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## Preface

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# PREFACE

The *University of Richmond Law Review* proudly presents the twenty-ninth issue of the *Annual Survey of Virginia Law*. The *Annual Survey* serves as a comprehensive guide to recent legislative, administrative, and judicial developments in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The *2014 Annual Survey* includes seven articles, each providing readers with a comprehensive, in-depth update of a specific area of the law. Authors of these updates are practitioners and experts in their respective fields, bringing significant insight to their articles. In addition to updates on the law, each year the *Annual Survey* publishes essays on important legal topics in Virginia. The *2014 Annual Survey* includes two essays written by Virginia judges. This year's essays address and provide practical advice on the areas of election recounts and appellate advocacy. The *Law Review* is proud to include two comments written by former members of the *Law Review* staff.

The *Annual Survey* attributes its continued success to each of the authors who devoted significant time, dedication and hard work to create high-quality articles that will truly benefit the legal community of Virginia. Each author devoted substantial time and effort to provide readers with thorough, informative, and poignant pieces. I genuinely appreciate the efforts put forth by each of you, and thank you for your commitment to the *Annual Survey*.

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