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## Preface

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## PREFACE

The *University of Richmond Law Review* proudly presents the thirty-third issue of the *Annual Survey of Virginia Law*. Since 1985, *Law Review* has dedicated the first book of each volume exclusively to recent legislative, judicial, and administrative changes in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The *Annual Survey* continues that tradition today, serving as a useful guide for important updates and topics that impact Virginia's lawyers, judges, and legislators. The *Annual Survey* is traditionally our most widely read publication, and we strive to maintain its prominence by selecting relevant and timely pieces written by gifted and respected authors.

We are honored to begin this year's *Annual Survey* with a Foreword written by Mark R. Herring, the Attorney General of Virginia, and a former *Law Review* member, explaining the role of the attorney general in the twenty-first century. Additionally, we have seven articles detailing updates in substantive areas of law, namely Civil Practice and Procedure; Corporate and Business Law; Criminal Law and Procedure; Family Law; Professional Responsibility; Taxation; and Wills, Trusts, and Estates. This book also contains two essays written by notable Virginia practitioners. One discusses the Freedom of Information Act in light of its fiftieth anniversary, and the other examines Virginia's laws related to youth who age out of the foster care system. We are also proud to include a student comment evaluating private ordering as a solution to frivolous shareholder litigation in Virginia.

Our commitment to publishing high-quality, informative pieces is achieved only through the scholarship of our authors, many of whom have written for the *Annual Survey* for a number of years. It takes a great amount of energy and attention to produce a piece of this kind, and I am grateful to each author for sacrificing his or her time for the benefit of our publication and Virginia's legal community. Each piece is well-researched and thoughtfully

constructed, and we are fortunate to work with authors who are experts in their respective fields, and who have contributed such high-caliber scholarship.

This book would not be possible without the *Law Review* staff, who demonstrated their commitment to our journal by balancing their *Law Review* duties with associate positions and internships throughout the summer. I would also like to thank our Editor-in-Chief, So Ra Ko, who worked alongside me tirelessly to ensure this publication was of the highest quality; our Executive Editor, Emma Greger, who skillfully managed these pieces at every stage of editing to ensure timely publication; Sherfón Coles-Williams, for her continued friendship and support during this process, Rachel Jewell, my wonderful manuscripts editor; and the rest of our executive board: Emily Benedict, Carly Celestino, Charlie Brooks, and Kurt Lockwood—whose careful editing of each article was integral to the success of this book overall. Thank you also to Glenice Coombs, who has been an incredible resource throughout this journey. You are such an important part of *Law Review*, and the impact you have had on so many students over the years is remarkable.

I am eternally grateful to my family, especially to my mother, Carolyn, and my two sisters, Kathryn and Anna, who have been my greatest support system during my time in law school. I could never adequately express how valuable your encouragement has been to me during this exciting and challenging phase of my life.

As a proud, lifelong Virginia resident, it has been an honor to serve as the Editor of the 2018 *Annual Survey of Virginia Law*. On behalf of the *University of Richmond Law Review*, we thank you for your continued patronage and readership.

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