the Law School Annual Fund, and she served on the Top-Tier Initiative steering committee. She is a member of the Philadelphia and American bar associations.



Kirk B. Levy, L'86, attended Richmond Law after graduating from Brandeis University. Four years after receiving his law degree, he decided to pursue a law career full time. He has been with Sykes,

Bourdon, Ahern & Levy PC, a Virginia Beach firm specializing in real estate, for more than 10 years. His practice focuses on commercial as well as residential landlord and tenant law and real estate closings.



Peter D. Vieth, L'92, turned to law following 12 years in broadcast journalism, including five years covering state and local government for WRVA news in Richmond. He holds an undergraduate degree in communications from the University of Maryland. As a first-year student, Vieth wrote for *Virginia Lawyers Weekly*.

Since he joined the Roanoke, Va., firm of Wooten & Hart in 1992, his practice has included communications law, medical malpractice defense, products liability and civil rights litigation. He is a member of the Roanoke and Virginia bars, the Defense Research Institute and the Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys.

CLASS

Actions

'40s

J.B. Hudson Jr., L'49, has spent his summers flying around the country on B-29 and B-24 World War II bombers as part of the crew for the Confederate Air Force, a charitable organization dedicated to acquiring, restoring and flying World War II aircraft.

Bishop Coleman McGehee Jr., L'49, was honored Oct. 7, 2001, at the annual dinner of the Michigan Coalition for Human Rights for his 30 years of dedication to human rights.

'50s

Meredith A. House, L'52, has received the Hunter W. Martin Professionalism Award from the Bar Association of the City of Richmond. The award recognizes adherence to the highest standards of professional conduct.

William N. Gregory Jr., L'55, is a life member of the Virginia Bar Association.

Owen B. Pickett, L'55, and a former United States representative, has become of counsel to Troutman Sanders Mays & Valentine. His practice focuses on federal and state government issues, including contracting, legislative and administrative matters; international trade and maritime-related issues; and corporate, banking and real estate law.

Joseph E. Spruill, R'55 and L'58, is a life member of the Virginia Bar Association.

Thomas W. Moss Jr., L'56, was elected treasurer of the city of Norfolk, Va. He spent 36 years in the Virginia General Assembly.

Ed Turlington, R'54 and L'59, was treated to dinner by **Birg Sergent, L'59**, at Skoby's in Kingsport, Tenn.

'60s

The Hon. Joseph P. Johnson, L'60, won the House of Delegates seat for Washington County in the November 2001 election.

Alexander F. Dillard Jr., L'62, was elected chairman of the board of directors of BOE Financial Services of Virginia Inc.

Boyd F. Collier, L'64, a trial attorney and senior shareholder for Allen, Allen, Allen & Allen in Richmond, also is a substitute judge in Virginia's General District Court system. He has been elected to a third term on the Virginia State Bar Council and was named chairman of the American National Lawyers Insurance Reciprocal, a risk retention group providing professional liability insurance for lawyers. He has two children and two grandchildren. He and his wife, Sandra, divide their time between their homes in Richmond and Gwynn's Island, Va. They have established a community fund to benefit charitable agencies in Mathews County, Va., and remain active in community and alumni affairs.

George R. Hinnant, L'64, is a charter member of the Arthritis Forum.

The Hon. F. Bruce Bach, L'67, retired chief judge of the Fairfax, Va., Circuit Court, has become a member of the McCammon Group.

The Hon. Robert G. O'Hara, L'67, chief judge of the 6th Judicial Circuit Court, has been elected to the board of directors of Jackson-Feild Homes.

Henry R. Pollard IV, L'67, has been elected chairman and CEO of Parker, Pollard & Brown.

Ralph L. Axselle Jr., L'68, is chairman-elect of the Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce.

The Hon. Johnny S. Joannou, L'69, won the House District 79 seat for parts of the cities of Chesapeake, Norfolk, Portsmouth and Suffolk.

C. Allen Riggins, L'69, is a director of Parker, Pollard & Brown.

'70s

Laurens Sartoris, L'70, is chairman of the board of directors of Astraea/Virginia Blood Services.

