



# GREAT AMERICAN MOCK TRIAL INVITATIONAL

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July 22, 2009

Dear Confirmed GAMTI Teams:

On behalf of everyone at Virginia Mock Trial—as well as our sponsors at the University of Virginia School of Law—thanks again for joining us for GAMTI 2009! All rounds will be held at our new home—the H. Carl Moultrie Courthouse at 500 Indiana Avenue NW in downtown Washington, DC. The Moultrie is just two blocks from our previous courthouse, but it's two blocks closer to the Red Roof Inn and all kinds of food options. (Map enclosed.) The Moultrie Courthouse also has a far simpler layout than our previous home. And, best of all, the Moultrie's HVAC system runs during weekends, so the courtrooms themselves should be far more comfortable to compete in.

### **What's in here:**

- A tournament schedule;
- The Rules and Policies for Use of the Moultrie Courthouse and an acknowledgment form that must be completed by a captain of each team as well as a coach for every program that has one;
- Information about the challenge format;
- A map showing food and parking options near the Moultrie Courthouse;
- Contact info for various places from which you can pre-order lunch; and
- Information about our two official tournament hotels, and directions between the hotels and the courthouse;

### **Deadlines:** (All deadlines explained in more detail in this packet or the initial invitation)

*August 28:* Deadline for informing us if you will not be able to meet the deadline for receiving your registration check.

*September 11:* Deadline for us to receive your \$175 registration check. Checks should be made out to “Collegiate Mock Trial at the University of Virginia” and mailed to “Collegiate Mock Trial at the University of Virginia; c/o Professor Toby Heytens; 580 Massie Road; Charlottesville, VA 22903.” Registering late will trigger a \$50 late fee, for a total cost of \$225.

*September 25:* Final registration deadline. After this date, we will offer the spot of any program that has not paid its fee to a team on the waitlist.

*Thurs, Oct. 22:* Last day to obtain our special rate at the Washington Suites (subject to availability).

*Fri., Oct. 30:* Last day to obtain our special rate at the Red Roof Inn (subject to availability).

Please feel free to shoot either of us an email if you have any questions. We also encourage you to visit our tournament website—[www.virginiamocktrial.org/gamti/gamti.php](http://www.virginiamocktrial.org/gamti/gamti.php). We look forward to seeing you in November!

Yours truly,

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## CONFIRMED TEAMS FOR GAMTI '09:

Bellarmino University	Northwood University
Columbia University	Rhodes College
Cornell University	University of Iowa
Duke University	University of Maryland
Eastern Kentucky University	University of Michigan
Furman University	University of Pennsylvania
George Washington University	University of Pittsburgh
Georgetown University	University of Richmond
Miami (Ohio) University	University of Virginia
New York University	Washington & Lee University
Northwestern University	Yale University

## TOP TRIAL TEAMS, GAMTI '08:

1st: Bellarmine (9.5 wins)  
2nd: Richmond (8.5 wins)  
3rd: Virginia - 1007 (8 wins; CS 17.5)  
4th: UCLA (7.5 wins; CS 29)  
5th: Iowa (7.5 wins; CS 23)  
6th: Washington & Lee (7.5 wins; CS 22.5)  
7th: Washington University (7.5 wins; CS 21)  
8th: George Washington (7 wins; CS 26.5)  
9th: Pittsburgh (7 wins; CS 25.5)  
10th: Cornell (7 wins; CS 20.5)



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## TENTATIVE TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE:

### *Saturday, November 21*

- 8:30 am – 9:00 am: Team registration (*Moultrie Courthouse; 3d floor*)  
9:00 am – 9:30 am: Opening ceremonies (*Jurors' Lounge, Room 3100*)  
9:45 am – 10:15 am: Round 1 captains' meeting  
10:15 am – 1:15 pm: Round 1  
1:15 pm – 2:30 pm: Lunch  
2:30 pm – 3:00 pm: Round 2 captains' meeting  
3:00 pm – 6:00 pm: Round 2

