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| School of Continuing Studies | C |
| Graduate School of Arts and Sciences | G |
| The Richard S. Reynolds Graduate School of the Robins School of Business | GB |
| Honorary degree | H |
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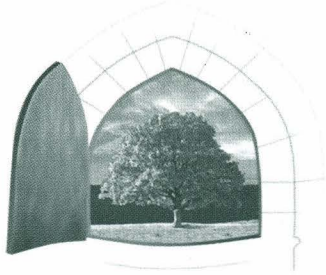

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# New class ranks high

The incoming class at the University of Richmond School of Law may be the biggest and strongest in years. With it, the law school continues at a pace ahead of a national trend, says Michelle L. Rahman, director of law admissions.

Students applied to Richmond Law this year in the largest number since the boom years of the early '90s. (Admissions experts note that both periods of high interest in law school came as the nation experienced significant economic downturns. Law school, apparently, is seen as a relatively safe haven.)

In 1991, 2,108 applicants—the most in the school's history—sought admission. This year, the school received more than 1,860 applications, the fourth-largest applicant pool since 1985. While 65 percent of the 184 ABA-approved law schools nationally saw a 20 percent or greater increase in applications this year, "We have seen an increasing number of applications each year for the last several years—in fact, an increase of 49 percent over the last three years," says Rahman. "We've been ahead of the trend."

Admissions statistics also show that Richmond is landing more of the top students, Rahman says. LSAT scores have risen as the applicant pool has grown, and for those choosing to enroll here, from the top to the bottom of the list, grade-point averages are higher than in years past.

The 75th percentile of this year's class scored 160 or better on the LSAT, the same as last year. The median score was up from 157 to 158, and from the 74th percentile to the 77th percentile of all LSAT takers. The median GPA for this year's entering class was 3.33, up from 3.21 last year. The top quarter of the class had a GPA of 3.53 and above, compared to last year's 3.47.

Overall, the law school accepted a smaller percentage of its applicant pool this year than last, 31 percent compared to 37 percent, but so many of those accepted are choosing to enroll that the incoming class probably will be larger than the target size of 170. The incoming class should be split almost evenly between women and men, and 55 percent are from Virginia.

"I do think the numbers nationally show that top-tier schools are the ones seeing the higher volume of applications," and Richmond is increasingly in that mix, Rahman says. "The competition is so great that these students are applying to more schools than they might have in the past."

Some of the credit for the increased quality and quantity can be attributed to the Top-Tier Initiative and other recent efforts to enhance the law school's reputation, Rahman says. More money for scholarships, particularly the prestigious John Marshall Scholars, "clearly has had an impact on the rising quality we are seeing. With the money we've raised, we can offer more, and as a result, we are getting some of the best students who are going to law school."

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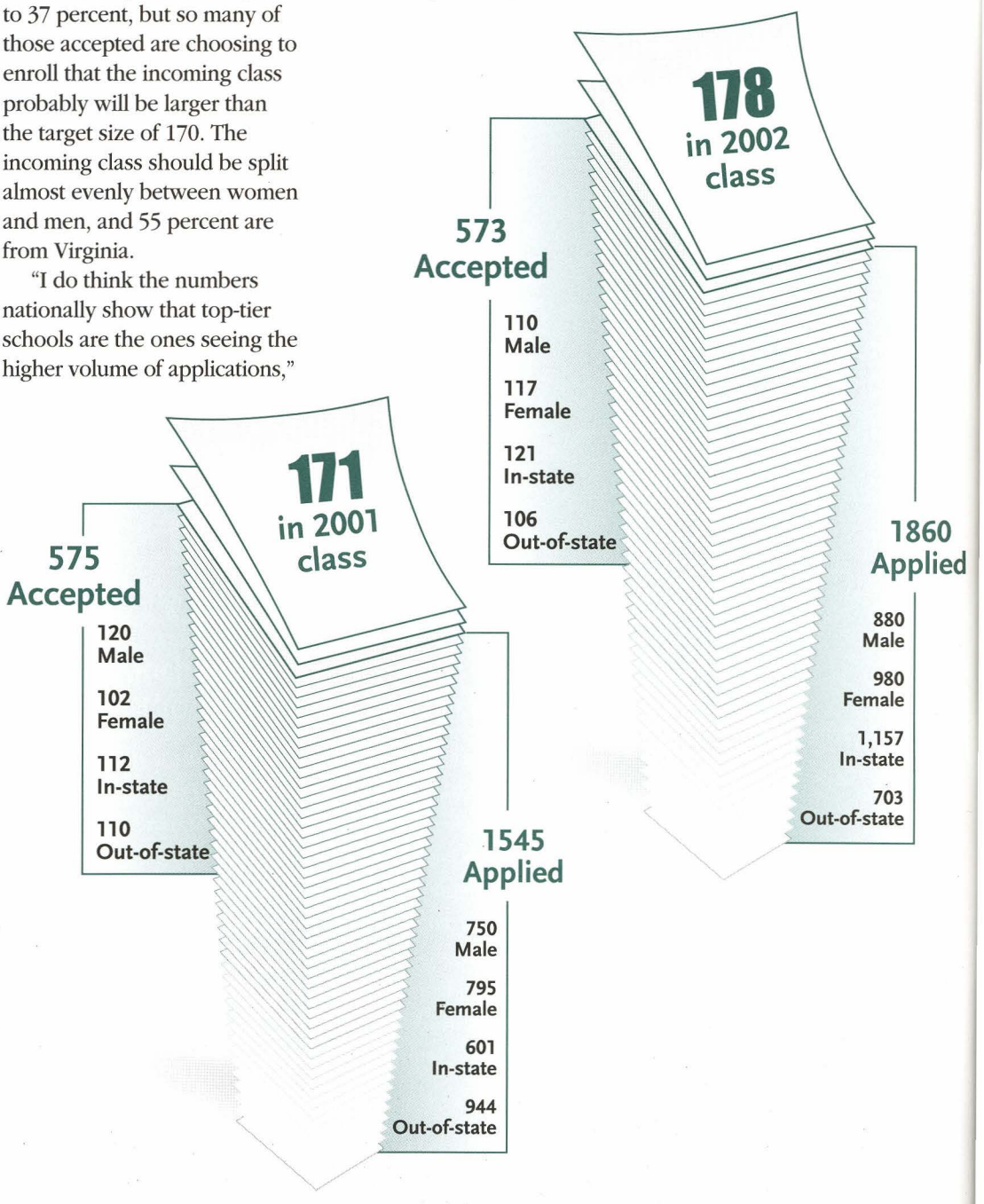

## CLERKSHIPS FOR 2002-2003

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**Mason Lee Byrd**
Office of chief staff attorney, Supreme Court of Virginia
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**Tara L. Elgie**
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Alexandria, Va.

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Richmond Circuit Court
Richmond

**Catherine Pascucci Haas**
Richmond Circuit Court
Richmond

**Joel Christopher Hoppe**
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New Brunswick, N.J.

**Kerri L. Nicholas**
Hon. John Richard Alderman, Hanover Circuit Court
Hanover, Va.

## Junior League honors Hodges

Ann C. Hodges has been honored with a Volunteer Achievement Award by the Junior League of Richmond in recognition of her founding the Legal Information Network for Cancer. Hodges, who has taught at the law school for 14 years, was presented the award in May along with Phyllis Katz, L'82, the network's co-founder.

LINC is a nonprofit community-based organization dedicated to helping people with cancer and their families deal with business issues that arise with cancer, enabling them to focus on getting well. Faculty, staff, students and alumni of the law school have made significant voluntary contributions to LINC since it was founded.

Hodges was one of 25 women honored in celebration of the league's 75th anniversary. She won the University of Richmond Distinguished Educator Award in 1995.

## Recent student accomplishments

**Carl Eldred, Noelle Hicks, Charles Homiller and Tara Manson, all L'03,** represented the law school in the Ninth Annual Judge John R. Brown Admiralty Moot Court Competition, held in New Orleans in March. The brief written by Homiller and Hicks took the Jones, Walker, Waechter, Poitevent, Carrere & Denegre Award for best petitioner's brief, and shared the award given by the Maritime Law Association of the United States for the competition's best brief overall. This is the sixth year in the last seven in which a Richmond team has won the competition's award for best brief overall.

A comment by **Michael Newby, L'02,** titled "The Nature of Inland and Marine Insurance and Its Relationship to Maritime Law," was published in the winter issue of the *University of San Francisco Maritime Law Journal.*

## Upcoming speakers

### Sept. 26

**Joyce Appleby**, professor emeritus at UCLA, will speak. Her topic is scheduled to be "The Role of the Historian in Time of War." Appleby will be at the University as the Phi Beta Kappa distinguished scholar.

### Oct. 25 • Law Weekend

**Warren Billings** will deliver the 16th Emanuel Emroch lecture. Billings, the visiting Williams professor, is scheduled to speak on "Properties of the Elephant: Meetings of the General Assembly 1619-1700."

**Stephen M. Davis**, president of Davis Global Advisors Inc., will be the keynote speaker for the *Journal of Global Law and Business* Symposium. Davis's speech is the 11th Austin Owen lecture.

### Feb. 5

**Nina Totenberg** from National Public Radio is scheduled to speak, sponsored by the University's School of Law, the Jepson School of Leadership Studies and the Richmond Quest.

# Slate urges graduates to put integrity first

William K. Slate II, L'68, president and CEO of the American Arbitration Association, told University of Richmond law school graduates that integrity is the most important attribute for becoming a successful attorney.

Giving the 153 law students practical advice, during last May's commencement Slate also said they should prepare for increased use of the Internet for legal processes, especially online dispute resolution.

"Twenty-first century lawyers must be attuned to the importance of the Internet in a world now defined by global economies and an ever-expanding e-commerce transaction base," he said. Citing his association's experience six months after allowing online filing of cases, Slate said, "There is the potential in this process for filing a claim online—just like filing a case in the courthouse." Lawyers will be able to file documents, hold hearings in secure space and receive awards online.

While an understanding of technology is important, Slate said, "Lawyers of distinction are thinkers, not robotic followers." They develop interests in other fields while practicing their craft, making sure they do not lose their creative energy. And, they "stay connected," particularly to law school friends and classmates, he said.

