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For the common good

I have tried to give back to my community in many different ways over the years. While these varied experiences have advanced my personal development, the knowledge gained while earning my law degree will be the most valuable tool in my work as a community servant.

I came to this realization during my semester-long clinical externship with LINC, the Legal Information Network for Cancer. LINC, comprised of referral attorneys and community volunteers, provides advice, support and guidance when cancer patients need it most. LINC attorneys help the cancer patients by addressing issues such as:

- denials of insurance claims
- eligibility for federal and state health and disability programs
- wills, advanced medical directives and powers of attorney
- employment rights
- child support and custody, and
- bankruptcy or creditor problems.

I handled client intake, case file management and case referral for 40 to 50 clients during that semester. Most of the cases were referred to local attorneys who took the cases instantly, without comment or complaint. Those attorneys are my new role models.

I have worked with the old, the poor, the war-torn, the sick and the dying. Never before had I worked with those who were in financial and legal need because of their often incurable illnesses. Never before had I encountered my own potential ability to do truly great things. There will always be people in legal need and almost always a way that I can help. How better to serve your community than to give of your legal expertise?

The lawyers who personify the core values of the profession are those who give of their time and knowledge. They are those who strive for the greater good and take it upon themselves to act when they can. I will strive every day to be more like some of the LINC attorneys I met and observed.

Excerpt from an article by Laura Pinnow, L'02, written for the Metro Pro Bono Advocate, a publication of the Bar Association of the City of Richmond. Pinnow's other community service experiences have taken her to Appalachia, the Mohawk tribe in New York, Israel's West Bank and more. She holds a bachelor's degree in philosophy from the College of William and Mary.
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Warner tells graduates: Provide counsel

The rapidly changing information age provides lawyers more opportunities to serve as counselors, observed Mark R. Warner, the Democratic nominee for governor of Virginia, who spoke at the University of Richmond School of Law Commencement on May 12.

"In a world moving at Internet speed, to have the patience, the independence and the judgment to provide counsel is critical," said Warner. "I've always believed that the most noble aspect of the law is not simply to interpret statutes but to provide counsel."

Warner also told the 164 graduates they should take risks, providing his own experience in business as an example.

By the time he was 27, he had failed in two businesses, but the third—the fledgling wireless communications industry—propelled him into a career in which he has successfully created more than 70 telecommunications and information technology companies. "I was not afraid to fail," he said.

Warner, a former candidate for the U.S. Senate, graduated from George Washington University in 1977 and Harvard Law School in 1980. He is now a founding partner of Columbia Capital Corp., a technology venture capital fund based in Alexandria, Va. He also was the founding chairman of the Virginia Health Care Foundation and launched TechRiders, which trains Virginians to use computer technology. Additionally, he founded the Virginia High-Tech Partnership, which links students from Virginia's five historically black colleges with internships and job opportunities in technical companies in the state.

Faculty speaker Derek P. Jinks, assistant professor of law, told the graduates that his message was simple. "Don't panic. You know more than you think. You are better prepared for the challenges ahead than you know. I am confident that you will find the deeper aspects of your education here will endure and serve you well."

What he hoped they would take away from their law school education is "a sense of respect for the complexity of human affairs and a deep sense of the indispensable role that the law and lawyers must play in fashioning even more humane and effective institutions of governance."

Student speaker Michael D. Hancock thanked the faculty. "We have an outstanding faculty who have helped each of us over the past three years accomplish something." He also thanked his fellow students for helping him get through the difficult process of law school "with an outpouring of love and caring."

Linda Niemann Evans, W'71
AWARDS AT COMMENCEMENT

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National Association of Women Lawyers Award
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J. Fielding Douthat Jr.

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Wolf named Outstanding Faculty

Dr. Michael Allan Wolf, professor of law and history, was among 11 winners of the 2001 Outstanding Faculty Awards, the highest honor for faculty members at Virginia colleges and universities. Presented by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, the awards recognize quality teaching, research and public service.

Wolf, a recipient of the University's Distinguished Educator Award, created two classes that are taken simultaneously by undergraduate and law students. "Faulkner and the Law" examines the Southern author's works as legal commentary. "Camelot in the Courts" investigates the real-world context of mid-20th-century legal developments now being reassessed: desegregation, federal environmental controls, separation of church and state in public schools, and greater protections for criminal defendants.

Dr. Dafna Eylon, associate professor of organizational behavior and management in the Robins School of Business, also received one of the awards.

This year, 36 institutions nominated 85 faculty members. Since the first awards in 1987, 16 of the 173 faculty members selected have been from Richmond.

Each winner received $5,000 and a commemorative plaque.

Pagan elected

Dean John R. Pagan is the incoming president of Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha of Virginia Chapter, at the College of William and Mary, his alma mater.

Pagan's term begins this fall, and he may serve for up to three years.

The Alpha of Virginia Chapter is the founding chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the nation's premier scholastic honorary association. It was formed in 1776 in Williamsburg, Va.

Pagan earned his undergraduate degree Phi Beta Kappa from William and Mary and then received a master's degree in modern history from Oxford University, a juris doctor from Harvard University and a doctor of philosophy in modern history from Oxford.
Bacigal discusses U.S. criminal justice with international journalists

In a program offered through the U.S. State Department Foreign Press Center, professor of law Ronald J. Bacigal met with print, radio and television journalists in February to discuss the U.S. criminal justice process from arrest through processing, trial and punishment.

The State Department program was designed as a look at “Human Rights in America: Due Process, the Rights of the Accused and the Death Penalty,” in connection with the release of its annual Human Rights Report analyzing a wide range of human rights issues in countries worldwide. Attending were journalists representing 17 countries from Australia to Turkey.

Bacigal addressed the group of journalists, answered questions and provided interviews for various global telecasts. After a quick tour of campus, the group concluded its visit to Virginia with a tour of the Greensville Correctional Center.

Recent student accomplishments

Greg Hoffman, L’02, Dale Mullen, L’02, and Molly August, L’02, won the Virginia Trial Lawyers Regional Competition and comprised the first team the law school has ever sent to the National Trial Competition, which was held in Dallas in March.

Jessica Zamegar, L’02, and Wade Anderson, L’02, reached the final round of the 10th anniversary Robert R. Merhige, Jr. National Environmental Negotiation Competition in March. The duo placed third in the competition against students from five law schools from throughout the country.

Michael Spake, L’02, had his article “Public Access to Physician and Attorney Disciplinary Proceedings” accepted for publication in the Journal of the National Association of Administrative Law Judges.

Edward Dillon, L’01, and Michael Hancock, B’81 and L’01, reached the semifinals of the Judge John R. Brown Admiralty Moot Court Competition, held last spring in Newport, R.I. The pair’s brief was recognized as the second best of the competition.

David DePippo, L’02, Brooke Brinkerhoff, L’01, and Carlotta Visher, L’01, reached the final round of the ABA Regional Moot Court Competition held in Atlanta.

Alan Gernhardt, L’02, and Courtney Mueller, L’02, advanced to the semifinal round of the Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition held at Duke University. Gernhardt received recognition as the best advocate.

Richmond one of “most wired”

The University of Richmond School of Law is the “most wired” among Virginia law schools and ranks 16th nationally for the use of technology in teaching law students, according to survey results in the March 2001 issue of National Jurist magazine.

An earlier survey ranked the law school’s William Taylor Muse Law Library 43rd of 178 accredited law schools in the United States.

Richmond has traditionally received high rankings in the “Most Wired Law Schools” survey, which compares information technology resources at more than 100 American Bar Association accredited law schools, but for the first time this year, Richmond ranked higher than any other Virginia school.

The ranking highlights such areas as equipment, network access, student use and the integration of technology into curriculum and services. Richmond made a perfect score in student use and high marks in course-related use and the incorporation of technology into career services.

Richmond’s pioneering mandatory laptop ownership for students and their daily access to computers “make our students aware of all the emerging legal issues involving technology,” says Dr. John R. Pagan, Richmond Law dean.

“There’s a high level of interest in learning about the cutting-edge legal developments. And that can provide employment opportunities.”

The earlier survey of law libraries looked at staffed hours, computer workstations, physical space and seating per capita, along with collection size. The Jurist’s emphasis on service and “comfort” factors helped propel Richmond into the upper tier.

The law library was cited for its outstanding seating space and its provision for 66 hours per week of reference staffing by professional librarians.

“It is gratifying to be viewed so favorably by a survey that considers service-oriented factors,” says Timothy L. Coggins, director of the law library and associate professor of law.

Linda Niemann Evans, W’71

Hill visits with students

In an informal lunchtime session in March, students heard from civil rights giant Oliver W. Hill Sr., H’94. Hill shared his perspectives on civil rights, human rights and evolutionary change in society, and responded to student questions. The event was sponsored by the Black Law Students Association and the law school dean’s office.
The Internet, which allows law firms and individual lawyers to advertise to vast numbers of prospective clients, is an area ripe for ethical violations. The 2001 George E. Allen Chair Symposium looked at these potential violations in a roundtable discussion and role-playing exercise, "Lawyer Advertising in the Electronic Age," held at the University of Richmond School of Law in April.