Charles F. Witthoefft, L'72, is secretary/treasurer of the John Marshall American Inn of Court.

Stan L. Trout, L'74, has been elected secretary of the board of directors of the New Kent Chamber of Commerce.

William G. Hancock, L'75, has been elected to the board of directors of the Carpenter Center for the Performing Arts in Richmond.

John H. Herbig, R'71 and L'75, is a director of Parker, Pollard & Brown.

F. William Kirby Jr., R'69 and L'76, was elected to the board of trustees of the New Community School.

Louis Mezzullo, L'76 and Board of Associates, has been elected vice chairman of the American College of Tax Counsel.

Deborah Shea O'Toone, L'76, was elected second vice president of the Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Bar Association.

Glenn W. Pulley, R'73 and L'76, was selected one of the top litigators in Virginia by *Virginia Business* magazine's poll of his peers. He was also the Virginia State Bar's litigation chair for 2000 and 2001.

CLASS ACTIONS

J. Brooke Spotswood, L'76, is the author of the *Guide to Unclaimed Property and Escheat Law*, which was released in CD-ROM version last fall.

Kenneth W. Thorson, L'76, was elected to the board of directors of the Central Virginia Food Bank.

Carl J. Witmeyer, L'76, and **Russell E. Allen, L'88**, have formed Witmeyer & Allen PLC. The firm specializes in criminal, domestic relations and medical malpractice law.

John W. Anderson, R'73 and L'77, of Spotts, Fain Chappell & Anderson, serves on the board of directors of the Virginia chapter of the Arthritis Foundation.

Cary B. Bowen, L'77, was elected conference representative of the Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Bar Association.

Richard B. Chess, L'77, has joined Hirschler Fleischer as an of counsel associate in the real estate and business sections.

Richard Cullen, L'77, served as co-chairman of Virginia Attorney General Kilgore's transition team.

John Shea, L'77, has joined the panel of mediators and arbitrators at Arbitration Associates Inc. He is the president of Marks & Harrison.

Brenda Friend Briggs, L'78, formerly the coordinator of due process and complaints at the Virginia Department of

Education, has left government service to open her own law practice, Legal Resources for the Community. Her practice will focus on administrative law and legal resource consulting. She also will continue to teach administrative law at a local community college.

Kenneth E. Powell, L'78, has been elected to the board of directors of the Virginia Economic Developers Association.

Jackson E. Reasor, L'78, is vice chairman of the board of directors of the Virginia College Fund.

Bruce E. Arkema, L'79, is chairman of the board of directors of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central and Western Virginia.

Brian Buniva, L'79, practices environmental law with LeClair Ryan. He was named one of the "Legal Elite" by *Virginia Business* magazine.

John V. Cogbill, L'79, is chairman of the business council forum of the Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce.

Deborah Russell, L'79, is chair of the products liability and litigation management departments of McGuire-Woods. She practices in the firm's Richmond office.

Raymond J. Sinnott, L'79, a partner in Sinnott, Nuckols & Logan, has joined Mediation and Arbitration Services of Virginia.

'80s

The Hon. Ward L. Armstrong, L'80, won the House District 10 seat for the counties of Patrick, Carroll and Henry, Va., and the city of Martinsville, Va., in the November 2001 election.

Stephen D. Busch, L'80, a partner in the Richmond office of McGuireWoods, is president of the United States Law Firm Group Inc. The organization's mission is to support its members in providing effective legal services to their clients and to consider law firm management and operational issues.

Barry A. Wilton, L'80, is president and COO of Parker, Pollard & Brown.

Herbert A. Claiborne III, L'81, was re-elected to the board of directors of Leadership Metro Richmond.

John Philip Hart, L'81, has joined Cornerstone Realty Income Trust Inc. as senior vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary.

Janice R. Moore, L'81, has joined McGuire-Woods' commodities trading practice in its Washington, D.C., office.

Carlos A. Peniche, L'81, and his wife, Angela, have a son, Marc Anthony, born Feb. 7, 2001.

Stuart W. Blain, L'82, has been elected vice president of the Trust and

Administrators Council of Richmond. He has joined First Market Trust (part of First Market Bank) as a principal for trust services.

