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How Richmond Law Stacks Up

(Hint: Very well, according to The Order of the Coif. See page 8.)
Richmond Law has much to celebrate

This has been a challenging year for legal education. Law schools have been a favorite target of the press, bloggers, and pundits—not to mention class action lawyers—and applications are down nationwide. But at the University of Richmond, the mood and outlook are very bright. We were one of only a few schools in the nation whose applications were up more than 15 percent. Our nine-month employment rate for the class of 2011 is more than 90 percent. We went “three for three” in faculty recruiting, and in March we were admitted to The Order of the Coif.

Critical to our success has been a longstanding tradition that takes seriously the need to educate students not only in the theory, but also in the practice of law. Over the last year, I have met with lawyers at law firms, bar meetings, and social events, and a consistent theme has emerged—Richmond graduates are great lawyers. I have heard repeatedly that Richmond graduates enter the practice with the skills necessary to become successful lawyers. They are thoughtful and careful students of the law, but also have a client-centered mind-set from the start. They understand that law is a social enterprise and are attentive to the human element as well as to technical legal nuance.

We educate great lawyers by combining a rigorous academic program with a distinctly community-oriented culture. Our academic program truly integrates theory and practice, giving students repeated opportunities to see the law in action—through our clinics and clinical placements, pro bono opportunities, and innovative, problem-based courses. Our culture is one that is attentive to the whole person, and we seek to model for students the personal qualities of professionalism, integrity, and humanity that are so important to a lawyer’s success.

In this issue of the magazine, we celebrate our admission to The Order of the Coif—the scholarly honor society for legal education. Only four other schools have been admitted to Coif in the last 12 years, and our admission reflects the exceptional scholarly accomplishment of our entire faculty. At Richmond, scholarship is central to our mission. We not only educate lawyers for the profession, but we study, research, explicate, and critique law, shaping the debate on some of the most important issues of our time. Professor Eisen’s article on solar energy, excerpted in this issue, has already garnered significant attention from policy makers. Professor Tobias’ work on judicial appointments was recently cited in the Congressional Record. Professor Walsh’s work directly influenced the arguments that were made in the healthcare litigation. Law schools have an obligation to ask hard questions about law and justice and to engage in a broader dialog on these topics. I am enormously proud of the contribution that our faculty makes toward those endeavors.

I close with an observation about our students—they are a remarkable group. They bring the intellect of students at any highly selective law school, but also passion, good humor, and kindness to so much of what they do. This year, 77 percent of the graduating class contributed to the class gift in honor of Professor John Carroll. At a time when law school debt is high and the job market challenging, there is no higher tribute to the quality of the experience these students received than their willingness to support the next generation of Richmond Law students with their own philanthropy.

It has been a wonderful first year. If I haven’t had a chance to meet you yet, I hope I will soon.

Best to all.

Wendy Perdue
Dean of the law school
Welcome Makes All the Difference

Christopher Jones, L’12, remembers the tour that sold him on Richmond Law. It was two hours long on a Saturday. And it made the difference. His student guides introduced him to future professors and built a sense of home that led him to begin his legal career here. After three years, that sense of family has grown stronger than ever.

“It set the tone and made me feel like a part of something bigger,” Jones says. “No matter what I do, I feel like my success will be attributable to my time here.”

Alumni generosity made it possible for Jones to pursue law at Richmond and to take advantage of the many opportunities to enrich his legal studies. Whether competing in mock trials with the Black Law Students Association or working with faculty on research, he stayed engaged. Jones was managing editor of the Richmond Journal of Law and the Public Interest. He also sharpened his corporate law skills with summer work for the Virginia State Corporation Commission’s Office of General Counsel and through a University-sponsored clinical experience with Capital One.

In his spare time, Jones mentors elementary school students through the Virginia Bar Association. He also has given numerous tours as a law school admissions representative, a program he co-chaired this year. His goal: to provide prospective students the same welcome he received.

By giving to the University of Richmond School of Law’s Annual Fund, you ensure that students like Christopher can pursue a comprehensive legal education. These opportunities to experience the legal profession firsthand 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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Learning and living a shared journey

A strong sense of family was evident among the flair of academic regalia at the School of Law’s 140th commencement ceremony. Graduates gathered to celebrate hard-earned achievements, to remember a beloved professor, and to bring their time as students to an end the same way they began it—together.

Judge Roger L. Gregory of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit and a University trustee, delivered the main address. Gregory told students to expect a wonderful journey as lawyers, but one that would be full of both failures and fears. Despite those challenges, Gregory advocated that graduates seek careers of good purpose.

“What you have earned, I want you to find a way to give it away,” Gregory said. “The most important thing is not what you get for your toil. It’s what you become by it. There’s nothing wrong with doing well,” he explained, “but if that’s at the expense of doing good, then it’s not the right course. This is a noble profession. It gives.”

When these students set out on a shared journey to train for a career in the law, they built a unique community and a sense of family that student speaker T.J. Brennan predicts will last far beyond graduation.

“We will continue to learn the law for the rest of our careers,” Brennan told his fellow graduates, “and while we do, we will keep with us all that we have found in each other.”

Faculty speaker David Epstein reflected on what distinguishes Richmond Law from other schools. “What makes this place special,” he remarked, “is the extent to which this law school focuses on students and the needs of students.”

Christopher Dadak of Salem, Va., and Aminah Qureshi of Fort Worth, Texas, received the T.C. Williams Law School Scholarship Award, presented for significant contributions to legal scholarship. Brandon Jaycox of Richmond was chosen by the faculty to receive the Public Interest Law Association Pro Bono Award for his extraordinary commitment to public interest work. Qasim Rashid of Chicago received 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 Lindsey Vann of Trumansburg, N.Y., for the Charles T. Norman Award as best all-around graduating student.
Anne B. Holton, Timothy M. Kaine receive Green Award

The School of Law honored Anne B. Holton and Timothy M. Kaine 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.

“Their lives are models of the pursuit of excellence but done in the service of justice. We honor[ed] Anne and Tim as a team and partnership. Their lives remind us that, as we pursue our careers and aspirations, we do not do so alone and we do not achieve alone,” said Dean Wendy Perdue.

Holton spent 13 years at the Central Virginia Legal Aid Society and served as a judge on the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court for the City of Richmond for seven years beginning in 1998, including several years as chief judge. She resigned from the bench following husband Tim Kaine’s election as governor in 2005. As first lady, she launched her signature initiative, “For Keeps: Families for All Virginia Teens.” She currently consults for the Annie E. Casey Foundation, continuing her work as a children’s welfare advocate.

Kaine served as the 70th governor of Virginia from January 2006 to January 2010, as lieutenant governor 2002–2006, and as mayor of Richmond 1998–2001. He was elected chair of the Democratic National Committee in January 2009. He resigned from that post in April 2011 and is now a candidate for the U.S. Senate. In January 2010, Kaine accepted a joint appointment at the University of Richmond as Senior Distinguished Lecturer of Law and Leadership Studies after having taught legal ethics in the School of Law from 1987 to 1993.

“This place means so much to my husband,” said Holton. She added that to her, it means he’s home on Sunday nights, looking forward to class on Monday, a comment that drew laughter from the audience. “We feel rooted in the community.”

Kaine said that Anne planted the concept of “serial lives” with him while they were in law school. “The unifying theme is serving others,” he said.

Christopher D. Jones, L’12, who received the Nina R. Kestin Law Scholarship and the A.D. Williams Scholarship, made the student remarks. “You’ve made it possible for me to be here today,” he said. “To me, a scholarship isn’t just a dollar amount. It means rent paid on time, a full refrigerator—it’s a form of support from your family. Family is a word I’ve come to associate with Richmond.”

Actual innocence case may prompt changes in Virginia law

Thomas Haynesworth, a Richmond man who was wrongfully convicted of rapes that he did not commit and incarcerated for 27 years, brought his extraordinary story to the law school on Jan. 25.
FOR THE RECORD

“Wrongfully Convicted: The Thomas Haynesworth Story,” was sponsored by the Richmond chapter of the American Constitution Society for Law and Policy (ACS) and the law school. Charisse Hines, L’13, president of ACS, got to know Haynesworth through an internship with the Virginia Capital Representation Resource Center and was able to develop the program about his case. “Wrongfully Convicted” featured Haynesworth, Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli, who was pivotal in his exoneration, and Professor Mary Kelly Tate, director of the Institute for Actual Innocence at Richmond Law.

