



Carla D. Brown
Nineteenth Circuit

“Proximity has taught me some basic and humbling truths, including this vital lesson: Each of us is more than the worst thing we’ve ever done.” - Bryan Stevenson

We remain the soldiers of justice in the courtroom, who have to fight every day for justice. Thurgood Marshall and Bryan Stevenson have shown us that we are gifted with a profession that can change lives and change humanity. If you carry a heavy burden for any length of time, there is always a possibility that you will falter, slip, or stumble. Bar Council has to make decisions in these situations – with compassion and mercy.

Through my civil rights work, I have learned that the ability to earn a living is an inherent human right that we must protect. Given this, our system of evaluation of our peers must be to help, correct, and fix, but not to condemn.

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Susan M. Butler
Nineteenth Circuit

I have been an active member of the Virginia State Bar for over 20 years. I am a partner at SHOUNBACH and practice family law and mediation.

I am seeking election as your representative on Bar Council. My service to the Bar includes two terms on Bar Council (2008-2014); work on the Standing Committee on UPL; and, acting as a Neutral Case Evaluator and Motions Conciliator in the Fairfax County Circuit Court. I was a faculty member of the Professionalism Course for newly admitted attorneys and am currently co-chair of the Law School Professionalism Course and chair of the Board of Governors Family Law Section.

My service and experience give me the foundation to understand the impact of the actions of Bar Council on Fairfax attorneys as well as on small to medium sized firms. I would appreciate your support.



Brian C. Drummond
Nineteenth Circuit

I'm seeking my second term on Bar Council. Engaging with colleagues from around the Commonwealth has been enjoyable and enlightening. The dedication of the men and women who set Bar policy is impressive, and I learned quite a bit.

A native of the 19th Judicial Circuit, I was born and raised in Fairfax City. I am a former deputy clerk of the Fairfax Circuit Court, served on the Fairfax County Criminal Justice Advisory Board (CJAB), and am a recipient of a Golden Gavel from the Fairfax Law Foundation for my civic work.

I graduated from UVa. in 1981, worked in the clerk's office until 1985, then enrolled in George Mason School of Law. I started with (now) Whitestone/Young, PC, in the Spring of 1986, and have been a partner here for over 20 years. I would love to serve another term on Bar Council.



Richard A. Gray
Nineteenth Circuit

It has been my privilege to represent the 19th Judicial Circuit on Bar Council the last three years.

My legal career commenced 32 years ago as a contract attorney representing indigent and low-income defendants in criminal cases where the public defender's office was conflicted out. My practice evolved, but I continued in public service, including on Bar Council. If reelected, I will continue to advocate for pro bono legal services, access to justice, lawyer well-being, and matters that come before Council. Current outside legal activities include:

- Appointed to Virginia State Bar, Senior Lawyer's Conference BOG in 2018, reelected for full 2-year term (2019 – 2021).
- Member of Fairfax Bar Association Board of Directors (2007-2018); FBA President 2016-2017.
- Current Committee assignments include FBA Pro Bono Committee, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Committee and Circuit Court Committee.

I ask your support of my candidacy for reelection to Bar Council.



Sandra L. Havrilak
Nineteenth Circuit

I have managed a small family law firm and been an active and dedicated member of the VSB for over 33 years. My service to the VSB and tenure in the disciplinary system reflects my commitment to the VSB and self-regulation.

My service to the VSB is as follows:

- Disciplinary Board current Chair;
- 11 years on the Board;
- 6 years on Ethics Committee;
- 6 years on 5th District Committee;
- 3 years on the COLD, which oversees the VSB disciplinary system; and
- 6 years on Bar Council.

I am a past president of the VWAA and an active member of the FBA, where I served as chair and a member of many committees. It is important that members of Bar Council actively participate in Council, and if elected, I promise to be a hard worker and to advocate for all members of the 19th Judicial Circuit.



Christie A. Leary
Nineteenth Circuit

For nearly 20 years, I have litigated bench and jury trials in the 19th Judicial Circuit in criminal and civil matters ranging from traffic offenses to serious adult and juvenile criminal offenses, personal injury, and medical malpractice cases. I have been recognized as a Virginia Super Lawyer, named to *Virginia Business* magazine's Legal Elite and named a Leader in the Law by *Virginia Lawyers Weekly*.

