

Grey Steps Down as ABA House of Delegates Chair

Robert J. Grey, Jr., a vice president of the Richmond law firm of LeClair Ryan, will conclude his term as chair of the American Bar Association House of Delegates when it meets in New York in August for its annual meeting.

In the Virginia State Bar, Grey is a former president of the Young Lawyers Conference and a past president of the Virginia Commission on Women and Minorities in the Legal Profession and the Legal Ethics Committee. He is a past chair of the Legal Education Committee of the Virginia Law Foundation. He is a former member of the Virginia State Bar Council, the Long Range Planning Committee, the Judicial Nominations Process Committee and the faculty of the Professionalism Course.

Grey represents businesses and trade associations before the Virginia General Assembly and before administrative and regulatory agencies of the Commonwealth. Grey has been with his present firm since 1995, and previously was with the firm of Mays and Valentine. He also is affiliated with the McCammon Mediation Group, Ltd.

The ABA is the world's largest voluntary professional association. ABA membership, in 1997, reached more than 392,000, with more than 346,000 of those being lawyer members.

Long active in the ABA, Grey has chaired the House of Delegates since August 1998, and chaired the House delegation from Virginia. He served on the nominating committee of the House in his capacity as state delegate, and was chair of the Select Committee of the House and served as a member of the council of the ABA Fund for Justice and Education.

He has served two terms on the House of Delegates committee on Rules and Calendar. He was a two-term member of the Board of Editors of the ABA Journal and has served on the ABA Standing Committee on Legal Aid and Indigent Defendants. He was appointed to the association's Governance Committee in 1995.

Grey is past chair of the ABA Commission on Opportunities for Minorities in the Profession, and has served as a member on the commission from 1986 to 1995. He was co-chair of the Minorities in the Profession Committee of the Young Lawyers Division, and served on the YLD Affiliate Outreach Committee. He is a member of the ABA section of Business Law and of Dispute Resolution.

Grey has been appointed by governors of the Commonwealth to several public service positions. He is a past vice-chair of the Virginia Public Building Authority and chair of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board. He has served on the Board of Visitors of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, and on the Commission on the Efficiency of State Government.



Robert J. Grey, Jr.

He also has served locally as chair of the Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce and Youth Matters. Currently, he is chair of the Greater Richmond Partnership.

Grey is past chair of the Capital Club Board of Governors, and past president of the Richmond Crusade for Voters. He is a former chair of the board of Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens.

Grey previously practiced with Grey & Wesley in Richmond, and was assistant professor of the School of Business at Virginia Commonwealth University. In addition to having chaired the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, he served in the enforcement division of the National Labor Relations Board in Washington, DC. He holds a bachelor's degree from Virginia Commonwealth University and a law degree from Washington & Lee University.

ABA House of Delegates

The House of Delegates, established in 1936, meets twice each year, at ABA Annual and Midyear Meetings. The control and administration of the ABA is vested in the House of Delegates, the policy-making body of the association.

At the Midyear Meeting, the Nominating Committee nominates officers and members of the Board of Governors. During the Annual Meeting, the full house votes on these nominees and on any nominations made by petition.

Action taken by the House of Delegates on specific issues becomes official ABA policy.

An Interview with Robert Grey

What did you want to accomplish at the ABA?

My goal was to contribute. I wanted to make the profession as credible, as relevant, and as accessible as possible. I think that it is important the ABA maintain a very strong presence in the world by promoting the rule of law—supporting law and order around the world—and assisting in the development of working legal models for emerging countries—legal models that involve not only lawyers and judges but lawmakers, as well as assisting countries to write constitutions and promoting democracy.

As for the domestic front, we must stand tall for the rights of people, and do everything possible to guard the integrity of the Constitution.

As the first African-American to chair the ABA House of Delegates, what do you have to say about the future of minorities in the system and in the profession?

We all have a stake in this. If we are going to realize the potential of the country in the next century, then we are going to have to make sure that all cylinders are operating at the same time. It's a sad commentary if we leave groups behind—unable to access the justice system, unable to understand how it operates, unable to realize their individual potential. If we do, then we are operating on less cylinders than are available to us. That is just not an acceptable option. We have to work to fully integrate, educate and employ our citizens. If that's not our goal, then we fall short of our mission.

