Embracing new opportunities

Dean Wendy Perdue shares vision for the School of Law
Letter from John Douglass

Moving down the hall

I write this surrounded by packing boxes as I prepare for a short move to my new faculty office down the hall. Even as I reflect on the great privilege it has been to serve as dean, I look forward to returning to my role as full-time law professor, a role I have enjoyed immensely for 15 years here at Richmond.

I know you will join me in welcoming Wendy Collins Perdue as our new dean. Wendy is a devoted teacher, an accomplished scholar, and a national leader in legal education. Her tenure at Georgetown reflects a commitment to excellence in scholarship, professional development, and community engagement that aligns perfectly with the continuing efforts and the aspirations of our law school.

As faculty, staff, alumni, and students, together we have accomplished a great deal across these four years. Ideas have turned into plans, and plans into realities: the Harry F. Carrico Pro Bono Center, UR Downtown, the Jeanette Lipman Family Law Clinic, the Intellectual Property and Transactional Law Clinic. With generous gifts from our alumni, we have tripled our support for students to pursue public interest learning opportunities in summers, and added substantially to financial aid while doing our best to limit costs in tough economic times. Impressive new colleagues have joined our already outstanding faculty. We continue to enroll students of remarkable talent and diversity. And, by the end of this summer, we will have transformed and renewed major portions of our building. All of this leaves me with a deep sense of gratitude for the dedication of our faculty and staff, the devotion of our alumni, and the creative energy of our students.

From my perspective, I see every day that the study of law at Richmond is not just about getting an education; it is about sharing an education. It has been, and continues to be, a remarkable privilege to share in that endeavor with all of you. Thank you.

John G. Douglass
The Value of Relationships

Serving with the U.S. Army in Iraq taught Isaac McBeth, L’11, that there’s a time for teamwork and a time to take the lead. As a recent graduate of the School of Law, he saw how the ability to pull experience from both roles is a key attribute of a good attorney.

“My training in the military was the perfect training to be a lawyer,” he says. “I was trained to work in a team, but you can’t be scared to take initiative. You have to think your own way through a problem.”

Isaac also saw parallels in the value of building strong relationships, both on the ground and in the courtroom. As a John Marshall Scholar, he not only received the tuition assistance that made law school possible, but benefited from networking opportunities, classes taught by a Virginia Supreme Court justice, and insights from U.S. Supreme Court justices and other prestigious professionals. But his relationships with his peers are what will carry Isaac forward as he begins his career at Richmond law firm Hirschler Fleischer.

“The students here are who I’m going to be practicing law with for the next 30 years,” he says. “Maintaining a connection with them on a personal level is just as important as on a professional level. The law is all about who you know and the relationships you’ve built.”

By giving to the University of Richmond School of Law’s Annual Fund, you can ensure that students like Isaac have opportunities in legal education that would not be possible without the generosity of alumni and friends. Your gift is an investment in the law school’s future.

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‘Give it your all,’ Holton advises graduates

Commencement speaker Anne Holton, who has devoted her career to serving as an advocate for Virginia’s families and children, encouraged 165 graduates to give back to the community. “Find work that you love and then give it your all,” said Holton, who served for many years as a legal aid lawyer at the Central Virginia Legal Aid Society.

Holton reminded graduates that there are opportunities for public service throughout the legal profession. In 1998, she was appointed to the bench as a juvenile and domestic relations district court judge in Richmond. Holton became first lady of Virginia when her husband, Timothy M. Kaine, was elected governor in 2002. Today, she is a child welfare consultant with the Annie E. Casey Foundation. “You can do a lot of things in life, but you don’t have to do them all at once,” Holton said in an interview preceding the speech.

Student speaker Tim Boykin told his classmates that life is a sprint and in a profession that’s sure to have stressful and demanding times, it will be vital to occasionally take steps back “and think about what’s important in your life. Hopefully, it will involve some of the people next to you today.”

John F. Preis, faculty speaker, advised graduates to consider non-lawyer-like ways of thinking about the world. “If you do so, I think you’ll find that your life will be richer for it,” he said. “For example, instead of thinking like a lawyer, you could think like the Romantics,” and allow experiences and emotions, not logic or reason, to dictate thoughts.

Stanley Hammer of Richmond received the T.C. Williams Law School Scholarship Award, presented for significant contributions to legal scholarship. Mike Mariani of Bayside, NY, was chosen by the faculty to receive the Public Interest Law Association Pro Bono Award for his extraordinary commitment to public interest work. Holly Trice of Chesterfield, Va., won the Nina “Ricki” Kestin Service Award, presented to the graduate who has contributed most significantly to the school, the community, and the legal profession.

And the faculty selected Isaac McBeth of Kenosha, Wis., as winner of the Charles T. Norman Award as best all-around graduating student.
Gift endows Summer Stipend Program for public interest work

As the availability of paid public interest summer internships has decreased over the last few years, the School of Law has stepped in to fill the financial gap though its Summer Stipend Program. Since its inception in 1994, the program has grown from supporting six students in public interest summer placements to awarding more than $200,000 to about 116 students this summer. A recent gift from Judge Frederick P. Stamp Jr., L’59, H’06, ensures this program will continue to thrive through the establishment of the Stamp Public Law Fellowship.

Summer stipends enable law students to gain valuable experience and provide legal services through federal and state agencies, prosecutors’ and public defenders’ offices, legal aid offices, and nonprofit organizations. The average stipend award is $2,000, with plans for the amount to increase in future years.

The summer stipend program is an important priority of the law school, and has been a principal focus in fundraising, said John G. Douglass, who just stepped down as dean. “It’s a kind of support that pays dividends in so many ways,” Douglass said.

Douglass says Stamp, a former trustee of the University and a longtime supporter of the law school, was one of the earliest proponents of efforts to offer stipends to students in public interest summer placements, especially judicial placements. “The current gift in many ways is an effort to endow long-term the kind of program he has been supporting all along,” Douglass said.

This summer, in addition to funding more traditional placements, stipends will support students working with the International Justice Mission in Zambia, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the Virginia Conservation Network, and the Kansas Children’s Service League.

Building undergoing $2.5 million renovation

The School of Law building is undergoing a $2.5 million improvement and renovation project. Much of the work is taking place this summer and includes:

- Redesigning the clinic area to create a modern law office environment
- Improving the Downunder space and adding storage for student organizations
- Creating conference spaces for student organizations on the third floor
- Converting room 114 into a 50-seat partially tiered classroom and a 16-seat conference/seminar room with video conferencing capability
- Upgrading courtroom presentation technology in the Moot Courtroom as well as refurbishing and recarpeting
- Moving some of the library collection into compact shelving, and in existing stack space creating a new 50-seat room for presentations, meetings, colloquies, and legal research classes.

For the Record

School of Law ranks 13th for judicial clerkships

Twenty-one percent of the School of Law graduates in 2009 were awarded judicial clerkships, tying the school for No. 13 on a recently released U.S. News & World Report specialty ranking of 187 American law schools. Five percent of Richmond’s same law class secured federal Article III clerkships, serving judges with life appointments to U.S. circuit and district courts, which tied for No. 30 in that ranking.

The law school’s location in a state capital near the nation’s capital and a federal judicial hub contributes to clerkship opportunities for its graduates and current students. The city of Richmond is the third-largest center for courts in the nation, seat of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, and the Virginia Court of Appeals.

“Our graduates have a notable record of securing among the highest percentage of judicial clerkships in the country,” said Kristen Binette, associate director of the law school’s Career Services Office. “They are to be applauded on another impressive clerkship achievement.” (See page 24 for a current listing of clerkships.)
For the Record

**news**

Yvonne McGhee
new executive director of VBA

Yvonne C. McGhee, L’87, is the new executive director of the Virginia Bar Association (VBA), Virginia’s largest voluntary bar association of 5,000 lawyers and judges. McGhee, who assumed her position in June, is responsible for executing the board’s strategic plan and supervising the seven-member staff at the Richmond office.

McGhee had served as executive director of the 2,000-member Fairfax Bar Association and Fairfax Law Foundation since 2000. Previously, she served as pro se programs director for the 26th Judicial District Trial Court Administrator’s Office in Charlotte, N.C. She also worked as program director for the Fairfax Bar Association and as managing attorney for Baker, Brown & Dixon in Austin, Texas.

Virginia Bar Association President Pia Trigiani, L’83, said: “Yvonne McGhee possesses a unique and impressive background that combines legal experience and association management with a record of success in membership expansion, program development, legislative advocacy, board relations, and volunteer recruitment and support.”

McGhee recently earned the Certified Association Executive designation from the American Society of Association Executives and currently serves as vice president of the National Association of Bar Executives.

In addition, the usable space in the courtyard will be expanded, and new landscaping will enhance the exterior appearance.

“When work is complete, every teaching space in the law school will have been renovated within a four-year period,” said John G. Douglass, who just stepped down as dean. “My thanks to the many alumni and friends whose generosity have made this possible, and to the faculty, staff, and students who serve on our Building Committee for their hard work on the design and conception of the project.”

Green Award honors
Chief Justice Hassell

Leroy R. Hassell Sr., chief justice of the Virginia Supreme Court, was honored posthumously in March with the William Green Award for Professional Excellence at the annual Scholarship Luncheon. The Green Award is the law school’s highest honor, named for one of three original professors in 1870 in what was then the department of law.

