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Laura Shepherd – School of Law



Laura Shepherd received her Juris Doctor from Syracuse University College of Law. During law school, Dean Shepherd also served as a pre-law advisor for the undergraduate school.

After graduation, Dean Shepherd joined the office of the District Attorney of New York County as an Assistant District Attorney where she had a particular interest in domestic violence cases. In 1998, Dean Shepherd became a Director of Academic Affairs at New York Law School in New York City.

In 2002, Dean Shepherd assumed the position of Assistant Secretary to the New Jersey Board of Bar Examiners. Dean Shepherd managed all aspects of the attorney admissions process in the state of New Jersey, including administration of the bar examination, character and fitness and in-house counsel limited licenses. During her tenure at the New Jersey Board of Bar Examiners, she also served as the Executive Secretary of the Council of Bar Admission Administrators.

Prior to coming to William & Mary, Dean Shepherd served as the Associate Dean for Student Services at North Carolina Central University School of Law, where she managed the Offices of Admissions, Financial Assistance, Career and Professional Development, Wellness and Student Affairs. Dean Shepherd is currently the Associate Dean for Student and Academic Services and the Chief Equity Officer at William and Mary Law School. She also holds an adjunct faculty designation and is associated with the Law School's newly launched Center for Racial and Social Justice. Dean Shepherd serves as the law school representative on the University Diversity & Inclusion Council.