Who helped you succeed?

I have mentors like Oliver Hill and Doug Wilder. They helped me understand how the system works. In a less direct way, Lewis Powell, Jr., Spotswood Robinson and Samuel Tucker have been an inspiration. These leaders never took it personally that things were not right, they saw it as an evolutionary process: "This is something that we have to go through to get where we need to go." If it falls on your watch, and you have the skill, the ability, to do something about it, then you do it. This is the way I was brought up. I don't know how to do it any other way. And, it is important to reflect on how my development in the bar took place: I will never forget the access that I had to lawyers—lawyers with influential positions in our legal community. Most of the time all it took was asking to get an audience with them.

I remember those who made themselves accessible to me and how it influenced the way I thought about things, and how it shaped my attitude. So I said to myself that if I was ever in a position where others might value my opinion or advice, then I would make myself accessible—from the law student division, to the young lawyer's division to the other divisions and sections, and the members of the House—I was determined to be accessible.

What Others Say

Robert Grey was an effective, fair and dynamic leader. He looked like a chair should, and acted like a chair.

He was very fair, very solicitous, yet decisive. He is the consummate politician in the best sense of the word—he appreciates others' views, carefully considers them, then makes up his mind, and is tenacious. His responses are right on target. His chairmanship has been good for him and good for Virginia.

—Tom Edmonds, VSB Executive
Director and member, ABA House
of Delegates

Robert's participation in the Virginia State Bar and American Bar Association has its roots in the Young Lawyers Division. Therefore, Robert became a role model to many young lawyers aspiring to reach the higher levels of leadership in the Bar. He made himself available to the young lawyers to answer questions, share his experiences, include us in various important meetings, provide advice or just talk.

He also followed through on his promise to appoint young lawyers to various committees in the House (he appointed me to chair of the Tellers Committee). Robert has truly inspired a new generation of young lawyers to embrace service for the public and profession.

—O'Kelly McWilliams,
Representative to the House of Delegates
from the Young Lawyers Conference
of the VSB

Civil Rights Lawyer Oliver W. Hill to Receive 2000 American Bar Association Medal

Oliver White Hill, who practiced civil rights law in Virginia for more than 60 years, will receive the American Bar Association Medal for 2000.

“Oliver Hill has toiled for more than two generations to make equality and justice living realities for all the people of the United States,” said ABA President William G. Paul in announcing Hill’s selection. “He was a principal attorney in landmark cases that desegregated schools, won equal pay for African-American teachers, desegregated public transportation, guaranteed access to courts for groups such as the NAACP, and won minorities access to the ballot box and the right to participate on juries. Oliver Hill has used the law to better our nation and to better the lot of its people.”

The medal will be presented at a meeting of the ABA House of Delegates during the association’s Annual Meeting in New York City in August.

The ABA Medal, the association’s highest award, is presented only in years in which the ABA Board of Governors determines that an individual has rendered exceptionally distinguished service to the cause of American jurisprudence.

Hill won his first civil rights case in 1940. With the help of his friend and colleague, Thurgood Marshall, he won a case requiring the Norfolk, Va., school system to provide equal pay for African-American teachers. He and his legal team filed more civil rights suits in Virginia than were filed in any other Southern state during the desegregation era, noted Virginia State Bar President W. Scott Street III, in nominating Hill.

At one point, Hill and his colleagues were handling in excess of 75 pending civil rights matters. Among his most notable cases was *Davis v. County School Board of Prince Edward County*, one of five school desegregation suits decided in 1954 by the Supreme Court of the United States when it ruled in *Brown v. Board of Education*.

Hill’s contributions were recognized in 1999 with a Presidential Medal of Freedom, when President Clinton said, “Throughout his long and rich life, he has challenged the laws of our land and the conscience of our country. He has stood up . . . for everything that is necessary to make America truly one, indivisible and equal.”

In nominating Hill for the Medal of Freedom, Sen. Charles S. Robb cited “the courage it took 50 or 60 years ago for any American of African ancestry to dream of equality in America

and to fight, again and again and again, to chip away at a segregated world.”

