

The Virginia State Bar Senior Lawyers Conference

On June 14, 2001, the Council of the Virginia State Bar established the Senior Lawyers Conference (SLC). All members of the Virginia State Bar who are 55 years of age or older and who are in good standing are automatically members of the SLC. No dues (other than those required for VSB membership) and no application for membership are required. The chair of the SLC is an ex officio member of the bar council. At the present time, there are approximately 7,721 members of the SLC.

The purposes of the SLC are to uphold the honor of the profession of law, to apply the knowledge and experience of the profession to the promotion of the public good, to encourage cordial discourse and interaction among the members of the VSB and to pursue its mission and goals as follows, as stated in the SLC bylaws:

“The SLC shall serve the particular interests of senior lawyers and promote the welfare of seniors generally. In serving the interests of senior lawyers, the SLC will plan and present programs and activities and produce publications of interest to senior lawyers, and coordinate activities for senior lawyers by, for and with state and local bar associations. To promote the welfare of seniors generally, the SLC will study issues of concern to seniors, prepare and present programs and publications designed to explore and develop such issues, advocate appropriately on behalf of such issues and cooperate with other entities interested in such matters.”

The board of governors consists of 24 members, who are from various judicial circuits throughout the Commonwealth. The Board of Governors is vested with the powers and duties necessary for the administration of the activities of the SLC, subject to the rules of integration and the bylaws of the VSB.

The officers and Board of Governors members for bar year 2002–2003 are as follows (the judicial circuits are shown after each name): Chair—Colin “Cal” J.S. Thomas, Jr. of Staunton (25); Chair Elect—Patricia A. Barton (19); First Vice Chair—William Brice Smith (2); Second Vice Chair—Clarence M. Dunnville, Jr. (13); Treasurer—G. Marshall Mundy (23); Secretary—R. Hunter Manson III (15). In addition to the officers listed above, the other members of our board of governors are: F. Mather Archer (3); C. Butler Barrett (6); Evans B. Brasfield (13); Frank Overton Brown, Jr. (14); C. Glasgow Butts (10); Malcolm M. Christian (13); Richard Cocke (14); Robert A. Cox, Jr. (13); William W. Eskridge (28); Carolyn O’Neal Marsh (12); Thomas F. McPhaul (4); H. Victor Millner, Jr. (22); William E. O’Neill, Jr. (18); Overton P. Pollard (13); Hon. Alfred D. Swersky (18); Ebb H. Williams III (21); William T. Wilson (25); and Walter F. Witt, Jr. (13). We have three honorary board of governors members. They are the Hon. James E. Kulp; Hon. Robert R. Merhige, Jr., and Hon. Joseph E. Spruill, Jr.

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