



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:

- **Two Fellows received awards this past month:**
Tara A. McGee (Fellows Class of 2020) was given the Edward J. Finnegan Award for Distinguished Service by Local Government Attorneys of Virginia. Virginia Law Foundation Board Member **Edward L. Weiner** (Class of 2011) was presented with the Outstanding Senior Volunteer Award by Governor Ralph Northam. [Details are available on the news page of our website.](#)
- **Limited-Time Offer: [The 16-Credit Online Bundle!](#)**
Fulfill your requirements this year and beyond with [live-interactive webcasts](#) and [on-demand online seminars](#). This offer is eligible for our six-month interest-free payment plan and also includes a free one-volume book of your choice! **12-, 8-, and 4-credit options also available at a discounted price for a limited time only.** [Learn more.](#)
- Just published: The 2020 edition of [Defending Criminal Cases in Virginia](#).
- **New Styles Available! [The Virginia Law Foundation Online Store](#):** From t-shirts and sweatshirts to mugs and face masks, you can now help us support Virginia's not-for-profits in need — and look GREAT while doing so! **Net proceeds from all purchases fund our annual grant allocation.**
- **Feature Story:** The pandemic and resulting economic fallout from the nationwide shutdown have affected our grant recipients, but they persevere with their missions undauntedly. Hear from a few of our grant recipients – including CancerLINC, the John Marshall Foundation, the Virginia Law-Related Education Institute, and the Southwest Virginia Legal Aid Society – [in our latest video.](#)

A Two Hour Encore CLE on Essentials of Evidence taught by nationally known evidence expert **Professor Stephen A. Saltzburg**
Followed by an Online Benefit Concert



Featuring hit Nashville songwriter **Stephony Smith**, best known for writing "It's Your Love" by Tim McGraw and Faith Hill.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

Concert and CLE: \$125 Concert only: \$10
Seminar: 3 p.m. Concert: 5 p.m. ET



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

Fellows Spotlight:

Introducing Three Fellows from the Class of 2020

The Honorable Robert E. Payne is a U.S. District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. He received both his B.A. and his L.L.B. from Washington and Lee University, graduating with the honors of magna cum laude and Order of the Coif. In addition to his long judicial career, Robert served as Captain in the U.S. Army and was part of a Judge Advocate General's Corps.



Overman Randolph Rollins is President and Principal Attorney at Drive-to-Work, a Virginia non-profit corporation in Richmond. He received both his B.A. and his J.D. from Duke University. Overman served in the Virginia National Guard and has taught law as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Richmond.



M. Bryan Slaughter is a Partner at MichieHamlett in Charlottesville, Virginia. He received his B.A. from the University of Virginia and his J.D. from Washington and Lee University. The President-Elect of the Charlottesville-Albemarle Bar Association also serves on the board of the Legal Aid Justice Center and the Virginia Poverty Law Center.



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

Purchase Multiple Virginia CLE® Publications and Save Up to 40%

Written by Virginia lawyers, judges, and law professors and edited by our professional publications staff, Virginia CLE® publications provide ready access to Virginia law and practice for practitioners of all levels of experience and for a broad range of client matters. Most books include pleadings and other forms, many in customizable electronic format.

Mix and match across practice areas to fit your practice. There is no limit to the number of books you can purchase, including multiple copies of the same book. Discounts apply to all books in all formats; they do not apply to seminar materials. Discounts cannot be combined or applied retroactively. Use coupon code **BUYMORE** at checkout.

[View all Virginia CLE® publications by practice area.](#)

Build Your Library

Buy Any 2 Books, Save 20%

Buy Any 3 Books, Save 30%

Buy 4 or More, Save 40%

Coupon code **BUYMORE**

Featured Story:

[Watch Our Latest Video Featuring 2020 Grant Recipients](#)

The Virginia Law Foundation grants program was launched in 1984 to support law-related projects throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia. Since its inception, the Virginia Law Foundation grants program has provided a total of more than \$26.5 million in funds to not-for-profits that support our three-pronged mission.

Our goal is to be a catalyst for original research, creative thinking, and well-crafted initiatives that provide improved access to justice for the underserved, enhance understanding of the importance of the Rule of Law in society, or support law-related education as an additional way to realize these goals.



