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Correction

In the story "Faces of Diversity in the Virginia State Bar," page 26 of the October 2008 issue of *Virginia Lawyer*, the reporter misidentified the bar association in U.S. District Judge Gerald Bruce Lee's story of a racist comment at a meeting. The comment was made many years ago at the Alexandria Bar Association.