



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 nomination period for the 2020 Class of Fellows is open! Read this issue's Featured Story to learn more about Virginia Law Foundation Fellows.
- Introducing free shipping on all Virginia CLE® publications. View all publications by practice area [here](#).
- Lawyers Helping Lawyers' 2019 Spring Retreat will be held April 12-13 at Wintergreen Resort. Visit their [website](#) for more information.
- Just Published: [Virginia Business Torts](#)

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Fellow Spotlight:

Doris Causey Honored with Hill-Tucker Public Service Award

Doris H. Causey (Fellows Class of 2016), a member of the Virginia Law Foundation Committee on Continuing Legal Education and a managing attorney for the Central Virginia Legal Aid Society, is the winner of the Richmond Bar Association's 2019 Hill-Tucker Public Service Award.

This award honors members of the Richmond Bar who "render conspicuous public service and otherwise distinguish themselves in service to society beyond law practice." To hear Causey discuss the importance of the Rule of Law and access to justice, watch our video [here](#).



The Virginia Law Foundation is a proud supporter of the Hill-Tucker Pre-Law Institute. Click [here](#) to learn more about Causey and the Hill-Tucker Public Service Award.

Grant Spotlight: The Supreme Court of Virginia’s Judicial Learning Center

The new Supreme Court of Virginia Judicial Learning Center will tell the story of Virginia’s judiciary history, providing a valuable educational resource for visitors to the Supreme Court building, which include elementary and high school students, leadership groups, civil organizations, and individuals from every corner of the state. A professional museum design firm will be retained to design, fabricate, and install graphic panels, exhibits and casework that will provide an interactive and memorable learning experience that highlights the rule of law and why an independent judiciary is important to a democratic society.



“I believe the Virginia Judicial Learning Center will be the most important project of my career and a significant milestone for the Supreme Court of Virginia,” said Gail Warren, Virginia State Law Librarian.

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

Featured Story: The Virginia Law Foundation Fellows Program

The Virginia Law Foundation Fellows Program encourages civic-mindedness and recognizes leaders in the profession, not just in their practices but in their communities. Our Fellows comprise a group of nearly 500 of Virginia’s best and brightest legal practitioners committed to the concept of citizen lawyer.



According to John D. McGavin (Fellows Class of 2006), a Principal and Managing Partner at Bancroft, McGavin, Horvath and Judkins, PC in Fairfax, who serves as the Chair of the Foundation’s Fellows Committee, “Attorneys that are selected are preeminent practitioners who find a way to add to their busy schedules an outstanding commitment to promoting our profession to its highest and best purposes. That means professionalism, serving the community and giving back, offering pro bono services, and promoting access to justice.”

Fellows are nominated confidentially by their peers during the annual nomination period that runs February 1 – June 15. Candidates must meet the following criteria to be eligible for nomination:

- Be an active or associate member of the Virginia State Bar for at least 10 years
- Be a resident of Virginia

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- Be a person of integrity and character
- Have maintained and upheld the highest standards of the profession
- Be outstanding in the community
- Be distinguished in the practice of law
- Retired and senior status judges are also eligible
- Sitting full-time judges are not eligible during their tenures

“These folks succeed as lawyers, they succeed at making the profession better, and on top of that, what makes this group remarkable is their commitment to the community,” said McGavin. “It’s amazing what they contribute in ways you never would have expected.”

View a full list of Virginia Law Foundation Fellows [here](#).

Your Generous Investment in the Foundation Matters

With your help, we can go further than ever toward making sure every Virginian has meaningful access to justice. Every dollar of your donation goes directly to our annual grant allocation.

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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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