“The late chief justice led a life of tremendous accomplishment,” said former Dean John G. Douglass, who became friends with Hassell when both were first-year students at Harvard Law. They later practiced together at McGuireWoods in Richmond. Hassell was appointed a justice at the age of 34, and in 2003 became the court’s first African American chief justice. The chief justice served as adjunct faculty in the law school 1994–2010.

George Martin, a partner at McGuireWoods and also a personal friend of Hassell’s, accepted the Green Award. Martin and Hassell met as first-year students at the University of Virginia, and even then, Hassell was a man of purpose, telling Martin that he would graduate from Harvard Law and be appointed a justice. “He was a remarkable individual,” said Martin.

William F. Dudley, L’11, recipient of the Cantor & Cantor Scholarship and the Marks & Harrison Scholarship, presented the student testimonial. “Your generosity has not only touched me ... but also helped change the dynamic of my family,” he said. Dudley said he is the second member of his family to receive a college degree, and the first to earn a
professional degree. He was raised by a single mother in a rough neighborhood in Portsmouth, Va. “Your generosity will not go unrewarded,” said Dudley, who intends to return to Portsmouth to practice law and help the disadvantaged. “Thank you for brightening my horizons, my family’s horizons, and my community’s horizons.”

Students again tops in Legal Food Frenzy

The law school, for the third year in a row, was the top school in the 2011 Legal Food Frenzy, donating the equivalent of 152,790 pounds of food to the hungry. That’s 318 pounds per student.

In the 2010 competition, the School of Law brought in 96,326 pounds of food, or 215 pounds per person, more than double the totals in 2009.

The Legal Food Frenzy raised more than 1.6 million pounds of food for the state’s food banks in a competition among 177 Virginia law firms and legal departments coordinated by the attorney general’s office, Virginia Food Banks, and the Young Lawyers Division of the Virginia Bar Association.

Virginia Tech massacre survivor screens Living for 32

Colin Goddard, who survived the shooting massacre at Virginia Tech that killed 32 students and faculty members, brought his acclaimed documentary, Living for 32, to the law school.

appearance, said bringing the film back to Virginia was important. “It hits home here,” he said. Undercover footage shows that Virginia is among the easiest places in the country to buy a weapon at a gun show without a proper background check. Still, Goddard said, the Brady Campaign has stopped nearly 2 million transactions from taking place.

Goddard, 25, made a conscious choice not to be a victim, although it was two years before he could share his story. “It doesn’t have to be how you are remembered,” he said. “It’s a part of my life but it doesn’t have to be the rest of my life.”

Marstiller closes book on huge legal victory

Last fall, after working for nine years on a case against Forest Pharmaceuticals Inc., Philip S. Marstiller, ’69, closed the book on the biggest legal victory of his career as the drug company paid $313 million to settle criminal and civil charges that it illegally marketed and distributed certain drugs. On March 4, 2011, the company pled guilty to various federal crimes and forfeited $14 million in assets. It’s the largest settlement in Virginia’s history, and one of the larger health-care settlements ever in the United States.

In the case, the Marstiller Law Firm represented a former salesman who

The School of Law’s Journal of Law and Technology (JOLT) hosted a symposium March 3, “Electronic Discovery in a World of Cloud Computing, Data Hoarding, and Social Networking,” held in conjunction with the publication of JOLT’s Annual Survey.

Among the six presenters was Chief Magistrate Judge Paul Grimm for the U.S. District Court of Maryland, who has published some of the most important opinions on e-discovery during the past five years.

“Technology is becoming increasingly important in every aspect of life and in particular in the legal community,” said Hamilton Garnett, L’11, JOLT’s symposium and solicitations editor.

Stephen Rancourt, ’06 and L’11, JOLT’s Annual Survey editor, said JOLT wanted to build a symposium and survey that would be practical and relevant for the average practitioner. “How can an attorney who doesn’t deal with e-discovery every day utilize the new rules and case law to their advantage in building litigation?” Nearly 150 practitioners registered for the symposium.

In 1995, JOLT (jolt.richmond.edu) became the world’s first law review to publish exclusively online. Today it ranks among the top five cited law and technology journals in court opinions.
“Is Obamacare Constitutional?”

The Federalist Society sponsored a debate April 21, “Is Obamacare Constitutional?” between Ilya Shapiro of the Cato Institute and Joe Morrissey of the Virginia House of Delegates. Professor Kevin C. Walsh was the moderator.

The debate centered on whether or not the individual mandate in the recently passed Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (nicknamed “Obamacare”), which requires individuals to buy insurance, is beyond Congress's power under the Commerce Clause of the Constitution.

"What this is about," said Shapiro, editor-in-chief of Cato Supreme Court Review, "is whether Congress has the power to do it according to the Constitution. Never ... has the U.S. government required citizens to engage in economic activity."

Morrissey, a Democrat, said that the word Obamacare is "a dismissive term," and that the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (nicknamed "Obamacare"), which requires individuals to buy insurance, is beyond Congress's power under the Commerce Clause of the Constitution.

"My heart has always been with the individual," said Marstiller, formerly a partner with Hazel Thomas (now Reed Smith). "I enjoy litigation against Fortune 100 and 500 companies, and I relish the competition when there are four or five lawyers on the other side. It is especially satisfying to expose corporate fraud."

With the Forest case, Marstiller met his match, as he determined he was facing much more than a run-of-the-mill wrongful termination claim. "Once I determined Forest had contracts with the federal government I realized ... we had a potential qui tam case under the False Claims Act," he said. When Marstiller learned the federal government would intervene in the case, he became cautiously optimistic his client could win.

"This case caps my career but I have no intention of retiring," Marstiller said. "I firmly believe you should live your life quietly while quietly helping others to reach their dream."

**Shift from overspending to innovation, Kaine urges at symposium**

The United States needs to shift from an overspending strategy to an innovation strategy, said former Virginia Gov. Timothy M. Kaine in the opening address at the annual Allen Chair Symposium, “Emerging From the Great Recession.”

“We had a growth model that relied on overspending,” Kaine said, citing ballooning government deficits along with rising household debt and declining savings. The innovation model starts with talent expansion, and includes getting the immigration balance right, aggressive globalization with effective exports, and the promotion of new industries, including alternative energy.

Kaine, senior distinguished lecturer on law and leadership studies, was the keynote speaker at the symposium April 6, at which business leaders, attorneys, scholars, and government officials gathered to address the economy. Kaine, a Democrat, had just announced his candidacy for the U.S. Senate.

The afternoon session focused on bankruptcy and liquidation, and included a presentation on fundamental changes in business bankruptcies resulting from adjustments in the secured credit market by David G. Epstein, the George E. Allen Chair in Law. Epstein is the author of several books and numerous articles, and is an elected member of the American College of Bankruptcy and the National Bankruptcy Conference.

**Rabbi turned lawyer**

Myron Berman dies

When Myron Berman retired as a rabbi, he turned to law as a second career, graduating from the University of Richmond School of Law in 1993 at the age of 65. For about a decade, he practiced law in Northern Virginia as an advocate for abused and less-fortunate children.
Berman, who led Temple Beth-El in Richmond from 1965 to 1993, died in April at the age of 83.

“While Myron Berman could easily have enjoyed a relaxing retirement, he instead chose to continue to use his talents to make a difference in the lives of others,” said Professor Ann M. Hodges. “His extensive experience and deep compassion helped to educate his fellow students as well as the faculty. We at the University of Richmond School of Law are indeed fortunate that he became one of ours.”

**Family law scholars’ book examines legal polarization, culture**

Family law scholars Naomi Cahn and June Carbone discussed their book *Red Families v. Blue Families: Legal Polarization and the Creation of Culture* in February as part of the Family Law Speaker Series, co-sponsored by the law school’s National Center for Family Law, Family Law Society, and Law Students for Reproductive Justice.

Cahn, a professor at George Washington Law School, and Carbone, a professor at University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Law, studied how different types of family forms have arisen in this country, leading to political polarization that pits “red” states with traditional values against “blue” states with more modern attitudes.

By analyzing statistics on teen births, the average age of marriage, and divorce and abortion rates by state, Cahn and Carbone demonstrate how electoral maps correlate with demographic maps. They explore how societal pressures and changing economic realities influence regional ideologies and voting patterns in the United States.

“*Red Families v. Blue Families*, which was released in spring 2010, made a big splash, not just in legal academic circles, but also in the popular media,” said Professor Meredith Harbach, who invited the duo to speak at the law school. “Given the current polarization of our national politics, and the continued emphasis on the ‘culture wars,’ this work is timely, provocative, and revealing.”

Cahn and Carbone shared statistics showing that blue states have fewer teen mothers, lower divorce rates, and emphasize personal responsibility. Red states have higher teen birth and divorce rates and emphasize traditional values. Cahn and Carbone believe these differences form the root of the regional cultural and political divide over issues such as abortion, same sex marriage, and contraception.

**Duke Energy chief envisions energy future**

James E. Rogers, Duke Energy’s chairman, president, and CEO, presented “Creative Cooperation: The Roadmap to our Energy Future,” April 18 at the Robins School of Business, where he was introduced by former Virginia Gov. Timothy M. Kaine.

