

# ANNUAL MEETING

VIRGINIA STATE BAR

**JUNE 18-21 2015**  
VIRGINIA BEACH

## Annual Meeting Provides Education, Entertainment, and Inspiration

The 625 or so lawyers who attended the Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach this year went home a little smarter, well entertained, and sustained by an abundance of inspiration.

The education was provided through five seminars on Friday and Saturday. The entertainment was topped off Friday by two bands — Doc Scantlin and His Imperial Palms Orchestra and Eddie’s Mom. Inspiration was scattered throughout the event, from the appreciation of the many award winners to the encouragement included in officers’ remarks.

The Wednesday night Council reception and dinner at the Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel included the traditional presentation of a caricature of the outgoing president, Kevin E. Martingayle. The Annual Meeting slid into gear on Thursday with the daylong Recent Developments Seminar and the Fore Diversity Golf Tournament, which raises money for the Diversity Conference.

The first of the awards handed out during the conference was the William R. Rakes Leadership in Education Award, which is sponsored by the VSB Education Section and Gentry Locke, and which went to the Honorable B. Waugh Crigler, retired US Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Virginia. In accepting the award, Crigler said, “This is an unbelievable honor for someone who was told in his senior year of undergraduate



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1. The Honorable B. Waugh Crigler (center) received the William R. Rakes Leadership in Education Award, presented by Education Section Chair James E. Moliterno of Washington & Lee University (left) and Rakes.
2. Outgoing Bar President Kevin E. Martingayle passed a real baton to incoming President Edward L. Weiner at the Friday night banquet and installation ceremony.
3. Among attendees at the Legal Aid Awards luncheon were (left to right) President-elect Edward L. Weiner, Rep. Bobby Scott, Justice Cleo E. Powell, Justice S. Bernard Goodwyn, Justice William C. Mims, and President Kevin E. Martingayle.
4. Executive Director Karen A. Gould presented the traditional caricature to outgoing President Martingayle at the Wednesday night Council Dinner.



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school that he didn't have the aptitude to be a lawyer."

Friday started with Yoga by the Sea and the annual 5K Run in the Sun, which was won by Harrison Martingayle, the son of Kevin and Elisabeth Martingayle. The morning also featured the Conference of Local Bar Associations awards breakfast.

Members attending the Annual Meeting chose from a variety of educational seminars. Four showcase CLEs were presented on Friday at the Sheraton and Hilton Oceanfront hotels.

- "Budding Issues: What Virginia Lawyers Need to Know about the Changing Marijuana Landscape" was sponsored by the Criminal Law, Bankruptcy Law, Corporate Counsel, Family Law, and Health Law sections.
- "Contracts Gone Bad: The Litigator's Wish List for Transactional Lawyers" was sponsored by the Litigation, Business Law, and Real Property sections.
- "Blind Spot: Hidden Biases of Good People" was sponsored by the Virginia Diversity Foundation. Other partners included Millennium Diversity Initiative Inc.; the VSB Diversity Conference; Senior Lawyers Conference; Corporate Counsel Section; Access to Legal Services Committee; the Virginia Women Attorneys Association; the Asian Pacific American Bar / VA; Burnett & Williams; Zavos Juncker Law Group LLC; McGuireWoods LLP; Venable LLP; and ACC National Capital Region.
- "Caveat Emptor' What You Need to Know About International Mergers and Acquisitions" was sponsored by the International Practice, Antitrust Law, Business Law, Corporate Counsel, and Intellectual Property Law sections.

The fifth showcase CLE was presented on Saturday morning: "Judiciary Squares: Recent Developments in Virginia Law," sponsored by the Young Lawyers Conference.

Inspiration was also in great supply. Friday saw the presentation of the Awards of Merit to local bars, the R. Edwin



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1. President-elect designee Michael W. Robinson, outgoing President Kevin E. Martingayle, and incoming President Edward L. Weiner posed before the Friday night reception.
2. Early risers participated in yoga by the sea Friday and Saturday mornings.

3. The annual 5K Run in the Sun Friday morning was swept by the Martingayle family. Harrison Martingayle won the race; his sister Doria was the first female to cross the finish line.

Burnett Jr. Young Lawyer of the Year Award, the Virginia Legal Aid Award, the Oliver White Hill Law Student Pro Bono Award, and the Clarence M. Dunnville Jr. Achievement Award.

