



Karissa T. Kaseorg
Thirteenth Circuit

As part of its commitment to improving the judicial system, Bar Council's applicant evaluation process for the judiciary is integral to the success of our profession. I support Council's goal of identifying thoughtful and principled candidates. I hope my diverse experience as a civil and criminal litigator in JDR, GDC, circuit, and appellate courts throughout the Commonwealth will benefit the Council.

I graduated from UVA and W&L Law and clerked for Judge Beales of the Virginia Court of Appeals for two years. I was previously a prosecutor in Southside, Virginia. While there, I implemented the local multidisciplinary taskforce for crimes against children and appeared in front of judges in JDR and circuit as first-chair almost every day.

Currently, I have a varied civil litigation practice at McCandlish Holton. I was recognized by Virginia Business Legal Elite in 2019, and I've previously lectured for Virginia CLE. Thank you for considering me.



Neil S. Talegaonkar **Thirteenth Circuit**

I am running for Bar Council and believe my background and experience would prove useful in that role.

- Graduated from the University of Richmond School of Law in 1999.
- Senior Of Counsel, Kaufman & Canoles, P.C., Labor & Employment and Healthcare.
- Recognized in the Labor & Employment category by Best Lawyers in America, Super Lawyers, and Virginia Business Magazine's Legal Elite.
- Serve(d) on several non-profit boards and committees, including as Chair of the Capital Region Board of the American Red Cross, as a board member on St. Joseph's Villa's Board of Trustees, and currently as Vice President of Area Congregations Together in Service (ACTS), an organization which seeks to prevent homelessness.
- Served in the inaugural class of the VSB's Committee for the Future of Law Practice.
- Volunteered for Central Virginia Legal Aid Society's pro bono hotline.
- Currently, serving a local non-profit through the Greater Richmond Bar Foundation's General Counsel Program.



Brian T. Wesley
Thirteenth Circuit

I have been an active member of the Virginia State Bar and I would like to continue my service on Bar Council. Currently, I am the Immediate Past President of the Young Lawyers Conference (“YLC”) and I serve on the Better Annual Meeting Committee. In my previous capacity as President of the YLC, I served on the VSB Executive Committee and Bar Council. During that year, I was also a member of the VSB’s President Special Committee on Lawyer Well-Being.

A graduate of the University of Virginia and the Howard University School of Law, I returned home to Richmond to practice law in 2008. In 2016, I became managing attorney of Thornton Wesley, PLLC, a boutique firm focused on commercial and real estate matters.

If elected, I hope to draw on my previous Bar experiences to enhance the practice of law in the 13th Circuit and throughout the Commonwealth.