



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 family mourns the loss of former Governor Gerald Baliles (Fellows Class of 1986), who passed away on October 29, 2019. We fondly recall his presence at our 2017 Annual Dinner, where he described his historic decision to appoint Senior Justice Elizabeth B. Lacy (Fellows Class of 2008) to the Supreme Court of Virginia. Watch a video of his remarks [here](#).
- Kathleen A. Dooley (Fellows Class of 2015) received the Local Government Attorneys of Virginia Edward J. Finnegan Award for Distinguished Service.
- Save the Date: We are proud to sponsor the Virginia Holocaust Museum's showing of "Prosecuting Evil: The Extraordinary World of Ben Ferencz" on January 27, 2020 at the Byrd Theatre in Richmond.
- Through December 31, purchase the [2020 Video-on-Site Access Pass](#) at the 2019 price—just \$395!
- Just published: the 2019 edition of [Virginia Construction Law Deskbook](#).
- Featured Story: The fully searchable [Virginia CLE Online Publications Library](#) with links to primary law has launched! Learn more about this valuable new resource in the story below.

Ethics CLE and Washington Capitals Hockey for Charity

Live on Site in Washington, DC
(Capital One Arena):
Thursday, February 20

CLE and Milwaukee Bucks vs. Washington Wizards Basketball

Live on Site in Washington, DC
(Capital One Arena):
Monday, February 24

Ethics CLE and Rosanne Cash for Charity

Live on Site in Alexandria
(RT's Restaurant and the Birchmere): Wednesday, April 1

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The Impact of Last Year's Donations

The Virginia Law Foundation is profoundly grateful for past and future contributions. Our success is dependent on the continued generosity of our Fellows and annual donors.

Our 2019 grant recipients shared their stories and described how last year's donations supported their missions. Watch the video on [our website](#) and consider an [end-of-year donation](#) to support 2020 grants.

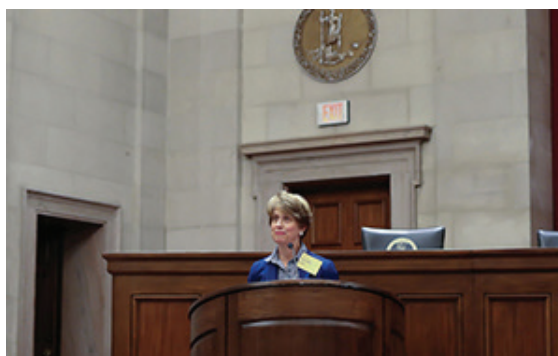


Grant Spotlight: The Virginia Law Foundation Honors the Supreme Court of Virginia Judicial Learning Center

On November 13, the Virginia Law Foundation and the Supreme Court of Virginia celebrated the new Judicial Learning Center in Richmond. The event provided an opportunity to reflect on the Center’s important goal of promoting public understanding of the Rule of Law and the history of the Virginia judicial system.

VLF President Andy Morse, Chief Justice Donald W. Lemons, and State Law Librarian Gail Warren addressed those in attendance. To further honor the Supreme Court of Virginia’s success, Mr. Morse presented Chief Justice Lemons with a plaque commemorating the exhibit.

The Judicial Learning Center was made possible in part by a \$75,000 Virginia Law Foundation grant in 2018.



Fellow Spotlight: Mark D. Loftis (Class of 2008)

What does it mean to be a Fellow of the Virginia Law Foundation?

“To be a part of a group that is not only among the best lawyers in the state in terms of their legal abilities but in terms of their role in the community and in the bar, it’s a tremendous honor to me and I’m humbled to think that I’m worthy of being part of that” said Loftis.

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



Featured Story: The Virginia CLE Online Publications Library

Fully Searchable with Links to Primary Law

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Upcoming CLE

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- **December 3: [Counsel for the Insured: Navigating the Tripartite Relationship](#)**
- **December 3, 11: [Essentials of Search and Seizure in Virginia](#)**
- **December 4: [Ethics Update for Virginia Lawyers 2019](#)**
- **December 4: [Ethical Obligations Regarding Social Media: No Reason to Be Anti-Social \(Media\)](#)**
- **December 5: [Tom Spahn on Confidentiality: Clients' Future Misconduct](#)**
- **December 6: [Essentials of Handling Employment Litigation Cases in Federal Court](#)**
- **December 10: [Essentials of Small Business Formation](#)**
- **December 12: [Essentials of Drafting Deeds](#)**

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