Dear Friends,

As we approach the end of 2023, it is with much gratitude that I reflect upon the significant milestones that have marked this year at Richmond Law. These moments, made possible with your support, have not only shaped our institution’s history, but have also set the course for an inspiring and promising future.

A highlight of the year was our Century of Women at Richmond Law celebration. This wonderful occasion commemorated the 100th anniversary of the school’s first female graduate and is a tribute to the progress we’ve made, the alumnae that followed, and the path we continue to pave for generations to come. The Law Women’s Centennial Scholarship, established in honor of this milestone, stands as a beacon guiding us towards a future that holds promise for the next 100 years. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our generous donors who have answered the call and contributed to this meaningful fund.

In the same way that we collectively make an impact, we also do so individually. I am deeply grateful to Judge Bill Logan, whose $1M gift to establish a scholarship and fellowship will have lasting effects on Virginia’s rural communities.

We pay tribute to those who have shaped the Richmond Law community in profound ways. After 44 years of dedicated service, we bid farewell to Clark Williams as he begins his well-deserved retirement. We warmly welcome two new professors to our faculty and recognize our colleagues for their award-winning contributions to legal education.

Our building renovation is nearly complete! After four long years of being dispersed, we started the academic year together in our collective space. We’re excited to invite you back to our campus, where you can experience firsthand the transformation that has taken place.

As you read through this year’s Dean’s Report, I hope you gain a deeper insight into your impact and the special moments that have shaped our year. These moments not only serve as markers of progress, but also as inspiration for what lies ahead. Thank you for your generosity and partnership!

Warm regards,

Wendy C. Perdue
Dean and Professor of Law
In a world where education has the power to transform lives, Mary Lou Kramer, L’75, has proven herself a true advocate for providing access to opportunity.

In honor of the 100th anniversary of Richmond Law’s first female graduate, Mary Lou committed $50,000 in matching funds to establish the Law Women’s Centennial Scholarship.

With a collective goal of $100,000 and 100 donors, this scholarship celebrates a century of women at Richmond Law, while paving the way for future students to experience a world-class legal education.

“Education is such an important part of anyone’s success,” Mary Lou said. “We wouldn’t be where we are without access to education.”

Mary Lou speaks from firsthand experience. When she entered Richmond Law in 1972, she was one of only 10
women in a class of 110 students. This watershed moment went on to reshape the student body, and ultimately impact the legal profession as it exists today.

“People thought that was pretty radical because there weren’t many women entering law school,” she said, acknowledging that there were times when the transition was challenging.

Mary Lou carried forward this trailblazing mindset, becoming the first woman to be named partner at her former law firm, Sands Anderson. Her desire to ensure that others have the same access to a Richmond Law education and legal career led her to establish the scholarship fund.

“Having scholarships available is crucial to attracting a diverse student body from all backgrounds and walks of life,” she said.

As the Law Women’s Centennial Scholarship continues to evolve, it is Mary Lou’s hope that it serves as a conduit for attracting students who might not otherwise be able to attend.

To date, the collective goal has been exceeded, with 104 donors and more than $120,000 raised ... and counting!
If you’ve met Judge Bill Logan, L’73, it’s equally likely you’ve encountered him in overalls as in his judicial robe. The alumnus from Woodstock, Virginia, splits his time between the bench and working on the farm, and cares deeply about the community where he was raised.

That care inspired him to make a $1 million gift to establish The Honorable William H. Logan Jr. Law Scholarship and The Honorable William H. Logan Jr. Law Fellowship. The scholarship provides financial aid to students from the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia where he resides, and the fellowship will support stipends for students whose summer public service fellowships are in rural communities.

These impactful endowments were born from Judge Logan’s passion for access to justice in rural communities like his own. “If you send all the brilliant minds to the city, the rural areas are left behind,” he said. “They need quality legal representation as well.”

Awarded for the first time in 2023, the scholarship and fellowship are a timely tribute to the 50th anniversary of Judge Logan’s law school graduation, and his impressive career that followed.

Logan matriculated in 1970, having deferred a year due to the call to serve in the U.S. Army. He had a positive law school experience, citing the strong leadership and high expectations of the late Dean Muse as pivotal to his success. “Dean Muse, he was a role model. He didn’t accept many excuses. He expected if you were at that stage in life, you knew what you wanted to do and should rise to it.”

After graduating, Logan took the bar exam and then reported for the Army Officers Basic Course at Fort Benning in Georgia the very next day. Later that year in October, when he learned from Jean Tarpley — “more appropriately referred to as Dean Tarpley” — that he’d passed the exam, he returned to Woodstock to practice alongside his father. The following year, in 1974, he ran for Commonwealth’s Attorney and served in that role before ultimately earning a place on the bench of the Shenandoah County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court where he served for 16 years. Today, he continues to serve as a substitute judge.

Judge Logan prides himself that he and other dutiful lawyers in the region have provided quality legal representation to their communities. “That’s my purpose. I hope the students who utilize these funds will go back to their own small, local communities, or to other rural areas, and provide these important services.”
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Finding Balance: 
Prioritizing Well-Being within the Richmond Law Community

In the demanding world of legal education and practice, finding balance is essential. Richmond Law understands the pressures that law students and attorneys face, and we are dedicated to promoting mental and physical well-being among our community. Here are some recent well-being initiatives we’ve implemented:

**WELL-BEING FAIR:** Our annual fair showcases University resources, from nutrition and counseling services to recreational activities like chair yoga and campus trail walks. This year’s fair even featured rock painting for students to share inspirational quotes as a creative outlet.

