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The Honorable Dennis W. Dohnal

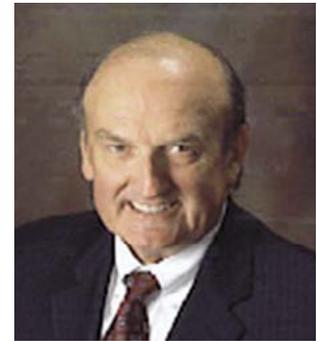
A Remembrance by John E. Lichtenstein, Esquire

In my mind's eye, I can still see Denny Dohnal preparing for trial in a very small conference room at Bremner Baber & Janus, in Richmond. I was ten minutes old in the practice of law, but blessed with the opportunity to learn under Denny, Murray Janus and the other great lawyers of our firm.

Walking gingerly by the door, I peeked in and saw Denny huddled over the round table, surrounded, crowded by the books; he worked hour after hour there, with a legal pad and a number two pencil.

I have never seen a more prepared lawyer.

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Lewis T. Booker

A Remembrance by Lonnie D. Nunley III, Esquire

Lewis Booker, a man for all seasons, passed away on April 4, 2015, at age 85. Lewis was survived by his wife of 58 years, Nancy, and by their four children and three grandchildren.

Born in Richmond, educated in the Richmond City schools, Lewis



graduated from the University of Richmond and Harvard Law School. Following Harvard, he served as a Judge Advocate in the Army, first in Korea and then at the Pentagon. He remained active in the Army Reserve for 28 years, receiving the Legion of Merit upon his retirement in 1983.

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Professor Emeritus J. Rodney Johnson

A Remembrance by Frank Overton Brown, Jr., Esquire



On the morning of June 11, 2015, the sad news arrived by telephone call that Rodney Johnson had died that morning. Rodney was only 75 years old, and his death was shocking and sad for many reasons, among which were that Rodney was my friend and a fellow Estate Planning attorney, and also

because for decades he was such a positive timeless and continuous presence in the legal profession and in legal scholarship in Virginia, particularly in the areas of Wills, Trusts and Estates, and Estate Planning, that we had come to believe that he would always be here. Rodney was a distinguished

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Whatever stage was approaching, investigation, witness meetings, motions, trial, Denny had an exquisite command of the law and the facts. He plowed through the most complex cases, with a talent for reducing complexity to simplicity. His capacity went even further with the people he represented, whom he loved and thus understood. To each client, he brought a mix of assertive wisdom, compassion and clarity of counsel; and his humor, of course, never offensive but always on offense, often turned tears to laughter.

I was a brand new lawyer, with a struggling social life, the want of which attracted Denny's constructive attention. On Monday mornings he delighted at cross examining me as to the weekend's events. Prior to my wife-to-be agreeing to see me socially, he also delighted in providing nicknames for my few dates. When I related the story of a kind but troubled young woman who, on a night out, unexpectedly approached the group with a loaded firearm, Denny immediately dubbed her "Gun Woman," and thereafter spoke of her often, regularly reminding me that his wonderful wife Alecia, "has never pulled a gun." So Denny first was my teacher, and very quickly and for the next twenty-nine years, was my friend, which is what I know he was to each of us.

Denny's service to the bar and the Court was exemplary. He donated a career's worth of work and sweat to the cause of indigent

defense in Virginia. Gideon was his DNA and he simply could not accept a criminal justice system which failed to provide appointed counsel the tools necessary to represent the poor. He constantly wrote, called, and visited, educating and winning the support of lawyers, judges, and legislators. And he was still at it and deeply involved when waivers for fee caps became a reality. (Throughout his career, regularly and without notice, he represented indigent clients for free.)

Denny chaired the Criminal Law Section of the Virginia State Bar, and received its highest honor, the Harry L. Carrico Professionalism Award. Every year, a highlight of the Criminal Law Section's annual meeting was Denny's and Rod Leffler's ethics presentation which year after year left attendees sore from laughter.

Another contribution of years was Denny's work chairing the Virginia State Bar's effort to reorganize and recodify Virginia ethics rules, which resulted in the Rules of Professional Conduct in 2000. Like his work in indigent defense, Denny's commitment to the ethical practice of law was a core value, set deep inside. It was visible in all his dealings.

