UNDERSTANDING THE JUDICIAL PROCESS

The Hon. Elizabeth B. Lacy, justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia, discusses a brief with Rob Wise, L'97, a student in the summer Clinical Placement Program.

The program, which began in 1990, offers students the chance to gain a better understanding of legal institutions and the nature of the legal process through judicial, civil and criminal placements.

In addition to weekly seminars, bi-weekly meetings with professors, journals and observation requirements, students in the program must spend four hours per credit hour per week working at their placements.
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“...the public doesn’t understand the system and the profession has an obligation to do something about it.”
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This issue of Richmond Law is the first to be published by the periodicals office at the University of Richmond, freeing director Diane Brust for her primary responsibilities in the law alumni and development office at the T.C. Williams School of Law.
Meet challenges, work for change, says deputy attorney general Gorelick

JAMIE S. GORELICK, deputy attorney general in the U.S. Department of Justice, delivered the main address at the 124th commencement of the T.C. Williams School of Law May 11.

Identifying violence, poverty, economic survival, the spread of AIDS, terrorism and environmental catastrophes as some current problems, she focused on reactions to them: "...too many people of good will have looked at society's hard problems and have thrown up their hands and turned away. They have fallen to the three deadly sins of our public life - extremism, cynicism and defeatism."

Meeting these challenges head on is the best solution, Gorelick said. "Nobody can choose the problems they will face. But everybody has the power to choose how they will respond to them."

She challenged her audience to choose to work for change. "As lawyers, you are ideally suited to making a difference. Whether you choose public interest work or private practice; defense or prosecution; government or business - it really doesn't matter. Simply by virtue of the degree you earn today, you will all be in a position to make a difference in your community."

Gorelick ended by urging graduates to "make the choice to use your time to do right."

Gorelick received an honorary doctor of laws degree. W. Wade Berryhill, professor of law and speaker for the law school faculty, talked about relationships. He cited three foundations of good relationships: respect, trust and making wise choices.

"Relationships are the essence of life," he said, and quoted his former minister: "In life, the main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing."

Relationships also were the focus of Carlos L. Hopkins, L'96, the student speaker. Describing the gatherings at the beginning of the first year of law school, he said, "those parties and socials brought us together as a class, allowed us to bond."

He enumerated the achievements of the class, including creating the first on-line law journal and involvement in women's rights. "No matter what we did, we did it together... We laughed together, studied together, even cried together," he said.

One hundred fifty students received degrees at the ceremony.

- Forrest Hughes

AWARDS AT COMMENCEMENT

Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, Student Trial Advocate Award
Jodi E. Lemacks

The International Academy of Trial Lawyers, Student Advocacy Award
Joseph R. Peluso Jr.

The J. Westwood Smithers Medal
Andrea W. Wörtzel

The Family Law Book Award
Sharon S. England

The T.C. Williams Scholarship Award
Richard P. Klau

The National Association of Women Lawyers Award
Sheryl L. Herndon

The Nina R. Kestin Service Award
J.A. Terry Osborne

The Charles T. Norman Award
Gregory J. Golden

Cudlipp Medal
Andrea W. Wörtzel

West Publishing Company Book Award
Andrea W. Wörtzel

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New electronic journal focuses on tobacco debate


The journal boasts articles from authors such as Richard McGowan, an economist and specialist in federal and state regulation; Ruth Roemer, recent president of the American Public Health Association and current director of the School of Public Health at UCLA; and Graham Kelder of the National Tobacco Products Liability Project, a leading organization in tobacco litigation nationally.

Perspectives is designed as a forum for debate that “reaches beyond the academic legal community” to other disciplines such as political science, public policy, history, medicine and business, says Robert D. Gehring, L’97 and G’97, editor-in-chief.

“A traditional law review does legal scholarship very well,” he says, “but some of us found as first-year students that we were required to be problem-solvers of interdisciplinary issues that range beyond the boundaries of legal education. We envisioned a journal that would engage in critical analysis and debate on issues of importance to the public interest.”

The new journal is organized around theme issues. For its first edition, the editorial board issued a call for papers and received requests to publish articles from prospective authors from as far away as Japan and England.

The next issue will focus on “The American Presidency in the 21st Century.”

Like other electronic publications, Perspectives offers an electronic guestbook in which guests visiting the World Wide Web site may leave comments. Articles are linked to related materials on the Internet for further research.

The address for Perspectives on Law and The Public Interest is: http://www.urich.edu/~perspec/

-Dorothy Wager

Meg Jolly is commissioned

Margaret Elizabeth “Meg” Jolly, L’96, daughter of the late Lewis F. Jolly, L’65, was commissioned an ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserve May 29. After taking the Virginia bar examination, Jolly will attend the Judge Advocate Generals School in Newport, R.I.

Six of the 12 editorial board members are, from left: Jeffrey P. Schomig, L’96; Robert D. Gehring, L’97 and G’97; Mitchell P. Goldstein, L’96; Gavin T. Finchback, L’97; B. Smith, L’97; and Quinn F. Graeff, L’97.

Clerkships

Eighteen 1996 law school graduates are beginning state and federal clerkships this year. Sixteen of those are serving in Virginia; one is in West Virginia; and one is serving in Indiana.

The graduates and their clerkships are as follows:

- Richard E. Garriott Jr.
  2nd Circuit, Virginia Beach Circuit Court
  Virginia Beach, Virginia

- Gregory J. Golden
  U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
  Richmond, Virginia

- Lori E. Jones
  Hon. Samuel W. Coleman III
  Court of Appeals of Virginia
  Richmond, Virginia

- Benjamin D. Leigh
  Hon. Harry L. Carrico
  Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Virginia
  Richmond, Virginia

- Robin J. Leiter
  Hon. John F. Daffron Jr.
  12th Circuit, Chesterfield Circuit Court
  Chesterfield, Virginia

- Stephanie E. Lucas
  Hon. Robert W. Wooldridge Jr.
  19th Circuit, Fairfax Circuit Court
  Fairfax, Virginia

- Kimberly C. MacLeod
  Hon. A. Christian Conpton
  Supreme Court of Virginia
  Richmond, Virginia

- Vijay K. Mago
  14th Circuit, Henrico Circuit Court
  Richmond, Virginia

- Patricia L. Mertens
  Hon. Elizabeth B. Lacy
  Supreme Court of Virginia
  Richmond, Virginia

- Joseph W. Myers
  13th Circuit, Richmond Circuit Court
  Richmond, Virginia

- Leonard C. Pressberg
  13th Circuit, Richmond Circuit Court
  Richmond, Virginia

- Susan L. Parrish
  13th Circuit, Richmond Circuit Court
  Richmond, Virginia

- Samantha Puro
  Hon. David G. Lowe
  U.S. Magistrate, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia
  Richmond, Virginia

- Robert Bailey Smith IV
  Chief Staff Attorney’s Office, Supreme Court of Virginia
  Richmond, Virginia

- Danielle M. Stager
  Hon. William R. Shelton
  12th Circuit, Chesterfield Circuit Court
  Chesterfield, Virginia

- Russell Jay Taylor Jr.
  Hon. Patrick Sullivan
  Court of Appeals of Indiana
  Indianapolis, Indiana

- James F. Watson
  Chief Staff Attorney’s Office, Supreme Court of Virginia
  Richmond, Virginia

- Lee C. Weber
  Hon. Frederick P. Stamp Jr.
  U.S. District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia
  Wheeling, West Virginia

- Patricia A. Weber
  Hon. Lewis B. Courson
  Court of Appeals of South Carolina
  Columbia, South Carolina

- Margaret J. Wiley
  Hon. Andrew J. Young
  Court of Appeals of Georgia
  Atlanta, Georgia

- James R. Wyche
  Hon. Joan M. Lane
  Court of Appeals of Tennessee
  Nashville, Tennessee

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T.C. Williams team makes finals in negotiation

A University of Richmond team advanced to the finals in the fifth annual Merhige Environmental Negotiation Competition, held March 1-2 at the T.C. Williams School of Law.

Twenty-four teams from as far away as Washington state and Texas came to the University to negotiate on matters concerning energy conservation and solid and hazardous waste disposal. The scenario, which became more complicated as the rounds progressed, was written by Karen L. Beattler, L'96, and Richard E. Garriott Jr., R'91 and L'96.

