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20th Reunion Committee

Dear Classmates:

Can you believe it's been almost twenty years since we graduated from law school? When was the last time you spent any quality time locked away in a study carrel the size of a phone booth? When was the last time you enjoyed the feel of a good old Naugahyde® chair? When was the last time you went bar hopping in the tri-bar area (a.k.a. Paul's Deli, the Green Leaf, and the College Dilly)? **We hope you will make plans to be in the 'burg for our 20th Law Reunion on April 7-8, 2006!**

We (*Allison Garde, John Garde, Gregg Lehman and Kate Marriott*) are the Committee Co-Chairs for our 20th Law Reunion. In addition, **Mark Bader, Jeff Barnes, Barbara Byrd, Carla Carloni, Helen Cox, Bill Cusmano, Anne C. Foster, Len Heath, Chris Howe, Scott Lindvall, Renata Manzo, Bill Morse, Terri Reicher, Scott Sheets, Mark Simmons, Ellen Zopff Todia, Jane Tucker and Colin Uckert** have all agreed to serve on the reunion committee. We need **you** there for this to be a perfect event. It's a great opportunity to see your classmates and visit the 'burg. A number of activities have been planned for the weekend, including golf at the Golden Horseshoe, a picnic at the Law School, and our class party on Saturday night at the Colonial Williamsburg Woodlands Conference Center. We will be sending you a line-up of events in January so that you can register for the weekend festivities.

Attached is information about hotels. For your convenience, blocks of rooms for the reunion classes are reserved at the Woodlands Hotel and Suites, Williamsburg Lodge and Williamsburg Inn. Although the block "cut off" date is March 3rd, don't put it off until then – call and make reservations today; space is limited!!

In addition to having a fabulous class party, the committee plans to make a difference for the Law School with our Reunion Class Gift. We've set an ambitious yet attainable goal of raising at least \$300,000 (over a five-year period) in honor of our 20th Reunion. When we reach this goal, we will have the honor of naming the "casual reading room" in the new Law Library addition! This is a 900 square foot space that is expected to be a favorite hangout for the students.

Our Law School needs our continued support. Did you know:

- We are **currently ranked 27th by U.S. News & World Report.**
- The William & Mary Law Review is in the **top 20 most-cited legal journals.**
- **Only 8.5 percent of the Law School's budget comes from the Commonwealth of Virginia (which means they REALLY need our help!)**

Our support provides the margin of excellence that is critical in keeping the Law School on the path to even greater national prominence. Increased alumni giving will ensure that the Law School can move up in the *U.S. News* rankings to join schools like #20 W&L, which has comparable peer and judge/lawyer assessment scores and bar pass rate, but has greater financial resources and a lower student/faculty ratio.

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 1986 will participate so we can meet our target! Please fill out the attached pledge form and send it in as soon as possible.

We also want to remind you that for 2005 your contribution deduction will **not** be limited. So this is a good time to give! The committee also needs your help to ensure we have contact information for everyone in our class. *Please* send us your email address to make certain that our records are current and provide email, phone numbers, and/or mailing addresses for any other classmates. Simply send an email to any of the committee members listed below and please let us know whether you plan to attend the reunion. Finally, please encourage as many classmates as you can to join you in returning to the 'burg for the reunion.

Our committee is still welcoming new members, so contact any of us if you would like to join. If you have ideas for Reunion Weekend or for maximizing participation in our class gift, tell us that as well! We need help, and with you on the team this will be a great reunion!

Hoping to see everyone in April,


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