Recognizing Excellence

New dean Dr. John R. Pagan sets ambitious goals for the law school
The student’s viewpoint

Sixteen students volunteered their time last year to give personal tours to prospective students in a new program created by Joshua H. Rahman, L’98. Selected after an application process, participants in the student-run Law Student Admissions Representative program were available six days a week for any tours that might be scheduled by prospects to give the student perspective on what it’s like at the T.C. Williams School of Law. Feedback after the 77 tours they gave was highly positive.

Shown are, from left, representatives Wendell Taylor, L’98; Meredith Barton, L’98; and Katherine Benson, L’99.
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Judge Wilkinson urges involvement in public life

“Be yourself,” was the advice Chief Judge J. Harvie Wilkinson III of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals gave the T.C. Williams School of Law graduating class on May 10.

Drawing on insights gained from his positions as a clerk for U.S. Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr., as a law professor at the University of Virginia, and as U.S. deputy attorney general in charge of the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice, Wilkinson said, “I offer these small examples not as any profile in personal courage. In fact, it seems to me that my personal decisions were made in a less difficult climate than the legal climate in which yours must be.”

The experiences of U.S. Supreme Court nominees in Senate confirmation hearings also are useful, Wilkinson said. “Judge [Robert] Bork faced multiple days of intense questioning before the Senate Judiciary Committee,” Wilkinson said. He quoted Bork: “It was apparent ... that positions I had taken in the past would continue to be radically misrepresented. If I did not explain myself at the hearings, those misrepresentations would stand unanswered.”

“Unfortunately for Judge Bork, his efforts to explain himself ultimately proved unavailing, because those who opposed him were able to generate more controversy than he could diffuse. But he did not flinch from the challenge. He went down fighting.”

The battles over judicial confirmation may have had an effect on the new generation of lawyers, he said. “Lawyers of all persuasions must be asking themselves whether public involvement will henceforth carry an unacceptable personal price,” Wilkinson said. “My concern is that you may hesitate to say what you believe ... that you will take a pass on the issues of the day.

“The lives of the great judges — Holmes, Brandeis, Frankfurter — suggest lives of involvement, not lives of withdrawal. These men had long and distinguished careers in public life, in which they did not hesitate to go against the grain . . .

Follow the courage of your convictions, Judge Wilkinson told the graduates. “Somewhere within you, there is an inner light. Courage demands that you pursue that light without constantly looking over your shoulder.”

The faculty speaker also urged students to be true to themselves. Associate professor John G. Douglass referred to the gifts received by the Scarecrow, the Cowardly Lion and the Tin Woodman in The Wizard of Oz.

“The wizard gave each the insight to see that they had had those gifts all along,” he said. “Have faith in yourself.”

The student speaker, Russell E. Nance, quickly took advantage of the podium. Speaking to his classmates, he said, “For three years, you and I have been captive while professors held the stage. Today the tables are turned. . . . I am going to do something I have always wanted to do.”
"Somewhere within you, there is an inner light. Courage demands that you pursue that light without constantly looking over your shoulder."

Judge Wilkinson

Turning to the faculty, he scratched his chin pensively, stared at the ceiling and asked, "Mr. Berryhill, would you be so kind as to recite the facts of..." an impersonation which drew a roar of appreciative laughter from the graduates.

Nance also read excerpts from his journal, chronicling his experiences from arrival on campus to a growing command of the law.

Professor Daniel T. Murphy received a standing ovation for his two-year job as acting dean after Dean Joseph D. Harbaugh left the law school in 1995. Incoming dean Dr. John R. Pagan was introduced during the ceremony.

One hundred sixty degrees were awarded.

- Forest Hughes

AWARDS AT COMMENCEMENT

Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, Student Trial Advocate Award
Jacqueline May Reiner

The International Academy of Trial Lawyers, Student Advocacy Award
Hope Cahill Todd

The Family Law Award
Michele Lee Chiocca

National Association of Women Lawyers Award
Heather Harrison Bond

The T.C. Williams Law School Scholarship Award
Patrick John Skelley II

Gudlipp Medal
Katrina Carmel Clark

The J. Westwood Smithers Medal
Nancy Duncan Jensen

The Nina R. Kestin Service Award
Steven Andre Taylor

The Charles T. Norman Award
Barry T. Meek

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Mary C. Hart
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Richmond

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Hon. William T. Prince, U.S. Magistrate, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
Norfolk

Mary R. Carter
Hon. B. Waugh Grigler, U.S. Magistrate, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Virginia
Charlottesville

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14th Judicial Circuit, Henrico Circuit Court
Richmond

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Hon. William R. Shelton, Judge, 12th Judicial Circuit, Chesterfield Circuit Court
Chesterfield, Va.

Katrina C. Forrest
Hon. Douglas O. Tice Jr., Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
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Chesapeake

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Hon. Haile L. Alford, Judge, Superior Court of Delaware-City of Wilmington
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Hon. David H. Adams Judge, U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
Norfolk

Stephen C. Williams
Hon. George F. Tidley, Judge, Henrico Circuit Court
Richmond

SERVING ANOTHER CLERKSHIP

Stephanie L. Cadon, L'96
Hon. John F. Dean Judge, U.S. Tax Court
Washington, D.C.
For Kristine Marzolf, who became the new associate dean at the T.C. Williams School of Law on July 7, the chance to combine different areas of responsibility is an irresistible opportunity.

Managing the operations of the school as well as admissions and financial aid, she is drawing on a variety of experiences.

"I'm generally running the administration as well as serving as an advocate for students," she says. "I bridge the student side and the administrative side."

Working closely with students, something she hadn't done recently, is particularly appealing. "Students make the place go," she says. "The opportunity to establish a relationship with students is the part of the position that excites me most."

Marzolf comes to the University of Richmond's law school from a position as director of admissions and financial aid at the Boston University School of Law.

She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Virginia in 1982 and her law degree there in 1986. After working for Ballard, Spahr, Andrews & Ingersoll in Washington, D.C., and McDermott, Will & Emery in Boston, she entered education in 1990 as assistant director of admissions at Boston University.

She also held positions at BU as assistant director of the Management Information Systems master's degree program and director of admissions at the Boston University School of Law.

Does she miss practicing law? "I got tired of the adversarial aspects of practice," she says, acknowledging that her specialty, commercial litigation, tends by its nature to be adversarial. "All of the extremely positive experiences in my life have been in education. . . . I'm too happy doing what I'm doing to go back to practice."

She is making changes slowly. "I expect to take a fresh look at a number of offices," she says. But mostly her first few months have been filled with listening and learning about her new school. Starting in September, she plans lunches and breakfasts with students to gain their perspectives. And she's eager to give the law school the benefit of her expertise. "I'm coming from a much larger law school in an urban setting, and can give a new perspective to the associate dean position," she says. "I'm building upon a lot of the things that I have been doing in my career."

—Forrest Hughes
French students study law as part of exchange program

Those French accents speaking up in class, chatting in the Down Under and whispering in the library are becoming more common, thanks to a new exchange program between the T.C. Williams School of Law and a French university.

Already three students have come to the law school from the University of Paris at Nanterre, and more are expected in the next few years.

The law school program is part of the University of Richmond's exchange program; when French law students come here, UR undergraduates may go to France.

Under the program, French students come to T.C. Williams for up to two years. Their education in France includes two French law degrees and a significant amount of coursework in common law subjects such as contracts, torts and British constitutional law, so T.C. Williams is able to accept them as students transferring into the second year.

As participants in a university-wide exchange program, their tuition is waived the first year they are here. If they choose to stay as third-year students, they pay full tuition.

Olivia Guillaume, L'97, was the first French student to come to T.C. Williams under the program. “The first three weeks were really, really bad,” she says, smiling now at the memory.

But living in the law dorm allowed her to make new friends. T.C. Williams’ admissions and dean’s offices were very helpful, and she adjusted to the U.S. teaching style. “In France, the whole relationship [between student and teacher] is different. Here professors are much more accessible and much more willing to help,” Guillaume says.

Highlights of her two years here include her first oral argument in court (“I was extremely stressed, but it was worth it”) and seeing graduation in 1996 (“In France, there is no graduation ceremony”).

