

Fredericksburg Attorney Named President-Elect of Virginia State Bar

Jeannie P. Dahnk, a partner in the Fredericksburg law firm of Glover & Dahnk, has been named president-elect of the VSB for the year 2002–2003.

Dahnk has been active in local and state bar service since 1989. She was elected to bar counsel from the Fifteenth Judicial District in 1996. She is currently a member of the executive committee and budget and finance committee of the bar.

She served as the vice chair of the task force on public access to the attorney disciplinary system, as a member of the bar's mid-year legal seminar committee, and president of the Fifteenth Judicial District Bar Association. She is currently the repre-

sentative from the VSB council to the gender bias task force and a master member of the American Inns of Court, George Mason Division. She has been a faculty member of the bar's professionalism course, a mandatory class for all new bar admittees.

Dahnk received her B.A., in 1981, from George Washington University and her J.D., in 1985, from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law, The College of William & Mary.

Dahnk succeeded Bernard J. DiMuro, who was installed as the 64th president of the Virginia State Bar on June 14 at the bar's annual meeting in Virginia Beach.



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MCLE Requirement for 2002
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VIRGINIA LAW FOUNDATION ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR FELLOWS CLASS OF 2003

Nominations for the 2003 Class of Virginia Law Foundation Fellows will be accepted through September 4, 2002. The 2003 Class will be inducted at a dinner meeting in Colonial Williamsburg on January 16, 2003, during the Virginia Bar Association Annual Meeting.

Candidates must (1) be an active or associate member of the Virginia State Bar for at least ten years; (2) be a resident of Virginia; (3) be a person of integrity and character; (4) have maintained and upheld the highest standards of the profession; (5) be outstanding in the community; and (6) be distinguished in the practice of law. Retired and senior status judges are eligible. Sitting full-time judges and constitutional office holders are not eligible during their tenures.

Nominations must include a resume or biographical sketch of the nominee and must be received by September 4. Send your nomination to VLF Fellows Council, c/o Nominations, 701 East Franklin St., Suite 708, Richmond, VA 23219, phone 804/648-0112, or e-mail to: valawfdn@infi.net. For a complete listing of current Fellows, please visit the Foundation's Web site at www.virginialawfoundation.org.

Fairfax Attorney Richard J. Byrd Honored for Lifetime Achievements



The Honorable Anne Bonwill Shockley presented the family law section's Lifetime Achievement Award to Richard J. Byrd.

The Family Law Section of the Virginia State Bar presented its Lifetime Achievement Award to Richard J. Byrd for his dedication to the practice of family law and domestic relations. The award honors an individual who has made a substantial contribution to the practice and administration of family law in the Commonwealth of Virginia and was presented Friday, June 14, 2002, at the VSB Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach.

Byrd has served as chair of the Family Law Section of the Fairfax Bar Association for more than 10 years and has drafted much of the child and spousal support legislation enacted in Virginia. He has argued major cases that established new trends in Virginia domestic relations law. Byrd was appointed by Virginia's governor to the board of directors of the Virginia Information Providers Network Authority (VIPNET).

Byrd earned a degree in electronics engineering from George Washington University. He had a career in satellite communications and computer science before earning his J.D., magna cum laude, from GWU National Law Center. He has practiced law in Fairfax since 1972 and has served on the Virginia State Bar Family Law Section Board of Governors and the VSB Special Committee on Technology and the Practice of Law.

Byrd lectures regularly at continuing legal education seminars for the Virginia State Bar, the Fairfax Bar Association, Northern Virginia Mediation Service and the Virginia Mediation Network. He has authored numerous publications in the field of family law and in the application of high technology to the practice of law. Together with his wife, Nancy, Byrd is an author and publisher of computer software specialized for Virginia domestic relations lawyers.

Tappahannock Attorney Alexander F. Dillard, Jr., Receives Tradition of Excellence Award



Carol B. Gravitt and Herbert L. Sebren, Jr., presented the general practice section's Tradition of Excellence Award to Alexander F. Dillard, Jr.