Making access to power universal was the electric industry’s aim in the last century, said Rogers, whose company supplies about 4 million customers in the Carolinas and the Midwest. This century, the focus is on clean energy, efficiency, a modernized power grid, and more. And the U.S. will need a portfolio of different energy sources, said Rogers, possibly including renewables, nuclear, natural gas, and coal. “I’m betting on all the technologies,” he said.

Environmental law professors Joel Eisen and Noah Sachs were part of a roundtable discussion before the address, which was co-sponsored by the School of Law, the Robins School of Business, and the Jepson School of Leadership Studies. Prior to Rogers’ appearance, students in Eisen’s Energy Law and Law of Climate Change courses studied Duke Energy’s climate change strategy and prepared background on 12 projects that the company is undertaking to meet its greenhouse gas emissions reductions targets.
New Dean Wendy Perdue talks with students (from left) Dori Martin, L'13, Charisse Hines, L'13, McKenzie Carson, L'13, and Kevin Michel, L'12. The students were among those participating in the dean search.
Dean Wendy Perdue shares vision for the School of Law

By Jessica Ronky Haddad, ’93

W hen the University began its search last fall for a law dean to succeed John G. Douglass, the search committee made hundreds of phone calls to “movers and shakers in legal education,” said Professor Corinna Barrett Lain, committee co-chair. “We told them the qualities we were looking for and asked whether they knew anyone who fit the bill. So many people answered, ‘You ought to be talking to Wendy Perdue.’”

The match between the School of Law and Perdue, who served in three associate dean positions during her successful 29-year career at Georgetown Law, was striking. A number of brainstorming sessions among faculty, staff, and University administrators had produced a profile of the dean who could best build on Douglass' many successes—and Perdue fit it to a tee.

“We were not looking for someone to hold the wheel steady,” explained Lain. “President [Edward L.] Ayers encouraged us to think big, aim for extraordinary. We were looking for a transformative dean.”

Lain described the ideal dean as a high-energy, innovative institution builder who also had a collaborative nature, strong business sense, and an appreciation for the law school’s collegial culture. “All these qualities were important to us; we didn’t want to give on any of them,” Lain said. It was a tall order.

“We were keenly interested in finding a candidate who not only would make a top-flight law school dean, but also who understood how the law school was part of the greater University,” explained Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Steve Allred, to whom the University’s deans report. “We were looking for someone who got Principle I of The Richmond Promise.”

Enter Wendy Collins Perdue. Perdue holds a bachelor’s degree from Wellesley College and a J.D. from Duke Law School. After graduating from law school, she clerked for Anthony M. Kennedy on the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals before he was appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court. She then practiced law as an associate with Hogan & Hartson in Washington, D.C., for three years before joining the Georgetown Law faculty in 1982. At Georgetown, Perdue taught civil procedure, conflict of laws, and introduction to U.S. legal methods. She moved into law school administration in 1998 and has served as Georgetown’s associ-
Perdue has written extensively on civil procedure and conflict of laws. She also has published on issues concerning land use and its relation to public health—an interest she developed while serving nine years as vice chair of the Montgomery County Planning Board in Maryland.

Perdue is a nationally known leader in legal education. Her role as vice president of the Order of the Coif, the legal education honor society, and her service with the Association of American Law Schools will bring strength to Richmond’s national profile.

In short, Perdue had the stature, experience, and personal qualities that the search committee was looking for. “I’ve received phone calls and emails from people all over the country congratulating us on our selection of Wendy Perdue,” Lain said. “It has been wonderful to see the academic community recognize what we knew all along—we made a fabulous hire.”

Georgetown Law Dean William M. Treanor agrees. “Her contributions to Georgetown have been profound and immeasurable, and Richmond has made a brilliant selection in choosing her as the leader of its law school,” he wrote in a letter announcing Perdue’s departure. “To say that she will be missed as a colleague, administrator, teacher, and friend is an extreme understatement.”

Douglass, who will return to teaching after a sabbatical this year, says that Perdue brings a remarkable combination of experience and talent to the School of Law. “She has skillfully directed the principal programs of one of the nation’s top law schools. She is a recognized leader in American legal education. ... And she has a long history of community engagement that fits perfectly with our tradition here at Richmond. We are thrilled to welcome her as our next dean.”

We met with Perdue as she prepared to assume the deanship. A thoughtful speaker, Perdue exudes a quiet confidence paired with a quick wit. She shared with us some thoughts on the state of legal education and her plans for the School of Law.

How much did you know about the University of Richmond School of Law when the committee first contacted you during the dean search?

What I knew of the law school I knew because of [former dean] Rodney Smolla, who was a law school classmate—but to be honest, I didn’t know anything other than that he had been dean at Richmond. Last August, I had a very interesting conversation with [School of Law Professor] Shari Motro. She was a visiting professor at Georgetown this spring, and I met her in August during orientation. Shari painted a picture of a school that is a genuinely exciting and collegial place to be. I was pretty taken by her description. Later in the fall, when the dean search committee contacted me, I was more interested because of that conversation with Shari.

“I was taken by the culture of the faculty, who really seem to be a community of scholars with great respect for each other.”

What did you learn during the interview process that made you want to be dean of the law school?

I learned that Shari was right. I was taken by the culture of the faculty, who really seem to be a community of scholars with great respect for each other. Then I learned more about the University and its vision and energy and how that commitment to excellence extended to the law school.

In what areas do you see the most unrealized potential at the law school?

First, we must increase the law school’s visibility. Richmond has a wonderful story to tell and the more we can do to let others know about its many strengths, the better off we will be. I also see an opportunity to increase engagement with the alumni. People tell me that alumni are quite loyal and feel good about the law school, but they are not as engaged as they could be. Engagement goes beyond the narrow focus on philanthropy. We need to encourage opportunities for alumni to connect with the school and with each other. Long after graduation, I want our alumni to feel that they are still a part of the school. Alumni also are an incredibly valuable resource both as mentors to our current students and to each other, and as a source of information for the school. The practice of law is changing and our alumni provide an important window to what’s happening in the world out there.

You are coming from Georgetown Law, a much larger school. What are some of the advantages Richmond enjoys because of its size?
With a smaller school comes a stronger sense of community. There is an interesting survey that is done yearly, a law school survey of student engagement. In the most recent survey, the number of times students talk to faculty outside of class correlates highly with both their professional development and their satisfaction with law school. That is more likely to happen at a smaller school.

The law school also has a strength in its location. Richmond is a legal center. You have the state government, major law firms, major industry, and a professional culture that will give students a wide range of opportunities. I think it will be increasingly important for students to have ongoing contacts with the profession and the larger community in which they live.

What does it mean to you that you will be the School of Law’s first female dean?
First, I come into legal education with many outstanding foremothers in that area. Currently, about 20 percent of law deans are women, so it is no longer novel in legal education. And although I am the first woman law dean at Richmond, I am not the first woman within the senior ranks at the University. Four of the five deans at the University of Richmond are now women. That’s extraordinary, and I’m thrilled to be a part of it.

What are your thoughts on *U.S. News*’ rankings?
Most of the elements in *U.S. News* are things that a good dean would care about regardless of whether or not we had rankings: reputation of the school, bar passage rates, whether students get jobs. … Unfortunately, *U.S. News* doesn’t include all the things we care about and the way *U.S. News* measures these things is at best incomplete and at times perverse. There is no question that students put a very high priority on our ranking because they worry about their job prospects, and one cannot be indifferent to this. But I think it’s a big mistake to structure legal education around rankings.

One of the objectives of the University’s strategic plan, *The Richmond Promise*, is a greater emphasis on interdisciplinary studies. How can the law school collaborate with the other schools on campus?
Two places with the most obvious potential for connections are the leadership and business schools. What I hear over and over from practicing lawyers is, “I want a lawyer who can understand a client’s business well enough to offer guidance that is responsive to the client’s true objectives.” This frequently requires not only basic financial literacy skills, but also an understanding of business structures and objectives. It’s hard to draft a contract when you don’t really understand the transaction or its risks. Leadership also is critically important. Many of the so-called “soft skills” that have become increasingly important for lawyers are essentially leadership skills. I look forward to exploring with Jepson and the business school ways in which we can collaborate and innovate. A third opportunity is in the international arena. Law increasingly crosses borders and I hope we will be able to take advantage of the University’s growing international focus.

You are beginning this deanship during a challenging time in legal education and in the legal job market. How can the University of Richmond School of Law best prepare students to be 21st century lawyers?
I think the demand for lawyers is going to continue to be strong, but the way in which legal services are delivered is changing and will continue to evolve. Today, lawyers need to have a broader range of skills. They need to be creative problem solvers and collaborators, and they need to be able to work across disciplines. There also is a growing emphasis on young lawyers being “practice ready” from the start. Finally, given the pace of change within the legal profession, it is important for lawyers to have a sense of responsibility towards their own professional development. Richmond has a long tradition of educating lawyers who from the start can function effectively and at a very high level, and who also have the tools to grow and develop within their careers. I look forward to building on that tradition.
Four of the five judges of Richmond’s Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court are School of Law alumni. They are (from left) Ashley K. Tunner, L’95, J. Stephen Buis, L’73, Marilynn C. Goss, L’82, and Richard Campbell, L’93.
Richmond alumni tradition of service visible in courtrooms nationwide

By Marilyn J. Shaw

Step into any courtroom around Virginia, and chances are good the judge graduated from the University of Richmond School of Law. Statewide, more than one in four sitting judges is a Richmond law graduate, far greater representation than for alumni of any of the seven other law schools in the commonwealth.

