

News in Brief

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Record Number of Applications Received by Charleston School of Law

A record number of applications have arrived at Charleston School of Law for the 2008-2009 school year. About 1,270 applications were submitted for 135 full-time slots. This reflects a 40% increase from the past year. The school has earned provisional accreditation from the American Bar Association and sits on a 1.25-acre plot bought from the city of Charleston. Charleston School of Law plans to develop the land and believes that the city did the right thing in helping them out. It is essential for the school to demonstrate room for growth in order to continue with its accreditation process.

University of Virginia School of Law Gets New Dean

Paul G. Mahoney, a law professor at the University of Virginia School of Law, has been appointed the law school's new dean. Mahoney, who joined the law school's faculty in 1990, is an expert in corporate law. While serving as academic associate dean between 1999 and 2004, Mahoney administered the school's academic policies as well as its curriculum. He also has received an All-University Outstanding Teaching Award. His predecessor, John C. Jeffries, began a \$150 million fundraising campaign, contributed to public service and curricular programs, and worked to improve student recruitment during his term.

What Drives People to Law School?

According to a survey, 52% of males and 34% of females said they would consider a political run. The recent Kaplan survey asked about 2,000 potential law school applicants why they wanted to be lawyers. The answer was clear: financial gain and political ambition. About 73% of those surveyed said that high income potential was the reason they selected the legal profession. Others wanted to use their law degrees to launch political careers. About 42% said they would definitely or probably run for a political office in the future.