Donald W. Piacentini, B'74 and L'82, has been elected vice president, treasurer and CFO of Parker, Pollard & Brown.

John Whitlock, L'82, owns the Whitlock Group, which was named a "Rising 25" company in the larger company division. Rising 25 is sponsored by the Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce, KPMG and the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*.

Bradley B. Cavedo, R'77 and L'83, has been named deputy attorney general for local and intergovernmental affairs. He joined the Virginia attorney general's office as counsel in December.

John C. Ivins Jr., L'83, is chairman-elect of the board of directors of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Central and Western Virginia.

Nanette Pointon, L'83, has been promoted to director of the claims department at American National Lawyers Insurance Reciprocal.

The Hon. Harry R. Purkey Jr., L'83, won the House of Delegates seat for Virginia Beach, Va., in the November 2001 election.

Sterling E. Rives III, R'73 and L'83, is a member of Leadership Metro Richmond's class of 2002. He was elected

secretary-treasurer of Local Government Attorneys of Virginia.

Henry N. Ware, L'83, joined Spotts Fain Chappell & Anderson as a shareholder, officer and director. He will serve on the firm's executive committee, and his practice will be concentrated in the areas of corporate, commercial, trust, products liability and toxic tort litigation.

Karen M. Adams, L'84, is president of the board of directors of the Henrico County Bar Association.

Stephan F. Andrews, L'84, has been elected to the board of directors of the Virginia Foundation for Architecture.

Donna DiServio Lange, L'84, is executive director of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association. She has been elected to the board of directors of the Bon Secours Richmond Health Care Foundation.

Douglas M. Nabhan, GB'82 and L'84, is a member and vice chairman of legal affairs for the board of directors of the Richmond Forum.

Judith Lynn Rosenblatt, L'85, has been elected president of the Family Law Organization of Greater Hampton Roads.

Dawn B. DeBoer, L'86, has been re-elected to the board of directors of Memorial Child Guidance Clinic.

J. Thomas O'Brien Jr., L'86, joined Spotts Fain Chappell & Anderson as an officer, director and shareholder. His practice focuses on commercial business and real estate transactions.

Rhysa Griffith South, L'86, has been appointed vice chair of the Virginia State Bar's committee on lawyer discipline.

Lee Melchor Turlington, W'81 and L'86, is a supervisor of litigation attorneys at Ethyl Corp. She works part time in order to spend more time with her daughter, Katie, 3, and her husband, Ed.

The Hon. David B. Albo, L'87, won the House District 42 seat for Fairfax County, Va., in the November 2001 election.

Malvin Brubaker, L'87, and his wife, Khris Jenkins Brubaker, W'89, live in Lancaster, Pa., with their three daughters: Abby, 8; Sarah, 5; and Libby, 2.

I. Ray Byrd Jr., L'87, has a solo law practice in Salem, Va., where he lives with his wife, Susan, and his children: Nicholas, 16; Alison, 14; and Caroline, 10.

Margaret A. Nelson, L'87, has started her own firm in Lynchburg, Va., for the general practice of law.

Susan Stoneman, L'87, is treasurer of the board of directors of the Estate Planning Council of Richmond and a charter member of the Arthritis Forum.

She has established her law practice as Susan K. Stoneman PC, where she specializes in taxation, estate planning and planning for small businesses.

Alexander Taylor, L'87, is president of the board of directors of the Old Dominion Bar Association.

Russell E. Allen, L'88, and **Carl J. Witmeyer II, L'76**, have formed Witmeyer and Allen, specializing in criminal, domestic relations and medical malpractice law.

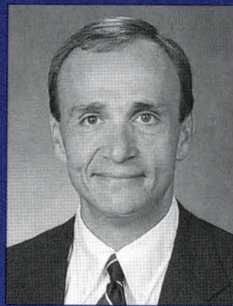
Jeffrey C. Burden, L'88, is a member of the planned giving committee and secretary of the board of directors of the Virginia chapter of the Arthritis Foundation. He also is a charter member of the Arthritis Forum.

Robert S. Carter, L'88, is a charter member of the Arthritis Forum.

Frank Neil Cowan Jr., L'88, is president-elect of the Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Bar Association.