"Many lawyering roles can be lonely paradigms—judges, professors, practitioners, CEOs—and I urge you not to make it so," Slate advised.

Richmond law grads also heard from one of their professors, First Amendment scholar Rodney A. Smolla, and a classmate, Dale G. Mullen of Bismarck, Ill. Both were chosen to speak by a vote of the graduating class.

Smolla said that inside every person "there is a yearning, a hope, a desire to believe that there is justice in the world." He said everyone wants to know that "there truly is a difference between right and wrong, good and evil, terrorism and the rule of law, prejudice and equality, arbitrariness and due process, tyranny and freedom."

"We believe in those differences," Smolla said. "We believe we have the capability to achieve justice…and it will prevail. We believe that you [law graduates]—committed to quality, humanity and justice—are the community's hope and prize."

Mullen told his classmates that they owe it to their country to "stand up for justice, fairness and the rule of law" in exchange for previous sacrifices of soldiers, civil rights activists, judges and attorneys. He quoted former President Herbert Hoover in reminding fellow graduates that they are indebted "beyond any human power to repay."

## AWARDS AT COMMENCEMENT

**VIRGINIA TRIAL LAWYERS ASSOCIATION, STUDENT TRIAL ADVOCATE AWARD**
Dale George Mullen

**INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF TRIAL LAWYERS, STUDENT ADVOCACY AWARD**
Gregory L. Hoffman
Mary Margaret "Molly" August

**FAMILY LAW AWARD**
Alycia Sarah Levy

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS AWARD**
Jyoti Pribhlal Gwalani

**T.C. WILLIAMS LAW SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**
William Elmore Spruill

**ORRELL-BROWN AWARD FOR CLINICAL EXCELLENCE IN THE CHILDREN'S LAW CENTER**
Mason Lee Byrd

**CUDLIPP MEDAL**
Kenneth Lee Westnedge Jr.

**J. WESTWOOD SMITHERS MEDAL**
***(Results will be announced during Fall Gathering, Oct. 25)***

**NINA R. KESTIN SERVICE AWARD**
Sara M. Gaborik

**CHARLES T. NORMAN AWARD**
Gregory L. Hoffman

**AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION/ BUREAU OF NATIONAL AFFAIRS INC. AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE**
Courtney Mueller Coke
Carl Edward Omohundro Jr.
James Matthew Vines

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Jessica Clair Cobaugh
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David Joseph DePippo
Alan P. Gernhardt
Greig Euan MacIntyre
Robert Ryland Musick
William Benjamin Pace
William Elmore Spruill

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Heather M. Cain
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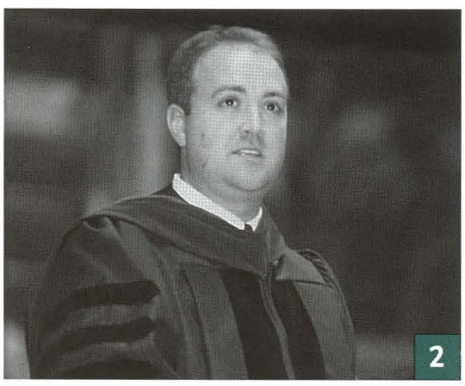
John Fredrick Knight
Dale George Mullen
Michael Richard Newby
Kenneth Lee Westnedge Jr.
Jennifer Leigh Wilson
Jessica Galazka Zarnegar

**PUBLIC INTEREST LAW ASSOCIATION, PRO BONO AWARDS**
Catherine Elizabeth Pascucci Haas
Dale George Mullen
Cheryl Lynne Roberts
James Matthew Vines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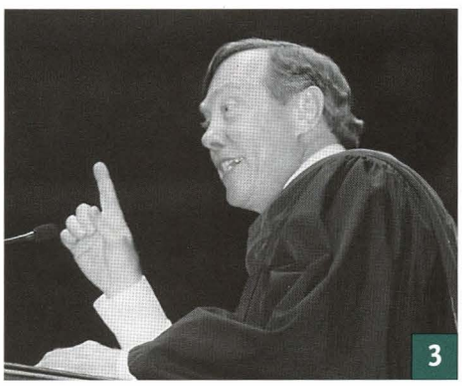
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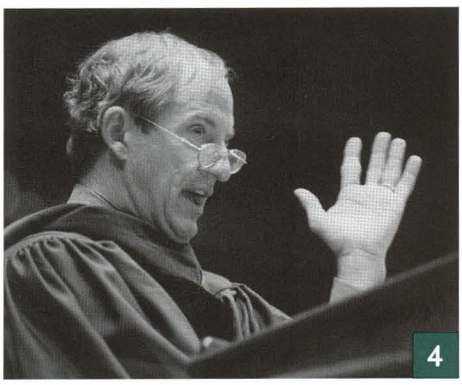
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4 Rodney A. Smolla
5 Mason Lee Byrd and family

# Two appointed to faculty

Richmond Law welcomed two new faculty this year who share a longstanding interest in teaching as well as years of experience in public and private practice.

Lain

Nowicki

**Corinna Barrett Lain**, a Montana native, has served as an adjunct professor at the University while working as a prosecuting attorney in the Henrico County commonwealth's attorney's office. While there, she taught classes on sex crimes, domestic violence, evidence, firearms, alcohol and gambling offenses at the Henrico County Police Academy.

She also provided advanced instruction to police officers on behalf of the Department of Criminal Justice Services. Lain has instructed forensic nurses on courtroom preparation for child and adult sexual assault cases, and she has served as a member of the board of directors and treasurer of the Henrico County Bar Association.

Even during her years at the University of Virginia School of Law, where she was on the managing board of the *Law Review*, Lain felt drawn to teaching. As a prosecuting attorney teaching at the police academy, that interest grew.

"I found it was something I really enjoy," Lain says. "With the experiences I've had, I felt like I could make a positive contribution to the classroom."

After graduating from high school, Lain joined the U.S. Army and spent time in Germany. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the College of William and Mary, and went on to clerk for Judge John C. Porfilio of the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver from 1996 to 1997, when she returned to Virginia.

Lain will be teaching evidence, civil procedure, and children and the law.

**Elizabeth A. Nowicki**, who grew up in upstate New York, will be teaching corporations, and mergers and acquisitions.

At Columbia Law School in New York, Nowicki compiled an impressive record while receiving her J.D. in 1997. She earned recognition for her scholarship, and served on the executive board and as senior articles editor for the *Columbia Business Law Review*.

In 1996, Nowicki won the *Harvard Journal of Law & Technology*'s writing competition. She has published articles since her graduation from law school, including "Denial of Regulatory Assistance in Stranded Cost Recovery in a Deregulated Electricity Industry," in the *Loyola Los Angeles Law Review*.

She was law clerk to Senior Judge James L. Oakes, U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in Vermont, and to U.S. District Court Senior Judge Jack B. Weinstein of the Eastern District of New York.

Nowicki, who earned her bachelor's degree from Russell Sage College in Troy, N.Y., served as an attorney with the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C., from 1999 to 2000. From 2000 to her arrival at Richmond, she was an associate with Sullivan & Cromwell on Wall Street and in Los Angeles. She worked on mergers, acquisitions and debt offerings, drafted SEC filings and advised clients on regulatory and corporate issues.

"Corporate law is something I am in a position to make interesting to my students from both practical and theoretical perspectives, by drawing on my years in practice with the government and in the private sector," she says.

## Williams visiting professors

The law school will be home this academic year to two nationally recognized professors who will serve a semester each as visiting Williams Professor of Law.

During the fall semester, **Warren Billings**, an authority in the field of legal history, will teach a seminar on American legal history. Billings is the Distinguished Professor of History at the University of New Orleans. He received his bachelor's degree in history from the College of William and Mary, and his master's degree in history from the University of Pittsburgh. He earned his Ph.D. in history from Northern Illinois University. A prolific writer and archivist, Billings specializes in the fields of early and Revolution-era America, American legal history, and documentary editing.

For the spring semester, **John E. Nowak** will hold the Williams Chair. Nowak is the David C. Baum Professor of Law at the University of Illinois College of Law. He received his bachelor's degree from Marquette University and his J.D. from the University of Illinois, where he served as editor-in-chief of the *University of Illinois Law Review* and was elected to Order of the Coif. Nowak clerked for Justice Walter V. Schaefer of the Supreme Court of Illinois. He is co-author, with Ronald Rotunda, of a leading treatise on constitutional law. He will teach constitutional law in the spring.

The Williams Chair was established in 1999 with a gift from Russell C. Williams, L'84. Williams' $2 million endowment is intended to bring to campus teachers and scholars of national note. A permanent holder of the Williams Chair will be named in the future.

# FACULTY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Timothy L. Coggins**, director of the law library and associate professor, presented "Exploring the Internet for Legal and Factual Research" at the third biennial conference of the Virginia Alliance of Legal Assistant Association in Roanoke, Va. Coggins also will serve a second term in 2002-03 as chair of the American Association of Law Libraries professional development committee. The committee plans and oversees the professional and continuing education program for the law libraries association.

**John G. Douglass** presented a paper on "Admissibility as Cause and Effect: Considering Affirmative Rights Under the Confrontation Clause" at the conference on evidence of the Association of American Law Schools. At the Virginia State Bar's annual meeting this year, he participated in a panel discussion on "The USA Patriot Act: The Price of Freedom." Douglass also presented a paper on "Cross-Examining Hearsay" at the Maritime Law Symposium in Newport, R.I. (See also p. 12.)

**David Frisch**'s article "Contractual Choice of Law and the Prudential Foundations of Appellate Review" will be published by the *Vanderbilt Law Review*. He is co-author of the 2002 supplement to a treatise entitled the *Commercial Law of Intellectual Property*.

**Mary L. Heen** published an article in the July 2002 issue of the *Community Tax Law Report*. The article dealt with welfare-to-work tax credits. The Community Tax Law Pro-ject, a nonprofit organization based in Richmond, provides legal assistance to low-income taxpayers in Virginia. It assists participants in welfare-to-work programs and taxpayers for whom English is a second language. The tax law project also publishes a newsletter nationally on low-income taxpayer practice and policy issues.

