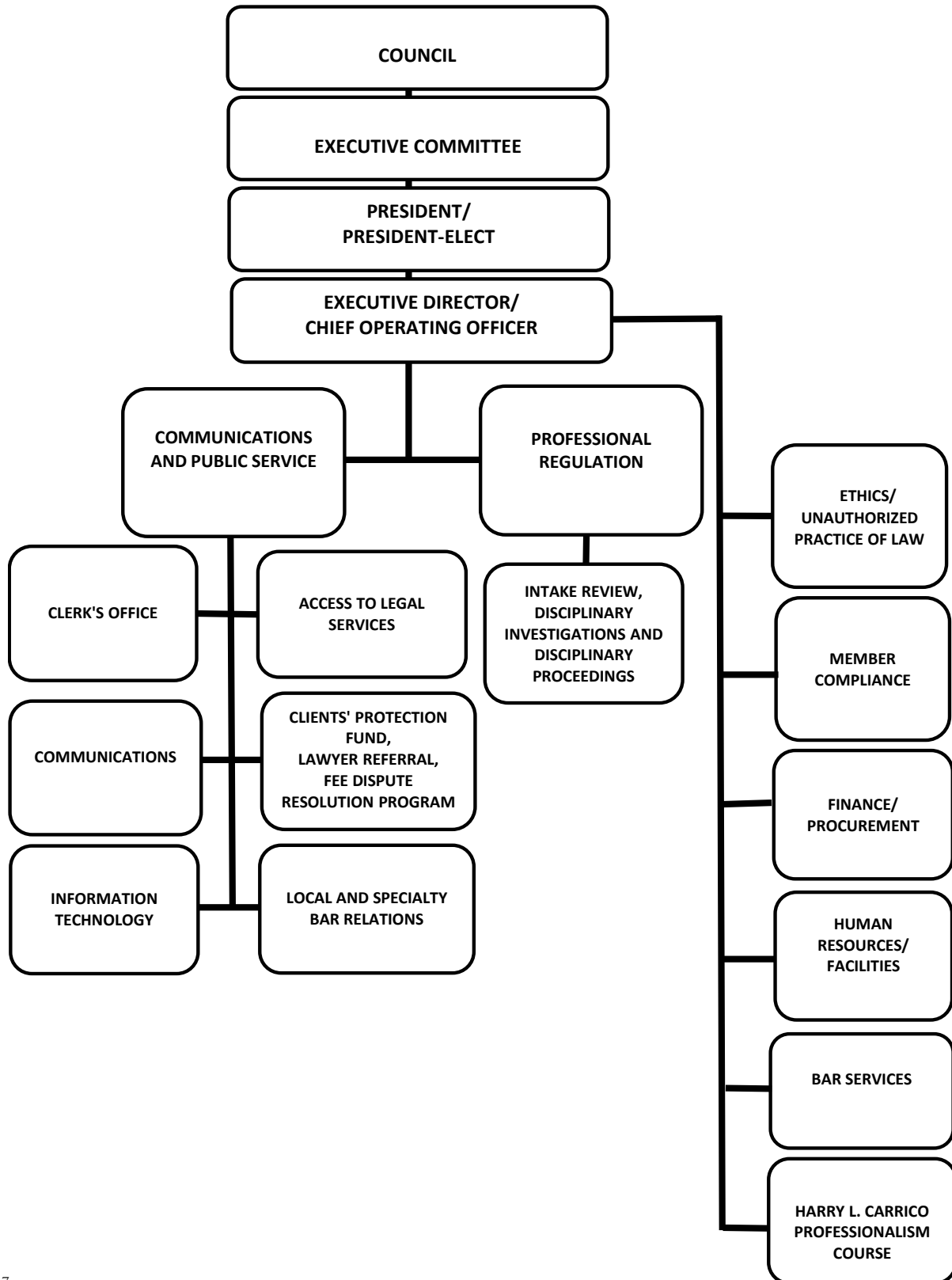


II. VSB Organization and Staff Support

A. VSB Organization Chart



B. Staff Directory

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C. Section and Conference Staff Liaisons and VSB Contacts

2018–19

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Senior Lawyers Conference	Stephanie G. Blanton	blanton@vsb.org	(804) 775-0576
Young Lawyers Conference	Lauren Parrish	parrish@vsb.org	(804) 775-0515
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<i>Virginia Lawyer</i> magazine	Deirdre H. Norman	dnorman@vsb.org	(804) 775-0594
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D. Committee Staff Liaisons

2018–19

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SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

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Future of Law Practice	James M. McCauley	mccauley@vsb.org	(804) 775-0565
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Lawyer Referral	Toni B. Dunson	dunson@vsb.org	(804) 775-0591
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E. Duties of Staff Liaisons

Effective staff liaisons are essential to a committee/conference/section and the VSB's overall success. The staff liaison is a key resource to the assigned group, facilitates operations by acting as the information conduit between the group and the VSB, and assists the chair with planning and administrative responsibilities.

The liaison acts at the direction of the chair but does not actually perform the group's work. Too large of a staff role reduces the value of the group and motivation of volunteers; too small a role often results in the group operating inefficiently.

General Organizational and Policy Duties

The staff liaison:

- is familiar with all aspects of the group's bylaws (sections and conferences), purpose, prior work product, activities and current budget (sections and conferences).
- works with the chair to ensure that the group's work is consistent with the VSB's goals and objectives. The liaison understands and advises the group concerning:
 - the organization's strategic direction;
 - relevant policies, procedures, rules, and organizational structure;
 - the organization's financial planning process and related deadlines; and
 - restrictions on lobbying and fund raising.
- is an active participant at meetings, when possible, engaged in discussions, answering questions, offering suggestions and providing perspective. The liaison anticipates the informational needs of the group and coordinates with the chair to ensure that there is appropriate staff and volunteer input prior to discussion and decision making.
- supports the VSB's policy decisions, even when these decisions may be inconsistent with an individual group's needs.
- anticipates and provides administrative support when possible.
- seeks guidance from his or her manager or other appropriate resources when information beyond the liaison's expertise is required.
- The staff liaison does not participate in the group's votes.