Hill remains an active advocate for civil rights with a generation of lawyers “who know the civil rights

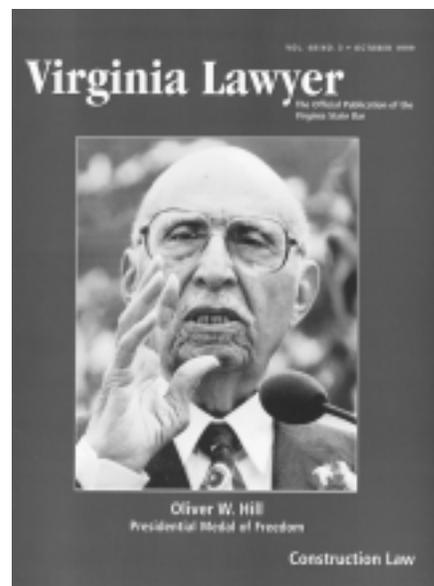
movement only through cases read in case books,” said Virginia Supreme Court Justice Elizabeth Lacy, adding that his interaction with young lawyers “is a testament to the responsibility of lawyers to contribute to the development and enrichment of the legal system.”

Born in Richmond, Va., in 1907, Hill received both his undergraduate and law degrees from Howard University in Washington, D.C. He was admitted to the Virginia bar in 1934, and moved to Richmond in 1939. He has remained in Richmond since then, except during military service in World War II and a five year stint with the Federal Housing Administration. He and the late Judge Spottswood Robinson, formerly chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia Circuit, founded the first civil rights law firm in the state of Virginia, which evolved into the firm of Hill, Tucker and Marsh.

Hill was the first African-American since Reconstruction to be elected to the Richmond City Council in a city-wide election, in 1948. He was appointed by President Truman to serve on the first President’s Committee on Government Contracts Compliance, which later became the President’s Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity. He is or has been an officer or member of the board of many national, state and local organizations, including the National Legal Committee of the NAACP, the National Bar Association, the Southern Conference for Human Welfare and the National Association for Intergroup Relations Officials.

Others include the National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing, The Commission on Constitutional Revision for the State of Virginia, the Virginia State Bar Bench Bar Relations Committee and the Old Dominion Bar Association, which Hill co-founded.

Hill has received numerous awards, including the ABA Pro Bono Award and the Thurgood Marshall Award from the ABA Section of Individual Rights and Responsibilities. In 1992, Hill received



the Virginia State Bar's Lewis F. Powell, Jr. Pro Bono Award that was presented to Hill by its first recipient, Justice Powell.

In 1996 the Richmond City Council and the judges of the juvenile and domestic relations courts in Richmond dedicated their new courthouse, naming it the Oliver Hill Courts Building.

In receiving the ABA Medal, Hill joins Associate Justice of the Supreme Court Sandra Day O'Connor and the late Supreme Court Justices Thurgood Marshall, Lewis F. Powell Jr. and William J. Brennan Jr. as recent honorees, and historic recipients such as Oliver Wendell Holmes, Elihu Root, Roscoe Pound, Charles Evans Hughes and Reginald Heber Smith.

The American Bar Association is the largest voluntary professional membership organization in the world. With more than 400,000 members, the ABA provides law school accreditation, continuing legal education, information about the law, programs to assist lawyers and judges in their work, and initiatives to improve the legal system for the public.

Hill Autobiography Published

Editor's note: At press time, the *Virginia Lawyer* received a copy of the just released autobiography of Oliver W. Hill, [The Big Bang: Brown v. Board of Education and Beyond](#). We will review the book at a later date. Copies of the book may be ordered by writing: Oliver W. Hill, Sr. Book Fund, C/O Hill, Tucker & Marsh, 600 E. Broad Street, Ste. 402, Richmond, VA 23219. The price of the book is \$24.95 (hard cover), and \$19.95 (soft cover).



Lexington Students Win Top Prizes

Five of this year's Law in Society Award Competition winners were seniors at Rockbridge County High School in Lexington. Students were presented with their awards at a meeting of the Rockbridge/Buena Vista Bar Association in May. Pictured above with the Hon. George E. Honts, III, Twenty-Fifth Judicial Circuit, are (l to r) Nathaniel Oliver, second place; Christine Conner, honorable mention; Andrew Jacob, first place; Rachel Cothran, honorable mention; and William Oliver, honorable mention. You can find a complete list of winners and read the first place essay on the VSB Web site at www.vsb.org/publications/lawinsociety/lisa2000.html.