Three legal ethicists presented papers in the afternoon round-table session: Ronald D. Rotunda, the Albert E. Jenner Jr. Professor of Law at the University of Illinois College of Law and one of the nation's foremost experts in the field of legal ethics; Louise L. Hill, professor of law at Widener University School of Law and a leading scholar on the subject of lawyer advertising; and William Hornsby, legal counsel to the American Bar Association Commission on Responsibility in Client Development, formerly the Commission on Advertising. He has been a leading figure in the development of ABA policies regarding lawyer advertising. Their papers will be published in the University of Richmond Law Review.

An evening session centered on a mock disciplinary proceeding regarding Web page violations conducted in a fictional jurisdiction, followed by an appellate moot court review of the hearing.

Rodney A. Smolla, holder of the George E. Allen Chair in Law, created the exercise to examine the extension of lawyer advertising onto the Internet. Thomas E. Spahn, an expert on legal ethics at McGuireWoods, took the role of defense advocate, while Hornsby served as mock prosecutor.

The George E. Allen Chair was named for the late Virginia trial lawyer who was the first recipient of the American College of Trial Lawyers' Award for Courageous Advocacy, presented in 1965. His sons, the late George E. Allen Jr., '36, Ashby B. Allen, R'43, and Wilbur Allen, established the chair.
Labor law, animal rights are symposium topics

McLarty to speak on international labor law

McLarty received a B.A. summa cum laude from the University of Arkansas in 1968. His son, Franklin, is a 1997 graduate of the University of Richmond.

McLarty will deliver the Emanuel Emroch Lecture at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 5. Following the lecture will be two afternoon sessions with panels of experts in the field of labor law.

Panelists will include
Dr. Jonathan Wight, associate professor of economics in the Robins School of Business;
Donald Mitchell of the Syracuse University Maxwell School of Public Affairs; Terry Collingsworth of the International Labor Rights Fund;
Jimmie Reyna of Williams, Mullen, Clark & Dobbins;
Thomas Palley of the AFL-CIO’s Public Policy Department; Maurizio Del Conte, University visiting international professor of law; and
F. Amanda DeBusk, W’78, of Miller & Chevalier and former assistant secretary for export administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

Moderating the sessions will be Ann C. Hodges, professor of law, University visiting international professor of law; and
F. Amanda DeBusk, W’78, of Miller & Chevalier and former assistant secretary for export administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

Participants in the symposium are eligible to receive 2.5 continuing legal education units (0 ethics credits).

Animal rights will be focus of spring interdisciplinary symposium

The University will take a close look at the cognitive powers of animals, the evolution of animal rights, and animals and the law during a symposium next spring. The interdisciplinary event, “Humans and Other Animals,” to be held March 22, 2002, will look at claims that humans should rethink their relationship with the nonhuman world.

Before we can evaluate claims to animal rights, “we need to know what animals are really like,” notes Dr. James Rachels, who will be Visiting NEH Professor of Philosophy at the University during the spring 2002 semester. Rachels is organizing the symposium, which is co-sponsored by the departments of philosophy and psychology, the law school, and the president’s office.

Some questions to be answered include whether nonhuman animals are similar to humans in their cognitive and emotional capacities, and what is the appropriate position of the law where nonhuman animals are concerned.

Rachels is Distinguished University Professor at the University of Alabama, Birmingham. He has written extensively on bioethics, ethics and moral philosophy.

Invited speakers include
Dr. Gary Francione, professor of law, Rutgers University School of Law and the Rutgers Animal Rights Law Center; Dr. Daniel Dennett, professor of philosophy and cognitive science at Tufts University; and Dr. Marc Hauser, professor of psychology and neuroscience at Harvard University.

For more information on these events, contact the dean’s office at (804) 287-6463 or visit the Web site at law.richmond.edu.

Thomas F. “Mack” McLarty III, adviser to Presidents Bill Clinton, George Bush and Jimmy Carter, will be the keynote speaker at a symposium Oct. 5 on “The Changing Labor Markets of the Western Hemisphere: Labor Issues Relating to the Free Trade Agreement of the Americas (FTAA).” The symposium will kick off the events of Law Weekend, Oct. 5-6.

McLarty is chairman and CEO of the McLarty Companies, a family-owned automobile dealership group, and vice chairman of the Asbury Automotive Group, a multibillion-dollar company that is the third largest dealership group in the United States. He also is vice chairman of Kissinginger McLarty Associates, an international consulting firm in Washington, D.C.

From 1993 to 1998, McLarty served as President Clinton’s chief of staff, senior adviser, special envoy to the Americas and counselor. He also served on the National Economic Council, and he participated in several G-7 and APEC Summits.

DISCOURSE
Revised Article 9: A Primer For the General Practitioner
By David Frisch

The following material is excerpted with permission from the upcoming "Annual Survey of Virginia Law" issue of the University of Richmond Law Review (November 2001, Vol. 35 No. 3). These are exciting times for commercial lawyers. Over the past 15 years, the sponsoring organizations of the Uniform Commercial Code (UCC or the Code), the American Law Institute and the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws have been hard at work to keep the UCC responsive to contemporary needs. Aside from periodic adjustments to existing UCC articles to reflect deep-going changes in society, new two new articles have been added covering commercial activity previously governed by the common law of contract.

In 1998, the ALI and NCCUSL gave their approval to the final text of Revised Article 9 after eight years of study, drafting and the inevitable wrangling between consumer and creditor representatives. A few conforming amendments occasioned by changes in other articles aside, this is the first time that Article 9 has been revised since 1972.

Why the need for Revised Article 9? In 1992, the following answer was given by the Article 9 study committee: "ALTHOUGH REVISED ARTICLE 9 COVERS MUCH THE SAME TERRITORY AS OLD ARTICLE 9, THE CHANGES IT HAS BROUGHT ARE FAR-REACHING."—David Frisch

During the two decades since Article 9 was last revised, the secured credit markets have seen continued growth and unprecedented innovation. In addition, many hundreds of judicial decisions applying Article 9 have been reported and a large volume of commentary on Article 9, both scholarly and practice oriented, has emerged. Moreover, the enactment by Congress of the Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1978...has had a profound effect on secured transactions. These developments have led to a strong consensus...that although Article 9 is fundamentally sound, serious consideration should be given to the revision of some of the Article's provisions.

Nearly a decade ago when the study committee prepared its report, it was impossible to foresee the extent to which the existing law would be rewritten. As it turned out, the drafting committee was not content to merely clean up the relatively few problematic sections of Old Article 9 and give statutory recognition to technological developments. Instead, it succeeded in producing a statute that dwarfs its former self in its complexity and difficulty. Although Revised Article 9 covers much the same territory as old Article 9 and does not abandon the existing legal framework, the changes it has brought are far-reaching. Old Article 9 has been reorganized, new sections have been added, related sections in other parts of the Code have been rewritten, and numerous substantive changes have been made. Those acquainted with Old Article 9 will, in many instances, find themselves in an unfamiliar environment.

The expanded scope of Article 9
Revised Article 9 will apply to many transactions that were formerly outside the scope of the old statute. This expansion of coverage has been achieved by a combination of drafting strategies. One strategy was to narrow considerably the long list of excluded transactions contained in Old section 9-104. Another strategy was to expressly add transactions that were previously governed by some other law. A third strategy was a bit more subtle. The drafting committee was able to extend the tentacles of Article 9 by tinkering with some of its defined terms.

Following is an overview of the major areas of scope affected by the revision.

Deposit accounts
Old Article 9 excluded security interests in various forms of deposit accounts, except insofar as they constituted proceeds of other collateral. This meant that the scope, attachment, perfection, priority and enforcement of consensual liens on this ubiquitous form of property were left to the vagaries of the common law.

Official Comment 7 explained the exclusion by stating: "[Such transactions are often quite special, do not fit easily under a general commercial statute and are adequately covered by existing law]." But commentators have always believed otherwise, and for years they have argued that deposit accounts as original collateral should be within the ambit of Article 9. Notwithstanding the support of academics and the eventual recommendation of the Article 9 study committee to include deposit accounts in any revision of the statute, not everyone on the drafting committee was initially persuaded that the long-time rule of exclusion should be changed.

Eventually, the supporters of inclusion won out, and this new form of collateral makes its debut under Revised Article 9, with one exception: The drafting committee heeded the arguments of consumer advocates and decided to exclude from the revised statute security interests in deposit accounts as part of consumer transactions.

Commercial tort claims
No longer are all tort claims excluded from the scope of Article 9. The revision applies to one particular brand of tort claim—the "commercial tort." To qualify as a "commercial tort claim," the claimant must be an organization or, if an individual, the claim must be business-related and not involve personal injury.

