Preface

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The University of Richmond Law Review presents the 2002 Annual Survey of Virginia Law. This edition continues the seventeen-year tradition of providing insightful analysis of the legislative, administrative, and judicial developments in Virginia over the past year. Each article is authored by a practitioner or professor who is an expert in his or her field and provides not only a summary of important legal developments, but offers practical commentary from each author on the ways in which these changes may affect practicing attorneys in Virginia. In addition to covering traditional legal fields, the 2002 Annual Survey of Virginia Law also includes a Foreword by the new Governor of Virginia, the Honorable Mark Warner.

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