Meeting and Special Event Support

The staff liaison:

- makes early contact with the chair to discuss a meeting schedule for the bar year, taking into consideration deadlines for financial and other planning activities, and the group's projects and reports.
- reviews with the chair the group's charge and goals for the year; ongoing projects and programs; budget considerations and other relevant background; and the need for new member orientation.
- confirms availability of meeting space, scheduling meeting room, arranging for refreshments and meals and ensuring that the meeting is confirmed on the State Bar's master calendar.
- works with the chair to develop and distribute meeting notices, agendas, minutes, meeting materials and other appropriate communications.
- circulates meeting notices and agendas electronically to the board in a timely manner, ensuring that board members post the meeting date on their calendars at the earliest possible time.
- attends meetings and provides on-site support, as necessary. With respect to meeting attendance, liaisons should coordinate with the chair and exercise judgment as to the importance/expense of attendance at meetings at an offsite location.

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- assists the chair with preparation of the agenda and materials for meetings.
 - ensures that the original minutes are maintained in a permanent file following approval.
 - ensures compliance with FOIA, including notice, minutes and electronic meeting requirements (Standing Committees and Public Bodies).
 - coordinates and/or distributes reports or other information relevant to the group's work, including staff, committees, sections, conferences and other pertinent organizations.

General Resource and Administrative Support Duties

The staff liaison:

- assists with preparation of impact statements relative to new projects (see *Handbook, New Project Impact Statement*, page 9).
- explains travel expense reimbursement and general fiscal policies and procedures.
- assists with preparation/submission of form for solicitation of grants and other funds, as necessary.
- assists the Communications Department [dnorman@vsb.org or (804) 775-0594] with collection of the group's annual report before the annual meeting, but no later than July 1, 2019.
- coordinates email distribution lists, ensuring that the participant list is current and that policies and rules are distributed as appropriate.

Administrative Support Duties Specific to Sections and Conferences

The staff liaison:

- assists in the nominating committee process of the section/conference for the board of governors and officers' appointments by advising the committee of the number of vacancies and terms of office and by serving as a resource for recruitment of members who would bring diversity to the board and the section/conference's work.
- assists with the collection of election results from section/conference's annual business meeting held during the VSB's Annual Meeting in June (names; addresses; terms of office for newly elected board members and officers)
- communicates proposed section bylaw amendments to the executive director and Bar Services. Amendments to section bylaws must be approved by VSB Council before they become effective.
- anticipates and coordinates the timely production of the section/conference's communications, marketing, research and other needs with appropriate staff (for example: event promotion, mailings, newsletter production, group e-blasts etc.).
- facilitates newsletter production (electronic and printed media; and mailing) in coordination with the Communications Department [jkruszewski@vsb.org@vsb.org or (804) 775-0529]. Volunteer newsletter editors prepare content for the section/conference newsletters, and provide final text to the designated graphic designer for formatting.
- coordinates group email distributions; where appropriate, works through IT and Communications Departments for large distributions.
- coordinates with the section/conference's webmaster to ensure that the content on the section/conference's website is current and accurate.
- coordinates arrangements with Fiscal Office to ensure that the section has adequate money in budget to cover expenses for programs and projects (i.e. postage/envelopes).
- coordinates arrangements with printer and mailing service for special programs and projects;

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- orders gifts and plaques for outgoing section chairs and board members to be presented at the Annual Meeting. No additional awards should be ordered without checking with the section or conference liaison. Such expenditures must be authorized by the section/conference and will be charged against its budget.

Finance and Budgeting Duties Specific to Sections and Conferences

The staff liaison:

- provides financial planning, budgeting support, and guidance through coordination with the fiscal office.
- assists the chair in developing the section/conference's annual budget, according to the policies, procedures and deadlines established by the Virginia State Bar.
- together with the chair, manages the section/conference's budget, proactively reporting appropriate financial information.
- monitors invoices and travel reimbursement vouchers chargeable to the section/conference's budget to ensure that each expenditure made can be covered by the budget, as approved for the fiscal year.
- reviews monthly financial statements and reports financial/budget concerns to his or her supervisor and follows up until the matter is resolved.

CLE Administration Duties Specific to Sections and Conferences

The staff liaison:

- coordinates with the section in the development of section CLE programs.
- coordinates with Bar Services for CLE workshops planned in conjunction with VSB Annual Meeting.
- coordinates planning with VSB MCLE Department to ensure that program qualifies for proper credit; that the application for course approval (form #6) is submitted in a timely fashion; that all MCLE requirements for written materials are satisfied; and that forms #2 and #3 are printed and delivered to section for distribution.

Execution of Contracts & Grants

- Only the executive director, deputy executive director, or their designee may enter into contracts on behalf of the organization, or approve the engagement of consultants and professional service providers. All grant applications must be authorized and signed by the executive director or the deputy executive director or their designee. (*Handbook — Grant Requests*, page 53).
- Bar policy requires approval by the executive director BEFORE solicitation or acceptance of any grant, and approval by the Executive Committee BEFORE solicitation or acceptance of funds from any entity. Please use the form specified by the VSB for this purpose. (*Handbook — Grant Requests*, page 36).