**ALUMNI MINDFULNESS DISCUSSIONS:** Professors Christopher Corts and Janice Craft lead discussions on mindfulness practices in the legal profession, helping students and alumni manage stress and enhance focus.

**DAY OF SERVICE:** During the 1L Day of Service, Law Spiders connect with the local community, emphasizing personal values and community engagement.

At Richmond Law, we believe that well-being is integral to success in the legal field. By providing these opportunities, we hope to empower our students and alumni to excel professionally while taking care of their mental and physical well-being.
As we launched a new academic year, we were thrilled to be back in a fully open and functional collective space. At the center of the building is our new Law School commons, which is quickly becoming the gathering place for our entire community. The building is fresh and bright with areas for people to connect and engage, as well as to study quietly and reflect. New classrooms allow for better dialogue among students and their classmates, and better collaboration among groups. We’ve brought our clinics back into the building and situated them in a prominently visible suite. And we now have a green roof — the first on the University’s campus! Now that our renovations are complete, we look forward to welcoming you back to enjoy these new spaces.
After 44 years as a member of the Richmond Law family, Professor Clark Williams retired this year. Since joining the faculty in 1979, Professor Williams was an impactful educator and valuable mentor for countless students, alumni, and colleagues. In recognition of his service to the law school, Dean Wendy Perdue announced the creation of the W. Clark Williams Distinguished Service Award which will be presented to a faculty member annually.

Here’s what some of his former students had to say about Clark’s retirement:

• “Thank you for always making ALL students feel welcome and thank you for making us think critically. Your commitment to Richmond Law should be celebrated!”
• “Thanks for all you have done for us over the years and your service and commitment to UR Law and its students. We are better because of you.”
• “As a professor, he made you work and think. As an advisor and friend, he was wise and generous with his time. He helped me plot out the classes I’d take each year to get a broad and beneficial education ... all the rigor he built in me continues to benefit me to this day.”
• “I loved learning from him. Wonderful teacher and a man who set high expectations for everyone.”
• “I very much admired the fact that he was a man of character that we, as young lawyers, could faithfully look up to.”
• “An Amazing Human! Thank you for everything; you’ve touched so many lives and we are all the better for it!”
Academic Excellence

Faculty Recognition

**Outstanding Faculty Award**
Professor Julie McConnell earned the outstanding faculty award from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. The highest honor for faculty at Virginia’s public and private colleges and universities, this award recognizes superior accomplishments in teaching, research, and public service.

McConnell has served as the director of the University of Richmond’s Children’s Defense Clinic since 2011. She has represented children and families for more than 25 years and previously served as an assistant public defender and child abuse and domestic violence prosecutor. McConnell is co-editor of *Juvenile Law and Practice in Virginia* and consults as a juvenile legal system expert in criminal cases. McConnell is currently chair of the Virginia Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and the Virginia Bar Association Commission on the Needs of Children.

**Distinguished Educator Award**
Professor Meredith Harbach received the 2023 Law Distinguished Teacher Award.

The faculty’s leader in the field of family law, Harbach was lauded for her clarity and energy in the classroom, as well as her commitment to engaging individually with students. She chairs the school’s Family Law Certificate Program, and plays an integral role in the first-year curriculum as a beloved teacher of Civil Procedure. Professor Harbach brings to all of this work a body of scholarship that analyses the state’s relationship to families and children through the lens of America’s childcare law and policy.
New Faculty Faces

Join us in welcoming two new faculty members who bring exceptional experience and scholarly accomplishments to Richmond Law.

Krishnee Coley joins Richmond Law as associate professor of law and director of the Academic Success Program. She earned a J.D. from North Carolina Central University School of Law, an M.A. from Eastern Carolina University, and a B.A. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. After law school, Coley clerked for the Honorable Wanda Bryant of the North Carolina Court of Appeals and spent several years in private practice as an assistant county attorney. Prior to joining Richmond Law, Coley served as a faculty member and assistant dean of academic success at NCCU.

Riley Keenan joins Richmond Law as an assistant professor, where he will teach constitutional law and a seminar on constitutional remedies. He earned a J.D., summa cum laude, from Cornell Law School and a B.A. from the University of Virginia. After law school, Keenan clerked for the Honorable John Bates of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia and the Honorable Carlos Bea of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit before joining the Supreme Court and Appellate Practice Group at Latham & Watkins. Keenan’s scholarship focuses on the procedural and remedial aspects of constitutional litigation, including preclusion, justiciability, and equitable remedies. Before coming to Richmond, Keenan served as a visiting assistant professor at Cornell Law School.

Distinguished Scholar Award
Professor Kristen Osenga received the 2023 Law Distinguished Scholar Award. A member of the law faculty for 17 years, Professor Osenga currently holds the title of Austin E. Owen Research Scholar and professor of law, as well as serves as the law school’s associate dean for academic affairs. An expert in intellectual property law and information law, Osenga’s work has appeared in some of the nation’s top legal and specialty journals, including the American University, George Mason, and George Washington law reviews. Most recently, Professor Osenga was named both an academic affiliate at the International Center for Law & Economics and a senior fellow for Innovation Policy at the Center for Intellectual Property & Innovation Policy at George Mason Law.
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