

## Robert Grey Appointed to Diversity Position, Nominated for Legal Aid Directorship

Robert J. Grey Jr., a Richmond lawyer who served as president of the American Bar Association, has been named interim executive director of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity.

The council is a newly formed organization of corporate legal officers and law firm managing partners dedicated to creating a diverse legal profession by eliminating impediments that preclude minorities and women from participating fully in the legal profession.

Grey is a partner at Hunton & Williams LLP. His duties as interim executive director will include increasing the council's membership, establishing partnerships, creating best practices for promotion of diversity, and helping

search for a permanent executive director. His term is expected to last six months.

In another appointment, Grey has been nominated by President Barack Obama to the eleven-member Legal Services Corporation Board of Directors, a nonprofit corporation that supports civil legal assistance to low-income Americans.

Grey serves as vice chair of his firm's Pro Bono Community Service Committee.



## W&L's Smolla Designated "Legal Rebel" by ABA



Rodney A. Smolla, dean of the Washington and Lee University School of Law, is included among fifty legal professionals singled

out by the *ABA Journal* Legal Rebels Project of the American Bar Association.

Smolla recently has gained attention for reforming the law school's third-year curriculum to give students experience with real-life client interactions, simulated practice situations, and practice development training.

Professional development also is emphasized during the third year. Third-year students study and reflect on legal ethics, civility in practice, civic leadership, and pro bono service. (<http://law.wlu.edu/news/storydetail.asp?id=376>)

The Legal Rebels Project is profiling fifty professionals the magazine has identified as "leading innovators" in the law. Those persons' stories are told in a series of online videos that will be posted through Thanksgiving.

The project is accepting nominations for "mavericks" who "are finding new ways to practice law, represent their clients, adjudicate cases, and train the next generation of lawyers. Most are leveraging the power of the Internet to help them work better, faster, and different," according to the project's website.

The project includes other components, including a Legal Rebels Manifesto (<http://www.legalrebels.com/manifesto>); encouragement to follow the project's progress and chat about it through various social media (<http://www.legalrebels.com/connected>); and a Legal Rebels featured projects shop.

For more information, see [http://www.abajournal.com/news/welcome\\_to\\_the\\_legal\\_rebels\\_project/](http://www.abajournal.com/news/welcome_to_the_legal_rebels_project/).

## Professional Guidelines To Be Published in Online Searchable Format

The Virginia State Bar *Professional Guidelines* for the first time are being published online in a searchable HTML format that will allow users to quickly access the sections they are looking for without flipping through pages or waiting for PDFs to download.

Because the format will meet most VSB members' needs, print copies of the *Professional Guidelines* are not being mailed with the October 2009 issue of *Virginia Lawyer*. A limited number of copies will be printed and provided to members on request.

The print version is published each fall and contains the rules and regulations of the bar, including the Rules of Professional Conduct, attorney trust account regulations, mandatory continuing legal education regulations and forms, Virginia Consumer Real Estate Settlement Protection Act regulations, and portions of the Rules of the Supreme Court that outline VSB governance and the procedure for disciplining attorneys.

The online HTML version will allow members to browse the Rules of Professional Conduct by using a table of contents with hot links. Previously, the *Professional Guidelines* were available on the VSB website only as PDF files.

The HTML version will be updated throughout the year to provide a current version at all times. The print version is updated once a year. Changes approved by the VSB Council and the Supreme Court of Virginia are published online as a supplement.

The newly formatted *Professional Guidelines* is scheduled to be posted before the end of 2009. Watch your first-of-the-month VSB E-News for further details.