IN MEMORIAM

Frederick C. Belen

December 1913–October 1999
Arlington

W. Gibson Harris

December 1916–May 2000
Richmond

Rosemary Jarvis Hevener

June 1918–March 2000

Alfred L. Hiss

February 1921–March 2000
Arlington

Donald Robert Lee

July 1960–May 2000
Richmond

David Frankman Peters

August 1941–March 2000
Richmond

David Mark Reizes

September 1943–March 2000
Virginia Beach

Charles A. Robinson, Jr.

May 1920–January 2000
Vienna

The Hon. D. H. Sandie

October 1920–April 2000
Portsmouth

Robert A. Scurlock

March 1918–January 2000
Norfolk

C. Wynne Tolbert

May 1917–May 2000
Arlington

Charles K. Watson, Jr.

October 1930–December 1999
Richmond

Donald F. Wilson

July 1939–April 2000
Richmond

Edward W. Wolcott

April 1921–September 1999
Virginia Beach

Morton M. Zedd

July 1935–April 2000
Richmond

Two Virginia Attorneys Receive “Bar Leader of the Year” Award

The Conference of Local Bar Associations (CLBA) presented the Bar Leader of the Year Award to **George W. Shanks**, of Luray, and **Meredith A. House**, of Richmond.

The award recognizes leaders in their local bar associations who have made significant contributions to their profession and their community.

The CLBA encourages cooperation among Virginia’s 115 local and specialty bar associations. It acts as a clearinghouse for local bar leaders to share resources, programming ideas, and information. It aims to promote the improvement of the practice of law and enhance the public understanding of the law and the legal profession.

The award was presented at the Bar Leaders Breakfast on Friday, June 16 at the Virginia State Bar Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach.

George W. Shanks,

president of the Page County Bar Association in 1982 and 1995, was instrumental in rallying members of this small bar to produce quality programming and services for its members and for the greater community.



Shanks introduced the concept of law-related education to the bar ten years ago and continues to coordinate the efforts of local attorneys who visit public school classrooms to teach students about the legal system. He secured grants to support educational efforts, including an annual trip to the Virginia Supreme Court and the United States Supreme Court for selected students. Shanks served the Page County Bar Association in each of its elected positions, volunteered for the “Lawyers Helping Lawyers” program, served as a commissioner in chancery for the Twenty-sixth Judicial Circuit, and is a member of the Town of Luray Planning Commission. Additionally, he has been a willing and helpful mentor to new members of the bar. He has always presented a positive image of the profession and is a frequent speaker on behalf of the bar before civic organizations. He has been in the practice of law since 1970.

Meredith A. House is

the founder of the Richmond firm, House & Davidson, and is a long-time leader of the Bar Association of the City of Richmond. He served as president during 1994–1995, and was instrumental in developing the bar’s strategic plan. His



plan encouraged the rejuvenation of the Richmond Bar Foundation, a concentration of service activities that resulted in prominence of *pro bono* activities and the formation of a technology committee, which continues to provide a means to share information about technological developments. He recruited a number of current association members, served as the bar’s immediate past president when the outgoing president was unable to fill the role, and championed the idea of a bond between the bar and the University of Richmond School of Law. He currently serves as chair of the RBA/University of Richmond Law School Partnership Committee, which has been instrumental in increasing communications and programming. House is active in the Richmond Host Lions Club, the Richmond Chapter of the Experiment in International Living, and on the Board of Deacons of First Baptist Church.

Local & Specialty Bar Associations Honored for Public Service Projects

The Conference of Local Bar Associations Awards of Merit Competition recognizes outstanding public service projects conducted by local and specialty bars throughout the state. The competition is divided into two groups: an Award of Merit, which is the highest award given for a project; and a Certificate of Achievement, which recognizes other programs and projects of high distinction. Awards were presented at the Bar Leaders Breakfast on Friday, June 16 at the Virginia State Bar Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach.

Awards of Merit

Fairfax Bar

The Fairfax Bar Association was presented with two Awards of Merit for its Juvenile Court Centennial Day Celebration and for its "Legal Resources for the Public" and "Law for Students" Web site projects.

