

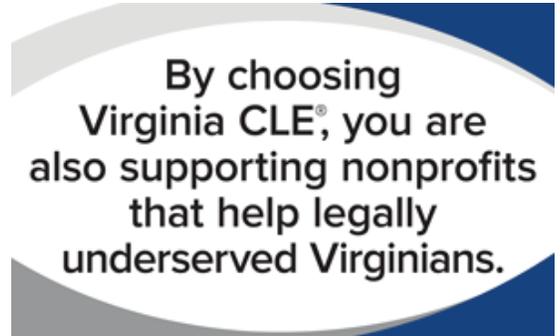


## Welcome to The Brief

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:

- Our first online **Experience Philanthropy** event, an Encore CLE and Online Benefit Concert featuring Kent Blazy, took place Friday, May 15. The program was a great success and helped raise funds to support our 2021 grants. Thank you to all who participated! **Next concert scheduled for June 26th! Mark your calendars, more to come.**
- Just published: the 2020 edition of [Insurance Law in Virginia](#) and [Workers' Compensation Practice in Virginia](#).
- **Virginia CLE® 8- and 4-credit Online Bundles: Buy Now, Pay Later!** Between now and June 30, gain IMMEDIATE access to 8 or 4 hours of Virginia CLE® online live-interactive webcasts or on-demand seminars and make no payments until late September — and still save up to 45% off list price if courses purchased separately. [Learn more](#).
- Virginia CLE® partnered with Casemaker to create our **Online Publications Library**, which includes all of our books, fully searchable, with links to primary law. [Learn more or subscribe today!](#)
- Final call for [nominations for the Fellows Class of 2021!](#) The deadline is June 15.
- **Featured Story:** The Virginia Law Foundation has launched a [GoFundMe Charity campaign](#) to help Virginians affected by the COVID-19 health and financial crisis. Learn more in the story below.



Enjoy this issue of *The Brief* and thank you for supporting *your* Virginia Law Foundation.

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## Thank You from Executive Director Ray White:

We at the Virginia Law Foundation and Virginia CLE® know that these past two months have not been easy for you. They haven't been easy for anyone. And we know that things will likely remain this way for a while. Our commitment to you, to our staff, and to our volunteers is to make your health and safety our number one priority. To that point, while obviously live programming has been and will be our signature offering to help you receive the sort of meaningful professional training you crave, this year, we feel it's best for everyone to stay out of harm's way, so we have switched to a live-interactive webcasting schedule until further notice.

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With that said, we are delighted to see how receptive the legal community has been to the high-quality webcast programs we have provided recently, and you'll be pleased to know we continue refining our webcasting processes daily to make them even better. **Please know we remain committed to providing continuing legal education of the highest quality for Virginia's legal community, and equally important, to providing the most considerate, sincere, and helpful customer support anywhere.** It's easy to say we'll all get through this together, but we see our role as helping you get through this in terms of your professional needs, with so many other things going on in your world. So please know too we are offering more online content than ever before — and more online Virginia-based content than anyone — and more discounts and payment options, as well. And know too we will continue our grant-making this year despite all recent economic tremors, as our mission is to help those in need as they seek to close Virginia's justice gap or help promote the ever-important Rule of Law.

**[So please visit our Virginia CLE® website](#)** to learn of all the new ways we can assist with your professional needs, and go to **[www.virginialawfoundation.org](http://www.virginialawfoundation.org)** to see how we are helping others across Virginia who are struggling mightily at the moment.

**And finally, please let me express deep gratitude to you — our faculty, staff, governing volunteers, authors, customers, Fellows, and donors — for your support and patronage during these challenging times. You always make us better.** And, please know that with regard to the Virginia Law Foundation and Virginia CLE®, we're not simply all in *this* together; we're simply together. As one. Like always — and nothing makes us prouder or more grateful.

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## Fellows Spotlight:

### Introducing Two Fellows from the Class of 2020

**Kyung “Kathryn” Dickerson** is a Partner at SmolenPlevy in Tysons Corner, Virginia, and a former faculty member of the Carrico Professionalism Course. She received her B.A. from the University of Virginia and her J.D. from George Mason University. Kathryn has served in leadership roles on countless boards and committees and is currently on the Board of Directors of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association.



