Professors are W&L’s greatest resource. The Law School’s quest for the best and brightest students demands a concentrated effort to attract the best and brightest faculty.

The faculty-student relationship is the heart of a W&L Law education. Faculty are dedicated to their students inside and out of the classroom, and see teaching as their first objective.

Generations of alumni have stories of professors who influenced. Graduates leave the Law School with the sense that a faculty member has changed the way they think, impacting not just their career plans, but how they will go about their lives.

Washington and Lee considers it a top priority to recruit, and retain outstanding faculty. Competitive compensation is essential to this goal. Providing the Law faculty with the resources they need to pursue their interests so to enliven their classroom teaching is of importance as well.

W&L Law offers a strong educational program, bolstered by our new Third Year Program, and we must attract accomplished Professors of Practice, those with real world, practical experience, to lead the students as they embark on the practice of law through our practicums.

Committed to their students, dedicated to their studies, and engaged in the W&L community, faculty help ensure W&L Law’s reputation by their work as great teachers, scholars, authors, consultants, and practitioners. Generations of students have come to expect enthusiastic teachers who become mentors and friends as well.

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Faculty Support Endowment Opportunities

**Professorships**
$2,500,000
An endowed chair, granted to faculty who exemplify W&L’s teacher-scholar model, serves two purposes: it rewards faculty for phenomenal service to the Law School, and it serves as a means of recruiting senior-level faculty members who bring a wealth of experience to the curriculum and shape the Law School’s national reputation.

**Term Professorships**
$500,000
These prestigious awards help keep compensation competitive and honor junior faculty for their outstanding teaching. Term professorships recognize a different professor every three years.

**Professors of Practice**
$500,000
In the Third Year Program, students choose from an array of practice-based “practicum” classes involving criminal practice, fiduciary litigation, mergers and acquisitions, sports law, federal energy regulation, failing businesses, insurance litigation, international human rights and business planning. In the 2011-12 academic year, the Law School will offer over 20 practicum classes. These courses, along with the intensive two-week skills immersions that begin each semester, require more than 30 instructors. Many of these teachers are distinguished practicing attorneys who provide an added dimension to the Third Year, mentoring and instructing third year students as they would first year associates. Drawn from the nation’s leading law firms, these Professors of Practice transform the Third Year into a bridge to the profession and they must be compensated for their time, expertise, and travel expenses.

**Faculty Research Assistance**
$100,000
To assist with course development or scholarship, faculty employ student researchers. Not only do the faculty receive invaluable assistance, but the students benefit by developing their research skills and gaining resume enhancing legal experience.

**Dollar figures listed are the minimum endowment levels required to establish a fund for the given purpose.**