Alexander F. Dillard, Jr., a Tappahannock attorney, received the Virginia State Bar's Tradition of Excellence Award on Saturday, June 15, at the bar's annual meeting in Virginia Beach. The award is presented annually by the VSB's General Practice Section to an outstanding general practice lawyer who has made significant contributions to the profession and to the public.

Dillard has practiced law in Tappahannock since 1966. He has served as vice-chair and chair of the Essex County Board of Supervisors as well as chair of the Board of Directors of the Bank of Essex. He has been the unofficial historian of Essex County and is widely credited for the restoration and preservation of several historic buildings in Tappahannock. He is a member and past president of the Northern Neck Bar Association.

"Alex Dillard is the quintessential example of a general practice lawyer," said Tappahannock attorney, Herbert L. Sebren, Jr. "I can think of no living person in Essex County who has taken more interest in or been more concerned about the activities and future of the area than Alexander F. Dillard, Jr."

Dillard received his undergraduate degree from Hampden-Sydney College in 1959 and his law degree from the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond in 1962. He was admitted to the Virginia State Bar in 1962 and served as a law specialist in the U.S. Navy from 1963 to 1966. He was also admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Jennifer McClellan Receives Young Lawyer of the Year Award



Jennifer L. McClellan

On Friday, June 14, 2002, Richmond lawyer Jennifer L. McClellan was presented with the 2002 R. Edwin Burnette, Jr., Young Lawyer of the Year Award. She received the award at the Virginia State Bar Young Lawyers Conference Annual

Luncheon held in conjunction with the VSB's 2002 annual meeting

Named in honor of Judge R. Edwin Burnette, Jr., of Lynchburg, past president of the VSB (1993–1994) and the YLC (1985–1986), the award is given annually to a young attorney for service to the conference, the legal profession and the community. McClellan is an associate at the Richmond office of Hunton & Williams, where her practice focuses on telecommunications and general litigation.

McClellan chaired the Women and Minorities in the Profession Committee, leading the YLC's minority recruitment efforts. For the fourth consecutive year she planned the YLC's Minority Pre-Law Conference, a one-day program for minority college students considering a law career, and she organized the 2001 Celebration of Women and Minorities in the Profession Bench-Bar Dinner.

She was a major influence in the organization of the first Oliver Hill/Samuel Tucker Minority Pre-law Institute where minority

high school students will spend a week in a residential law camp at the University of Richmond this summer.

As co-chair of The Virginia Bar Association's Lawyers for the Arts and Nonprofits, McClellan helps establish legal aid clinics for artists. She is active in the Democratic Party of Virginia and was a member of the 2001 class of the Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership, a year-long program for political leaders throughout the state. She serves on the Financial Development Committee and the Diversity Committee of the Greater Richmond Chapter of the American Red Cross and on the board of the Flagler Home at St. Joseph's Villa.

McClellan's sister, Julie D. McClellan, a former president of the Virginia State Bar Young Lawyers Conference, received the R. Edwin Burnette, Jr., Young Lawyer of the Year Award in 1995. This is the first time that siblings have won the same award. The award was presented to Jennifer by her sister, Julie.

Young Lawyers Elect New Officers

At its annual meeting on June 14, 2002—held in conjunction with the VSB's annual meeting in Virginia Beach—the Young Lawyers Conference elected its new officers and new board members for the 2002–2003 bar year.

Lori M. Elliott (Hunton & Williams) of Richmond will serve as YLC president. President-elect is Kathleen (Katie) M. Uston of Alexandria, and Savalle C. Sims (Arent Fox Kintner Plotkin & Kahn) of Washington, D.C., will serve as secretary to the board.

Several new board members were also elected. Holly B. Cox of Newport News was elected to represent the 1st YLC district, and Shawn A. Copeland of Richmond will represent the 3rd YLC district. Daniel L. Gray of Annandale joins the board in

the 5th district seat, and George P. Snead of Fredericksburg will represent the Fredericksburg area in the 6th district. Maya M. Eckstein, of Richmond, will serve as an at-large representative to the board.