The alumni tradition of service is seen in state and federal courts throughout the nation as well as in all levels of the Virginia judiciary, with the strongest presence around Richmond, Tidewater, and Roanoke.

Even after 43 years on the bench in Virginia’s courts, Justice Lawrence Koontz Jr. says, “Every day I deal with something that takes me back to law school, something we touched on.” A Salem resident, Koontz, L’65, LL.D.’99, is serving on senior status with the Supreme Court of Virginia after reaching the mandatory retirement age of 70 this year. His retirement and the death of former Chief Justice Leroy R. Hassell Sr. left two vacancies on the seven-member high court.

Ashley K. Turner, L’95, spent three years in the Portsmouth public defender’s office before moving to its counterpart in Richmond. Seven years after that, she was named to the bench of Richmond’s Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, where four of the five judges are School of Law alumni. J. Stephen Buis, L’73, Richard Campbell, L’93, and Marilynn C. Goss, L’82, also serve in this court.

For Turner, some aspects in the shift from trial attorney to judge were difficult. On the one hand, she knew the system well from being in the courtroom every day for 10 years. She was familiar with the juvenile court, the players, the agencies and different types of cases. “I think that was a considerable advantage,” she says.

The psychological differences took more adjusting. “No one calls me Ashley anymore. It’s always ‘Judge’ or ‘Your Honor.’ I had to be more restrained in my communications because everything I say is taken with a different gravity, coming out of the mouth of a judge.”

Turner, who married ThompsonMcMullan attorney William W. Turner, L’95, remains involved in the law school, judging moot court competitions and serving as a field instructor for clinical externships.

To Chief Judge Walter S. Felton Jr. of the Virginia Court of Appeals, “the practice of law in Virginia has always been a hallmark of the University of Richmond School of Law. And the
graduates are pretty good in court. Good practitioners make good judges.”

Felton, R'66 and L'69, also mentions the students’ exposure to judges as adjunct professors and class speakers, and the opportunities for students to participate in the activities of their courts. “UR has taken appropriate steps to broaden its horizons,” says Felton, who serves on the 11-judge appellate body with Larry G. Elder, L'75.

One way the School of Law stretches the curriculum is with a course comparing civil and common law systems taught by Claudia Brand, L'05. She entered law school with experience as a district court-level appellate judge from 1994–2001 in her native Germany, but had never practiced as an attorney. At age 26, Germans can apply for a judgeship after passing the second state exam and finishing a university law education that almost exclusively trains them to analyze cases from the standpoint of a judge. “Back when I was a trainee I spent an entire year in different courts. By the time I had to decide my first civil case as a judge,” she says, “I had already drafted lots and lots of opinions.”

Mary Costello, L'85, a Superior Court judge (the Virginia circuit court equivalent) in New Jersey since 2007, says she’s very proud of her School of Law experience. “Richmond was a small school in central Virginia, with D.C. and other mega schools in the north, and U.Va. and William and Mary on either side. UR was proactive, determined to be noticed,” she says. “We did stand-up recitation, which many other schools had discontinued. They put you through the paces.”

Costello’s brother-in-law and former law partner, Thomas P. Olivieri, L'75, also a Superior Court judge in New Jersey, encouraged her to study law at the University of Richmond. “[The School of Law] prepared me so much to become a jurist,” she says.

In part because of mandatory retirements and in part because the Virginia General Assembly decided last year not to fill any judicial vacancies as a cost-saving measure, many state courts are stretched to cover their caseload. There are about 400 Virginia judges. As of March, 13 circuit court vacancies existed, including one open since December 2008; along with 10 general district judgeships, including one unfilled since January 2009; and four juvenile and domestic relations judgeships, according to the Office of Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia.

“It’s important that vacancies get filled,” says Irving M. Blank, L'67, a partner with the Paris Blank law firm in Richmond and president of the Virginia State Bar Association. “One of the primary roles of government is to furnish courts. Government survives under the rule of law, and without courts that’s not possible.”

Legislators late in the 2011 session approved a budget amendment that would fill 21 judgeships. With that decision, “we’re back on the road to having three equal branches of government instead of two: the executive and legislative branches,” Blank says. “It’s going to relieve courts in crisis, but not relieve some of the backups.”

One way for courts to keep hearing cases involves the use of substitute judges, such as Michael HuYoung, L'82, a trial lawyer with Barnes & Diehl in Richmond. “The chief judge of the circuit court in Henrico County, where I reside, called me one day and told me, ‘there’s an opening for a substitute judge and we feel you would be a good one.’ When a chief judge calls and asks, you don’t say no,” he says. “It’s an honor, a chance to be a good public servant.”

HuYoung was appointed a substitute judge in 2000 and estimates he has served 1,000 to 2,000 times. He says the experience has benefited his prac-
practice: “I now see cases from the judge’s perspective. It’s streamlined my presentation.” But substituting also has some consequences. “In at least two cases, potential clients came into my office and looked at me funny, or they looked familiar to me, and sure enough, I see my signature on the bond paper. I’ve arraigned them.”

Judicial vacancies also strain the federal courts, potentially delaying or thwarting civil cases in particular while the Speedy Trial Act mandates the expeditious hearing of criminal cases.

“I expect we’ll continue to have 90 or 85 vacancies at the federal level. I’m not optimistic that will change soon,” says Carl W. Tobias, Williams Chair in Law. He notes that in the spring President Obama’s nominations were coming at a pace of about one a week. But the process is not moving as quickly as possible because of crises at home and abroad as well as partisanship with the approach of the 2012 elections.

So officials such as U.S. District Judge Frederick “Fred” Stamp Jr., L’59, remain active after attaining senior status, when the combination of age and years of service tallies at least 80. Stamp says he is semiretired because a 2006 vacancy in the Northern District of West Virginia has gone unfilled. “Once we get a replacement I may slow down, but I enjoy very much what I’m doing.”

Stamp practiced at the same law firm for 30 years before President George H.W. Bush appointed him to the court in 1990. “It’s an honor to be a judge,” says the resident of Wheeling, W.Va. “I tell my law clerks that it’s like being in a very small law firm where I’m the senior partner and they’re junior partners and we get the best cases.”

An emeritus trustee of the University, Stamp also sits by designation in federal courts across the country. Earlier this year, he worked in Tucson, Ariz., after Chief Judge John McCarthy Roll was killed in the shooting incident that injured U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords.

Professor Tobias says the law school’s graduates are highly regarded, excellent lawyers. “If the percentage of Virginia judges is disproportionate,” he says, “I think that reflects well on the school.”

Other alumni judges

School of Law alumni serving in other courts around the country include:

- Harvey Erwin Schlesinger, L’65, a federal judge serving on senior status for the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida
- Emanuel A. Bertin, L’69, a common pleas judge in Montgomery County, Pa.
- James R. Ward, L’71, an administrative law judge in Michigan
- Renee C. Ricciardelli, L’74, an administrative law judge in New Jersey
- Walter C. Martz II, L’77, chief judge of the Maryland Tax Court
- Barry N. Frank, L’77, an administrative law judge in New Jersey
- Norman A. Krumenacker III, L’80, a common pleas judge in Cambria County, Pa.
- Shelly S. Holt, L’81, a retired district court judge in eastern North Carolina
- Alison Kyler Arce, L’97, a part-time magistrate judge in the family division in Fulton County, Ga.

Marilyn J. Shaw is a writer and editor and the founder of Well Put LLC in Richmond.
Congress’s enactment of comprehensive healthcare reform legislation last year was the culmination of one round of an intense debate that continues today. The second round began the same day that the first round ended, when President Obama signed the legislation. In this second round, the locus of debate has shifted from Congress to the courts, which are processing a slew of lawsuits filed immediately after enactment.

One of the most prominent is *Virginia v. Sebelius*. The lawsuit presents on its face a prominent and critically important question of federalism: Did Congress exceed the limits of its enumerated legislative powers by enacting the individual mandate, which requires individuals to have insurance or pay a penalty for failing to have it? But the lawsuit also presents a less recognized but equally important question of separation of powers: Is the federal judiciary authorized to rule on Virginia’s claim that the individual mandate is unconstitutional?

Virginia seeks to vindicate the Health Care Freedom Act, a state statute declaring that no Virginia resident shall be required to obtain or maintain health insurance. To defend this state law from the preemptive effect of federal law, Virginia contends that the federal legislation’s individual mandate to obtain and maintain health insurance is unconstitutional. The Supreme Court has held, however, that a state cannot go to federal court simply to seek a declaratory judgment that its state law is not preempted by federal law—precisely the relief sought in *Virginia v. Sebelius*. The upshot is that, in seeking to enforce limits on federal legislative powers, Virginia’s lawsuit runs afoul of limits on the federal judicial power.

The federal government did not identify this particular jurisdictional flaw in its filings in the district court, although the federal government did move to dismiss on other jurisdictional grounds. The district court denied that motion to dismiss and ruled in Virginia’s favor on the merits of its constitutional challenge. The jurisdictional and merits rulings are currently being reviewed on appeal.

