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**Tradition of Excellence Award**

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**VIRGINIA STATE BAR GENERAL PRACTICE SECTION**

***Announcement***

The General Practice Section of the Virginia State Bar is seeking nominations for its 26th Annual Tradition of Excellence Award, which will be presented at the Virginia State Bar Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach on Saturday morning, June 16, 2012.

This award recognizes an outstanding lawyer who embodies the highest tradition of personal and professional excellence in Virginia and, in doing so, enhances the image and esteem of attorneys in the Commonwealth.

***General Qualifications***

To qualify, nominees must be current members of the Virginia State Bar in good standing who have practiced for a minimum of ten years, five of which must be in general practice. Nominees also should have achieved both personal and professional distinction in their community.

***Nominations***

Nominations must be submitted in writing to the VSB General Practice Section, c/o Catherine Huband, 707 East Main Street, Suite 1500, Richmond, Virginia 23219-2800, and include the following information:

1. **Name, age, and address of nominee;**
2. **Brief biographical information and photograph;**
3. **Firm or employment affiliation for past ten years or more;**
4. **Bar memberships;**
5. **Courts where admitted to practice;**
6. **Details of significant community activities and/or contributions;**
7. **Details of significant activities and/or contributions that have helped to enhance the image and esteem of general practice attorneys in the Commonwealth;**
8. **A brief statement explaining why the nominee should be awarded the Tradition of Excellence Award; and**
9. **Any other information that may be of assistance to the selection committee.**

Nominees may also be interviewed by the selection committee or a representative of the committee at any time after submission of the nomination.

***Deadline***

The General Practice Section must receive your nomination by close of business on Monday, April 2, 2012.

***Notification of Winner***

The recipient of this year's Tradition of Excellence Award will be determined on or before Friday, April 27, 2012. The recipient will be invited to be the honored guest of the General Practice Section at the VSB Annual Meeting.

***Past Recipients***

1987	Philip M. Sadler
1988	J. Sloan Kuykendall
1989	Henry C. Clark
1990	Phillip S. Walker
1991	The Hon. James Keith
1992	C. Flippo Hicks
1993	Mary Ellen Kerr
1994	E. Wayne Sawyers
1995	Tommy P. Baer
1996*	Carl C. Gillespie, Sr.
1997	Nicholas A. Spinella
1998	George M. Warren, Jr.
1999	Eric V. Zimmerman
2000	Ebb H. Williams III
2001	T.L. Plunkett, Jr.
2002	Alexander F. Dillard, Jr.
2003	Kenneth McFarlane Smith
2004	Robert E. Sevila
2005	Lawrence H. Hoover, Jr.
2006	Frank O. Brown, Jr.
2007	James C. Roberts
2008	Roger C. Wiley, Jr.
2009	The Honorable Marilynn C. Goss
2010	V.R. "Shack" Shackelford III
2011	James J. Knically

\* Mr. William C. Goforth was an honorary recipient of the award in 1996 for his outstanding years of service to the General Practice Section. The award was presented posthumously at the 1996 VSB Annual Meeting.