

## NEWS RELEASE

### Hunton & Williams LLP Offers Students a Glimpse Into the Legal Profession

*Firm Teams with NALP, Street Law, Inc. and William and Mary Law School  
in Year-long High School Outreach Program*

**Richmond, VA — March 19, 2010** — For the second year in a row, Hunton & Williams lawyers welcomed more than 35 students from Richmond’s Thomas Jefferson High School to their offices to learn about a career in the law. The half-day conference, which took place on Friday, February 26, was part of a year-long NALP/Street Law Inc. program designed to promote diversity within the legal profession and open avenues for local young people. Hunton & Williams is one of five law firms across the country participating in this program that matches firms with high schools serving diverse populations.

“This program is a powerful experience for the high school students,” stated Megan Hanson, program director at Street Law, Inc. “It gives them the opportunity to interact with legal professionals and sparks their interest in legal careers.”

The 2009/2010 program began in the fall of 2009 when Hunton & Williams offered Thomas Jefferson seniors the chance to participate in an “Introduction to the College Admission Process.” Representatives from VCU, University of Richmond and the College of William and Mary were invited to help lead the session, which provided practical information on everything from how to complete winning applications to applying for financial aid. In February 2010, firm lawyers **Ted Elmore, Bobby Proutt, Tim Mucha** and **Walter Thompson** partnered with William and Mary law students to offer two courses: one on contract law and negotiation strategies and another on fourth amendment law.

“I am delighted our law students are part of this important program,” said Davison M. Douglas, dean of William & Mary Law School. “William & Mary and Hunton & Williams share a wonderful tradition of service to the profession and commitment to *pro bono* endeavors.”

The February 26 conference included two lively hands-on workshops during which the students applied their earlier classroom lessons in a mock contract negotiation and fourth amendment hearing. The conference also included remarks from two firm partners who are key players in promoting diversity within the legal profession: the first African-American Supreme Court Justice in Virginia, The Honorable **John Charles Thomas**; and former American Bar Association President, **Robert J. Grey, Jr.** A highlight of the day was the announcement of Hunton & Williams’ donation to the school’s Haiti relief fund-raising efforts. The day closed with a networking session during which students were challenged to ask questions of as many Hunton & Williams lawyers, legal staff members and William & Mary law students as possible.



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## Diversity

Hunton & Williams Partner Ted Elmore, who is co-chairing the program with Associate Bobby Proutt, stated, “We thoroughly enjoy engaging these talented young minds. The program presents a unique opportunity to forge a relationship with and learn from future leaders of our community.”

**Hunton & Williams LLP** provides legal services to corporations, financial institutions, governments and individuals, as well as to a broad array of other entities. Since our establishment more than a century ago, Hunton & Williams has grown to nearly 1,000 attorneys serving clients in 100 countries from 18 offices around the world. While our practice has a strong industry focus on energy, financial services and life sciences, the depth and breadth of our experience extends to more than 100 separate practice areas, including bankruptcy and creditors’ rights, commercial litigation, corporate transactions and securities law, intellectual property, international and government relations, regulatory law, products liability, and privacy and information management.

**Street Law, Inc.** is a non-profit organization that provides practical, participatory education about law, democracy, and human rights. With a unique blend of content and methodology, Street Law, Inc. uses techniques that promote cooperative learning, critical thinking, and the ability to participate in a democratic society. For 35 years, Street Law, Inc.'s programs and curricula have promoted knowledge of legal rights and responsibilities, engagement in the democratic process, and belief in the rule of law, among both youth and adults.

Founded in 1971 as the **National Association for Law Placement**, NALP is dedicated to continuously improving career counseling and planning, recruitment and retention, and the professional development of law students, lawyers and its members. NALP connects its members by providing vision, expertise, research, and education; cultivating fair and ethical practices; and advocating for diversity and inclusion in the legal profession.

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