Peter N. Swisher, a professor of law at the University of Richmond and a contributor to the development of family law in Virginia, has been named the 2009 recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Virginia State Bar’s Family Law Section.

The award recognizes persons who have demonstrated excellence and integrity and have made a substantial contribution to the practice of family law in Virginia. The award will be presented during the section’s annual Family Law Seminar on April 24, 2009, in Richmond.

In nominating Swisher, Fairfax attorney Aaron J. Christoff cited his extensive writing, which includes co-authorship of *Virginia Family Law: Theory, Practice, and Forms; Understanding Family Law;* and *Family Law: Cases, Materials, and Problems.* Christoff also emphasized Swisher’s service to the VSB Family Law Section.

“Aside from the obvious — teaching family law to students at the University … (inspiring many soon-to-be lawyers to take on the challenges of practicing family law) and authoring the books that so many family law practitioners keep close — Professor Swisher has propelled and contributed to the evolution of family law in Virginia for nearly three decades. …

“Very simply, Professor Swisher has been a driving force changing family law in Virginia. … More importantly, he’s a key reason the future of family law holds so much promise for Virginia practitioners and law students.”

Among his many contributions, Swisher chaired the curriculum committee that recommended a certificate program in family law now available to UR students. As the section’s law school liaison, he helped establish a family law award in all Virginia law schools. He is a past chair of the Association of American Law Schools Family and Juvenile Law Section. He has helped develop legislation through the Virginia Bar Association’s Domestic Relations Council.

Swisher earned a bachelor’s degree from Amherst College in 1966, a master’s from Stanford University in 1967, and a law degree from the University of California Hastings College of the Law in 1973.

### Local Bar Elections

**Chesapeake Bar Association**
- Patrick B. McDermott, President
- Terry Noland Grinnalds, President-elect
- Crystina Marie Kowalcyzk O’Brien, Secretary
- Romeo Garcia Lumaban Jr., Treasurer

**Danville Bar Association**
- Wells Huntington Byrnes Sr., President
- Michael James Newman, Vice President
- Stacy Danielle Allocca, Secretary
- Claudette Suzanne Robertson, Treasurer

**Fauquier County Bar Association**
- Amy Marion Ashworth, President-elect
- Laurie Jeanne Sholtis, Secretary
- Jonathan Stuart Rochkind, Treasurer
- Mark Thomas Crossland, Director
- Miss Megan Eileen Kelly, Director
- Petula Cherise Alston Metzler, Director

**Hampton Bar Association, Inc.**
- Barry Alan Zweig, President
- Amy Marion Ashworth, President-elect
- Laurie Jeanne Sholtis, Secretary
- Jonathan Stuart Rochkind, Treasurer
- Richard Hamilton Boatwright, Director
- Mark Thomas Crossland, Director
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- John Daniel Epps, President
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- George Allen Whitley, President
- Byrum Lynn Geisler, Vice President

**Virginia Beach Bar Association**
- Timothy Sean Brunick, President
- William Carl Bischoff, President-elect
- Timothy John Quick, Secretary
- Glenn Randall Croshaw, Treasurer
- Robert Franklin Hagans Jr., Director
- Sandra Lynn Sampson, Director

**The Virginia Bar Association**
- John Daniel Epps, President
- Stephen Donegan Busch, President-elect
In Memoriam

Charles William Beddow
Chesterfield
February 1934–December 2008

John Baker Boatwright III
Richmond
July 1954–February 2009

Dorothy B. Boucher
Abingdon
March 1924–January 2009

James Nicholas Brennan IV
Charlotte, North Carolina
October 1956–October 2008

William F. Evenson
Richmond
December 1936–September 2008

Leslie A. Grandis
Richmond
March 1944–March 2009

T. Keister Greer
Rocky Mount
September 1921–May 2008

Charles Wesley Gunn Jr.
Richmond
July 1922–January 2009

Leigh B. Hanes Jr.
Roanoke
April 1918–August 2008

Julian F. Hoffar III
McLean
May 1947–October 2008

Eino Emil Jenstrom
Alexandria
May 1921–September 2008

Max Cleveland Kennedy
Charlottesville
August 1929–January 2009

William C. King Jr.
Roanoke
December 1923–December 2008

Konstantine Andrew Konopisos
Sugar Land, Texas
April 1919–March 2008

Conrad Charles Lewane
Richmond
August 1937–January 2009

C. Berkley Lilly
Beckley, West Virginia
January 1923–January 2009

Michael Anton Lubin
Leesburg
May 1949–October 2008

Horace D. McCowan Jr.
Richmond
May 1920–December 2008

H. Merrill Pasco
Richmond
October 1915–November 2008

Ralph Lucian Payne
Alexandria
January 1916–September 2008

Hon. Edward L. Ryan Jr.
Norfolk
November 1913–September 2008

Keith Thomas Sefton
Washington, D.C.
November 1946–November 2008

Ronald Lee Shrecengost
Newport News
March 1945–January 2009

Hon. Norvell Prentis Smiley Jr.
Yorktown
June 1938–December 2008

E.L. Stephenson
Newport News
June 1927–January 2009

Hon. Lloyd C. Sullenberger
Orange
May 1940–February 2009

Dyer Justice Taylor
Weems
September 1922–November 2008

Garland Parnell Thompson
Annandale
September 1921–October 2007

Ethan Allen Turshen
Arlington
March 1934–February 2009

Thalia V. Warnement
Washington, D.C.
August 1967–January 2009

Charles H. Whitebread II
Los Angeles, California
April 1943–September 2008

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Nomination deadline:
May 1, 2009

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