However, this new form of collateral is subject to a couple of special rules designed to make sure that the debtor does not inadvertently encumber a claim. First, a security interest
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—David Frisch

will only arise if the particular claim is specifically described in the security agreement. Thus, a generic description by type alone (e.g., "tort claims") is not sufficient. Second, the lender can only take an effective interest in existing, not after-acquired, tort claims. If the debtor acquires a tort claim after executing the security agreement, no security interest will arise without a new agreement.

Agricultural liens

An agricultural lien is a type of nonpossessory statutory lien that may arise in favor of those persons providing goods, services or land to farmers. These liens typically occupy a rather obscure niche in the remedial structure of each state, with little uniformity among states on such basic matters as perfection, priority and enforcement.

Revised Article 9 seeks to add clarity to this muddled picture by its partial incorporation of those statutory liens on farm products that fall within the new definition of "agricultural lien." Because the lien retains its character as a statutory lien, a security agreement is unnecessary. The lienor is, however, required to perfect its interest by filing a financing statement in the Article 9 filing office, and must look to the provisions of Revised Article 9 to determine the priority of the lien vis-à-vis various competing third-party claimants. Similarly, the enforcement provisions of Part 6 of Revised Article 9 are generally applicable to agricultural liens.

Health-care-insurance receivables

The provisions of Revised Article 9 dealing with security interests in rights under life insurance and other policies continue the rules of the former statute with one significant difference. The revision confronts the challenge of bringing some uniformity and consistency to the financing of the health care industry by including health-care-insurance receivables fully within its scope.

A "health-care-insurance receivable" is defined as "an interest in or claim under a policy of insurance which is a right to payment of a monetary obligation for health-care goods or services provided." It should also be noted that the expanded definition of "account" in Revised section 9-102(a)(2) includes health-care-insurance receivables.

What difference does it make? Article 9 has always applied to both security interests and sales of accounts. Thus the provisions on priority and perfection are applicable to the outright sale of health-care-insurance receivables. However, if the receivable is transferred to the doctor, hospital or other health-care provider, it is automatically perfected upon attachment.

Consignments

In modern distribution systems, an owner will sometimes deliver goods to a consignee for the purpose of selling those goods to third parties. Under Old Article 9, the rights of a true consignor did not qualify as a security interest. Notwithstanding the fact that the consignor was the actual "owner" of the goods while they remained in possession of the consignee, she was often well-advised to behave as if her interest were no more than a security interest.

The statutory impetus for this seemingly inconsistent behavior was Old section 2-326. That section subordinated the consignor's interest to the claims of the consignee's creditors, unless the consignor could prove that the consignee was "generally known to be dealing in goods of another," or the consignor complied with a relevant sign law showing its interest or filed a financing statement under Article 9.

Because only a handful of states had signed laws, and no consignor would eagerly relish the prospect of litigating what others knew or did not know about the consignee's business, the only safe course was for the consignor to act as if she were a secured party and file.

In response to the inadequacies of Old section 2-326, the drafters decided to give most true consignments their rightful place directly within the scope of Article 9. As a result, all consignors who are not explicitly excluded by the definition in Revised section 9-102(a)(20) hold security interests that, if left unperfected, will be subordinate to lien creditors and others under Revised Section 9-317.

Although treated as a secured party for purposes of perfection and priority, the true consignor is not, however, subject to Part 6 of Revised Article 9 on foreclosure.

Sales of rights to payment

Old Article 9 applied to the sale of rights to payment arising from goods or services transactions (accounts), but the sale of rights to payment arising from other transactions (general intangibles) were outside its scope. In order to better accommodate the growing number and economic importance of securitization transactions, the reach of Revised Article 9 has been expanded considerably to pull in a much broader spectrum of sales of receivables.

The drafting committee was able to accomplish this result by making essentially three changes to the statute. First, the definition of "account" was rewritten to include payment obligations arising out of the sale, lease or license of all kinds of tangible and intangible property, including credit card receivables and lottery winnings.

Thus, for example, the sale of rights to payment arising from the disposition of intellectual property is now covered by Revised Article 9.

The second change wrought by the drafters of Revised Article 9 was to create a new subset of general intangibles called "payment intangibles" and to bring their sale within the scope of the statute. A payment intangible is defined as a "general intangible under which the account debtor's principal obligation is a monetary obligation." The sale of loans is now clearly within the statute, but what other transactions are covered? The challenge for practitioners will be to determine when an obligation is "principal" and when it is ancillary.
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Finally, the drafters extended the scope of Revised Article 9 to include the sale of promissory notes.\(^{29}\) Because the new definition of "promissory note" expressly excludes an "order to pay,"\(^{30}\) Revised Article 9 still has nothing to say about the sale of checks and other drafts.

Conclusion

There is good news and bad news about Article 9. The good news is that by clearing up conflicting interpretations, curing judicial misconstructions, and incorporating desirable improvements to take into account technological developments and changes in business practices, the drafters of the new statute have done their best to provide us with a viable product for the new millennium.

The bad news is that Revised Article 9 is far more complex than the old statute and, consequently, the non-expert lawyer or judge may find it to be less accessible. Only time and experience will reveal whether the revision will be as satisfactory as its promise.

To obtain a copy of the "Annual Survey of Virginia Law" with Professor Frisch's complete article, please send a check for $20 to: University of Richmond Law Review, University of Richmond, VA 23173. For additional information, call (804) 289-8216 or send e-mail to lauren@outlaw.richmond.edu. The subscription rate is $35 per year. The Law Review is also available online at law.richmond.edu/laureview/default.htm.

New Faculty

David Frisch, a specialist in commercial transactions, joins the University of Richmond School of Law this fall as a tenured member of the faculty. Frisch is teaching Sales and Leases and Secured Transactions in the fall and Sales and Leases and Commercial Paper in the spring semester.

Frisch, who has taught at Widener University School of Law in Wilmington, Del., since 1980, decided to join the Richmond Law faculty for several reasons. Richmond Law, he says, "is a school with a rich tradition that has the human and physical resources necessary to continue to build programs of quality education." Other significant factors in his decision to relocate included "the outstanding faculty and staff who are each deeply committed to excellence in the education of students" and the location. The city of Richmond, he observes, offers students virtually unparalleled opportunities to gain experience in government and related practice. And, he adds, Washington, D.C., is within two hours of the campus.

A graduate of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, he received his juris doctor cum laude from the University of Miami School of Law, where he was a member of the law review, and his I.L.M. from Yale University School of Law. In addition to serving on the Widener faculty, Frisch has recently been a visiting professor at Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary; the University of Illinois College of Law; Temple University School of Law; and the University of Richmond School of Law.

Prior to entering academia, Frisch practiced law as a commercial litigator with firms in Providence, R.I., and Miami.
**NEW VISITING FACULTY**

Mark Strasser, a prominent scholar in the area of domestic relations, holds the Tyler Haynes Interdisciplinary Chair during the fall semester. A member of the Capital University Law School faculty, Strasser received his B.A. in philosophy from Harvard College, his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in philosophy from the University of Chicago and his J.D. from Stanford Law School, where he served as associate editor of the *Stanford Law Review*. He teaches Torts and Family Law.

received her B.A. *cum laude* from Tufts University and her J.D. degree from Louisiana State University Law Center, where she graduated first in her class and served as editor-in-chief of the *Louisiana Law Review*. She will teach Advanced Constitutional Law and Feminist Legal Theory.

Bernhard Grossfeld, a prominent German expert on corporate law, will serve as a visiting international professor during the second half of the fall semester. Grossfeld received his J.D. degree from the University of Muenster and his LL.M. from Yale Law School. He has taught at Muenster since 1973 and directed the Institute for International Business Law and the Institute for Cooperative Research. He has had extensive academic experience in Europe, Asia and the United States. He will teach Transnational Business Organizations.

Maurizio Del Conte of Milan, Italy, who taught at Richmond Law in 1999, returns this fall as a visiting international professor. A faculty member in the international law department of the University of Milan, he earned a law degree at the University of Milan and a Ph.D. in European labor law at the University of Ferrara. He has published numerous articles on the development of industrial relations law in the European Union. He teaches Comparative Labor Law.

Corrina Lain, an assistant commonwealth’s attorney for Henrico County, Va., is a visiting assistant professor of law. She earned her bachelor’s degree *summa cum laude* from the College of William and Mary and her J.D. from the University of Virginia, then clerked for Judge John C. Porfilio of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 10th Circuit. She joined the commonwealth’s attorney’s office in 1997 and has been an adjunct professor of law at the University. She is teaching Civil Procedure and Lawyerly Skills III in the fall and Evidence and Lawyerly Skills IV in the spring.