Now she is in Albany, N.Y., preparing for the New York bar exam. Then she’ll return to France to apply for a master’s degree in French business law. Ultimately, she’d like to work for an American law firm in Paris.

“The program provides marvelous advantages for T.C. Williams and the exchange students,” says Daniel T. Murphy, professor of law and former acting dean. “Upon graduation these French exchange students can become licensed in any of the 50 states, and because of the rules regarding bar admission in the European Union they also can practice law in any of the 18 member countries of the EU.”

On this end of the exchange, Murphy says T.C. Williams students and faculty benefit immensely from the different perspectives exchange students bring to the school.

“We look forward to expanding to other countries,” Murphy says. He is now working on possibilities in other European countries as well as several South American and Asian countries.

Forrest Hughes

STEADY ACOMPLISHMENTS

Moot court competition

T.C. Williams School of Law students took top honors at the Fourth Annual Judge John R. Brown Admiralty Moot Court competition, held in March at the law school. Lang Ambrose and Rob Wise, both L’97, won the tournament, which was co-sponsored by T.C. Williams and the University of Texas School of Law.

Eighteen teams from 14 law schools entered the competition, which tests appellate advocacy skills in the field of maritime law. Ambrose was selected as the best oral advocate, and the brief submitted by him and Wise was named by brief judges as the best one submitted on behalf of the petitioner.

The team of Chris Grant, L’99, and Mat DeVries and Steve Faraci, both L’98, submitted the brief named best in the competition. They advanced to the semifinals before losing to a team from Cornell University.

The competition was organized and administered by Mary Catherine Hart, L’97. Judges were practicing members of the federal bar, judges from the federal bench, admiralty law professors and Chief Justice Harry Carrico of the Virginia Supreme Court.

Students testify on race relations

Three T.C. Williams School of Law students appeared in March before the Virginia State Advisory Committee to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission. Kenyatta McLeod and Tracey Watkins, both L’99, and Danielle Ferguson, L’97, presented findings from their research on attitudes among law students on race relations and stereotypes to a fact-finding meeting of the committee regarding the dispensation of justice in Virginia from the perspective of minorities, particularly with respect to black males.

Steve Taylor, L’97, helped organize panels for the committee’s meeting, recruited distinguished members of the General Assembly’s Black Caucus to testify, and gathered documentary evidence for the committee.

Professor Robert E. Shepherd Jr. testified at the meeting regarding the treatment of young black males in the juvenile justice system of Virginia.

ERA article published

Three members of the Class of ’96 have had an article published in the William & Mary Journal of Women and the Law: Allison Held, Sheryl Herndon and Danielle Stager wrote the article, “The Equal Rights Amendment: Why the ERA Remains Legally Viable and Properly Before the States” which appears in the journal’s March 1997 issue.

The article is a result of research conducted while the three were second-year students. It addresses the continued viability of the ERA in light of the ratification of the 27th Amendment more than 20 years after its proposal.

Del. Karen Darner (D-Arlington, Va.) presented the students’ paper to the 1994 General Assembly’s Privileges and Elections Committee as evidence in its debate on the ERA bill. In 1994 the paper was presented to the House Rules Committee.

FOR THE RECORD

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Corporate law is Allen Chair topic

What are the forces at work reshaping the American invention of the corporation? What corporate structure will be necessary in an era of global markets?

Five distinguished visiting scholars shared their views on "The American Corporation in the Twenty-First Century" this spring through the George E. Allen Chair in Law. The theme focused on various aspects of corporate governance and corporate law.

In preparing our students for practice in the area of corporate law, we have to provide them not with a static understanding of that law, but with a dynamic one which will serve them well into the next century," says Azizah Y. al-Hibri, associate professor of law and 1997 Allen Chair Professor.

The plight of late-career workers in corporate downsizing was the first issue in the series, addressed by Marleen A. O'Connor, professor of law at Stetson College.

"Firms, for the most part, still seek to nurture a core group of workers, but increasingly, they are relying upon contingent workers," O'Connor said.

"Downsizing has totally dismantled some strongly held business practices that had developed since World War II," O'Connor said. "We see that the social compact that existed between corporations and workers has fundamentally changed.

"I'm going to argue that [senior employees] live by the model 'be loyal to the corporation' and perhaps we should use fiduciary law to require that the corporation be loyal to them," she said.

George G. Triantis, professor of law at the University of Virginia and a specialist in commercial law, discussed the motivational implications of debt financing. This attention to psychological issues represents a new trend for Professor Triantis, who belongs to the Law and Economics school of thought.

Mark Roe, professor of law at Columbia University, discussed political backlash and the corporation. He addressed "the interplay between politics' potential to disrupt markets and markets' potential to disrupt politics."

In his remarks, Roe contrasted two different models of corporations: an efficient corporation that creates instability and a smaller-scaled corporate environment that is not as efficient but more stable.

He applied the potential for backlash and turmoil to two corporate law institutions: hostile takeovers and Chapter 11 of the American bankruptcy laws.

He suggested that the media saliency of these institutions causes the potential backlash problem.

Ronald J. Gilson, professor of law at Columbia University and Stanford University, compared banks and stock markets in a discussion of how best to structure a capital market. The distinction between banks and stock markets was balanced against the historical and political contingencies of each.

"The United States with a stock market-centered system has a vibrant venture capital market," Gilson said. "Germany and Japan, with bank-centered systems, do not." This debate is much more prevalent in Europe, he said.

The role of corporate law in the context of the new economic order was the topic of Jeffrey N. Gordon, professor of law at Columbia University. Corporate law and corporate governance are influential in terms of the impact they have on the new economic order, he said. Gordon also discussed the role of employees in the new economic order and the economic insecurities they may encounter.

The visiting scholars interacted with students and faculty through faculty colloquies and seminar classes. The Allen Chair was established to honor the late George E. Allen by his sons, the late George E. Allen Jr., L'36; Ashby B. Allen, R'43; and Wilbur Allen.

An upcoming issue of the University of Richmond Law Review will contain the lecture series material.

Jesse Aponte, L'97
Free speech and cyberspace discussed

The U.S. Supreme Court has just begun grappling with "tremendous and complex questions" about free speech and cyberspace, said Robert M. O'Neill, a noted First Amendment scholar and law professor.

The revolution taking place in communications technology has left the legal community and, more specifically the courts, with unique questions complicated by the novel challenge to find answers as technology advances rapidly, changing the rules of the game.

O'Neill spoke at the T.C. Williams School of Law on March 27 before a crowd of about 75 in the Moot Courtroom, shortly after the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments for the first time on what promises to be an ongoing public and legal debate. His topic was "Free Speech in Cyberspace: Communications Decency and Beyond."

The founding director of the Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression, O'Neill is former president of the University of Virginia, where he continues to serve on the law faculty and as University Professor. He was on campus to deliver the 12th annual Emanuel Emroch Lecture.

At issue in this first case heard by the Supreme Court were provisions of the Communications Decency Act, a controversial piece of federal legislation that is less than two years old. Parts of the act, which O'Neill called "a political hot potato," already have been struck down by lower federal courts as abridging free speech.

The most pressing issue here, O'Neill says, involves regulation of the posting on the Internet of material that should be restricted from children, while protecting adults' rights of access to this material.

Today, it's probably easier for a minor to get to adult material on the Internet than it is for him "to grab a copy of Penthouse or Hustler" at the corner market, O'Neill said. The Communications Decency Act would require Internet services to somehow block this material from children's view.

A unique aspect to the challenge here, O'Neill pointed out, comes from the fact that the court must try to make an authoritative judgment in the summer of 1997 on a case that went to trial 15 months earlier. Technology today can undergo significant changes over so long a period.

The court also must decide how these new media will be treated. O'Neill drew analogies to print and motion pictures, broadcast television and radio, cable TV and adult entertainment operations like X-rated bookstores and nightclubs, all of which are regulated differently.

And with the rapid approach of the day when broadcast media and the Internet are available via the same carriers, whatever rulings are handed down today are likely to be questionable tomorrow, he said.

"The genius of the Internet is that anyone with a keyboard and modem or similar connection can speak to anyone else anytime," O'Neill said.

And with this strength lies much of the problem. Speech on the Internet can reach millions instantly. It can be anonymous, which raises interesting libel questions. People "tend to lose their inhibitions and turn from lambs to lions or wolves once on the line," O'Neill said.