**Ann C. Hodges** was a facilitator for the seminar on "Investigatory Interviews: Weingarten Rights and Beyond," which was co-sponsored by the law school and the Virginia Labor Studies Center at the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Business. She co-authored with Courtney Mueller Coke, L'02, and Dr. Robert R. Trumble the article "Weingarten in the Nonunion Workplace: Looking in the Funhouse Mirror," which was published in the *Labor Law Journal*. Hodges also has been selected to be a regular columnist for *Inside Business*. Her June column was entitled "Who Pays the Freight When Parties Forced to Arbitrate?" Hodges also has joined the Virginia Labor Studies Center advisory board.

**Corinna B. Lain** has published an article "Accuracy Where It Matters: Brady v. Maryland in the Plea Bargaining Context" in the *Washington University Law Quarterly*. The article has been cited in a brief to the U.S. Supreme Court in the case *Ruiz v. United States*.

**Robert E. Shepherd Jr.** has been selected recipient of Prevent Child Abuse Virginia's Together for Children Award. The award was presented to Shepherd in May at the organization's annual conference by Lisa Collis, Virginia's First Lady. Shepherd continues to write the juvenile justice column for the ABA's magazine *Criminal Justice*. He also has been installed as president of the Richmond Torch Club.

**Rodney A. Smolla**, has published several articles and spoken at a variety of events. His article "The First Amendment and the New Civil Liability" will be included in the *University of Virginia Law Review*. "Information as Contraband: The First Amendment and Liability for Trafficking in Speech" was published in *Northwestern University Law Review*. "From Hit Man to Encyclopedia of Jihad: How to Distinguish Freedom of Speech from Terrorist Training" was published in the *Loyola Los Angeles Entertainment Law Review*.

Smolla also wrote "The Puffery of Lawyers" for the *University of Richmond Law Review*, "The War Against Terrorism and the Bill of Rights" for the *William and Mary Bill of Rights Journal*, and "Accounting for Slow Growth of American Privacy Law" for *Nova Southeastern University Law Review*.

Smolla was a panelist for a discussion on "Harmonizing Copyright, the Constitution and the Public Interest" at the annual meeting of the Copyright Society of the United States. He spoke on "Violence and the First Amendment" at a faculty colloquium at Widener University Law School, and on "The Tension Between Combating Terrorism and Preserving Civil Liberties" at a Federal Bar Association luncheon in Richmond. Smolla also participated in a libel and privacy seminar sponsored by the American Association of University Professors. (See also p. 12.)

**Dr. Michael Allan Wolf's** most recent publications include "*Euclid* Lives: The Survival of Progressive Jurisprudence" (with Charles Haar) in *Harvard Law Review* (see also p. 13), and "Pondering *Palazzolo*: Why Do We Continue to Ask the Wrong Questions?" in the *Environmental Law Reporter*. Wolf presented a paper on "Earning Deference: Reflections on the Merger of Environmental and Land-Use Law" at a conference on local environmental law sponsored by Pace University School of Law in Cold Spring, N.Y.

# Fulfilling the Promise

## Richmond Law approaches the top tier

Four years after Dean John R. Pagan, with the blessing of the University's Board of Trustees, launched an ambitious, fund-raising campaign for the law school, the Top-Tier Initiative is fulfilling its promise.

Financially, the campaign, which concluded last spring, exceeded its $6 million goal — but raising the money was just the first step. From the library to the classroom, from scholarly journals to popular rankings, the University of Richmond School of Law has shown its strength and taken strides toward a greater future, and people are taking note.

**By Rob Walker**
*Assistant editor of* Richmond Law

In the widely circulated rankings by *U.S. News and World Report*, the law school has improved in key categories since the initiative began. Overall, it has moved from 81st to 75th this year among the 175 American law schools ranked.

The school stands short of its top 50 goal, but considerable progress can be seen in key categories. For example, the law school's ranking among practitioners and judges jumped last year from 77 to 69. It moved up from 103 to 91 in ranking by academics, due in part to a 22 percent increase in funding to publicize faculty achievements, though most of the credit can be attributed to the faculty's hard work. (See related story, p. 12.)

As importantly, more top quality students are coming to the law school. Its rank for the LSAT median score was 60th in the nation, and the ratio of acceptances to rejections earned 67th spot. Applications to the law school were up 20 percent this year over last. They are up 49 percent from 1999, placing the school well ahead of the national trend. (See related story, p. 2.)

And the law school's support community, which includes alumni, staff, faculty, professionals and friends, recognizes that this is a top quality law school with a growing reputation and considerable ability to meet its goals.

"Our alumni are behind us," says Pagan. "Morale among staff, students and faculty is high. What we've been able to do with this initiative will enhance our ability to do more in the future. People see us as a winner."

University President William E. Cooper concurs: "The law initiative provides funds to enhance our capability to provide legal education of the highest quality to students who will emerge as the next generation of leaders in advancing the cause of justice."

The Top-Tier Initiative set improvement in three crucial areas as targets:

- To increase funding for scholarships to draw more top students;
- To enhance law library resources and technology;
- To attract and promote outstanding teacher/scholars.

Those engaged in the campaign were pleased to discover that the initiative produced another significant positive development.

"The initiative has prompted us to take a candid look as alumni at how we feel about the law school and about how others perceive us," says J. Waverly Pulley III, R'68, L'72, co-chair of the initiative and a partner with Hunton & Williams. "That was something we needed."

**Over the last four years,** the law library, with funds from the initiative, has increased its collection of volumes to more than 300,000 while improving its ability to gain access to materials technologically. Each year, the American Bar Association ranks the libraries at accredited law schools based on statistics such as number of books, number of books added during the year, staffing and funding. Over the four years of the initiative, the ABA has raised the library's ranking 15 places.

"That is an incredible jump," says Timothy L. Coggins, director of the law library.

The library also has celebrated the addition of the Robert R. Merhige Jr. Special Collections and Rare Books Room, a handsomely appointed, climate-controlled room named in honor of the distinguished jurist from the law class of 1942. Merhige's papers from 31 years on the federal bench are

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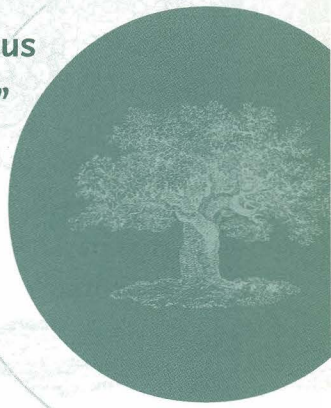

housed along with personal mementos, photographs and other items from his career. Scholars and lawyers will come here to study important and controversial cases, including many related to the desegregation of Southern schools, and others involving major corporations such as Westinghouse, A.H. Robins Co. and Allied Chemical Corp.

The Merhige room also contains special collections from the Tokyo War Crimes Tribunal, and the unpublished bankruptcy court opinions of the late Judge Blackwell Shelley, L'50, as well as early editions dealing with Virginia and English law.

The library's large and much-used Virginia collection, which has been highly valued by practitioners around the state, has been gathered and enlarged primarily with gifts in honor of James C. Roberts, L'57. Roberts' law firm, Troutman Sanders Mays & Valentine, made the cornerstone gift toward improving the collection.

Developing the special collections, improving the library's and law school's technological capacities, and expanding the collections will continue to be a challenge, says Coggins. The growth will require additional space several years from now.

**The Richmond law faculty** has long enjoyed a reputation for strong teaching and scholarship, and the campaign, which included the major gift of an endowed chair, raised funds to enhance faculty excellence and to get the word out about the good work being done.

Endowed by Russell C. Williams, L'84, the Williams Chair, the second endowed chair in the law school, represents the school's commitment to bringing established teacher-scholars of high repute to the faculty, says Dean Pagan. "We will bring in experienced scholars of national stature, along with outstanding beginning faculty, and we will give recognition to distinguished existing faculty as the University did this year with Hamilton Bryson," who was named Blackstone Professor.

The Williams Chair will be held this year by two scholars, each for a semester.

"My hope is that this chair will enable us to attract a truly gifted teacher," says Williams. "We want this to be a place for someone who will make a superb impression on students."

**Some $3 million of the initiative's funds** has been designated for scholarships. This money has had an immediate impact on the school's ranking in the student selectivity category and on its ability to attract top students.

The prestigious John Marshall Scholars program has brought to campus some of the nation's best and brightest students. New scholars earning these merit-based, $10,000 grants scored a median LSAT of 165, and carried a median undergraduate GPA of 3.50. The first graduates from the program are moving into jobs with top national law firms, government entities and corporations and to clerkships with some of the nation's most influential jurists.

Doron Samuel-Siegel, L'01, was in the first class of Marshall scholars. She says the weekly John Marshall Seminar, in which the scholars participate, was one of the most important pieces of her law school education. "It gave me a chance to learn how to analyze important cases along with people who were interested and knowledgeable. This is very similar to a lot of what I do now."

She has spent the last year clerking for Chief Justice Harry L. Carrico, H'73, of the Virginia Supreme Court. Carrico, who chairs the committee that selects the scholars, is so enthusiastic about the program that he calls scholarship recipients personally to notify them of their selection.

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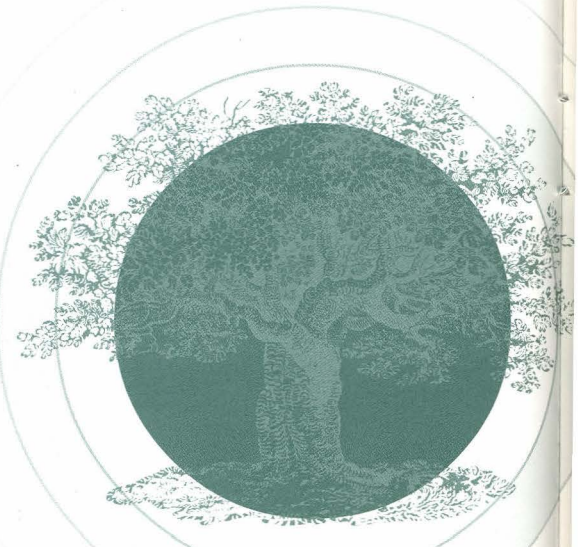
**Russell C. Williams**



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**James V. Meath**

The John Marshall Scholar designation on her résumé certainly helped her land the job in Chief Justice Carrico's office, Samuel-Siegel says, and the experience has been extraordinary. "It's like another year of school at an even higher level. It's a wonderful transition" to life in the law.