Continuing service on the board are Jacqueline C. McIntyre, Kellye C. Clarke, Mary L.C. Daniel, Jimmy F. Robinson, Jr., Gregory T. Casker, Eric T. Thiessen, Donald M. Haddock, Jr., Robin J. Kegley, Katrina C. Randolph and Jennifer A. Short.

The Young Lawyers Conference represents over 8,000 lawyers in Virginia either under the age of 36 or in their first three years of practice. For questions, concerns or volunteer opportunities with the YLC, contact the YLC liaison at (804) 775-0517 or ylc@vsb.org.

The Virginia State Bar would like to thank the following attorneys who have participated in the VSB Speakers Bureau recently by donating their time to speak to groups across the state:

Karel Brown Ryan—Southwest Virginia Perinatal Council, Abingdon

Joe Short—Dickenson County Career Center, Clinchco

Tom Shaia—Chesterfield Technical Center, Chesterfield

J. Roger Griffin, Jr.—Deep Creek Middle School, Chesapeake

Virginia State Bar Announces 2002 Law in Society Contest Winners

The Virginia State Bar and its Litigation Section announce the winners of the 2002 Law in Society Award Competition for Virginia high school students. The VSB sponsors this yearly contest to increase appreciation of the legal system among high school students. This year's topic dealt with balancing civil liberties with public safety in the wake of the September 11 terrorist attacks.

First place went to Emma Rebecca Jacob, a senior at Rockbridge County High School in Lexington. Martha Mason Page, a senior at RCHS won second place, and third place went to Nicole Parnell McGuire, also a senior at RCHS. Jacob will receive a \$1000 savings bond, Page will receive a \$750 savings bond, and McGuire will receive a \$500 savings bond.

Seven entries received honorable mention: Edward Baker Dix of Broadwater Academy in Exmore; David Douglas Duvigneaud of Maggie L. Walker Governor's School for Government and International Studies, in Richmond; Elizabeth Howe Gaylard, Kristina Ravenhorst and Gregory Switzer, all from Rockbridge County High School; Tanvir Rezwan Hague of Nansemond-Suffolk Academy in Suffolk; and Kristen Nicole Quarles of The Governor's School for Global Economics and Technology, in Danville. Each will receive a \$100 savings bond.

In this year's contest, students responded to a hypothetical situation in which they were invited to prepare a memorandum for a joint commission appointed by Congress and the president. Students considered changes in federal criminal laws and the wisdom of limiting civil liberties to ensure civil order. Students whose essays demonstrated a superior understanding of the role and value of the legal system received awards.

In addition to savings bonds, winners will receive a plaque acknowledging their accomplishments and a two-volume dictionary/thesaurus set. Winners received their awards at individual presentations throughout Virginia.

IN MEMORIAM

RUTH BRADY TURNER

The Officers and Staff of the Virginia State Bar
are deeply saddened by the loss of
our dedicated receptionist and friend
who served at the bar offices
from October 1, 1984–April 19, 2002



IN MEMORIAM

Kenneith James Almy
Lancaster, PA
April 1958–March 2002

Willis M. Anderson
Roanoke
November 1928–April 2002

Diane Farrill Charney
Alexandria
June 1942–January 2002

David Allen Coolidge
Falls Church
August 1956–March 2002

Irvin William Cubine
Virginia Beach
September 1930–March 2002

Clive L. DuVal
McLean
June 1912–February 2002

Philip Henry Hickson
Lynchburg
August 1906–May 2002

John D. Hooker
Stuart
May 1909–May 2002

George W. Johnston
Winchester
October 1945–May 2002

Edward F. McGonigle
Fairfax
February 1917–April 2002

Christopher William Murphy
Easton, MD
August 1966–September 2001

Carroll T. Mustian
Richmond
September 1943–June 2002

Lyman Gage Sandy
Albuquerque, NM
June 1945–March 2002

Nestor Russell Scohy
Chester
September 1929–May 2002