O'Neill pointed out that the prohibition against the posting of child pornography that applies to print and video is accepted as valid in cyberspace. That issue is not under challenge.

But there may arise a new question related to the posting of pornographic images that can be created by computer that appear to show children, he said.

Several states, including Virginia, have taken up legislation related to Internet communication, sending them off in a variety of directions, O'Neill said. Challenges have been filed already in numerous lower courts to laws like Georgia's, which makes it illegal to use a false identity on the Internet. With so much going on, "there is an urgent need for clear guidance."

The Emroch lecture series was established through the generosity of the late Emanuel Emroch, R'28 and L'31, his wife and friends. It is supported currently by his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Emroch.

- Rob Walker

Editor's note: On June 26, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the Communications Decency Act in a split decision.
RECOGNIZING EXCELLENCE

New dean Dr. John R. Pagan sets ambitious goals for the law school
John R. Pagan, the new dean of the T.C. Williams School of Law, describes himself as goal-oriented, determined and flexible, all characteristics he hopes to employ to lead the school to a place among the nation's elite.

"We want the bench and bar and other legal academics to recognize that the quality of legal education here is comparable to the training provided in the very best law schools in the world," Dr. Pagan says. "That's ambitious but when you look at the credentials of the faculty here, and you look at the physical facilities, and at our students, you see Richmond's law school is capable of doing this.

"Recognized academic excellence is at the top of my agenda."

Pagan, who turns 46 in August, was named dean this spring after a nationwide search over almost two years. He succeeds Joseph D. Harbaugh, who left UR in 1995 to become dean of the Nova Southeastern University Law Center in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

On a bright spring day shortly after Pagan's selection was announced, he slipped away from a reception in the courtyard outside the law school for an interview. He discussed his hopes for the school's future and his ties to Virginia, as well as what attracted him to the University.

And he did so with the humor and grace that had impressed members of the search committee who singed him out.

As Sara Redding Wilson, L'78, search committee member and executive vice president, general counsel and corporate secretary for Signet Bank puts it, "He will present an image we can all be proud of."

If Dean Pagan has his way, that image will be drawn in part from a highly visible presence.

"I want to be visible to students, faculty and alumni," he says. "They'll know that I'm here. I don't plan to micromanage the law school but I want to be on top of what's happening."

Pagan's path to the University began in Arkansas where both his parents taught in public schools. His father also became a school principal.

"It was utterly natural for me to become a teacher," he says.

Some of his fondest memories are of summers spent in the hills around Fayetteville, Ark., home of the University of Arkansas, where his parents went from their home in Little Rock to pursue graduate degrees.

"That experience — seeing my parents working for their degrees and doing it at night and in the summer — gave me a strong respect for education," Pagan says. And he acknowledges that he pursued his Ph.D. even after earning a law degree in part because both his brothers, who are younger, had earned their doctorates. "That was always a strong motivating factor."

From Arkansas, Pagan went to the College of William and Mary where he earned his undergraduate degree, Phi Beta Kappa. He received a master's degree in modern history from Oxford University in 1975, his juris doctor from Harvard University in 1978, and his doctor of philosophy in modern history from Oxford this year. He has published numerous articles on both legal and historical topics.

He taught at the law schools at Arkansas, William and Mary, and New York University, where he was Global Professor of Law and director of the Global Law School Program. Among courses he has taught are Constitutional Law, Federal Courts, Civil Rights Legislation, Torts, Legal History, and Introduction to American Law for Foreign Graduate Students.

Pagan is a member of the bar in Virginia, New York, the District of Columbia and Arkansas, where he had the highest score on the February 1979 bar exam.

He served two years, 1991-92, in the Arkansas Senate and his name is attached as sponsor to numerous bills, many related to environmental protection. During that period, Pagan worked with then-Governor and Mrs. Bill Clinton, whom he says "deserve a lot of credit for things they did, particularly in education."

But politics exacted "too high a price personally, and while I'm glad I did it, I wouldn't do it again," he says.

**The search** that led to Pagan's selection as dean took almost two years. University Provost Zeddie Bowen says the search committee considered more than 100 candidates.
There was a lot of correspondence with those whose credentials seemed to fit," he says. "There was a lot of correspondence with their references."

The search focused on finding someone with the capacity to be an intellectual, scholarly leader for the faculty, as well as someone who could work well with various constituencies including students, alumni and the legal community, Bowen says.

The search committee included representatives of those law alumni, faculty, administration and the student body.

"We needed a person with broad appeal, who was an experienced legal educator and who had experience in leadership roles," he says. John Pagan had all the right stuff.

"He's a brilliant scholar; he's well known to the bench and bar here; and at NYU he's been running a global law program, which is an area we're very interested in expanding," Bowen says. "He seems comfortable with alumni and students of all ages, and his experience as a politician probably doesn't hurt, either."

"He was the choice of all the constituencies," says Ann Hodges, professor of law and faculty co-chair of the search committee. "His experience, his references, his scholarship all were first rate. But what impressed us most were his interpersonal skills. All kinds of people from all kinds of places felt comfortable with him."

Dr. David Leary, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences and a search committee member, agrees. "He's smart, and he's going to facilitate stronger connections between the law school and the rest of the University, and he has both a seriousness and a sense of humor that make him appealing."

"I think he's going to be a good collaborative dean."

"He has the academic credentials and he has a unique appreciation for Virginia and for the law school community here," says Kenneth J. Alcott, L'83, president of the Law School Association, "and he comes across as a good guy."

"He comes across as a consensus builder, and he should be able to fit the law school into the University and the community," says Sara Wilson. "He should be able to do what we need to do to stay on an upward curve."

As for what he has learned about the law school and the University since becoming intensely involved with them through the interview process, Pagan says there are no negatives.

"The school has an excellent record of achievement already. The quality of education provided here is already as good as the quality of education provided at the University of Virginia or Washington and Lee or at William and Mary, three of our obvious peers. However, in the national rankings, the University of Richmond occupies the second tier rather than the first tier where those three schools are ranked."

"We can criticize the methodology of rankings," he says. "We might wish they did not exist but they do exist, and they affect the quality of applicants, the job prospects of graduates, the recruiting of faculty and so forth. So I've met with the faculty and we've discussed this and reached a consensus that we want to move into that top tier within five years."

"That's our goal — to be recognized among the best 50 law schools in America. We think we are already deserving of that rank in terms of quality but we have a lot to do to convince the rest of the country that we're as good as people in Virginia already know we are. I'm talking about reputation catching up with reality."

TO ACCOMPLISH that goal, Dean Pagan outlines four areas of emphasis.

First, "We will continue to do a good job of training lawyers in practice skills. T.C. Williams is noted for that — trial advocacy, negotiation, counseling. That will continue to be a strength."

Second, he says he would like to raise the school's reputation among legal academics.

"That means our faculty writing for a larger audience, publishing in the prestigious national law journals, taking leadership positions in professional organizations," he says. "We have the quality here but we must let the rest of the country know about it."

Third, the law school must take advantage of its leadership status in technology, he says. "We are already ahead of most law schools in terms of technology and we want to take full advantage of that."

Fourth, and perhaps most dramatically, he calls for globalization of the curriculum.

"It's no longer enough for people to receive the kind of education I received at Harvard in the 1970s, where I essentially learned only American
law. The world is shrinking. Lawyers represent clients with business interests around the world, so it's essential to have at least a basic understanding of the world's great legal systems,” he says.

“I want to expand the perspectives of students by integrating comparative concepts into the main curriculum and by bringing in some visiting foreign professors. I'd like to see us create a master's program aimed at foreign graduate students to try to internationalize our community, and I'd like to increase opportunities for our American students to study abroad in the summer and on exchange programs.”

Law practice in the 21st century is going to require interdisciplinary education, he says. “It's going to be multicultural; it's going to be transnational. Lawyers are going to need a good understanding of economics. They're going to have to have a good understanding of the cultural underpinnings of law.

“Law isn't just a set of rules existing in a vacuum,” he says. “Particularly if you're doing business abroad, you have to understand the cultural context.”