Even if Virginia’s case is jurisdictionally defective, the federal courts will be able to decide the constitutionality of the individual mandate in other cases. In fact, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit has paired *Virginia v. Sebelius* for back-to-back argument with another constitutional challenge to
the individual mandate that is not subject to the same jurisdictional objections as Virginia’s. One might ask, then, why the federal courts should bother to spend time on jurisdictional technicalities in Virginia’s case.

The reason is that form matters in constitutional adjudication. The United States does not have a system in which the federal courts function as a free-floating council of revision. Constitutional adjudication is—and ought to remain—incidental to the resolution of a justiciable case or controversy.

Alexis de Tocqueville, astute observer of American legal culture that he was, explained early in this nation’s history why it is essential to adhere strictly to case-centered constitutional adjudication. “If the judge had been empowered to contest the law on the ground of theoretical generalities,” Tocqueville wrote, “if he were able to take the initiative and to censure the legislator, he would play a prominent political part; and as the champion or antagonist of a party, he would have brought the hostile passions of the nation into the conflict.” This peril of politicization is minimized by insisting on incidental adjudication of constitutional issues—that is, constitutional adjudication that takes place only as incidental to resolution of a case or controversy. This feature of federal jurisdiction, Tocqueville recognized, ensures that “the American judge is brought into the political arena independently of his own will. He judges the law only because he is obliged to judge a case.”

Virginia v. Sebelius is not a case that the federal courts are authorized, let alone obliged, to decide. Virginia has conceded that it cannot sue the federal government as parens patriae, that is, in a representative capacity to protect its citizens from federal law. Virginia also has conceded that, in the absence of the Health Care Freedom Act, its constitutional claim against the mandate would be too abstract to constitute a justiciable controversy in federal court.

Virginia argues that the Health Care Freedom Act makes all the difference; it transforms a dispute that would otherwise be abstract and non-justiciable into one that is concrete and ripe for resolution. But the conflict between state and federal law remains abstract. The single provision of federal law that Virginia asserts to be outside Congress’s constitutional authority imposes no obligation on Virginia itself—only on its residents. And the rights of no particular individual are asserted to be at issue in Virginia’s lawsuit.

If Virginia can generate a justiciable controversy where one would not otherwise exist, by first passing a law and then seeking a declaratory judgment about that law’s validity, then so too can any other state. This jurisdictional two-step would provide entrée to a prominent platform for elected state officials to seek judicial validation of their constitutional visions apart from a concrete controversy, which would have significant political consequences. The practical effect would be to eliminate the insulation provided by the case-or-controversy requirement whenever a controversial issue mobilizes a state legislature to enact an anti-federal-law state law. Yet that is precisely when such insulation is most needed.

There is nothing wrong with filing a lawsuit to enforce limits on federal legislative power. But such lawsuits must fit within the limited jurisdiction granted to the federal courts by Congress and the United States Constitution. Even if Virginia is correct that Congress has exceeded its limited authority, that provides no reason to invite a federal court to do the same.

Kevin C. Walsh is an assistant professor of law whose scholarship explores the doctrines that define—and delimit—the scope of federal judicial power. This essay was adapted from his forthcoming publication, The Ghost that Slew the Mandate, 64 Stanford L. Rev. This issue went to print shortly before the Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit heard oral argument in Virginia v. Sebelius.
William J. Strickland, R’64 and L’69, a partner at McGuireWoods, works primarily from the firm’s Brussels office, but also divides his time among Richmond, London, and Bucharest, Romania.
William J. Strickland, R’64 and L’69, keeps a multiple time zone clock on his desk so that he instantly knows what time it is for the client or colleague who’s calling him. Strickland, a partner at McGuireWoods, works primarily from the firm’s Brussels office, but also divides his time among Richmond, London, and Bucharest, Romania. His computer’s Outlook calendar is set for European and U.S. time zone meetings, and five-digit dialing connects all of the firm’s phones.

“While that may not sound very important,” said Strickland, who has extensive experience in international finance and corporate transactions, “it helps make people in different offices around the world feel more connected.”

The University of Richmond School of Law is embracing the challenge to prepare lawyers for this interconnected, diverse world through collaborations across disciplines, creative seminars led by faculty and alumni, and innovative arrangements with international organizations and educational institutions.

“Our faculty is international in outlook and experience,” said John G. Douglass, who just stepped down as dean. Joel B. Eisen was a Fulbright Professor of Law at the China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing in spring 2009. An authority on China’s efforts to address climate change, he also led a multinational simulation exercise on climate change. Noah Sachs, also an expert in international environmental law, presented his research at a conference in Dublin last year and was awarded a European Union Fellowship to meet with EU environmental leaders in Brussels. Jonathan K. Stubbs helped to plan and participated in a UNESCO-sponsored regional intergenerational human rights leadership forum in the Tuscany region of Italy in April.

The law school’s summer program in Cambridge, England, has been an integral aspect of international education for more than 30 years. “This summer, for the first time,” Douglass said, “we are supplementing the Cambridge experience with clinical opportunities in London, where eight of our students will work in placements from private practices to Parliament.” Douglass also noted that the new Carole Weinstein International Center, located just next door and home to five law professors, “brings all of the University’s international programming literally to our doorstep.”

When Evan George, L’11, entered the law school after teaching English in China for two years, he was particularly interested in legal study abroad programs in that country. Through the efforts of the law school and the Office of International Education, the University’s exchange agreement with the business
An externship experience ignited ’09 alumna Tiffany E.C. Mansfield’s desire to pursue international humanitarian law with the American Red Cross. William J. Benos, L’88, co-founded a capstone course in international business practices at the law school. Benos, a partner at Williams Mullen, also is Canada’s honorary consul for Virginia.

A third-year externship experience Tiffany E.C. Mansfield, L’09, had with the American Red Cross ignited her desire to pursue work in the international arena. “It was January 2009, during the height of the conflict in the Gaza Strip,” Mansfield recalled. “We pulled together religious leaders from the Islamic and Jewish faith communities in Richmond and had an interfaith talk on international humanitarian law and how it applied to the situation in Gaza. It was a wonderful, open dialogue that was a very healthy and cordial discussion at a very tense time.”

The externship led to Mansfield’s part-time work since January as manager of international humanitarian law for the Greater Capital Region of the American Red Cross.

George L. Hiller, L’91, and William J. Benos, L’88, co-founded a capstone course, International Business Practice, which gives select students the opportunity to work with a company on overseas expansion. “Students provide analytical information on legal issues,” Benos said. The result is “an actual deliverable report and final project,” Benos explained, which can help the company understand issues from export controls to immigration that may impact plans to expand internationally.

Benos, who was born and reared in Ontario, is a partner at Williams Mullen in Richmond and heads the firm’s immigration practice group. In 2004, he was appointed by the Canadian government as honorary consul for Virginia, and as such, fields inquiries and helps facilitate trade between Canada and Virginia.

Hiller said international business often represents from 10 to 20 percent of sales for medium-sized, family-owned companies. “So for lawyers—even those in general practices in rural or non-metropolitan areas—an expertise in international business matters is a real plus.”

Hiller, a fluent Spanish speaker who was in charge of Virginia’s trade promotion programs in Latin America with the Virginia Economic Development Partnership, now splits his time between Richmond and Abingdon, Va., as director of international programs for the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center. He also teaches classes on globalization and international marketing as an adjunct professor in the School of Continuing Studies.

William J. Strickland of McGuireWoods said when he was in law school he had no idea that he’d be doing what he is today. He said he certainly would have been more fluent in another language. His French, he said laughing, is passable.

Language skills and international travel can give students interested in international practice an advantage, he noted. An understanding of other cultures is equally valuable.

“I think one of the most important things for us as Americans to do if we want to think more globally is to gain a respect for other cultures,” Strickland said. “We need to realize that just because we are from the United States, we do not have all of the answers. Other people also have good ideas which need to be considered and respected, even if we do not always agree with them.”

Bonnie V. Winston is a Williamsburg-based writer and editor.
Henry L. Chambers Jr. published two faith and values columns in the Richmond Times-Dispatch:
“Forgiveness Can Take Many Forms” on Feb. 19, and
“Worship Only One Measure of a Church” on April 30. On May 18, he was a panelist in Richmond for The Federalist Society’s discussion and debate on origination vs. the living Constitution, with Professor Gary L. McDowell of the Jepson School of Leadership Studies and Jamie Radtke, candidate for the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate.


Jim Gibson presented his “Viewing Contracts Vertically” paper at Boston University, the University of Texas annual IP symposium, and most recently, at Fordham.

Heather Hamilton wrote “Key Resources in International Law” in the December 2010 issue of the Virginia Lawyer. The article is part of the regular series of articles contributed by members of the Virginia Association of Law Libraries.

Ann Hodges was quoted in the Richmond Times-Dispatch and Law360.com on the Wisconsin collective bargaining story in February.

Joyce Janto, as president of the American Association of Law Libraries, was the keynote speaker at the National Conference on Libraries and Judicial Information in Santiago, Chile, in April.

The American Association of Law Libraries will induct Timothy Coggins, associate dean for library and information services, into the 2011 American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Hall of Fame class at its annual meeting this month. The Hall of Fame was established to recognize individuals whose contributions to the profession have been “significant, substantial, and long-standing.”

