

## Criminal Law Seminar

U.S. Rep. Robert C. “Bobby” Scott (Photo 1) of Virginia’s third congressional district was the featured speaker at the Virginia State Bar’s Thirty-Ninth Annual Criminal Law Seminar in Williamsburg on February 6, 2009.

At the seminar’s Charlottesville gathering on February 13, Marvin Lamont Anderson (Photo 2) told of his experiences as the first person to be exonerated in Virginia after post-conviction DNA testing under Virginia Code §19.2-327. Anderson was convicted of rape and other felonies and spent nineteen years in prison before petitioning, with the help of the Innocence Project, for retesting of forensic evidence in his case. The test exonerated him.

The VSB Criminal Law Section sponsors the annual seminar to keep its members up to date on legal developments.

This year, in Charlottesville, the section honored the memory of Professor Robert E. Shepherd Jr., a guiding force in the section for thirty years and the winner of its Harry L. Carrico Professionalism Award in 2003.

Section member Reno S. Harp presented a resolution to Shepherd’s daughter Susan (center), and wife Nancy. (Photo 3)



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### Thank You

The family of Robert N. Pollard III wishes to thank readers of *Virginia Lawyer* who so kindly responded to our appeal letter in the February issue. Unfortunately, on March 4 we learned of a decline in Bobby’s medical condition. This has resulted in postponement of the stem cell transplant and suspension of the fundraising campaign. However, we want those who donated to know that their gifts will be applied to Bobby’s care and treatment for non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma.

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