A team from South Texas University School of Law won the competition, while the UR team of Betsy Skora and Brice Lamber, both L'97, was in the finals.

In the in-house client counseling competition, held earlier this winter at the law school, students conducted mock first interviews with clients and were judged by local attorneys and judges on their ability at handling various situations.

The team of Melissa Loughridge and Brent Saunders, both L'98, won the competition. The team of Marc West and Coles McBrayer, both L'98, were runners up. Loughridge and Saunders went on to compete in the regionals at the University of North Carolina.

Mary Fehm Gravely, W'88

Professor Tom Guernsey becomes dean of Southern Illinois University's law school

Professor of law Thomas F. Guernsey has left the faculty at the T.C. Williams School of Law to become dean of Southern Illinois University's School of Law in Carbondale, Ill. His wife, Kathe Klare, associate professor of law, has left the University to join him. Guernsey's appointment was effective July 1.

"His administrative experience, high energy level, focus on teaching and proven record of helping a law school develop its strengths make him the right fit," says Eugene Basanta, acting associate dean at SIU.

Guernsey, who is 44, joined the faculty at T.C. Williams in 1980. He has taught classes in evidence, trial practice, criminal law, negotiation, disabilities law, property, interviewing and counseling, civil procedure and professional responsibility.

He has twice been named a University of Richmond Distinguished Educator and from 1992 to 1995 he served as associate dean of academic affairs.

Guernsey chaired the curriculum committee which revised the law school's curriculum to include a two-year lawyering skills course, a first-year environmental law class and a third-year writing requirement. He also helped establish the framework for the clinical program now in place at T.C. Williams.

In his new position Guernsey will focus on four areas that, he says, need to be addressed not only at Southern Illinois but at law schools everywhere: admissions and recruitment; curriculum; technology; and placement.

He calls SIU's law school "an institution that is perfectly positioned for the way legal education will evolve over the next decade. The school is one of the best-kept secrets in America and that is something we hope to change."

The author of seven books and numerous articles in professional publications, Guernsey is a graduate of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, and Wayne State University's law school. He also holds a master's of laws degree from Temple University School of Law.

Prior to coming to the University, he taught at Vermont Law School and at Temple University School of Law.

Klare, L'82, has been an assistant clinical professor of law and director of the Mental Disabilities Clinic at T.C. Williams since 1991. She was promoted to associate professor effective this fall.

In addition to establishing the Mental Disabilities Clinic, she taught its classroom component and supervised students representing children and adolescents with mental disabilities. She also taught and supervised students while serving as director of the law school's Youth Advocacy Clinic in 1993.

As assistant attorney general to the Commonwealth of Virginia from 1989 to 1991, Klare was legal counsel to many state agencies, including the Department of Special Education, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services, the Department for Children and the Virginia Council on Child Care and Early Childhood Programs.

She also has worked as a supervisor of due process proceedings for the Virginia Department of Education and as staff attorney for the Department for Rights of the Disabled.

The 1994 winner of the national "Making a Difference" award from the Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health, Klare has several years of experience as a nurse and as a nurse's supervisor, manager, instructor and consultant.

She graduated from the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor with a bachelor's degree in nursing, earned her master's degree in nursing from the University of Pennsylvania, and her juris doctor from the T.C. Williams School of Law.

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Steven Hinckley is named technology dean at George Mason University School of Law

Steven D. Hinckley, director of the law library and associate professor of law, has been named associate dean for research and technology at the George Mason University School of Law. His appointment was effective Sept. 1.

At the University of Richmond, Hinckley managed all operations of the law library and all law school computing. His responsibilities included the implementation of the computer network and the mandatory student computer ownership program.

It is these “significant technology skills in the law library setting” that make Hinckley so attractive to George Mason, says Henry G. Manne, dean of George Mason University’s School of Law.

In his position — a new one for George Mason — Hinckley will direct the law library program and the new computer technology program under development.

“Our plan is to use technology to teach law and economics at George Mason in a far more innovative way than has been done in the past,” Hinckley says.

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André Moenssens, professor of law emeritus at the University of Richmond, has been awarded the Douglass Stripp Missouri Professorship of Law at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law.

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Dealing with violent juvenile offenders is focus of third annual Mattox Debate

Natural law and human orientation tell us that when dealing with children who do something wrong, we seek to nurture, to educate, and to socialize these children so they will do right in the future, said Judge Michael A. Corriero.

But how should that relationship change when the "child" in question puts a gun to the head of an innocent store clerk and shoots him to death, asked state Sen. Mark L. Earley.

The senator and the judge were among the participants in this year's Conard B. Mattox Jr. Mattox Debate held Feb. 19 in the Moot Courtroom at the T.C. Williams School of Law.

The debate mirrored arguments before the state legislature. Stated formally, it was: "Resolved: The Virginia Criminal Justice System should try juveniles, ages 14-17, charged with serious violent crimes, as adults."

This was the third annual debate in the program sponsored by Mattox, R'49, G'49 and L'51, who capped a long career in the law by serving as city attorney for Richmond from 1964 until his retirement in 1981. The debates are intended to provide a forum for discussion of issues that are before the Virginia General Assembly.

Also participating were the Hon. Jerrald C. Jones, a Democrat member of the Virginia House of Delegates from Norfolk, who has both prosecuted and defended juveniles. Jones argued the negative with Judge Corriero, who presides over juvenile courts in New York and who sits on the Court of Claims.

From 1984 to 1994, a period when there was a downturn in the juvenile population, the rate of violent crime committed by young people increased, Earley said. And demographics show that the nation is entering a time when the population of young men — a group that commits crime in disproportionate numbers — will increase.

"This is a disturbing trend," he said.

Here, the two sides in the debate diverged with familiar arguments over the role of the criminal justice system, the effectiveness of tax dollars spent to support their differing approaches to justice, and the need for a mandatory provision in the law that would send all juveniles who commit certain crimes into court as adults.

McNulty summed up the affirmative position, stating reasons why juveniles who commit violent crimes, such as murder, aggravated assault and rape, should be tried as adults.

"Justice demands severe punishment for the most violent crimes," he said. "Juvenile crimi-
Questions of international law raised by situation in Bosnia

What does international law have to say about those who want to secede from a state? Is there a right to independence?

The situation in Bosnia raises these and other questions, outlined by international law scholar and practitioner Christopher J. Greenwood at the 11th annual Emanuel Emroch Lecture, April 15 in the Moot Courtroom.

"International law is all about relations between states," Greenwood said. "Does it have anything to say when a state breaks up into pieces?" Bosnia is not the first case, nor will it be the last; Greenwood noted also the Biafran secession from Nigeria, the Soviet Union breakup, Rwanda and others.

Among other issues related to the collapse of states, according to Greenwood, are the rights of minorities and questions of territorial division.

Next, Greenwood discussed the international community's response to the commission of atrocities and the role of the war crimes tribunal in The Hague, which is concerned with war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide.

Greenwood concluded that the law does have a role to play in situations like Bosnia, but he noted that international law is very much "the art of the possible."

Greenwood is a prolific scholar whose writings focus on the laws of armed conflict. As a practitioner he is a member of a prominent set of barristers' chambers in London specializing in public international law and international commercial law matters.

He currently is serving as counsel for the United Kingdom in the case Libya v. United Kingdom (the Pan Am bombing over Lockerbie, Scotland) before the International Court of Justice in The Hague.

Earlier this year, he was appointed the professor of international law in the University of London, London School of Economics. Among his many publications are Command and the Laws of Armed Conflict (1993); The Kuwait Crisis, Basic Documents, Vol. I (1991); and The Modern Law of Armed Conflict, Vol. II (1995).

He has served as a consultant to both the British Foreign Office and Ministry of Defense and as co-editor of the International Law Reports.

Greenwood received a bachelor's degree and a law degree, both with first class honors, from Cambridge University, and was called to the Bar in 1978. He has served as a law tutor and the director of legal studies at Magdalene College, Cambridge, since 1978 and as a member of the law faculty at Cambridge since 1981.

The Emroch Lecture Series was 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.

—Dorothy Wagener

Allen Chair series looks at land use regulation

The future of environmental and land-use regulation was the subject for the four visiting scholars in the 1996 George E. Allen Chair in Law.