**Leaders of the initiative** discovered less tangible benefits of their efforts that will ensure the success of future campaigns.

"John Pagan put us to work figuring out how we would get our profile up to the top tier," says James V. Meath, L'79, initiative co-chair and a partner with Williams Mullen. "This took a lot of vision, a lot of work, but we set a goal, laid out a template, and the trustees said, 'You guys seem ready. Get it done.'

"It's clear now that we know how to do it," Meath says. "We were successful. But the bar is being raised continuously. The competition is not standing still. It takes a lot of money."

"This initiative really woke up and organized our alumni network," says Williams, who endowed the faculty chair. "It has also laid the foundation for some wonderful friendships. It's been a wonderful experience."

Meath and Pulley, the co-chairs, agree.

"One of the most gratifying aspects of this has been working with the people on the steering committee, the people in the development office, and then discovering these law school alumni around the country who are at the top of their game, and who have so much respect for this place, and now they're coming forward," Meath says.

"Sometimes when you get into this, you can be perplexed that people don't see just how good this place is," says Pulley. "We're out there chasing intangibles like 'image.' But what we've accomplished and what we feel we can do in the future are really wonderful."

For Pagan, who is winding down his tenure as dean, the campaign has been "one of the most satisfying parts of the job. Working with the alumni like this makes clear their passionate love of this place.

"It didn't come as a surprise, but when you talk to lawyers about giving money, they want you to make your case, so we've had to be ready with facts and figures and a clear vision. Fortunately, we've been able to deliver. Our reputation is growing but we have to continue to work hard."

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# TOP LEGAL MINDS

## Where scholarship, teaching and practice converge

By Bill Lohmann, R'79
Richmond Times-Dispatch *feature writer*

**Good teaching does not begin and end at the classroom door. That's particularly true in law schools, where the best faculty are those who through outside scholarship maintain a vital link between academia and the world of legal practice.**

Such scholarship is important to their students, as well as to judges and practicing lawyers who make use of faculty research and writing. Institutions also benefit from faculty scholarship by way of enhanced reputation, which ties into the University's Top-Tier Initiative, says Law Dean John R. Pagan.

"We enjoyed a nice jump in the rankings this year among academics," Pagan says. "We went up a dozen places, and faculty scholarship contributed to that."

Pagan says when Professor John Douglass is published in the *Columbia Law Review*, as he has been recently, "People notice. They see Richmond has people at the highest level. The same for books being published by leading presses. That says our professors are not only strong in the classroom, but their work is being published alongside that of the top legal minds in the country."

A.E. "Dick" Howard, R'54, the White Burkett Miller Professor of Law and Public Affairs at the University of Virginia, has followed the growth and development of the Richmond Law "with great respect."

"I think it's proving to be an intellectual environment for the nurturing of first-class teaching and scholarship," says Howard.

**Before John G. Douglass** came to teach at the law school, he worked as a practicing attorney and a federal prosecutor, including time as chief of the criminal section in the Richmond division of the U.S. attorney's office. He draws on that experience not only in the classroom, but also in his outside scholarship.

"I like to approach scholarship by looking at theoretical issues in the way I believe an experienced and pragmatic judge might look at things," says Douglass, who was promoted recently to full professor. "I feel fortunate to have practiced in courts in front of such judges."

That experience, Douglass says, "adds a perspective that may be a little unusual in today's academic world. I try to play to my strengths, and I think my 15 years of practice as a trial lawyer contribute a real-life feel to my academic writing."

Most of his research has been focused on how constitutional criminal procedure plays out in the courtroom.

"That's the part of law that's always fascinated me," he says, "the adversarial process at trial."

Douglass says he tries to take constitutional history and U.S. Supreme Court decisions and suggest how they affect and are affected by tactical choices that lawyers make.

"I like to think of it as mixing theory and practice," Douglass says.

He remembers getting a letter from a professor at another university after one of his papers was published. The other professor responded favorably to the article, but concluded, somewhat tongue-in-cheek: "You're far too practical."

"I'll take that as a compliment," Douglass says.

Besides writing, Douglass often speaks to bar association groups and teaches around the country for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy.

"I enjoy the opportunity to maintain contact with the world of practicing lawyers," he says. "They teach me a lot and I pass the best of their teachings to my students."

**W. Hamilton Bryson,** Blackstone Professor of Law, has achieved international prominence as an expert on early modern English legal history. He also is considered an expert on Virginia civil procedure and legal history. The Blackstone professorship is named for Sir William Blackstone, an 18th-century professor of law at Oxford and author of *Commentaries on the Laws of England*. It belongs to a new category of distinguished professorships for senior faculty members and was given in honor of Bryson's exemplary teaching and outstanding scholarship.

Bryson teaches legal history, remedies, and Virginia procedure and practice.

He has published extensively, including a recent book he edited, *Cases Concerning Equity and the Courts of Equity, 1550-1660*, in the Selden Society series, the leading collection of materials on English legal history. He also has published a collection of his lectures, *Virginia Civil Procedure*, which is used by practicing lawyers as well as by students. It is now in its third edition and is updated annually with a pocket supplement. His students help with the editorial work.

He also has published a book of essays on the history of legal education in Virginia.

"When I first started teaching at the University of Richmond, I realized no one knew anything very much about the 19th-century background of Virginia law schools," says Bryson, a member of the law faculty since 1973. "So, I started researching in that area."

Bryson, who has law degrees from Harvard, Cambridge and the University of Virginia, became interested in legal history as a student himself.

"I had a course in it while I was in law school," he says. "It seemed to give a whole lot of depth."

Managing classroom teaching with outside scholarship is challenging, but Bryson says it's not as difficult as it might seem because all facets of his work are connected.

"It all fits together—the scholarship and the writing and the teaching," he says. "There's a tremendous amount of overlap.

"I think it's important for a teacher to do research because it keeps him or her up-to-date and it gives depth to the classroom presentation. When the students ask questions, then you've got the answers with reasons."

U.Va.'s Howard calls Bryson "one of the most careful, patient, methodical and ultimately productive legal historians in the country."

## *Harvard Law Review* publishes Wolf treatise

*Harvard Law Review*, one of the most prestigious publications for legal scholarship in the country, presented in its June issue a commentary by Richmond law professor Dr. Michael Allan Wolf.

Wolf and his long-time collaborator Charles M. Haar, emeritus professor at Harvard Law School and distinguished visitor at the University of Miami, published "*Euclid* Lives: The Survival of Progressive Jurisprudence." In it they urge the U.S. Supreme Court to redirect its attention to a longstanding precedent—*Village of Euclid v. Ambler Realty Co.*—in analyzing the constitutionality of regulations that affect the use and value of land and other private property.

Beginning in the late 1970s, the Supreme Court has increasingly relied on the Takings Clause of the Fifth Amendment, resulting in an exceedingly confusing body of case law and in inconsistent doctrines that threaten a wide range of regulations concerning the use of property, most notably zoning and environmental controls.

Wolf says he was thrilled when *Harvard Law Review* accepted the piece for publication. "That means that our ideas have been validated and it also means those ideas will be reaching the widest legal audience. The purpose of the piece is to address concerns the judiciary has had for some time," Wolf says.

The publication also points out the close relationship that exists at the law school between teaching and scholarship. Wolf says that not only will he use the article in future classes, but many of the ideas in the article were introduced and refined in past class discussions. "Dozens if not hundreds of my students who might read this piece will recognize ideas in it as something we discussed in class."

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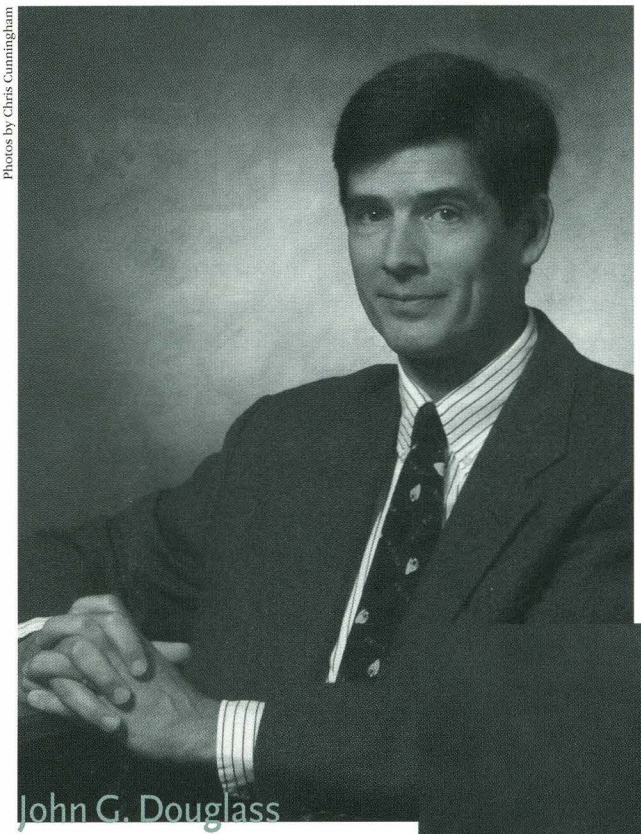

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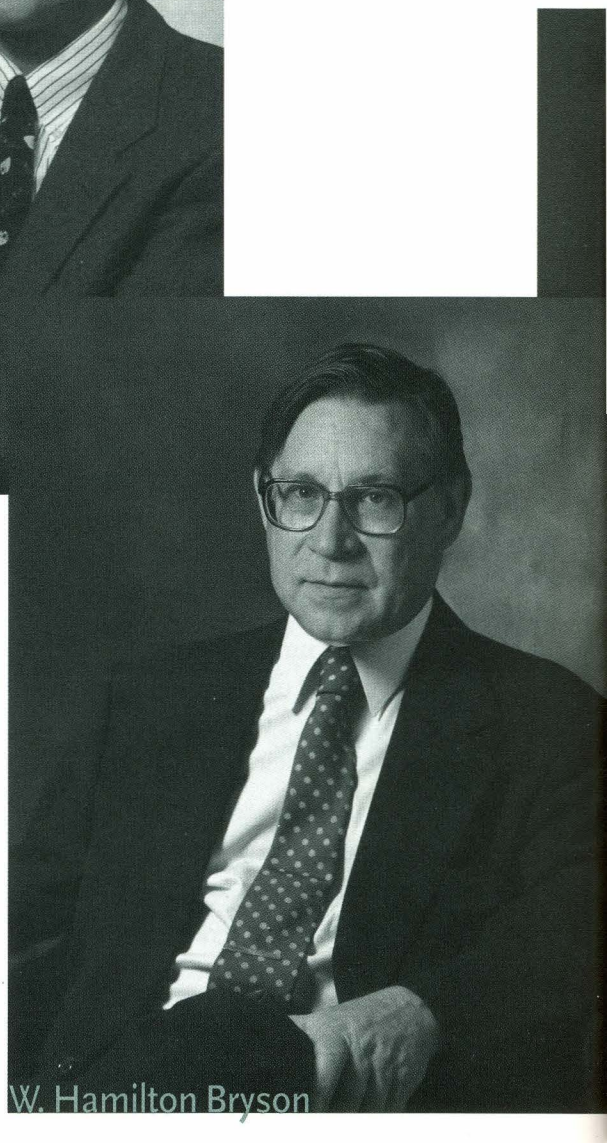


W. Hamilton Bryson

**Azizah Y. al-Hibri,** professor of law, is internationally respected for her scholarship in the area of human rights and her expertise in Islamic jurisprudence. She has been particularly busy since the terrorist attacks of last September, in demand by both journalists and government officials to explain, interpret and advise.