### *Sunday, November 22*

- 9:15 am – 9:45 am: Round 3 captains' meeting  
9:45 am – 12:45 pm: Round 3  
12:45 pm – 2:00 pm: Lunch  
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm: Round 4 captains' meeting  
2:30 pm – 5:30 pm: Round 4  
After Round 4: Reception sponsored by UVA Law (*3d floor atrium*)  
ASAP: Closing ceremonies (*Juror's Lounge, Room 3100*)



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### RULES AND POLICIES FOR USE OF THE MOULTRIE COURTHOUSE

GAMTI is one of very few invitationals where all rounds are held in courtrooms. We no longer have use of our previous courthouse in part because some team disregarded the terms of use last Fall. This is our first GAMTI at the Moultrie Courthouse, and our future ability to use the courthouse is by no means assured.

#### *In general*

- Food and drinks other than plain bottled water may be consumed in the designated space in the second and third floor atriums, but only in that area. The atrium is quickly and easily reached from all courtrooms. All food and non-water drinks must be stored in sealed containers at all other times. A container is “sealed” only if it could be flipped over and shaken without leaking.
- We will supply large cardboard trash bins that will be placed in the atrium and hallways. No trash may be placed in any other trashcans, including those in the courtrooms.

#### *Courtrooms*

When the last person leaves after a round, there should be nothing to indicate anyone was there. In particular:

- No food or drink of any kind (including bottled water) may be brought into the courtrooms themselves except in fully sealed containers. Take-out boxes and to-go coffee cups do not qualify. Sealed food and beverage containers must be stored where they are not accessible during the round.
- We will replace the judges’ personal chairs with non-adjustable ones before the tournament, and presiding judges must use the one provided. No one -- including volunteer judges -- may sit in, touch, or adjust the judge’s personal chair. The courthouse staff has specifically told us that judge can become extremely angry if they come in on Monday to find that their personal chair have adjusted to someone else’s dimensions.
- Participants have use of the counsel tables, the bench, and the rest of the courtroom only as long as they do not move anything already in place and return all chairs to their original position. Participants must not touch or move podiums, computers or other electronic equipment (including microphones), papers or other documents that may be in the courtroom, or easels or exhibits. This rule applies regardless of whether any such items are in the way or will make the round more uncomfortable or difficult for the competitors and regardless of anything a volunteer “judge” may say or do to the contrary. If any questions arise, participants must consult the Faculty Tournament Director.
- The chairs at counsel table must be reset precisely as they were before a team exits the courtroom at the end of each trial round.
- No one may place papers or other trash inside the courtroom trash cans. All such items should be removed from the courtroom and placed them in the provided cardboard trash bins in the hall.

Strict adherence to all rules and policies set forth in this memo is essential. Things that may seem small to us—such as a failure to return all chairs at counsel table to their original positions before leaving the courtroom—are rarely viewed that way by the people who work in these courtrooms and will arrive on Monday with the expectation that things will be precisely as they left them on Friday.

The next page contains a form that must be completed by each team’s captain and by a coach for any team that has one. No team will be permitted to compete until we have received its form.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF RESPONSIBILITY

I am the captain/coach of the team indicated below.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the “Rules and Policies for Use of the Moultrie Courthouse.”

I acknowledge that I have a responsibility to ask questions if I believe that anything is unclear and always to err on the side of caution.

I acknowledge that it is my personal responsibility to ensure that all of the participants in any round in which my team competes comply with these Rules. I understand that this obligation applies not only to myself and the student members on my team, but also includes the members of the teams against which we will be competing, spectators (whether affiliated with my team or not), volunteer judges, and coaches.

I understand that I must immediately report any violations of those Rules to the Faculty Tournament Director and that failure to do so will be deemed a violation of those Rules.

