

Cleo E. Powell Sworn in at Appeals Court

Cleo Elaine Powell hugs her husband, Alvin L. Dilworth, during her investiture as a judge on the Virginia Court of Appeals November 17, while appeals court Chief Judge Walter A. Felton (partially shown) and Virginia Supreme Court justices look on.

As a practicing lawyer, Powell represented management in labor and employment law before she went on the bench in Chesterfield County and Colonial Heights, where she served in the general district and circuit courts. Powell holds a bachelor's degree in American government and a law degree from the University of Virginia.

Powell is the first African American woman to be named to an appellate court in Virginia. She was appointed by Gov. Timothy M. Kaine to succeed LeRoy F. Millette Jr., who was elevated to the Supreme Court.

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members are exempt from public disclosure upon request.

Diversity Task Force

Joseph A. Condo, chair of the Task Force on Diversity, said the group conceptually supports amending the VSB mission statement to include a commitment to diversity. It also supports formation of a Diversity Conference whose chair would sit as an ex officio member of the council and executive committee, and three of whose members would fill at-large council seats.



Adoption Day Observed

National Adoption Day, an observance promoted throughout the commonwealth by the Family Law Section of the Virginia State Bar, was celebrated on November 15 at the Oliver Hill Courts Building in Richmond. Keynote speaker Eric Boisseau (right, above), who grew up in foster care, adopted his brother, Edward Boisseau (below) out of foster care. Eric Boisseau was presented with an award named for Oliver White Hill Sr., a longtime supporter of National Adoption Day, and Martha Carter, who cared for more than 360 children during her forty-year tenure as a foster parent.



Mathews Named President of the American Bar Endowment

Roderick B. Mathews of Richmond has been elected president of the American Bar Endowment, a charitable affiliate of the American Bar Association. The election took place in August at the annual meeting of the association. Mathews, a past president of the Virginia State Bar, is the first Virginian to serve as president of the endowment.

The endowment funds more than two hundred law-related public service, educational, and research programs to promote the rule of law around the world; to improve delivery of, and access to, legal services; and to provide for special legal needs of children, the elderly, minorities, and victims of domestic violence. More than \$224 million has been invested in such projects by the endowment since its founding in 1942.

Mathews's focus as president will be to increase participation by ABA-member lawyers in the insurance programs that generate those dividends and in the endowment's Charitable

Gift Fund, a donor-advised fund for ABA members.

Mathews is a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College, the University of Richmond Law School, and the executive program of the University of Michigan Business School. He has served as president of Richmond's Children's Hospital and is a member of the board for its foundation. He is a member of the Virginia Board of Medicine by gubernatorial appointment. He was president of the Virginia State Bar in 1987–88. He has twice served as a member of the ABA Board of Governors and its executive committee and served for twenty years in the ABA House of Delegates, including as state delegate for Virginia and as a member of the ABA's officer nominating committee.



Justice Lemons Honored by Inn of Court

Virginia Justice Donald W.

Lemons has been named an honorary master of the bench by the Middle Temple Inn of Court in London, England—an honor usually reserved for chief justices of the United States.



Lemons's long association with Inns of Court includes serving as president of the John Marshall Chapter in Richmond and, currently, as vice president of the American Inns of Court Foundation.

The Middle Temple was featured prominently during a 2007 international Rule of Law Conference that Lemons co-hosted in Virginia and England in conjunction with the four hundredth anniversary of Jamestown. Barristers of the Middle Temple were involved in creation of the colony by drafting the charter, soliciting the stock subscriptions, and providing the legal structure.

In Memoriam

Henry G. Bennett Jr.
September 1928–March 2008
Danville

Hon. Beverly B. Bowers
January 1920–July 2008
Harrisonburg

Linda Woodward Bushee
June 1955–July 2008
Alexandria

Peter M. Demanio
October 1935–March 2008
Sarasota, Florida

William M. Harris
September 1924–May 2008
Virginia Beach

Thomas L. Hicks Jr.
October 1929–July 2008
Richmond

William Louis Holland
September 1935–July 2008
Alexandria

Christine Delfino Jaigobind
January 1956–August 2008
Virginia Beach

Herndon P. Jeffreys Jr.
August 1922–July 2008
Jonesborough, Tennessee

Thomas Kevin Kearney
May 1960–January 2008
Lewes, Delaware

Gregory Stephen Matney
February 1958–October 2008
Tazewell

Herbert D. Miller
April 1911–May 2007
Kansas City, Missouri

Hon. William I. Moncure
July 1911–June 2008
Blackstone

Hon. William H. Oast Jr.
June 1922–October 2008
Portsmouth

Claude E. Setliff
May 1923–June 2008
Murphy, Texas

Robert Kenneth Skolrood
May 1928–February 2008
Roanoke

Thomas M. Whiteman Jr.
June 1944–May 2008
Roanoke