Toward achieving these goals, Dean Pagan says he would like for the law school to take better advantage of resources available elsewhere in the University, and he hopes the rest of the University will feel comfortable taking advantage of resources the law school provides.

“There's no question I'd like to see more cooperative programs.”

“We're very excited at this prospect,” Pagan says.

TO THOSE who might be concerned that Dean Pagan will bring too much change to the school, he says, “I will begin every conversation about the law school by saying first that we intend to enhance the already strong practice skills program that we have.

“I am a believer in and supporter of clinical legal education, as well as the externship program here,” he says. “We have had outstanding success in moot court competitions and I want us to continue to have a nationally recognized moot court team.

“We want to continue doing well all the things that traditionally have been associated with excellence in law practice.

“But then I will go on to say to you that we're just a few years away from the 21st century and the kind of law that will be practiced in the 21st century will, in some ways, be different, and we would be doing a disservice to our students if we did not get them ready for what they are going to face.

“Our students today will be practicing law in the year 2030. They need to be comfortable with technology and they need to be prepared to represent clients outside the United States.

“We're not going to neglect evidence and wills and all the important traditional things, but we are going to teach a lot more,” he says.

“I've had the good fortune to study at excellent places - William and Mary, Harvard Law School, Oxford,” he says. “I think I know what excellence is. I recognize many aspects of excellence in T.C. Williams but I also see the tremendous potential the school has.

“We want to realize that potential.”

Pagan says his long-time ties to Virginia (he has fraternity brothers and former students at several of the state's most prominent firms, and his doctoral thesis is titled, “Law and Society in Restoration Virginia”) and the rising reputation of the T.C. Williams School of Law made the dean's post here appealing.

“I was aware of the University and the innovative programs going on here and I saw this as a wonderful opportunity,” he says.

Pagan says he has been most impressed by the sense of community that pervades the law school, and by the enthusiasm students, alumni, faculty and staff have for it.

“I've met people who are the second generation here, and where you have those kinds of family links, where you have such strong community support, such a rich heritage, it makes for an exciting law school and I think, a comfortable law school,” he says.

“For many people law school is an intimidating and unpleasant experience. I have a sense that here it is intellectually challenging but it's also fun.”

Walker, a Richmond-area free-lance writer, covered the courts and law-related issues for the Richmond Times-Dispatch for five years.
Admiralty lawyer J.L. Morewitz, L’16, helped save refugees from Nazism

BY EDWARD R. CREWS

Hilmar Wolf slid down a rope hanging off the S.S. Quanza and jumped into the waters of Hampton Roads. In the dark, he began swimming for Old Point Comfort and freedom.

The 25-year-old German Jew was determined that he would not be forced to return to Nazi-occupied Europe. Like the other refugees aboard the ship, he had sailed from Lisbon, Portugal, in August 1940. The passengers believed they would find sanctuary in either North or South America, but their hopes were dashed at port after port. Now, the Quanza was preparing to refuel and return to Europe.

Wolf dove into the water at 3 a.m. on Sept. 11. When he came ashore about two hours later, he was captured by a guard at Fort Monroe and eventually was returned to the Quanza.

“It was a case in which we would have been happy to give assistance, but we were powerless,” an anonymous army officer told reporters.

Quanza passengers and many sympathetic Americans may have felt powerless, but, fortunately for the refugees, Jacob L. Morewitz did not.

Morewitz was an admiralty lawyer in Newport News. Born in Baltimore in 1896 and raised in Tidewater Virginia, Morewitz attended Maury High School and then came to the University of Richmond to study at the T.C. Williams School of Law. He graduated in 1916, having passed the state bar in his junior year. While at the University, Morewitz gained a reputation as an outstanding student.

“Keen of brain, he is always ready to get into an argument on some mooted question of law. He is never bluffed by a Prof. and sometimes in his arguments with them he comes out on top,” the 1916 yearbook reported. “He is possessed of a nineteen-carat brain and that invaluable ability to sit down and stick to it.”

Morewitz joined the U.S. Navy soon after graduation and served in World War I. After the war, he opened a law firm in Newport News and settled down into a comfortable married life with his wife, Sallie Rome, who had studied law at the College of William and Mary. In 1930 she passed the bar — the first woman student from William and Mary to have done so — and joined her husband’s firm, Morewitz & Morewitz.

In the 1930s Morewitz served a term as president of Rodef Sholom Temple in Newport News and was briefly at the Maritime Administration in Washington, D.C., as an assistant general counsel.

Meanwhile in Europe, Germany had started World War II in September 1939 by invading Poland. After subduing the Poles, the Nazis went on to conquer Denmark, Belgium, Norway, Holland and finally France in spring 1940. Great Britain then stood alone and was subjected to a fierce Nazi bombing offensive in summer 1940.
Thousands of refugees — Jews and those of other faiths — were clamoring to leave Europe as they encountered policies that eventually led to the Holocaust and the deaths of millions in concentration camps. Fleeing Europe was extremely difficult. Refugees needed to reach a neutral country where they could obtain transportation overseas. On Aug. 9, 1940, 317 people were lucky enough to get aboard the S.S. Quanza bound for ports in North and South America. On Aug. 19 the ship reached New York, where almost 200 passengers holding American visas disembarked to start new lives.

The remaining passengers supposedly had transit papers allowing them to enter Mexico. However, when Quanza docked at Vera Cruz, only a few refugees were allowed off. The Quanza's captain left Mexico and headed to Hampton Roads to take on coal to return to Europe.

On Sept. 11, the day Wolf made his futile bid for freedom, Quanza put in at Coal Pier 2, Norfolk. Captain Alberto Habert planned to leave at 9 p.m.; in accordance with a U.S. Immigration detention order, he ordered passengers and crew to stay aboard and hired private security guards. Attorneys were not, at first, permitted to come aboard to see their clients.

One of those lawyers was J.L. Morewitz. He had been contacted by Ralph Josephson, a New York businessman who was trying to help the Rand family on board Quanza. Morewitz agreed to assist.

While other attorneys filed habeas corpus petitions, Morewitz filed a $100,000 federal lawsuit, claiming the shipowner had violated a contractual agreement to land the Rands in Vera Cruz. Later he also argued to the court that the captain and Immigration had violated the Roxen doctrine, which mandates shore leave for foreign seamen in U.S. ports. (Morewitz had been the attorney for the seamen in the landmark Roxen case, which began in 1924-25.)

Morewitz hoped to delay the ship's departure and buy time for refugee advocates to pressure government officials to allow the passengers to disembark. His plan worked. The vessel was indeed delayed while the ship's Norfolk agent wired Lisbon for money for a $5,000 bond set by the court and also by the fact that testimony of the ship's officers was scheduled to be taken on Sept. 16.

Even with the delay, refugee groups were not guaranteed a victory for the Quanza passengers. Prior to entering World War II, American opinion on immigration policy was tilted to the side of isolationism and the contention that foreigners would be taking jobs of Americans. There was also anti-Semitism.

Support for the passengers, however, did begin to build, fueled by vigorous media coverage. Norfolk journalists reported the fear the refugees felt about returning to Europe as well as pitiful scenes of family separation.

The Roosevelt Administration was pressured by a number of people to intervene, including the president's wife, Eleanor Roosevelt. A task force was set up and a member of the President's Advisory Committee on Political Refugees, Patrick Murphy Malin, (later a founder of the American Civil Liberties Union) was sent to Norfolk to review the status of the passengers.

Eventually, the government decided that they were bona fide political refugees and could land, temporarily. Once here, none were forced to return to wartime Europe and most became naturalized citizens.

After the Quanza incident, Morewitz continued to practice admiralty law. In 1962 he argued the landmark Supreme Court case, Vaughan v. Atkinson, in which Seaman Clifford Vaughan wound up on the winning side. Morewitz died in 1983.

The actions of J.L. Morewitz during the summer of 1940 remain an outstanding example of humanitarianism and skillful use of the law in a worthy cause. Judge Luther B. Way recognized Morewitz's role in the drama when he wrote that without the initial lawsuit "that vessel would very probably have left the jurisdiction." The Quanza's 80 passengers were given an invaluable second chance at safe, productive lives, thanks to Morewitz's quick thinking and vigorous advocacy.