The Virginia Law Foundation proudly awarded more than \$500,000 in 2020 grants, but the need continues and we hope to further aid these organizations and projects in the years to come. With the impact of COVID-19 facing us individually and collectively, many of our grant recipients have experienced new challenges, new procedures, and new clientele, often with less funding than in recent years.

“Now, with the economic uncertainty going around and the income insecurity going around, we have more clients who are eligible for our services than we had before, and so they’re presenting to us now with problems they probably never thought they would ever have,” said Joseph Carico, Executive Director of the Southwest Virginia Legal Aid Society. “Specifically, people who may need to file for bankruptcy, are having issues with debt collectors, and are facing eviction.”

[To hear how a few of our grant recipients have reacted to the pandemic, watch the video here.](#)

Continued

2020 Grant Recipients:

- 2020-2021 We the People, Virginia Civics Education — \$15,300
- “Best Practices” Pro Bono Program, Charlottesville Albemarle Bar Association — \$25,000
- Capital Defense Workshop, Virginia Bar Association — \$35,000
- Children’s Program, AYUDA — \$10,000
- Civil Legal Assistance to Low-Income Seniors, Blue Ridge Legal Services — \$25,000
- Eviction Diversion Program, Greater Richmond Bar Foundation — \$35,000
- Hill Tucker Pre-Law Institute, Virginia State Bar — \$15,000
- Immigration Legal Services Program, Northern Virginia Family Service — \$20,000
- Jazz4Justice — \$5,000
- Justice for Human Trafficking Victims, Virginia Beach Justice Initiative — \$40,000
- Justice in the Classroom Program, John Marshall Foundation — \$24,050
- Northern Virginia Pro Bono Law Center, Law Foundation — \$25,000
- Project for Empowerment of Survivors, Virginia Sexual & Domestic Violence Action Alliance — \$25,000
- Providing Access to Legal Services for Cancer Patients, CancerLINC — \$10,000
- Public Service Summer Internship Program, Virginia Law Schools — \$50,000
- Rule of Law Day, Virginia Holocaust Museum — \$4,800
- Rule of Law Project, Center for Teaching the Rule of Law — \$10,000
- Rural Immigration Legal Services Program, Just Neighbors — \$30,000
- Southwest Virginia Training Initiative, Southwest Virginia Legal Aid Society — \$15,000
- Statewide Legal Aid Conference, Virginia Poverty Law Center — \$26,175
- Uncontested Divorce Toolbox for Pro Bono Lawyers, Virginia Legal Aid Society — \$30,000
- Virginia High School Mock Trial, Virginia Law-Related Education Institute — \$20,000
- Virginia Justice Program, Capital Area Immigrants’ Rights Coalition — \$30,000
- VJLAP Wellness Conference, Virginia Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program — \$10,000

To learn more about our grant recipients and their projects, [click here](#). 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.

If you’d like to support our annual grants to not-for-profit organizations that share our vision, please consider donating [via our website](#). Checks may be sent to our address at 105 Whitewood Rd., Charlottesville, VA, 22901.

CLE Spotlight

By choosing Virginia CLE®, you are also supporting nonprofits that help legally underserved Virginians.

Upcoming Seminars, Approved for Live-Interactive Credit

December 1: [Ethical and Effective Advocacy in Mediation](#)

December 2: [The Future of Jury Trials: How the Coronavirus Epidemic May Change Online and In-Person Trials and Jury Selection](#)

December 3: [Essentials of Contract Drafting, with Lenné Espenschied](#)

December 4: [41st Annual Construction Law and Public Contracts Seminar 2020](#)

December 8: [Essentials of Medicare and Medicaid](#)

December 9: [Negotiating the Acquisition or Sale of a Business Using a Stock Purchase Agreement \(SPA\)](#)

December 10: [Tom Spahn on Conflicts of Interest](#)

December 10: [Essentials of Evidence, Plus a Special Online Benefit Concert](#)

December 11: [Ethics Update for Virginia Lawyers 2020](#)

December 14: [Your 2020 Legal Ethics Survival Kit, featuring Jack Marshall and John May](#)

December 16: [School Law: COVID-19, First Amendment, and Non-Discrimination](#)

December 15: [Essentials of Contract Drafting, with Lenné Espenschied](#)

December 17: [Gain the Edge: Negotiating Strategies for Lawyers](#)

December 29: [Your 2020 Legal Ethics Survival Kit, featuring Jack Marshall and John May](#)

[View all upcoming seminars](#)

Trending Online Seminars, Available 24/7 On Demand

[5th Annual Federal Government Contracting Seminar 2020](#) *(Individual Sessions Available)*

[29th Annual Advanced Elder Law Update 2020](#) *(Individual Sessions Available)*

[35th Annual Mid-Atlantic Bankruptcy 2020](#) *(Available as Individual Sessions)*

[46th Annual Recent Developments in the Law 2020: News from the Courts and General Assembly](#) *(Individual Sessions Available)*

[Ethics Update for Virginia Lawyers 2020](#)

[View All Online Seminars, Available 24/7 On Demand.](#)

Virginia CLE® Online: We Deliver.