# In Memoriam

**Edwin Boyd Baker**

Keysville  
June 1942–June 2009

**Norman Baum**

North Miami Beach, Florida  
March 1923–January 2009

**Brenda Louise Friend Briggs**

Chester  
December 1943–June 2009

**Laura Eve Brown**

New Bern, North Carolina  
August 1955–April 2009

**James W. DeBoer**

Colonial Heights  
May 1946–July 2009

**Robert Irving Dodge III**

Stafford  
August 1937–December 2008

**Benjamin W. Dunlany**

Washington, D.C.  
August 1919–May 2009

**Martha Bryan Ennis**

Fredericksburg  
August 1944–July 2008

**James E. Harvey Jr.**

Green Cove Springs, Florida  
June 1919–April 2009

**Robert J. Katz**

Washington, D.C.  
June 1939–April 2009

**Edward Patrick Kelley Jr.**

State College, Pennsylvania  
September 1943–September 2008

**Michael Richard Kelly**

Washington, D.C.  
October 1964–April 2009

**Hon. W.S. Kerr**

Gladstone  
October 1939–December 2008

**Dickson Edwin Kesler**

Melbourne, Florida  
June 1944–September 2008

**Milton William Kirkpatrick Jr.**

Fairfax  
July 1932–May 2009

**G.L. Knight**

Springfield  
October 1925–May 2009

**H. Bailey Lynn II**

Middleburg  
April 1943–September 2008

**Alison Baird Macdonald**

Washington, D.C.  
February 1973–June 2009

**Henry C. Mackall**

Fairfax  
April 1927–July 2009

**Edward Francis Manning**

Fairfax  
February 1941–August 2008

**Peter C. Manson**

Charlottesville  
January 1918–April 2009

**Hon. D.B. Marshall**

Charlottesville  
June 1919–June 2009

**John Michael McDonald**

Washington, D.C.  
July 1963–December 2008

**Hon. Burch Millsap**

Englewood, Florida  
August 1923–June 2009

**R. Dennis Osterman**

St. Michaels, Maryland  
February 1947–June 2009

**Stephen Turner Owen**

Alexandria  
May 1943–July 2009

**William M. Phillips**

Lynchburg  
August 1933–July 2009

**Mary Elizabeth Pierce**

Midlothian  
January 1922–August 2009

**Robert Nelson Pollard III**

Glen Allen  
June 1958–August 2009

**Una Rita Quenstedt**

Sun City West, Arizona  
December 1907–April 2009

**Dueward H. Scott Jr.**

Clifton Forge  
December 1926–February 2009

**Donald E. Selby**

Charlottesville  
September 1925–March 2009

**Louis Calvin Shell**

Petersburg  
December 1925–August 2009

**Russell Edsel Sherman**

Fairfax  
September 1936–July 2009

**J. Alvernon Smith Jr.**

Richmond  
May 1924–June 2009

**Daren Myrl Stephens**

Alexandria  
June 1922–August 2008

**Hugh C. Stromswold**

Spokane, Washington  
July 1919–June 2009

**Alice Evans Watson**

Virginia Beach  
February 1918–September 2008

**Donald G. Wise**

Portsmouth  
October 1938–May 2009

**Melvin Reginald Zimm**

Norfolk  
November 1953–August 2009

## Leigh Middleditch Receives ABA Honor

Leigh B. Middleditch Jr. of Charlottesville has been presented with the American Bar Association's John H. Pickering Award for his outstanding service to the legal profession, educational projects, and his community.

The award is presented by the ABA Senior Lawyers Division in memory of a Washington, D.C., lawyer who was involved in many pro bono activities and law-related societal issues. Middleditch was honored July 30, 2009, during the ABA meeting in Chicago.

Middleditch has practiced for his entire legal career — starting in 1957 — with McGuireWoods LLP. He now is senior counsel to the firm's Charlottesville office.

He has been an active volunteer with the Virginia State Bar and the ABA. He was chair of the VSB Senior Lawyers Section — before it became a conference — and a member of the VSB Committee on Lawyer Discipline, among other bar activities. His service to the ABA

included a term as chair of the Senior Lawyers Division and membership on the Commission on Law and Aging.



His work in education includes the South African Lawyers Association Commercial Law Project, which presents seminars to black South African attorneys who were held back by apartheid.

In his community, he has volunteered with the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, Child and Family Services, the Mental Health Association, Charlottesville Free Television, and many other nonprofit groups.

### Keep Up with the VSB — Read the E-News

Have you been receiving your Virginia State Bar E-News?

The E-News is an important way of keeping informed about your regulatory bar.

We only send it out once a month — a brief summary of deadlines, programs, rule changes, and news to keep you on track professionally.

We e-mail it to all VSB members, except for those who opted out of receiving it.

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If your Virginia State Bar E-News is being blocked by your spam filter, contact your e-mail administrator and ask to have the VSB.org domain added to your permitted list.

## Local Bar Elections

### Greater Richmond Intellectual Property Law Association

Brian James Teague, President  
Matthew Robert Osenga,  
Vice President-Treasurer

Gregory Michael Murphy,  
Corresponding Secretary  
Cheryl Lynn Black, Recording Secretary

### Hispanic Bar Association of Virginia

Dennis Adrian Somech, President  
Juan Ever Milanés, Vice President  
Kristina Aurelia-Magraner Cruz,  
Secretary  
Juan Carlos Estevez, Treasurer

### Lynchburg Bar Association

Ronald David Henderson, President  
Sharon Kathleen Eimer, President-elect  
Burton Leigh Drewry Jr.,  
Secretary-Treasurer

### Newport News Bar Association

Herbert Valentine Kelly Jr., President  
Robert Wayne Lawrence, President-elect  
Mark Andrew Short, Secretary  
Michael John Walsh, Treasurer

### Roanoke Bar Association

Roy Vogel Creasy, President  
Francis Hewitt Casola, President-elect  
Lori Dawn Thompson,  
Secretary-Treasurer

### Salem-Roanoke County Bar Association

Leisa Kube Ciaffone, President  
Compton Moncure Biddle,  
1st Vice President  
Matthew Jason Pollard,  
2nd Vice President  
Patricia Ann McGee Green,  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Lora Ann Keller, Judge Advocate

### York County-Poquoson Bar Association

John Patrick Walsh, President  
Melanie Barbour Economou,  
President-elect  
Karla Jeanette Keener, Secretary  
Patricia Ann Dart, Treasurer