

December 28, 2006

Dear Classmates:

Can you believe *thirty* years have passed since we received our William & Mary JD degrees? They have, and it is time once again to gather together, catch up on news, spend time with old friends, re-establish relationships and share new experiences.

We, the Class of '77, will have our 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion **April 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007**. Please plan now to attend. Steve Conte (804-782-1111 and/or [sconte@bcscpc.com](mailto:sconte@bcscpc.com)) has agreed to assist me in chairing the event and spearheading our class gift effort. In addition, Bill Flynn, Barrow Blackwell, Anne Greever, Chris Honenberger, Bob Kenagy and Joe Vasapoli round out our committee at this time. If you are interested in joining the committee, please call either Steve Conte or me. Additional committee members would be most welcome.

We have two goals in mind:

- 1) making our reunion a “can’t miss” event; and
- 2) having as many as possible contribute to our class gift to the Law School.

We hope you will make plans to be in Williamsburg for the festivities which include the Dean’s Wine & Cheese Reception, golf at the Golden Horseshoe, tennis, a family picnic, tours of Colonial Williamsburg, hiking with Professor Emeritus John Levy and our Class Party/Dinner at the Colonial Williamsburg Woodlands Conference Center. Official registration materials for the weekend will be mailed to you in January. In the meantime, you can make your room reservation at one of these Colonial Williamsburg properties:

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| WOODLANDS HOTEL AND SUITES | WILLIAMSBURG LODGE   | WILLIAMSBURG INN |
| 757-220-7960               | 757-229-1000         | 757-229-1000     |
| (\$129)                    | EXT.4008 (\$213-255) | EXT.3089 (\$388) |

Members of your Reunion Committee are committed to be here to celebrate. To ensure a great turn-out, one of these committee members will personally contact you to “encourage” your attendance. Tactics may involve bribery, blackmail and the threatened use of old photos and arrest records. We hope you will respond with an enthusiastic “yes” to attend! Be sure to check out our class web page at <http://www.wm.edu/law/alumni/reunion/classof1977.shtml>

In addition to having a fabulous class party, we plan to make a difference for the Law School with our Reunion Class gift. We’ve set an ambitious, yet attainable goal of raising \$250,000 spread over five years. That’s \$50K a year. We can absolutely do this. Last fiscal year, 45 members of our class gave \$22K.

Our *alma mater* needs our leadership and commitment.

We are asking you to commit to a five-year pledge. We hope you will consider joining one of the recognition societies: the President's Council at \$5,000/year; the Dean's Council at \$2,500/year; the Marshall Associates at \$1,000/year or the St. George Tucker Associates at \$500/year. *If your company matches your gift, that amount will be credited toward your pledge amount.* But, whatever you decide, we hope everyone in the Class of 1977 will participate. Please fill out the attached pledge form and send it in as soon as possible.

The committee also needs your help to ensure we have contact information for everyone in our class. *Please* send us any updated email addresses to make certain that our records are current and provide email, phone numbers, and/or mailing addresses for any other classmate. Finally, please encourage as many classmates as you can to join you in returning to the 'burg for the reunion.

Hoping to see everyone in April,

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FUN FACTS:

## The Year Was.....1977

### **Then**

In-state tuition was less than \$2K.  
(In 1985, it was only \$2,399.)

Law Students: wore flip flops to the Law Library, went to George's Restaurant, Road Rallies and Pig Roasts.

Some favorite faculty members included Professor Swindler and Colonel Walck

Annual Fund: under \$70,000

*US News and World Report*  
Ranking didn't exist

State Funding: 43%

### **Now:**

\$16,600 in-state, \$26,800 non-residents.  
(At UVA it's \$30,660 in-state, \$35,484 non-residents)

Law Students: work hard to increase the value of our diplomas and participate in Bar Review (i.e. deli-hopping)

32 full-time faculty

Annual Fund: \$1,268,234

CURRENTLY RANKED: 27<sup>th</sup>

State Funding: 8%