“Tim’s remarkable accomplishments as a manager and as an innovator in information technology are well known to all of us who benefit daily from his contributions and from the work of the terrific library staff that he leads,” said John G. Douglass, who just stepped down as dean. “This AALL recognition reflects that Tim is held in equally high regard for his impressive contributions to legal education at the national level.” Coggins has been involved with the AALL since 1984. “It’s an honor to be recognized by the AALL in this way, especially since the nominations for the Hall of Fame come from professional colleagues whom I respect,” he said. “Throughout my career I’ve learned important leadership and organizational skills from many years of service as the chair of AALL committees and task forces. These skills coupled with the knowledge that I have gained from AALL programs and colleagues have made me a better law librarian, faculty member, and University administrator.”

Jack Preis will be arguing before the U.S. Supreme Court this fall in a pro bono case he has been handling since 2006. Preis was the winning counsel last June before the Ninth Circuit in *Pollard v. The Geo Group*, which involved the duty of privately run prisons to respect prisoners’ constitutional rights. Preis represents Richard Lee Pollard, a California inmate who suffered serious medical problems in prison. The justices will hear arguments from five Geo Group employees seeking to stop a lawsuit by Pollard, who says prison workers mistreated him after he broke both elbows in an accident.


Mary Tate is newly named counsel on a non-biological writ of actual innocence case, *Turner v. Commonwealth*, which is pending in the Virginia Supreme Court. It’s a 1995 murder case from Virginia Beach involving two co-defendants who trained together as Navy SEALs.


Kevin C. Walsh filed two *amicus curiae* briefs derived from his law review essay over challenges to the individual mandate in the federal healthcare reform legislation. (See article, page 16.) “The Ghost that Slew the Mandate” will be published in *64 Stanford Law Review* (forthcoming).

**Faculty promotions**

Shari Motro was promoted to full professor with tenure. Motro, whose scholarship includes marriage, money, and the law, had been an associate professor of law since 2008.

Dale Margolin was promoted to associate clinical professor of law. As founding director of the Jeanette Lipman Family Law Clinic, Margolin has established a transformative educational program that is a model of service-based learning.

William O. Fisher was promoted to associate professor of law. Fisher, who joined the faculty in
New professors

Alberto B. Lopez joins the faculty from Northern Kentucky University Salmon P. Chase College of Law as a tenured professor of law. He received a J.M.S. and J.S.D. of the Science of Law from Stanford Law School, and a J.D. from Indiana University School of Law. He is the author of numerous law review articles, and Property Law & Race (Aspen Coursebook Series). This fall he will teach a first-year property class, and an upper-level wills and trusts class.

Julie McConnell, L’99, joins as assistant clinical professor of law and director of the Juvenile Delinquency Clinic. She was the supervising assistant commonwealth’s attorney in Richmond’s Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court since January 2006, where she prosecuted complex cases primarily involving juvenile delinquency, child abuse, sexual abuse, domestic violence, elder abuse, and homicide. In May, the Oliver Hill Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court honored her as the “Unsung Hero” of 2011, an award that was presented posthumously last year to Kelley H. Bartges, former director of the delinquency clinic.

Library a partner in Legal Tools Project

The University of Richmond has become one of the first law schools in the United States to become a partner with the International Criminal Court’s (ICC) Legal Tools Project. Through this partnership, the law school will assist the ICC with building the most comprehensive database—a complete virtual library—in the field of international criminal law and justice. The project presents a comprehensive collection of resources related to the theory and practice of international criminal law, and makes various documents available to investigators, prosecutors, and defense teams in the areas of genocide, crimes against humanity, and war crimes.

The Law Library houses an archive of trial documents from the International Military Tribunal for the Far East (Tokyo Tribunal), given by David Nelson Sutton Jr., R’48, a member of the prosecutorial team of the IMTFE. These documents include transcripts, trial proceedings, exhibits, and photographs from the IMTFE Tokyo Tribunal. The Legal Tools Projects will make these materials available to researchers and attorneys around the world.

Adjunct professor named to ‘Best’ list

D. Hayden Fisher, adjunct professor in the first-year lawyering skills program, was co-winner of the best attorney category in Style Weekly’s “Best of Richmond” issue. Fisher also is owner of F.W. Sullivan’s Fan Bar & Grille. He shares the “best attorney” category with Craig S. Cooley, R’69, M.A.’75 and L’77.

Integrating theory with practice

Margaret Ivey Bacigal

Margaret Ivey Bacigal, L’79, is comfortable with getting personal—so long as she’s talking with a student interested in the law school’s Clinical Placement Program. In her capacity as program director, Bacigal interviews each student, helping to clarify goals that then lead to a well-suited placement.

“Some students come in knowing exactly what they want to do; others are exploring potential areas of interest,” she says. “My objectives are to help students identify their learning goals and the type of work environment that will best promote their professional development. I also want to ensure they understand that their participation in the program is a commitment to excellence in serving clients and the highest standards of professionalism.”

For Bacigal, the call to the clinical placement program was an easy one. As an undergrad at Mary Baldwin College, she debated between a career in higher education and in the law. Now, she combines the two. “It is exciting to see students develop professionally and gain confidence in their lawyering skills,” she says. “Working on real cases requires the students to engage in complex problem solving and exposes them to the nuances of practice in a way a textbook never can. The placements also enrich their classroom experiences by helping them to see how the different areas of substantive law are applied, integrating legal theory with practice.”

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Bacigal is quick to note that several School of Law alumni who participated in the program as students now serve as field instructors and mentors. “People bend over backwards to help,” she says.

John G. Douglass, who just stepped down as dean, says Bacigal herself is key to the program’s success. “Margaret Bacigal is our principal ambassador to the state and local bar, and to the vast opportunities that come with those important connections,” he says. “She brings remarkable energy and creativity to her work.”

For her part, Bacigal is excited about the program’s expansion to London this summer. Even though it’s a new continent, the goal is the same, she says: “It’s great to see people gain a sense of direction and purpose in the law.”

—Paula Peters Chambers
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1950s

Harold Shaffer, L’52, continues to practice in Wilmington, Del., on a “careful, but relaxed and enjoyable basis.”

The Hon. Edgar Turlington Jr., L’54, is in his 13th year as a retired general district court judge. He offers services as a substitute judge in Virginia. Previously he served 18 years as the judge of the Richmond General District Court and 21 years as a practicing attorney.

William “Bill” Gulley, L’59, writes that he is now 80 and keeps busy with reading, church activities, golf, and yard work. His wife of almost 59 years, Marilyn, “is doing fairly well. I often think of the law school and the great education I got there, along with the many friends I made. I wish the school and the students the very best.”

1960s

Paul Saunders Barbery, L’64, was inducted as a member in the Academy of Engineering Excellence at the College of Engineering at Virginia Tech on April 28. The academy was created in 1977–78, and to date only 106 alumni of the more than 55,000 living graduates have been selected for this honor.

The Hon. Burnett Miller, R’64 and L’67, retired in January from the Henrico County Circuit Court. He plans to spend time with grandchildren, do woodworking, and substitute on the bench from time to time.

Ralph “Bill” Axselle Jr., L’68, has been named the “Richmond Government Relations Lawyer of the Year” for 2011 by Best Lawyers. He is a partner at Williams Mullen.

The Marstiller Law Firm, whose founder and president is Philip Marstiller, L’69, won the largest settlement in Virginia’s employment law history and one of the larger settlements in the nation in the health care industry. (See article, page 5.)

1970s

David E. Boone, L’75, was named a 2010 Virginia Super Lawyer in the area of criminal defense. An attorney with the Richmond office of BooneBeale, David and his wife, Beverly, the former director of career services at the law school, live in Delray Beach, Fla.

After 31 years of practicing law in Fairfax, Va., Michael Allen Mays, L’75, moved his residence and practice to Fauquier County, Va., where he enjoys open spaces, horse farms, wineries, and Civil War battlefields. His practice has a whole new base of clients and focuses on wills, trusts, estates, and family law.

The Hon. Edward Turner III, L’75, of Laurel Fork, Va., retired Jan. 1 after serving nearly 19 years on the General District Court bench. He divides his time between his farm and sitting as a recalled retired judge.

In a recent national survey of defense attorneys, in-house corporate counsel, and individuals involved in civil justice reform, Gary Kendall, L’76, of Charlottesville, Va., law firm MichieHamlett, was named in the top
75 plaintiff lawyers in the United States. He represents workers suffering from asbestos-related injuries as well as persons injured by job-related hazards and toxic materials. He has spoken on personal injury law at bar association meetings, and at national conferences on asbestos, product liability, personal injury, and workers compensation.

**Save the date!**

Come back to campus Oct. 21-22 for Law Weekend. This is the reunion year for classes ending in ‘1’ and ‘6.’ Join us!

**Louis T. Stoneburner, L’76.** of Cantor Stoneburner Ford Grana & Buckner, was named the “Richmond Medical Malpractice Lawyer of the Year” for 2011 by Best Lawyers. He has been listed in the medical malpractice law category of *The Best Lawyers in America* since 2007 and was named as a Top 50 Virginia Super Lawyer by *Virginia Super Lawyers & Rising Stars* magazine for the second year in a row.

Washingtonian magazine included **Bradley Waterman, L’76** in its listing of the top one percent of lawyers practicing in Washington, D.C., and as a practitioner whom taxpayers should engage “when the IRS calls.”

**Carl Rizzo, L’77.** is vice president of Steelbridge Compliance LLC, a Dallas-based SEC regulatory compliance consultancy serving investment advisers to institutional investors and private investment funds. He has worked in the investment advisory industry since 1987.