I understand that the tournament hosts will be taking photographs of the courtrooms before the tournament and will be checking the courtrooms throughout the weekend to ensure strict compliance with those Rules.

I understand that failure to comply with any of these obligations will result in sanctions to be determined in the sole discretion of the Faculty Tournament Director. I understand that those sanctions may include, but are not limited to, being required to pay for any cleaning expenses. I also understand that any violations may jeopardize my program’s future ability to attend this tournament in the future.

### *Captain (all programs)*

Name:

Program:

Team:

Telephone number where I may be reached during the tournament:

Email address I check regularly:

### *Coach (if your program has one)*

Name:

Program:

Team:

Telephone number where I may be reached during the tournament:

Email address I check regularly:



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### INFORMATION ABOUT THE CHALLENGE FORMAT

As in past years, we will be pairing the first round by a challenge format. And, like last year, we will be doing challenges at the opening ceremonies. The challenge order will be defending GAMTI champion, followed by defending national champion, followed by AMTA bonus bid ranking, top down. (For the current rankings, go the AMTA page ([www.collegemocktrial.org](http://www.collegemocktrial.org)), click “Mock Trial” and then “Tabulation,” and scroll down.) The two UVA teams will be placed at the end of the challenge order but will be available to be challenged. Teams that are challenged will be entitled to pick their side, except that a team that challenges a Virginia team also will be permitted to choose its own side. No passes will be allowed.

A team that is not present at the opening ceremonies or otherwise fails to exercise its challenge in a timely fashion will be moved to the end of the challenge order. Such a team will not be entitled to choose its side; instead, the team that challenges such a team will also be able to choose its side.

Here is the current challenge order:

Bellarmino  
Northwood  
George Washington  
NYU  
Cornell  
EKU  
Iowa  
Georgetown  
Miami  
Furman  
Michigan  
Yale  
Pittsburgh  
Maryland  
Richmond  
Duke  
Northwestern  
Washington & Lee  
Rhodes  
Penn  
Columbia  
Virginia\*  
Virginia\*

\*Teams that challenge a Virginia team will be entitled to pick their side



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### HOTEL OPTIONS

We have secured group rates at two hotels.

#### *The Washington Suites*

As in the past, we have secured a group rate at the Washington Suites at 100 South Reynolds Street in Alexandria, Virginia. The Washington Suites offers enormous suites (it was previously an apartment complex), and is a 15-20 minute drive from the courthouse. This year, the rates will be \$119 plus tax per night for single/double occupancy rooms and \$129 plus tax per night for triple/quad occupancy, which includes free on-site parking, a continental breakfast, and complementary high-speed internet access (except in the lobby, you'll need a cable but they provide them.) To secure these rates, you must make your reservations no later than **Thursday, October 22** and you must do so using the official reservation form. A copy of the registration form is contained in this packet, is also attached separately, and will soon be available at our tournament website: <http://www.uvamocktrial.org/gamti/regionals.php>

#### *The Red Roof Inn*

For teams that want to stay downtown, we have also obtained a block of rooms at the Red Roof Inn in the heart of downtown D.C. The Red Roof is a more conventional hotel located .7 miles from the courthouse (a 10-15 minute walk) and less than two blocks from a Metro stop that will bring you within a block and a half of the courthouse. It is also two blocks from the Verizon Center (where the Wizards and Capitals play) and literally dozens of restaurants. The rate is \$119 plus tax per night, up to four people per room. We have reserved a limited number of rooms, which will be allocated first come, first serve. You must call no later than **Friday, October 30** to obtain the rate and mention our group code—**GAMTI**—when you call. The contact information for the Red Roof Inn is contained later in this packet and is also available at our tournament website: <http://www.uvamocktrial.org/gamti/regionals.php>. Please note that the Red Roof Inn does not offer complementary internet access.

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In addition to these options, the DC metro area in general—and the downtown area around courthouse in particular—has a huge number of hotels that are easily searchable on all manner of travel websites. The courthouse's street address is 500 Indiana Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20001.