Debra J.C. Dowd, L'88, was profiled in the *Richmond Times-Dispatch's* Metro Business section. She is a principal and director of the immigration practice group at Boleman Law Firm.

James A. Leftwich Jr., L'88, was named one of the "Top 40 Professionals Under 40" in Hampton Roads, Va., by *Inside Business* magazine.



ALUMNI PROFILE

COMBATING
TERRORISM IN
MARYLAND

Thomas M. DiBiagio, L'85, is in a job he never imagined he would hold, in the middle of an issue he never thought would touch his life.

Appointed last summer as U.S. attorney for Maryland, DiBiagio took office in September, six days after terrorism changed the agenda of that office.

"Prior to Sept. 11, the priorities were public corruption, white-collar crime and violent crime," he says. "Now I have four priorities."

Terrorism joined the list because Maryland was a base of operations for terrorist activities. Part of his new job

has been helping the FBI track down those terrorists.

"I never thought terrorism would be any part of my practice."

DiBiagio's appointment to the U.S. attorney's office by President George W. Bush came as a surprise as well. Although he served as an assistant U.S. attorney, a position he held from 1991 to 2000, DiBiagio says he never thought holding the top spot was possible "because I'm not that politically active."

After graduating from Dickinson College, DiBiagio chose the University of Richmond School of Law because he wanted to be close to his hometown of Baltimore, and he had an opportunity to work his way through school by coaching lacrosse at St. Christopher's School in Richmond.

DiBiagio credits Professor Ronald Bacigal for bringing criminal law alive, and his classmates for challenging and motivating him. The real-world experience of moot court was his turning point.

"I was sort of in the middle of the pack," DiBiagio says. When he found himself writing briefs, arguing cases and winning competitions in moot court, "it gave me a sense of confidence that litigation was where I should go."

DiBiagio became a partner in the D.C. law firm Dyer Ellis & Joseph two years ago, specializing in white-collar crime. He has been an adjunct professor of federal criminal law at the University of Baltimore School of Law since 1990. Following Bacigal's example, he tries to bring the law alive by using real public corruption cases in his classes.

With two young sons, ages 6 and 9, DiBiagio's free time is spent with his family and youth lacrosse.

—By Betsy Powell Mullen

CLASS ACTIONS

Kimberly A. Pinchbeck, B'85, GB'88 and L'88, was appointed commissioner of accounts for the Manchester Division of the city of Richmond. She is president of the Trust and Administrators Council of Richmond. She practices estate planning and estate administration law with Taylor, Hazen, Kauffman & Pinchbeck PLC.

Sheryl Lee Brindle, L'89, and her husband have recently retired. For the past two years they have been living on their boat, a 1979 Gulfstar Trawler named "Twelfth of Never." They plan to spend the next few years cruising, beginning with the upper Chesapeake Bay, then the west coast of Florida, followed by the coast of New England. After that, they hope to go to the Bahamas and then to the Caribbean.

Andrea Elisabeth Guller-Erard, L'89, was elected secretary of the Hanover County Bar Association.

Anne Hill, GB'82 and L'89, has been promoted to second vice president of the underwriting department at American National Lawyers Insurance Reciprocal.

Wendy Inge, L'89, has been promoted to second vice president of the risk management department at American National Lawyers Insurance Reciprocal.

'90s

Paul G. Gill, L'90, is one of five lawyers at the country's newest federal public defender office, which opened in Richmond in October 2001.

Carla T. Hurlbert, L'90, has joined the firm of Mark J. Krudys, where she will represent clients in securities and business litigation and arbitration.

Niall A. Paul, L'90, practices employment law for Spilman Thomas & Battle in Charleston, W.Va. He was selected to speak at the annual meeting of the American Bar Association in Chicago last August on "Basic Employment Rights and Responsibilities."

W. Scott Johnson, R'88 and L'91, has been elected to the board of directors of the Virginia YMCA.

William Franklin Olmsted, L'91, and his wife, Cynthia White Olmsted, W'90, have a son, Ethan James, born on May 25, 2001. He joined brothers Andrew, 6, and Zachary, 4.

