




Welcome to The Brief

Welcome to the latest issue of *The Brief*, our newsletter designed to keep you updated on what's happening at your Virginia Law Foundation.

Here are a few things you might have missed:

- The Virginia Law Foundation is currently accepting nominations for its Fellows Class of 2020. Learn more about our Fellows or nominate a colleague [here](#).
- Reserve your spot today for the [2019 International Destination CLE: Vienna](#). Limited rooms left!
- The Local Government Attorneys of Virginia honored Virginia Law Foundation Fellows L. Lee Byrd (Class of 2018), Jeffrey L. Mincks (Class of 2018), and Dan M. Siegel (Class of 2017) with its 2019 Special Projects Award. Read more on [our website](#).
- Special Offer: Save 25% on the upcoming 2019 edition of [Negotiating and Drafting Marital Agreements](#).
- Just Published: [Enforcement of Liens and Judgments in Virginia](#)
- Featured Story: Virginia CLE® [Essentials Seminars](#) are designed to get straight to the heart of what you need to know to succeed. Learn more about these programs in the full story below.

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Fellow Spotlight: Leonard A. Bennett (Class of 2019)

The Virginia Law Foundation is proud to present Leonard A. Bennett as a member of its 2019 Fellows Class. Mr. Bennett has been a trial attorney and consumer advocate since 1994 and is a founding partner of Consumer Litigation Associates, PC. He received his B.A. from George Mason University and J.D. from George Mason University. Mr. Bennett has also served on the boards of the Virginia Poverty Law Center and Public Justice.



Grant Spotlight: Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition

CAIR Coalition Senior Attorney David Laing discusses how a Virginia Law Foundation grant supports the Virginia Justice Project, which trains hundreds of attorneys, develops legal resources, and provides consultations on criminal-immigration cases.

"We represent and work for a very vulnerable population," said Laing. "These are non-citizens who are in immigration detention. They are at the worst stage of a possible immigration proceeding, and the VLF allows us to travel to them and to travel to the criminal defense attorneys who have been representing them."

Watch the video on [our website](#).



Featured Story: Virginia CLE® Essentials Seminars

Every lawyer needs a strong foundation. That's why Virginia CLE® designed a continuing series of courses to get straight to the heart of what you need to know to succeed. While they are perfect for new lawyers, Essentials Seminars are also popular among veteran attorneys interested in checking in on current best practices, learning a new perspective on familiar topics, or considering expanding into a new practice area.

"So many of us have entered into this industry the hard way—being thrown into the deep end of the pool and learning to swim," said Essentials of Residential Real Estate Closings faculty Kevin T. Pogoda. "It would have been wonderful to have just the essentials laid out for me, so that I wouldn't have to be burned to a crisp as I learned by trial by fire."

Essentials Seminars are available first as live-interactive seminars and are then added to our catalog of nearly 500 on-demand online programs. With over a dozen programs across a variety of practice areas currently available – and more in the works for 2019 – there's something for everybody.

"One of the things we've found is that if you start at the beginning, getting to the end is a little bit easier," said Essentials of Drafting Wills in Virginia faculty John T. Midgett. "So what we want to do is come up with what you need to know as essential and build upon that."

Watch the video on [our website](#) to learn more about Virginia CLE® Essentials Seminars straight from our faculty.



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Upcoming Essentials Seminars (open for registration):

[Essentials of Child Support, Custody, and Visitation](#)

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[Essentials of Appellate Practice](#)

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Other Essentials Seminars Planned for 2019 (subject to change):

Essentials of Business Organizations in Virginia

Essentials of Contracts

Essentials of Drafting Deeds

Essentials of Drafting Separation Agreements

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Essentials of Equitable Distribution in Mediation and Divorce Cases

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- May 2, 22: [Ethics Update for Virginia Lawyers 2019](#)
- May 3 – 5: [Conner-Zaritsky 40th Annual Advanced Estate Planning and Administration](#)
- May 7, 9: [28th Annual Employment Law Update Seminar 2019](#)
- May 8, 21, 23: [37th Annual Real Estate Practice Seminar 2019](#)

View all upcoming seminars [here](#).



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Through the generosity of the Virginia legal community, the [Virginia Law Foundation](#) has provided **over \$25 million in grants** to support projects throughout the Commonwealth that facilitate access to justice, promote an appreciation and understanding of the Rule of Law, and provide law-related **education in support of these ideals**.

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