**Mock Trial Reservation Request Form**

**100 S. Reynolds Street, Alexandria, VA 22304 Phone: 703-370-9600 Toll Free: 1-877-736-2500**

**Fax: 703-370-1434 Email: [Reservations@wsava.com](mailto:Reservations@wsava.com) Website: [www.washingtonsuitesalexandria.com](http://www.washingtonsuitesalexandria.com)**

**Reservation Request form Fax to: 703-370-1434**

**Reservation Request form Email to: [Reservations@wsava.com](mailto:Reservations@wsava.com)**

Personal and Billing Information	
Traveler name	
E-mail	
Department	
Phone	
Fax	
Billing address	
Credit card name	
Credit card number*	
Credit card expiration date	
Lodging Information	
Group Name	
Arrival Date	
Departure Date	
Total Number of Travelers in Party	
Number of Rooms Needed and Number of People per Room	

- The rate is \$119.00 per night for rooms with 1-2 people and \$129.00 for rooms with 3-4 people plus 11.5% tax/\$1.00 per room, per night. Mention "UVA Mock Trial" when making your reservations.
- Reservations must be made by Thursday, October 22, 2009 to receive the group rate
- The hotel requires a room listing with the names of people who will be in each room at least two weeks before arrival date

*\*All group reservations must be guaranteed for late arrival by a credit card. Our policy for cancellation and changes to an existing reservations is 3 business days prior to arrival for group reservations. One night room and tax will be charged to your credit card in the event of that you decide not to come to the hotel or if a reservation is cancelled less than three business days prior to arrival. There is an early departure fee of \$50.00 per room for guests that check out before their original departure date.*

*When calling the hotel please ask for "in house reservations". If you prefer to e-mail your reservation request, please fill out this form and e-mail to [Reservations@wsava.com](mailto:Reservations@wsava.com). You can also fax this form to 703-370-1434. A confirmation letter will be e-mailed to you the next business day of receiving your e-mail.*

**Thank you for choosing the Washington Suites Alexandria!  
We wish you a nice trip and a pleasant stay at our hotel.**



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## **DIRECTIONS TO AND FROM THE WASHINGTON SUITES**

### **From Washington Dulles Airport to the Washington Suites - 26.5 miles (about 40 minutes)**

- Turn left out of the rental car area going towards the terminal
- Turn left at the stoplight at Rudder Road and follow the signs to “Airport Exit”
- As you exit the airport, move to the left and follow the signs that say “To 495 / Washington.” This will put you in the center, non-toll lanes. Go about 12 miles.
- Take Exit 18 onto I-495 South going towards Richmond/Alexandria. Go a little over 10 miles.
- Take Exit 57B onto I-395 North. Go about 3 miles.
- Take Exit 3A (Duke Street / VA 236-E / Landmark) and merge onto Duke Street. Go about a mile.
- Turn right onto S. Reynolds Street. The hotel will be almost immediately on the left.

### **From Ronald Reagan Airport to the Washington Suites – 10 miles (about 15 minutes)**

- Take the signs for “Airport Exit” and follow the signs for the GW Parkway going North towards Washington. (Do not follow the signs for Virginia; they will lead you astray). Go about one mile.
- Exit onto I-395 going South in the direction of Richmond. Go about 7 miles.
- Take Exit 3A (Duke Street / VA 236-E / Landmark) and merge onto Duke Street. Go about a mile.
- Turn right onto S. Reynolds Street. The hotel will be almost immediately on the left.