I graduated from the College of William & Mary and received my Juris Doctor degree from George Mason University School of Law. Throughout my career, I have been an active member of the Virginia State Bar. In addition, I am the Past President of the Fairfax Bar Association and Fairfax Law Foundation. I would welcome the opportunity to contribute to the work of the Bar Council to address access to justice throughout our Commonwealth and the interests of my colleagues in the 19th Judicial Circuit.



Douglas E. Milman
Nineteenth Circuit

As a partner with the Fairfax firm, Wexell Milman, I have over two decades of experience as a family law attorney and litigator. In my practice, I represent individuals at the most critical and difficult times of their lives; this has heightened my awareness of the importance of access to justice, fairness in the legal system, and zealous, ethical advocacy. A primary focus, if elected, would be further improving the legal profession in Virginia, with an emphasis on how we – attorneys, judges and others - can best meet the needs of the citizens of the Commonwealth.

I have degrees from UVA, Tulane Law School, and George Washington Law (LLM in Litigation and Dispute Resolution, Highest Honors). I have also served as volunteer court conciliator, been involved with continuing legal education, and, most recently, appeared on the Kojo Nnamdi Show discussing the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the legal community.



Lena S. Munasifi
Nineteenth Circuit

I am excited by the opportunity to represent the 19th Judicial District on the Bar Council. I am a Virginian through and through—born and raised in McLean, and a William & Mary alum for both my undergraduate and law school degrees. After clerking for Claude M. Hilton in the Eastern District of Virginia, I served as a prosecutor for nine years in both Fairfax County and the Eastern District of Virginia. Seeking to expand my practice, I recently moved to the Office of Enrollment and Discipline within the General Counsel’s Office at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

I would be honored to represent the District that I love and have worked to protect most of my career. I am involved in my church and Virginia Hospital Center. I look to use my past experiences and exposure to help govern the Virginia Bar in this position.



Susan M. Pesner
Nineteenth Circuit

Colleagues:

I have been practicing law in Virginia since 1980 and have proudly served previously on Bar Council representing the 19th Circuit. During two of those terms I also served on Executive Committee.

I have been the chair of the Real Estate Section of the VSB in the CRESPA days, and Chair of the Attorneys Malpractice Insurance Committee in the ANLIR days. I lecture extensively for the Fairfax Bar, VACLE and the ABA.

My practice has always been at Tysons Corner, and it emphasizes real estate and estate planning. I hope to serve you again as one of your representatives on Bar Council.

Thank you.



Luis A. Perez
Nineteenth Circuit

Mr. Perez is an accomplished and recognized leader who has been actively involved with the Fairfax Bar and the Virginia State Bar. He is the President of the Fairfax Bar Association, past President of the Fairfax Bar Law Foundation, and served for seven years as a member of the Virginia State Bar Council. Luis is the Immediate Past President and member of the Board of Governors of the Virginia State Bar Diversity Conference and a member of the Executive Committee of the Virginia State Bar Conference for Local and Specialty Bar Associations.

Luis served as past President of the Hispanic Bar Association of Virginia and is on the Board of Directors of Legal Services Corporation of Virginia. For his outstanding contributions, Mr. Perez received the 2007 James Keith Public Service award, the 2009 Chief Justice Harry L. Carrico Pro Bono award, and the 2011 Leaders in the Law award.



Debra L. Powers
Nineteenth Circuit

I am a partner at Taylor Huguley Powers PLLC and have practiced family law in Fairfax since 1999.

I have been an active member of the VSB throughout my career, including serving on the 5th District Disciplinary Committee for six years and the Diversity Conference Annual Forum Committee the past two years. I have been significantly involved in additional bar associations, including the Virginia Women Attorneys Association (past President -- Northern Virginia Chapter), the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association (past Chair -- Family Law Section), and the Fairfax and Prince William County Bar Associations.

My experience as a practitioner and active participant in our legal community qualify me to serve on Bar Council, where I can apply what I have learned to improving our profession, protecting the public, and addressing the issues that can result from the public's often cynical view of attorneys.

I would be honored to receive your vote.