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Here are a few things you might have missed:

- **[Deadline Extended: Nominate a Fellow to join the Class of 2022 by Friday, July 2!](#)**

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- **[Save the Dates!](#)** Join the Virginia Law Foundation, the Old Dominion Bar Association, and the Virginia Bar Association for the inaugural **Civil Rights Institute at Thomas Jefferson's Monticello on September 29-30, 2021.** **[Learn more or sign up for email updates here.](#)**

- **[Just Published:](#)** the 2021 editions of **[Civil Discovery in Virginia](#)** and **[Virginia Family Law Trial Handbook: Pleadings, Evidence, and Strategies.](#)**

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- **Serendipitous Meeting:** A few weeks ago, Virginia Law Foundation Fellow and former VBA President David S. Mercer had a chance encounter with City of Alexandria Commissioner of Accounts Gary W. Lonergan and Hon. Alfred D. Swersky of the McCammon Group. All three were proudly sporting matching Virginia CLE® briefcases! If we're judged by the company we keep, we were certainly judged very kindly!



- **Jazz4Justice**, a Virginia Law Foundation grant recipient, was recognized as a 2021 Jack Woods Award Recipient. [Read more](#) about this award and the great work of this organization.
- **The Power of \$10:** Our third [GoFundMe Charity campaign](#) is well underway. Thanks to the generosity of more than 90 donors, listed below, we've passed the half-way mark toward our goal of \$7,500.

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Thank you to the generous donors who have contributed to our Power of \$10 campaign as we are more than halfway to our fundraising goal! Each gift of \$10 or more helps us help others, which has become even more essential due to the economic impact of the pandemic as more and more Virginians face financial challenges.

This year we received requests for funding totaling more than \$1 million — that's nearly twice the amount of our annual grant allocation. In response, and to help more Virginians, we have increased our goal for this Power of \$10 GoFundMe Charity Campaign to \$7,500.

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Fellows Spotlight

Introducing Two Fellows from the Class of 2021

Sakina Karima Paige is a senior manager of human resources at Capital One in Richmond. She is a member of the Young Lawyers Division of the Virginia Bar Association and is a council liaison for the Washington and Lee School of Law. Since 2018, Sakina has been a member of the Greater Virginia Advisory Board of the Association of Corporate Counsel. She has also been very active on the board of the Virginia Home for Boys and Girls since 2005, serving as board chair and secretary, and as co-chair of the development committee. In addition, Sakina has served on the board of the Richmond School of the Performing Arts, co-chairing the development and governance committee of the Virginia Supreme Court, and chairs the Evidence Committees.



William E. Phillips is a partner at Caskie & Frost, PC, in Lynchburg, focusing on civil and commercial litigation. He is a former member of the board of directors of both the University of Richmond School of Law and the Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys. Bill is also a former faculty member of the Carrico Professionalism Course of the Virginia State Bar and a former board of directors member of the VSB Client Protection Fund. He also served as past-president and treasurer of the Lynchburg Bar Association.



[Learn more about the 2021 Fellows Class on our website.](#)

In Memoriam

Honoring the Legacies of Two Fellows

It is with great sadness that we mark the passing of two of our Fellows, Reno S. Harp, III (Class of 1997) and Michael L. Rigsby (Class of 2010).

Reno S. Harp served as Assistant Attorney General of Virginia from 1956 to 1970 and in 1970 was named Deputy Attorney General of Virginia, Criminal Division. Mr. Harp was a former President of the National Association of Extradition Officials and a former member of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Prosecutor Training Coordinators. He passed away on June 16, 2021, at the age of 89. For details on Mr. Harp's life and community service, please consult his obituary [here](#).



Michael L. Rigsby, a member of our 1974 Society (along with his wife, Linda), spent much of his life dedicated to Virginia's legal community. He was Bar Counsel for the Virginia State Bar from 1977 to 1997, after which time he returned to private practice. He was also a past President of the National Organization of Bar Counsel, a former Adjunct Professor at the University of Richmond School of Law, and a frequent lecturer on the subjects of ethics, professional responsibility, and legal malpractice. Learn more about Mr. Rigsby's life and community service [here](#).



Mr. Harp's and Mr. Rigsby's contributions to the Commonwealth and the Virginia Law Foundation will not be forgotten, and our hearts go out to all those who knew them.



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