Paul J. Boudreaux, an environmental law specialist with extensive courtroom experience, joins the faculty as a visiting assistant professor of law. He earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Virginia and his J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law. A former clerk for Judge George H. Revercomb of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, he has been a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice in the environmental and civil divisions. He is teaching Property and Land Use Planning in the fall and Environmental Law and an environmental law seminar in the spring.
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Rob Baldwin, the Supreme Court’s executive secretary, reported recently that of 320 state judges for which the information was available, 107 were Richmond Law graduates. Another 57 held law degrees from William and Mary, 52 were University of Virginia Law School products and 27 were graduates of the Washington and Lee University Law School.

Says Baldwin, “It’s clear that the University is a very prominent force in providing men and women to what we believe is one of the best state judiciaries in the United States. Clearly, this can be seen as a form of recognition of the quality of lawyers it is producing.”

While the overwhelming majority of Richmond’s law graduates on the bench sit in Virginia courts, the law school also is represented by judges from Florida to Michigan to
California. Four federal judges (see p. 14) are Richmond Law graduates.

There are a number of reasons for the law school's success in helping develop judges.

"The obvious reason there are so many judges from this law school is that it provides an excellent legal education, an extremely well-rounded education," says Judge Frederick P. Stamp Jr., L'59, of the U.S. District Court in West Virginia. The school's size is one factor, Stamp says. "Being in a relatively small law school provides students with a lot of opportunities that translate into community service, which may lead them toward the bench."

The clinical programs at Richmond also are extraordinary means of exposing students to a variety of employment options, including judgeships, that students at many law schools will not see.

"You put this together — the strong academics, the clinical programs, the emphasis on community involvement — and it's not hard to see how the school produces a lot of judges. Richmond gave me a marvelous education for what I am doing now," Judge Stamp says.

Judge Robert R. Merhige Jr., L'42 and H'76, now retired from a distinguished career as U.S. District Court judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, is probably the best-known contemporary member of the judiciary from the law school. Merhige, who works today for the Richmond-based firm Hunton & Williams, says the law school proved to be the right place at the right time for him.

"I'm one of the fortunate guys who was not a brilliant student, but I really enjoyed studying there," says Merhige. He attributed much of his success to the small classes and great professors, many of whom Merhige says he can still see in his mind's eye.

"There was a sense of collegiality throughout the school, and a sense of responsibility came along with that," he says.

Richmond's judicial legacy has been, in a way, self-perpetuating, says Richmond Law Dean John R. Pagan.

"Our students have a lot of advantages because we have loyal alumni who are in positions to offer valuable opportunities for the students to learn through clerkships, internships and other programs. Many of them come back to teach as adjuncts. That gives our students a rare combination of the theoretical and the practical that results in a first-class education."

Says Merhige, "There are so many good lawyers around here for mentoring, and there are opportunities for students to see judges in every court, including the Supreme Court of the United States just 100 miles up the road. It's almost an ideal environment."

The Richmond Law students Justice Elizabeth B. Lacy, H'92, has hired to work with her at the Virginia Supreme Court have been "very well prepared," she says. "They come from an environment that is very rich, and they see a lot of judges there, which probably enables them to see themselves in that role. It's a goal they can set. If you never were around judges, never worked with a judge, you might never think that's something you'd want to do."

While Richmond's contributions to the Virginia judiciary are noteworthy, Scott Street, past president of the Virginia State Bar, says he's not surprised at the school's record for placing lawyers on the bench here. He points out the other three law schools in Virginia that have been around as long — Virginia, W&L and William and Mary — all have histories as national law schools. They have drawn a high percentage of their students from out of state, while Richmond's orientation has been toward Virginia law and Virginia students.

Judge Donald H. Kent, L'63, a frequent teacher at the law school, agrees. Virginia law has been a strength of the program through the years, and Virginia students have enrolled there in large numbers. Even those who come to Richmond Law from out of state often stay, he says, finding Virginia to be fertile ground for practice and a comfortable place to live.

Some faculty and alumni have raised questions about how the movement of law firms toward international practice — and of the law school toward a national, even international, profile and program of study — may affect the number of Richmond law graduates who remain in the state, and who go on to the bench in Virginia and elsewhere.

"I don't see this as a negative in terms of the education the students are getting, but I do think it will change the paths they follow as compared with graduates 10 or 20 years ago," Justice Lacy says.

"This change should enhance the school's reputation," says Judge Kent, "but I think it is likely to affect how many graduates stay in Virginia and go on to become judges."

Despite the shift in focus, the law school should continue to serve as a training ground for judges, Pagan says. The law school should continue to attract many of the best of the state's prospective lawyers and to play a significant role in developing judges.

"There is a strong tradition that this law school encourages students to seek election or appointment to the bench," Pagan says. "We don't want to lose sight of that tradition as our profile is raised nationally and as our students are exposed to global practice. I expect we will continue to see many graduates on the bench in Virginia and probably more in other states, as well."
Judges throughout the court system

**FEDERAL**

**William E. Anderson, L'59**  
U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Virginia, 1980 to present  
Chief Judge, 1991-1993  

**Carleton D. Powell, L'67**  
Special Trial Judge, U.S. Tax Court, Washington, D.C., 1985 to present  

**Harvey E. Schlesinger, L'65**  
U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida  
Prior to his appointment in 1991 by President George Bush, Judge Schlesinger had a distinguished career of public service and private practice. He had served as corporate counsel to Seaboard Coastline Railroad, chief assistant U.S. attorney in Jacksonville and U.S. magistrate judge in the U.S. District Court where he serves today.  
He has been active in legal education, teaching at law schools in Florida and Georgia and at the Federal Judicial Center in Washington, the Attorney General’s Advocacy Institute. Judge Schlesinger has served at the appointment of the Chief Justice, U.S. Supreme Court, on various working groups, and he remains active in professional organizations in Florida and on a national level.  

**Frederick P. Stamp Jr., L'59**  
U.S. District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia  
In 1990, after a career that included private legal practice as well as election to the West Virginia House of Delegates, Judge Stamp was appointed by President George Bush. In 1994, he was appointed chief judge for the district court.  
While his primary career focus has been the law, Judge Stamp also has distinguished himself through his contributions to education. He served as a member and president of the West Virginia Board of Regents, which supervises higher education in the state. He has served as a trustee of the University of Richmond and in various capacities with several other schools, including West Virginia University and Davis and Elkins College.  

**VIRGINIA HIGH COURTS**

**Lawrence L. Koontz Jr., L'65**  
Virginia Supreme Court  
Justice Koontz first distinguished himself in the field of juvenile justice in his hometown of Roanoke. His rise through the legal ranks has been steady since his graduation from the law school. He entered private practice in Roanoke, moved to the commonwealth’s attorney’s office there, and was appointed to the bench in Roanoke’s juvenile and domestic relations court in 1967.  
In 1976, he was named to the circuit court. Eight years later, he was one of the first 10 judges named to the newly created Virginia Court of Appeals. In 1985, he was elected chief judge of that court. He was appointed to the Supreme Court in 1995.  
Justice Koontz continues to work actively in legal education, working as a faculty member for Virginia State Bar activities and teaching in the Roanoke area.  

**Larry G. Elder, L’75**  
Virginia Court of Appeals  
Judge Elder grew up in Dinwiddie County in Virginia’s Southside. Today, the Midlothian resident sits on the second highest court in the commonwealth.  
After graduating from Virginia Commonwealth University, Elder enrolled at Richmond Law, earning his degree in 1975. He spent more than 10 years in private practice in Petersburg before returning to Dinwiddie as commonwealth’s attorney. Elder’s first term on the bench began in 1986 when he was appointed to the juve-
nile and domestic relations court. From 1991 to the present, he has served on the appeals court.

Judge Elder has been active in a variety of professional and community organizations, including the Virginia State Bar's family law section board of governors and parent/teacher organizations at various schools.

**VIRGINIA COURT SYSTEM**

**George F. Tidey, R'55 and L'63**
Chief Judge, Henrico Circuit Court

Raised by a single mother in Princeton, NJ., Tidey came south to the University of Richmond, where he majored in business, graduated and went to work in the private sector before being called to active duty in the Air Force. After his discharge, Tidey enrolled at Richmond Law, setting his sights on becoming a trial lawyer. In his first job out of law school, Tidey worked with another Richmond graduate: Robert R. Merhige Jr., who would go on to a distinguished career on the bench. Merhige remains a mentor and friend.

In 1977 Tidey began substituting for judges in Henrico General District Court, and in 1985 he was named to a full-time position there. In 1988 he was elected to Henrico Circuit Court. Judge Tidey remains active at the University, teaching at the law school and following the Spiders sports teams.

**Suzanne Kuczko Fulton, L'76**
Chief Judge, Wise General District Court

Judge Fulton’s roots run deep in Wise County, Va., and in the state’s legal soil. The daughter of the late Joseph M. Kuczko, L’44, a longtime attorney in western Virginia, she serves the court in that same region.