**Gordon M. Cooley, L’78.** completed an eight-month leadership development program sponsored by Leadership Maryland. He was honored as the “Pro Bono Star” of the Bar Association of Frederick County, Md., at the Pro Bono Resource Center’s 20th anniversary gala in Baltimore last November. He is the regional president, western Maryland, at PNC Bank.

**James V. Meath, L’79.** a labor lawyer, was elected chairman of the board of directors at Williams Mullen in February. In April, he was the opening speaker at the Southern Municipal Conference in Cocoa Beach, Fla., where he spoke of his thoughts and experiences regarding the public psyche and public employee unions.

**Robert L. Samuel Jr., L’79.** was named to *The Best Lawyers in America* for personal injury defense for 2010 and was named a “Legal Elite” in criminal law by *Virginia Business* magazine. In 2010 he was recognized as a “Leader in the Law” by *Virginia Lawyers Weekly*.

**Raphael “Ray” Ferris, L’82.** was elected to serve a four-year term on the Roanoke (Va.) City Council. He is with Ferris, Eakin & Thomas.

**Michael HuYoung, L’82.** a shareholder at Barnes & Diehl in Richmond, is the chair of the Virginia State Bar’s Diversity Conference for 2011–13. He also has been selected chair of the Virginia Bar Association’s Criminal Law Section for 2011–13. He has been named again this year as a “Best Lawyer in America” and to the 2011 *Virginia Super Lawyers* edition as well as a “Legal Elite” by *Virginia Business* magazine. In 2010 he was recognized as a “Leader in the Law” by *Virginia Lawyers Weekly*.

**Lucia Anna “Pia” Trigiani, L’83.** is president of the Virginia Bar Association. She is a principal at MercerTrigiani. At her swearing-in Jan. 22, she was accompanied by her mother and four of her six siblings, including her sister, best-selling author Adriana Trigiani.

**Ronald D. Wiley Jr., L’83.** is of counsel at MartinWren, which has offices in Charlottesville and Harrisonburg, Va. Previously he was senior vice president and regional counsel for Southern Title Insurance Corp.
Kevin B. Rack, L’84, a principal of Rack & Olansen in Virginia Beach, was recognized for the seventh time in eight years as one of Virginia’s 2010 “Legal Elite” by Virginia Business magazine for his work in taxation, trusts, and estates. He also has been named to The Best Lawyers in America for the third consecutive year in the areas of trusts and estates.

Paul M. Black, L’85, was named to Virginia Business magazine’s “Legal Elite” for 2010. He is co-chair of the bankruptcy and creditor’s rights practice at Spilman Thomas & Battle. He and his wife, Bobbie, live in Roanoke, Va., with their three daughters: Lizzie, who will graduate from Sewanee in 2013; Anna, who is in the class of 2014 at Ole Miss; and Gracie, 16.

The Metro Richmond Women’s Bar Association presented Pam Belleman, W’83 and L’86, its 2010 Women of Achievement Award last December. She was recognized for her contributions to the legal profession and to the community. A founding member of Troutman Sanders Women’s Forum steering committee, she has served as a mentor to young associates in the firm. She is a recipient of the YWCA’s Outstanding Women in Law Award and has been pro bono counsel and an active supporter of the School of the Performing Arts in the Richmond Community.


Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell appointed Stephanie Hamlett, L’86, executive director of the Virginia Resources Authority, which provides innovative, cost-effective, and sustainable financial solutions to assist Virginia localities with a broad range of infrastructure needs.

Mary Burkey Owens, L’86, of Owen & Owens in Richmond, was recognized by Virginia Lawyers Media as a member of the 2011 class of “Influential Women of Virginia.

Brian Fruehling, L’87, is president of the Morris County (N.J.) Bar Association. He is a litigation attorney in Madison, N.J.

Carl Schwertz, L’87, joined the products and liability group at Miles & Stockbridge in the firm’s office in Tysons Corner, Va.

Stephanie Edwards, L’88, has opened Edwards Elder Law in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Joseph E. Spruill III, L’88, has joined the financial services group of Reed Smith’s Richmond office. He had served as general counsel of the Virginia Bankers Association since 1994.

J. Robert Tyler III, B’84 and L’89, is a member of the board of directors of the University of Richmond Law School Association. He is a partner and leader of the emerging technology company practice at Poyner Spruill in the firm’s Raleigh, N.C., office.

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David L. Cole Jr., L’90, was named a Maryland Super Lawyer for 2011 in the category of construction/surety. He is an attorney at Ober|Kaler.

Michael Beall, L’91, is CEO of the Missouri Credit Union Association, which represents 140 credit unions and 1.4 million consumers. He also is on the board of directors of the Missouri Council on Economic Education. As the former CEO of the Maryland and D.C. Credit Union Association, he led efforts to merge those two trade associations in the first successful merger of state credit union associations.

Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa appointed Victor Narro, L’91, to the Community Redevelopment Agency Board of Commissioners. He is the project director of the UCLA Downtown Labor Center, where he works on policy issues affecting low-income immigrant workers and creating strong alliances between community groups and labor unions.

John Webber III, L’92, is an adjunct professor at Liberty University School of Law, where he teaches remedies, and children and the law to second- and third-year students. He has been a substitute judge in the 23rd Judicial Circuit for the General District and the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District courts since 2008.

Ellen Firsching Brown, L’93, is co-author of Margaret Mitchell’s Gone With the Wind: A Bestseller’s Odyssey from
Stephanie Grana, W’90 and L’93, was honored by Virginia Lawyers Weekly as a member of its class of “Influential Women of Virginia.” She was named to the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association executive committee.

Carolyn A. White, L’93, has been inducted into the 2011 Class of Fellows of the Virginia Law Foundation. She is managing partner at White & McCarthy, where her practice focuses on estate planning, long-term care planning, probate, and elder law. In addition to being a member of the Powhatan (Va.) Board of Zoning Appeals and volunteering with the Legal Information Network for Cancer, she serves as guardian ad litem for incapacitated adults, and is a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys.

Kelly Bishop White, L’95, is vice president/regional counsel for homebuilder D.R. Horton in San Diego.

Bonnie Atwood, L’96, is certified by the Commonwealth of Virginia as a SWaM (Small, Women and/or Minority-owned) Vendor.

Richard E. Garriott Jr., R’91 and L’96, has been appointed by the Virginia Beach City Council to serve a five-year term on the city’s board of zoning appeals. A partner at Clarke, Dolph, Rapaport, Hull, Brunick & Garriott, he is an AV-rated attorney whose practice focuses on divorce and child custody as well as a variety of civil litigation matters.

Shepelle Watkins-White, L’97, has started her own law firm, Shepelle Watkins White Consulting & Law in Chesapeake, Va. The firm focuses on land use, real estate transactions, and general business law.

Melissa M. Riahei, L’98, is executive vice president and general counsel at U.S. Digital Gaming, a company whose mission is to provide the first and only U.S.-based “end to end” business solution for legalized online gaming. She was formerly general counsel of the Illinois Lottery.

Nancy Kirkpatrick Gistover, L’99, is the assistant director of the library at Marian University in Indianapolis.

2000s

Joy D’Asaro Chenuit, L’00, was promoted to associate general counsel at CarMax, where she has been employed since 2001.

M. Darren Traub, L’00, is a partner at Herrick, Feinstein where he practices commercial and intellectual property litigation in the firm’s New York City office.

Maryland Gov. Martin O’Malley appointed Sam Abed, L’01, secretary of the state’s Department of Juvenile Services. Abed was formerly deputy director of the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice.

B. Webb King, L’01, is a partner at Woods Rogers in Roanoke, Va. He and his wife, Allegra Black, W’97, have two sons: Ethan, who was born April 28, 2010, and Benjamin, 4.

Jill McIntyre, L’01, co-organized the Appalachian Institute of Digital Evidence (aide.marshall.edu), serving attorneys, law enforcement personnel, and digital information specialists who work in information security, digital forensics, and electronic discovery. McIntyre is a member of the litigation department of Jackson Kelly in Charleston, W.Va.

Brian Pumphrey, L’01, is a partner at McGuireWoods, where he practices in the firm’s business and securities litigation department.

Eric Gregory, R’96 and L’02, is county attorney for Powhatan, Va. He had been an assistant state attorney general for seven years.

Jane Reedy Leyegian, L’02, and her husband, Greg, adopted a daughter, Elizabeth. She was born on Nov. 23, 2009. The family lives in Oakton, Va.

Carl Edward “Buddy” Omohundro Jr., L’02, is serving a three-year term on the board of directors of the Metropolitan Richmond Sports Backers. He is the senior vice president and general counsel of Apex Systems Inc. in Richmond.

Robert Avery Peay, L’02, is president and CEO of Bizport Ltd., which provides copying, printing, scanning, e-discovery, process services, and courier services to the legal industry throughout Virginia.

Joseph A. Perini, L’03, is a partner at MGM Law in Richmond. His practice focuses on real estate, banking, and business transactions, and representing builders, developers, entrepreneurs, start-ups, lenders, and individual homeowners.


Noelle Hicks Sproul, L’03, is a member of Moore & Van Allen in Charlotte, N.C. Her practice focuses on structured finance. She has two children: Ann Margaret, 4, and Hugh, almost 3.