Chief Judge Loren A. Smith of the United States Court of Federal Claims, spoke on "Life, Liberty and Whose Property," Feb. 7. He has written several notable opinions concerning regulatory takings in the environmental arena, as well as writings on other topics of administrative and constitutional law. Appointed to the Court of Federal Claims in 1985, he became chief judge in 1986.

Professor Charles M. Haar of Harvard Law School spoke Feb. 14 on the topic, "Is This the Twilight of Land Use Controls?" He is an internationally recognized expert on housing, government finance, land-use and environmental regulation, and urban and suburban problems. Author of several books on land use and other numerous publications, he has served as the Louis D. Brandeis Professor of Law at Harvard since 1975.

"Capture and Counteraction: Self-Help and Environmental Zealots" was the topic March 6 for Professor James E. Krier, the Earl Warren DeLano Professor of Law at the University of Michigan Law School since 1988. Professor Krier has written extensively on topics related to environmental law and policy.

Architect William A. McDonough spoke April 2 on "Ecology and Aesthetics: Our Future and the Making of Things." He is the Elson Professor and dean of the School of Architecture at the University of Virginia, and is a principal of William McDonough + Partners in Charlottesville, Va.

McDonough is a founding member of the American Institute of Architects Committee on the Environment and is the author of the design principles for architects participating in the World's Fair in 2000.

The law school faculty leader for the series, Professor Michael Allan Wolf, coordinated interaction between the visiting legal scholars and the law school community through faculty colloquies and seminar classes. An upcoming issue of the University of Richmond Law Review will contain the Allen Chair Symposium material.

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.
THE CHANGING FACE of the LEGAL PROFESSION

Somewhere in the mid-1980s, the stories started to surface. Publications such as the ABA Journal and the National Law Journal ran stories about the growing dissatisfaction within the legal profession.

They talked about “boomer burnout” and described how bright young lawyers who went to law school full of ’70s idealism were leaving the profession by the thousands.

By the late ’80s the numbers came in to support the reports.

A survey conducted in 1984 and 1990 by the American Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Division reported a 20 percent drop in the number of lawyers who said they were very satisfied with their jobs.

The survey showed that in 1990, 18 percent of lawyers said they planned to change jobs in the next two years. Another 48 percent said they would make a change if they felt there were a reasonable alternative available.

Another study showed that during the last decade, the rate of dissatisfaction reported by corporate counsel jumped 77 percent, with corresponding rises in complaints about stress, fatigue, pressure, marital strife and other “personal” problems.

Clearly, the law was no longer the relatively homogeneous, clubby, secure profession it seemed just a couple of decades before.

Indeed, it had become much more diverse demographically, with women taking about half the law degrees awarded by the late ’80s compared with just 3.5 percent in 1966. And more lawyers fell into those complicated “today” categories — single parents and two-career households.

And the numbers seemed almost overwhelming. With 900,000 lawyers in this country and a widespread concern that excessive litigation is a national problem, “some people say there’s a glut,” says Richard Morgan, an ABA statistician. “There’s not a shortage, and some would say an adjustment is in order.”

The legal profession, in short, is experiencing a period of disequilibrium, and law schools everywhere are faced with a series of issues.

“The whole economic picture has been bad since the early ’90s, and that’s certainly had an affect on this,” says Beverly Boone, director of career services at the T.C. Williams School of Law. “One major thing that has changed in terms of the market is expectations of students and graduates.”

Now many students aren’t thinking first about the profession, she says. They’re thinking about the enormous debt they incur during law school and they’re looking for jobs that pay enough for them to repay that debt.

At some private law schools, the total cost of a law degree is more than $100,000. At T.C. Williams, tuition this year is $17,170, and the projected total cost, including room, board and books, is $30,000 a year, says associate dean Ann S. Gibbs.

And all of this has been making news.

Uncertain times have impact on legal education

BY ROB WALKER

Walker, a Richmond-area freelance writer, covered the federal courts in Richmond, the Virginia Supreme Court and law-related issues for the Richmond Times-Dispatch for five years.
"There were stories about lawyers getting laid off. There were stories about lawyers driving taxicabs. There were stories about all these lawyers fleeing the profession," says Robert Carr, director of data services with the Law School Admission Council in Newtown, Pa. "The publicity was almost uniformly negative.

"Then we started having these highly-publicized cases that depicted lawyers as greedy, or willing to do anything to get a criminal off, rather than as guardians of the public good," he says. "This hasn't given the profession much of a buff and polish in the eyes of a lot of people."

Through all this tumult, law schools have found themselves on something of a roller coaster ride, says Carr, whose organization tracks applications to those schools.

Since the council started keeping numbers in 1981, there was a peak in applications in 1990-91, with 99,300, Carr says. The low point during that period was for the 1984-85 year, when just 60,300 people sought admission. And since the 1991 peak, the number of applications has declined, hitting 84,300 in 1994-95. (Most of those applicants would have enrolled in law school at the beginning of the 1995 academic year.)

More disturbingly, Carr says indications are that the decline will continue, dipping to perhaps as few as 70,000 this year.

Throughout the '90s, law school enrollments have remained level, he says, at approximately 40,000. So the question that arises focuses on the quality of the pool from which the nation's 178 law schools — up from 135 in 1964 — draws its students.

"Some of them are cutting back" on acceptances already in the face of signs that the quality is not there, he says. "I expect some more will do the same."

Sobering realities, perhaps, but the T.C. Williams School of Law remains in a strong position, says associate dean Gibbs.

Although experts forecast a continuing decline in applications nationally over the next few years, the administration at the law school is already devising strategies to further market the many strengths of T.C. Williams.

Gibbs cites its small, supportive environment; the excellent quality of its faculty; the opportunities to study internationally; the use of technology in the curriculum; and the comprehensive skills program.

"The quality of the student body at T.C. Williams remains strong in spite of this decline in applications," she says. "Our newly enrolled students obtained an average LSAT of 158 and a GPA of 3.1."
STILL COMING ON STRONG
Enrollment, employment outlook positive for T.C. Williams students

In 1985, fewer than 1,000 students applied for admission to the T.C. Williams School of Law. Ten years later, the number of applicants topped 1,600. So the news sounds pretty good.

But a closer look at the numbers shows that law school applications, both nationally and at Richmond, have taken a sharp downward turn, with a significant dip just last year.

In 1991, law school fever was at its hottest pitch both nationally and at the University. More than 151,000 people took the law school admission tests, the highest number ever recorded, according to the American Bar Association.

That same year, applications to T.C. Williams also hit a peak at 2,100.

Then something happened. The numbers started slipping, and last year they dropped hard, from 128,000 LSAT administrations nationally in 1994, to 114,000 in 1995, and from 1,954 applications to T.C. Williams to just 1,631.

“There are a lot of different theories,” says Ann S. Gibbs, associate dean at T.C. Williams. “Some point to demographics. Some think it’s at least partly because the image of lawyers has not been good, and there certainly has been negative press.

“And there is the impression that lawyers aren’t finding jobs as readily as they did before,” Gibbs says. “There’s probably something to all of that. We hope it’s a cycle that will turn around.”

So far, indications are that both nationally and at T.C. Williams, the pool of applicants remains strong.

Though some schools have reduced the size of classes, law school enrollments have held steady at more than 40,000. At T.C. Williams, the number of students remains approximately 470, Gibbs says.

And the incoming class profile is as strong as ever.

“Our [applicant] numbers dropped along the same lines as the national numbers, about 20 percent,” she says. “But we’re getting good students. We’ve weathered the storm so far.”

While theories tying the decline in numbers to such cultural factors as the negative perception of lawyers after the Menendez and Simpson trials, and the popularity of the doctor-drama “ER” since “LA Law” went off the air “are interesting,” Gibbs says she is reluctant “to place too much value on their impact.”

Robert Carr of the Law School Admission Council agrees: “I have my doubts about things like that. It makes good conversation.”

Instead, the experts suggest that the decline in interest in law as a profession may be more closely tied to economic issues including students’ debt load, employment and advancement opportunities, and earnings potential.

The National Association for Law Placement’s report on the law class of 1995 shows that overall employment in both legal and non-legal professions increased from 84.7 percent in 1994 to 86.7 percent in 1995. About 70 percent of those employed found full-time legal positions, which is slightly more than the year before but substantially below the 83 percent recorded in 1992 and 1993.

