



## 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:

- **New! [The Virginia Law Foundation Store](#):** Help us support Virginia's not-for-profits in need — and look GREAT while doing so! Net proceeds from all donations fund our annual grant allocation.
- **Just launched: [The Virginia Law Foundation's second GoFundMe Charity Campaign](#)!** After the success of our Power of \$10 Campaign in the second quarter of 2020, we have now created a second initiative focused on a core facet of our mission: enhancing legal education in Virginia. [Learn more or contribute on our GoFundMe Charity campaign page.](#)
- **[Online Bundle Sale](#):** Satisfy ALL your MCLE requirements and save up to 55% on live-interactive webcasts and on-demand online seminars, without the need to travel anywhere!
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- **Just published, the 2020 edition: [Defense of Serious Traffic Cases in Virginia](#).**
- **Our next online Experience Philanthropy event**, an Encore CLE on Ethics and Artificial Intelligence, followed by an Online Benefit Concert featuring **Tim Nichols**, will take place on Friday, October 2, at 6:00 p.m. ET. Grammy-winner Tim Nichols is best known for writing "Live Like You Were Dying" recorded by Tim McGraw, and Chris Young's "[The Man I Want to Be](#)." **Two Options/One Low Price:** Encore CLE plus Concert \$65; Concert only \$10. [Share the concert with your entire household!](#)
- **Featured Story:** The Virginia Law Foundation has launched its second GoFundMe Charity Campaign, focusing on Giving Back to Legal Education in the Commonwealth. We have also created a brand new Virginia Law Foundation [Giving Back Store](#) to further raise funds. Now, you can contribute to our cause ... and look great doing it! All proceeds from the store and [GoFundMe campaign](#) will fund next year's grant allocation. **Learn more about these exciting ways for you to support our mission in the article 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

**Deborah G. Matthews** owns her legal practice in Alexandria, Virginia, focusing on estate planning, trust and estate administration, and probate. She received her B.S. from Georgia State University and her J.D. from the Catholic University of America. Deborah was named a Leader in the Law by *Virginia Lawyers Weekly*. For the past ten years, Deborah has volunteered for the Northern Virginia Pro Bono Law Center and the ABA Military Pro Bono Project.



**Richard C. Maxwell** is a Partner at Woods Rogers in Roanoke, Virginia, focusing on bankruptcy and creditors' rights. He received his B.A. from Lafayette College, his M.B.A. from Eastern Michigan University, and his J.D. from the University of Richmond. He has been named to *Best Lawyers in America*, *Super Lawyers Business Edition* and *Virginia Super Lawyers* rankings.



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# Featured Story: The Virginia Law Foundation Launches Two New Fundraising Initiatives

## Introducing the New Virginia Law Foundation Online Store and “Giving Back to Legal Education” GoFundMe Charity Campaign

We are proud to announce two brand new fundraising opportunities for you — our colleagues, customers, and Virginia Law Foundation family — to further support our three-pronged mission to promote the Rule of Law, increase access to justice, and enhance legal education.

### “Giving Back to Legal Education” GoFundMe Charity Campaign

As you know, our educational division, Virginia CLE®, has provided high-quality continuing legal education to you and thousands of Virginia lawyers for decades. That’s just the tip of the iceberg, however, as our dedication to legal education throughout the Commonwealth does not stop at Virginia CLE’s front door. As educational institutions for all ages begin to re-open, and this year’s Virginia Mandatory Continuing Legal Education deadline approaches, our new GoFundMe Charity Campaign focuses on the legal education work we support.

If you’d like to learn more about the type of projects your donation could support, take a look at the important work of just a few of our legal education grant recipients:

- **The Virginia Civics Education’s “We the People” Curriculum** increases middle and high school teacher and student knowledge of the U.S. Constitution, the Rule of Law, institutions of government, rights and responsibilities, and citizenship.
- **The Virginia State Bar Diversity Conference’s Hill/Tucker Pre-Law Institute** seeks to increase diversity in the legal profession by teaching potential future lawyers at an early age through a week of seminars on career opportunities, college prep, and a mock trial.
- **Virginia Law School Public Service Internships** help teach law students the importance of public interest and pro bono work through hands-on training in real world contexts.

As our first GoFundMe Charity campaign, The Power of \$10, proved, every dollar matters in our mission to make a Real Impact on the lives of Real People. So donations of any size are welcome! We also guarantee that 100% of every donation goes directly to our annual grant allocation.

[Learn more or donate to our GoFundMe Charity Campaign.](#)

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These are strange and challenging times for all of us, but especially for our friends and neighbors who have been negatively affected by the outbreak of COVID-19 and the resulting financial crisis. To help meet this need, the Virginia Law Foundation has launched an online fundraising shop so you can proudly identify with and support all we're doing to help those in need.



*Additional colors and styles are also available.*

**[The Virginia Law Foundation Online Store](#)** is a brand new way to support your fellow Virginians. Net profits from all purchases will contribute to our annual grant program, providing support to not-for-profit projects that enhance legal education, promote the Rule of Law, and work to close Virginia's justice gap. This year, we received a record number of grant applications totaling more than \$1 million dollars. While we were proudly able to provide more than \$550,000 in 2020 grants, our grantees have confirmed that many, many more Virginians are in need of legal aid and other pro bono services. Please consider joining hands with us by purchasing from the Virginia Law Foundation Online Store.

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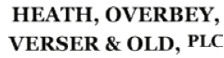
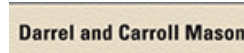
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Through the generosity of the Virginia legal community, the [Virginia Law Foundation](#) has provided **over \$26 million in grants** to support projects throughout the Commonwealth that facilitate access to justice, promote an appreciation and understanding of the Rule of Law, and provide law-related **education in support of these ideals.**

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