

## Virginia Lawyer Diversity Issue

When Virginia State Bar President Manuel A. Capsalis determined that he would make a priority of improving the number of minorities in the legal profession and in VSB leadership, Dawn Chase was assigned to research and write stories to support the initiative.

Chase, assistant editor of *Virginia Lawyer* and *Virginia Lawyer Register*, interviewed thirty-five judges, attorneys, law professors, about their experiences and ideas for improvement.

She will continue to write about the topic in future issues of *Virginia Lawyer*. In December, the magazine will focus on ideas that leading minority legal figures in Virginia have for encouraging minority persons to join the profession.

Before joining the VSB in 2003 as public information coordinator, Chase was associate editor of *Virginia Lawyers Weekly*

for seven years, beginning in 1997.

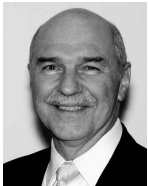
Previously, she was a beat reporter and feature writer for the *Richmond News Leader* for thirteen years. She covered religion, health and science, mental health, and consumer issues, and she wrote major series on schizophrenia and head trauma. She also worked as a legal assistant for the Chesterfield County firm Bowen, Champlin, Carr, Foreman & Rockecharlie.

Chase has a bachelor's degree in mass communications from Virginia Commonwealth University.

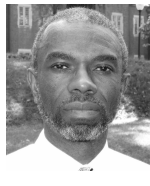
Ideas for future diversity stories or comments on this issue are invited, and should be directed to Rodney A. Coggin at (804) 775-0585 or [coggin@vsb.org](mailto:coggin@vsb.org).



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**Jonathan K. Stubbs** has taught at the University of Richmond School of Law since 1989—since 1995 as a professor of law. He holds undergraduate degrees from Haverford College and Oxford University, a juris doctor degree from Yale University, and master of laws and of theological studies from Harvard University. He is the editor of *Brown, The Big Bang and Beyond: The Life Story of Oliver W. Hill Sr.*

**Jennifer L. McClellan** has been a leader in the VSB Young Lawyers Conference through much of her career as a lawyer. She developed the Oliver Hill/Samuel Tucker Prelaw Institute in 2000, currently serves as YLC President and on the VSB Council, and she is a member of the Diversity Task Force. She is an attorney for Verizon and represents Richmond as a delegate in the General Assembly. She has an undergraduate degree from the University of Richmond and a law degree from the University of Virginia.

Richmond lawyer **Clarence M. Dunnville Jr.** has been a driving force behind the Oliver White Hill Foundation for many years. He has been involved in civil rights and diversity projects throughout his career, which included serving as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of New York. Last year, he was presented with a Segal-Tweed Founders Award from the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.