In addition to all of these, over the course of his career, Denny received too many accolades to name, but among some of them: President of the Richmond Bar Association; President of the Richmond Criminal Bar

Association; President of the John Marshall American Inn of Court; Member, Council and Executive Committee, Virginia State Bar; Fellow, Virginia Law Foundation; Leader in the Law (his peer Leaders voted him Leader of the Year!).

Denny's abilities and qualities as a trial lawyer accompanied him to the bench as United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, where he sat for eleven years. He quickly distinguished himself as a most capable judge and very effective mediator. Lawyers and judges have described as remarkable the way Denny handled the most complicated cases and brought understanding and resolution to many, many parties.

Perhaps the only aspect of Denny's life which exceeded his commitment to the law, was his commitment to his family. He was a completely devoted husband to his wonderful wife, Alecia, whose love and devotion to Denny were so evident throughout their marriage and throughout his illness over the last several years of Denny's life. He was an equally loving and involved father to his sons, Mark and Todd, and his daughter, Kelly. There was never a conversation that didn't involve, "Let me tell you what Todd and Mark and Kelly are doing..." Denny was so very proud of all of his children's accomplishments which continue in exciting ways.

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Denny's integrity was evident to all who knew him. He showed and thus taught uncommon courage and grace as he dealt with the severe challenges that accompanied his last illnesses. His humor was active throughout. When I saw him in the hospital the Wednesday before he passed away, he was firing one liners at everyone in the room, no doubt intended, even then, to put us at ease. Of all the aspects of his nature, kindness most defined Denny Dohnal. Kindness was the thread that ran through him and all he did as lawyer, judge, husband, father, and finally, as our friend. We will cherish his memory.



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Lewis joined Hunton and Williams in 1956, and remained with our firm for his entire career, retiring from active practice in 1995. He built a practice that was without rival. During his career, which spanned over four decades, he was the "go to" lawyer in Virginia trial and appellate courts, and in the Federal Courts of the Eastern District and the Fourth Circuit. He had a national practice and reputation, leading large, complex trial engagements. Lewis led groundbreaking cases in Virginia, such as the Westinghouse Uranium Litigation and the Philip Morris v. ABC libel case, and many "largest ever" cases outside Virginia, such as the Syntex dioxin litigation in Missouri. And although his practice consisted of large,

complex litigation, he was a great in-the-courtroom trial lawyer. He was inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers in 1973. (And to show Lewis' dedication to justice, when he retired from active practice, he served for more than 18 years as a substitute judge in Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts in Richmond and the surrounding counties.)

Although his practice was extremely demanding from a time and travel standpoint, Lewis was incredibly active in his community. He served as Chairman of the Richmond Redevelopment and Housing Authority and as Vice-Chairman of the Richmond School Board. One of Lewis' proudest accomplishments was that throughout the very difficult period in Virginia of massive resistance to desegregation, when many school systems across the state closed to avoid court-ordered desegregation, Lewis and others were able to keep the Richmond schools open, never losing a day of instruction.

Three institutions that Lewis loved deeply, and served with distinction, were the University of Richmond, Second Baptist Church and the Christian Children's Fund. He served as Rector of the University of Richmond for an unprecedented three terms. He was the treasurer of his church for 35 years, and taught Sunday School for more than 50 years. He served as a board member and general counsel of the Christian Children's Fund for 26 years,

and traveled to more than 20 countries working for CCF.

I had the great privilege to begin my practice working for Lewis, and to work with him for more than 10 years. He was the most disciplined person I've ever known. Perhaps owing to his military background, Lewis was impeccably neat and organized. Lewis adhered to the "touch it once" philosophy of paper-handling, and it served him well. At the beginning of the day, which for him was usually well before 7:00 am, his office was immaculate. Then as the day progressed, owing to the size of his case load and the fact that most everything in those days arrived in hard copy versus today's email, the top of Lewis' large desk would be almost hidden as he worked his way through the day's mail. However, invariably, by the time Lewis left his office, usually well after 7:00 pm, his desk was pristine, with either no papers on it at all (and none anywhere else in his office), or perhaps one small stack in the middle of his desk, topped with a single paperweight.