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Thomas Haynesworth (left) and Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli talked about Haynesworth’s wrongful conviction case.
Symposium focuses on regulation that could reshape energy industry

The School of Law’s Merhige Center for Environmental Studies hosted “Clearing the Air: Mercury and the Environment” in conjunction with the Environmental Law Section of the Virginia State Bar. The symposium focused on a new regulation from the Environmental Protection Agency—the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards—that will reshape the energy industry and reduce emissions of mercury and other toxins from power plants. The regulation has already faced considerable controversy, and several challenges to the new standards have been filed in the D.C. Circuit.

“This is one of the longest-running sagas in American environmental law,” said Professor Noah Sachs, Merhige Center director, who was the lead organizer. “Congress initially gave authority to regulate toxic air pollutants in 1970, and here we are, 42 years later, with a new regulation that finally implements the promise of the Clean Air Act.”

The March 28 symposium began with an overview of the new rules, and a panel discussed implementation on the national level. A second panel focused on mercury regulation in Virginia, including plans for enforcement of the new emissions limits, implications for large utilities, and fish consumption advisories.

Practitioners, students, and citizens attended the symposium, which was held in The Honorable Robert R. Merhige Jr. Moot Courtroom. “Judge Merhige was one of our pioneers in environmental law,” Sachs noted, “and it’s fitting that a center named for him continues to focus on toxic pollution of our air and water.”

BLSA rededicates Oliver Hill portrait

Judge Roger L. Gregory of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit joined the Black Law Students Association (BLSA), alumni, and guests for a reunion for the record

Richmond Journal of Law and Technology hosted its annual symposium Feb. 24, with the theme “Overcoming Obstacles to Electronic Discovery.” Magistrate Judge David J. Waxse, U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas, presented “Cooperation—What Is It and Why Do It?” and conducted a discussion on ethical e-discovery practice. Presentations also included the defensibility of technology-assisted review and e-discovery considerations in international litigation.

According to Waxse, there is a clear consensus that civil litigation takes too long and costs too much. E-discovery is putting a burden on civil litigation, he said, because “the battle gets focused on discovery and not the trial. … We have to get back to just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of every action and proceeding.” The judge says tools are available to increase cooperation and that the court has an important role in promoting it.

Waxse left the attendees with a list from elementary school teachers explaining how to be a cooperative person. Among them: listen, share, and compromise.
Alumni named to ‘Class of 2012’ in Virginia

Five Richmond Law alumnae have been named to the “Influential Women of Virginia” Class of 2012 by Virginia Lawyers Media, publisher of Virginia Lawyers Weekly. The program recognizes women in the fields of law, business, health care, education, and the arts who are making notable contributions to their chosen professions, communities, and society.

They are Lynne Jones Blain, L’84, Harman Claytor Corrigan & Wellman, Richmond; Lakshmi Challa, L’94, Challa Law Offices, Glen Allen; the Hon. Marilynn Goss, L’82, Richmond juvenile and domestic relations court, Richmond; Margaret A. Nelson, L’87, Margaret A. Nelson PLLC, Lynchburg; and Carolyn A. White, L’93, White & McCarthy, Midlothian.

Eight of the 23 lawyers honored by The Virginia Law Foundation and inducted into its 2012 Fellows Class are alumni.

They are Stephen D. Busch, L’80, McGuire Woods; C. Richard Cranwell, L’68, Cranwell, Moore & Emick; John W. Daniel II, L’75, Troutman Sanders; Alexander F. Dillard Jr., L’62, Dillard and Katona; Glen W. Pulley, R’73, L’76, Clement & Wheatley; J. Waverly Pulley III, R’68, L’72, Hunton & Williams; Judith L. Rosenblatt, L’85, Brydges, Geroe, Rosenblatt & O’Brien; and Mary Lynn Tate, W’73, L’76, The Tate Law Firm.

and rededication of the law school’s portrait of famed civil rights attorney Oliver W. Hill Feb. 23.

“We honor tonight a man who left a lot of ‘rope’ to pull others along,” said Gregory, who recalled that his last conversation with Hill, on May 2, 2007, was about baseball. Using a baseball analogy, Gregory said Hill played every position in the law and “made sure people got another swing at the bat.” Gregory said Hill never lost his faith in the rule of law.

Angela Isabell, L’07, of Gavin Law Offices, now serves as program chair of the Hill Tucker Bar Association. “It’s all about giving back,” she said. “Oliver Hill fought for us to be here today.”

Emroch Lecture examines patent rights, compulsory medicine

The 24th Annual Emanuel Emroch Lecture presented “Patents, Patients, and Patience: Why the World Still Awaits a Consensus on Compulsory Medicine” March 15. Speakers examined whether it is better to encourage innovation of new life-saving medicines by protecting patent rights or focus on increasing access to patented medicine to save human life at the 11th annual symposium by Richmond Journal of Global Law and Business.

Keynote Cynthia Ho, director of the intellectual property program at Loyola University of Chicago School of Law, explained the basics of patents. Compulsory licensing allows a government to permit someone other than a patent holder to domestically produce a patented product or process without the consent of the patent owner.

The three panelists were Dr. Rodney L. Sparks, a senior biotechnology patent counsel at the University of Virginia Licensing & Ventures group, Dr. Michael Miller, chair of the department of plastic surgery at The Ohio State University Medical Center, and Krista Cox, a staff attorney for the Knowledge Ecology International organization.

Sparks said universities are leaders in early-stage discoveries—he cited Gatorade, rocket fuel, saccharine, fluoride toothpaste, and a host of other products—but don’t have the billions of dollars necessary to fully develop and get a drug to market, so must license technologies and form relationships with manufacturers. He worries about compulsory licensing.

Miller said that although he performs plastic surgery on cancer patients around the world and considers himself a compassionate person, “there’s something fundamentally wrong with compulsory licensing. … Just as you wouldn’t take my kidney from me, my ideas are part of my property.”

Cox countered Miller’s point and said that health is a basic human right. “I value human life so greatly that when you have existing drugs and are withholding them because of price, you are doing a disservice.”

Symposium co-editor Julia Bizer, L’12, said the journal had wanted to choose
For the Record

HONOR

VSB award goes to Terrence Batzli

Terrence R. Batzli, L’75, president of Batzli Wood & Stiles and a lifelong family law lawyer, has been named the 2012 recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Virginia State Bar’s Family Law Section.

The award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated excellence and integrity and have made a substantial contribution to the practice of family law in Virginia. Batzli has practiced law for nearly 40 years. He not only has a reputation as one of the best family law practitioners in the state, but he also is known as a mentor.

In her letter nominating Batzli for the award, Richmond attorney Tracy H. Spencer, L’96, noted that Batzli was a founding member and the first president of the Metropolitan Richmond Family Law Bar Association. “Terry was instrumental in providing this valuable resource to Richmond family law attorneys,” Spencer wrote. Spencer also wrote that Batzli “believes in teaching young attorneys ... and in giving attorneys the opportunities to grow.”

Batzli is a fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, and the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals.

Fellow alumni working with Batzli include William C. Wood, L’66, Andrea R. Stiles, L’86, Mark Michelsen, L’89, and Michael Ewing, L’93.
Will Warwick and Lindsey S. Vann, with Dean Wendy Perdue and Associate Dean Clark Williams, are among the Class of 2012 admitted to The Order of the Coif.
Admittance to The Order of the Coif confirms excellence of faculty and students

By Jessica Ronky Haddad, '93

The University of Richmond School of Law joined the ranks of the nation’s most elite law schools this spring when it was admitted to The Order of the Coif. Richmond Law’s membership in this prestigious honorary scholastic society represents an important confirmation of something that those intimately familiar with the school already know: It is a place of scholarly excellence.

“Coif is the elite honor society for legal education—the only honor society for legal education—that is recognized nationally,” explains Dean Wendy Perdue. “Member schools are recognized as the most scholarly of the law schools in the country.”

The Order of the Coif is the equivalent of the Phi Beta Kappa for law schools, Perdue explains. “There are not a lot of ways a school can demonstrate, in a relatively objective way, its scholarly excellence,” she says. “In my mind, this is more significant than U.S. News rankings, which are somewhat random and not a particularly good indication of actual excellence. Coif is a true marker of excellence. People in legal education understand what it means.”

Only 82 of the 200 law schools in the United States are members of The Order of the Coif, which was established as a legal honor society in the United States in 1902 and takes its name from a medieval English society from which judges of the Court of Common Pleas were selected.

In the past 12 years, Coif has accepted only four other new member schools. It has not admitted a law school to its ranks since 2008, and Richmond Law was the only new member admitted during the latest application cycle.

To become a member, a school must submit an extensive application that is reviewed carefully by the Coif’s executive committee. Once the executive committee accepts the application, current member schools vote on the candidate school. On March 29, Perdue received word that the votes were unanimous in favor of admitting Richmond Law.
Faculty scholarship with impact
Central to the Coif application is a bibliography of faculty publications from the past five years. From 2007 through 2011, Richmond Law faculty produced more than 150 books, book chapters, law review articles, and other scholarly works. In the past five years, the faculty has published 32 articles in the top 50 journals, with 22 of those in the top 25 journals. That’s all from a small group of 31 faculty who are tenured or tenure-track, or hold research chairs.