Joe Tannery, L’03 and GB’05, has been accepted into the inaugural cohort of Virginia Tech’s Executive Master of Natural Resources (XMNR) program. The XMNR is an 18-month, accelerated, nonresidential graduate degree for working professionals. Joe is a water policy expert for the environmental policy and sustainability group at Dominion Resources.

Atlanta to Hollywood The book, selected by Publishers Weekly as a top pick for spring 2011, is a behind-the-scenes look at the publishing history of Mitchell’s novel and the legal struggles she and her estate have fought in managing the literary rights to the popular novel. For more information about the book, go to www.ellenbrown.com/works.htm.

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Aaron Z. Ahlquist, L’04, is an attorney with Herman, Herman, Katz & Cotlar in New Orleans. His work focuses on class action and mass tort issues.

Kathleen Faulkham Centolella, L’04, is a member of Green & Seifter in Syracuse, NY, where she has worked for six years. She is a graduate of the New York University School of Law’s graduate tax program and practices in the areas of business transactions, growth, and development; mergers and acquisitions; New York and federal income tax planning; and employee benefits.

Joshua Cook, L’04, was selected by an independent blue ribbon committee of his peers as a “New England Rising Star.” He was featured in the November issues of Boston Magazine, Rhode Island Monthly and in the 2010 issue of New England Super Lawyers. He is assistant vice president and counsel at John Hancock Financial Services in Boston.

Brian J. Teague, L’04, has formed Patent Law of Virginia in Richmond. He is a registered patent attorney specializing in electrical, electronics, and computer technology patent preparation and prosecution.

Basil Tsimpris, L’04, continues to work as a clerk for the Honorable Randolph Beales at the Virginia Court of Appeals. He and his wife, Jen, are expecting their first child in November.

Patrick Carollo, L’05, is a partner with Kane, Jeffries, Cooper & Carollo in Richmond. His practice focuses on real estate and business law.

Cassie Craze, L’05, is an attorney with Rudy, Coyner & Associates in Chesterfield, Va., where she represents community associations, developers, creditors, and small businesses in addition to providing general legal services.

Rebecca Adams Hollis, L’05, is an associate in the litigation department of Todtman, Nachamie, Spizz & Johns, a New York City-based business law firm with offices in Paris and Milan, Italy. Her article “Dealing With the Dodgy Debtor: the Art of Enforcing a Money Judgment Under Article 52 of the New

Pro bono work gratifying

Peter J. Connors, L’76

Peter J. Connors never imagined he would one day be a partner at Orrick New York and simultaneously sit on the executive committees of the New York State Bar Tax Section and the International Fiscal Association, U.S. Branch.

“I never thought I could accomplish all three at the same time,” he says, noting that he also serves as regional vice chair of the New York Chapter of the International Fiscal Association and is a past member of council for the American Bar Association, Section of Taxation.

Connors, whose practice at Orrick focuses on cross-border transactions, says he didn’t have a defined career path at the law school until he met Professor Rodney Johnson, who along with Professor Carl Davis sparked his interest in tax law.

He wasn’t the only ’76 graduate to benefit from their teachings. Fellow classmates Dennis Belcher, a partner at McGuire Woods in Richmond and a past president of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, and Lou Mezzullo, a partner at Luce Forward in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., and president-elect of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, also have risen to positions of prominence in the field of tax law. “It’s incredible to think that so much has emerged from one class,” Connors says.

Connors says he is honored to be a member of the executive committee of the New York State Bar, and he is proud of his role in helping to create a pro bono initiative with the New York County Lawyers’ Association that assists taxpayers who are not represented by counsel when they go before the U.S. Tax Court.

“Seventy percent of the cases before the tax court are people who don’t have counsel,” he says. “They can’t afford the legal cost of getting their own attorney.”

Similar programs were in place in such cities as San Antonio and Baltimore. “I thought it would be good to do in New York as well,” Connors says. “The tax courts were enthusiastic. They bent over backwards to do what it would take to get the program going.”

The initiative, which had its first official hearing last September, is being deemed a success by not only the judges hearing the cases but also by the people being represented and the young attorneys who are getting their first opportunity to work in a controversial area. “It’s been a good thing for the courts, taxpayers, and those of us involved,” Connors says.

The work is personally gratifying, he adds. “It’s a different type of feeling when you are working with people whose life savings are at stake. It’s different than what we deal with on a day-to-day basis. It’s another way to feel happy about the practice of law and to make a difference in people’s lives.”

—Joan Tupponce
York Civil Practice Law and Rules” was published in the Winter 2010 issue of journal New York Litigator. She is co-chair of membership on the executive committee of the New York State Bar Association’s Commercial and Federal Litigation Section.

Dontae Bugg, L’06, opened the Law Offices of Dontae Bugg in Arlington, Va. The firm focuses on criminal defense, DUI and traffic offenses, and family law matters throughout Virginia and Washington, DC.

Jonathan Chiu, L’06, and his wife, Erin Douglass Chiu, welcomed a son, Ryan Douglass Chiu, on Sept. 17, 2010.

IN MEMORIAM

William P. Sheffield, L’50
Abingdon, Va.
Oct. 21, 2009

Douglas P. Dettor, L’51
Greensboro, N.C.
Nov. 13, 2010

Richard A. Turner, L’51
Richmond
Jan. 28, 2011

J. Martin Willis, L’51
Norfolk, Va.
April 18, 2011

Judge James B. Wilkinson, L’52
Richmond
Jan. 26, 2011

Willard R. Finney, L’53
Rocky Mount, Va.
Jan. 10, 2011

James F. Hewitt, L’56
San Rafael, Calif.
Nov. 4, 2010

James A. Eichner, L’56
Richmond
Nov. 20, 2010

William C. Fugate, L’57
Jonesville, Va.
Feb. 25, 2011

W. Newton Phillips, L’58
Richmond
March 1, 2011

Judge Alan Stanley Kalkin, L’61
Burbank, Calif.
June 20, 2010

Willard M. Robinson Jr., R’57 and L’61
Newport News, Va.
Oct. 28, 2010

Edward Hunter Bryant, L’64
Richmond
Nov. 15, 2010

Thomas G. Hodges, L’69
Wytheville, Va.
Feb. 2, 2011

Lewis Elton “Red” Goodman Jr., L’73
Danville, Va.
April 14, 2011

William Koczyk, L’81
Annandale, Va.
May 9, 2006

Laura E. Brown, L’92
New Bern, N.C.
April 1, 2009

John E. Tyler Jr., L’94
King George, Va.
Jan. 20, 2011

Jonathan is a senior manager, counsel for consumer litigation, at Capital One Bank in Richmond.

Last December Aaron Christoff, L’06, and his colleague Greg Nugent opened their own legal practice, Nugent Christoff, in Washington, DC. The firm focuses on domestic relations and family law in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, DC.

Camille J. Dillio, ’03 and L’06, opened Lane Crawford PC in Fairfax, Va., with colleagues Aaron Jackson and Laurie Crawford. The firm provides family law services in Northern Virginia.

Heather Lyons, L’06, has joined the National Industries for the Blind in Alexandria, Va., as in-house counsel.

Laura K. Marston, L’06, has joined the labor and employment practice group in the Richmond office of ReedSmith. She is licensed to practice in Virginia and California and is a member of the Young Lawyers Section of the Virginia State Bar.

Jason Douglas Reed, L’06, recently left the Colonial Heights Commonwealth’s Attorney’s office to open The Law Firm of Jason Reed, which focuses on the defense of criminal, driving under the influence, and traffic cases in the greater Richmond area.

Alan Smith, L’06, is an attorney in Stafford County, Va.

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Christopher L. McLean, L’10, is an associate at Kaufman & Canoles in the firm’s Norfolk, Va., office. His practice will focus on corporate transactions.

Jason Seiden, L’10, is an attorney in the family law group at MichieHamlett in Charlottesville, Va.


Anna Jane Zarndt, L’07, is an associate in the public finance department at Swendsen & Stern in Reno, Nev. She is a member of the Junior League of Las Vegas and is an ambassador for Las Vegas’ Opportunity Village, a nonprofit organization that provides vocational, employment, and social training for people with intellectual disabilities.

Hunter W. Jamerson, L’08, has joined Macaulay & Burch as a lawyer-lobbyist. In addition to continuing his practice as a trial lawyer, he will represent a variety of corporations, nonprofits, and trade associations before the Virginia General Assembly, state agencies, and local governments.

Sarah Minner, L’09, is an associate in the Richmond office of Settif Turner & Holland. Her practice focuses on transportation law, debtor-creditor rights, and general civil litigation. She married Matthew Dahl, L’09, on May 14.

Kristen Wright Novay, L’09, of Garland, Samuel & Loeb in Atlanta, obtained an acquittal for a medical director of a right-to-die group who was charged with assisting suicide in Arizona. She also will represent the director of Final Exit Network against charges in Georgia.

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R. Travis Campbell, L’10, is an associate at Simmons & Narita in San Francisco.

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The Richmond Bar Association (RBA) conferred its 2010 John C. Kenny Pro Bono Award to the law school’s Harry L. Carrico Center for Pro Bono Service. From left are Carrico Center Director Tara Casey, novelist David L. Robbins (who spoke at the January event), former law school Dean John G. Douglass, RBA President Thamer E. Temple III, and Justice Harry L. Carrico.