Nancy L. Quinn, L'91, is a member and secretary of the board of directors of the Henrico County Bar Association.

W. Edward Riley IV, L'91, is a partner of Booth, Beale, Cosby and Long. He married Amanda L. Logan on Aug. 18, 2001. Included in the wedding were Steve Goodwin and John Denison, both L'91.

Paul Gregory Taylor, L'91, specializes in general civil litigation and has been certified as a member of the Million Dollar Advocates Forum. Membership in the forum is limited to attorneys who have won million-dollar and multi-million dollar verdicts, awards and settlements.

Esther Jeanette Windmueller, L'91, was elected president of the Richmond Criminal Bar Association.

David A. Kaplan, L'92, is a partner and secretary/treasurer of Forcke, Kaplan & Noonan LLC, a registered investment advisory firm.

H. Carter Redd, L'92, was elected of counsel at McGuireWoods. He practices in the firm's products liability and litigation management department.

John Weber III, L'92, is second vice president of the Salem-Roanoke County Bar Association.

C. Meade Browder Jr., L'93, and his wife, Suzanne Lee Browder, W'86, have a daughter, Charlotte Hilliard, born Sept. 12, 2001. She joins sister Libby, 2.

Christopher F. Cowan, L'93, joined Cowan & Owen as an associate in the litigation section.

Kimberly W. Daniel, L'93, is a partner of Troutman Sanders Mays & Valentine. She is a member of the firm's labor and employment practice group.

Stephanie Grana, W'90 and L'93, is vice president of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Richmond Women's Bar Association.

Patrick T. Horne, L'93, is a partner at McGuireWoods. He is a member of the corporate services department.

Nancy L. Pell, L'93, is a partner of the international law firm Fulbright & Jaworski. She focuses her practice on oil and gas litigation, including federal royalty disputes and federal lands access issues.

Margaret Heenan Smither, L'93, is past president and a member of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Richmond Women's Bar Association.

Carolyn A. White, L'93, is president-elect and a member of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Richmond Women's Bar Association.

M. Eldridge Blanton III, G'72 and L'94, is a charter member of the Arthritis Forum.

Kristin Stayton Gibbons, L'94, is a court-appointed special advocate attorney in Sussex County, Del., representing the best interests of abused and dependent/neglected children in foster care. She and her husband, Christopher, have a daughter, Alexa, born June 22, 1998.

Lisa Spickler Goodwin, L'94, is an associate in the litigation section of Herschler Fleischer. She and her husband,

Steve, L'91, had a son, Connor Steven, on Oct. 6, 2001.

A. Brent King, L'94, has joined Hilb Rogal and Hamilton Co. as vice president and associate general counsel.

B. Heather Emmert Shelton, L'94, is an assistant commonwealth's attorney in Chesapeake, Va. She married R. Garrett Shelton Jr. on July 7, 2001, and they live in Portsmouth, Va.

Sharon B. Ten, L'94, joined Huff, Poole & Mahoney as an associate. Her practice concentrates in family law, wills, trusts, estates and civil litigation.

Mike Thompson, L'94, is the founder and CEO of Clip Genius, a Web-based, customized, cost-effective Internet media clipping service that tracks nearly 200 Web sites for news and delivers morning updates to its customers' desktops, laptops and hand-held devices. He lives in Burke, Va.

Julie Schucht Whitlock, L'94, and her husband, Kevin, have a daughter, Lauren Marie, born Sept. 7, 2001. She joined brother Matthew.

Andrew C. Carington, L'95, joined Media General Inc. as counsel.

John Carroll, L'95, and his wife, Maria, have a son, Jack, born Aug. 21, 2001.

Christopher N. Crowe, L'95, married Margaret L. Nimmo on Oct. 13, 2001. The couple lives in Richmond.

Amy M. Curtis, L'95, was married to Christopher E. Turner on July 14, 2001.

Keri A. Markiewicz, L'95, has joined Kaufman & Canoles in Norfolk, Va., as an associate. She will concentrate her practice in the areas of litigation and family law.

Geeta Oberoi, L'95, is practicing regulatory energy and utilities law in the office of the general counsel at the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. She lives in Georgetown in Washington, D.C.