Corinna Barrett Lain, associate dean for faculty development and professor of law, helped to compile the bibliography and was amazed by the final list. “I thought I had a pretty good idea of what the faculty was publishing, but even I was surprised by the number and quality of ambitious projects that the faculty had undertaken in the last several years,” she says. “Our scholarly productivity extends to virtually every faculty member.

“Our junior faculty are quite remarkable because they are publishing at the upper echelons of the publishing world and law school institutions,” Lain says. “But we also see tremendous talent and scholarly productivity in the senior faculty. It is because of the senior faculty and their engagement that we have a robust intellectual atmosphere in which the junior faculty have been able to thrive.”

Lain cites the late Bob Shepherd, a well-known scholar on family law, and Ron Bacigal, an expert in Virginia criminal law. “I had Ron’s books on my desktop as a young prosecutor,” she says. “I came here knowing what a powerhouse the University of Richmond School of Law had in its faculty. In order to be the type of school that Order of the Coif grants membership to, the faculty as a whole have to shine and they have to shine beyond what other very accomplished faculties are doing.”

As impressive as the bibliography of publications is, it doesn’t tell the whole story. “Coif looks beyond the list of publications,” says Perdue, “and seeks evidence that scholarship has influence and impact. Richmond easily met that standard.” She cites Walsh’s 2012 Stanford Law Review article, “The Ghost That Slayed the Mandate,” which examines Virginia v. Sebelius, a federal lawsuit in which Virginia seeks the invalidation of President Obama’s signature legislative initiative of healthcare reform. In less than a week, the paper was the most downloaded paper in several categories of papers posted in the prior 60 days on the Social Science Research Network (SSRN). Similarly, Motro’s “Preglimony” was not only on the SSRN top 10 downloaded papers list in five different categories, but also coined a new term and opened a previously unexplored area of discussion among academics, lawyers, and policy makers.

The impact of Richmond faculty’s scholarship extends well beyond academia. Take Williams Chair in Law Professor Carl Tobias, for example. Not only has Tobias published 13 law review articles since 2009, but he also shares his scholarship beyond the confines of the legal community. He has published numerous op-ed pieces in newspapers across the country and seems to be quoted almost daily in media reports about the federal judicial selection process.

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“What I attempt to do is capitalize on my legal scholarship to explain to non-lawyers legal concepts through publishing op-eds and working with reporters,” he explains.

A culture of collaboration
Richmond Law encourages a culture of supportive, collaborative scholarship among its faculty members, says Gibson, director of the Intellectual Property Institute and recently elected president of the law school’s Coif chapter. Since joining the faculty in 2002, he has published six law review articles and is working on another.

“There’s no doubt in my mind that any success I’ve had in my scholarship is due in huge part to the fact that I have colleagues who are willing to help me.”

This emphasis on collaborative scholarship does not exist everywhere, observes Perdue. At some schools it is much more common for scholarship to be a solitary effort. “Richmond’s approach is different, and you can see the results,” she observes.

The collaborative approach comes with high expectations for faculty. Professor Daniel Murphy, who just retired after teaching at Richmond since 1976, notes that Richmond requires four quality published pieces in order to meet the minimum standard for tenure. “That’s a very high standard nationally,” he observed, “but it really does help to push people along.”

Strength of the student body
In awarding a new chapter, Order of the Coif considers the strength of a law school’s student body as well as its faculty. The excellence of the law school’s students is reflected in many ways, from the impressive number of students who get clerkships to the number of students who publish "authored" articles in venues beyond Richmond Law journals.

“One of the things you see at Richmond is a number of students who are interested in not only the intellectual discourse with professors, but also in making intellectual contributions of their own,” says Lain. "They write great papers and they want to be published. And many explicitly say, 'I am inspired by this professor's work.'"

Once a school becomes a member of Coif, it may award individual membership to students in the top 10 percent of its graduating class. In addition, the top 10 percent of students in the previous two graduating classes may become members. The law school celebrated its admittance into The Order of the Coif and presented certificates to the top 2010, 2011, and 2012 graduates during a special event on June 26.

“Employers at top law firms know what Coif means and know what a distinction it is,” says Gibson, who was awarded Coif membership at the University of Virginia School of Law. “Being able to add that to your resume is helpful.”

Because most faculty members publish in the areas in which they also are teaching, students benefit greatly from this scholarship. “The teaching informs the scholarship issues that come up in the course of classroom discussion and conversely, the depth someone has acquired in a particular area comes through in their teaching,” Murphy says.

Bacigal believes that “scholarship and teaching are like the Yin and the Yang. To appreciate the full complexity of theories, you must submerge yourself in reading and writing. To be able to teach effectively, you must be able to reduce great complexities to basic fundamentals that all can grasp.”

Jessica Ronky Haddad is a Richmond writer and editor.
Richmond Law faculty, from left: Azizah al-Hibri, Joel Eisen, Tim Coggins, Ann Hodges, Noah Sachs, Jonathan Stubbs, Chiara Giorgetti, Jim Gibson, Kristen Osenga, Andrew Spalding, Dan Murphy, and Ronald Bacigal.
Richmond Law expanding longtime commitment to international education

By Rob Walker

When the University of Richmond School of Law opened in 1870, one of its first three faculty members was assigned to teach “the positive law of nations, arising out of long-established conventional uses and actual treaties.” His primary texts were The Federalist Papers, and Emerich de Vattel’s influential treatise, The Law of Nations. In the decades since then, the law school has maintained that commitment to teaching international law.

Today more than ever law crosses borders. In fields as diverse as family law, bankruptcy, corporate practice, intellectual property, and environmental law, lawyers face challenges in the international arena. To meet that demand, students at Richmond Law study international and comparative law, working with faculty whose interests, scholarship, and experience include significant international components. And in growing numbers, they take advantage of opportunities for work and study overseas.

“Because of the nature of practice today and in the future,” said Dean Wendy Perdue, “the most sophisticated and successful lawyers in almost all areas will be those who can navigate effectively through international issues. The law today is truly international, and so are we.”

Richmond’s longstanding commitment to international law is evident in such pillars of the program as Richmond Journal of Global Law and Business and its annual symposium, and in the Cambridge summer program, which for more than 30 years has led students and faculty to Great Britain to examine the roots of American jurisprudence. Through internships, exchanges, conferences, and research, they have worked and studied from Hong Kong, China, and South Korea to Turkey, The Netherlands, Sweden, and Germany. And a promising new opportunity, beginning this summer, is a program in the West African nation of Ghana.

This fall, the law school will welcome Chiara Giorgetti and Andrew B. Spalding, whose scholarship, teaching, and experience will enhance the faculty’s existing strengths in international studies.

Giorgetti’s resume includes work and study in Europe, Kenya, The Netherlands, Switzerland, and the United States. Spalding spent a year in Mumbai, India, as a Fulbright Senior Research Scholar. He has lectured at law and business schools in India, Bangladesh, Kazakhstan, Thailand, Turkey, and the United Arab Emirates.
Their arrival coincides with the retirement of two venerable professors who have helped build the law school’s international studies program while helping establish its credentials around the world. Aziyah al-Hibri, a widely recognized scholar in the study of Muslim jurisprudence, women’s rights, and Islam and democracy, and Daniel T. Murphy, director of international programs at the School of Law and a leader in the Cambridge program, both were honored with the designation “professor emeritus.”

“We need to continue to expand the curriculum” in international law, Murphy said. “The student interest is there, and clearly this will be important in almost any lawyer’s career.”

The Cambridge program, under the guidance of Murphy and Timothy L. Coggins, professor and associate dean for library and information services, has maintained its popularity and relevance for more than 30 years. The program draws about 45 students a year from the law school and other ABA-accredited law schools, as well as undergraduates from the University’s Jepson School of Leadership Studies. Cambridge faculty join Richmond Law professors in teaching courses in their distinctive styles, drawing students into an understanding of the common roots and divergent approaches of British and U.S. law.

Jeremy Lorenzo, L’13, is making his second trip to Cambridge this summer. “I was learning from international law professors at one of the most highly regarded universities in the world,” he said. “My experiences have inspired me to seek out more opportunities.” He also interned at Kaim Todner Solicitors in London through the London Clinical Placement Program headed by Professor Margaret Bacigal.

One intriguing new program will take four law students to Ghana this summer to explore externship possibilities in that relatively stable, democratic African nation. Professor Jonathan K. Stubbs, whose work at the law school includes international law and human rights, developed the pilot program along with Irene Odotei, president of the Historical Society of Ghana and director of the International Institute for the Advanced Study of Cultures in Ghana.

