Modern facilities are essential to attract high-caliber students and faculty to W&L.

The key ingredients to producing an innovative, quality educational experience are the curriculum, the people, and the facility. With the recent assessment of our curriculum, we believe the legal education we provide in each of the three years is on a sound footing. The professors and practitioners leading our classes, practicums, and clinics are skilled and experienced.

The weak link is our facility. Lewis Hall was a superb facility when it was built in the 1970s. Over the past 35 years we have outgrown the space; we now offer more classes and clinics and the building houses more students, faculty, and student organizations than we anticipated when it was designed. Lewis Hall is a wonderful facility, but it does not meet the needs of our new curriculum.

Our vision is to create a new wing to mirror the innovative new Third Year Program. We envision an addition with lawyer-like space such as conference rooms to interview clients, convene a team to discuss a case, or mediate a matter. In addition the program requires offices to house the visiting professors of practice who teach many of the practicums, area for W&L’s six clinics, and work space for the third year students. The new facility would house a trial court room and, at long last, provide an identifiable front entrance to the building, adjacent to the parking areas.

To support our curricular reform, to enhance our standing as one of the nation’s best law schools, and to provide a quality facility for our students and faculty, we are asking Washington and Lee alumni, friends, and parents to make donations to build W&L Law’s Third Year Addition as part of Honor Our Past, Build Our Future: The Campaign for Washington and Lee. Gifts for the wing will qualify for a match offered by the University. If we are successful in raising a total of $5,000,000 for new wing, the University will provide the remaining funds necessary for construction. This offer demonstrates the University’s commitment to W&L Law. Leadership gifts are critical at this point as we strive to meet the challenge match within the time frame dictated by our space needs.

Included in the Renovation Plans:
- Identifiable Front Entrance
- Trial Court Room
- Group Study/Interview Rooms
- Clinics
- Third Year Carrels
- Faculty Offices
Lewis Hall Third Year Addition  
Naming Opportunities

Professional Development Wing - $5,000,000

Floor Naming - $1,000,000

Trial Court Room - $500,000 (reserved)

Faculty Commons - $500,000

Entry Foyer - $500,000 (reserved)

Seminar Rooms - $250,000 (four available)

Conference Rooms - $150,000 (four available)

Clinic Work Rooms - $150,000 (six available)

Administrative Offices - $150,000 (two available)

Clinic Director’s Offices - $100,000 each (six available)

Group Study/Interview Rooms - $50,000 (reserved)

Faculty Offices - $50,000 (three reserved; eight available)

Student Carrels - $10,000 (150 available)