Elliot P. Park, L'95, is chairman of the board of directors of the international practice section of the Virginia Bar Association.

Brooke Loth Birdsong, GB'96 and L'96, and her husband, David, have a daughter, Virginia "Carson," born July 20, 2001. They also have a son, Connor Norcross "Cross," born Nov. 26, 1999.

Kelly L. Brisbon, L'96, was elected treasurer of the Richmond Criminal Bar Association.

Shena Dixon, L'96, assistant commonwealth's attorney for the city of Richmond and founder of Diamonds in the Rough Youth and Family Services, is listed as one of *Inside Business*' "Top 40 Under 40."

Carlos L. Hopkins, L'96, joined Wright Robinson Osthimer & Tatum as an associate attorney in the Richmond office.

Benjamin D. Leigh, R'91 and L'96, practices law with Blankingship & Keith P.C. He and his wife, **Laura Hering Leigh, L'96**, live in Fairfax, Va.

John M. Ramey, L'96, joined the law firm of LeClair Ryan in October 1999. His practice focuses on corporate and partnership taxation, mergers and acquisitions, and general corporate representation. He and his wife, **Karen Williamson Ramey, L'96**, have a daughter, Caroline, born in December 1999. Karen is now a stay-at-home mom.

Tracy L. Taliaferro, L'96, and **Debra L. Mallory, L'97**, have formed the law firm of Taliaferro & Mallory LLP in Colonial Heights, Va. The firm's practice focuses on civil litigation, local government and taxation issues.

Dana E. Dallas, L'97, and her husband, C. Lloyd Gregory, have a daughter, Kenley Dallas, born Feb. 6, 2001.

Danielle A. Ferguson, L'97, has formed her own firm, Baker and Ferguson. Her practice primarily focuses on family, criminal defense, business, wills and estate planning, and personal injury law.

William L. Hazel, L'97, has joined Sands, Anderson, Marks & Miller as an associate, where his practice will be concentrated in the area of local government.



ALUMNI PROFILE

JAG CORPS
WORK BRINGS
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Trying to blend an adventurous spirit, undergraduate degrees in theatre/dance and communications and a law career might sound impossible.

But Army Capt. Elizabeth G. Marotta, L'91, found the "perfect career" in the military.

As a trial counsel for the Judge Advocate General Corps, she has traveled extensively overseas, prosecuting cases of drug use, fraud and assault, and advising commanders at every level regarding complex legal issues.

In August, the American Bar Association named her Outstanding Young Military Service Lawyer of the Year. Colleagues nominating her cited a "rare combination of skill, energy and professionalism" plus a unique blend of toughness and charm.

Marotta graduated from Boston's Emerson College. She came to University of Richmond School of Law enticed by its reputation and warmer climate, and looking to blend her varied interests.

A trained ballet dancer, she made the most of her Richmond experience by being the first law student to join the University Dance Company and living on campus all three years.

After graduating, Marotta clerked for a New Jersey judge, worked for Richmond attorney Joseph Kaestner and then applied to the military.

"I wanted to see the world," she says. "I was always an adventure-seeker."

She credits law professor J.P. Jones, who "planted the seed that the military had excellent opportunities for lawyers."

In the Army since 1995, Marotta has been stationed in Germany, with deployments to Hungary, Albania, Croatia and Bosnia. She recently finished an assignment in Washington, D.C., where she litigated multimillion-dollar disputes with defense contractors. In August, she was reassigned to a prosecutor's post at Fort Eustis, Va., so she could live with her new husband, a Navy lieutenant commander stationed in Norfolk. They spend their free time working out and rock-climbing.

Next year, Marotta will pursue an advanced law degree and hopes to travel again after that.

Although Marotta's day-to-day life does not involve chasing criminals down dark streets, the television show *JAG* has helped explain her job to family and friends.

Most people don't realize military lawyers "are deployed right along with the troops," she says. "Most of *JAG*'s material is based on what's really going on, just exaggerated for television."