She has published extensively and is working on a book on the Muslim marriage contract in American courts. She set the work aside following the terrorist attacks, thinking the time was not right to pursue it. But many people contacted her, urging her to complete the book.

Al-Hibri has written primarily for academic audiences. But she believes it is important now—considering the current international climate—to provide information for the general public. Al-Hibri, founder and executive director of KARAMAH: Muslim Women Lawyers for Human Rights, says she plans to work through the organization to help publish a series of books or pamphlets on important issues—including a primer on Islam—"to help people get along and to promote understanding in this country."

"I have my responsibilities to my students and they are very important," says al-Hibri, who teaches classes on corporations and Islam. "But I also have a national role to play, and I think that's a very important civic duty, and I have to be able to balance the two."

Howard invited al-Hibri to speak at U.Va. this spring, in the wake of Sept. 11. "It was the single most electric lecture of the semester," he says.

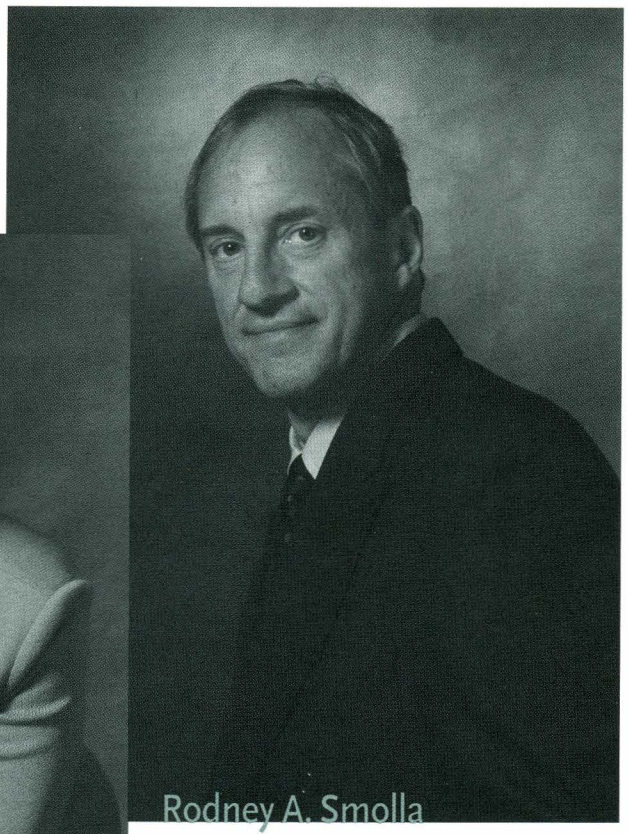
Faculty scholarship has clear effects on students in the classroom, but it also can provide opportunities beyond campus. Al-Hibri proves that when she invites students to accompany her to conferences around the world.

Al-Hibri recently was invited to speak at a conference in Oman on corporate governance. Ryan Triplette, a third-year law student and managing editor of the *Richmond Journal of Global Law and Business*, accompanied her.

"It is hard to put into words how much I got out of the trip because it is more than I ever could have imagined," Triplette says.

Triplette arranged speakers for a symposium scheduled for Law Weekend on corporate governance in emerging countries. She interviewed members of the Omani corporate community. She dined with high-ranking

Azizah Y. al-Hibri



Rodney A. Smolla

women in the Omani government and discussed their lives and careers, a "truly extraordinary experience," she says.

Triplette says students consider faculty scholarship and faculty availability—an open-door policy, she called it—when choosing a law school.

"When touring Richmond, I ran into several professors who were more than happy to talk about the possibility of attending the school," she recalls. "That has been an indication of what I have received while at the school, and, especially, from being a student of Professor al-Hibri."

**Rodney A. Smolla,** Allen Professor of Law, is a leading American scholar on constitutional, First Amendment and mass media law. He is in constant demand as a speaker and as a practicing attorney. He recently has represented Carolyn Condit, wife of embattled California congressman Gary Condit, in her libel action against the *National Enquirer*, which she alleges fabricated a story claiming she had engaged in a heated telephone call with Chandra Levy.

In the recent past, he also has worked as a cooperating attorney with the Virginia chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, presenting oral arguments in an appeal challenging Virginia's anti-cross burning statute on First Amendment grounds in the Virginia Supreme Court. The court struck down the statute in late 2001.

"When I get involved in litigation, it is often something I'm writing about and teaching about, so with luck each part of that triangle reinforces the other," says Smolla.

U.Va.'s Howard says Smolla deserves his national reputation. He is "on the cutting edge of the most challenging issues of constitutional law."

Smolla also recently has been deeply involved—writing and speaking—in the national discussion of how America combats terrorism without trampling traditional values such as freedom of speech and religion.

"One of the great challenges in teaching in a law school is to connect theory and practice, and often the real-world matters that I get involved in give me a good bridge to interest the students in the theory behind the case," says Smolla, a member of the law faculty since 1998.

Besides articles for law journals and books for lawyers and non-lawyers, Smolla also has written fiction—plays and short stories—on legal issues. His scholarship is prolific and, in his words, eclectic. Earlier this year, Smolla was among 11 winners of the Outstanding Faculty Award from the State Council on Higher Education in Virginia, one of the highest honors for faculty members at Virginia colleges and universities.

Balancing his classroom, scholarship and litigation duties requires great time management, but Smolla says it isn't that hard.

"It would be difficult if it wasn't so much fun," he says with a laugh. "I'm a lucky person to have a job that's constantly interesting and fun."

# Ambitious initiative meets success

With the successful completion of the Top-Tier Initiative, the University of Richmond School of Law is bringing some of the nation's top students to campus where they will study with leading teachers, practitioners and scholars, in facilities of the highest order.

More than $6.1 million has been raised, in Dean John R. Pagan's words, "to build a great law school for a changing and complex world."

This first phase of the Top-Tier campaign was an unusual undertaking. The law school's leadership took up the challenge outside any larger university-wide effort. With its conclusion, the independent campaign has proved that the law school has earned the high standing, and the loyalty of alumni and friends, necessary to successfully complete such an ambitious initiative. This is a sound foundation for future growth.

Included at the top of the list that follows are the names of alumni and friends who have made significant gifts on behalf of the Top-Tier Initiative. Their generosity, along with that of the many loyal supporters listed below, has allowed the law school to focus on merit scholarships, professorships and enhanced library resources, helping to propel Richmond Law higher in the ranks of American law schools. As a result of their efforts, the law school stands at the threshold of the top tier.

## Top-Tier Initiative goals

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| Scholarships | $2.5 million |
| Professorships | $2 million |
| Library resources | $400,000 |
| Initiative costs | $280,000 |
| Law Fund (3 years) | $870,000 |
| **Total goal** | **$6 million** |
| **Actually raised** | **$6.176 million** |

Dean John R. Pagan with Top-Tier Initiative co-chairs J. Waverly Pulley, L'72, left, and James V. Meath, L'79 and Board of Associates member, right

## Scenes from the seventh annual 1870 Dinner

Held in the Jepson Alumni Center in June, the seventh annual 1870 Dinner celebrated the successful conclusion of the law school's Top-Tier Initiative. Anthony F. Troy, L'66, hosted the event. Earlier the same day, James V. Meath, L'79, and his wife, Nancy, hosted a victory luncheon at their home for the leadership of the Top-Tier Initiative.

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## Building relationships

The University of Richmond School of Law gave Janice R. Moore the opportunity to become a lawyer when substantial obstacles stood in her way. She had a strong academic record and several years in banking to her credit, but she was a single mother who needed financial help. "People there did what they could and made it possible," she says.

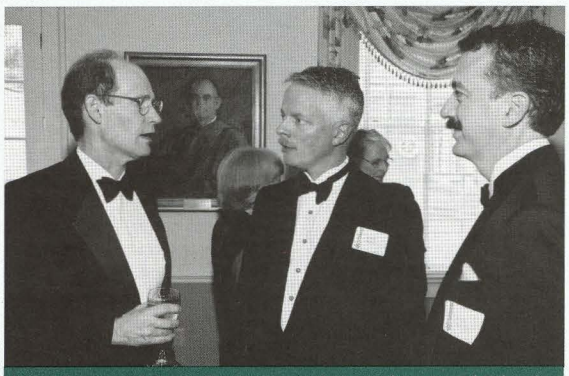
Today, Moore, L'81, is a partner with McGuireWoods, working for the firm's energy group in Washington, where she also enjoys spending time with her first grandchild.

"I've had a multifaceted relationship with the law school," as student, faculty member from 1983 to 1986, and later, with leadership groups including the Top-Tier Initiative's steering committee.

"I've always thought the school suffered because it doesn't get credit for the quality of education it offers, and I don't know how you can measure something as precious as the long-standing friendships that develop between faculty and students there.

"If there are any activities I can support that will enhance the reputation of the school, I want to do that," she says.

Moore gave an unrestricted gift of $100,000 to support the campaign vision outlined by Dean Pagan.