In 1999, America celebrated the Centennial of the Juvenile Court System. The Fairfax Bar Association held a day of celebration, providing both educational and celebratory programs for the community. A breakfast meeting featured Marian Wright Edelman, founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund. A continuing legal education program, called "How to Better Communicate with Children," was presented in the afternoon. A Centennial Town Meeting, open and free to the public, featured a panel of experts in the field of juvenile justice, including J. Dean Lewis, President of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, and the Reverend Gerald O. Glenn, former Director of the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice. A question and answer session was televised on a local station.

The Fairfax Bar Association created two specific sections on their Web site (www.fairfaxbar.org) that share information with the public about law and legal issues in their locality. "Legal Resources for the Public" is a site that provides information about Fairfax County Courts and the legal process, including procedures for the filing and administration of cases. "Law for Students" is a site intended to give junior high and high school students a central source for information about Virginia law, U.S. law and American legal history.

Fauquier County Bar

The Fauquier County Bar Association received an Award of Merit for its Web site Installation Project.

The Fauquier County Bar Association's Web site, www.fauquierbar.org, promotes the easy identification of local attorneys, including a member listing complete with contact information; bar newsletters; notices of upcoming seminars and bar meetings; notifications of judicial openings and appointments and links to Virginia courts and Fauquier Circuit Court Web sites.

The project was completed with the assistance of Jerry Loftus, a bar member who volunteered his time and services, and the Fauquier County Law Library, which offered its Internet connection to host the site.

Loudoun County Bar

The Loudoun County Bar Association received two Awards of Merit for its law-related education projects: Leadership in the Law Summer Camp and *Commonwealth v. Betancourt: A Case Study Teaching High School Students About the Judicial Process*.

The Leadership in the Law Summer Camp is an opportunity for rising high school seniors to learn first-hand about the legal system. The students spend five days and nights working with local judges, lawyers, law clerks, police officers and other professionals in preparing and trying a hypothetical court case. Students also participate in recreational activities. At the conclusion of the program, students learn the nuts and bolts of preparing and trying a court case.

Commonwealth v. Betancourt: A Case Study for Teaching High School Students About the Judicial Process is an activity created by the bar at the request of high school government teachers seeking assistance in teaching their students about the judicial process. The case study is based upon a 1996 Loudoun County case. The case was presented to the students by one of the prosecutors and one of the defense lawyers in the case. The students deliberate as if they were jurors and discuss the legal issues involved.

Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar

The Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association was presented with two Awards of Merit for its Centennial Luncheon Gala and its *Law Matters* Special Centennial Edition.

The Centennial Luncheon Gala celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association, founded in 1900. A Centennial Steering Committee, originally formed in 1994, invited United States Supreme Court Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist to attend and speak at the celebration. The celebration honored more than 25 past presidents or family members. The committee was responsible for planning and executing the event, which attracted 48 local judges, Virginia Supreme Court Chief Justice Harry L. Carrico, and more than 700 invited guests and members of the public. The bar association also presented their Eggleston-F-Anson Professionalism Award to Norfolk attorney Francis N. Crenshaw.

First published in April 1998 as a supplement to the *Virginian-Pilot*, the *Law Matters* section was designed to elevate the image of the legal profession in the community and to educate the community about legal issues and procedures. This special centennial edition of *Law Matters* profiled each of the bar association's past presidents. A

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history of the bar association and the City of Norfolk was also included.

Roanoke Bar

The Roanoke Bar Association received an Award of Merit for its Barrister Book Buddies project.

In the spring of 1999, the Roanoke Bar Association joined forces with Roanoke City Public Schools in a program that sends volunteer lawyers to read to elementary school children who need help with reading skills. The program currently operates in seven schools and has approximately 70 volunteers, including attorneys, judges, legal secretaries and paralegals. Each pair of volunteers read to entire classes of students, giving teachers needed time to work with individual students. Volunteers also spend time one-on-one with students. In addition, the bar purchased and donated 400 childrens books to the schools.

Virginia Beach Bar

The Virginia Beach Bar Association received an Award of Merit for its Seatack Mentoring Program.

After deciding to sponsor a tutoring program, members of the Virginia Beach Bar Association met with the principal of Seatack Elementary School, who informed them that many of the fifth graders were reading well below their grade level, and were in need of both educational and emotional support. With the assistance of Judge Thomas Stewart Shadrick, Chief Judge of the Virginia Beach Circuit Court, the group recruited 21 volunteers, one lawyer or judge for each fifth grade student.

