

Criminal Defense Lawyers Establish Shepherd Memorial Scholarship

The Virginia Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (VACDL) has established a scholarship in memory of Robert E. Shepherd Jr., a University of Richmond law professor emeritus who was a national champion of justice for children and families.

The Shepherd scholarship will pay for the recipient to attend one of its continuing legal education programs, as well as room and board. Applicants must be members of the Virginia State Bar and have a demonstrated desire to practice in juvenile and domestic relations courts. They cannot be full-time or part-time prosecutors. Lawyers who are not members of the VACDL are encouraged to apply.

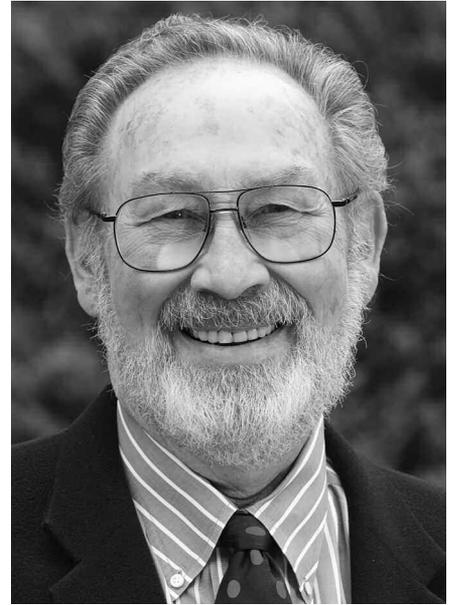
The association will post the application form April 1 at www.vacdl.org. The deadline for applying is September 1.

Prof. Shepherd died December 11 at age 71, after a battle with cancer. After his retirement in 2001, he continued

teaching and working on behalf of children until his final days.

“His teaching, writing, and legislative advocacy have had a profound impact on the lives of children and youth throughout Virginia and the nation,” said UR law school Dean John G. Douglass. “His broadest and deepest legacy will remain the hundreds of students whom he mentored throughout his teaching career and with whom he shared equal measures of his inquisitive spirit, his sense of fair play, and his deep human compassion for those most in need.”

Prof. Shepherd was instrumental in drafting Virginia’s first statute on child abuse. He chaired the American Bar Association’s Juvenile Justice Committee and the Virginia Bar Association’s Committee on the Needs of Children, and was a thirty-year active member of the Virginia State Bar Criminal Law Section, for which he edited the section newsletter and oversaw its annual seminar.



Robert E. Shepherd Jr.

He received the ABA’s Livingston Hall Juvenile Justice Award in 2005 and the VSB Harry L. Carrico Professionalism Award from the Criminal Law Section in 2003.

The family requested that contributions be made to the Robert E. Shepherd Jr. Endowed Fellowship Fund at the University of Richmond School of Law.

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