### **From the Washington Suites to the Moultrie Courthouse – 10 miles (about 15 minutes)**

- Turn right out of the parking area onto S. Reynolds Street.
- Turn left at the light onto Duke Street and go 0.5 miles
- Bear right into the I-395 N entry ramp to Washington, D.C. Go about 10 minutes.
- When you reach the bridge to D.C., stay to the right and on I-395 (Do not take US-1 exit). Move 1-2 lanes to the left.
- After passing several exits, take the right exit marked “395 N/ D Street NW / US Senate”
- When the road splits, stay in the right lane. You will then merge with a road coming in from the right and enter a tunnel. Move quickly to the right.
- Within the tunnel, there will be a right exit (Exit 9) with smallish signs that say “U.S. Capitol” and then “U.S. Senate.” Take the exit, but stay in the lane that is second from the right so that you exit towards D Street rather than veering off sharply to the right.
- Immediately as you exit the tunnel, you will come to a stop light at D Street. Turn left and drive a few blocks
- The Moultrie Courthouse is at the intersection of Fifth Street NW, D Street NW and Indiana Avenue NW. It will be on your left.

### **From the Moultrie Courthouse to the Washington Suites – 10 miles (about 15 minutes)**

- You need to get onto I-395 going South. Get on 5th Street NW facing towards the entrance of the Moultrie Courthouse.
- Turn left onto D Street NW. Immediately after you pass 3d Street NW, take a hard right onto I-395 S and enter the tunnel.
- Once inside the tunnel, stay to the right and follow the signs to I-395 South going towards Richmond.
- Once you exit the tunnel, move to one of the three lefthand lanes and continue to follow the signs labeled I-395 South towards Richmond.
- Take Exit 3A (Duke Street / VA 236-E / Landmark) and merge onto Duke Street. Go about a mile.
- Turn right onto S. Reynolds Street. The hotel will be almost immediately on the left.



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### INFORMATION ABOUT THE RED ROOF INN

Address: 500 H St NW; Washington, DC 20001

Telephone: (202) 289-5959

Rate: \$119 per room per night plus tax (up to 4 people per room). Wireless internet access costs \$9.95 per day.

Website: <http://www.redroof.com>. Enter "254" in "Inn #" field and then click "Inn Details"\*

\*Note: You cannot obtain our special tournament rate over the website. You must call the hotel and mention our confirmation code -- **GAMTI** -- when you call. Rooms are subject to availability and reservations must be made no later than **Friday, October 30**.

If you will be flying: We strongly recommend flying into Ronald Reagan National Airport (DCA) (4.6 miles) rather than Washington-Dulles (IAD) (25.9 miles) or Baltimore-Washington International (BWI) (30.0 miles). Among other things, you can take the Metrorail from Reagan to within two blocks from the hotel on Metro's Yellow line. The ride from the airport to Gallery Place takes about 15 minutes and currently costs \$1.95 per person. Cab service and Super Shuttle Service is also available from all airports. Because the courthouse is located extremely close to the Red Roof Inn -- and because you will have to pay for parking -- we recommend that you do not rent cars if you fly into Reagan and stay at the Red Roof Inn.

If you will have cars: You will likely be required to pay for parking. The Red Roof Inn offers parking at a rate of \$20 per day. Starting at some point Friday evening, there should be some street parking in the area and there should be quite a lot starting Sunday morning because there are far fewer parking restrictions on Sundays than Saturdays. The map that shows dining options near the courthouse also contains information about parking in the area south and east of the Red Roof Inn. Make sure to check the signs yourself, because parking rules may have changed.



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## DIRECTIONS TO AND FROM THE RED ROOF INN

### From Washington Dulles Airport to the Red Roof Inn – 24 miles (about 30 minutes)

- Turn left out of the rental car area going towards the terminal
- Turn left at the stoplight at Rudder Road and follow the signs to “Airport Exit”
- As you exit the airport, move to the left and follow the signs that say “To 495 / Washington.” This will put you in the center, non-toll lanes. Go about 15 miles.
- Stay in the center and follow the signs “To 66E / Washington.” (**DO NOT** take the exits to I-495). About 16.5 miles after starting your trip, you will automatically merge onto I-66 going East. Go about 8 miles.
- You will enter DC by going over the Potomac River on the Theodore Roosevelt Bridge. Stay in the left two lanes and exit onto “US 50 E / Constitution Avenue / Downtown.” The first major cross street will be 23d Street, the Lincoln Memorial will be on your right, and the street numbers should be going down.
- Take a left on 7th Street. The cross streets will now be ascending letters.
- Take a right on H Street. The Red Roof will be in a block and a half on the right.

