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PREFACE

The *University of Richmond Law Review* proudly presents the twenty-eighth edition of *The Annual Survey of Virginia Law*. Unique in Virginia, the *Annual Survey* brings the critical analysis of law review articles to topics that are immediately useful for practitioners. Each survey chronicles recent legislative, judicial, and administrative developments in prominent areas of the law. Survey authors are practicing experts in their fields and bring with them invaluable expertise and practical insight. Additionally, the *Annual Survey* provides a forum for practitioners, judges, and professors to write on critical Virginia topics. This year's edition considers the right to bear arms in the Virginia Constitution, protection for parental rights in private adoptions, reforming Virginia nonsuit practice, coextensive interpretation of the Virginia Constitution, and the symbiotic relationship between wineries and their localities.

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Serving as the editor of the twenty-eighth *Annual Survey of Virginia Law* has been an honor. I hope you enjoy reading this issue as much as we enjoyed producing it. On behalf of the entire *Law Review*, thank you for your continued support and patronage.

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