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.



Donate Online

The 1974 Society

The Virginia Law Foundation Board of Directors established the 1974 Society to acknowledge individual donors who have given \$10,000 or more over their lifetime.

Thomas C. Brown, Jr.

Stephen D. & Susan H. Busch

Hon. Manuel A. & Carole Capsalis

Jeanne F. Franklin

John A. C. Keith

Linda F. & Michael L. Rigsby

Estate of Ken McFarlane Smith

David A. & Helen L. Penrod

W. Scott Street, III

Jay M. Weinberg

The Rule of Law Society

The Virginia Law Foundation Board of Directors established the Rule of Law Society to acknowledge individual donors who have given \$5,000 or more over their lifetime.

C. Breckenridge Arrington, Jr.

Irving M. & Rhona Blank

David P. Bobzien

Andrea L. Bridgeman

Robert P. Buford

John R. Fletcher

Karen A. Gould

Jon D. Huddleston

Michael & Brenda HuYoung

John A. Keats

John E. Lichtenstein

Angelica D. Light

Christopher M. Malone

Darrel Tillar & Carroll Mason

James V. Meath

Kenneth B. Montero

F. Anderson Morse

G. Michael Pace, Jr.

Thomas C. Palmer, Jr.

Joseph P. Rapisarda, Jr.

Gant Redmon

Mark E. Rubin

Hon. Jane Marum Roush

Douglas P. Rucker, Jr.

William L. Schmidt

George W. Shanks

Hon. Paul F. Sheridan

Frank A. Thomas, III

Betty A. Thompson

John L. Walker, III

Thank you to all who have donated in 2020 so far!

David N. Anthony

Michael Armstrong

Bruce & Kim Bernstein

Greg Bishop

Susan H. Brewer

Andrea L. Bridgeman

Daniel S. Brown

Benjamin M. Butler

Hon. Manuel A. Capsalis

F. Andrew Carroll, III

Claude D. Carter

James L. Chapman, IV

Michael SJ Chernau

John V. Cogbill, III

Consumer & Employee
Rights Law Firm

Hon. B. Waugh Crigler

Mark V. Crowley

Kimberly Daniel

Jack & Carol Daugherty

Hon. John J. Davies, III

John G. Dicks

Richard S. DiSalvo

Elizabeth Claire Dorsey

Robert H. Downer, Jr.

Thomas A. Edmonds

Eugene M. Elliott, Jr.

Cheshire I'Anson Eveleigh

Hugh M. Fain, III

Karen M. Field

Jeanne F. Franklin

Freddie Mac

Paul Freeman

Ethan J. Friedman

Deborah C. Gaglio

William Galanko

Lisa C. Germano & Lawrence Lawless

Hon. Yvonne Steenstra Gibney

J. Samuel Glasscock

Andrew H. Goodman

Allen C. Goolsby, III

Reno S. Harp, III

Adam Nelson Harrell, Jr.

Sheila C. Haughey

F. Warren Haynie, Jr.

Leonard C. Heath, Jr.

Elizabeth G. Hester

Catherine Crooks Hill

Hirschkop Family Fund

Jon D. Huddleston

Cynthia E. Hudson

Robert W. Hughes

Continued

Michael & Brenda HuYoung
Stephen A. Isaacs
Herbert Jones
Hugh J.M. Jones, III
Phyllis C. Katz
Cambrai Kirk
Paul M. Mahoney
John D. McGavin
Claire Scott McMullan
Merck Foundation
Stacie Merriam
Thomas & Robin Miller
Hon. LeRoy F. Millette, Jr.
Lynne Morris-Wilson
F. Anderson Morse
Christine Helen Mougins-Boal
Sean F. Murphy
William G. Murray
Sharon D. Nelson
Cassandra L. Newby-Alexander

Stephen E. Noona
Northern Virginia Estate
Planning Council
John M. Oakey
Brian M. O'Connor
Stephen D. Otero
Christine Reilly
Karen H. Richards
N. Pendleton Rogers
O. Randolph Rollins
Jane Marum Roush
Barbara Milano Keenan &
Alan E. Rosenblatt
Charitable Fund
Mark E. Rubin
Douglas P. Rucker
M. Pierce Rucker, II
John Simek & Sharon Nelson
Thomas G. Slater, Jr.
Edward R. Slaughter, Jr.

