

First VSB TECHSHOW Brings National Experts to Virginia

Exploring the ever-evolving use of technology in the legal field, the Virginia State Bar hosted its first TECHSHOW at the Richmond Convention Center on May 19. A sell-out crowd of about 370 Virginia lawyers – with a waiting list of about 150—attended the event, patterned after a similar, annual event hosted by the American Bar Association.

The VSB TECHSHOW faculty members were nationally known veteran ABA TECHSHOW speakers who offered a full day of legal technology CLEs. Programs during the day included answers to many of the questions facing lawyers as technology continues to advance and change the practice of law. Featured courses began with “The MAC Lawyer” and “Preventing Law Firm Data Breaches,” presented by Brett Burney, of Chagrin Falls, OH; Reid Trautz of Fairfax; and VSB President Sharon D. Nelson, who conceived the idea for the VSB TECHSHOW.

Additional topics were: “Moving Your Practice to the Cloud,” “Taking Your Law Firm Paperless,” “Time/Billing/Accounting/Case Management Software for Layers,” “The Future of Law,” “The iPad for Litigators,” “Microsoft Office Tips for Lawyers,” “The Virtual Lawyer,” “The Mobile Lawyer,” “Ethical and Effective Alternative Billing,” and “Technology for the Small Law Office.”

Welcoming the attendees were Justice Cleo E. Powell of the Supreme Court of Virginia; Eugene M. Elliott Jr., chair of the Conference of Local Bar Associations, which sponsored the event; and VSB President Nelson. For a complete list of speakers and topics go to <http://www.vsb.org/docs/conferences/clba/VSB-techshow-form.pdf>.