Edward R. Crews is a Richmond-area freelance writer.
David Brennen entered his first law class in 1988 and hasn’t left law school since. The law school’s newest assistant professor knew from the beginning of his career that he wanted to practice in the classroom after spending time in the courtroom. “I like helping other folks understand the law,” the 30-year-old Brennen says. “I attempt to demystify the law. A lot of times people attempt to make it seem more complicated than it is.” Many would say that’s an understatement when it comes to Brennen’s field of tax law.

While most look at tax law as a tangled mess of numbers and regulations, Brennen prefers to concentrate on the social aspects of the law. “I like to talk about the social goals that are intertwined with tax law,” he says. “In all of my courses I try to put an emphasis on what segment of society is being helped or hurt by the tax provision we are dealing with.”

Brennen attended Florida Atlantic University as an undergraduate, majoring in finance. He graduated from University of Florida College of Law in 1991, and received his master of law in taxation degree from the same school in 1994.

He arrived in Richmond this June after teaching taxation at Syracuse University College of Law since 1995. He also has worked as an adjunct tax law professor at Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University, School of Business & Industry, and taught torts and briefing as a student teaching assistant while in law school.

At Richmond, Brennen will teach State and Local Government Taxation & Finance; Federal Taxation of Tax-Exempt Organizations; Federal Income Taxation; and International Taxation.

Brennen, a husband and the father of two boys, likes to engage his students in debates over the ramifications of tax laws. “For example, in my basic tax law course, we look at a single woman with no kids versus a single woman with two kids and try to figure out the effect of a flat tax and a progressive tax on each,” he explains. “It’s discussion of issues like that that makes laws seem more significant.”

As assistant general counsel with Florida’s Department of Revenue from 1994 to 1995, Brennen worked as a liaison between the Department of Revenue and its litigation attorneys in the office of the attorney general.

“I was brought into the department to be a policy guide in the general counsel’s office,” he explains. “My job was to make sure the attorney general’s litigation strategy followed what the Department of Revenue wanted to achieve on behalf of the state of Florida.”

Brennen observed from the inside out how a state agency works, an experience that helped broaden his understanding of tax laws. “I started to understand that laws are passed by people and that sometimes people make mistakes,” he says. “That’s why there are lawyers.”

While working on his LL.M., Brennen worked as an associate attorney with the Tallahassee law firm of Messer, Vickers, Caparello, Madsen, Lewis, Goldman & Metz, P.A., focusing on insurance defense and tax litigation.

Although he’s packed a lot of experience into his 30 years, Brennen considers his latest position to be his “dream job.” He first interviewed with the University of Richmond’s law school in 1993, but the school hired an environmental law professor instead.

When a member of UR’s 1993 hiring committee called Brennen this winter, he immediately asked when and where he should report. “Starting in 1993, I was totally impressed with the school,” he says. “It sounded like a very progressive school in terms of the education process. I’m as happy as I can be to be here.”

Brennen hopes one day to be able to help the people he teaches about. “I want to use what I’ve learned in the university environment to help the people I talk about,” he says. “I want to be the person charities and underrepresented groups or individuals can call on to ask how they should structure a transaction to best comply with the tax laws or how they can work to change the tax law.”
Professor Michael Allan Wolf's most recent publications include "The Supreme Court in United States History: A New Appraisal," 1996 Journal of Supreme Court History, vol. 2, at 161; and "Euclid at Three Score Years and Ten: Is This the Twilight of Environmental and Land-Use Regulation?" 30 University of Richmond Law Review 961 (1996).

In June, the spring 1997 issue of Wolf's EZ Gazette was published online. It can be found at www.richmond.edu/~ezproj/news2.htm.

Professor Michael J. Herbert's book, Property Interests in Bankruptcy, has been published by West Publishing Co.

In March, the University of Richmond's Board of Trustees approved the promotion of Joel B. Eisen to associate professor of law. Eisen is the coordinating faculty member for the visiting professors of the George E. Allen Chair in Law for spring 1998.

Beverly Boone, director of career services, was appointed chair of the nominating committee for the National Association for Law Placement at its 1997 annual meeting March 14 in Atlanta. Boone also co-authored the brochure, "Ethics and Employment: A Guide for Law Students," which was published by NALP and will be distributed to students at law schools across the country.

In January, Peter Nash Swisher was elected chair of the Insurance Law Section of the Association of American Law Schools. That same month a family law treatise that he co-authored with James Ray Cottrell, L.77, and Lawrence D. Diehl, entitled Virginia Family Law: Theory and Practice (second edition, 1997), was published by the Harrison Co.


Ann C. Hodges' article "The Age Discrimination in Employment Act at Thirty" was published in the 1997 issue of Education and Practice, published by the Section on Education of Lawyers of the Virginia State Bar. She also published an article on the Americans with Disabilities Act in the March 1997 issue of R&Ms, the Richmond Academy of Medicine newsletter.

Hodges spoke on "The Americans with Disabilities Act: The 10 Most Common Disabilities and How to Accommodate Them" at the Personnel Law Update of the Council on Education in Management. She also spoke about the Legal Information Network for Cancer at the American Business Women's Association and moderated a panel in February at the University of Richmond Law Review's symposium celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Age Discrimination in Employment Act.

Margaret Ivey Bacigal has been promoted to associate clinical professor of law.

Robert E. Shepherd Jr. delivered the keynote address at the opening of the 24th National Conference on Juvenile Justice March 10 in Reno, Nev. It was the world's largest annual meeting on juvenile justice. Shepherd's address, "Doing Justice to Juvenile Justice," was attended by 1,300 judges, prosecutors, defense lawyers, child welfare workers, law enforcement personnel and educators.

The Richmond City Council elected Shepherd to serve on the Court Advisory Council for the Richmond Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.


"Plain Meaning, the Tax Code, and Doctrinal Incoherence," by Mary L. Heen was published in the Hastings Law Journal, Vol. 48, No. 4. Her article "Welfare Reform, Work-Related Child Care, and Tax Policy: The 'Family Values' Double Standard" appears online in Perspectives on the Law and the Public Interest, Vol. II, No. 2. In addition, Heen served as "important developments" editor for the annual report of the ABA Section on Taxation Committee on Environmental Taxes published in the 1997 issue of The Tax Lawyer.

Paul J. Zwier was a team leader in the National Institute for Trial Advocacy's Southeast Regional Trial Advocacy Program May 29-June 4. He then traveled to Puerto Rico to conduct a three-day trial advocacy program and to Boulder, Colo., in July where he was a team leader at NITA's national program.

In addition to numerous lectures at universities, law firms and conferences throughout the United States this year, Azizah Y. al-Hibri discussed conflict resolution approaches at the Judicial Conference for Washington D.C. in June.

Al-Hibri participated in two sessions of Bill Moyers' "GENESIS" program on public television last fall and has been interviewed by CNN, National Public Radio and others about her role in the program. An article in Time magazine referred to her part in "GENESIS" and she has contributed to two books resulting from "GENESIS."

Second 1870 Society Dinner held at Modlin Center

At the second annual 1870 Society Dinner April 26, 90 alumni and friends of the T.C. Williams School of Law gathered in the Robins Courtyard and the Frederick Rehearsal Hall of the Modlin Center for the Arts. They heard Rep. Virgil H. Goode Jr., R'69, tell what it's like to be a newly-elected member of the U.S. House of Representatives from the 5th District of Virginia.

The 1870 Society is named for the date of the founding of the T.C. Williams School of Law as a department of Richmond College. Members of the society give $1,000 or more to the law school.

Scenes from the 1870 Dinner:
1 Robert F. Ripley Jr., R'66 and L'69; Lucy Goode and the Hon. Virgil H. Goode Jr., R'69; and Lynn Ripley
2 R. Clayton Allen and Amelie Allen with Wilbur Allen
3 Acting Dean Daniel T. Murphy; Debbie Shroader; and J. Thompson Shroader, R'75 and L'80
4 Bob and Lynn Ripley
5 Russell C. Williams, L'84; Catherine E. Nash, L'85; and Greg Sergienko, visiting assistant professor of law
LeCuyer named director of development and alumni

Nancy LeCuyer has been selected as the director of development and alumni at the T.C. Williams School of Law. As director, LeCuyer will work to promote closer ties between the law school and alumni, law firms, and the corporate community.