For T.C. Williams graduates, the full-time legal employment rate for 1995 was a few percentage points higher than the national average, says Beverly Boone, director of career services.

The NALP numbers also show that 56 percent of graduates went into private practice in 1995, the first increase in that percentage since a 1988 peak at 64.3 percent. The percentages of graduates going into government (13 percent), judicial clerkships (12 percent) and academic settings (1.2 percent) remained the same from 1994 to 1995, while there was a slight decline in public interest positions, from 3 to 2 percent.
According to American Lawyer magazine, the nation's 100 largest firms cumulatively did not add lawyers between 1990 and 1994. And a recent ABA survey showed that median salaries for law graduates fell from $40,000 in 1990 to $37,000 for 1994 graduates.

While public interest work, which traditionally pays less than private practice or corporate law, has taken a hit nationally, that appears to be less of a problem in the Richmond area where some 50 percent of T.C. Williams graduates end up staying.

David J. Johnson, L'83, public defender for the city of Richmond, says he receives a "huge" number of applications for positions, including many from T.C. Williams graduates.

"One of the hardest things I do is turn down a lot of good people who want to work here," he says. "We rarely hire out of law school any more. Richmond is a great area because so many good people want to be here," including many with strong T.C. Williams credentials.

Beverly Boone says that when she came to work at the University in 1978, job placement services amounted to a bulletin board where the secretary in the dean's office posted letters from law firms and other prospective employers.

"Schools responded to this need by hiring people like me," she says. Over her tenure in the career services office, there have been other ups and downs.

Boone's office fields an average of 700 job listings for graduates a year, and this year, it handled about 900.

"We scour the newspapers. We keep track of government services. We're using the Internet," she says.

While big firms come recruiting, and job fairs sometimes help, most graduates still get jobs the old fashioned way, Boone says. "They get jobs through personal effort. One thing we can do is help them network, meet people, get internships and clerkships."

"We're making our students more marketable by training them in things like computer skills," Gibbs says, as well as providing as many opportunities as possible throughout law school for interaction with working lawyers and real clients.

"We think this training gives students marketable skills and the kind of preparation they need to find their way to the right job."

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**NOT JUST A BUSINESS**

Alumni recommend dedication, hard work, caring about clients, mentoring new lawyers

Take a few snapshots from the T.C. Williams School of Law album for a look at the complex makeup of the legal profession today.

Some of those pictured have lived through dramatic changes. Some are representative of change. Some are disheartened by things they know and by what others perceive.

All express respect for and belief in what they do.

James C. Roberts' career has followed a more or less traditional path to a secure place among Richmond's best known, most respected lawyers.

For Carolyn Marsh, the legal profession was her third career. She started practicing at 63.

Martha Hartmann-Harlan left a mainstream practice to open a one-woman shop where she could pursue the work she believes in while making time for her young family.

Verbena Askew took the public service route to a seat on the bench. She's a Circuit Court judge in Newport News.

And Ralph Mirarchi runs his own small firm in Radnor, Pa., doing the kinds of things he always thought lawyers should do — helping people make the most of what they earn.

**WHEN ROBERTS, L'57, joined the Richmond firm Mays & Valentine right out of law school, he was the firm's seventh lawyer. Today, Roberts is a senior partner at Mays & Valentine, which employs about 125 attorneys and does business around the world.**

"I recall an earlier time when it seemed like everyone who went into the law wanted it for their life's work," says Roberts, adding that he sounds "like an old man."
THE CHANGING FACE OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION

JIM ROBERTS SEES LESS CAMARADERIE IN THE PROFESSION TODAY.

CAROLYN MARSH SEES IT AS HER MISSION TO PROVIDE LEGAL SERVICES IN DISABILITY SOCIAL SECURITY CASES.

"Maybe some people feel that way today when they walk in the door, but it takes less time these days to change their thinking," he says. "We see people who stay a few years and then they go into investment banking or financial services or something."

"Maybe it took less to make us happy," Roberts says. "For me, there are many components to the reward, such as a general happiness with what you are doing. I don't see that as much today."

"The glamor of life as a courtroom attorney as promoted by TV is still there," says Roberts, who works the courtrooms skillfully. "There's still a lot of that."

But bigger firms, tighter controls, greater reliance on technology, a more bottom-line orientation have come with time.

"There's less camaraderie today," Roberts says. "There's not a feeling that people come in the door in the morning with a smile, glad to be doing what they do."

MARSH, W'47, G'48 AND L'90, spent 20 years as an executive with Miller & Rhoads, the now-defunct department store chain that anchored Richmond's downtown retail district. Then she ran a consulting and executive placement business of her own and later served as an agency head in employee relations for the state of Virginia under three governors.

She retired at 59, Marsh says. "It lasted about two months. I had no hobbies but work. I thought I'd go crazy." She'd worked around the law all her life and so it seemed logical: "I thought maybe I should go to law school."

Following graduation and passing the bar, Marsh set up her own office. "Since I was doing it all myself, I could afford to take a chance. Now I concentrate on disability Social Security cases. I feel that this is a mission, helping people who often are poor or who don't understand their rights in the system.

"I also provide legal services in the area of wills and powers of attorney, frequently dealing with the elderly."

As for all the lawyer jokes and negative perceptions, Marsh says, "Over the span of my work since 1948, I have taken pride in my reputation for being ethical, honest and professional. I demand that of myself and of the people who associate with me. I care about my clients and they see that."

Marsh also emphasizes her respect for the younger people who were her classmates at T.C. Williams. "I was comfortable with them," she says. "They have the same kind of standards I do."

MARTHA HARTMANN-HARLAN, L'85, became interested in family law in law school. After a clerkship, two years in the litigation section of a medium-sized firm and the births of her children, she set out on her own.

"I went into divorce mediation as a way of remaining in family law while better controlling my time," she says. "I planned to practice mediation solo for awhile, then reassociate with a law firm, but I like being autonomous and I believe in mediation. This is very satisfying, both personally and professionally."

As for the negative perception of lawyers, Hartmann-Harlan says she can see it in her practice.

"Some clients feel they're less important to their attorney than the fee they represent," she says. "Though the vast majority of lawyers are excellent and ethical, enough people encounter attorneys who make [clients] feel they're not important and it affects the public perception of attorneys as a whole."

She continues, "For divorce clients, legal fees seem high; when the lawyer is then unresponsive to them, the client questions the value received for the fee. In addition, there are attorneys who discourage client participation in the case and affect a noblesse oblige attitude toward the client. The fact that the client is paying the freight seems to have been forgotten."
FROM HER SEAT ON THE BENCH, Judge Askew, L'80, says she sees many of the problems that give the public a negative perception of the legal profession.

"The perception that there is this problem, is itself a problem, and there are reasons why this perception exists," she says.

This is nothing new, Judge Askew points out. In the mid-1980s, Chief Justice Harry L. Carrico of the Virginia Supreme Court and the Virginia State Bar developed a mandatory course on "professionalism" for new lawyers in Virginia. It was designed to develop in these lawyers an understanding of their obligations to the public and the courts.

"This was an important step in addressing these concerns," Judge Askew says. But more needs to be done.

She says the public could use an education beyond what it gets through the popular media. "If what they are given [by the media] is accurate, that's fine, but when it's edited and sliced and a perspective is shown, that's not fine," she says. "The public doesn't understand the system and the profession has an obligation to do something about it. This is a system that touches every citizen."

Judge Askew says that based on what she sees in her courtroom, she is concerned about what goes on in some law schools and firms. Law schools and law firms that promote the idea that a person comes out of school prepared to practice are doing those individuals and their clients a disservice. "That is a good way to pick up bad habits," she says. "Trying to survive may help promote good business skills but it is not the way to develop professionalism."

Newcomers to the law do better by working with skilled mentors, Judge Askew says. "This enables them to learn the profession, not just the business."

RALPH MIRARCHI, L'65, says he finds great satisfaction in his practice and he encourages young people to give the law a fair look.

However, don't come in unless you're prepared to work hard, develop your skills patiently and invest a great deal of time in this profession.

Mirarchi, who runs his own small firm, sees his job as a tax practitioner as helping people give "our fair share" to the government while being able to enjoy the fruits of their labors.

"I begin with the idea that each person works hard for a living and I do the best to help them get what they deserve," he says. "No one gets angry with me. The reason is obvious: not too many people are rooting for the Internal Revenue Service."

