




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:

- In recognition of the changed 2019-20 dues structure to support the lawyer wellness effort, Executive Director Ray White invited VSB members to take \$30 off any Virginia CLE publication through August 31 with coupon code SUPPORT. Read his full letter [here](#).
- The deadline to nominate a Fellow has been extended to July 10. Learn more about our Fellows or nominate a colleague [here](#).
- Marni E. Byrum (Fellows Class of 2012) of Alexandria is the [Virginia State Bar's new president](#). She was sworn in at the 81st Annual Meeting of the Virginia State Bar in Virginia Beach.
- At the same meeting, Virginia Law Foundation Board Member Michael HuYoung (Fellows Class of 2010) received the Virginia State Bar Diversity Conference's 2019 [Clarence M. Dunnville Jr. Achievement Award](#).
- Register now to reserve your seat in the PRIVATE PARTY SUITE on July 30! [CLE at Nationals Park for Charity: An Advocate's Top 40](#). Includes a one-hour CLE PLUS a free 4-credit Online Bundle. All net proceeds will go directly toward funding Virginia Law Foundation grants.
- Just Published: [Estate and Trust Administration in Virginia](#)
- Featured Story: Learn more about our efforts to close the Virginia justice gap by providing free content through our [Pro Bono Library](#).



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Fellow Spotlight: Tara L. Casey (Class of 2019)

The Virginia Law Foundation is proud to present Tara L. Casey as a member of its 2019 Fellows Class. Tara is the Director of the Carrico Center for Pro Bono Service at the University of Richmond School of Law. She received her B.A. from the University of Virginia in 1994 and her J.D. from Washington University School of Law in St. Louis in 1999. In addition to her work as Director, Tara contributes public policy commentary to many publications, including the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, *The Virginian Pilot*, *The Roanoke Times*, and *RVA Magazine*. She has long standing involvement with the Pro Bono Service Committee (2000-present) and the Metropolitan Richmond Women’s Bar Association (2000-present).



Grant Spotlight: Center for Teaching the Rule of Law

The Center for Teaching the Rule of Law seeks to fundamentally change the way the Rule of Law is taught in America’s schools. In addition to being a web-based resource on a global scale, it is a community-level educational program that pairs members of local bar associations with teachers to collaborate in educating students about the preeminent role of the Rule of Law as the foundation for freedom, justice, equality, fairness, and stability in civil societies based on democratic principles.



“Funds are used to teach teachers how to teach the Rule of Law,” said G. Michael Pace, Jr., Founder and CEO of the Center for Teaching the Rule of Law. “And there has never been a more important time than to do that right now.”

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

Featured Story: The Pro Bono Library

In [a recent letter](#) to attorneys throughout the Commonwealth, Virginia Supreme Court Chief Justice Donald W. Lemons encouraged all Virginia lawyers to participate in pro bono service and report their contributions. Lemons hopes to gather more reliable data on this important effort and increase pro bono representation in Virginia.

Pro Bono Library

The Virginia Law Foundation agrees that no Virginian should be denied meaningful access to justice. If you can afford to pay, there is one lawyer for every 349 Virginians. If you can’t afford to pay, there is one legal aid lawyer for every 7,239 Virginians (Source: “Ten Facts About Virginia’s Justice Gap,” Virginia State Bar Access to Legal Services, May 2016).

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To help fill this justice gap, the Virginia Law Foundation, through its educational division Virginia CLE, along with the Virginia Access to Justice Commission, is proud to offer free content for attorneys providing pro bono representation to their fellow Virginians.

Virginia-licensed attorneys providing pro bono services to Virginia residents may access Virginia CLE's 450+ on-demand online seminars and the accompanying seminar materials at no charge to assist in specific pro bono cases. Attorneys simply create or sign into their Pro Bono Account and then select any online seminar from our extensive catalog.

"This generous offering of the free pro bono library is nothing short of spectacular!" said John Whitfield, Esq., co-chair of the Virginia Access to Justice Commission and executive director of Blue Ridge Legal Services. "In one fell swoop, Virginia CLE is providing the training resources needed to mobilize pro bono attorneys throughout the Commonwealth who have wanted to help, but felt like they lacked the subject matter experience. This is a huge step forward in our efforts to promote pro bono work and narrow the justice gap."

Since its inception in 2018, hundreds of Virginia attorneys have already utilized the Pro Bono Library. The Virginia State Bar named the Pro Bono Library the [**#3 Virginia Access to Justice Achievement of 2018**](#).

Learn more about the Pro Bono Library on the [Virginia CLE website](#).

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- July 11: [Essentials of Title Examination](#)
- July 12: [Essentials of Handling Drug Cases in Virginia](#)

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**.

Our Fellows Program encourages civic-mindedness and recognizes excellence in the practice of law and public and professional service.

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