"I see building and maintaining strong ties with alumni as the most important part of my job," LeCuyer says. "The T.C. Williams alumni are ambassadors of the school. They are not only making gifts to support the school, they are also out there making an impact in the community; they are encouraging prospective students to apply; they are volunteering here."

LeCuyer also will be focusing her attention — and, she hopes, the attention of alumni — on increasing the number of and availability of scholarships.

"As the financial demands on tuition increase, we need to meet those demands in the form of more scholarships. In addition to having more scholarships available, we want to help those students who earn first-year scholarships retain them for the second and third years of law school," she says. "Strong support from our alumni, our ambassadors, will help make this possible."

LeCuyer comes to the University of Richmond after five years as the director of annual giving at her alma mater, Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Va. As director she designed, organized and executed the school's annual giving program. In each year of her tenure at Randolph-Macon, the annual giving goal was surpassed, with the 1994-95 annual fund total setting a school record.

While at Randolph-Macon LeCuyer also was involved with the school's $41.5 million capital campaign, which to date has reached 85 percent of its goal.

A member of the Virginia Association of Fund Raising Executives, LeCuyer also is the membership director of the Richmond-First Club. She is a volunteer with Stop Child Abuse Now and the Campaign to Preserve Hanover Tavern.

LeCuyer succeeds Diane Brust, who served five years as director of alumni/development for the law school. Brust has joined the development staff at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine at Wake Forest University.

—Mary Fehm Gravely, W'88

Law School Association plans new initiatives

This summer brings exciting change to the law school in the form of two new faces which will loom large in the life of the Law School Association.

As reported in this issue of Richmond Law, John Pagan has joined the University as the law school's new dean. Dean Pagan comes to us from New York University and brings with him an extraordinary academic and professional record. Those alumni who had an opportunity to meet John prior to his appointment were universally impressed and we look forward with great anticipation to working with him in the years to come.

Also arriving at the law school this summer was Nancy LeCuyer as our new director of development and alumni. Nancy came to us from Randolph-Macon College with great energy and enthusiasm and a wealth of experience in alumni affairs and fund raising.

As we welcome John and Nancy, it is appropriate that we recognize and thank the individuals whose shoes they fill. Diane Brust provided outstanding service during the last five years as the law school's alumni and development director and made the jobs of those of us involved with the Law School Association much, much easier.

And finally, Dan Murphy has again provided extraordinary leadership to the law school during his second tour of duty as our acting dean. All alumni of the law school, indeed all members of the law school community, owe him a great debt of gratitude.

The association board of directors met in special session in February and then again at our regular spring meeting in May. During those meetings, we continued to work on new initiatives to help bring together the various components of our

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Alumni named to the bench

Conradations to the T.C. Williams alumni who were named judges in Virginia this year:

Hon. James A. Cales Jr., R’65 and L’68
3rd Judicial Circuit
Portsmouth Circuit Court

Hon. Thomas B. Hoover, R’74 and L’77
18th Judicial Circuit
Alexandria Circuit Court

Hon. Jonathan M. Apgar, R’72 and L’76
23rd Judicial Circuit
Roanoke Circuit Court

Hon. Morton V. Whitlow, B’69 and L’72
3rd Judicial Circuit
Portsmouth General District Court

Hon. James B. Robeson, L’66
31st Judicial District
Manassas Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court

Put your personality type to work for the law school

If you have taken the Myers-Briggs Personality Assessment and know your type, we need your help.

The career services office in the law school has been offering the MBTI® to interested law students. In the spring, the office conducted a workshop in which a small group of students took the inventory and then received career counseling. The students enjoyed the program and recommended it to their fellow classmates. As more students have taken the assessment, the question keeps coming up, “So, what type of law do those with my type enter?”

That’s where alumni can help. The career services office plans to compile a list of attorneys who can “type talk” with students about how their personality types have affected their careers. They would like to have names of alumni who are willing to discuss their types with students either on an individual basis or as panelists.

If you are interested in participating, call career counselor Dorothy Werkmeister at (804) 289-8638 or send e-mail to her at werkmeister@uofrlaw.richmond.edu.

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Katrin Belenky Colamarino, L'76, lectured on the laws affecting financial transactions on the Internet at the Computer Law Association's First Annual Cyberspace Camp in San Jose, Calif., in March. In February she spoke on "Electronic Commerce in the Age of Convergence" at the CLE-International Computer Law & the Internet meeting in Atlanta. Colamarino is the vice president and chief technology counsel-global relationship banking at Citibank in New York. She has been in charge of all technology law and intellectual property matters for the bank's corporate sector for the past six years. Colamarino is a resident of New York City.

Harland L. "Hal" Miller III, L'83, of Burlington, Vt., participated in a commercial law seminar in Petrozavodsk, Karelia, Russia, as part of the Vermont/Karelia Rule of Law Project. Attending were more than 250 participants: lawyers, law professors and students from northwest Russia, and judges from the Russian commercial courts. Miller participated in two presentations during the two-and-a-half day seminar, speaking on the importance of recording systems, securing commercial transactions, and mortgages. He is an attorney for First American Title Insurance Co. in Burlington.

Victor Narro, L'91, is working with civil rights leaders in Los Angeles to create the Los Angeles Civil Rights Consortium, a coalition of community leaders who will educate the public on pressing issues affecting the civil rights of minorities, women and the disabled who live in Los Angeles County. He also is serving a three-year term on the board of directors of the Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice, a non-profit organization providing free legal services for low-income residents in the area. A resident of West Los Angeles, Narro is a 1996 graduate of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund South Central School of Leadership.
James B. Wilkinson, L’52, has been elected secretary of the board of the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center at Richmond Inc.

James C. Roberts, L’57, was named in The Best Lawyers in America, 1997-98. He is an attorney with Mays & Valentine.

Joseph B. Benedetti, L’59, is the Republican leader of the Virginia State Senate.

Dr. Walter S. Griggs, R’63, L’66 and G’71, of Richmond, received the Distinguished Teaching Award from the VCU School of Business.

Shockley D. “Hap” Gardner, L’65, is executive director of the Virginia Resources Authority. He was elected to the board of trustees at Elk Hill Farm, a residential care center for troubled young men in Goochland County, Va.

The Hon. James B. Robeson, L’66, of Nokesville, Va., has been elected a judge for the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court for the 31st Judicial District of Va. See p. 18.

Anthony Troy, L’66, was named in The Best Lawyers in America, 1997-98. He is an attorney with Mays & Valentine.


Charles H. Gardner, L’68, has joined Anderson & Strudwick Inc. as an account executive.

Eugene M. Desvernine, L’69, was named vice president of transportation for Reynolds Metals Co. He joined Reynolds in 1980 and had been a corporate vice president since 1994.

Mike Rigsby, L’69, has been elected chairman of the board of trustees for Commonwealth Catholic Charities.

Robert N. Baldwin, L’70, of Richmond, was reappointed by President Clinton to the board of the State Judiciary Institute. He is an administrator for the Supreme Court of Virginia.

Virginia H. Hackney, L’70, of Hunton & Williams, was elected to the board of Virginia Blood Services.

William Grogan, L’71, of Grogan & Ayers, is a vice president of the Richmond chapter of the Federal Bar Association.

Harold E. Starke Jr., L’71, was elected a Fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel. A partner at Mays & Valentine, he was named in The Best Lawyers in America, 1997-98.

Edward D. Barnes, L’72, of Barnes & Batzli, has been elected secretary-treasurer of the Metro Family Law Bar Association.

Cordell M. Parvin, L’72, is a shareholder with Jenkins & Gilchrist in Dallas. His practice concentrates in construction and government contracts law.

Charles F. Witthoefft, L’72, was recently appointed to the board of directors at the firm of Hirschler, Fleischer, Weinberg, Cox & Allen.

Fred W. Palmore, L’73, an attorney with Mays & Valentine, was named in The Best Lawyers in America, 1997-98.

Richard C. Beale, L’74, a partner with Christian & Barton, is president-elect for the Virginia Beach, Va., Bar Association.


Kenneth W. Thorson, L’75, is a director in the government relations department at Mezzullo & McCandlish. He was elected to the board of the Richmond Better Housing Coalition.