Each volunteer meets with his or her student for one hour, once a week. The student and mentor work together in the classroom or spend time in the library reading, studying or just conversing.

Certificates of Achievement

Chesapeake Bar

The Chesapeake Bar Association was presented with two Certificates of Achievement for its School Docent Program and its Web site Creation Project.

The School Docent Program was designed to provide public high schools in the City of Chesapeake with attorneys to act as classroom speakers, assist in the organization of law related field trips, distribute the VSB publication *So You're 18*, facilitate law related employment and internship opportunities, and to provide scholarships. Each of the seven high schools has a liaison from the bar association, who recruits volunteers and coordinates activities for each school.

The Chesapeake Bar Association Web site, located at <http://www.pinn.net/~chesbar/> was designed to provide general information to bar members and to the public about the Chesapeake legal system.

City of Richmond Bar

The City of Richmond Bar Association was presented with a Certificate of Achievement for its Tenant Appeal Bond Fund Project.

In 1999, the Richmond Bar Association established a special fund for the purpose of helping low-income tenants who have lost a rent payment case in the General District Court to post the bond necessary to file an appeal. In most cases, the tenant is indigent, unable to produce the bond equal to six months rent, and unable to exercise their right of appeal. This dilemma was brought to the attention of the bar association's *pro bono* committee by Henry McLaughlin, Executive Director of Central Virginia Legal Aid Society, Inc. The Tenant Appeal Bond Fund will, upon approval of the request, pay up to \$750 towards the appeal bond. All moneys must be repaid in installments to the bar association.

Fairfax Bar

The Fairfax Bar Association received a Certificate of Achievement for its "Law Day" project.

The Law Day 2000 project was created to promote the benefits of the rule of law and the role of the legal system in the community. A celebration was held at the Fairfax City Regional Library. It consisted of three activities. The first component included free private legal consultations and referral services by Fairfax Bar Association members. The second part was a "Community Legal Learning Fair," where representatives from community organizations and government entities such as Catholic Immigration Services, the Fairfax County Police Department, and the Office of Child Support Enforcement, set up displays and distributed materials to the public. The last component was a free seminar by three bar members titled "Legal Aspects of Life Changes," which covered wills, divorce, and financial changes.

Henrico County Bar

The Henrico County Bar Association was presented with a Certificate of Achievement for its Legal Aid Project.

Working with the law firm of Hunton & Williams, which operates an office in Richmond's Church Hill that provides legal services for low-income city residents, the bar association offered their services for residents of nearby Henrico County. The Hunton & Williams Church Hill office screens all clients, and refers Henrico residents to a volunteer member of the bar association, who will provide free legal assistance and representation regarding juvenile and domestic relation matters, landlord/tenant disputes, consumer and other contract problems, real estate issues, wills and estate planning and general litigation. More than 50 cases have been handled by bar association volunteers.

Hispanic Bar

The Hispanic Bar Association of Virginia was presented with a Certificate of Achievement for its Hispanic Law Conference and Career Day.

The role of the Hispanic attorney in the new millennium was the focus of the conference, attended by approximately 185 attorneys and law students. Co-hosted with the Hispanic Bar Associations of

the District of Columbia and Maryland and American University, the Hispanic Bar Association of Virginia coordinated the panel selections and subjects, the career fair, publicity, and facility usage. An address by Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legislative Affairs Robert Raben opened the conference, and Armando Guzman, national correspondent and anchor on Spanish television network Univision, gave the keynote address. Panel discussions covered topics including the impact of the 2000 elections on the Hispanic community, career paths for Hispanic attorneys, and challenges faced by Hispanic attorneys. The event concluded with a career fair for both attorneys and law students, which included recruiters from the public and private sectors. The 2000 conference was distinguished with an increase in attendees and coverage of a broad spectrum of topics affecting the Hispanic legal community.

Metro Richmond Women's Bar

The Metro Richmond Women's Bar Association was presented with a Certificate of Achievement for its "Understanding Domestic Rights in Virginia" pamphlet.

