

Presidents – Past, Present, and Future



The fourth annual Past President's Dinner was held May 15 at the University of Richmond. Attending were (left to right) President-elect Kevin E. Martingayle, Hon. Joseph E. Spruill Jr., President-elect Designee Edward L. Weiner, Irving M. Blank, Michael W. Smith, Walter H. Horsley, John A.C. Keith, Jeannie Dahnk, Karen A. Gould, Jon D. Huddleston, Howard W. Martin Jr., Kathleen O'Brien, W. David Harless, President Sharon D. Nelson, George Warren Shanks, Phillip V. Anderson, Michael A. Glasser, and Philip B. Morris.

VSB Video Briefs Available Online

A little more than a year ago the Virginia State Bar posted the first of its informational videos on YouTube. It was about the Virginia Lawyer Referral Service.

Today, all nineteen of the planned videos have been recorded and posted online. The last were "About the Bar," which discusses why the bar exists, "Helping the Public," which speaks to the many things Virginia lawyers do to serve the public, and "Minors, Alcohol and the Law," which points out the penalties associated with underage drinking.

The videos are the brainchild of VSP President Sharon D. Nelson. "So many people seek information through videos — it was critical that a

modern bar be able to deliver fundamental information about the Bar via video," Nelson said. "I am especially pleased that the technology allows us to caption the videos in Spanish. This was an extraordinary team effort and the results are terrific!"

The other fourteen videos discuss "The VSB Senior Citizens Handbook," "So You're 18," "Fee Dispute," "Clients' Protection Fund," "Marriage in Virginia," "Divorce in Virginia," "Filing an Inquiry," "Wills in Virginia," "Selecting a Lawyer," "Bankruptcy," "Lawyers Helping Lawyers," "Intellectual Property," "Opening Your First Office," and "Immigration Fraud."

All of the videos, which were approved by the bar's Communications Committee, include closed captioning in English and Spanish.

The video scripts are based on pamphlets and brochures available on the VSB website. Most are aimed at providing help to the public; a few are aimed specifically at assisting lawyers. To view the videos, go to the website at VSB.org and click on the Video Briefs shortcut

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