Lewis' personal energy sprang from a well that few, if any, could match. It was nearly impossible to beat him to the office, even though many of us tried as young associates. Maybe on a given day we could arrive before Lewis, but never for any sustained period. As we would travel back to Richmond on late Friday night flights, returning from a long-running trial, most would relax, perhaps have a drink or two, and catch a nap, but not Lewis. Although he

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might allow himself a drink, he would follow that with a hot tea (his favorite source of caffeine), and then get out work and his extremely well-worn dictaphone and start dictating trial-report letters that would be finished during his office hours on Saturday and sent to clients. At times the press of trial would be so great that Lewis could not leave the trial site until Saturday evening, but he was determined to get back to Richmond to see his family and to teach Sunday school, even if it meant long travel for fewer than 24 hours in Richmond.

Everyone respected Lewis, because he treated everyone with genuine respect and civility. Judges loved having Lewis in their courtrooms, as did the jurors, clerks, bailiffs and court reporters. I remember once going with Lewis to a very significant argument in the Fourth Circuit. We had several self-important out-of-town lawyers with us. We got on the elevator and a janitor on the elevator said hello to Lewis by name, and Lewis responded to him by name. The other lawyers rolled their eyes. At the next stop, several Fourth

Circuit Judges got on the elevator, and they too called Lewis by name, to which he responded formally. The eye rolling stopped.

Lewis had a phenomenal sense of humor. Given his long history of trial work (although Lewis' career was marked by the large cases, he tried hundreds of cases as a young lawyer), he had amazing stories of people and trials that he could recall with crystal clarity. Lewis had tried a case involving a train derailment in Louisiana which sent large tanker cars filled with a highly flammable liquid shooting around a neighborhood like unguided missiles. Lewis had deposed a pastor who had the great misfortune to have one of the tank cars land, flaming, in his back yard. Lewis would recall the pastor's deposition, recreate his Louisiana accent, and laugh when he remembered the pastor's answer to "What did you think when you looked out the window and saw the tanker burning in your backyard?" The pastor answered, "Mr. Booker, I took it to be the end of the world!"

Because he was personally so busy, Lewis placed a very high premium

on efficiency. He wrote, spoke and prepared with great economy. Lewis firmly believed that a brief should be just that. His arguments were never longer than they needed to be; he was not one to speak to hear himself talk. He also had an amazing gift of always appearing to be in complete control, even when he had multiple bet-the-company cases going at once. Lewis was never one to look back; never one to second-guess.

Lewis was a phenomenal mentor, to lawyers within and outside his own firm, long before that word became a box to be checked on an evaluation. Lewis was a living testament to the fact that it is possible to be an ultra-successful lawyer, and still treat opposing counsel and members of the judiciary with civility and respect. I am heartened when I speak with lawyers who, when they learn that I worked with Lewis, tell me stories of the numerous acts of professional courtesy he regularly extended, how much they learned from him, and how much they enjoyed being opposite Lewis. A very fitting legacy to a great lawyer and a wonderful human being.



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lawyer whose personal and professional qualities were inspirational to the public and the legal profession. As I contemplated how I would describe Rodney in this Remembrance, I thought back to the morning of June 6, 2015, when in a seminar at our Church, I had asked Carl Johnson (Rodney's brother) how he would define the

word "stewardship". In that very distinctive, carefully measured, Johnson Family speaking style, Carl gave an erudite and clear definition, covering the word's many facets, and he concluded with this memorable sentence, "In a word, I would say that stewardship means responsibility." Remembering Carl's words,

spoken less than a week before Rodney's death, I knew immediately how I would describe Rodney.

Rodney Johnson was a good, wise and creative steward. The wellspring from which his stewardship flowed was his Faith. Throughout his life and even after his death, and in very many

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ways, as a result of his stewardship, so many folks have been helped and will be helped by his having fulfilled his responsibilities; in the best sense of the term, Rodney was a true servant leader.

Rodney was a steward for himself and his family whom he loved dearly: his wife of 47 years, Catherine Dorman Johnson (also a lawyer, and referred to by Rodney in his genteel way as “Miss Kitty”); his son, Lieutenant Colonel William Taylor Johnson; his daughter, Abigail J. Goebel; and his three grandchildren. In order for us to be able to share our memories, stories, tributes, notes and thoughts about Rodney, his family has established a remembrance site, hosted by “Never Gone”, which may found at <http://www.never-gone.com/Memorials/j.rodneymjohnson>.

Rodney was a steward for his Church, Monument Heights Baptist Church, in Henrico County, where during his decades of membership, he had served as Sunday School teacher, Deacon, Trustee, and in many other capacities. Rodney was the embodiment of Christian Fellowship.