After graduating from the law school in 1976, Judge Fulton went to work in Richmond with the Metropolitan Richmond Legal Aid Society. The family moved to southwest Virginia after a stint in North Carolina, where her husband completed a medical residency and she practiced law. Citing Professor Bob Shepherd as her mentor, she distinguished herself in juvenile and domestic relations law and became a juvenile and domestic relations court judge for the 30th Judicial District in 1987. She was named to the general district court two years later.

Judge Fulton has been active in the state bar as well as in industrial development organizations around Wise County.

**Philip Trompeter, L’77**
Roanoke County Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court

Judge Trompeter has received numerous awards for service to children and families.

He has been president of both the Mental Health Association of the Roanoke Valley and the Child Abuse Prevention Council, and he has chaired the Roanoke Valley Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council. Judge Trompeter has served on the board of governors of the Virginia State Bar’s family law section and the substance abuse committee of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. He was appointed by the chief justice of the Virginia Supreme Court to task forces dealing with gender bias, and abused and neglected children.

He received the National Mental Health Association’s first “Remember the Children Award” in 1993, and he has earned the Brotherhood Award from the Roanoke Chapter of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

**COURTS IN OTHER STATES**

**Shelly Sveda Holt, L’81**
North Carolina District Court

Judge Holt went to work as an assistant district attorney in North Carolina shortly after finishing law school in 1981. During her more than 10 years in that office, she prosecuted a variety of criminal cases and taught child abuse investigation at the North Carolina Justice Academy.

One primary responsibility was prosecution of child abuse cases. Her record includes successful prosecution of the second case in North Carolina in which DNA evidence was admitted. She wrote about the case for a book prepared by the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigations.

In 1992 Holt was elected district court judge for North Carolina’s Fifth Judicial District, a position she has held since. She served two terms on the N.C. Judicial Council.
In a student's first year of law school, one major challenge is the contracts course that is part of the foundation upon which legal education is built.

"It's a very important subject, and you usually take it the first semester of your first year, so it can be really difficult," says Jacqueline Maykranz Kraeutler, '83.

For many students who have passed through the University of Richmond School of Law, contracts was remarkable for another reason: It was the students' first exposure to Professor Bob Shepherd.

By Rob Walker
Frequent contributor to Richmond Law

"He was a solid, straightforward teacher," says Peter Eliades, '84, who laughs recalling how fellow first-term students sometimes sweated profusely when required to stand for a grilling in Shepherd's class. "That was part of our training, and he made sure we learned it early. He made you think on your feet, under pressure."

"He conveyed the substantive subject matter well, with a sense of humor, so the class was always enjoyable," says Kraeutler, assistant general counsel with ATOFINA Chemicals Inc.
in Philadelphia. "But he also used the course to convey the ethical side of contract law and of law in general. He emphasized 'the golden arches,' which he viewed as the obligations of good faith and fair dealing that were an implied part of every single contract, and he emphasized how that should be considered in all your work as an attorney."

Though he retired this spring, Robert E. Shepherd Jr. remains teacher, mentor and friend to many of those students long after their graduation. And he carries with him international renown as a successful advocate for children's rights, a sought-after expert on juvenile and family law, a widely published scholar and an effective teacher whose students are extending his influence into coming generations.

"He's in this for the long haul," says Hunter Hurst Sr., director of the National Center for Juvenile Justice in Pittsburgh. "He has the depth of understanding that comes with knowledge, and I mean scholarly knowledge as well as knowledge built up over years of experience. I'd say he's approaching wisdom in this business."

A Richmond native, Shepherd earned bachelor and law degrees from Washington and Lee University, then set off on a varied career. He served in the Army JAG Corps, went into private practice in Richmond, joined the Virginia attorney general's office in 1971 and began teaching law at the University of Baltimore in 1975.

When he came to Richmond in 1978, Shepherd's assignment included putting into place a clinical program that today is an integral part of the Richmond Law experience for many students. He built working relationships with a wide range of governmental, professional and nonprofit entities that continue today. In-house Youth Advocacy and Mental Disabilities Law clinics are among the most sophisticated and valued programs that have resulted from this work.

He has been a constant presence on state and national commissions and boards dealing with youth crime, juvenile justice and delinquency. He chaired the juvenile justice committee of the American Bar Association and serves on the Board of Fellows for the National Center for Juvenile Justice. And he has written and lectured extensively on issues related to juvenile justice. Among his credits, Shepherd is editor of the Juvenile Law and Practice in Virginia Handbook.

His contributions have been recognized with awards from the Virginia General Assembly, the Virginia State Bar, the National Association of Counsel for Children and the American Bar Foundation. In 1999 he received the prestigious President's Award from the National Council of Juvenile and Family Courts Judges. He was named a University Distinguished Educator in 1981 and 1986.

Ask Shepherd how he made his way from law student to respected teacher and policy-maker, and he's likely to say much of it resulted from coincidence.

There was the paper he wrote for the Washington and Lee Law Review — he doesn't know where he got the idea — that was used to draft Virginia's first statute on child abuse. When he joined the Virginia attorney general's office, he became the state's first assistant attorney general dedicated to youth services.

He happened to come along in an era when the civil rights movement and the women's movement had raised the national consciousness of constituencies that had not had much power. Children were one of these constituencies. "There was a real sense that laws for children were civil rights laws," Shepherd says.

About that time, Shepherd was asked to teach at Richmond's law school as an adjunct professor. He realized soon that academia was where he wanted to be. He was fascinated by the intersection of issues such as education, special education, learning disabilities, abuse and neglect, juvenile delinquency and family dynamics. He enjoyed interdisciplinary work with lawyers, pediatricians, social scientists and educators. And he loved teaching.

"It was a very exciting time," he says. The last decade has been exciting, as well. Demographics have brought on changes as the population bulges with the children of the "baby boom" generation. Politicians have become extremely concerned about youth violence. Public policy debate rages with ideas like boot
Advocacy

rds, mandatory transfers of children to adult courts and prisons, and capital punishment for juveniles.

Recently at an international conference on juvenile justice in Singapore, Shepherd says he found those issues "are of significance to the world. Other countries look at us as a laboratory and for examples. But they see some of these trends [such as the execution of juveniles] and they ask, 'Why do you do this?'"

Though Shepherd is leaving the law school, he says he will continue working in the juvenile justice field. He will teach when opportunities arise. He may make the trip to Baltimore to see his beloved Orioles more frequently. Still, the work will continue.

"There have been kids I've represented who send me Christmas cards talking about their children and how they've turned their lives around," Shepherd says. "There are my students who I see doing very well. There are a lot of issues that will keep me involved. You throw a pebble in a pond and the ripples keep going. This is why I went to law school."

Shepherd says "it's always gratifying" to look over a gathering of judges and lawyers and see so many faces of former students. Those students are just as pleased to see Shepherd there. The Hon. Kimberly B. O'Donnell, L'85, says Shepherd has helped guide her career since law school. "He provided opportunities for me to do what I really love," says O'Donnell, a juvenile and domestic relations court judge in Richmond. "He opened the door for me to become a judge."

Sandra Karison, L'94, staff attorney with the Virginia Supreme Court, counts herself among "quite a number of practicing lawyers that he individually has inspired with his passion, particularly for children.

"He knew all the cases, the Socratic stuff. But he went a lot further than that. He really taught advocacy. He showed us what it meant to really represent a child. He made practice come alive."

Kraeutler still remembers vividly when some ugly, competitive games began to develop among students in her first year. Shepherd got wind of what was going on. His response was to deliver a heartfelt talk to the class "about being respectful to one another and even toward your worst opponent in the courtroom," Kraeutler says. "That talk has stayed with me. We all carried it with us through law school. When we get together to this day, my classmates all still talk about him and about that talk."

"As much as I wish him well in retirement I can't help think what a void he will leave," says Kraeutler, reflecting the sentiments of many former Shepherd students. But she and the others intend to maintain the lines of communication. "I saw him at a reception the other night and I told him, 'I've got your home number,'" Karison laughs. Says Linda Mallory Berry, L'89, "Knowing Bob, he'll probably set up a Web site."

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Robert E. Shepherd Jr.
Scenes from the sixth annual 1870 Dinner

At the sixth annual 1870 Dinner, held in the Jepson Alumni Center in April, alumni and friends heard from Rodney J. Smolla, holder of the George E. Allen Chair in Law.

The 1870 is named for the date of the founding of the T.C. Williams School of Law as a department of Richmond College. Members of the society give $1,000 or more annually to the law school.

1. The Hon. Archer L. Yeatts III, R'64 and L'67, with Eric Kreautler and Jacqueline Maykranz Kreautler, L'83
2. Olin R. Melchionna Jr., L'74, and his wife, Lin
3. Faye Redwine with Professor W. Wade Berryhill and Thomas W. Williamson Jr., L'76
4. Keynote speaker Rodney Smolla
5. Edward D. Barnes, L'72, and his wife, Joan, with David Boone, L'76, and Beverly Boone, director of career services
6. Anne Jacobson, director of development and major gifts; Olin Melchionna Jr., L'74; Esther Moore; and Peter D. Eliades, L'84
As the Law School Association begins another exciting year, I look forward to seeing everyone at Law Weekend, Oct. 5-6.