—By Betsy Powell Mullen

In Memoriam

Leon Wahrman, L'26

Jan. 12, 2001

Temple W. Broaddus, R'27 and L'29

Aug. 30, 1999

C.P. Kearfott, L'36

May 13, 2001

J. Newton Dovel, L'40

Aug. 3, 1999

Meredith Edward Evans, L'40

Oct. 19, 2001

Thomas C. Crouch Jr., B'35 and L'41

Jan. 6, 2002

Nan Ross McConnell Appel, L'43

April 10, 2000

Robert Edward Gibson, L'48

Sept. 30, 2001

Col. Daniel G. Joyce, L'49

Nov. 26, 2000

W. Bailey Wilkinson, L'49

Dec. 14, 2001

Gilbert Leroy Duckworth, L'50

June 5, 2001

Daniel Grinnan IV, R'39 and L'50

April 3, 2001

James H. Barnes, R'46 and L'52

Oct. 13, 1998

William I. Flesher, L'52

Sept. 21, 2001

Elmer J. Nochta, L'52

Oct. 12, 2001

Willie Walker Whitlock, L'53

Dec. 2, 2001

Ernest C. Consolvo, L'54

Feb. 19, 2001

William A. Old, L'54

July 16, 2001

Arthur P. Rooney, L'56

Dec. 3, 2001

Thomas L. Newton Jr., L'60

Jan. 9, 2001

Albert J. FitzPatrick, L'63

July 17, 1999

E. Olen Culler, R'64 and L'67

April 2, 2001

William F. Binford Jr., L'68

Jan. 26, 1997

Ronald M. Plotkin, L'69

Jan. 3, 2002

John Richard Haymes Jr., L'71

Sept. 7, 2001

Hubert Alexander Ruff Jr., L'77

Aug. 14, 2001

Nancy O. Horne, L'80

Aug. 6, 2001

Christopher Ibrahim Hassan-Baker, L'96

June 23, 1999

Jennifer S. Coates, L'99, married **Jeffrey P. Bennett, L'00**, on Oct. 14, 2000, in Cannon Memorial Chapel. The couple lives in Charlottesville, Va.

Paul M. Curley, L'99, is an associate with Canfield, Shapiro, Baer, Heller & Johnston. He married **Katherine M. Salt, L'99**, on Oct. 6, 2001.

Michelle Charlotte Lam Harman, C'96 and L'99, is the new manager of JurisPros, the attorney search division of Lawyer's Staffing Inc. She and her husband, Michael, live in Richmond.

Christopher M. McCarthy, L'99, has joined Thompson & McMullan as an associate. His practice includes elder law, estate and trust administration, estate planning, fiduciary and estate litigation, and real estate.

Katherine M. Salt, L'99, is a compliance specialist with Capital One. She married **Paul M. Curley, L'99**, on Oct. 6, 2001. They live in Richmond.

Karen Michelle Welch, L'99, was elected secretary of the Richmond Criminal Bar Association.

Robert W. Partin, L'97, has formed Locke & Partin PLC.

Camille Sabbakhan, L'97, is secretary of the board of directors of the Old Dominion Bar Association.

Patrick J. Skelley II, L'97, has opened his own general practice law office in Bedford, Va.

He and his wife, Lesley, have a son, Patrick J. III, born Oct. 28, 2001.

Robert Joseph Wheaton, AR'97 and L'01, is practicing with Florance, Gordon & Brown in the wills, trusts and estate planning group.

Stephen C. Williams, L'97, married Allison M. Watson on Sept. 22, 2001. The couple lives in Richmond.

Turner Broughton, L'98, has joined the litigation department at Williams Mullen as an associate.

Susan Childers North, L'98, is an attorney with LeClair Ryan in Richmond, where she represents employers in employment matters. She and her husband, Christopher, have a son,

Christopher Colt II, born July 20, 2001.

Brent Saunders, L'98, is employed as an assistant commonwealth's attorney in Danville, Va.

Steven E. Bennett, L'99, joined the firm of McDermott & Roe, which has offices in Williamsburg and Hampton, Va.

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Jeffrey P. Bennett, L'00, married **Jennifer S. Coates, L'99**, on Oct. 14, 2000, in Cannon Memorial Chapel. The couple lives in Charlottesville, Va.