### From Ronald Reagan Airport to the Red Roof Inn – 4.6 miles (about 11 minutes)

- Take the signs for “Airport Exit” and follow the signs for the GW Parkway going North towards Washington. Go about one mile.
- When you reach the bridge to D.C., stay to the right and on I-395 (Do not take the US-1 exit). Move 1-2 lanes to the left.
- After passing several exits, take the exit marked “395 N/ D Street NW / US Senate”
- When the road splits, stay in the right lane. You will then merge with a road coming in from the right and enter a tunnel. Move quickly to the right.
- Within the tunnel, there will be a right exit (Exit 9) with smallish signs that say “U.S. Capitol” and then “U.S. Senate.” Take the exit, but stay in the lane that is second from the right so that you exit towards D Street rather than veering off sharply to the right.
- Immediately as you exit the tunnel, you will come to a stop light at D Street. Turn left. The cross streets will be ascending numbers.
- Turn right onto 6th Street NW
- Turn right onto H Street NW. (The hotel is at 500 H Street NW).

**From the Red Roof Inn to the Courthouse:** See next page. Gallery Place and Judiciary Square are both on Metro’s Red Line; the walk from the hotel to the courthouse takes 10 minutes. The entrance to Carl Moultrie Courthouse is at the intersection of 5th Street NW, D Street NW, and Indiana Avenue, NW.

## Food and Parking Near Moultrie Courthouse and Red Roof Inn





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## CONTACT INFORMATION FOR RESTAURANTS FROM WHICH YOU CAN PRE-ORDER LUNCH

The Moultrie Courthouse is less than two blocks from numerous fast and affordable places to eat. Several of those places will allow you to pre-order lunch by phone or fax, would should make the process of picking up lunch go much quicker:

### **Au Bon Pain** (Sandwiches, salads, soups, and wraps)

601 Indiana Avenue

Washington, DC 20004

(202) 638-8060 (phone)

(202) 737-0668 (fax)

[www.aubonpain.com/locations/default.aspx?l=8#location8](http://www.aubonpain.com/locations/default.aspx?l=8#location8)

-Accepts phone orders

### **Cosi** (Sandwiches, salads, soups, flatbread pizzas) (SATURDAY ONLY)

6th and Indiana Avenue

Washington, DC

(202) 347-0307 (phone)

### **Potbelly Sandwich Works** (Sandwiches, salads, and soups)

637 Indiana Avenue

Washington, DC 20004

(202) 347-2353 (phone)

(202) 347-2917 (fax)

[www.potbelly.com](http://www.potbelly.com)

-Accepts phone and fax orders. Menu and order form available at our tournament website

[www.virginiamocktrial.org/gamti/gamti.php](http://www.virginiamocktrial.org/gamti/gamti.php)

### **Quiznos** (Sandwiches)

770 5th Street NW

Washington, DC

(202) 789-0022

### **Subway** (SATURDAY ONLY)

501 D Street

Washington, DC

(202) 347-0771



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### **DIRECTIONS FROM THE MOULTRIE COURTHOUSE TO THE AIRPORTS**

#### **From the Moultrie Courthouse to Reagan by car – 10 miles (about 15 minutes)**

- You need to get onto I-395 going South. Get on 5th Street NW facing towards the entrance of the Moultrie Courthouse.
- Once inside the tunnel, stay in the righthand lanes and follow the signs to I-395 South going towards Richmond.
- Once you exit the tunnel, move to one of the three lefthand lanes and continue to follow the signs labeled I-395 South towards Richmond.
- As you cross the bridge into Virginia, look for the signs labeled “George Washington Memorial Parkway / Reagan National Airport / Memorial Bridge.” Take the second right exit (Exit 10-B) onto the George Washington Parkway in the direction of Reagan. The airport will be on your right in less than a mile.

