

# In Memoriam

**John Widman Appleford**  
Staunton  
June 1938–October 2009

**Delbert J. Barnard**  
Seattle, Washington  
October 1934–January 2009

**Alfred Z. Bernstein**  
University Park, Florida  
July 1919–July 2009

**George E. Cranwell**  
Arlington  
December 1931–September 2009

**Andrew Edward Crapol**  
New York, New York  
July 1978–March 2009

**James W. Fleet**  
Mobile, Alabama  
April 1914–April 2009

**Paul M. Hopkins**  
New York, New York  
July 1944–September 2008

**Michael Woodrow Hubbard**  
Minneapolis, Minnesota  
April 1959–June 2009

**Christopher Lee Keefer**  
Kingsport, Tennessee  
July 1951–August 2009

**Phillip Edwin Keith**  
Christiansburg  
December 1950–August 2009

**Christopher John Klicka**  
Purcellville  
April 1961–October 2009

**Hon. Henry W. MacKenzie Jr.**  
Portsmouth  
January 1910–October 2009

**Patrick Edward Martin**  
Fairfax  
October 1942–August 2008

**Ronald McGuire Maupin**  
Spotsylvania  
February 1953–August 2009

**Ruth November Murphy**  
Midlothian  
September 1950–October 2009

**Sterling Hale Moore**  
Glen Allen  
August 1948–August 2009

**Thomas Richard Nedrich**  
Falls Church  
April 1941–January 2009

**Michael George Neville**  
Goffstown, New Hampshire  
August 1953–June 2009

**Charles Hill Ryland**  
Warsaw  
October 1913–October 2009

**Robert B. Spencer Jr.**  
Dillwyn  
July 1922–October 2009

**Randy Allen Stratt**  
North Hollywood, California  
May 1956–October 2009

**Gregory Max Van Doren**  
Manassas  
October 1947–October 2009

## Pat Sliger Retires after 23 Years with VSB

Patricia A. Sliger, well known to Virginia State Bar volunteers as the staff liaison to many bar groups, will retire at the end of 2009, after twenty-three years of service.

Sliger is executive assistant to VSB Deputy Executive Director Mary Yancey Spencer, who calls her “the heart of the bar.”

Sliger’s relationships with VSB members most recently grew through her work with the Senior Lawyers Conference and sections on Family Law, General Practice, and Litigation.

“Pat Sliger exemplifies the ultimate in a section liaison: professional and caring,” said VSB Executive Director Karen A. Gould. “She gently leads the groups where they need to go and keeps them focused. She has set an example for the other section liaisons at the bar to follow. She will be sorely missed.”

Bar leaders appreciate her professionalism. Samuel W. Meekins Jr., former chair of the Litigation Section board, said that Sliger “managed to get things done without ruffling any feathers. That is such a tremendous skill set. She kept us on track, always with a smile. You never felt the pressure of it.”

Cheshire P’Anson Eveleigh, a former chair of the Family Law Section Board of governors, said, “She always made sure that everything was organized, that all

the attachments you had to the agenda were put into a lovely notebook and made available to everybody. She was organized, we were organized, and she made us look really good.”

To many members of the VSB staff, Sliger serves as a sounding board, a mentor, and a friend. She quietly steps forward to help in times of need.

Deputy Clerk Vivian R. Byrd recalls the time several years ago when she was leading a Girl Scout troop of more than twenty girls in the Gilpin Court public housing project in Richmond. The troop had no money for projects, and the girls had no uniforms.

Byrd described the troop’s plight to Sliger, who started making phone calls. She reached the ear of Oliver White Hill Sr., who made his own calls, and money started rolling in. “The girls were able to get brand-new uniforms, and they were so proud,” Byrd said. The troop was able to enjoy many traditional scouting projects—including camping.

Frank O. Brown Jr., a past chair of the Senior Lawyers Conference, said, “In her friendly, modest, and unassuming way, she has contributed mightily to the success of our many projects. We have been part of her extended family, and she has taken great pride in our successes and accomplishments.”



Robert H. Spicknall, president of the Virginia State Bar Members’ Insurance Center, surprised Pat Sliger with flowers last month in honor of her retirement.

“We, in turn, are very proud of Pat. . . . We will miss her smile, her encouraging words, and her support.”

“One of the things I have missed since retiring from the bar staff myself is the cheerful daily greeting I always got from Pat as I walked by her office, said Thomas A. Edmonds, retired executive director of the VSB.

He called Sliger “one of the bar’s most loyal and dedicated staff members. She was unfailingly resourceful and helpful, and her pleasant demeanor and quiet, effective assistance endeared her to all with whom she worked—both other staff and volunteers.”