

Young Lawyers Conference Report

by Suzanne Garwood

Leadership Conference

On September 21, YLC board members, committee chairs and circuit representatives kicked off the year at the YLC's annual Leadership Conference. The conference was held in Hunton & Williams' Richmond office. Lori Elliott, a partner at Hunton & Williams and current YLC president, was among the speakers. Lori outlined the YLC's goals for the year and described the benefits associated with YLC involvement. Anthony Hayes, a South Carolina attorney, lead a discussion of the Wills for Heroes program.

Admission and Orientation Ceremony

New bar members are admitted to practice law in Virginia through a program sponsored by the YLC twice a year in Richmond. The Admission and Orientation Committee organizes and runs the Admission and Orientation Ceremony for all new Virginia lawyers. In conjunction with the VSB General Practice Section, the committee also sponsors the First Day in Practice Seminar, a CLE program designed to give practice tips and insight to new lawyers.

This fall, the Admission and Orientation Ceremony was held at the Richmond Marriott. Meredith Miles, chair of the Admission and Orientation Committee, emceed the ceremony. Joseph A. Condo and James F. Robinson, Jr., addressed this year's incoming attorneys. Condo is a past president of the VSB. Robinson is the Eighth District Representative on the YLC board of directors.

Approximately 900 new lawyers were sworn in by the justices. Admittees brought friends and family to witness this last important step in the process of becoming a lawyer in Virginia. There was "standing room only" in the ballroom. Following the swearing in, Chief Justice of Virginia Harry L. Carrico spoke about the honor and responsibility of practicing law.

The Honorable Harry L. Carrico exemplifies the highest ideals and aspirations of professionalism. He was the first recipient of the award that bears his name at the 22nd Annual Criminal Law Seminar in February 1992. The Harry L. Carrico Professionalism Award was established in 1991 by the Section on Criminal Law of

the VSB to recognize an individual (judge, defense attorney, prosecutor, clerk or other citizen) who has made a unique contribution to the improvement of the criminal justice system in the commonwealth.

Chief Justice Harry L. Carrico is retiring in January 2003. VSB records indicate that he has admitted more than 30,000 of Virginia's new attorneys. Meredith Miles thanked Chief Justice Carrico for his personal commitment to the ceremony, which has been so special to the admittees. The newly admitted attorneys and guests gave a long and resounding standing ovation to the Chief Justice.

Next year, the new Chief Justice, Leroy R. Hassell, will preside over the Admission and Orientation Ceremony to be held in the new Richmond Centre. ☺

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