

## James V. Meath Is President of the Virginia Law Foundation

James V. Meath succeeded Manuel A. Capsalis as president of the Virginia Law Foundation on October 1, 2013.

“Jim Meath will be a terrific president,” Capsalis said. “His talents, experience and proven leadership abilities make him the perfect person to lead our foundation as we celebrate our 40th year as the philanthropic arm of Virginia’s legal profession. It has been my singular privilege to serve as president this past year, and I very much look forward to assisting Jim in fulfilling our mission of promoting and protecting the rule of law, improving access to justice, and supporting law-related education.”

Meath is the chairman of the board of directors for Williams Mullen, headquartered in Richmond. Throughout his career, he has been widely recognized across the commonwealth and beyond as one of the leading labor and employment attorneys in the United States.

Meath served as chairman of the board of governors of the Virginia Bar Association in 2003, was elected as the VBA’s 115th president in 2005, and is a past chair of the VBA’s Committee on Veterans Issues. He is a fellow of the Virginia Law Foundation and also serves as an adjunct professor at the T.C. Williams School of Law of the University of Richmond.



He earned his juris doctor degree from the T.C. Williams School of Law, and holds a master’s degree in urban affairs from Virginia Tech. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Old Dominion University. In 2007, Old Dominion University presented him with the Distinguished Alumni Award from College of Arts and Letters.

## Council Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Amendment to E-mail Policy

The VSB Council is seeking public comment on a proposed amendment to the *Policy Concerning the Use and Disclosure of VSB E-mail Addresses*. Comments are due by January 24, 2014, to the VSB offices, or e-mail [publiccomment@vsb.org](mailto:publiccomment@vsb.org). The amendment provides for the distribution of periodic e-mails by the VSB president regarding items of interest.

The policy concerning the use and disclosure of VSB e-mail addresses, as amended, states that the Virginia State Bar will send group e-mails to its members only:

- 1) in circumstances as determined to be appropriate by the executive director or a majority of the officers of the bar,
- 2) in a periodic electronic newsletter of official bar news according to guidelines and in a format to be determined by the Communications Committee, and
- 3) in a periodic electronic newsletter by the president regarding items of interest, and
- 4) in the case of e-mails to their members from bar conferences, sections, committees and task forces, e-mails may be sent as necessary to carry out the work of the conference, section, committee or task force.

Pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3705.1(10), member e-mail addresses are exempt from public disclosure, provided the member has asked the VSB not to disclose it. Such requests can be made on the annual dues statement or in writing to the membership department of the VSB. In the absence of such a request, member e-mail addresses are record information subject to disclosure to third parties who ask for such information.