Supreme Court of Virginia Justice S. Bernard Goodwyn presented the Access to Justice awards — the Legal Aid Award to Jeremy P. White, managing attorney at the Lynchburg office of the Virginia Legal Aid Society, and the Oliver White Hill Student Pro Bono Award to Katherine Moss, of Washington and Lee University School of Law. Justice Goodwyn noted that the "imperative of the rule of law is fairness" and that the application of justice "is not a function of the social-economic status of a party." He added that if one party in a case cannot afford an attorney, the playing field is not fair. "The Supreme Court knows there is a justice gap."

Friday also included a number of luncheons and receptions and closed with the President's Reception and Annual Banquet. Edward L. Weiner was sworn in as the 77th president of the bar

by the Honorable George D. Varoutsos, chief judge of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court in Arlington. Justice Cleo E. Powell noted that much has changed in the thirty-three years since she first attended an Annual Meeting. "What has not changed is the dedication, professionalism, and collegiality of the men and women who make up the legal profession in Virginia."

Saturday included the general session for members, at which Michael W. Robinson officially became president-elect, and the final Showcase CLE, "Judiciary Squares: Recent Developments in Virginia Law."

The last day of the meeting also included another dose of inspiration — the Tradition of Excellence Award and the Fifty-Year Awards Brunch at which thirty-six lawyers admitted to the bar between July 1, 1964, and June 30, 1965, were recognized and applauded. A total of 197 men and women received the award this year.





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1. Thirty-six of the 197 men and women who were eligible to receive the 50-Year Award attended the Annual Meeting. They were admitted to the bar between July 1, 1964, and June 30, 1965.
2. The "Budding Issues: What Virginia Lawyers Need to Know about the Changing Marijuana Landscape" panel included Beau Kilmer, of the RAND Corporation; Robert Mikos, of Vanderbilt University; Andrew Freedman, director of the Marijuana Coordination Office of the governor of Colorado; and Esther J. Windmueller, of the board of governors of the VSB Section on Criminal law.
3. "Blind Spot: Hidden Biases of Good People" featuring Mahzarin R. Banaji of Harvard University, was a popular CLE, drawing more than 250 people. Justice Cleo Powell and James E. Moliterno, of Washington and Lee University, also participated in the discussion.
4. The panel for the "'Caveat Emptor': What You Need to Know About International Mergers and Acquisitions" included Stephen Hanson, of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States; Robert J. Barrett, of Degermont Technologies N.A.; J. Brent Justus, of McGuireWoods LLP; and Geoffrey M. Goodale, of Trade Law Advisors PLLC.
5. "Contracts Gone Bar: The Litigator's Wish List for Transactional Lawyers" featured the Honorable Leslie M. Alden, of George Mason University; John C. Altmiller Jr., of Pnsner Kawamoto PLC; Mary C. Zinsner, of TroutmanSanders LLP; and John H. Hawthorne, of Protora Law PLLC.
6. The popular panel "Judiciary Squares: Recent Developments in the Law" drew a crowd of more than 325 on Saturday morning.

# Inaugural Mentor/Mentee Program for Law Students



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For most of the lawyers there, the Annual Meeting is a place to learn about legal trends, hear from the bar leadership, and catch up with friends. For fourteen law students representing all eight Virginia law schools, this year's meeting was a place to begin finding out where they fit into the state's vast legal network.

The first-ever mentor/mentee program started with a plan to bring some of Virginia's young legal minds to hear internationally acclaimed Harvard psychology professor Mahzarin R. Banaji speak on the subject of implicit bias. The Diversity Conference contacted the law schools to invite law students to attend the Annual Meeting at Virginia Beach. But then the plan grew. Members soon saw it as a chance to increase diversity in the practice of law and bridge the gap between law school and practice, and also to encourage young upcoming attorneys to become active and involved in the Virginia State Bar.

The Diversity Conference, the Better Annual Meeting Committee, the Young Lawyers Conference, the Northern Virginia Women Attorneys' Association, and a host of individual firms and attorneys worked together on the inaugural program. Each of the law schools nominated one or two students to attend the Annual Meeting and be mentored by a practicing attorney.

This program included a gathering at the President's Reception, a dinner function at Murphy's Pub, attendance at the "Blind Spot, Hidden Biases of Good

People" CLE and all other showcase programs, attendance at the Sections and Conferences Joint Luncheon and Virginia Legal Aid and Oliver White Hill Student Pro Bono Awards Luncheon, participation at the Law School Alumni Breakfasts, and other events.

Tiffany Williams, director of Admissions and Diversity Services at George Mason University School of Law said, "I think this is an excellent idea and I know the students will appreciate not only the lessons they pick up at the annual meeting, but the connections they are able to make with VSB attorneys."