He believes the large number of people entering the profession over the last decade or more has created some of the problems the public sees in the profession today.

Mirarchi sees a loss of decorum in the courtroom. "Courtey and respect are not there. These things build upon themselves and professionalism suffers. I'm sure we are going to see more press play about the kinds of problems" already plaguing the profession.

Law firms, particularly the "prestigious" firms that grew so during the '80s, contributed to the problem "by paying young lawyers right out of school outrageous salaries. There's no new law school graduate who's going to justify that kind of money for a few years, and now the firms are seeing, a bit too late, that they have to make up this shortfall elsewhere."

The most important lesson practitioners and law firms need to learn is an old lesson, Mirarchi says. "They've got to continue to work hard and be dedicated. Maybe that's what law schools should instill — that the long hours don't end at graduation if you wish to succeed in the profession."

HON. VERBENA ASKEW BELIEVES NEWCOMERS TO THE LAW DO BETTER WORKING WITH SKILLED MENTORS.
John Douglass will teach criminal law

In a 15-year career, John G. Douglass has prosecuted spies, smugglers and street gangs. He’s also defended white-collar criminals, represented plaintiffs in civil disputes, participated in the grand jury investigation of the Iran/Contra affair and taught law school classes at UR.

Now the 41-year-old attorney, who’s spent half his career in private law practice and half in government service, is bringing his considerable experience to UR as a full-time law professor. He will teach criminal law and procedure and direct the second-year lawyering skills program.

“I’ve been very fortunate to have had an unusual variety of experiences over 15 years of law practice,” he says. “I hope my experience will enrich my teaching.”

Douglass grew up in Virginia, moving every few years when his father, a Methodist minister, was transferred from church to church. He attended Dartmouth College, where he graduated in 1977 summa cum laude with a B.A. in history. He went on to Harvard Law School, where he was editor of the law review, graduating magna cum laude in 1980.

He moved to Baltimore to clerk for the Honorable Harrison L. Winter, chief judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Working under Judge Winter “was a great way to learn,” Douglass says. Judge Winter “was a wonderful man and a perfect mentor. He was one of the best legal writers I have ever known.”

After a two-year stint in the general civil litigation section at McGuire, Woods & Battle, Douglass joined the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Baltimore as an assistant U.S. attorney.

There he served as lead prosecutor in the espionage trial of former National Security Agency official Ronald Pelton. He also prosecuted an international narcotics smuggling ring, domestic terrorists accused of a bombing conspiracy and a U.S. Navy analyst who illegally sold classified satellite photographs.

In 1986 he returned to private practice in Richmond at Wright, Robinson, McCammon, Oshimer & Tatum, where he did general commercial litigation, insurance defense, construction litigation and white-collar criminal defense. He also served as associate counsel in the Iran/Contra investigation, working in the grand jury investigation for the Office of the Independent Counsel in early 1987 and serving as a part-time consultant until 1990.

In 1992, Douglass joined the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Richmond, where he was chief of the criminal section, prosecuting among others, a Jordanian for smuggling military and industrial technology in violation of the embargo imposed on Iraq and a national Hells Angels organization for narcotics offenses and money-laundering.

For the past five years, he’s also been working at the University’s law school as an adjunct professor, teaching one class a year: evidence, criminal procedure or professional responsibility.

Despite his varied career, Douglass says he’s always been drawn to teaching. As a student at Harvard Law, he taught legal writing, and as an undergraduate at Dartmouth, he worked as a teaching assistant in French. In high school in Portsmouth, Va., he tutored fellow students in math.

“Teaching has been in the back of my mind for years,” he says. “It’s energizing and rejuvenating. I learn a lot — from students, and from the process of relearning the subject matter. It makes you consider more deeply the things you do in practice.”

And the classroom, Douglass says, is not unlike the courtroom. “I enjoy the debate and reacting to issues. Unexpected things happen.”

Students who took classes under Douglass during the past few years can vouch for that. Douglass, who tosses in anecdotes from his own experience to illustrate his points, doesn’t always stick to the traditional case method.

Last year, to enliven a discussion on direct examination of expert witnesses, Douglass showed clips from the Joe Pesci movie “My Cousin Vinny.” “You can demonstrate a lot of techniques through exaggeration,” he says.

Not that UR students are tough to motivate. “I’ve thoroughly enjoyed the students,” Douglass says. “I’m impressed with their energy and their work ethic.” In fact, “they tend to be more serious than I remember most of my classmates being 15 years ago.”

— Mary Helen Frederick
Several T.C. Williams faculty members have presented research and papers at international conferences during the past year.


John Paul Jones, vice chair of the judicial education committee of the Maritime Law Association of the United States, spoke on the Internet’s potential for maritime lawyers at the 1996 Southeast Admiralty Law Institute. He has accepted an invitation to join the editorial board of the *Journal of Maritime Law and Commerce*.

Jones has also reviewed new legislation on the judiciary for the Republic of Albania and has reviewed a draft constitution offered jointly by several opposition parties there.

This spring, Ann C. Hodges spoke on the Americans with Disabilities Act to a joint conference of the Department of Employee Relations Counselors and the Department of Personnel and Training. Her article “Mediation of the Americans with Disabilities Act” was published in a symposium on employment discrimination in the *Georgia Law Review*.

Hodges and Phyllis Katz, L’82, organized the Breast Cancer Advocacy Institute, held at the law school in May. The institute was designed to train lawyers and lay advocates to assist women with cancer with the legal issues arising from the cancer. Hodges also spoke at the event on “Employment Rights.” She is working to establish the Legal Information Network for Cancer (LINC) to utilize the trained volunteers to assist women with the disease.

Featured speakers at the institute were professors Peter N. Swisher and J. Rodney Johnson, who addressed the topics of “Insurance Issues” and “Planning for Death and Disability.”

Swisher later lectured on domestic relations to circuit court judges and taught a program on child custody and visitation to juvenile and domestic relations court judges.


Three law school faculty members hold positions with the Association of American Law Schools (AALS), the national organization consisting of 178 member law schools.

This year John Paul Jones is serving as chair of the AALS Maritime Law Section. Oklanner Christian Darl is chair of the AALS standing committee on sections and the annual meeting, and Peter Swisher is chair-elect of the AALS Insurance Law Section.

In past years, Ronald Bacigal served as chair of the AALS Criminal Law Section and Swisher as chair of the AALS Family and Juvenile Law Section. Margaret Bacigal spoke in May at the 31st Annual Pediatrics Springfest Conference in Williamsburg, Va. At the national conference of pediatricians and family physicians she lectured on “Child Abuse: Mistaken Diagnosis and Legal Liability.” Bacigal works on MCV’s child abuse prevention team.

In December 1995, Robert E. Shepherd Jr. spoke on the representation of children in the legal system. He was one in a group of experts from across the country who convened at Fordham Law School in the Bronx, N.Y.

The Virginia General Assembly adopted a resolution commending Shepherd for his “exceptional dedication to the youth of the Commonwealth” of Virginia, for his years of service as chair of the Virginia Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Advisory Committee, and as one of three citizen members of the Virginia Commission on Youth.

He published an article, "I Know the Child Is My Client, But Who Am I?" with Sharon England, L’96.

Also publishing research was Beverly D. Boone, director of career services for the law school. Boone published "A 'Magical Mystery Tour' of the World Wide Web” in the July 1996 issue of the National Association for Law Placement’s *Bulletin*. The article discussed legal organizations, government agencies and public interest organizations on the Web. In the article, Boone also reviewed Web sites of interest to career services and recruitment professionals.

J. Rodney Johnson was appointed by Virginia’s Gov. George Allen to a second term as Virginia’s commissioner to the national conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws.

His article “Trustor’s Intent in Termination Cases: An Endangered Species in Virginia — or Extinct?” appeared in the Winter 1995 issue of the *Trusts and Estates Newsletter* of the Virginia State Bar. The recommendations of the article were enacted by the 1996 session of the Virginia General Assembly.


Bacigal, Murphy, Berryhill celebrate length of service

Three members of the Law School faculty celebrate 65 years of collective service this year.

Ronald Bacigal, professor of law, has taught criminal law and procedure, criminal process and evidence at the University for 25 years. He has twice received the University's Distinguished Educator award and in 1990 was honored with the Outstanding Faculty Award by the State Council of Higher Education.

