

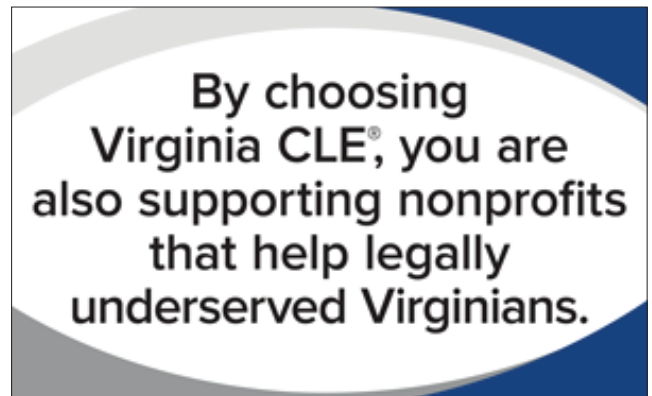


Welcome to The Brief

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 Power of \$10:** We are thrilled to share the good news that we've reached our goal of \$5,000 to help Virginians in need! Launched the first week of May, more than 100 individuals donated to the [Power of \\$10 campaign](#) on GoFundMe Charity. Our heartfelt thank-you goes to each and every donor, listed below. All donations will flow into our 2021 grants, to be announced soon. If you are still interested in contributing, [please visit our website](#).
- Our second and third Online Benefit Concerts took place on June 26 and July 17, featuring Bobby Tomberlin and Tony Arata respectively. This Experience Philanthropy series has proved to be a great success so far and has helped raise funds to support our 2021 grants. **Thank you to all who tuned in!**
- **Just published:** The 2020-21 edition of [Objections: Interrogatories, Depositions, and Trial](#).
- **Save the Date for upcoming seminars sponsored by VSB sections and other 2020 programs.** ALL carrying Virginia live-interactive MCLE credit, this year's seminars will be presented via webcast or telephone – take your choice – instead of live on site, thanks to the wonderful flexibility and assistance of our faculty. Fulfill your MCLE requirements with the same high-quality programs you have come to enjoy conveniently, safely – without the need to travel anywhere!
- **Featured Story:** The more than 500 Fellows of the Virginia Law Foundation have a long history of community service in all kinds of areas. Learn more in the story below.



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

Fellows Spotlight:

Introducing Two Fellows from the Class of 2020

Leonard C. Heath, Jr., is a Partner at Heath, Overbey, Verser & Old in Newport News, Virginia, focusing on personal injury, estate, business, and real estate litigation. He received both his B.S. in Business Administration and his J.D. from the College of William and Mary. Leonard is also a Fellow of the Litigation Counsel of America and served as the President of the Virginia State Bar in 2018.



The Honorable Henry E. Hudson is a U.S. District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. He received both his B.A. and his J.D. from American University. Among his many accolades are the John Marshall Award for Outstanding Legal Achievement and the Award for Management Excellence from the President's Council on Management Improvement. Henry also serves on the Advisory Board of the National Center for Judicial Security.



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

Featured Story: Virginia Law Foundation Fellows Have a Long History of Serving Their Communities

Community service is part of the American psyche and way of life. The benefits of volunteering are many — the positive feeling referred to as “helper’s high,” enhanced trust in others, as well as increased social and political participation. According to a report issued by the Corporation for National and Community Service, “Studies have consistently demonstrated that there is a significant relationship between volunteering and good health; when individuals volunteer, they not only help their community but also experience better health in later years, whether in terms of greater longevity, higher functional ability, or lower rates of depression.” Studies have also found a lower incidence of heart disease among elder volunteers.

Whether giving of time or monetarily, such engagement is especially crucial these days due to the outbreak and impact of COVID-19, where so many have been affected through illness, the loss of loved ones, or loss of employment. Those who have lost their jobs are in great need of material aid. Peter Burnett from the Fellows Class of 2007 decided to put words into action and launched a free lunch program called Ampersand in Leesburg in January. Enlisting



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the help of local restaurants, businesses, and volunteers who quickly converted a vacant building, Ampersand served more than 9,000 lunches during the first five weeks of operating. They're also supporting young families by distributing free diapers. Learn more about Ampersand's work [in this engaging video](#).

The more than 500 Fellows of the Virginia Law Foundation are recognized as leaders in the profession, not just in their practices but in their communities, committed to the highest ideals of the law and to the concept of citizen lawyer. We've just started counting, and our Fellows actively volunteer in more than one hundred organizations and nonprofits. In addition to bar associations and legal aid entities, hospitals and medical associations, this list includes a wide range of charities, such as:

- Access to Justice Commission of the Supreme Court of Virginia
- Appalachian Peace Education Center
- Brain Injury Services
- Carpenter's Shelter
- Jobs for Virginia Graduates
- Commission on the U.S. Constitution
- Eagle Scouts
- Virginia Heroes
- Roanoke Symphony
- Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

The dedication and commitment exhibited by our Fellows serve as a shining beacon of exemplary community service.

Rule 6.1 of the Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct provide that every active lawyer should devote two percent of his or her professional time to pro bono legal services. In a June 16 statement, the Supreme Court of Virginia responded to our country's "racial divide" by urging equal treatment in the courts and a commitment to service to the public.

Most of us have volunteered at least once in our lives, but we hope this article serves as inspiration to volunteer again, or perhaps pursue a cause that has always been important to you.

Looking for other ways to give back during this time of social distancing? The Virginia Law Foundation funds nonprofits that often rely on volunteers providing access to justice or legal education throughout the Commonwealth. You can donate on the [Virginia Law Foundation](#) website. All donations will be applied 100% to our grant funding for 2021.

"Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much."

— Helen Keller

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members."

— Coretta Scott King

"Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can change the world."

— Howard Zinn



The Virginia Law Foundation would also like to thank the countless healthcare and frontline workers for their dedication and service to COVID-19 patients and their families.

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August 5: [Mold and Moisture in Residential Dwellings: What Every Attorney Should Know](#)

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August 6: [LGBTQ Legal Issues and Challenges](#)

August 12: [Essentials of Real Estate Closings in Virginia](#)

August 13: [Essentials of Trucking Accidents in Virginia](#)

August 18: [Essentials of Federal and Virginia Disability Law](#)

August 20: [Introduction to and Implications of the SECURE Act](#)

August 26: [Tort-Related Damages in Virginia](#)

September 2: [Pozner on Cross: The Chapter Method, featuring Larry Pozner](#)

September 9: [Attacking the Liar's Best Lies: "I Don't Remember" and "I Do Remember," featuring Robert Musante](#)

September 11: [35th Annual Mid-Atlantic Institute on Bankruptcy and Reorganization Practice 2020](#)

September 15, October 30: [9th Annual Avoiding Legal Malpractice Seminar 2020](#)

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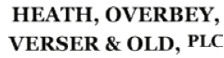
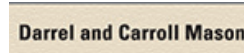
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