“Because Richmond has a strong international education mission along with an interest in promoting service learning,” Stubbs said, “we thought this would be a good opportunity.”

The Richmond students are to be in Ghana for five weeks. Their interests include human rights, family and domestic relations law, and the rights of women, as well as economic development in Ghana as it relates to the environment, and trade relations with major partners such as the United States and China.

Elsewhere, Richmond Law professors have established themselves as leaders in international education in a variety of fields.

Jim Gibson, professor and director of the Intellectual Property Institute, will teach international intellectual property this summer in the Cambridge program. “In today’s global economy, you don’t really know American IP law unless you also know how the international system works,” Gibson said.

Last September, the U.S. State Department sent Gibson to Bogota, Colombia, to discuss copyright law as part of a new free-trade agreement. And in September, the IP institute will host a symposium on “Global IP Enforcement” with speakers from major industry players including Microsoft, Google, and Viacom.

Professor Kristen J. Osenga also deals with intellectual property issues, including trademarks and patents. Her courses cover a range of topical issues such as distribution of AIDS medication and disputes over works of art taken during the Holocaust. Osenga also points out differences between U.S. patent law
and that of other nations, and the need for effective enforcement mechanisms in countries such as China, where social and cultural norms differ from those of the United States.

Noah M. Sachs, director of the Robert R. Merhige Jr. Center for Environmental Studies, spoke in November at the Free University of Berlin about differences between European Union and U.S. approaches to toxic chemical regulation. Sachs has taught law, environment, and globalization at Cambridge, bringing in officials from TRAFFIC, a leading nongovernmental organization on the illegal wildlife trade, to discuss the trade in rhino horns and tiger bones in China and Malaysia. This fall, his international environmental law class will work with the World Resources Institute in Washington on equity issues in climate change negotiations.

“Our students need to understand the international dimension of environmental problems because law that affects the United States and U.S. companies is increasingly being made beyond our borders,” Sachs said.

Ronald J. Bacigal will offer a new course this fall in comparative criminal procedure, comparing U.S. criminal justice with that of selected countries in Asia and Europe. Bacigal also lectured in May at an international conference in Istanbul.

Ann C. Hodges serves as scientific adviser (the editorial board) for the new E-Journal of International and Comparative Labour Studies. The journal deals with increasingly global concerns, including comparative collective and individual labor issues, equality and discrimination, public policy and labor regulation, human resource management, and health and safety issues.

Hodges also has joined recently with the Union Internationale des Avocats, a French organization of international lawyers, on programs at the law school dealing with labor concerns and workplace privacy.

“Money crosses borders, and labor crosses borders,” Hodges said. “What law applies to American workers who go to do business in China? How should workers be treated in other countries who work for American companies?”

In 2009, Professor Joel Eisen went to China as Fulbright Professor of Law at the China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing. Already an authority on energy, climate change, and environmental law, the experience enabled Eisen to develop expertise on China’s efforts to deal with concerns in these and other areas during this recent period of remarkable growth. He now teaches a course he developed on energy and environmental law in China.

Students and lawyers in the United States are surprised to find that even though China has serious environmental problems and an increasing appetite for energy, it also has a quickly developing, robust body of law, Eisen said. Part of his course focuses on the political, social, and legal challenges involved in developing the law “in a nation that has such a different conception from ours of the rule of law.”

“It is a legitimate task for a law school today to incorporate international law into the curriculum,” said Eisen, “and that is what we are doing here.”

Rob Walker is a Richmond-based writer and editor.

Richmond Law attracts more international students

While students from the School of Law seek opportunities for study outside the United States, they are joined here in Richmond by a number of students from other nations.

In 2011–12, 16 international students were enrolled at Richmond Law, the largest number on record. (See chart at right.)

The School of Law recruits in Canada each year, according to Michelle Rahman, associate dean for admissions. One of the Canadian students is a citizen of India, and another was born in Afghanistan. Others find Richmond through contacts at forums and meetings, through the International Exchange Program, and the Law School Admission Council.

Rahman said the Saudi students were drawn to Richmond by David Epstein, the George E. Allen Chair in Law, who knew most of them during his tenure on the faculty at the Dedman School of Law at Southern Methodist University. They were at SMU for one-year master’s programs and decided to come to Richmond to pursue J.D. degrees. “I can only imagine how hard it must be to study law—a subject that emphasizes precision of language and a subject that reflects cultural values—in a second or third language in a foreign country,” Epstein said.

Richmond Law also welcomed seven exchange students in 2011–12 from Italy, France, England, and Sweden.

Entering the law school this fall will be three students from Saudi Arabia, three from Canada, and one each from Pakistan, China, and Russia, as well as five international exchange students.
A homeowner receives a 30 percent tax credit for putting a qualifying system into place, but only after installing and paying for it. Once the average homeowner recognizes that a solar installation is a customized proposition requiring considerable labor and oversight, the tax credit loses some of its luster.

The literature on innovation suggests an “S-curve” along which new technology is adopted, with a lag between invention and mass commercialization. Offering incentives may prompt early adopters to switch to a new “disruptive” product (e.g., the cell phone, unlike the landline, is portable). Professor Everett Rogers’ pioneering work refers to five factors that move an innovation beyond early adopters toward widespread diffusion. Current initiatives for solar address only Rogers’ fifth criterion, and even then, they do so imperfectly.

Even if all criteria were satisfied, no current combination of federal, state, local, and utility incentives will bring the cost of a typical system below the level consumers are willing to pay. In a real-world test, price quotes from solar installers were solicited in six metropolitan areas across the nation. The results are daunting. No installer quoted a system price below $9,900 after applicable tax credits and incentives, and quotes were often far higher. Most homeowners would not proceed further after receiving quotes that would make solar systems more expensive in many cases than the

By Joel B. Eisen
average new automobile.

Relying on the market ignores the extensive subsidization of the current system and the realities of innovation diffusion. Leasing programs and utility incentives have spurred modest growth in installations, but current models to do more have considerable drawbacks. Groups offering volume pricing and selected installers for neighborhood groups shift transaction costs to group organizers and do not address legal issues associated with homeowner associations or local permitting. Also, assuming that volume pricing can bring prices below homeowners’ willingness to pay for solar may not be realistic.

Letting the residential solar business go it alone ignores a critical feature of growth in technology: governmental funding and key regulatory decisions necessary for dramatic transformation in an industry where barriers exist to rapid growth.

Given utilities’ historical lack of involvement, it makes more sense to establish a separate distribution channel. Yet attempting to build a solar company from scratch and operate on a regional or even national scale in competition with incumbent utilities would take an extraordinarily committed entrant into the market with the technical skills to perform installations, the regulatory know-how to evaluate the existing utility landscape in every state, and the financial wherewithal to convince funders to support the company.

I propose a different business model called a “solar utility”: a company responsible for the entire process of solar marketing and distribution in a wide geographic area. Counterintuitive as it may seem to create regulated utilities in a field that already has them, the barriers to entry in residential solar make for the type of anti-competitive environment that has historically prompted governmental intervention to entice prospective entrurers. This system could be structured in numerous ways, and research into many legal and financial issues is under way.

As one example, a solar utility could provide PV panels to a homeowner at no cost and recoup its investment through a combination of charging for electricity (as in the power purchase agreement context), tax incentives, and sale of renewable energy certificates. The “solar utility” also could be a “smart grid” company that offers a portfolio of products and services, such as vehicle charging or home energy management software.

If we depart from thinking about subsidies and instead focus on bypassing the existing distribution channel, we may make more significant progress than we have in the past four decades. An incumbent utility could morph into a complete smart grid service provider, supplying digital meters and home energy displays, leasing solar panels, and owning electric vehicle charging stations. But it is more likely that distributed solar must be offered by new entrants, given utilities’ historical focus on providing power to safely meet demand. Given the pervasive subsidization of the status quo, developing the alternative infrastructure for delivering residential solar and supporting it will take active governmental involvement.

Joel B. Eisen is a professor of law whose expertise includes energy and environmental law. The article from which this excerpt is taken was voted one of the four best of 2011 by the Environmental Law Institute and Vanderbilt Law School.
Reunion Weekend 2012

By the numbers

229

Number of alumni and guests attending Reunion Weekend

12

Number of judges attending

1962 classmates Tom Witherington, The Honorable Buford Parsons, B’58, and Wallace Sink at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts reception

Law classmates of ’07 at Lemaire Restaurant at The Jefferson Hotel

Kristine Shumack, Tuck Shumack, L’02, Molly Huffman, L’02, Billy Huffman, and Joel Hoppe, L’02
Stephanie Leighton, L'14, gave tours during Reunion Weekend.