Rodney was a steward in serving the spiritual and temporal needs of those in need by working as a part of more than 25 relief missions to communities in 12 different countries outside the United States and to seven different states in the United States.

Rodney was a steward in teaching the law to many generations of

law students (who are now practicing lawyers here in Virginia and throughout the United States), including his long and dedicated tenure from 1970 through 1999, as Professor of Law at the University of Richmond Law School. (As it happened, on the evening of June 11, 2015, my wife, Susan, and I had dinner with a retired Virginia Circuit Court Judge who was a law student of Rodney’s at the T.C. Williams Law School; the Judge said that he had learned many lessons about the law and about life in Rodney’s classes, which had stood him in good stead as a member of the bar and the judiciary, but none more important than “Never, never be late for class.” Rodney was a firm believer in personal responsibility.) Rodney also served for many years as a member of the University of Richmond Estate Planning Advisory Council and served for a number of years on the Planning Committee for the University of Richmond Annual Estate Planning Seminar, which was just held for the 43rd time in May 2015. He was a speaker at many of those seminars, and on the evaluation forms completed by the attendees, in response to the question, “What would you like to have covered at a future seminar?”, a recurring response was “Anything by Rodney Johnson.”

Rodney was a steward in pro bono work. As part of their Pro-Bono Will Writing Ministry in support of various Baptist Ministries in Virginia, Rodney and Miss Kitty

prepared more than 10,000 pro bono wills for individual clients.

Rodney was a steward of the law itself, writing, lecturing, persuading, educating, and working with other members of the Virginia State Bar, the Virginia Bar Association, the Virginia General Assembly, and other individuals, groups, commissions and committees, in striving to see that existing law was understood and practiced correctly, that it was changed for the better when necessary, and that the end results were more and better protections for the citizens of this Commonwealth. Not surprisingly, one of Rodney’s last official acts as an attorney at law in Virginia was in May 2015, when he signed and filed in the Virginia Supreme Court the 17 page Amicus Brief on behalf of the three law professors (Amici Curiae) in the Sweet Briar case. In stating the interests of the Amici, the Brief said:

“Amici are professors of law who taught or teach the law of trusts at law schools in the Commonwealth of Virginia: J. Rodney Johnson, Professor Emeritus, T.C. Williams School of Law, University of Richmond; John E. Donaldson, Professor Emeritus, Marshall-Wythe School of Law, College of William and Mary; and Robert T. Danforth, Professor, Washington and Lee University School of Law. As such, Amici have a deep and long-standing professional interest in the sound application and development of the law of trusts, both in Virginia and nationally.

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This case presents important issues involving the law of trusts, as that law affects not only Sweet Briar College, but potentially other institutions of higher education as well. Amici respectfully ask the Court to consider their views as it proceeds to resolve those issues.”

Based upon listening to the oral arguments in the Supreme Court,

and in reading the Supreme Court’s Order, entered on June 9, 2015, remanding the case to the Circuit Court for further proceedings, it is obvious that the Supreme Court considered the views of the three Amici and found them to be persuasive.

This Remembrance is not intended to be a hagiography;

nothing would displease Rodney more. Rather it is a brief recollection by me about my good friend who was a good steward in many ways, and was a singularly dedicated teacher of the law and private practitioner of the law. Rodney is gone, but he will never be forgotten. His spirit and his body of good works remain for us and for future generations.



Resources for Seniors

Free Resource Guide

“Money Smart for Older Adults: Prevent Financial Exploitation” is a 53 page free resource guide for Older Adults and their families, available from the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau (www.consumerfinance.gov). The resource guide may be accessed at http://files.consumerfinance.gov/f/201306_cfpb_msoa_participant_guide.pdf. It contains information about how to protect yourself against various forms of financial exploitation, including telephone scams, identity theft, medical identity theft, and other scams. It also provides a “self-test” about the materials presented in the resource guide.

Free Annual Credit Reports

Under Federal law, every twelve months, you are entitled to obtain a free copy of your credit report from each of the three major credit reporting companies:

Experian; TransUnion; and Equifax. By staggering your timing and making your request in sequence every four months to one of the agencies, you can cover the entire year at no charge. Be careful not to be confused by “somewhat look-alike” web sites which will charge you fees, or worse. The correct address is <https://www.annual-creditreport.com/index.action>.