The Hon. Jonathan Apgar, R’72 and L’76, of Roanoke, Va., in March was sworn in as a judge in the 23rd Circuit which includes Roanoke, Roanoke County and Salem, Va. See p. 18.

Karin Belyen Colamarino, L’76. See p. 19.

Theodore L. Chandler Jr., L’77, is with the law firm of Williams, Mullen, Christian & Dobbsin.

J.P. Massey, L’77, is a partner with the firm of Cooper, Spong and Davis in Norfolk, Va. He was elected chairman of the Industrial Development Authority for the city of Norfolk and was appointed to the board of directors of the Hampton Roads, Va., Economic Development Alliance.
Wade W. Massie, L'77, an attorney with PennStuart, is a member of the Virginia Bar Association's executive committee.

John C. Shea, R'64 and L'77, of Marks & Harrison, is a vice president of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association.

Fred R. Kozak, L'78, is a principal at Maloney, Barr & Huennekens.

Brian E. Moran, L'78, was elected a partner of Robinson and Cole in Stamford, Conn. His practice is concentrated in the areas of intellectual property law, antitrust law and employment litigation.

Bruce E. Robinson, L'78, a colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve, was named assistant division commander of the 80th Division, Institutional Training. He was formerly commander of the 7th Brigade, training support, in Salem, Va. He is an attorney in general practice in South Hill, Va. He and his wife, Daisy, have a son and three daughters.

GRAYBEAL RETIRES FROM THE BENCH

Upon returning from active duty in the Korean War with the U.S. Navy, John Patrick Graybeal, R'52 and L'58, stopped by the T.C. Williams School of Law and asked the dean if he could attend. “School had already started, but he said I could start Monday if I promised not to miss any classes,” Graybeal recalls with a laugh. “They didn’t even have a copy of my transcript.”

The University was hardly taking a chance. This past April, Graybeal retired from a distinguished 40-year law career, including a 25-year stint as Montgomery County, Va., commonwealth’s attorney. Graybeal most recently served as a judge for the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court for the 27th Judicial District.

Graybeal, who studied music as an undergraduate, was encouraged to pursue a law career by an older brother who was a lawyer. He opened his own practice in Christiansburg, Va., upon graduation, and in 1964 was appointed commonwealth’s attorney when the previous prosecutor died while in office.

“I lost 20 pounds that first year,” he remembers. “I got flogged pretty good by the older lawyers who had been practicing for longer than I had been alive.” Graybeal was elected for six more terms.

Although he prosecuted thousands of cases, Graybeal is perhaps best known for another reason. In 1973, a bomb exploded outside his home, injuring him and leading to the amputation of both his hands. Frank H. DeWease, whom Graybeal had prosecuted for murder four years earlier, was charged in the attack which occurred six days after he got out of prison.

“It doesn’t bother me that I will probably always be known for the explosion, but I would like to be remembered for something else,” Graybeal says. “I hope I’ll be remembered for trying to treat everyone with dignity and respect in the courtroom no matter who they were or why they were there.”

The attack hardly deterred Graybeal. “It didn’t change my view of why I was in the courtroom and what I was doing,” he says.

In 1989, Graybeal left the commonwealth’s attorney’s office for the bench. “I thought it would give me an opportunity to work with young people and families and bring about some results,” he says. “I tried to develop a sense of responsibility and some hope for the future in all their cases.”

In retirement, Judge Graybeal plans to travel with his wife, Jill Elizabeth Breinig Lobach, W'52, and spend time with his two adult daughters. He has also given some thought to writing a book and says he already misses the courtroom.

“I tried a lot of the same charges and a lot of the same defendants, but I never tried the same case twice,” he says. “It was always a learning experience.”

- Jessica Ronky Haddad, AW'93
H. Franklin Taylor III, L'78, participated in the ceremonial first pitch in the 1996 Olympic Summer Games softball competition in Columbus, Ga.

David L. House, L'79, has been named associate general counsel of Ashland Inc.

Steve E. Baril, L'80, and his wife, Mary, had a son, Stephen Dalton, on Feb. 26, 1997.

Earl H. McClenny, L'80, is on the advisory committee of the Virginia Institute of Government.

John P. Rowley III, L'80, has been appointed as the general counsel to the House Government Reform and Oversight Committee, which is investigating alleged fund-raising abuses during the last presidential campaign.

Richard L. Sisisky, L'80, is on the board of governors of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

John R. Walk, L'80, was appointed to the new board of directors at Hirschler, Fleischer, Weinberg, Cox & Allen.

Martha Post Baxter, L'81, a partner with Bricker & Eckler, has been named in The Best Lawyers in America, 1997-98.

John M. Carter, L'81, was elected senior vice president, law and employee relations, at Lawyers Title Insurance Corp.

Herbert A. Claiborne III, L'81, of Richmond, was named to the new advisory committee of the Richmond Local Initiatives Support Corp. He is with Carpenter Co.

James P. Crosby, L'81, is president of the northern Ohio chapter of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties.

Frank D. Hargrove Jr., L'81, of Hargrove Insurance Agency Inc. in Glen Allen, Va., earned the certified insurance counselor professional designation from the Professional Insurance Agents Association of Virginia and the District of Columbia, and the Society of Certified Insurance Counselors.

Gail D. Jaspens, L'81, has joined Hazel & Thomas as counsel in the firm's Richmond office. Her practice will focus on insurance regulation, public utility matters and health care law.

Linda F. Rigsby, L'81, is corporate secretary, deputy general counsel and senior vice president at Crestar Bank.

Sally Unger, L'81, is a partner in the Manhattan, N.Y., firm of Kossoff, Alper & Unger. She specializes in real estate litigation.

Michael HuYoung, L'82, is an associate with Sands, Anderson, Marks & Miller, where she specializes in education law.

John D. Whitlock, L'82, has been elected chairman of the Better Business Bureau of Central Virginia.

Kenneth J. Alcott, B'77 and L'83, is a participant in Leadership Metro Richmond, a community leadership development program. He is with the law firm of Hunton & Williams.

John C. Ivins Jr., L'83, is a participant in Leadership Metro Richmond, a community leadership development program. He is with the law firm of Hirschler, Fleischer, Weinberg, Cox & Allen.


David R. Ruby, L'83, was elected president of Temple Beth-El in Richmond. He is a principal at McSweeney, Burd & Crump, where he practices bankruptcy, business and tax law.

Patrick O. Gottschalk, L'84, is a partner at Cantor Arkema & Edmonds.

Donna D. Lange, L'84, was elected vice president of Prison Family Support Services Inc. She works for The Reciprocal Group in Richmond.

Robert M. Marshall, L'84, is a partner at Waters, McPherson, McNeill. His practice focuses on bankruptcy, commercial litigation and corporate matters.

David J. Pierce, L'84, has opened Pierce & Thornton PLC, which emphasizes plaintiffs' medical malpractice and general personal injury litigation, products liability, construction and commercial litigation.

Richard Tyler McGrath, L'85, has been elected president of the board of the Scottish Rite Childhood Language Center at Richmond Inc.

Bonnie Salzman, L'85, has recently opened Salzman Mediation Services in Richmond. The company will offer mediation and dispute resolution services.

Paul Georgiadis, L'86, started his own practice focusing on civil litigation, adoptions and immigration and on risk management for the bars of Virginia, Tennessee, Arizona, New Mexico and Hawaii.

Steven J. Keeler, L'86, and his wife Lisa had a baby girl, Frances McCauley Keeler, born Sept. 27, 1996. Steve is a member of the Fan Free Clinic Inc.

Karen Lebo, L'86, has been elected chairman for the advisory council of the Virginia Treatment Center for Children.

Mary Burkey Owens, L'86, of Cowan & Owen, has been elected president of the Metro Family Law Bar Association.

Marguerite R. Ruby, L'86, is a partner with Hunton & Williams in Richmond.

David E. Durrett, L'87, has joined the staff of Jay Tronfeld & Associates, where he practices plaintiff personal injury law.

Diane Miller Lowder, W'84 and L'87, has been named director of planned giving for the University of Richmond.

Tori C. Miles, L'87, is an in-house attorney for Circuit City Stores Inc.
Elizabeth E. Stanulis Skilling, L'87, is a partner at Harman, Claytor, Corrigan & Wellman in Richmond. She concentrates in products liability and insurance coverage matters.