The 1,137 alumni in classes ending with 3 and 8 will celebrate May 31–June 2, 2013. Put those numbers on your calendar.

Wade Massie, L'77, and daughter Gwen Massie, L'11

Estimated years of law practice represented by reunion celebrants

Classmates from 1997: Chyrrea Sebree, Camille Sabbakhan, Karla Williams, Danielle Ferguson, and Shepelle Watkins-White

Gifts in honor of a reunion year

185

2,630

185

79

Number of student-led tours of the law school

2012

Age of oldest alumnus in attendance

Age of youngest alumnus in attendance

16
The year 2012 marks a poignant moment for the law school as two of its longstanding faculty members retire.

Professor Daniel Murphy retires after 36 years on the Richmond Law faculty. Professor Azizah al-Hibri, who joined the law faculty in 1992, retires after 20 years of service.

Both have vivid memories of the law school when they arrived. “There were only 10 tenure-track law faculty when I arrived in 1976,” Murphy recalls. “We were known for strong teaching, but we were just starting to build on the scholarship side. Ron Bacigal, Peter Swisher, and Hamilton Bryson were all writing when I came, and it was good stuff.”

Al-Hibri agrees. “I went to a reception at a faculty recruitment conference and I met two people at the doorway who were talking about the Virginia Military Institute [gender discrimination] case,” she says. “That was J.P. Jones and Gary Leedes, and they were so engaging that before I knew it, the reception was over before I had entered the room!” She adds, “The next day I saw Clark Williams in the cafeteria and he remembered me by name. How did he remember my difficult name? That evening, I can recall thinking that these were the people I wanted to work with, that they were special. I was right.”

Both professors have had a tremendous impact over the course of their careers. Murphy became the School of Law’s first associate dean, serving from 1981 to 1992. He also served as interim dean twice, once in 1988 and then again from 1995 to
1997. He remained actively involved in the law school’s leadership and administration over the years, serving as director of the summer program in Cambridge for 25 years and director of international studies programming for more than a decade. Murphy also is an elected member of the prestigious American Law Institute.


When asked about their proudest moments at Richmond Law, both turned to the students. “My most proud moment is commencement every year,” says Murphy. “The student body has become more sophisticated over time, with a much broader world view, and that makes this place a very intellectually exciting place to be.” Al-Hibri agrees, adding that her most rewarding moments were when a student didn’t understand or perhaps like the material at first but then conquered it and grew to love it. “Those moments always made me proud and happy to be a teacher,” she says.

Both view the future of the law school as bright. “The faculty’s relationship with the students and serious emphasis on excellence in teaching and scholarship is really special,” Murphy says. “It is a rare combination, and I hope and believe we can continue both.”

Al-Hibri is optimistic as well. “The law school’s reputation is catching up with its quality,” she says. “And the new faculty are very impressive. I feel quite hopeful leaving the future in their hands.”

For parting words, al-Hibri says, “My wish is that going forward we will see broader and deeper support from alumni so that the law school can fully realize its potential as the law school of the capital of Virginia.” Murphy nods. He then smiles and adds, “Enough said.”

Corinna Lain is a tenured member of the law faculty and associate dean of faculty development.
Hamilton Bryson finished editing Volume 82 of the Virginia Circuit Court Opinions.

Tara Casey’s essay “What I Have Learned Today” was picked up by RVA Mag, AlterNet, Feministing, NARAL Pro Choice Blog, and RH Reality Check. She published an op-ed, “What the Kerfuffle Is Really About,” in the Richmond Times-Dispatch that was featured on Rachel Maddow’s blog.


Joel Eisen’s article “Residential Renewable Energy: By Whom?” which appeared in the Utah Environmental Law Review (2011) and was selected as one of the top four environmental law and policy articles of 2011 by the Environmental Law Institute and Vanderbilt University Law School, will be excerpted in the 5th annual Environmental Law and Policy Annual Review. He presented his draft article “Distributed Generation and the Smart Grid” at the University of Houston’s Environmental and Energy Law and Policy Journal annual symposium “Achieving Energy Independence” in March. He wrote a book chapter, “Sustainability Strategies For Urban Brownfields Redevelopment,” for the Environmental Law Institute’s book Agenda for a Sustainable America (forthcoming 2012). He is one of approximately 10 scholars from law schools around the nation selected to analyze the roles that individual state public utility commissions can and will play in energy policy related to climate change in a project funded by UCLA Law’s Emmett Center on Climate Change and the Environment.

Tamar Eisen was appointed co-chair of the Leadership and Program Development Committee of the Association of Legal Writing Directors.

Jessica Erickson’s article “Overlitigating Corporate Fraud” is being reprinted in the Corporate Practice Commentator (edited by Robert Thompson at Georgetown) and the Securities Law Review, which is compiled by Donald Langevoort at Georgetown and includes the eight to 10 securities articles every year that are “especially worthy of a wider audience.” She also spoke at the Vanderbilt Law & Business Workshop.

David Frisch was a guest lecturer at a course at VCU entitled “Reading the Law.” He also co-authored the annual supplement for a treatise, “The Commercial Law of Intellectual Property” (Aspen).

Meredith Harbach’s work-in-progress “Outsourcing Childcare” was selected for presentation at the Association of American Law Schools’ mid-year workshop “Women Rethinking Equality” and at the Feminist Legal Theory Collaborative Research Network Conference at George Washington University.

Mary Heen’s article “From Coverture to Contract: Engendering Insurance on Lives,” Yale Journal of Law and Feminism, Vol. 23, No. 2 (2011), was picked up on several blogs and was on Social Science Research Network’s Top 10 download list in several categories, including economic history, economic inequality and the law, and women, gender and the law.
Ann Hodges guest blogged for the American Constitution Society on the case of D.R. Horton, writing a Jan. 17 post, “NLRB Decision Limiting Class Action Waivers Based on Longstanding Precedent.” The complaint in the case was based on a theory Hodges first articulated in a law review article in 2003.


Alberto Lopez published “Kelo-Style Failings” in Ohio State Law Journal, and his co-authored casebook, Integrating Spaces: Property Law and Race, was recently reviewed in the Texas Law Review.


Shari Motro presented “Placing Preglimony” at the Feminist Legal Theory Conference at George Washington, and “Why I Left Israel, and Why I’m Going Home” at the Blue Mountain Center and Virginia Center for the Creative Arts. She also moderated “Palestine, the Case for Statehood” at the law school. Her op-ed “Let Palestinians Write Their Own Destiny” was published in the Richmond Times-Dispatch, and a “Preglimony” op-ed was published in The New York Times July 6.

Kristen Osenga was chosen as a Fellow at the University of Houston Law Center’s Institute for Intellectual Property & Information Law national symposium in Santa Fe.

Wendy Perdue wrote the introduction for the Allen Chair symposium issue, entitled “Litigating Federal Healthcare Legislation and the Interstices of Procedure.”

Jack Preis presented at a University of Texas conference on “Barriers and Innovations in Civil Rights Litigation Since 9/11: Practical and Theoretical Perspectives.”


Noah Sachs co-authored two reports for the Center for Progressive Reform—“Protecting

FACULTY PROFILE

Employment law affects us all
Ann C. Hodges

Professor Ann C. Hodges sees a clear and compelling reason for the study of labor and employment law: “Most of us spend most of our lives working. You will run across these issues in every facet of your life.”

Even though labor courses are not required for 1Ls—nor represented on the bar exam—Hodges advocates for her area of expertise. “Everybody will be an employee at some point in his or her life,” she says. “Many lawyers become employers, running their own firms. Most lawyers also find themselves advising businesses with employees. You have to at least be able to recognize the issues.”

As the author of numerous articles as well as co-author of a significant casebook in the field (Public Sector Employment: Cases and Materials, West Group, 2010), Hodges is excited when she sees students make the connection between textbook examples and real life. “Who, 15 years ago, was thinking about employee computer searches?” she asks. “But in some ways, the issues are much the same: Employers wonder, ‘How can we prevent problems?’ and employees wonder, ‘Can my employer do this?’”

Hodges welcomes collaboration, both with other professors and with students. She is currently at work with former visiting law professor Maurizio del Conte on a paper exploring the parallels between Italian and American arbitration systems. Another article—“The Sheathed Sword: Public Sector Unions’ Efficacy in Nonbargaining States”—is jointly authored with Will Warwick, ’12.

“She’s been an excellent mentor,” Warwick says. “She understands where you’re coming from and puts you in touch with people who can help you along your way.”

Tim Schulte, ’97, a partner in the Richmond law firm of Shelley & Schulte, calls Hodges “the single most important professor I’ve ever had. She is certainly the reason I work in employment law today.”