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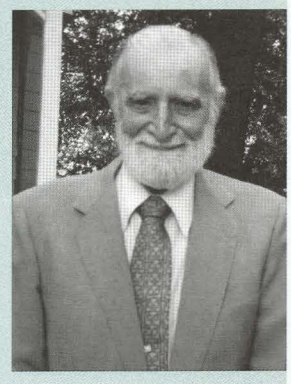
## Another 'paisano'

Elio J. Nannini, L'40, has vivid memories of those years long ago when he came to Richmond to study the law. The 87-year-old Nannini established the Dean M. Ray Doubles/Elio J. Nannini Scholarship with those experiences in mind.



Born to a family of Italian heritage in a community outside Pittsburgh, "I came to the South not knowing what to expect, and what I found was each person was nicer than the one before. It was an experience I enjoyed immensely."

On campus, Nannini discovered "the great teacher," Dean Doubles, "the best teacher I ever had. He would pick on me for a whole hour and I wanted to get the hell out of there" but in the end, the lessons sunk in, a friendship grew, and the relationship is one of the most valued of Nannini's life.

Nannini, a lawyer for federal agencies throughout his career, stated a preference that this scholarship go to a student of Italian heritage because "I wanted another 'paisano' to enjoy the same kind of experience that was so wonderful for me."

Nannini's $103,000 gift endowed a scholarship that was awarded to Peter Gambardella, L'04, of Richmond.

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## Law Weekend reunions

Among events planned for Law Weekend Oct. 25-26 are reunions for classes ending in 2 and 7. Individual reunion classes will receive invitations with details about time and place. Following are the names of alumni serving as reunion class chairs this year.

**Class of 1952**
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**Class of 1957**
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**Class of 1987**
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**Class of 1992**
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**Class of 1997**
Sean Patrick Byrne, Esq.
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## Alumni named to the bench

The following Richmond law alumni have attained judgeships in Virginia this year:

**Virginia Court of Appeals**
Walter S. Felton Jr., R'66 and L'69

**Circuit court**
Bradley B. Cavedo, R'77 and L'83
13th Judicial Circuit
Richmond

Frederick G. Rockwell III, L'79
12th Judicial Circuit
Chesterfield Circuit Court

Beverly W. Snukals, L'81
13th Judicial Circuit
Richmond

Henry A. Vanover, L'77
29th Judicial Circuit
Dickenson Circuit Court

**General district court**
Robert A. Pustilnik, L'67
13th Judicial Circuit
Richmond

John A. Garrett, L'81
14th Judicial Circuit
Henrico Circuit Court

**Juvenile and domestic relations court**
Teresa M. Chafin, L'87
29th Judicial Circuit
Russell Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court

## Law Weekend schedule Oct. 25-26, 2002

### Thursday, Oct. 24

**LUNCHEON FOR HONOR GUARD MEMBERS** noon
Luncheon for all graduates L'54 and earlier held at Columbia, site of the original T.C. Williams School of Law

### Friday, Oct. 25

**16th ANNUAL EMANUEL EMROCH LECTURE AND CLE** 11 a.m.-noon
Professor Warren M. Billings, visiting Williams Professor of Law, will present "Properties of the Elephant: Member's of the General Assembly, 1619-1700."
Moot Courtroom

**SYMPOSIUM ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE IN EMERGING COUNTRIES** 1-5:30 p.m.
"Corporate Governance in Emerging Countries of the Global Village: International Issues Affecting the lives of Americans," sponsored by Richmond Law and the *Journal of Global Law & Business*

**11th ANNUAL AUSTIN OWEN LECTURE** 1:30-2:30 p.m.
Keynote lecture by Dr. Stephen M. Davis, president of Davis Global Advisors Inc.
Moot Courtroom

**FALL GATHERING** 6-8 p.m.
Willard J. Moody Sr. Plaza

### Saturday, Oct. 26

**SECOND ANNUAL CHARITY TENNIS TOURNAMENT** 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Proceeds to benefit LINC. For information or a registration packet, visit www.law.richmond.edu or e-mail CharityTennis@uofrlaw.richmond.edu
University Tennis Courts

**GENERAL MEETING OF THE ALUMNI** 11 a.m.
Annual business meeting of the Law School Association
Rosenbaum Room, Jepson Alumni Center

**CLASS REUNIONS**
for the classes of 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992 and 1997
Individual reunion classes will receive invitations with time and place

# CLASS *Actions*

## '50s

**Harry Shaia Jr., L'53,** is a life member of the Virginia Bar Association.

**Stephen G. White, L'55,** is a life member of the Virginia Bar Association.

**James W. Morris, L'57,** is a life member of the Virginia Bar Association.

**James C. Roberts, L'57,** is a life member of the Virginia Bar Association.

**H. Benjamin Vincent, L'57,** is a life member of the Virginia Bar Association.

**Ernest K. Geisler Jr., L'58,** is a life member of the Virginia Bar Association.

**The Hon. William E. Anderson, L'59,** is a life member of the Virginia Bar Association.

**The Hon. Oliver A. Pollard Jr., L'59,** is a life member of the Virginia Bar Association.

**The Hon. William R. Shelton, L'59,** is a life member of the Virginia Bar Association.

**Thomas Stark III, L'59,** is a life member of the Virginia Bar Association.

## '60s

**Leonard A. Paris, L'62,** is a life member of the Virginia Bar Association.

**Michael L. Soffin, L'62,** is a life member of he Virginia Bar Association.

**Alexander F. Dillard Jr., L'62,** a Tappahannock, Va., attorney, was presented the Virginia State Bar's Tradition of Excellence Award. The award is made annually to a general practice lawyer who has made significant contributions to the profession and to the public. Dillard was recognized for his work in local government, historic preservation and legal affairs in the Northern Neck and state.

**J. Edward Betts, L'65,** was re-elected to a three-year term as managing partner of Christian & Barton.

**Archibald Wallace III, L'66,** and Richard T. Pledger have formed the law firm of WallacePledger.

**Patrick McSweeney, L'68,** has been elected to the board of directors of Star Scientific Inc.

**Russell W. Jordan III, L'69,** has been appointed executive vice president and general counsel at LandAmerica Financial Group Inc.

## '70s

**John S. Barr, L'70,** is president of the John Marshall Foundation.

**Laurens Sartoris, L'70,** has been re-elected to the board of directors of Astraea/Virginia Blood Services.

**Robert R. Merhige III, B'68,** is secretary of the board of directors of the international practice section of the Virginia State Bar.

**Ronald L. Hicks, L'72,** has become of counsel to Jarrell Hicks & Sasser in Spotsylvania, Va. He also has been re-elected chairman of the board of directors of Union Bank & Trust Co. and Union Bankshares Corp.

**Harold L. Kestenbaum, L'75,** has been named chair of the New York State Bar Association's franchise, licensing and distribution committee.

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

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

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

**Craig Cooley, R'69, G'75 and L'77,** has won the Harry L. Carrico Professionalism Award from the criminal law section of the Virginia State Bar.

**Richard Cullen, L'77,** has been elected to McGuireWoods' board of partners, which is responsible for the strategic direction of the firm.

**Paul D. Fraim, L'77,** is mayor of Norfolk, Va. He is an attorney and has served on the Norfolk City Council for 16 years.

**Bradford B. Sauer, L'77,** has been re-elected to the board of directors of Richmond Goodwill Industries Inc.

**John E. Tober, L'77,** was elected managing shareholder of the law firm Zack Kosnitzky P.A., which has offices in Miami and Weston, Fla.

**The Hon. Henry Vanover, L'77,** has been appointed to fill a vacant circuit court judgeship by Virginia's General Assembly.

**Eric W. Guttag, L'77,** is with the firm Smith, Guttag, Hasse & Nesbitt in Mason, Ohio. The firm's practice focuses on intellectual property, technology and related corporate law. He recently wrote an article on the "Victoria's Secret" case on trademark dilution that is before the U.S. Supreme Court. The Cincinnati Bar Association published the article.

**Ronald E. Kuykendall, L'78,** of Richmond, is general counsel and corporate secretary of Sandy Springs Bancorp. He was elected executive vice president to head up the company's risk management group, which includes its law, internal audit, regulatory management, corporate security, disaster recovery and general insurance departments.

**The Hon. Jackson E. Reasor Jr., L'78,** is vice chairman of governmental affairs of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce.

**James B. Thorsen, L'78,** was featured in the Feb. 11, 2002, issue of the *Virginia Lawyers Weekly,* along with **Craig J. Curwood, L'99,** in an article about their small firm winning an $8.57 million judgment against a group of religious leaders, some of whom were former basketball stars.

**C. Thomas Ebel, L'79,** has been named president of Sands Anderson Marks & Miller for a third term. He is chair of the firm's business, finance and real estate practice group.

## '80s

**R. Chambliss Light Jr., L'80,** has been appointed to serve on the Lynchburg, Va., Election Board by the judges of the 24th Judicial Circuit.

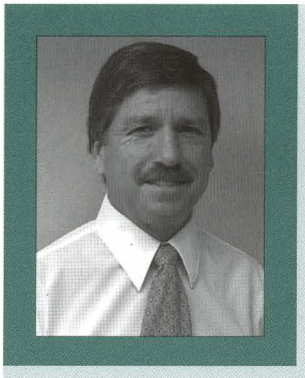
**Stephen E. Baril, L'80,** is vice president of the Richmond Bar Association.

**Stephen R. Romine, R'77, L'80 and GB'83,** has been named a partner in the law firm of LeClair Ryan.

**Barbara Ann Dalvano, L'81,** is an attorney in the business department in the Colorado Springs, Colo., office of Holland & Hart.

**F. Jefferson James, L'81,** practices law in Suffolk, Va. He and his wife, the former Amy Basham, were married on Dec. 16, 2000, and live in Chesapeake, Va.

**Janice R. Moore, L'81,** is a partner in McGuireWoods' commodities trading practice in the firm's Washington, D.C., office.



ALUMNI PROFILE

## PRACTICING LAW IN THE VIRGIN ISLANDS

**At age 22, Joel H. Holt** was doing jail time for possession of marijuana when he decided he wanted to go to law school.

"I had gotten myself into a lot of problems," Holt, L'77, recalls, "and I needed to find a way to get myself straightened out."