W. Bradford Stallard, L'87, is an officer and director of the law firm of Penn, Stuart & Eskridge.

Thamer E. "Chip" Temple III, L'87, of McSweeney, Burtch & Crump, serves as volunteer legal counsel and as a member of the board of directors for the American Heart Association.

Stanley P. Wellman, L'87, a partner at Herman, Claytor, Corrigan & Wellman, and his wife Mary Lou, celebrated the birth of Samuel Patrick on April 13, 1997. Samuel joins brother Matthew, 8, and sister Sarah, 5.

Jeffry Burden, L'88, is an associate with the firm of Conway and Nance.

James A. Leftwich Jr., L'88, is a fellow of the Virginia Institute of Political Leadership at the University of Virginia. He is a partner with the firm of Basnight, Wright, Kinser, Telfeyan & Leftwich, PC.

Sharon Maitland Moon, L'88, is a mem-

ALUMNI PROFILE

O' DONNELL TOUCHES CHILDREN'S LIVES

She was the first public defender appointed to Richmond Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, and became chief judge of the same court at age 34, but the Hon. Kimberly B. O'Donnell, L'85, says her greatest accomplishment has nothing to do with her work.

"I have a wonderful relationship with my family and the best friends anyone could ever have," she says. "The greatest career accomplishment I have is that somehow I've always managed to keep a balance."

Balance is important to O'Donnell, who, after working as a public defender for seven-and-a-half years, crossed over to the prosecuting side. "I had spent my life trying to convince prosecutors to do the right thing — to have some balance," she says. "Finally I was in a position where I could relate to people on the other side."

Although she worked as a prosecutor for only nine months, O'Donnell says the experience was invaluable to her career.

"Working in the commonwealth attorney's office has really helped me as a judge," she says. "If I hadn't prosecuted I'm not sure that the legal community and law enforcement communities would have accepted me as they have."

O'Donnell worked for a private practice after graduation, but felt something was missing. In law school she had enjoyed working with the youth advocacy clinic. An interview with Richmond's new public defender's office in 1986 changed her life.

"During the interview I was asked how I would feel about defending children," she says. "I walked out of there saying, 'Finally, I've found my life's path.' Working with kids is meaningful and hopeful. You have the opportunity to really make a difference."

Now, as judge, O'Donnell has even more authority to touch young lives. She must often make difficult decisions — deciding where children will live, or how often they can see their mothers.

In 1994, O'Donnell received a master's degree in pastoral studies from Loyola University. "I became interested in that program because of a strong need to make sense of what I encountered," she says. "It was important to me to have the best understanding I could of why bad things happen to good people."

O'Donnell, who just ended a two-year term as chief judge, says she would someday like to teach. "When I went through the [application] process, people said I was going to be a judge for a very, very long time," she says. "But there's nothing that says I have to do this until I'm 65. I will stay here as long as I think I can do the job with freshness and enthusiasm."

- Jessica Ronky Haddad, AW'93
ber of Leadership Metro Richmond, a community leadership development program. She is with the firm of LeClair Ryan.

Kimberly A. Pinchbeck, B'85, L'88 and GB'88, a partner in the Richmond firm of Taylor, Hazen & Kauffman, has been appointed by the Richmond Circuit Court as deputy commissioner of accounts for Richmond's Manchester Division.

Linda Mallory Berry, L'89, was promoted to senior assistant public defender in the Richmond Office of the Public Defender.

Michele S. Lewane, L'89, married Robert C. Busch on Feb. 17, 1996.

Neil Lowenstein, L'89, has been named a partner in the law firm of Vandeventer, Black, Meredith & Martin, LLP.

Elizabeth Butterworth Stutts, L'89, is the co-chairperson of the Young Lawyers for the Arts and Nonprofits Committee of the Virginia Bar Association.

John L. Walker III, L'89, has been elected to serve on the executive committee for the Virginia Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division. He is a shareholder in the Richmond firm of Williams, Mullen, Christian & Dobbins.

Russell R. Johnson III, L'90, is a member in the Commercial Law League of America, an organization of bankruptcy and commercial law professionals who are invited to provide expert testimony before congressional committees and other agencies.

Thomas Lambert, L'90, is an assistant attorney general for the Commonwealth of Virginia in the financial investigations and money laundering unit. He and his wife, Marsha Bailey Lambert, L'91, have a daughter, Paige Elizabeth, born on Oct. 29, 1996.

Thomas Lambert, L'90, was elected vice president of the Virginia Environmental Council. She works at Circle Safety & Health Consultants.

W. Scott Johnson, R'88 and L'91, an attorney with Crews and Hancock, practices medical malpractice defense law and lobbies for the Virginia General Assembly. He and his wife, Sharon Romaine Johnson, B'89, have two daughters, Amanda and Sarah.

Marsha Bailey Lambert, L'91, is a special counsel with the Department of Child Support Enforcement. She and her husband, Thomas J. Lambert, L'90, have a daughter Paige Elizabeth, born Oct. 29, 1996.


Linda G. Willis, L'91, has opened a private practice in Bedford, Va., where she practices criminal, bankruptcy, real estate, personal injury and domestic law.

Vernon C. Howerton Jr., L'92, is an associate with Jenkens & Gilchrist in Dallas. His practice concentrates in construction and government contracts law.

Scott I. Bemberis, R'89 and L'93, a general practice attorney with Jennings & Jennings, and Stephanie E. Grana, W'90 and L'93, an attorney specializing in medical and hospital negligence at Taylor & Schokemoehl, were married Nov. 9, 1996. Included in the wedding party were Lori Dunk Baruch, L'93, and Claude S. Whitehead, R'89 and L'93. The couple lives in Richmond.


Catherine Stuart Greer Magargee, L'93, is a prosecutor in the appeals unit of the office of the district attorney of Philadelphia.

Anne D. McDougall, GB'93 and L'93, was elected secretary of Prison Family Services Inc. She works for The Reciprocal Group in Richmond.

Maj. Jeremiah L. Rupert, L'93, is on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit. He spent the past year training for a wide range of ground, air and naval conventional and special operations.

Margaret Smither, L'93, has been named vice chairman of the board of directors of Commonwealth Catholic Charities. She works for the James River Corp.

Hayward Taylor, L'93, of Taylor, Taylor and Taylor in Richmond, is a vice president of the Lakeside Business Association.
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**Anthony Vittone, L’93,** recently joined the firm of Mezzullo & McCandlish, where he is practicing intellectual property and corporate law.

**Peter Willsey, L’93,** joined the firm of Morgan, Lewis & Bockius as an associate in trademarks, copyrights, counseling and litigation.

**Daniel T. McGrory, L’94,** works for the law firm of Pizonka, Reilley & Bello in King of Prussia, Penn.

**Lakshmi G. Challa, L’95,** practices employment and family-based immigration law with Mezzullo & McCandlish in Richmond.

**Sharon S. England, L’96,** was elected to the board of the Family and Children’s Service.

**Joanna M. Halsey, L’96,** has become associated with the law firm of Sands, Anderson, Marks & Miller.

**Tracy L. Hamilton, L’96,** is an associate with Dankos, Gordon & Whitlock.

**Allison Held, Sheryl Herndon and Danielle Stager, all L’96.** See p. 5.

**Christopher A. Jones, L’96,** has joined Maloney, Barr & Huennekens. He will practice primarily in the areas of employment and construction litigation.

**Benjamin D. Leigh, R’91 and L’96,** is a law clerk to the Hon. Harry L. Carrico, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia.

**Sarah M. Murray, L’96,** has joined Morano, Colan & Butler as an associate who will concentrate her practice in bodily injury litigation.

**Russell Jay Taylor Jr., R’92 and L’96,** was admitted to the Indiana Bar last fall and serves as a judicial clerk for Judge Pat Sullivan of the Indiana Court of Appeals in Indianapolis.

**Janet Evelyn Moran, L’97,** joined the firm of Barnes & Batzli in Richmond. She will be practicing family law.

**Raul Novo, L’97,** has joined Sands, Anderson, Marks & Miller and will practice in the areas of civil litigation, professional malpractice, workers’ compensation and longshore and harbor workers’ compensation.
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