Acting dean and professor of law Daniel T. Murphy celebrates 20 years of service to UR. Since 1976 he has taught courses in public and private international law, law of the European Union and comparative law. He has been acting dean since 1995 and served in the same capacity in 1987.

From 1981 to 1992 Murphy was associate dean for academic affairs for the law school and he has served as the director of the school's summer programs in law for 10 years.

W. Wade Berryhill also observes his 20th year at the University. Berryhill has taught many different courses including environmental law, real property, advanced real estate practices, coastal zone management, secured transactions and land use. He was awarded the University's Distinguished Educator Award in 1980.

First 1870 Society Dinner hosted by Emrochs in April

Sixty-five alumni and friends gathered at the home of Walter and Karen Emroch on April 26 for the first-ever 1870 Society Dinner, honoring donors of $1,000 or more to the T.C. Williams School of Law.

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. At the dinner, guest speaker Sen. Mark Earley, a Virginia state senator from Virginia Beach, recounted the first lecture ever given at the law school and how alumni support has aided, and in some cases, shaped, the programs and events at the law school today.

The 1870 Society donors, along with other alumni donors, have pushed the law school's alumni participation 15 percent higher than last year. Next year's event will be held in April 1997 at the home of one of the T.C. Williams alumni.
Reception honors firms

A reception honoring Virginia-based law firms that have provided annual scholarships for T.C. Williams School of Law students was held March 21 at Hunton & Williams in Richmond.

Some 15 law firms were represented by more than 30 attendees. Acting dean Daniel T. Murphy and three members of the faculty talked briefly on current programs at the law school.

"The purpose was to affirm the value of the firm scholarship program to the law school and to provide an opportunity for the Annual Fund to say thanks," said J. Waverly Pulley III, R'68 and L'72, 1994-96 Annual Fund chair and a partner at Hunton & Williams.

Charles F. "Rick" Witthoeft, L'72, is the Annual Fund chair for 1996-97, assisted by vice chair Anthony F. "Tony" Troy, L'66.

Corrections to Honor Roll of Gifts

The Honor Roll of Gifts report in the Winter 1996 issue of Richmond Law inadvertently omitted or listed the following alumni in the wrong giving society. The donors listed below have been vital in the fund-raising success of the law school and deserve sincere thanks and recognition.

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T.C. Williams alumni help plan fall UR alumni chapter events

Listed here are selected University of Richmond alumni chapter events scheduled for fall 1996. For more information, please call the University alumni office at (804) 289-8027.

**Sept. 17**
Reception in Philadelphia
A reception for all UR alumni in the Philadelphia alumni chapter with special guest, UR President Richard L. Morrill. Hosted by Richard Rueda, L’65, a member of the Law School Association board and also a member of UR’s Board of Associates.

**Sept. 22**
Pig roast in Washington, D.C.
An afternoon pig roast for all UR alumni in the Washington, D.C., alumni chapter. Assisting with the event is George Varoutsos, R’70, L’73 and Law School Association president. Varoutsos is a member of the chapter committee, as is Bill Ryland, L’79.

**Sept. 25**
Roanoke discussion and reception
The Hon. Virgil Goode, R’69, Virginia state senator, and the Hon. M. Caldwell Butler, R’48, former member of the U.S. House of Representatives, will lead a discussion and offer comments. Members of the Roanoke alumni chapter committee include Tom Palmer, B’71 and L’74, and Amy Cosner Hall, L’90.

**Sept. 28**
Boat cruise in Tidewater
Three-hour cruise on the American Rover departing from Norfolk’s Waterside for all alumni and guests. Serving on the Tidewater alumni chapter committee are Rick Matthews, R’74 and L’77; Les Lilley, B’71 and L’78; and the Hon. Von Piersall Jr., R’61 and L’64.

**Nov. 8**
Pre-game brunch in Lexington
A pre-game brunch leading up to the Spider football game in which UR meets VMI, for the Roanoke and Lynchburg alumni chapters. Six T.C. Williams alumni serve on the Lynchburg chapter committee: Ed Dawson, R’78 and L’82, chapter co-chair; Bill E. Phillips, R’82 and L’85; Mitch Garbee, B’72 and L’75; Bill M. Phillips, R’54 and L’57; Tom Shadrer, R’75 and L’80; and Jamie Angel, L’79. Roanoke chapter committee members include Tom Palmer, B’71 and L’74, and Amy Hall, L’90.

**LAW NOTABLES**

Altizer is state bar president
Robert B. Altizer, L’77, is the 58th president of the Virginia State Bar. A partner in the firm of Gillespie, Hart, Altizer & Whitesell P.C., he has been a member of the VSB since 1977 and was elected to the VSB Council in 1991.

Altizer has served the state bar as the chair of the Standing Committee on Lawyer Discipline and on numerous committees, including those on continuing legal education and on women and minorities. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association and the Tazewell County, Va., Bar Association, where he also served as president.

Pinchbeck is president of women attorneys association
Kimberly A. Pinchbeck, B’85 and L’88, has been elected president of the Virginia Women Attorneys Association, the only statewide bar association dedicated to the needs of women attorneys.

Pinchbeck, a partner with the Richmond firm of Taylor, Hazen & Kauffman, specializes in real estate, estate planning, wills and trusts, estate administration, tax, and tax controversies. A member of the VWAA since 1988, she is the former president of the group’s Richmond chapter and the former VWAA statewide treasurer.

The VWAA offers assistance to women attorneys as they seek professional excellence and advancement and it serves the public by taking a position on legislation of concern to women.
Law School Association officers and directors listed

The next meeting of the Law School Association will be Sept. 28. Officers and directors of the association for 1996 are:

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Alumni named to the bench

**Congratulations to T.C. Williams alumni who were named Juvenile District Court judges in Virginia this year:**

- **Hon. A. Joseph Canada Jr., L'65**
  2nd Judicial District
  Virginia Beach, VA.
- **Hon. Isabel H. Atlee, L'69**
  9th Judicial District
  Gloucester, Va., and surrounding counties
- **Hon. John D. Buck, L'56**
  27th Judicial District
  Pulaski, Va., and surrounding counties
- Also named was the **Hon. Harold W. Burgess Jr.,** a 1968 Richmond College graduate, to the 12th Judicial District, Chesterfield and Colonial Heights, Va.

- John E. McIntosh Jr., L'81
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Walter W. Regirer, L'49, of Richmond, received recognition from the Federal Bar Association for his “many years of service and dedication to the Federal Bar Association and the federal legal profession.” He served as president of the Richmond chapter of the FBA in 1960 and again in 1992-93. He also served as a regional vice president.

James C. Roberts, L’57, received the Richmond Bar Association’s Hunter W. Martin Professionalism Award. He is a partner with the law firm of Mays & Valentine.

Gerald Press, L’58, of Richmond, retired from the practice of law after 38 years.

Donald B. Vaden, R’57 and L’60, received his certification to the Supreme Court of Virginia as a mediator in July 1995. He is a panel member of the only nationwide mediation and arbitration organization — J.A.M.S./Endispute, which has 33 offices in the U.S., and foreign offices in London and Paris.

Elmo C. Cross, B’63 and L’66, of Hanover, Va., was elected to the board of directors of Atlantic Rural Exposition Inc., parent company of the Fairgrounds on Strawberry Hill in Richmond. He works as a lawyer in Mechanicsville, Va.

Anthony F. Troy, L’66, with the law firm of Mays & Valentine in Richmond, was elected to the board of directors of Virginia FREE — Foundation for Research and Economic Education.

Henry R. Pollard V, L’67, has become an associate with the firm of Christian & Barton. His practice will continue to concentrate in the area of environmental law.

The Hon. Emanuel A. Bertin, L’69, was recently appointed chairperson of the Joint State Government Commission of Family Law by the Pennsylvania State Legislature. He was elected to a 10-year term on the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County, Pa., beginning Jan. 1, 1996.

John S. Barr, L’70, with the Richmond law firm of Maloney, Barr & Huennekens, was elected to the board of directors of the John Marshall Foundation. He was also appointed chairman of Section II of the Third District Disciplinary Committee of the Virginia State Bar.

William J. Strickland, B’64 and L’70, has become a managing partner with McGuire, Woods, Battle & Boothe.