George A. Somerville
Rhysa G. South
Keith Spence
Robert Spencer
Theo K. & Craig Stamos
Hon. Diane McQuade Strickland
Hon. Shannon L. Taylor
Virginia Association of
Community Managers
Jennie Waehring
J. Tracy Walker, IV
Gail Warren
Jay M. Weinberg
Stanley P. Wellman
Richard M. Wexell
Anne Marie Whittemore
Barbara Ann Williams
Robert C. Wood, III
Mary C. Zinsner
Richard B. Zorn

Thank you to all who donated to our [GoFundMe Campaigns](#)

Anonymous
Arlington Collaborative Law
Reginia Benjamin
Howard Birmiel
Candace Blydenburgh
Robert Bray
Andrea L. Bridgeman
Graham K. Bryant
Winston Burks
Jack Burtch
F. Andrew Carroll, III
Matthew E. Cheek
Surayyah Colbert
B. Stephanie Commander
C. Richard Cranwell
Hon. Richard Cullen
Mary Hayes Cullinan
Kimberly Daniel
Melissa Dart
Donna DeLoria
Kevin Dillon
John Echols
V. Anne Edenfield
Cathryn Evans
Matthew Fay
Jeanne F. Franklin
T. Wayne Gray
Puneet Hans
Glenda K. Harnad
Christine Hissong
Helivi L. Holland
Melanie Hubbard
Jon D. Huddleston

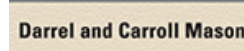
Janet James
Archer Jones
Barbara Joynes
Jean Kelleher
Christopher Kirkpatrick
Debra Kleinhample
Detlev & Melissa Knabe
Melinda Lewis
William Linka
Darrel Mason
Deborah Matthews
Julie McConnell
Robert W. McFarland
C. Scott McMullan
James McNider
C. Kailani Memmer
Stacie Merriam
Linda Merritt
Monica T. Monday
Teresa Moore
Lynne Morris-Wilson
Margaret Nelson & Bill Phillips
David Neumeyer
Charles O'Donnell
J. Lee E. & Susan Osborne
Sharon Pandak
David A. & Helen L. Penrod
Susan M. Pesner
Oliver "Trip" Pollard
Anita Poston
Debra Prillaman
Rixon C. Rafter
Bruce Rheinstein

Robert Roomian
Carina Roselli
Aubrey J. Rosser Jr.
Victoria Roth
Nichole T. Rustin
Shafeek Seddiq
Beverly Seng
Joseph M. Sharnoff
Jane R. Stafford
Elana Strom
John Tarley
Heather Thompson
Lisa Kurtz Tully
Thomas Vierbuchen
Jennie Waering
K. Michele Walters
Gail Warren
L. Watrous
Edward L. Weiner
Raymond M. White
Sabina Wighington
Carmen Williams
Cranston Williams
Lynne & Brian Wilson
Kurt Wolfe
Julie McConnell & Gerald Zerkin

We make every effort to maintain accuracy in our donor listing. If you suspect an error, please email vlf.info@virginialawfoundation.org.

Continued

Thank You to Our 2020 Annual Dinner Sponsors!



Show those being honored your gratitude and support for their dedication to the legal profession, their communities, and the Commonwealth of Virginia by becoming a sponsor. Contact Teresa Moore at tmoores@virginialawfoundation.org or 804-648-0112.

About the Virginia Law Foundation

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.**

Our Fellows Program encourages civic-mindedness and recognizes excellence in the practice of law and public and professional service.

[Virginia CLE](#)[®] is conducted through the Foundation's Education Division, and is the recognized leader in providing continuing legal education for Virginia lawyers.



No Virginian should be denied meaningful access to justice.

105 Whitewood Road
Charlottesville, VA 22901
804.648.0112

