



William & Mary Law Students Offer...

OUTSTANDING CREDENTIALS

We share the company of a select group of law schools based on combined LSAT scores and GPAs of their student bodies, and employers around the world hire our students:

- The median GPA for the Class of 2011 is 3.64 and the median LSAT score is 164 (90th percentile). The Law School selected these students from more than 4,500 applicants from 50 states, the District of Columbia, and 53 other countries.
- During 2008, nearly 75 percent of the law firms in the *National Law Journal 250*, *Legal Times 100*, *The Am Law 100*, and *The Lawyer Global 100* actively recruited our students.
- More than 3,100 law firms, government agencies, public interest organizations, courts, and businesses visited campus, participated in off-campus interview programs, or solicited resumes from our students and graduates.

DIVERSE BACKGROUNDS

Students come to William & Mary with a breadth of viewpoints and a wealth of accomplishments:

- Our students represent 47 states, the District of Columbia, and 11 other countries.
- They earned undergraduate degrees from 242 institutions.
- More than 40 percent have pre-law school professional experience.

EXCEPTIONAL PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

Our *Legal Skills Program* is a required, comprehensive, two-year course of study which:

- Earned the ABA's E. Smythe Gambrell Professionalism Award.
- Garnered national recognition in *The Wall Street Journal*, the *ABA Journal*, and *The Professional Lawyer*.
- Simulates law practice by grouping students into 16-member law offices led by a faculty senior partner.
- Teaches legal research and writing and client representation within the context of simulated cases.
- Educates students in the full range of lawyering skills such as counseling clients, interviewing witnesses, and handling pretrial, trial, and appellate work.
- Provides experience in resolving difficult ethical issues that arise in practice.
- Trains students to use state-of-the-art technology so they can practice in high-tech venues.

Students gain meaningful practical experience through our *Clinics* and *Externships* by:

- Representing clients in Appellate Litigation, Domestic Violence, Federal Tax, Innocence Project, Legal Aid, Special Education Advocacy, and Veterans' Benefits clinics, often appearing in court and before administrative tribunals using their third-year practice certification and under the supervision of licensed attorneys.
- Working for judges, law firms, prosecutors, public defenders, government agencies, civil legal service providers, corporations, and private nonprofit organizations.

BROAD GEOGRAPHIC INTERESTS

William & Mary students go on to live and work around the world and are leaders in private practice, the judiciary, business, education, public interest organizations, and government:

- Approximately 70 percent of recent graduates work outside Virginia, in 41 states, the District of Columbia, and 4 other countries.
- Alumni are located in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and 39 other countries.

SIGNIFICANT CO-CURRICULAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Four student-edited journals enhance students' research, writing, analytical, and managerial skills. In a recent study:

- The *William and Mary Law Review* ranked as the 20th most-cited journal in an evaluation of more than 1,000 U.S. and selected non-U.S. legal periodicals.
- The *William & Mary Bill of Rights Journal* ranked as the 3rd most-cited constitutional law journal.
- The *William and Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review* ranked as the 12th most-cited environmental, natural resources and land use law journal.
- The *William and Mary Journal of Women and the Law* ranked as the 4th most-cited law journal for gender, sexuality, and women's issues.

Our students excel in writing, oral advocacy, and client representation. They have won numerous awards and honors in recent prominent, national competitions, including:

- The Burton Award for Legal Achievement which recognizes students for excellence in legal writing. In 2006, William & Mary earned the Burton Law School Record of Distinction Award, for schools with student winners for three or more years.
- The Federal Circuit Bar Association's George Hutchinson Writing Competition.
- Regional and national distinction in the National Trial Competition hosted by the American College of Trial Lawyers and the Texas Young Lawyers Association.
- The National Best Advocate award in the National Appellate Advocacy Competition sponsored by the ABA's Student Division.
- First Place Team and Best Advocate, William W. Daniel National Invitational Mock Trial Competition sponsored by the State Bar of Georgia's Young Lawyers Division.

COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE

Law School public service fellowships assist students volunteering for government agencies and nonprofit organizations:

- Approximately 90 students receive fellowships each summer.
- Fellows have worked throughout the United States and in Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, and South America.