Phillip D. Rome, L’71, was elected to the board of directors of the Richmond law firm Williams, Mullen, Christian & Dobbins.

John P. Driscoll, L’73, was named a director of the Richmond law firm of Morris & Morris. He specializes in personal injury, fire loss and products liability cases.

James S. Yoffy, L’73, is a principal in the newly formed Richmond law firm of Brenner, Dohnal, Evans & Yoffy.

Richard C. Beale, L’74, has become a partner in the firm of Christian & Barton.

John R. Marks, L’75, has been named associate vice president of investments for Davenport and Co. of Virginia Inc. He has also been named a director of James River Bank.

Katrin Belenky Colamarino, L’76, an attorney at Citibank in New York was named chief technology counsel-global relationship banking. She oversees the management of computer law and intellectual property issues for the corporate sector of Citibank. Her husband Leonard is a senior partner at Colamarino & Sohns in New York and her daughter, Rachel Brenner, is a sophomore at Touro College in Jerusalem.

Ronald S. Evans, L’76, is a principal in the new Richmond law firm of Brenner, Dohnal, Evans & Yoffy.

Philip M. Graybill Jr., L’76, has been elected to the board of directors of Shenandoah Telecommunications Co. He also serves as chairman of Shenandoah Memorial Hospital.

William J. McGowan, L’76, has been named vice president of regulatory affairs for M4 Environmental L.P. He will be responsible for all Army environmental litigation.

Larry A. Puchnica, R’72 and L’76, is a principal in the new Richmond law firm of Brenner, Dohnal, Evans & Yoffy.

Lewis T. Stoneburner, L’76, with the law firm of Cantor, Arkema and Edmonds, serves on the board of directors of Make-A-Wish Foundation of Richmond and Western Virginia.
Brian L. Buniva, L’77, was elected chairman of the Department of Environmental Quality’s advisory committee and chairman of the Central Virginia committee of Lawyers Helping Lawyers. He is a director with the Richmond law firm of Mezzullo & McCandlish and serves as chairman of the firm’s environmental/land use and zoning practice group.

Theodore L. Chandler Jr., L’77, was reelected to the board of directors of the Richmond law firm Williams, Mullen, Christian & Dobkins.

Steven M. Edmonds, L’77, was elected president of Gateway Homes of Greater Richmond Inc., a provider of supportive living arrangements for adults disabled by mental illness. He is a partner in the law firm of Cantor, Arkema & Edmonds.

David N. Grimes, L’77, is beginning his second term as commonwealth’s attorney for Pittsylvania County, Va.

Preston B. Hicks, L’77, was elected to the Waynesboro, Va., city council May 7, 1996. He and his wife, Sharon, have two children, Corrine and Adam.

Oliver L. Norrell III, L’77, has been elected president of the Richmond chapter of the Federal Bar Association.

John C. Shea, L’77, has been elected vice president of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association.

Theodore I. Brenner, L’78, is a principal in the new Richmond law firm of Brenner, Dohnal, Evans & Yoffy.

Fred R. Kozak, L’78, has been named a principal with the law firm of Maloney, Barr & Huennekens. He practices primarily in the areas of construction, employment, civil rights litigation and environmental law.

Eric M. Page, L’78, joined the Richmond law firm of LeClair Ryan as an officer. He specializes in public utility and administrative law.

For Michael O. Wells, R’80 and L’85, the 18th century comes to life on a regular basis. You could say he brings it to life.

When not practicing law at Wells Warren PC, the Richmond attorney portrays Patrick Henry on a variety of stages. Perhaps the most visible is St. John’s Episcopal Church in Richmond. Since 1989, Wells has played Patrick Henry and rotated through other roles in a reenactment of the Virginia Convention of 1775. The performance includes the famous “Give me liberty or give me death” speech.

The A&E cable television network taped portions of the reenactment for a “Biography” segment on Patrick Henry. Wells did the voiceover.

Wells also portrays Patrick Henry to students and other groups up and down the East Coast, including a star-studded dinner for the American Academy of Achievement in 1995, a political rally and the 210th anniversary of Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Each is a custom performance. “I ask myself, What would Patrick Henry say to this group?” Wells says.

Such performances require much research. “The interesting thing about Patrick Henry is how relevant he is today,” Wells says. “The questions that were important in the 18th century are important today.” The proper role of government and securing religious liberty are among the issues Wells suggests that confronted the Founding Fathers and still perplex us today.

His undergraduate degree in speech communication and theatre arts is useful, Wells says, for both acting and in court; “but,” he adds, “I’m always more nervous in court because I don’t have a script.”

Wells is a partner in Wells Warren. His father, Archie O. Wells, L’52, is of counsel. Michael Wells and his wife Sarah have a son, Andrew, born in 1990.

Wells’ involvement in theatre extends to helping found Encore! Theatre Inc., writing a play and appearing in local productions. But he’s committed to his alter ego.

“Patrick Henry had a tremendous reputation as a courtroom lawyer,” Wells says. “If I could be as good as Patrick Henry was, or even approaching that level, it would be a very good thing.”

– Forrest Hughes
M. Bruce Stokes, W'74 and L'78, joined the law firm of McSweeney, Burtch & Crump as a principal. She specializes in health care, compensation planning and taxation. She was formerly with Mays & Valentine.

'80s:

John D. Epps, L'80, joined the Richmond law firm of Hunton & Williams as a partner.

Gregory S. Hooe, L'80, joined the law firm of Joynes and Bieber as managing attorney for the Richmond office.

Douglas A. Barry, L'82, has joined the law firm of Allen, Allen, Allen & Allen. He will specialize in personal injury litigation.

Gary T. Piacentini, L'82, joined the Richmond law firm of Maloney, Barr & Huennekens. He specializes in corporate, real estate, project finance and tax law.

John D. Whitlock, L'82, has been selected as a finalist in the first Virginia Entrepreneur of the Year awards program.

Colin C. Connelly, L'83, opened his own law firm, Connelly & Associates, in Chester, Va. He was formerly a principal in the firm of Tuck, Connelly, Peterson & Porfirii.

The Hon. Thomas A. Louthan, L'83, was appointed substitute District Court judge of the 26th Judicial District in March. He is serving a six-year term in Winchester and Harrisonburg, Va., and in six counties. He also continues his law practice with Louthan & Patton in Winchester.

Michael D. Ward, L'83, with the Virginia Petroleum Council, was elected secretary-treasurer of the Virginia Society of Association Executives.

Otis K. Forbes III, L'84, has joined the Virginia Beach law firm of Rae, Bergstrom & Forbes, P.C. He will practice personal injury and criminal defense litigation.

Ken Hardt, L'84, formed the Richmond law firm of Sager, Hardt & Associates.

Donna D. Lange, L'84, was promoted to second vice president of marketing at American National Lawyers Insurance Reciprocal and Doctors Insurance Reciprocal in Richmond.

Jim Lloyd, L'84, is an attorney with the law firm of Clark & Stant P.C. in Virginia Beach, Va. He and his wife, Beth, have a daughter, Jacqueline Taylor, born Oct. 18, 1995.

Lawrence A. Salzman, L'84, was elected president of the Central Virginia chapter of the Appraisal Institute. He works at Salzman Real Estate Service Inc. in Richmond.

Allen F. Bareford, L'85, is the public defender for the City of Fredericksburg, Va., and the counties of Spotsylvania, Stafford and King George, Va. Allen, his wife Alison, and their two sons live in Spotsylvania.

Nelson H.C. Fisher, L'85, joined the law firm of Huff, Poole & Mahoney of Virginia Beach, Va., in the firm's Richmond office. He was formerly with the Chesterfield commonwealth's attorney's office.

Paul R. Mack, L'85, is a partner in the law firm of Saunders, Cary & Patterson in Richmond. He and his wife, Melanie, have a daughter, Kelsey Alexandria, born Feb. 19, 1996.

Warren H. Britt, L'86, of Midlothian, Va., and Alan B. Gnapp, L'86, formed Britt & Gnapp, a Richmond law firm that specializes in the areas of insurance and construction litigation.

Frost Telegadas, L'86, was elected to the board of Coordinators/2 Inc., a nonprofit licensed child-placement agency. She works for the Virginia State Bar.