One of the most rewarding parts of her job, says Hodges, is seeing students develop a passion and take that out into the work force. After all, she notes, employment law is about people.

—Paula Peters Chambers
the Public from BPA: An Action Plan for Federal Agencies” and “Reclaiming Global Environmental Leadership: Why the U.S. Should Ratify Ten Pending Environmental Treaties.” He also presented his newest article, “Can We Regulate Our Way to Energy Efficiency?” at Wake Forest and Vanderbilt, and organized the 2012 Merhige symposium, “Clearing the Air: Mercury and the Environment.”

Mary Kelly Tate presented “Commissioning Innocence and Restoring Confidence: the North Carolina Innocence Inquiry Commission and the Missing Deliberative Citizen” at Maine Law Review’s symposium on post-conviction review, and at the National Innocence Conference. She is co-authoring Ron Bacigal’s Criminal Law and Procedure casebook, and is moderating a panel on Thomas Haynesworth’s wrongful imprisonment case at the VBA Summer Meeting at The Homestead.


Kevin Walsh published an article on Virginia’s challenge to President Obama’s healthcare mandate, “The Ghost that Slayed the Mandate,” in the Stanford Law Review, Vol. 64 (January 2012). He wrote an op-ed in the Richmond Times-Dispatch about the religious liberty issues involved in the debate over mandated employer coverage for contraceptives. He presented a paper dealing with Catholic Supreme Court justices on the Rehnquist and Roberts courts at a law and religion conference at Pepperdine.

Faculty promotions Kristen Osenga and Noah Sachs were promoted to full professor with tenure. Kevin Walsh was promoted to associate professor.

New professors Chiara Giorgetti joins the faculty from White & Case in Washington, D.C. She is a member of the International Arbitration Practice and has served as an expert consultant on issues related to international public law, state fragility, transitional justice, international criminal law, international environmental law, and anti-terrorist legislation investment law. Giorgetti clerked for the International Court of Justice in The Hague and served as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center since 2007. She graduated from the University of Bologna School of Law, earned an M.Sc. from the London School of Economics and Political Science, LL.M. from Yale Law School, and J.S.D. from Yale Law School with her dissertation “A Principled Approach to State Failure.”

Andrew Spalding joins from Chicago-Kent College of Law, where he was a visiting assistant professor. He was a Fulbright Senior Research Scholar in Mumbai and an associate in the securities enforcement and litigation section of Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr in Washington, D.C. Spalding clerked for the Hon. Howard D. McKibben, U.S. District Court, District of Nevada, and for the Hon. Jay S. Bybee, U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit. He earned a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, J.D. from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas William S. Boyd School of Law, and B.A. from Whitman College.

Carol N. Brown joins from the University of North Carolina School of Law. She was an associate professor at the University of Alabama School of Law and an associate at Sirote & Permutt in Birmingham, Ala. She is a Fellow of the American College of Real Estate Lawyers and the author or co-author of six books dealing with land development and property law. Brown clerked for the Hon. Sharon L. Blackburn, United States District Court, Northern District of Alabama. She graduated from Duke University and earned a J.D. and LL.M. from Duke University School of Law.
‘Raising the Stakes’ tops $23,000 for summer stipends

From dinner with professors to trips to Hawaii, a broad range of auction items and a Texas hold’em tournament drew approximately 225 students, alumni, faculty, and staff to the Jepson Alumni Center Jan. 27.

The Henry Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, International, and the Student Bar Association upped the ante for summer stipends this year by combining the public interest auction and casino night into the “Raising the Stakes for Public Interest” event. Phi Alpha Delta Justice Siri Kalburgi, L’12, and Student Bar Association President Ashley Allen, L’12, coordinated the event on behalf of their organizations, bringing in more than $23,000 for summer stipends.

“We were amazed by the student turnout, the faculty and alumni participation, and the generosity of local businesses—as well as some not-so-local businesses—in the donations we received,” said Kalburgi.

Donations included BARBRI tuition certificates (the highest bid item of the night), libations with librarians, the annual student-faculty basketball game, bowling with professors, and even a pie in the face of Professor David Epstein—to be administered at a time of the bidder’s choosing.

Tara Casey, director of the Carrico Center for Pro Bono Service, donated a lunch with Firms in Service, an association of pro bono law partners from Richmond firms. Casey said she supports the public interest Summer Stipend Program because “the majority of summer job opportunities for students interested in government and public interest law are unpaid. However, these are opportunities that will provide students with vital skills development and crucial connections for their career choices ahead.”

Allen said there has been an increasing focus on the Summer Stipend Program and that the event helped to put a spotlight on it in a different way. “We wanted to create an event that would allow the community to come together to raise funds for the program and not just ask people to send a check,” she said. “I think that the success of this event in its first year will only bring bigger and better results in the future. We were able to give more money this year to each student than in previous years, so ‘Raising the Stakes’ was definitely a step in the right direction.”

Allen gave a special thanks to BARBRI for sponsoring the event in its first year. She and Kalburgi look forward to attending as alumni on Feb. 8, 2013.

Student recognition

2 teams a first in Trial Advocacy Competition

The Trial Advocacy Board had two teams competing for the first time in the John L. Costello National Criminal Law Trial Advocacy Competition, hosted by George Mason Law in February. This competition, unlike others, reveals unknown facts and witnesses as the competition progresses to simulate the evolving and unexpected nature of criminal trials.

The team of Jennifer Sykes, L'12, Brett West, L'13, and Hayley Mohr, L'14, advanced to the quarterfinals against Georgetown and then to semifinals against the University of Virginia, beating both teams. Richmond Law competed in the semifinals with Georgetown, UVA, and New York University. In the end, Richmond was the second-highest scoring defense team in the competition.

Ryan Foreman, L'12, Davy Crumplar, L'12, and Liz Southall, L'13, competed against UVA and South Dakota, and the judge in one of their rounds granted their motion for judgment of acquittal.

Richmond Law again first in Legal Food Frenzy

Richmond Law, for the fourth year in a row, was the top law school in the 2012 Legal Food Frenzy, donating the equivalent of 88,266 pounds of food, or 177 pounds per student. SuperValu again dramatically aided the law school effort.

The Legal Food Frenzy raised more than 1.4 million pounds of food for Virginia’s hungry during the two-week drive in April. The competition among 157 Virginia law firms and legal departments was coordinated by the attorney general’s office, the Virginia Bar Association, and the Federation of Virginia Food Banks. The results of the sixth annual contest bring the cumulative six-year total raised to the equivalent of more than 8.5 million pounds of food for Virginia’s food banks.

Outstanding members of class recognized

A number of outstanding members of the Class of 2012 were recognized at graduation by the law school faculty. Students recognized included:

Jennifer Sykes, the Virginia Trial Lawyers award for demonstrating the talent and attributes of the trial advocate;

Stephen Pierce, the International Academy of Trial Lawyers award for the graduating student who has distinguished himself or herself in the field of trial advocacy;

Kathleen Sicuranza, the Family Law Award established by the Family Law Section of the Virginia State Bar and the Virginia Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, to a graduate who demonstrates promise and potential for the practice of family law;

Amy Weiss, the National Association of Women Lawyers award for academic achievement, professionalism, and potential to contribute to the advancement of women in society;

Lindsey Strachan and Erika Encinas, the Orrell-Brown Award for Clinical Excellence in the Children’s Law Center;

Andrew Fulwider, the Cudlipp Medal, for the highest grade point average for course work through the end of the second year of law school; and,

Lindsey S. Vann and Amanda Paige Blair, the J. Westwood Smithers Medal for highest cumulative grade point average.
A season of awards for Lakshmi Challa

Lakshmi Challa, L’94, chief executive officer of Challa Law Offices, is the 2011–2012 recipient of the John C. Kenny Pro Bono Award. The award is presented by the Richmond Bar Association to the law firm or legal services organization that demonstrates dedication to furthering the delivery of pro bono legal services to the poor and underserved in the metropolitan area. The law school’s Harry L. Carrico Center for Pro Bono Service was recognized last year.

Working with the Virginia Poverty Law Center in 2009, Challa established the immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence Project. The project provides pro bono legal assistance to undocumented immigrants who suffer domestic or sexual abuse, helping them work toward legal status in the United States without relying on their abusers. Challa and her firm—with four offices in Virginia, North Carolina, and India—dedicated more than 1,000 hours to the program, and she marshaled additional assets by bringing in law students from the Carrico Center. Since the project’s inception, more than 50 women have been helped.