The weekend kicks off on Friday evening with the annual Fall Gathering, which will be held at the law school this year, instead of at the alumni center. For those of you who have not visited the law school in many years, this should be a real treat. At Fall Gathering, you will have the chance to catch up with your fellow classmates, as well as faculty and current students.

We will also be celebrating the addition of the 300,000th volume to the Muse Law Library as well as the presentation of the portrait of Dean Joseph D. Harbaugh. On Saturday morning, all alumni are welcome to attend the annual meeting of the Law School Association board. Finally, reunion classes will be gathering on Saturday evening.

Last year was a strong year for the Law School Association, thanks to the dedication of the board and the support of our alumni. We raised more than $25,000 in dues, which funded valuable programs for students and alumni, including scholarship support. This year, we have modestly increased the amount of our annual dues, for the first time in seven years. Doing so will help us to keep up with our rising costs and enable the association to better serve its constituencies.

One of my greatest "perks" as president of the Law School Association has been the opportunity to meet and learn about my fellow alumni. Richmond Law has so many distinguished alumni who have gone on to be the best in their fields. Just looking at this issue of Richmond Law magazine, I am amazed at how many alumni we have on the bench!

If you are looking for ways to reconnect with the law school or if you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me or any of my fellow board members. You may contact me at (540) 982-3800 or omelchionna@wmtda.com, or contact the alumni office at (804) 289-8028. I would love to hear from you, and I encourage you to stay connected.

Olin R. Melchionna, Jr., L’74
President, Law School Association
Bush Appoints Cogbill to NCPC

President Bush recently appointed John V. Cogbill III, L'79, as chairman of the National Capital Planning Commission. Cogbill brings more than 20 years of experience in real estate and land use law to the commission, which is the planning agency responsible for preserving the beauty and historic urban design of the nation's capital.

Cogbill is the managing partner of McGuire Woods LLP's Richmond office and is the leader of its Richmond real estate group.

ACA Best in the Business Award

Walter A. McFarlane, L'66, superintendent of the Virginia Department of Correctional Education, has been named one of the "Best in the Business" for 2001 by the American Correctional Association. "Best in the Business" is a national honor recognizing excellence in corrections. Winners are selected from across the United States and Canada. This year ACA honored 17 individuals selected from 328 nominations. As an honoree, McFarlane received full-page coverage in ACA's national publication.

An adjunct member of the law school faculty, McFarlane joined the DCE as its superintendent in 1994.

Merhige Outstanding Achievement Award

James C. Roberts, L'57 and Board of Trustees member, is the 2001 recipient of the Robert R. Merhige, Jr. Outstanding Achievement Award from the John Marshall Inn of Court.

Roberts, a partner of Troutman Sanders Mays & Valentine, LLP in Richmond, was selected for his exemplification of the ideals of fairness, justice, compassion and integrity epitomized by John Marshall. The John Marshall Inn of Court is the Richmond area chapter of the American Inns of Court, an organization dedicated to promoting the ideals of excellence, civility, professionalism and ethics within and beyond the legal profession.

Roberts has more than 43 years of experience in trial and appellate practice and is his firm's senior litigator. A former president of the Virginia State Bar, he is listed in The Best Lawyers in America. In a recent statewide survey of his peers, Roberts was voted Virginia's best litigation attorney.

Fellow, Virginia Law Foundation

Ebb H. Williams III, R'61 and L'64, was inducted as a fellow of the Virginia Law Foundation, an honor conferred on selected Virginia legal professionals deemed outstanding in their profession and community. He also recently received the Virginia State Bar's 14th annual Tradition of Excellence Award. Williams has been a solo practitioner in Martinsville, Va., for almost 30 years.

Award for Distinguished Service

William J. Williams, L'55, was one of four who received the Alumni of the University of Richmond Award for Distinguished Service last spring. He is the retired chairman of the board of Huntington National Bank, a position he held from 1986 to 1993. He served as chief executive officer of the bank for five years and also served on the board of Huntington Bankshares Inc. Prior to joining Huntington, he was president and chief operating officer of Republic Steel Corp., and earlier, he practiced law in Richmond with Hunton & Williams.

Fellow, International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers

Edward D. Barnes, L'72, has been admitted as a fellow of the International Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers in London. The academy is a worldwide association of practicing lawyers who have met special qualifications of experience and expertise in family law in their respective countries.

Barnes is chairman and CEO of Barnes & Batzli PC, one of the largest family law firms in Virginia. He is a former president of the Metro Richmond Family Bar Association and the Chesterfield/Colonial Heights Bar Association and a former adjunct faculty member at Richmond Law.
CLASS ACTIONS

The Hon. James B. Wilkinson, L'52, a retired judge, has joined the panel of mediators and arbitrators at Arbitration Associates.

William N. Gregory Jr., L'55, has retired from Virginia Mutual Insurance Co., where he began his insurance career in 1955.

James C. Roberts, L'57 and Board of Trustees member. See Notables, p. 23.

The Hon. Donald H. Kent, R'60 and L'63, has become a member of the McCammon Group, which provides mediation and arbitration services throughout Virginia. Judge Kent served 23 years on the circuit court bench, including 12 years as chief judge. He was then appointed counsel to the Virginia Judicial Inquiry & Review Commission, where he served until December 2000. Recently he received the Harry L. Carrico Professionalism Award from the Virginia State Bar for his "singular and unique contribution to the improvement of the criminal justice system in the Commonwealth of Virginia."

George R. Hinnant, L'64, is a member of the Meals on Wheels of Greater Richmond "Feeding the Future" campaign.

Ebb H. Williams III, R'61 and L'64. See Notables, p. 23.

J. Edward Betts, L'65, is president-elect of the board of directors of the Virginia Bar Association.

Roderick B. Matthews, L'66, has joined Troutman Sanders Mays & Valentine as a partner in the health care practice group.

Anthony F. Troy, L'66, is employed by the law firm of Troutman Sanders Mays & Valentine and was included in The Best Lawyers in America, 2000-2001.

Gordon A. Wilkins, R'62 and L'66, has been appointed substitute judge for the general district courts of the 15th Judicial Circuit. He practices in Warsaw, Va., with the firm of Wilkins & Davison.

The Hon. Dean W. Sword Jr., L'67, is an attorney with his own practice in Portsmouth, Va.

Reginald N. Jones, R'65, L'68 and Board of Associates member, was elected to the board of directors of the Jamesown-Yorktown Foundation.

Andrew Kline, L'76, is a member of the board of directors of the Richmond area Jewish Family Services.

Howard T. Macrae Jr., L'76, has joined McGuireWoods as counsel in the taxation and employee benefits department. His practice focuses on state and location taxation, general tax and business planning and other business transactions.

Conard B. Mattox III, R'71 and L'76, has been named a member of the community advisory board of the Commonwealth Girl Scouts Council.

Louis A. Mezzullo, L'76 and Board of Associates member, was named to "The Legal Elite," the top 10 Virginia attorneys for 2000, by Virginia Business magazine. He was named top taxes, trusts and estates lawyer. He also was re-elected a vice president of the International Academy of Trust and Estate Law, and he is serving as chairman of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Business Council.
John Randolph "Randy" Nelson, L'76, is an attorney in Lynchburg, Va. An avid soccer fan, he also is supervisor of coaches and helps with player development for Lynchburg United Soccer Inc.

J. Brooke Spotswood, L'76, practices business and trust estates law in Gloucester County, Va.

Theodore L. Chandler Jr., L'77, was elected president of the board of directors of the Richmond chapter of the Association for Corporate Growth.

Steven M. Edmonds, L'77, is a member of the board of directors of Gateway Homes of Greater Richmond Inc.

Robert L. Flax, L'77, has been appointed to the marketing legal services committee in the general practice, solo and small firm section of the American Bar Association.

Hartwell Harrison, L'77, retired after 20 years as vice president at Crestar Bank and NationsBank, where he specialized in the administration of estates, trusts, foundations and endowments. He now volunteers with the Columbia HCA Hospice Team of Richmond. He lives in Bon Air, Va., and has two children, ages 16 and 14.

John C. Shea, L'77, president of Marks & Harrison in Richmond, has been elected president of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association for 2001-2002.

James F. Stutts, L'77, is a member of the board of directors of Friends Association for Children.

William A. Walsh, L'77, was named to "The Legal Elite," the top 10 Virginia attorneys for 2000, by Virginia Business magazine. Walsh, who is with Hunton & Williams, was named top real estate/construction lawyer.

Richard M. Bing, R'72 and L'78, has been included in Marquis Who's Who of American Law for the 11th consecutive year. His law firm in Richmond specializes in family law, franchise law, and trials and appeals.