Patrice Boone, of the University of Richmond, said her law school dean asked a group of students to apply and then chose who would go. She said she enjoyed the many events but particularly the "small, exciting moments."

Jonathan Mark, also of UR, said he didn't know what to expect, but he was able to talk with Justices Cleo Powell and S. Bernard Goodwyn, an experience he called amazing. He also shared a table with three former bar presidents.

Gloria Oduyoye, of William and Mary, said she enjoyed the lunch with the Virginia Women Attorneys Association. "It was an eye-opening experience to meet with people who have done it all," she said.

"I thought it was great," said Willie Wilson, also of William and Mary. The events were good, he added, but the best part of the meeting was "those in-between moments."

The students, their schools, and sponsors and mentors were:

#### University of Richmond Law School

Patrice Boone – Sharon Nelson and John Simek, sponsors and mentor  
Jonathan Mark – Sharon Nelson and John Simek, sponsors and mentor

#### George Mason University Law School

Dalton Mark – Eva Juncker, sponsor and mentor;  
Luis Perez, mentor

#### Washington and Lee University Law School

Sang Eun (Sharon) Jeong – Michael and Brenda HuYoung, sponsors and mentors  
Robinson (Rob) Hubbard – Kelly & Crandall, PLC, sponsor / Robert Vaughan Jr., mentors

#### University of Virginia Law School

Anna-Kay Richards – NVWAA, sponsor / Sheila Costin, sponsor and mentor  
James Paulose – Maura and Ed Weiner, sponsors / Michael HuYoung, mentor

#### William and Mary Marshall-Wythe Law School

Willie Wilson – Latoya Asia, sponsor / Chip Delano, mentor  
Gloria Oduyoye – Kathryn Dickerson, sponsor and mentor

#### Regent University Law School

Angelina Moyo – YLC, sponsor / Monique Miles, mentor  
Sean Mitchell – YLC, sponsor / Nate Olson, mentor

#### Appalachian Law School

Rebecca Brown – NVWAA, sponsor / Chris Fortier, mentor

#### Liberty University Law School

Tiffany Collins — Carole and Manny Capsalis, sponsors / Jill Seiferth, mentor  
Richard Gilman – Rupen Shah, sponsor and mentor

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1. Members retiring from the VSB Council were recognized for their service during the Council Dinner on Wednesday night.
2. Robert "Robin" C. Wood III received the Tradition of Excellence Award during the General Session on Saturday morning. He was joined by J. Randolph Nelson, of Lynchburg, who nominated him for the award.
3. Manuel A. Capsalis received the Clarence Dunnville Jr. Diversity Achievement Award on Friday.
4. Jeremy P. White, managing attorney of the Lynchburg office of the Virginia Legal Aid Society, received the Virginia Legal Aid Award from Joanna L. Suyes, chair of the Access to Legal Services Committee.
5. Katherine Moss, of Washington and Lee University, received the Oliver White Hill Student Pro Bono Award.
6. Helen Chong (center), of Woodbridge, received the R. Edwin Burnette Jr. Young Lawyer of the Year Award from Burnette (left) and Nathan J. Olson, conference president.
7. The Friday Bingo game is always a colorful and popular event.
8. Dinner and entertainment was available for the children of members attending the President's Reception and Banquet on Friday night.
9. For the third straight year, the Martingayle team won the annual volleyball tournament. The team included Natalie Doss, Kevin Martingayle, Donovan Doss, Doria Martingayle, Harrison Martingayle, and Tariq Louka, Martingayle's law partner.

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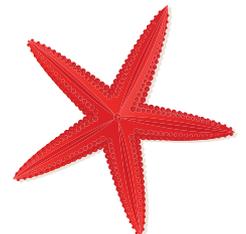
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1. Thomas H. Miller, of Roanoke, received the Local Bar Leader of the Year award from Mary Benzinger (left), chair of the Conference of Local Bar Associations, and Edward L. Weiner.
2. The Prince William County Bar Association received the Bar Association of the Year Award.
3. Edward L. Weiner and his daughters, Brianna and Maurissa, handed out the prizes at the Saturday morning raffle drawing.
4. The 13th annual tennis tournament drew the usual small but dedicated group of participants, including Ronald R. Tweel (seated, center), tournament chair.
5. Edward L. Weiner was sworn in as 77th president of the VSB by the Honorable George D. Varoutsos, of Arlington.

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