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Law Professor Christie S. Warren Honored by U.S. Supreme Court

(Williamsburg , VA January 30, 2004) Christie S. Warren, deputy director for international programs for William and Mary's Courtroom 21 Project, was honored Jan. 22, 2004 by the U.S. Supreme Court for her “significant contributions to the international administration of justice and the rule of law.”

Warren, also an adjunct professor at the William and Mary School of Law, was given the Administration of Justice Award, which is voted on by former Supreme Court Fellows. This was only the second time the award has been given in the 31-year history of the high Court's Fellows program.

“I was extremely honored to serve as a fellow in the Supreme Court of the United States ,” Warren said. “To be chosen by my peers as the recipient of the Administration of Justice Award is an even greater honor.”

The Supreme Court Fellows Program allows four individuals a year the opportunity to work for the U.S. Supreme Court, the Federal Judicial Center , the Administrative Office of the United States Courts, and the United States Sentencing Commission. During her time as a Supreme Court Fellow from 1998-99, Warren worked with the Administrative Assistant to Chief Justice William Rehnquist. Warren 's duties included drafting speeches for the Chief Justice; conducting non-case related legal research; briefing visiting scholars, and briefing Supreme Court Justices on international issues before they traveled abroad.

Warren came to the law school in 2001 and serves as an adjunct professor in addition to her work with the Courtroom 21 Project, a joint program of the School of Law and the National Center for State Courts. Courtroom 21 includes the world's most technologically advanced trial and appellate courtroom.

In addition to her experience as a Fellow for the U.S. Supreme Court, Warren has served as the International Project Coordinator for a judicial training and mentor program in Haiti , and as the Director of Training and Curriculum for a court training project in Cambodia . In 2002, the U.S. Department of Justice's Criminal Division sent her to Moscow to provide training to Russian judges, lawyers and law faculty. Also in 2002, she traveled for the World Bank to Bangladesh , where she designed a management-training program for executive court personnel, including judges from the Supreme and lower courts. In 2003 she traveled to Nigeria for the British Council to conduct an assessment of the delivery of legal services to the poor in customary, civil, and Shari'a courts.

Prior to joining the law school, Warren practiced criminal defense law in California and served as an advisor to rule of law programs in Africa, Central and Southeast Asia, Central and Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, the Balkans, Russia, the Caribbean and East Timor.

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