**John G. “Chip” Dicks** is a Partner at Gentry Locke in Richmond, Virginia, focusing on governmental relations and regulatory law, real estate and land use, and outdoor advertising. He received his B.A. from Methodist University and his J.D. from Stetson University. Chip is a former Board Member of Virginia Economic Bridge and currently part of the Virginia Economic Developers Association.



Learn more about the 2020 Fellows Class on **[our website](#)**.

**[Nominate a colleague for the Fellows Class of 2021 by June 15.](#)**

# Featured Story: The Virginia Law Foundation Launches Power of \$10 Campaign on GoFundMe Charity to Help Virginians in Need

Did you know there is only one legal aid lawyer for every 7,237 Virginians who cannot afford to pay legal fees? Or that 2 out of 3 low-income households will face at least one legal problem this year? The current health and financial crisis created by the COVID-19 virus will only increase the already considerable need for access to justice, especially among Virginians who have lost their jobs.

To help meet this need, the Virginia Law Foundation has launched the Power of \$10 GoFundMe campaign. With a donation of just \$10, you can make a real difference in the lives of real people. We believe every Virginian should have access to justice, so we've been providing grants to Virginia's law-related not-for-profit organizations in need since 1982.

Ray White, Executive Director of the Virginia Law Foundation, answers two essential questions about the Power of \$10 initiative.

## **How will this campaign help Virginians in need?**

"While the Virginia Law Foundation has recently provided over half a million dollars annually to not-for-profit organizations, many of which are providing legal representation to those who can't afford it, because of limited resources there are still hundreds of thousands of dollars in grant requests that we're unable to fund. The money raised through this campaign will go a long way toward helping to close the justice gap by helping to close the funding gap."

## **What is the significance of our Power of \$10 campaign?**

"The Virginia Law Foundation has always been about Real People, Real Impact. Well, this campaign was created to spread the word that we're also about Small Donations, Big Impact. We want people to know that no matter how much they're able to donate, they can see through real life examples that there is great power unleashed through their financial support of our work related to helping close the justice gap in Virginia."

Here are some examples of how the power of \$10 impacted some of last year's grant recipients:

**Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition:** "\$10 can help us gather evidence to support a person's case by covering fees for records, including documents from criminal cases."

**Virginia Beach Justice Initiative (for victims of human trafficking):** "\$10 buys stamps for letters so clients and potential clients can correspond with VBJI. It also covers 2 all-day bus passes so clients can attend court, or a job, if they have one."

**Virginia Poverty Law Center:** "\$10 buys stamps to mail materials to people who call our Eviction Legal Helpline. The helpline has seen a considerable increase in calls. We foresee an avalanche of evictions filed when the courts reopen."

**Southwest VA Legal Aid Society:** "\$10 can be used to purchase coloring books and crayons for a legal aid waiting room."

**We hope you will join the Virginia Law Foundation's Power of \$10 campaign** by donating at least \$10 — or more — today. And please know 100% of every donation, no matter how large or how small, flows directly into our grants program.



## Faculty Spotlight:

**Daniel G. Krasnegor, Goodman Allen Donnelly / Charlottesville**

Daniel G. Krasnegor is the speaker for our upcoming seminar: **Veterans' Benefits Qualifying Course**. The webcast and telephone seminar will occur on July 14 and 29 and qualifies for 3.0 Live-Interactive MCLE credits. [Learn more or register on our website.](#)



**Q: What experience do you have in representing veterans and their families?**

A: Two-and-a-half years' experience working at VA, first at the Board of Veterans' Appeals and later at the VA General Counsel's office. I've been in private practice, essentially limiting my practice to VA benefits and during this time, since 1998, I have represented nearly 3,000 veterans and/or their families; this representation has been at the VA Regional Office and Board of Veterans' Appeals, before the US Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims and the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. This representation includes claims for VA compensation benefits, widow's benefits, pension, education benefits and more.

**Q: What inspired you to pursue this practice area?**

A: I worked for about two and a half years for the VA and thought that I could make more of a difference representing veterans and their families, so I switched sides.

**Q: What's the most important topic or lesson you'd like attendees to learn from your upcoming Veterans' Benefits seminar?**

A: The most important lesson to take from the seminar is that veterans benefits law is its own world. While there may be superficial similarities to other areas of the law, it is important to understand the ways in which the VA is unique, and to integrate these unique laws, regulations and practices into successful representation.

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