William R. Blandford Jr., GB'75 and L'78, has been elected to the board of directors of the Powhatan Chamber of Commerce.

Kenneth E. Powell, L'78, is immediate past president of the Virginia Public Safety Foundation Inc.

Jackson E. Reasor, L'78, has been appointed to the board of directors of the Virginia Chamber of Commerce.

Charles J. Zauzig III, L'78, is treasurer of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association.

John V. Cogbill, L'79. See Notables, p. 23.

C. Thomas Ebel, L'79, was re-elected president of the law firm of Sands Anderson Marks & Miller.

James V. Meath, L'79. See profile, this page.

In August, James V. Meath, L'79, was installed as a fellow of the American Bar Association's College of Labor and Employment Lawyers. Membership in this nonprofit professional association is by invitation only, and honors those lawyers with the highest professional qualifications and ethics. Meath, chairman of the labor and employment section at Williams, Mullen, Clark & Dobbins in Richmond, has devoted his entire career to this area of the law.

Meath first became interested in labor and employment issues while working as an employment analyst for the U.S. Department of Labor after graduating from Old Dominion University. Although he knew he eventually wanted to become a lawyer, he also wanted to work in government. He next earned his master's degree in urban planning at Virginia Tech.

After his controversial master's thesis on property tax inequities in the Roanoke area received media attention, Meath was offered a position as the assistant to the town manager of Blacksburg, Va. "It was baptism by fire," he recalls. The manager resigned and Meath served eight months as interim manager. "I can assure you that was a great experience, but it also solidified my desire to go to law school," he says.

Meath entered the University of Richmond School of Law in 1977, finishing his law degree in two years. He ran his own practice specializing in labor and employment law until 1984, when Williams, Mullen, Clark & Dobbins asked him to start a labor department for the firm. Today, the department represents management in all areas of labor and employment law.

In addition to his national practice, Meath also serves as an arbitrator and mediator for numerous contract and employment disputes, an area that he believes has a bright future. "There is always going to be employment litigation," he says, "but as a normal course, there should be more arbitration and mandatory dispute resolution efforts."

He maintains his ties with Richmond Law by teaching a class in negotiations every fall. He also serves on the dean's advisory council and is the co-chairman for the law school's Top-Tier Initiative.

Meath and his wife, Nancy M. Meath, have been married 33 years and have two grown sons.
William Parcell, L'79, is a member of the community advisory board of the Commonwealth Girl Scouts Council.

Stephen E. Barili, L'80, was named secretary/treasurer of the board of directors of the Bar Association of the City of Richmond.


The Hon. John D. Whitlock, L'80, was named one of Richmond's “Top 40 Under 40” by Inside Business magazine, in honor of being a successful businessperson who gives back to the community.

James P. Crosby, L'81, has been reappointed to the board of directors of the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties. He is vice president, office marketing and leasing, for Forest City Commercial Group in Cleveland.

Scott Milburn, L'81, is managing director of Convergent Technology Capital LLC in Seattle. He and his wife, Melissa, had their first child on Nov. 25, 2000.

Douglas A. Barry, L'82, is a shareholder at Allen, Allen, Allen & Allen.

Phyllis C. Katz, L'82, was selected as a panel speaker for the President's Cancer Panel meeting in May in Washington, D.C.

She is co-founder of the Legal Information Network for Cancer.

Bradley R. Cavedo, R’77 and L’83, has been appointed counsel to the Virginia attorney general.

Edward L. Davis, L’83, married Amy T. Holt on Feb. 10, 2001. He is assistant bar counsel at the Virginia State Bar and he is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve, JAG Corp.

Steven D. Gravely, L’83, has joined the health care practice group at Troutman Sanders Mays & Valentine as a partner.

Michael D. Ward, L’83, received the 2000 Award of Excellence from the Virginia Society of Association Executives.

Ann T. Burks, L’84, was named president-elect of the board of directors of the Bar Association of the City of Richmond.

Kenneth F. Hardt, L’84, is an associate at Sinnott, Nuckols & Logan, where his practice focuses on construction law, insurance defense, personal injury and civil litigation.

Joseph D. McCluskey, C’81 and L’84, has been named a shareholder at LeClair Ryan. He joined the firm in 1996.

Laura Graham Fox, L’85, is a member of the board of directors of the Fan Free Clinic. She is employed with LeClair Ryan.

Neal Mollen, L’85, is a partner in the Washington, D.C., office of Paul Hastings.

Michael J. Kelly, R’76 and L’85, is an associate with Spinnella, Owings & Shaia in the practice areas of zoning, land use, litigation and criminal defense.

Mary-Ellen A. Kendall, L’85 and GB’85, is the author of "The Impact of Heating Oil Tanks on Residential Real Estate Transactions," which was published in the Environmental Law Section of the April 2001 Virginia Lawyer (Vol. 49, No. 9).

Carolyn Lavecchia, L’85, is a member of the board of directors of the Virginia Treatment Center for Children. She also has the panel of mediators and arbitrators of Arbitration Associates Inc. She practices with the firm of Williamson and Lavecchia.

Marguerite Ruby, L’86, is past president of the board of directors of Jewish Family Services in Richmond.

Victoria A. Bucar Willis, L’86, is managing attorney at Durrett, Irvin & Bradshaw’s Richmond office. She works with the firm’s business/tax, employment law and health care practice groups.

Stephen R. Jackson, L’87, has been certified by the Supreme Court of Virginia as a mediator. He is with the commercial litigation section of Willcox & Savage PC in Norfolk, Va.

Daniel Edward Lynch, L’87, and his wife, Alice Dunn Lynch, W’85, have a daughter, Caroline Carter, born Nov. 6, 2000.

Alexander Taylor, L’87, is nominating chairman of the Central Virginia division of the March of Dimes.

Jeffry Burden, L’88, has been elected to the board of directors of the Virginia chapter of the Arthritis Foundation. He is a member of the foundation’s planned giving committee.

Robert S. Carter, L’88, is a member of the planned giving committee of the Virginia chapter of the Arthritis Foundation.

Arthur V. Shaheen, L’88, owner of Shaheen and Shaheen, was named to the "Rising 25 for 2000," a listing by the Richmond Times-Dispatch which recognizes privately held, independent companies with headquarters in Richmond.

James W. Walker, L’88, has been named a principal in the firm of Wright, Robinson, Osthimer and Tatus in Richmond.

Stewart T. Leeth, R’85 and L’89, is an associate in the real estate and environmental department at McGuireWoods.

Paul G. Gill, L’90, is a partner at LeClair Ryan.


Todd M. Lynn, L’91, is a partner at LeClair Ryan, where he works in the firm’s corporate department.

Bill Truban, L’91, and his wife, Celeste, have a daughter, Catherine Elizabeth, born Oct. 5, 2000.

Quentin Woodhead, L’91, has been hired by Baskerville & Son as a junior project designer in the architectural department.

Anne M. Glenn, L’92, has been made a partner at LeClair Ryan, where she works in the medical malpractice department.

Kevin E. Mooney, L’92, was promoted to captain in the U.S. Naval Reserves. He is serving on active duty for special work at U.S. Joint Forces Command in Norfolk, Va., where he is operational manager for an advanced concept technology demonstration.

Henry C. Spalding III, L’92, has been named a shareholder and director at Sands Anderson Marks & Miller, where he is a member of the risk management practice.

Darren J. Duzyk, B’89 and L’92, of Lexington, Ky., is general counsel and director of risk management with the Walker Company of Kentucky Inc., which was recently named as one of the country’s top 100 highway contractors by Transportation Builder Magazine. He and his wife, Amy, have a son, Connor Joseph, born Dec. 22, 1999.
William G. Atkinson, L’93, has been elected to the board of directors of the Children’s Home Society of Virginia.

Stephanie E. Grana, W’90 and L’93, has joined the firm of Cantor, Arkema & Edmonds. Her practice will be focused on plaintiff’s medical malpractice and complex personal injury.

Bradford C. Jacob, B’89 and L’93, has joined Sands, Anderson, Marks & Miller as counsel in the firm’s healthcare practice.

James R. Kibler Jr., L’93, is an attorney with McCandlish Kaine. Inside Business magazine listed him as one of Richmond’s “Top Under 40,” for being a successful businessperson who gives back to the community.

Catherine Stuart Greer Magargee, L’93, has joined the office of Glaxo Smith Kline in Philadelphia.


Cullen D. Seltzer, L’93, is an associate at Bowman & Brooke.

Anthony Vittone, R’90 and L’93, and his wife, Elizabeth Vittone, B’91, have a son, Fauster, and a daughter, Katherine Sara, born Sept. 2, 2000.

M. Eldridge Blanton III, L’94, is a member of the planned giving committee of the Virginia chapter of the Arthritis Foundation.

Mahalakshmi “Lakshmi” G. Challa, L’94, is an attorney with McCandlish Kaine. Inside Business magazine listed her as one of Richmond’s “Top Under 40,” for being a successful businessperson who gives back to the community.

