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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:** Thanks to the generosity of more than 120 donors, our third [GoFundMe Charity campaign](#) is less than \$700 from our goal of \$7,500. **Who will help us cross the finish line?**
- **Just Published:** the 2021 edition of [Virginia Family Law Trial Handbook: Pleadings, Evidence, and Strategies](#).
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- **Calling All Trivia Buffs:** Teams will compete for prizes in our upcoming [Trivia Challenge on August 26](#). Test your knowledge, together with colleagues, friends, and family members. Signing up solo? — You'll have an opportunity to meet some new colleagues and future friends. **Details in the feature below.**



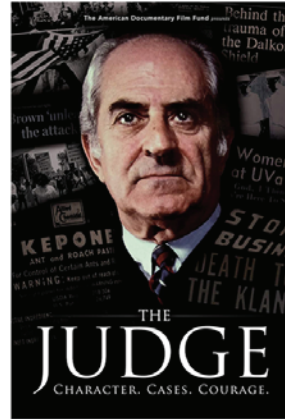
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Thursday, August 12

One-Hour Ethics CLE on  
**Avoiding Ethical Pitfalls as  
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## [The Power of \\$10: An Opportunity to Make a Difference Now](#)

**Thank you to each and every donor** who has contributed to this year's Power of \$10 campaign, as you've propelled us within less than \$700 away from our goal of \$7,500! Each gift 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. To help more Virginians, we decided to "up the ante" and increased our goal for this Power of \$10 GoFundMe Charity Campaign by 50% of last year's inaugural campaign. And we're almost there! Will you help us cross the finish line?

**100% of every donation will flow into our grants for not-for-profits** working to increase Virginians' access to justice, promote the Rule of Law, and enhance law-related education throughout the Commonwealth. Each year, our grant recipients' programs and services touch the lives of 30,000 Virginians. [Learn more or donate now!](#)



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## Fellows Spotlight

### Introducing a Fellow from the Class of 2021

**Dale Wood Pittman** is a principal at the Law Office of Dale W. Pittman, PC, in Petersburg, concentrating in the area of consumer protection law. A member of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association (VTLA), Dale serves on the VTLA board of governors and chairs the VTLA consumer law section. He has been active in the Virginia State Bar (VSB) as a member of the Access to Justice Committee and as a past member of the Council of the VSB, as well as the former chair of the VSB Legal Aid Committee. Dale is also a past president of both the Petersburg Bar Association and the Legal Services Corporation of Virginia, and a past board member of the Virginia Poverty Law Center.



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



## CLE Spotlight

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

- August 3, 24: [Assisted Reproductive Technology Law: The Evolving World of Family Formation](#)
- August 3, 23: [Essentials of Cross-Examination](#)
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- August 9: [Navigating the Intersection of Divorce and Bankruptcy: What Family Law Attorneys Need to Know About Bankruptcy Law](#)
- August 10: [How to Successfully Try a Divorce Case in Virginia](#)
- August 11, 30: [Fundamentals of Pooled Special Needs Trusts and the Disbursement Process: Suggested Best Practices](#)
- August 12: [One-Hour Ethics Experience CLE Plus a Private Screening of “The Judge – Character, Cases, Courage,” a Documentary on Judge Robert R. Merhige, Jr. \(not live-interactive\)](#)
- August 17, September 15: [Title IX Case Law and Regulations Governing Sexual Harassment on College Campuses— In a State of Flux](#)
- August 18: [Criminal Justice Reform Legislative Update](#)
- August 19, 27: [Elimination of Bias: Racial Bias Challenges in the Legal System](#)

[View all upcoming seminars.](#)

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- [39th Annual Real Estate Practice 2021](#) *(Individual Sessions Available)*
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- [Ethical Considerations in Outsourcing](#)
- [Annual Military Law Symposium 2021: Serving Those Who Serve](#) *(Individual Sessions Available)*
- [Essentials of Trademarks](#)
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- [Trademarks, Pictures, and Social Media](#)
- [Piercing the Corporate Veil in Virginia](#)

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## Would You Like to Test Your Knowledge and Make a Difference for 30,000 Virginians?

### Play for a Good Cause: Supporting Our Annual Grants Program

Join us for our virtual **Trivia Challenge** on Thursday, August 26 at 6:30 p.m.! This event will test your knowledge in a variety of subject areas, and if competition is your motivation, join a team to compete for a variety of prizes. Come for the fun and play for the cause, as all money raised will go directly to support the Virginia Law Foundation's annual grants program!

The suggested donation is \$10 per person, though any amount is welcomed, and you can sign up by [heading to this page](#). Don't forget to invite a friend or two via email or head over to our [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) events to invite your network. And if you already have a few teammates in mind, be sure to add their names to your sign-up form.

Signing up solo? You're about to meet some great people. We'll be in touch with all registrants in advance of the event to share who is on your team and other logistical details. For now, all you have to do is get your name in the game, and we'll take care of the rest.

Register now for a good time and a good cause, and we can't wait to connect with friends (and new friends!) of the Foundation! If you have any questions or are having trouble registering, please contact Katie Arata at [karata@vacle.org](mailto:karata@vacle.org).

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## Your Generous Investment in the Foundation Matters

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