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Law students named recipients of public service intern awards

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William and Mary Law School students John Ambrose ('07), Lorraine Barrett ('08), Megan Clark ('08), Shalanda Franklin ('08), and Kia Scott ('08) have been selected as 2006 recipients of Public Service Internship Awards from the Virginia Law Foundation. The awards will help support their work at law-related public service jobs this summer.

Ambrose will be working with The Phoenix Project in Petersburg, Va.; Barrett will work with Rappahannock Legal Services in Fredericksburg, Va., Clark will work with the Newport News Public Defender and the Virginia Legal Aid Society in Farmville, Va.; Franklin will work with the Community Mediation Center in Norfolk; and Scott will work this summer with the Virginia Legal Aid Society in Lynchburg, Va.

The Virginia Law Foundation was founded in 1974 as the charitable arm of Virginia's legal profession, and provides grant support to law-related projects throughout the Commonwealth. Since 1989, its public service internship program has enabled more than 350 law students to work with public service employers in Virginia during their summer breaks. Through this experience, students gain valuable insights into the challenges and rewards of pursuing a career in public service law.

VLF estimates that more than one third of past recipients have pursued work in public service after graduation. For more information about the Virginia Law Foundation, please visit their website at www.virginialawfoundation.org.

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