Sarah Johnson Hallock, L’94, has joined Bowman & Brooke as an associate.


Allen Brent King, L’94, is a member of the community advisory board of the Commonwealth Girl Scouts Council. He married Anna Brooks Mastracco on Nov. 17, 2000. They live in Richmond. The father of the bride is Vince Mastracco, L’64.

Teresa M. Miguel, L’94, is an attorney with Mccandlish Kaine. Inside Business magazine listed her as one of Richmond’s “Top Under 40,” for being a successful businessperson who gives back to the community.


During the summer of 1999, Leonard Presberg, L’96, was approached by the State Bar of Georgia to participate in “A Business Commitment,” a new referral program created to match business lawyers with legal service programs, community development corporations, charitable organizations and individuals who cannot afford legal services.

Presberg, who was in private practice with a Fayetteville, Ga., law firm, promptly agreed to participate. “I couldn’t imagine not volunteering to be on this referral list,” he says. “I wanted to make a difference.”

He was soon matched with the Henry County Residential Housing Authority, a nonprofit affordable housing developer that was just getting off the ground. Presberg helped the group to develop its legal documents and to secure significant funding. He also represented Henry County Residential in closings of homes built by the organization for low-income families.

In 2000 Presberg’s contributions were recognized by the State Bar of Georgia with its “A Business Commitment” Committee Pro Bono Award, and in March 2001 with the National Public Service Award from the Pro Bono Committee of the American Bar Association section of business law.

“I was really surprised to win the award because I didn’t—and I still don’t—feel that I did anything extraordinary,” he says of the honors. “Pro bono work is something that everyone should do.”

Presberg, who chose to attend the University of Richmond School of Law because his wife, an OB-GYN, received a residency in Richmond, was editor-in-chief of the University of Richmond Law Review. He also was science and technology editor of Juris Publici from 1994 to 1995 and was a member of the McNeill Law Honor Society. And although he says that he has “always had an interest in the rules that govern how we live our lives and interact with each other,” this summer he left his private practice to work as a lead teacher for a Montessori class of 3- to 6-year-old children.

“It goes back to the reasons I was doing the pro bono work,” he explains of the career change. “I wanted to come home at the end of the day and feel like I had helped someone.”

—Jessica Ronky Huddad, AW’93
Patrice Altongy, L'95, works in the investment banking division of Salomon Smith Barney in New York City, where she is in the large cap group focusing on M&A and capital markets transactions for multinational conglomerates.

Theodore D. Bruns, L'95, is an associate in the commercial litigation department at McGuireWoods. His practice will focus on white-collar crime and government investigations.

Mark M. Caldwell III, L'95, has been named counsel to Sands Anderson Marks & Miller. He is a member of the employment practice group.

Donna DiDomenico, W'92 and L'95, is licensed to practice law in both Virginia and Georgia and is self-employed as an attorney.

Karen E. Dunivan, L'95, has been elected a director at Thompson & Mullinan. Her practice focuses in the areas of trust and estate planning and administration, disability planning, public entitlements and fiduciary and chancery litigation.

Ashley G. Keese, L'95, is a senior assistant public defender in Richmond. She married Will Turner, L'95, on June 9, 2001.

Nadine Marsh-Carter, W'86 and L'95, was profiled in the People & Places column of the Richmond Times-Dispatch's Metro Business section, and in the Summer 2001 issue of the University of Richmond Magazine. She is the executive director of Volunteer Emergency Families for Children.

Robert F. Moorman, L'95, has joined Reed Smith Hazel & Thomas, concentrating his practice on commercial litigation.

Steven B. Novey, L'95, married Beth Shiao-Ching Du on Oct. 14, 2000. They live in Richmond.

Kimberly A. Satterwhite, L'95, is a partner at LeClair Ryan.


Will Turner, L'95, married Ashley Keese, L'95, on June 9, 2001.

Duane Deskevich, L'96, has been named board member of the year by the Virginia Home for Boys.

Tracy L. Hamilton, L'96, is an attorney with Hall and Hall.


Noelle Long McCane, L'96, married Matthew McCane on Feb. 5, 2001. She is an attorney at Phelan, Burke & Scolamiero in Albany, N.Y.

Nancy van Luyn Oglesby, L'96, and her husband, Bruce, have a daughter, Berkeley Wescott, born Aug. 25, 2000.

Leonard C. Presberg, L'96. See profile, p. 27.

Stacy L. Ross, L'96, has joined Troutman Sanders Mays & Valentine's law practice as an associate in the health-care division.

Edwin Y. Szeto, L'96, is an associate in the commercial litigation and corporate sections of Ludwig & Robinson PLLC in Washington, D.C.

M. Renae Carter, L'97, has joined McGuireWoods as an associate in the corporate services department.

Rhonda L. Earhart, L'97, is a partner with Cowan, North & LaFratta.

Jason P. Livingston, L'97, and his wife, Katie, have a daughter, Kimberly, who was born on Oct. 19, 2000.

Barry T. Meek, L'97, was elected to the executive committee of the Virginia Bar Association's young lawyers division.

Jacqueline M. Riner, L'97, has joined Wright, Robinson as an associate in the medical malpractice section.

Preston D. Wigner, L'97, is an associate in the capital formation section and corporate and securities law groups at Williams, Mullen, Clark & Dobbins.

Julie A. King, L'98, is an associate in the taxation and employee benefits department of McGuireWoods.

Joshua H. Rahman, L'98, has joined Durrette, Irvin & Bradshaw's Richmond office as an associate in the business/tax and health care practice groups.

John M. Vandenhoff, L'98, is an associate at Sands Anderson Marks & Miller, where he focuses on tax law, estate planning and corporate litigation.

Carine Wittman, L'98, is a member of both the New York and French bars. She is associated with Chicago-based Baker & McKenzie, one of the world's largest firms, and specializes in mergers and acquisitions and corporate law in both the United States and France.


Eric J. Finkbeiner, L'99, was promoted to senior vice president of the state government relations group at McGuireWoods Consulting.

Maria de Guzman Aguila, L'99, is a judicial staff attorney in the civil division for the Fourth Judicial Circuit in Jacksonville, Fla. She married Eric Aguila on Feb. 3, 2001, in Jacksonville, Fla.

Nancy S. Gistover, L'99, is a policy advocate at Family & Children's Services in Minneapolis. She lobbies state government for changes in tax and other policies that will strengthen families and communities. She and her husband, Brian Gistover, have a son, Noah, 3, and a daughter, Madeline Louise, born Sept. 27, 2000.
Jennifer J. Hall, L'99, has joined Meyer, Goergen & Marrs as an associate attorney. She will conduct a general law practice with an emphasis on business law.

Surina Jossan, L'99, works for Bacco Inc., in Richmond.

Philip S. “Ward” Marstiller Jr., L'99, is an associate in the litigation section at Hirschler, Fleischer, Weinberg, Cox and Allen.

Kenyatta Y. McLeod, L'99, of Midlothian, Va., is an attorney at the Board of Veterans' Appeals in Washington, D.C.

Joan M. Mielke, L'99, is an associate at Goodman West & Filetti. Her practice will be concentrated in medical malpractice defense and automobile liability and coverage issues.

Terrell W. Mills, L'99, is an associate with the Greenville, S.C., firm of Wyche, Burgess, Freeman & Parham. His practice will concentrate in the areas of technology, electronic commerce and intellectual property.

Michelle C. Wong, L'99, is an associate with Spinella, Owings & Shata. She will assist Thomas G. Haskins in the areas of estate planning, estate administration and business law.

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Richard F. Dzubin, L'00, is an associate at Bowman & Brooke.

Jeffrey A. Gregor, L'00, has joined the law firm of Hirschler, Fleischer, Weinberg, Cox & Allen as an associate in the business section.

Patrick F. Heinen, L'00, has joined Crews & Hancock as an associate in corporate law.

Melanie C. Holloway, L'00, has joined McGuireWoods as an associate in the corporate services department at McGuireWoods.

Bruce Harold Russell II, L'00, has left private practice and has become assistant commonwealth's attorney for Buchanan County, Va. He lives in Richlands, Va.


Andrew P. Stepanian, L'00, has joined Cantor, Arkema & Edmonds as an associate. His practice will focus on general corporate matters, mergers and acquisitions, and business tort litigation.

G. Ellis Summers, L'00, is an associate with the Memphis, Tenn., firm of Baker, Donelson, Bearman & Caldwell. His practice concentrates in securities and mergers and acquisitions.

William S. Tate, L'00, has joined Hirschler, Fleischer, Weinberg, Cox & Allen as an associate in the business section.

Ramona Leigh Taylor, L'00, was a top-eight finalist and received an honorable mention in the 2000 WriteSafe Writing competition for her screenplay "Good Genes," and her "Somewhere Down the Road" advanced to the semifinal round. She is a contributing writer for the quarterly journal New Heritage Magazine.

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