

Edmonds Installed as NABE President at Chicago Meeting

Thomas A. Edmonds, executive director of the Virginia State Bar, became president of the National Association of Bar Executives during the organization's annual meeting in Chicago August 4. Left, he poses with his predecessor, Anne Fritz, executive director of the Memphis Bar Association. A contingent of Virginians who celebrated with Edmonds at the gavel-passing ceremony included VSB President Phillip V. Anderson and President-Elect Karen A. Gould (right photo), as well as Robert J. Grey Jr. of Richmond, outgoing president of the American Bar Association. Former VSB President Joseph A. Condo surprised Edmonds by attending with wife Chris and delivering a "roast" speech. Edmonds is the first Virginian to serve as president of NABE, which was founded in 1941 to



support excellence and professionalism among executives of mandatory and voluntary bar organizations across the United States. In his inaugural speech, Edmonds said he will ask NABE members to focus in their educational programs during the year ahead on the skills and values

required in order for bar executives to be regarded as true professionals by bar association leaders and other bar staff.

Justice Koontz Describes Court's Stance on Lawyer Discipline

Virginia Supreme Court Justice Lawrence L. Koontz Jr. addresses the Virginia State Bar's twenty-fourth Disciplinary Conference, while VSB President Phillip V. Anderson and VSB Bar Counsel Barbara Ann Williams listen. Members of district disciplinary committees, the VSB Disciplinary Board and the judiciary attended the gathering in Charlottesville on July 11. Koontz said the Court, which hears appeals of state bar discipline, always approaches cases of alleged lawyer misconduct with great concern over the implications of taking away a license to practice. He and other justices sympathize with solo practitioners who violate the rules as they face the stresses of work. "Is that something that should be tolerated? No. Is that something that needs to be understood? Yes," Koontz said. The jus-



tices appreciate the contributions of volunteers who make the system work, he said. "Aren't we fortunate in Virginia that

. . . we've got so many people willing to get involved in these very difficult cases?"



Solo and Small-Firm Practitioner Forum at James Madison University

Chief Justice Leroy R. Hassell Sr. (at microphone) responds to comments and concerns of lawyers who attended the Solo and Small-Firm Practitioner Forum at James Madison University in Harrisonburg on September 21. The program—the second in a series offered free to lawyers by the Supreme Court of Virginia and Virginia State Bar—featured continuing legal education on practice management topics and ended with a town hall meeting moderated by Hassell. With him are (l-r) Justice Cynthia D. Kinser, who led the committee that organized the forum; VSB Counsel Barbara A. Williams; and Thomas A. Edmonds, chief executive officer of the VSB.

IN MEMORIAM

David E. Bass

McLean
July 1946–February 2005

Jeffrey Alan Brandwine

Fairfax
November 1950–May 2005

The Honorable Frederick H. Combs

Tazewell
March 1946–August 2005

Julian Kroh Fite

Tahequah, Oklahoma
January 1945–June 2005

C. Hardaway Marks

Hopewell
January 1921–November 2004

McClanahan Ingles

Gloucester
December 1946–June 2005

James Stuart Keith

Virginia Beach
October 1913–February 2005

Mary Brooke Massie

Bristol
June 1958–July 2004

Paul W. McElhinney

Sanford, Maine
April 1943–December 2004

James Ned Pate

Signal Mountain, Tennessee
May 1940–March 2005

Neal Douglas Peterson

Fairfax
December 1925–January 2005

Howard Curtis Pilson

Stuart
October 1916–July 2004

William C. Preston

Charlottesville
June 1931–July 2005

Walter W. Regirer

Richmond
December 1913–July 2005

James L. Rider

Washington, D.C.
February 1942–April 2005

Gilman P. Roberts Jr.

Norfolk
January 1942–November 2004

Frank W. Rogers Jr.

Roanoke
December 1928–July 2005

Joel S. Shapiro

Virginia Beach
July 1942–June 2005

Thomas Dean Simmons

Houston, Texas
October 1958–August 2005

Kenneth W. Thomas

Shohomish, Washington
January 1923–September 2004

John Joseph Wall

Manassas
February 1953–October 2004

Kenneth Roger Weiner

Fairfax
June 1945–June 2005

Virginia Law Foundation Elects Officers, Directors

John R. Fletcher of Tavss, Fletcher, Maiden & Reed in Norfolk has been elected to a one-year term as president of the Virginia Law Foundation Board of Directors. He has served on the board since 2000.

Other officers elected at the VLF's annual meeting in June are attorneys John A.C. Keith of Fairfax, president-elect; John L. Walker III of Richmond, vice president; C. Breckenridge Arrington of Richmond, secretary; Thomas A. Edmonds of Richmond, treasurer; and Sharon Tatum, the foundation's executive director, assistant treasurer.

Newly elected to serve three-year terms as board members are attorneys Whittington W. Clement of Richmond, Anthony F. Troy of Richmond and Monica Taylor Monday of Roanoke. Elected to second three-year terms are attorney Jon D. Huddleston of Leesburg and lay member Mary Ann Delano of Richmond.

Also at the annual meeting, Arrington was elected to a second term as chair of the VLF's Fellows Council. Retired Judge Paul F. Sheridan of Arlington was newly elected to the Fellows Council.

The VLF is a nonprofit organization that funds law-related service projects in Virginia, to advance the science of jurisprudence and improve and promote the administration of justice. The foundation has bestowed over twenty-one million dollars in grants since its founding in 1974.