At the January ceremony, Challa expressed gratitude to the Virginia Poverty Law Center, to the University of Richmond, and to other lawyers for teaching her the difference between “just” being a lawyer and being called to be an advocate. In particular, she cited former Richmond juvenile and domestic relations district court judge and First Lady of Virginia Anne Holton, and her husband, former Gov. Tim Kaine, “two of the people I consider the superstars of advocates. They dedicated their lives to public service.”

In April, Challa’s pro bono work was recognized by another organization. She was named the 2012 Henrico County Community Leader of the Year by the Greater Richmond Chamber. The award honors unsung heroes who show unwavering support for Henrico County and the business community, demonstrate dedication to the betterment and growth of Henrico County, and exhibit enthusiasm for and make a significant difference in their community.

Challa also was named to the 2012 “Influential Women of Virginia” by Virginia Lawyers Media.

Geary remembered as prosecutor, friend

Matthew P. “Matt” Geary, L’95, an effective prosecutor in Richmond and an adjunct professor in the law skills program 2006–09, died suddenly in January. He was 42.

“He was respected and well regarded by his students and his colleagues, and he will be missed,” said W. Clark Williams Jr., associate dean and professor.

Geary was a trial lawyer for more than 16 years and served as the chief deputy commonwealth’s attorney in Richmond 2006–09. In November, Geary, a Republican, ran a three-way race for Henrico County commonwealth’s attorney. The winner of that race was Shannon L. Taylor, also L’95.

In a statement, Taylor said; “I’ve known Matt since our days in law school, and he was a colleague and a friend whom I held in both high personal and professional regard.”
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Class news, alumni profiles, and events

1950s

James “Jimmy” W. Morris III, L’57, of Morris & Morris in Richmond, was the 2011 recipient of the Louis B. Potter Lifetime Professional Service Award.

The Hon. Ed Turlington, R’54 and L’59, met Gordon Poindexter, L’59, and the Hon. Coy Kizer Jr., R’62, for lunch in Waynesboro, Va., last summer to discuss old times. Gordon’s granddaughter is a student in Ed’s daughter’s classroom at St. Catherine’s School in Richmond. Sadly, Coy passed away in January.

1960s

Ebb Williams III, R’61 and L’64, received a commendation from the Virginia General Assembly.

W. Birch Douglass III, L’68, was presented with the Patrick Henry Award from the Martinsville-Henry County Bar Association’s inaugural Mike Cannaday Award in April. He was recognized as a member of the legal community who “embodies the spirit of service, good humor, and outgoing personality.”

1970s

Cyrus A. Dolph IV, L’73, has been named to the 2012 edition of The Best Lawyers in America.

R. Reid Young III, L’74, an attorney in Martinsville, Va., was presented with the Martinsville-Henry County Bar Association’s inaugural Mike Cannaday Award in April. He was recognized as a member of the legal community who “embodies the spirit of service, good humor, and outgoing personality.”

Terrence R. Batzli, L’75, president of Batzli Wood and Stiles and a lifelong family law practitioner, was named the 2012 winner of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Virginia State Bar’s Family Law Section.

We goofed

In a short news article in the Winter 2012 issue, we inadvertently left off two members of the Class of 2005 who are serving as commonwealth’s attorneys in Virginia. In November, Vince S. Donoghue was elected in Essex County, and Stephanie Brinegar Vipperman was re-elected to her second term in Patrick County.

We regret their omission. To see the article, go to lawmagazine.richmond.edu and click Alumni Who Serve under For the Record.

Harold Kestenbaum, L’75, is a partner in the San Francisco-based firm Gordon & Rees. He handles all transactional franchise work from the firm’s office in East Meadow, N.Y.

Duncan Reid, L’75, has joined ReidGoodwin in Richmond with Brody Reid, L’07, and Brad Goodwin, L’07. A former commonwealth’s attorney in Henrico County, Va., Duncan has more than 35 years of trial experience. His practice focuses on criminal, traffic, and personal injury matters.

Louis A. Mezzullo, L’76, is president of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. A partner with McKenna Long

Left photo, from left, are Rick Witthoeft, L’72, Waverly Pulley, R’68 and L’72, and Lane Witthoeft, at Reunion Weekend.

Right photo, from left, celebrants included Andrew Wood, L’67, Cheryl Wood, W’71 and L’79, and Irv Blank, L’67.
& Aldridge in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., his practice focuses on the areas of taxation, estate and business succession planning, and employee benefits.

Rick Chess, L’77, of Midlothian, Va., launched transactionchess.com, an online training facility that focuses on real estate transactions. He also started Stratigix Realty, a sponsor of Regulation A real estate funds. The managing partner of Chess Law Firm, he is the immediate past president of the Real Estate Investment Securities Association (REISA) and serves as chair of REISA’s conference planning committee.

H. Keith Jarvis, L’77, has been selected a Colorado Super Lawyer in construction litigation. Jarvis is a founder and co-managing partner of Markusson, Green and Jarvis, a Denver-based firm focusing on civil litigation.

Roy Terry, L’78, joined Sands Anderson in the firm’s Richmond office.

1980s

Drew Gallalee, L’81, of Williams Mullen, was named Richmond’s 2012 Lawyer of the Year for Personal Injury Litigation by Best Lawyers in America.

Paul Izzo, L’81, was elected shareholder at Thompson McMullan.

Mark Williams, L’81, was reappointed to a four-year term as public defender of Cattaraugus County, NY.

G. Hopkins Guy III, L’82, joined Baker Botts as a partner in the firm’s Palo Alto, Calif., office. A Silicon Valley intellectual property trial lawyer, his practice focuses on patent, trade secret, and commercial contract litigation involving Web-based telecommunications, electronics, and computer technologies.

Steve Farrar, L’82, has been recognized by South Carolina Super Lawyers as a top attorney in the area of business litigation for 2012. He is an attorney with Smith Moore Leatherwood in Greenville, S.C. He also was recognized by South Carolina Lawyers Weekly as a Leadership in Law award winner.

Estate planner shares expertise

Frank O. Brown Jr., R’60, GB’74, and L’76

After more than four decades as an estate planning professional, Frank O. Brown Jr. of Richmond has condensed his motivation for pursuing the profession to a few simple words.

“I love people. I love helping people,” said Brown, R’60, GB’74, and L’76.

Brown’s passion for estate planning has had its realization every year since the early 1970s in the form of the Estate Planning Seminar for Professionals, which has always been held on the University of Richmond campus. Since 2006, the seminar has been under the sponsorship of the School of Law, where Brown taught eight years as an adjunct professor. “Associate Dean Kristine Henderson has done a masterful job in supporting the seminar,” Brown said. The 40th annual seminar was held May 23 in the Jepson Alumni Center with attendance at full capacity.

Brown, a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, co-founded the Estate Planning Seminar with the late Douglas W. Conner, R’58 and L’61.

“We knew the seminar would benefit the University by extending its outreach into the community, and by bringing a broad cross-section of estate planning professionals onto the campus,” Brown said. He added that he and Conner always wanted to keep the event affordable, so that young estate planners and others without deep pockets would be able to attend along with those more experienced. The first year the seminar cost $10 per person, including a continental breakfast and lunch.

Besides attorneys, the seminar draws other professionals, such as certified public accountants, wealth management advisers, life insurance and certified financial planners, and bank trust officers.

Brown has a high regard for education, as did his parents, although neither had a high school education. “My parents taught me strong spiritual, civic, and family values, including love of learning,” Brown said. “My father demonstrated the virtues of loyalty, hard work, and caring for others.” His mother instilled in Brown his love of words—and he majored in English at Richmond, with minors in sociology and political science. Brown received an ROTC commission and served in the Army in the 2nd Infantry Division, in the 3rd Armored Division, and in the 9th Infantry Division in the Vietnam War in 1967 and 1968.

When he left the military and returned to Richmond, he went to work in the trust department of the former State-Planters Bank and also attended night school to earn his master’s degree in commerce.

Immediately afterward, he enrolled in the School of Law and by attending full time, including summers, was able to graduate in two years. He has been in the private practice of law since 1976. Brown is married and has three children, including a daughter who is a Richmond graduate.

“It’s been a good life,” he said.

—Gary Robertson, R’70
Michael HuYoung, L’82, was recognized as the Richmond area Lawyer of the Year in White Collar Criminal Defense for 2012 by Best Lawyers in America. He is a fellow in the Litigation Counsel of America, a national trial lawyers honorary society.

Donald W. Piacentini, L’82, received the 2011 Nina Kilian Peace Award from the Hanover County (Va.) Bar Association.

Claire G. Cardwell, L’84, has become a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Max Lederer, L’85, publisher of Stars and Stripes, has been named a Cambridge Who’s Who Professional of the Year in Publishing.

David Johnson, L’87, Virginia’s deputy attorney general for health, education, and social services, has written a biography, John Randolph of Roanoke, which was published in May by LSU Press.