The pamphlet, which has been distributed for the last ten years, outlines basic information about divorce, annulment, spousal and child support, custody and visitation, adoption and family violence. It also provides an overview of court procedures in Circuit Court and Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court, and of alternative dispute resolution and legal aid assistance. This year, with the help of a generous grant from the Virginia Law Foundation, the bar association will print 40,000 copies of the 2000 edition, and will distribute them extensively throughout the state to attorneys and nonprofit organizations.

Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar

The Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association received a Certificate of Achievement for its Bench-Bar Conference.

The second annual Bench-Bar Conference offered an opportunity for judges and attorneys to have an informal dialogue about the local circuit court system.

The event featured an address by Virginia Supreme Court Justice Elizabeth B. Lacy. The conference also included an examination of the judiciary's strategic planning and management system, and an ethics program, "Lawyers, Judges and the Adversarial Process." More than 130 attorneys and all nine circuit court judges attended.

Prince William County Bar

The Prince William County Bar Association received a Certificate of Achievement for its So You're 18 Law Day Project.

The *So You're 18* handbook, a project of the CLBA, explores the ways in which legal rights, responsibilities and restrictions change when a person turns 18. The CLBA makes the book available to local bars throughout the state for distribution to high school seniors. The Prince William County Bar Association completed the distribution of 3,500 *So You're 18* handbooks to seniors at nine area high schools beginning on Law Day (May 1). Accompanying speeches were given at four of those schools. The bar association funded the entire project from membership dues, and all distribution efforts and speeches were handled by 30 volunteer attorneys and the executive director.

CLBA Executive Committee Elected

At its Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach on June 16, 2000, the Conference of Local Bar Associations elected the following officers: Chair Joseph M. Cochran, Charlottesville-Albermarle Bar; Chair-elect Aubrey J. Rosser, Jr., Campbell County Bar; Secretary Janine M. Saxe, Fairfax Bar; Treasurer Judith L. Rosenblatt, Va. Beach Bar; and Immediate Past Chair Elizabeth K. Dillon, Roanoke/New River Valley, VWAA. Re-elected At-Large Members include: Manuel A. Capsalis, Arlington County Bar; Howard W. Martin, Norfolk/Portsmouth Bar; M. Janet Palmer, Virginia Assn. of Black Women Attorneys; and William T. Wilson, Alleghany/Bath/ Highland County Bar. Newly elected At-Large Members were: C. Butler Barrett, Emporia-Greenville Bar and George W. Shanks, Page County Bar.

LOCAL & SPECIALTY BAR ELECTIONS

ALLEGHANY-BATH-HIGHLAND BAR ASSOCIATION:

Russell Wayne Updike, President
Edward Kenneth Stein, Vice President
Betty Kay Cauley, Secretary-Treasurer
William T. Wilson, Conference Representative

HENRICO COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION:

Edward Seayers Whitlock, III, President
Karen Meriwether Adams, President-elect
Daniel Leigh Rosenthal, Vice President
William Jacob Viverette, Secretary
Corinna Barrett Lain, Treasurer
Paul Dimitri Georgiadis, Conference Representative

NO. VA BLACK ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION:

Charles Wilfred Durant, President
Marcia Kay Thompson, Vice President
Anita Van McFadden, Secretary
Lewis Irvin Askew, Jr., Treasurer
Kathleen Olden Barnes, Conference Representative

PAGE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION:

Robert Arthur Downs, President
Mark Norman Reed, Vice President
Arthur Lee Goff, Secretary-Treasurer
George W. Shanks, Conference Representative

TIDEWATER BANKRUPTCY BAR ASSOCIATION:

Carolyn Louise Camardo, President
Cindra Myers Dowd, President-elect
Alex Harry Pincus, Secretary
Jeffrey Laurence Marks, Treasurer
Carolyn Louise Camardo, Conference Representative

YORK COUNTY-POQUOSON BAR ASSOCIATION:

Karen Mary Vannan, President
Scott Lee Reichle, President-elect
Christopher Alan Abel, Secretary
Edward Lacey Chambers, Jr., Treasurer
James S. Insley, Conference Representative

Richmond Area Attorney Lawrence D. Diehl Honored for Lifetime Achievements

The Family Law Section of the VSB presented its Lifetime Achievement Award to Lawrence D. Diehl for his dedication to the practice of family law and domestic relations. The award honors an individual who has made a substantial contribution to the practice and administration of family law in the Commonwealth.