A sympathetic judge granted him a two-day furlough to take his LSAT exam, and the Washington & Lee graduate eventually was accepted into the University of Richmond School of Law. Holt made the most of his second chance. On his way to finishing first in his class, he prepared a pardon application, and Gov. Mills Godwin signed it. Then Holt's legal journey took another fortuitous turn.

Holt was admitted to the bar in Virginia and the District of Columbia, and he mailed clerkship applications to federal judges in Virginia. He also mailed one to a judge in the Virgin Islands, which follows Virginia alphabetically in the directory of federal district judges. "I knew almost nothing about the Virgin Islands," he admits. "I knew it was warm, and I knew it was south of Puerto Rico."

Holt's application put him on a long list of lawyers who wanted to clerk in the Caribbean, and Judge Warren H. Young always selected his clerks from Ivy League schools. But not this time. Holt got the job, he fell in love with the Virgin Islands, and two years later he opened his own firm in St. Croix.

"Staying here was the thing to do," Holt says. "The Virgin Islands had a small-town atmosphere."

It also had a nascent legal system that allowed a sharp, young lawyer to have a major impact. Holt has served as president of the bar association, and he's chaired numerous committees that have helped make the territory's legal system among the best in the world. When *American Lawyer* magazine did a feature on practice there, Holt was on the cover. "Our system is based on the model rules of the United States. When a new model rule comes out, we adopt it," Holt explains. "We have a very sophisticated legal system. Every state should have our legal system."

In addition to the law of the land, Holt has benefited from the law of supply and demand. The Virgin Islands has plenty of legal work and relatively few attorneys, and Holt has built a strong practice in commercial litigation and personal injury. He may be best known for winning one of the first large asbestos judgments against Owens Corning. The $27 million judgment was ultimately reduced to $2 million, but it sent a clear message about corporate responsibility.

Holt's favorite case stemmed from the 1997 budget impasse between Congress and President Bill Clinton. When Clinton attempted to shut down all national parks, Holt argued that the federal government lacked the authority to close Buck Island National Park in the Virgin Islands. He noted that when President John F. Kennedy declared Buck Island a national park, he did so with the provision that the park could never be closed.

A local judge agreed with Holt. Case closed. Park reopened.

*— By Karl Rhodes*

## Class Actions

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

**Stuart W. Blain, L'82,** has been elected president of the Trust and Administrators Council of Richmond.

**Mary Hutcheson Priddy, L'82,** has been inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers.

**John Whitlock, L'82,** was elected to the board of directors of the Retail Merchants Association of Greater Richmond.

**Stuart Blain, L'82,** was elected to the board of Elk Hill Farm.

**Thomas A. Louthan, L'83,** has been appointed to a second six-year term as a substitute District Court judge for the 26th Judicial District of Virginia. In addition to presiding over the general district and juvenile and domestic relations courts, he conducts the involuntary mental commitment hearings at Winchester Medical Center. He also continues to practice in the Winchester, Va., law firm he founded.

**Phyllis A. Errico, L'84,** has been named director of legal services for the Virginia Association of Counties.

**Ann T. Burks, L'84,** is president of the Richmond Bar Association.

**Jean Mumm, L'85,** has joined LeClair Ryan in the firm's Hampton Roads, Va., office. She will focus her practice in the areas of business, banking and commercial real estate.

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

**Stephen G. Howard, L'86,** has been named a partner in Kirkpatrick & Lockhart's Boston office. He is a trial lawyer with a litigation practice.

**Steve Keeler, L'86,** has formed the law firm of Keeler Obenshain, with offices in Charlottesville and Harrisonburg, Va.

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

**Malcolm P. McConnell III, R'84 and L'87,** joined the Richmond law firm of Allen, Allen, Allen & Allen to head its new medical malpractice litigation section. He is the editor of *Medical Malpractice Law in Virginia*, a handbook for Virginia lawyers, and was voted one of Richmond's "Top Lawyers for Medical Malpractice" by area attorneys in a poll by *Richmond* magazine.

**R. Webb Moore, L'87,** has been elected to the board of directors of Hirschler Fleischer.

**Raymond L. Hogge Jr., L'88,** published "Bowman Wrongful Discharge Claims in the New Millennium: The Continuing Erosion of Employment at Will," in the Summer 2001 issue of the *Journal of Civil Litigation* (Vol. XIII, No. 2).

**Lisa S. Licata, L'88,** is senior vice president of human resources and corporate secretary at Cadmus Communications.

**David A. Garrison, L'89,** is a shareholder of Stevens & Lee in Reading, Pa. His work in the firm's Valley Forge office is concentrated in environmental law.

**John Wilson Paradee, L'89,** and his wife, Linda, have a son, Ethan Rineer, born Feb. 2, 2002. He joins brother Jackson McNinch, 2.

### '90s

**William J. Dinkin, L'90,** has formed the firm Dinkin & Purnell with Kevin D. Purnell. Dinkin has been head of the white-collar prosecution team with the Richmond commonwealth attorney's office. The new firm will focus on criminal defense, personal injury and collections.

**John K. Honey Jr., L'90,** is treasurer of the Henrico County Bar Association.

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

**K. Ruppert Beirne, L'91,** has joined Meyer, Goergen & Marrs. His practice areas include personal injury and civil matters.

**Victor Narro, L'91,** is co-executive director of Sweatshop Watch in Los Angeles. He was honored by the Los Angeles chapter of the National Lawyers Guild for making a real difference in the lives of workers and all immigrants. Narro was called "one of our city's most revered champions in the struggle for immigrants' rights."

**Christopher Papile, L'91,** is a partner at Kauffman & Canoles.

**F. Brad Pyott, GB'91 and L'91,** has been named town attorney for Tazewell, Va.

**Nancy L. Quinn, L'91,** is vice president of the Henrico County Bar Association.

**Timothy S. Feehan, L'92,** has become a shareholder at Cook, Heyward, Lonnes, Lee & Hopper.

**Donald T. Floyd, L'92,** received the Lewis F. Powell Jr. Pro Bono Award by the Virginia State Bar in recognition of his eight years and thousands of hours of pro bono service in representation of legal aid clients.

**Cathleen Kailani Memmer, L'92,** has formed Guynn & Memmer PC. The firm specializes in civil litigation and insurance defense.

**Brian R. Pitney, L'92,** joined Sands Anderson Marks & Miller as counsel. His practice concentrates in the areas of business and corporate law, securities and commercial real estate.

**William G. Atkinson, L'93,** has been named special counsel in the mass claims resolution group of Bowman & Brooke.

**Thomas C. Foster, L'93,** is past president of the board of directors of the Central Virginia Employee Benefits Council.

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

**Scott Magargee, L'93,** an attorney in the Philadelphia firm of Cozen O' Connor, was named by the Support Center for Child Advocates as a Distinguished Advocate for 2002. The Support Center was created in 1977 to provide pro bono legal and social services to protect the rights of abused and neglected children in Philadelphia. Magargee's wife is **Stuart Greer Magargee, L'93.**

**John T. Pendleton, L'93,** received the 2002 Robert E. Kirby Award at the New Hampshire Bar Foundation's 25th anniversary celebration dinner in June. The Kirby Award recognizes an outstanding attorney age 35 or younger. Pendleton is with the law firm of Gottesman and Hollis, P.A., in Nashua, N.H. His practice includes business clients, land use planning and criminal defense work, and he frequently accepts court-appointed cases from the U.S. District Court.

**Judith C. Worland, L'93,** is secretary of the board of directors of the Richmond SPCA.

**Katherine Rose Ehlenberger, L'94,** married Michael H. Kaminski on Nov. 3, 2001. They live in Ivy, Va.

**Scott K. Monroe, L'94,** has been named special counsel in the mass claims resolution group of Bowman & Brooke.

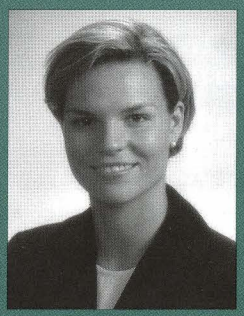
**Norman C. Pearson III, L'94,** has joined the Macon, Ga., firm of Chambless, Higdon & Carson as an associate. His practice will involve workers' compensation and insurance defense. He has served on active duty in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps and was stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C., and Fort Benning, Ga. While in the Army, Pearson served as an environmental law specialist, criminal prosecutor and criminal defense attorney.

**Julie Schucht Whitlock, L'94,** continues to work at Virginia's Department of Motor Vehicles in technology procurement.

**Timothy Walker Dorsey, L'95,** was recalled to active military duty in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He serves as a commander in the U.S. Navy and will return to his litigation position at Williams Mullen upon completion of his service.

**David DuVal, L'95,** has been elected president of the Association for the Support of Children with Cancer.

**Heather Fairbanks, W'91 and L'95,** has been elected to the board of trustees of the Harps Foundation, which was established to provide administrative and funding support for three harp education programs.



ALUMNI PROFILE

## PRACTICING LAW IN ASIAN CULTURES

**"Say good-bye with no regrets.** Say hello with a confident smile. Remember that 'hellos' hold hope for new beginnings, and 'good-byes' are never forever."

Since delivering these words in her baccalaureate address at the University of Richmond, Kristine Dalaker Kraabel, W'92 and L'97, has said many "hellos" and "good-byes" in a legal career that has taken her around the globe. After earning her law degree, Kraabel worked for Richmond-based Mezzullo & McCandlish, but after a year, she decided to pursue her career in Tokyo, where her husband had taken an assignment with AlliedSignal Inc.

By using her contacts with Mezzullo & McCandlish, the Japan-Virginia Society and University alumnae, she accepted a position as a foreign legal associate with the Japanese law firm of Aoki, Christensen & Nomoto. Although Kraabel's capital markets and corporate finance work was all in English and was governed by New York law or English law, everything else in the office was in Japanese, including most client meetings, the computer software and office equipment. "I was rendered illiterate, and everything was a challenge," she says. For Kraabel, being the only foreigner in the office, learning basic Japanese language skills and Japanese business practices became an absolute necessity.

After two years, Kraabel and her husband took the next step in their "international" careers. This step required a move to Singapore and another bar exam for Kraabel, this one for the New York bar. After sitting for and passing the exam, Kraabel accepted an associate position with White & Case, an international law firm of over 1,600 lawyers with a large and established office in Singapore. There, Kraabel maintains a challenging corporate and mergers-and-acquisitions practice, which often takes her to Indonesia, Malaysia and India.