John G. Apostle II, R'84 and L'87, continues to practice law as in-house counsel for Signet Bank in Richmond. He and his wife, Barbara, have a son, GJ, born Jan. 13, 1996.

Michael A. Condyles, L'87 and his wife, Martha Saine Condyles, L'88, have a daughter, Katherine Saine, born April 21, 1996.

The Hon. Nancy C. Dickinson, L'87, was named substitute judge for the district courts of the 29th Judicial Circuit in January 1996.

James G. Goodwillie, L'87, has been promoted to manager of technical recruiting. He works for Merge Computer Group, Inc.

Robert J. Hartsoe, L'87, has formed a professional limited liability company named Hartsoe and Brown. He will practice civil litigation, taxation, construction law, personal injury, domestic relations, criminal defense and employee benefits. The firm is located in Fairfax, Va.

Kevin P. Oddo, L'87, of Roanoke, Va., joined the law firm of Flippin, Densmore, Morse, Rutherford & Jessen as a partner. He specializes in commercial litigation.

Richard S. Samet, L'87, has become an associate with the law firm of Spotts, Smith, Fain & Rawls. He will practice property-casualty and medical malpractice insurance defense and insurance subrogation.

Stefanie Sanders, L'87, is an attorney with the law firm of Kamerow & Kamerow in Washington, D.C. She and her husband, Michael Levy, were married Sept. 3, 1995. They live in Silver Spring, Md.
Kirk T. Schroder, B’84 and L’87, joined the Richmond law firm of LeClair Ryan. He specializes in art and entertainment law.

Eric W. Schwartz, L’87, of Virginia Beach, Va., was named a partner with the law firm of Mays & Valentine in Norfolk, Va. His practice focuses on civil, criminal, personal injury, medical malpractice, divorce and domestic relations litigation.

C. Stephen Setliff, L’87, of Glen Allen, Va., was named a partner with the Richmond-based law firm of Mays & Valentine. He specializes in products liability, personal injury and insurance defense.


James A. Thornhill, L’87, was elected a partner in the Richmond law firm of McGuire, Woods, Battle & Boothe. His practice concentrates in zoning and environmental issues related to real estate transactions.

William J. Benos, L’88, of Midlothian, Va., was elected a vice chairman of the board of trustees of the Central Virginia chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. He is with the law firm of Williams, Mullen, Christian & Dobbins, where he has become a shareholder.

Martha Saine Condyles, L’88 and her husband, Michael A. Condyles, L’87, have a daughter, Katherine Saine, born April 21, 1996.

Theodore J. Edlich IV, L’88, has become a shareholder with the firm of Williams, Mullen, Christian & Dobbins.

Gloria Freye, L’88, of Midlothian, Va., was named a finalist for the National Network of Commercial Real Estate Women’s National Networking Award. She is an associate with the law firm of McGuire, Woods, Battle & Boothe.

James W. Walker, L’88, was named a shareholder of the law firm Morris & Morris in Richmond. He specializes in products liability, contract and commercial disputes, insurance defense and personal injury cases. He also serves on the faculty of the T.C. Williams School of Law.

Lawyer to the stars! Sounds glamorous... but listen to Kirk T. Schroder, R’84, B’84 and L’87, art and entertainment lawyer, and you’ll realize the labor involved.

“My work involves the transactional side of the business,” Schroder says. Translated, that means negotiating, drafting contracts and reviewing all the documentation for his clients in film, music, television, literature and related areas. They are located from Richmond to California, from New York to Europe.

Schroder also lectures on entertainment and teaches. He’s been teaching entertainment law at T.C. Williams for the past five years, and he teaches art law at Virginia Commonwealth University. He chairs committees and symposia in his specialty in Virginia and across the country.

And that’s in addition to his career in politics. Schroder is the chair of the seventh Congressional District for the Republican Party of Virginia, one of 11 chairs in the Commonwealth. He served as chair of the Republican Party in Richmond from 1988 to 1992.

Schroder didn’t start out as an entertainment lawyer. “It wasn’t planned during law school,” he says. But a student job at the local CBS affiliate exposed him to one aspect of entertainment. At his first law firm employer, he realized he needed a niche, a specialty. He spent five months researching entertainment law and realized that it held real potential.

He left the firm and began practicing from his home. He later opened an office in downtown Richmond. In 1994 he joined the Richmond firm of LeClair Ryan and in 1995 was made partner.

Has that future he glimpsed years ago been realized? “Most definitely,” he says. “I think it’s important for lawyers to enjoy what they practice, and I feel fortunate to have stumbled upon this area for myself.”

And he’s quick to spread the credit. “The quality of my training at T.C. Williams gave me the background and expertise to develop this area of law that is new to this part of Virginia...I have always been really proud of my association with the University of Richmond, even as an undergraduate, and I hope to repay that some day.”

– Forrest Hughes
Barbara J. Balogh, L'89, has become a shareholder in the firm of Poincexter & Schorsch in Waynesboro, Va.

Billie Hobbs, L'89, of Norfolk, Va., joined Lawyers Printing Inc. and manages its legal research division.

John L. Walker III, L'89, is chairman-elect of the Young Lawyers Division of the Virginia Bar Association. He is with the Richmond law firm of Williams, Mullen, Christian & Dobbins.

Andrew R. McRoberts, L'90, was recently appointed county attorney of Culpeper County, Va. Prior to his local government service, he worked for the firm of Hirschler, Fleischer, Weinberg, Cox & Allen.

Kirsten Barron and Eric Weight, both L'91, have a daughter, Haidyn Chloë, born Nov. 1, 1995.

R. Temple Mayo, L'91, has become an associate with the law firm of Taylor & Walker, P.C., in Richmond.

L. Anne Coughenour, L'92, of Glen Allen, Va., joined the Richmond law firm of Carpenter, Woodward & Elder.

Darren L. Duzyk, B'89 and L'92, joined the Richmond law firm of Spotts, Smith, Fain & Rawls as an associate.

Dana J. Finberg, L'92, has become associated with the firm of Mezzullo & McCandlish. She will be working in its litigation department.


Pamela Smith Belfeeman, L'93, and her husband, Bruce, have a daughter, Jennifer Scott, born April 24, 1996.

Bruce D. Albertson, L'94, is now an assistant commonwealth's attorney in Harrisonburg, Va.

Keller Houck Bivens, L'94, and Marc Gideon Nystrom, were married Feb. 17, 1996, in Roanoke, Va. Included in the wedding party were: Susan Maria Ibrahim and Virginia Nelle Carrington, both L'94. The couple lives in Richmond.

Lynn K. Brugh IV, L'94, joined the Richmond law firm of Williams, Mullen, Christian & Dobbins. He had been a clerk to Judge Glen M. Williams of the U.S. District Court in Abingdon, Va.

John C. Lynch, L'94, has become associated with the firm of Steptoe & Johnson in Hampton Roads, Va. He will concentrate in the practice of litigation.


Steven C. Mintz, GB'94 and L'94, is an associate attorney with Mark A. Fleckenstein & Associates in Richmond.

David F. Bernhardt, L'95, of Midlothian, Va., joined the Richmond law firm of Cherry, Seymour & Skilling.

Mark M. Caldwell III, L'95, has recently joined the firm of Sands, Anderson, Marks & Miller as an associate.

Jonathan A. Frank, L'95, joined the Richmond law firm of Little, Parsley & Cluverius as an associate.

Nader Hossain Salehi, L'95, has joined the Division of Enforcement, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Kimberly A. Satterwhite, L'95, of Mechanicsville, Va., joined the Richmond law firm of Williams, Mullen, Christian & Dobbins.

In Memoriam

John M. Elmore Jr., R'43 and L'48
Feb. 19, 1996

The Hon. Frank Alexander Steele Wright, L'49
May 4, 1996

Frederick Kirby White, R'48 and L'50
Jan. 19, 1996

Edmund G. Marshall, L'54
May 11, 1996

Betty S. Rudlin, L'67
May 30, 1993

Carter R. Anderson Jr., L'70
Jan. 5, 1996

Nancy Benfield Bryan, W'72 and L'82
March 12, 1996

James Ashby III, R'68 and L'73
April 4, 1996
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TIME FOR JUBILATION

Members of the Class of 1996 celebrate at the conclusion of the 124th Commencement of the T.C. Williams School of Law. See story on p. 2.