Diehl is a sole practitioner who has been active as a member and chair of various legislative study committees and primary drafter of statutes regarding child support, equitable distribution, rehabilitative alimony and transmutation and classification of property in divorce. He is co-author of Virginia Family Law: Theory and Practice and is a frequent lecturer, both locally and nationally.

He is a past chair of the VSB Family Law Section, a Fellow and current chairman of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, a member of the board of directors of Southside Virginia Legal Service, Inc., and a past member of the board of directors of the Virginia Poverty Law Center, Inc.

Diehl earned his B.A. from Bucknell University and his J.D. from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William & Mary.

Spanish Translation of *Senior Citizens Handbook* Now Available

The handbook gives practical advice on such topics as health care, long term care insurance, landlord-tenant issues, real estate transfers, and probate and estate administration.

Individual copies of the Spanish version of the handbook may be ordered by sending \$2 to:
Maureen Stengel, Virginia State Bar, Suite 1500,
707 E. Main Street, Richmond, Va 23219-2800.

Martinsville Attorney Ebb H. Williams, III Receives Tradition of Excellence Award



Wanda Yoder, chairman of the General Practice Section of the VSB, presented the award to Williams at the annual meeting in June.

Ebb H. Williams, III, a solo practitioner in Martinsville, was awarded the Virginia State Bar's Tradition of Excellence Award on Saturday, June 17th, at the bar's annual meeting in Virginia Beach. The award is presented annually by the General Practice Section to an attorney who has dedicated time and effort to the activities that assist the community while improving the standing and image of general practitioners in the eyes of the public.

He has served in disciplinary functions, in practice section functions, on VSB Council and on the Executive Committee.

Through speaking engagements, radio shows and other venues, Williams provided education and information about law and legal matters, the practice of law, and the role of the VSB in regulation of attorneys and their practices to civil organizations, educational groups and the media. His community involvement also includes service in local chapters of the American Red Cross, the Boy Scouts of America, the Salvation Army, and the chamber of commerce. Williams is on the executive committee of Averett College, the board of associates of the University of Richmond. He served as a substitute judge in the General District and Juvenile & Domestic Relation Courts of the City of Martinsville, Henry and Patrick Counties.

Williams earned both his undergraduate and J.D. degrees at the University of Richmond. He has been a general practitioner since 1964, and solo practitioner since 1973, representing clients ranging from wrongly accused criminal defendants to multi-national corporations.

Marilynn Goss Presented Legal Aid Award

Marilynn C. Goss, senior managing attorney at the Richmond-based Central Virginia Legal Aid Society (CVLAS), was presented with the 2000 Virginia Legal Aid Award on Friday, June 16 at the legal aid luncheon at the VSB annual meeting in Virginia Beach. The award is given to a legal aid attorney in Virginia whose "work has an impact beyond the attorney's own service area, and who demonstrates innovation in advocacy on behalf of low-income clients as well as experience and excellence in service."

Goss began her career in legal aid when she joined the staff at the Neighborhood Legal Aid Society as a part-time night-staff attorney in 1981. She was promoted to senior attorney in 1988, managing attorney in 1990, and senior managing attorney in 1995. Goss maintained a full client caseload, focusing on family and housing law. She also was CVLAS's lawyer on emergency duty five days per month. Goss has excelled at outreach to the private bar. The good will she has engendered over the years is consistent with recommendations in a Joint Committee Report that encouraged legal services lawyers to form reciprocal linkages with the organized bar to promote volunteerism and program stability.



In addition to her work at CVLAS, Goss is the new president of the Old Dominion Bar Association, and is an active member of the Virginia Commission on Women and Minorities in the Legal Profession. She was an adjunct professor at Virginia Union University and an instructor at J. Sargeant Reynolds Community College.

Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Celebrates 100th



Montgomery Knight (right), president of the Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association, and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court William H. Rehnquist are shown at the Centennial Luncheon Gala on the 100th anniversary of the Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association.

The celebration honored more than 25 past presidents or family members. The event attracted 48 local judges, Virginia Supreme Court Chief Justice Harry L. Carrico, and more than 700 invited guests and members of the public.

The bar association also presented their Eggleston-F'Anson Professionalism Award to Norfolk attorney Francis N. Crenshaw.

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