Although she's getting a crash course in Asian culture, Kraabel says she's learning even more about herself and her own culture. "It takes a lot of patience to figure out the best way to do business in these different countries. Often, I have learned that the American way of doing business doesn't work and that there are more effective, less confrontational ways of solving problems and getting things done."

Kraabel says her education at Richmond, especially the law school education, has paid off, but she encourages today's law students to create their own definitions of what it means to be a successful lawyer. "I went into law school thinking and hoping that a law degree would be a very flexible degree and would allow me to pursue a number of different careers, but I never would have thought or dreamt that my law degree would lead me to Tokyo and Singapore and would have allowed me such rich experiences."

Kraabel is used to being asked when she is moving back to the United States, but after living abroad for four years, she is still not sure of the answer. When asked what's next, Kraabel laughs and says, "I wouldn't even venture to guess." But wherever she is, Kraabel says, family and friends will be welcomed warmly.

*— By Karl Rhodes*

## Class Actions

**Sandra L. Haley, L'95,** is an assistant commonwealth's attorney for Henry County, Va.

**William W. Tunner, L'95,** has been elected a director at Thompson & McMullan.

**Nelson S. Teague Jr., L'95,** was elected to the board of Elk Hill Farm.

**Allison Held, L'96,** and her husband, Chris Bossola, have a son, Elijah Held Bossola, born May 9, 2002.

**Carrie Hallberg O'Malley, B'91, L'96 and GB'96,** and her husband, Michael, have a son, Michael Rainey O'Malley, born June 17, 2002.

**Rhonda L. Earhart, L'97,** married Mark N. Ingram on Aug. 11, 2001.

**Jonathan D. Frieden, L'97,** was elected a shareholder at Odin, Feldman & Pittleman PC, a 40-attorney law firm in Fairfax, Va. His litigation practice encompasses criminal matters and complex commercial disputes. He married Jennifer E. Joseph on June 30, 2002. They live in Falls Church, Va.

**R. Braxton Hill IV, L'97,** has been elected to the executive committee of the Virginia Bar Association's Young Lawyer Division.

**Robert L. Wise, L'97,** has joined Bowman & Brooke.

### In Memoriam

**James H. Barnes, R'46 and L'52**
*Oct. 13, 1998*

**Welford S. Farmer Sr., R'48 and L'50**
*July 12, 2002*

**Joseph R. Johnson Jr., R'49 and L'52**
*July 6, 2002*

**John D. Buck, L'56**
*April 15,2002*

**Henry C. Land Jr., L'57**
*March 10, 2002*

**William F. Binford Jr., L'68**
*Jan. 26, 1997*

**James E. Jarrell Jr., R'62 and L'68**
*Nov. 2, 2001*

**David B. Summerfield, L'75**
*July 10, 2001*

**Stephen Graham "Gray" Robinson, L'82**
*Feb. 8, 2002*

**Robert J. Fierro Jr. L'98,** is an assistant commonwealth's attorney for Chesterfield County, Va.

**George F. Marable III, L'98,** published "Pretrial Discovery Strategies: Preparing for and Taking Advantage of the Binding Effect of Testimony on Litigants," in the winter 2001-2002 issue of the *Journal of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association.*

**Susan Childers North, L'98,** is an associate in the labor and employment section of the Richmond office of Kauffman & Canoles.

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

**Craig J. Curwood, L'99,** was featured in the Feb. 11, 2002, issue of the *Virginia Lawyers Weekly* along with **James B. Thorsen, L'78,** in an article about their small firm winning an $8.57 million judgment against a group of religious leaders, some of whom were former basketball stars.

**Lauren M. Ebersole, L'99,** joined Morris and Morris as an associate in the civil litigation section.

**J. Christopher Lemons, L'99,** has joined the corporate and securities practice group in Troutman Sanders' Richmond office.

**Christopher M. McCarthy, L'99,** has joined Thompson & McMullan as an associate.

**Susan B. Watson, L'99,** is employed with Marsh USA in Washington, D.C.

### '00s

**Thomas C. Bunting, L'00,** has joined Midkiff Muncie & Ross as an associate. His practice will concentrate on workers' compensation defense and general liability matters.

**Sandy Han, L'00,** has been named compliance analyst for the United Network for Organ Sharing.

**Vicki S. Horst, L'00,** is an associate with Foreman & Allen.

**Amy Karch, L'00,** is an associate at Ford & Harrison in Atlanta.

**Philip E. Mankins, L'00,** has joined the Greater Richmond chapter of the American Red Cross as manager of planned giving.

**Jaimison Schellenger, L'00 and GB'00,** has joined Swedish Match North America as staff attorney.

**Ramona Leigh Taylor, L'00,** is co-author of "Denied Visitation: Its Impact on Children's Psychological Adjustment and a Nationwide Review of State Code," which was published in *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage.* Taylor also has developed a CLE for special education hearing officers entitled "Real (and not Reel) Perspectives," which was approved by the Virginia State Bar. Her script *Somewhere Down the Road*, was a quarterfinalist in the 2002 Hollywood's Next Success screenwriting competition.

**Elizabeth O. Yost, L'00,** has been named annual fund coordinator of the Greater Richmond chapter of the American Red Cross.

**Kathryn Aston, L'01,** has joined Vandeventer Black as an associate. Her practice will focus on commercial and construction litigation and technology, public utility and environmental law.

**E. Brooke Brinkerhoff, L'01,** has joined Bowman & Brooke as an associate in the firm's mass claims resolution group.

**Julie A. Childress, L'01,** has joined Bowman & Brooke as an associate in the firm's litigation group.

**J. Fielding Douthat Jr., L'01,** is an associate in the labor and employment section of Williams Mullen.

**John H. Filice, L'01,** is an associate at Rubin, Glickman & Steinberg of Lansdale, Pa. His practice focuses on business, corporate, real estate and bankruptcy law.

**Roman Helms, L'01,** has joined LeClair Ryan's Richmond office as the firm's third patent attorney.

**Mary Katherine Lee, L'01,** joined Williams Mullen as an associate. She will focus on general real estate matters.

**Clarence D. Long IV, L'01,** is an attorney in the office of compliance inspections and examinations with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C.

**Jennifer McLain, L'01,** won the 2001 Student Writing Competition sponsored by *The Labor Lawyer*, the journal of the American Bar Association's section of Labor and Employment Law. Her article, "Discrimination in the Religious Workplace—Should It Be Permitted to Continue?" was published in *The Labor Lawyer*.

**Matthew Meadows, L'01,** joined Jones, Blechman, Woltz & Kelly in Newport News, Va., as a member of the firm's litigation practice group.

**B. Scott Michael, L'01,** is co-author of "Denied Visitation: Its Impact on Children's Psychological Adjustment and a Nationwide Review of State Code," which was published in *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage*.

**William B. Pace, L'01,** and Margaret M. Randolph were married Oct. 6, 2001. They live in Richmond.

**Robert T. Payne II, L'01,** has joined Moran Kiker Brown as an associate. His practice focuses on product liability and civil litigation.

**Alyson Rossi, L'01,** is an account coordinator at Siddall Matus & Coughter.

**Matthew A. Taylor, L'01,** is an associate at McGuireWoods. His practice focuses on automotive and products liability.

In July 2002, the Law School Association voted to eliminate its dues program, making all alumni and students members in good standing. By doing so, the association hopes alumni will direct their full support for the school to the Law Annual Fund. While a portion of the fund will be used for alumni programs, almost all of it will pay for much needed scholarships for law students.

**Robert J. Wheaton Jr., R'97 and L'01,** has joined Florance, Gordan & Brown as an associate in the firm's trust and estates and business sections.

**Gregory L. Hoffman, L'02,** joined Morris and Morris as an associate in the firm's civil litigation section.

**Andrew Biondi, L'02,** has published "Virginia's Nonsuit Statute: A Historical View and Defensive Strategies," co-authored by Bradford C. Jacob, in the *Journal of Civil Litigation*, spring 2002.

**William B. Pace, L'02,** will be joining Williams Mullen Clark & Dobbins in the fall. His wife, the former Margaret M. Randolph, works at Collegiate School.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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| Fall term begins | Aug. 19 |
| Phi Beta Kappa Distinguished Scholar Joyce Appleby<br>*"The Role of the Historian in Time of War"* | Sept. 26 |
| Law Weekend: Emroch Lecture, Austin Owen Lecture, Symposium, Fall Gathering and reunions<br>*For a detailed schedule, see p. 23* | Oct. 24-26 |
| Fall term ends | Dec. 13 |
| Lecture by Nina Totenberg from National Public Radio | Feb. 5, 2003 |

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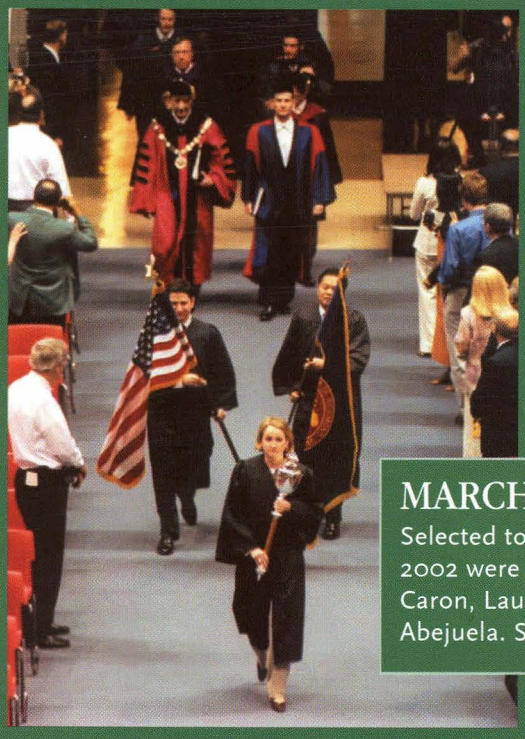

## MARCH TO COMMENCEMENT

Selected to lead the procession for Commencement 2002 were rising third-year students Brian Todd Caron, Lauren Brown and Michael-Vincent Ramos Abejuela. See Commencement article on p. 4.