CLASS ACTIONS

Calvin Edwards, L'00, is an attorney at Casey, Gilson, Williams & Shingler in Atlanta.

Jamie Hoyle, L'00, has joined the Joel Bieber Firm as an associate. She will concentrate her practice on negligence litigation.

Lisa Taylor Hudson, L'00, completed her clerkship with Chief Judge Douglas O. Tice Jr. and joined the business and professional litigation group at Sands Anderson Marks & Miller.

Sheri L. Liccioni, AW'95 and L'00, married Michael W. D'Angelo, AR'94, on Dec. 9, 2000. Included in the wedding party was Heather Berlin Richardson, L'00.

Ramona Leigh Taylor, L'00, has joined the Virginia Department of Education as a due process specialist. She will monitor regulatory compliance and serve as a resource for special education law-related issues. She also has been named the contributing editor for *Architecture Business and Economic*, a magazine for which she writes a monthly column on architectural and construction law topics. She published "Tearing Down the Great Wall: China's Road to WTO Accession," in the Franklin Pierce Law Center's *IDEA, The Journal of Law and Technology* (Vol. 41, No. 1, 2001).

Chris Ashby, AR'96 and L'01, has joined the complex litigation group at Troutman

Sanders Mays & Valentine as an associate. He was previously a speechwriter for Lt. Gov. John Hager and former Gov. George Allen.

Deborah F. Barfield, L'01, has accepted a position with the Department for Rights of Virginians with Disabilities in Staunton, Va.

Jason Andrew Cecil, L'01, is a presidential management intern in the Office of Genetics and Disease Prevention at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

Ed Haas, L'01, wrote "Thurgood Marshall, an Indispensable Voice in the Struggle for Civil Rights of People with Disabilities," which was

published by the *Seton Hall Journal of Constitutional Law*.

Ashley P. Harris, L'01, has joined Parker, Pollard & Brown as an associate. Her practice will include family law, civil litigation and business law.

Jennifer C. Hunt, L'01, is an associate with Moran Kiker Brown PC, a product liability firm in Richmond.

Nnika E. Johnson, L'01, is an associate in the finance practice group at Troutman Sanders Mays & Valentine.

William B. Pace, L'01, is employed by Collegiate Schools and will join Williams Mullen Clark & Dobbins next fall. He married Margaret M. Randolph on Oct. 6, 2001.

Brian Pumphrey, L'01, has joined McGuire-Woods as an associate in the commercial litigation department. He will be a member of the intellectual property litigation practice group.

Alyson Rossi, L'01, has joined Barber Martin Advertising as a media coordinator.

Flora L. Townes, L'01, married Richard F. Hezel, on Sept. 29, 2001. The couple lives in Richmond.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

George E. Allen Chair Symposium <i>"Terrorism and Assassination: An Inquiry into Morality, Legality and Expediency"</i>	April 11-12
Commencement Speaker, William K. Slate II, president of the American Arbitration Association	May 4
1870 Dinner Robins Pavilion, Jepson Alumni Center	June 1
Fall term begins	Aug. 19
Fall Gathering, reunions and CLE	Oct. 25-26

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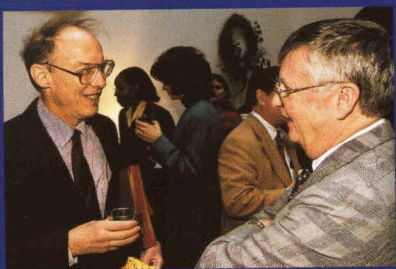


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Judge Wilkinson with attorney Doug Eisele of Statesville, N.C., who tried one of the cases

U.S. 4TH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS SITS IN SESSION AT RICHMOND LAW

Making a rare appearance outside their courtroom, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit heard arguments Feb. 27 in the Moot Courtroom of the University of Richmond School of Law. The Moot Courtroom was filled to capacity with students, alumni and the media, who observed the two-hour session. The Client Counseling and Negotiation Board invited the court to campus.



Judge Gregory with Richmond Law faculty members Corinna Lain, left, and Margaret Bacigal, L'79



Judge Karen J. Williams, Chief Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III and Judge Roger L. Gregory