Susan Godman Rager, L’87, has been elected president of Virginia’s Northern Neck Bar Association.

Missouri Gov. Jay Nixon presented Jim Staab, L’88, with the Governor’s Award for Excellence in Education. Staab is a professor of political science and a nationally recognized scholar at the University of Central Missouri.

John W. Paradee, GB and L’89, of Dover, Del., was elected chairperson of the board of directors for Bayhealth Inc. He is a director at Prickeet, Jones and Elliott, specializing in the areas of commercial litigation, commercial and residential real estate transaction work, general business and corporate practice, and administrative law.

Charles B. “Chud” Dollison, L’90, has returned to Bowles Rice as a partner in the firm’s office in Charleston, W.Va.

Lt. Col. Elizabeth Smart, L’90, is deployed with the 113th Sustainment Brigade, North Carolina National Guard, at Camp Arifjan in Kuwait.

W. Scott Johnson, R’88 and L’91, and his wife, Sharon Romaine Johnson, B’89, celebrated their 20th anniversary in April with a picnic in front of Cannon Memorial Chapel, where they married. They live in Montpelier, Va., and have two daughters. Amanda will be a sophomore at William & Mary this fall and Sarah will be a sophomore at Collegiate Schools in Richmond.

John Weber III, L’92, opened the Weber Law Firm, located in the heart of Virginia’s Roanoke Valley. He also serves as an adjunct professor at Liberty University School of Law.

Edward Rockwell, L’93, is general counsel of DataDirect Networks in Sunnyvale, Calif. Previously, he was vice president and associate general counsel at Hewlett-Packard in Palo Alto, Calif.

Lakshmi Challa, L’94, CEO of Challa Law Offices, was named the 2012 Henrico County (Va.) Community Leader of the Year. She was honored for her extensive volunteer work in the county, including her work with the Virginia Poverty Law Center, where she established the Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence Project. She also received the Richmond Bar Association’s Pro Bono Award.

Tim Dorsey, L’95, of the Navy Reserve, has been promoted to rear admiral.

David Duvall, L’95, is a shareholder at Spotts Fain.

Deborah McConnell, L’95, was promoted to colonel, U.S. Marine Corps, and deputy circuit military judge of the Eastern Judicial Circuit, Navy-Marine Corps Trial Judiciary.

Bonnie Atwood, L’96, received her 25th writing award at the Virginia Press Women spring conference in April.

Richard Brindisi, L’96, published a legal/financial thriller, Desperate Puppets, and was named 401(k) Marketing Manager at Paychex Corp.

Richard E. Garriot Jr., L’96, was appointed by the Virginia Beach (Va.) City Council to the board of zoning appeals. He also was selected as a fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers.

Kelly Hodge, L’96, was named Philadelphia’s Safe Schools Advocate.

Samantha Puro Magnani, L’96, was promoted to bureau chief in the district attorney’s office in Kings County, N.Y.

Audrey Swank, L’96, is a clerk for the Hon. Louis Kornreich in Bangor, Maine, through fall 2012.

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ALUMNI PROFILE

Taking calculated risks
Beth L. Kaufman, L’78

In the mid-1970s, when Beth L. Kaufman arrived at Richmond as a Williams Law Scholar, she was one of 24 women in a class of 128. Today, women make up half of law school students. Yet their presence in the upper echelons of the legal profession hovers around 17 percent.

This summer, Kaufman takes the helm of the National Association of Women Lawyers (NAWL), which supports and advances the interests of women in and under the law. She will promote projects designed to teach younger female lawyers how to get on the partner track and to enhance networking among corporate law departments. NAWL conducts and publishes the annual NAWL Survey, which tracks the far-too-modest advances made by women annually into leadership at Am Law 200 law firms.

“I’m thrilled that the law school has a woman dean now,” says Kaufman, who attended when the late “Ricki” Kestin, Richmond Law’s first female tenure-track professor, joined the faculty.

To advance in your career, you need to take calculated risks, says Kaufman, a mother of three daughters and a senior partner in the New York boutique law firm Schoeman, updike & Kaufman, LLP.

“People will ask: ‘What do you know about risk? You’ve been with the same firm for 34 years.’” Kaufman explains that being the first female and first associate at what was then an all-male law firm of five that has evolved into a women-owned firm of 30 lawyers has required her to take entrepreneurial risks in developing a national reputation as a litigator. And she takes significant risks every day in her role as senior partner.

She has taken on leadership roles in the American Bar Association and The Association of the Bar of the City of New York, in addition to NAWL. Bar involvement “exposes you to issues and developments important to the profession and it keeps you informed about things that carry over to your work. Being on the cutting edge of those issues is a wonderful advantage for a lawyer at a smaller firm.” Since active participation in bar association and pro bono matters cuts into working hours, “You need to get your firm to support your involvement in those activities.” If support wanes, risk changing firms, she advises, noting that her firm supported her efforts from day one.

“It all starts in law school—moot court competition, mock trials, reaching for that clerkship, taking on pro bono work. Find ... what clicks for you, and then take the risks needed to achieve your goal.”

The summer after her first year of law school, Kaufman worked at Bell, Ellyson, Wilkins & Baliles, which helped shape her desire to have a lot of responsibility from her career outset. She worked on land-use cases with Jerry Baliles, who later became Virginia’s attorney general and governor. “Had I returned to New York after my first year,” she says, “I never would have had any experience like that.”

—Marilyn J. Shaw
Carrie Emerson Coyner, L’05, was elected to the school board in Chesterfield County, Va.

Emily Sumner, L’05, has opened Sumner Immigration Law in Glen Allen, Va.

Stephanie Brinegar Vipperman, L’05, was re-elected commonwealth’s attorney in Patrick County, Va.

Yasmeen Abdullah, L’06, is an attorney at Abdullah Law Firm in Seattle.

Save the date!
Make plans to join us Oct. 5, 6:30–8:30 p.m. for Fall Gathering.

Vince S. Donoghue, L’05, was elected commonwealth’s attorney in Essex County, Va.

Vince Case, L’06, is serving a six-month detail as a special assistant U.S. attorney with the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Western District of Virginia. He is focusing on the prosecution of gun and white-collar crimes. When his detail is complete, he will return to his position as a trial attorney and discovery coordinator with the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.

Kimberly Brown-Gibbs, L’07, has joined Littler Mendelson in Memphis, Tenn.

Brad Goodwin, L’07, founded the firm ReidGoodwin in Richmond with Brody Reid, L’07. Brad focuses his practice on the areas of divorce, criminal traffic, and civil matters. He also is a musician and avid sports fan.

Brody Reid, L’07, founded the firm ReidGoodwin in Richmond with Brad Goodwin, L’07. His practice focuses on personal injury, workers compensation, criminal, and traffic matters. Active in politics and local service organizations, he also races in endurance events around the Richmond area.

Mohsin Reza, L’07, and Melanie Denson, L’09, married on January 15, 2012. Mohsin is an associate at Troutman Sanders; Melanie is an associate at Hale Carlson Baumgartner. They live in Falls Church, Va.

Franklin D. Annand, L’09, and his wife, Michelle, welcomed a daughter, Claire Elise, in March 2012.

Tiffany Laney, L’09, is serving as assistant commonwealth’s attorney in Southampton County, Va.

Jeffrey M. Hanna, L’09, and Jenny Hanna welcomed Lucia Marie to their family in June 2011.

2010s
James “Jed” Donaldson, ’01 and L’10, has joined Spotts Fain in Richmond.

Sandra Hong, L’10, joined Brave New Films in Los Angeles as a research and pre-production assistant.

Tiffany J. Bagwell, L’11, is an associate in the multifamily housing practice group at Troutman Sanders.

Sarah Warren S. Beverley, L’11, joined the risk management group of Sands Anderson in Richmond.

Joseph E. Blackburn III, L’11, is an attorney on the litigation team of Williams Mullen in Richmond.

David “Turk” Clay II, L’11, has joined Phelps Dunbar in New Orleans.

Tricia Annette Dunlap, L’11, is an attorney at McGuireWoods in the firm’s real estate and land use group in Richmond.

Madeleine A. Kramer, L’11, joined Moran Reeves & Conn in Richmond.

Isaac McBeth, L’11, an associate at Hirschler Fleischer, has published a fantasy novel, Alexander Wisbal and the Hall of Heroes, about a Richmond Law student and his adventures in the Second Dimension.

Meagan J. Thomasson, L’11, is an attorney at Kaufman & Canoles in Norfolk, Va.

Katherine “Kat” Womack, L’11, is an assistant commonwealth’s attorney for Gloucester County, Va.
William L. Miller of Frederick, Md., beams at graduation, while son David seems more interested in electronic discovery. (Commencement, page 2)