

News Release

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Hunton & Williams LLP Helps Launch Program Providing High School Students a Glimpse Into the Legal Profession

Hunton & Williams hosted an educational conference at its offices in Richmond on April 17, 2009, for more than 35 Thomas Jefferson High School students. The conference culminated the firm's participation in a new program designed by non-profits NALP and Street Law, Inc. to promote diversity in the legal profession.

This NALP/Street Law legal diversity program matched law firms in New York, Washington DC, Atlanta, San Francisco and Richmond with diverse and disadvantaged high school classrooms in their communities in an effort to engage the students, teach them about civil law and introduce them to careers in the legal profession. Hunton & Williams was one of five firms across the country participating in this exciting new program.

On March 20, Hunton & Williams lawyers teamed with students from William & Mary School of Law to teach two classes at Thomas Jefferson High School: one on contract law and negotiation, and another on first amendment law. The April 17 conference reinforced what the students learned through interactive workshops, and offered them a chance to explore the many opportunities available in the legal field through an on-site career fair. Hunton & Williams and William & Mary hope this event will help forge lasting relationships with the high school and its students, offering personal mentorship and guidance to those young men and women interested in exploring a career in law.

"Hunton & Williams has a long tradition of supporting *pro bono* service," said Lynda Butler, interim Dean of William & Mary Law School. "We were delighted that our students had the opportunity to partner with the firm's lawyers in this unique project cosponsored by NALP and Street Law."

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

Hunton & Williams Partner Ted Elmore, who co-chaired the program with Associate Bobby Proutt, agrees, "We were thrilled to participate in this ground-breaking program with NALP and Street Law. It aligns perfectly with our firm's commitment to lifting up our communities and strengthening our profession."