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The Supreme Court of Virginia Announces the Re-election of the Honorable Donald W. Lemons as Chief Justice

Today, the Justices of the Supreme Court of Virginia re-elected Justice Donald W. Lemons as Chief Justice. Chief Justice Lemons will begin his second term as Chief Justice on January 1, 2019.

Chief Justice Lemons was elected by the General Assembly to the Supreme Court of Virginia in 2000 and again in 2012. On August 18, 2014, the Justices elected him to serve as Chief Justice upon the retirement of Chief Justice Cynthia D. Kinser, and his first term as Chief Justice commenced on January 1, 2015. Previously, Chief Justice Lemons served as a judge of the Court of Appeals of Virginia and the Circuit Court for the City of Richmond.

He received both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Virginia. After receiving his law degree, he served as Assistant Dean and Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Virginia School of Law. Thereafter, he has served on the faculties of the University of Richmond School of Law and Washington and Lee University School of Law.

Chief Justice Lemons has held leadership roles in numerous legal and civic organizations, including serving as the President of the American Inns of Court.

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