#### **From the Moultrie Courthouse to Reagan by Metrorail**

- You need to take the Yellow Line directly to Reagan. The closest Yellow Line stop to the Courthouse is Archives/Navy Memorial. Alternatively, you can take the Red Line from Judiciary Square and transfer to the Yellow Line at Gallery Place. The Yellow Line will take you almost directly to the terminal.

#### **From the Moultrie Courthouse to Dulles – (about 30 minutes)**

- Drive down one of the numbered streets in such a way that the lettered cross streets are going towards “A.” When you reach Constitution Avenue, take a right.
- Stay on Constitution Ave as you pass 23<sup>rd</sup> Street (the Lincoln Memorial will be on your left). The road will curve to the right and feed into the entrance ramp for the Roosevelt Bridge.
- You will cross the into Virginia and feed directly onto I-66. Follow the signs to I-66 going West.
- After about 10 minutes, take Exit 67 “Dulles Airport / to 495W / Baltimore.”
- Get to the left and follow the signs for “Dulles Airport / Airport Traffic Only.” This will feed you onto a non-toll road that you should stay on until you arrive at Dulles. Take the exit for rental car returns. Before you reach the place where you will drop off your cars, there will be a gas station on the right.



Founded by Thomas Jefferson in 1819, the University of Virginia School of Law is a world-renowned training ground for distinguished lawyers and public servants.

Consistently ranked among the top law schools in the nation, Virginia has educated generations of lawyers, instilling in them a commitment to leadership, integrity and community service. A faculty of nationally acclaimed experts in their fields and outstanding teachers lead Virginia's students to appreciate the power of law to influence political, social and cultural life.

Virginia is justly famous for its collegial environment that bonds students and faculty, and student satisfaction is consistently cited as among the highest in American law schools. Students share their experiences in a cooperative spirit, both in and out of the classroom, building a network that lasts well beyond their three years here.

Virginia has a national reputation for producing highly skilled lawyers with a healthy combination of legal acuity and personal balance. *American Lawyer* magazine identified Virginia as one of only two law schools in the country with graduates practicing in each of the nation's top 100 law firms.

Located in Charlottesville, the Law School is about two hours from Washington, D.C. The town offers a community in which students can relax, find plentiful entertainment, and appreciate abundant natural beauty to balance the intense rigors of law study.

## FAST FACTS

**1,146 students**

**9 academic journals; 71 student organizations**

**More than 99%** of the Class of 2007 reported employment nine months after graduation.

**Students come from 43 states**, the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, and eight foreign countries.

### Class of 2011

**Median Undergraduate GPA: 3.80**

**25%-75% GPA: 3.56-3.89**

**Median LSAT: 170**

**25%-75% LSAT: 166-171**

**13.3 to 1 student-faculty ratio**

**19 Clinics:** Advocacy for the Elderly, Appellate Litigation, Capital Post-Conviction, Child Advocacy, Criminal Defense, Employment Law, Environmental Law and Conservation, Family Alternative Dispute Resolution, Family Resource, First Amendment Law, Housing Law, Immigration Law, Innocence Project, International Human Rights Law, Mental Health Law, Patent and Licensing I and II, Prosecution, Supreme Court Litigation

**Preparing Courtroom Advocates:** The School's Extramural Advocacy Team includes a national trial advocacy team and an extramural moot court team that participate in competitions nationwide. About half of Virginia's students participate in the Law School's William Minor Lile Moot Court Competition. Students are also able to enroll in the Trial Advocacy College, an eight-day experience in which attorneys from the nation's best litigation units participate. The selective College supplements 14 sections of trial advocacy offered each year.

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