Do Not Call Registry

Operated by the Federal Trade Commission, the National Do Not Call Registry allows you to register your home telephone and your mobile telephone against telemarketing calls. The correct address is <https://www.donotcall.gov/>.

Senior Citizens Handbook

What Seniors Need to Know.

The *Senior Citizens Handbook* is an invaluable resource with just about everything a senior would want to know about the law and a compendium of community-service organizations that provide senior services.

For more information, or to order copies of the *Senior Citizens Handbook*, please e-mail Stephanie Blanton at blanton@vsb.org or call (804) 775-0576.

Laws & Programs Affecting Senior Citizens in Virginia

A project of the Senior Lawyers Conference of the Virginia State Bar

The Senior Lawyers Conference

The purpose of the Senior Lawyers Conference is 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 Virginia State Bar (VSB), and to pursue its Mission and Goals as follows:

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.

As of May 1, 2015, the Senior Lawyers Conference has 17,507 members.

The upcoming meetings of the SLC Board will be held on a to-be-designated Tuesday at Westminster-Canterbury of the Blue Ridge in Charlottesville in each of: September 2015; November 2015; February 2016; and April 2016.

The 2015 SLC annual business meeting will be on June 20, 2015 at the VSB Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach, in the Capes Ballroom in the Sheraton Oceanfront, 3501 Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, VA, at 9:45 a.m.. The 2015-2016 slate of officers for the Board of Governors is:

Chair: Robert T. Vaughan, Jr., of Danville;

Chair-elect: Bruce E. Robinson, of South Hill;

Secretary: Robert E. Hawthorne, of Kenbridge;

Treasurer: Carrollyn C. Cox, of Virginia Beach.

Senior Citizens Law Day Programs

The Senior Citizens Law Day programs, under the format developed by Bill Wilson of Covington, and now chaired by senior lawyer F. Warren Haynie, Jr., of Lottsburg, is a successful one conducted by local bar associations and individual lawyers as a public service in reaching out to senior citizens in our communities and providing them with education about their rights and responsibilities under the law. The programs have been presented all over the Commonwealth, and they represent win-win-win situations for the public, for the lawyers who are involved in planning and presenting the programs, and for the legal profession. For more information, please call SLC Liaison Stephanie Blanton at (804) 775-0576 or Warren Haynie at (804) 580-0587.

SLC Dedicated Issue of the Virginia Lawyer Magazine

The Senior Lawyers Conference is responsible for the Senior Lawyers Conference Dedicated Issue of the Virginia Lawyer magazine each year.

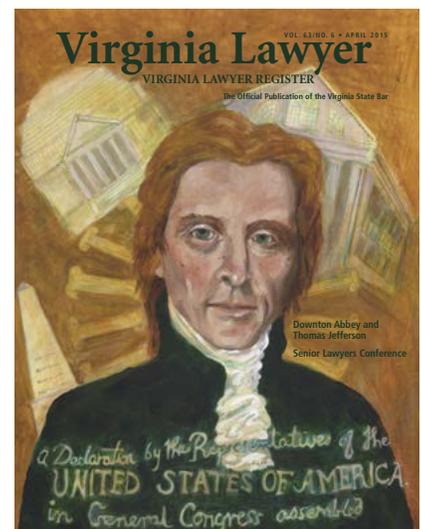
The most recent issue is April 2015, which may be found at

http://www.vsb.org/site/publications/valawyer/april_2015,

which among others, contains a helpful

article by senior lawyer Victoria J. Roberson, of North Chesterfield, titled "Virginia

Advance Health Care Directives and the Virginia Health Care Directive Registry." Please call Frank O. Brown, Jr. (804) 673-7545 if you are interested in writing an article for a future Senior Lawyers Conference Dedicated issue.



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Visit the SLC Website at www.vsb-slc.com

Senior Lawyer News Online Newsletters

The *Senior Lawyer News* is published as an online newsletter. Periodically, we publish Remembrances of deceased distinguished lawyers or judges whose personal and professional qualities are inspirational to members of the legal profession. Volunteers are needed to write articles for future issues of *The Senior Lawyer News*. Please call Frank O. Brown, Jr., Newsletter Editor, (804) 673-7545 if you are interested in writing an article for the newsletter.

Lawyers' Tree Planting Initiative

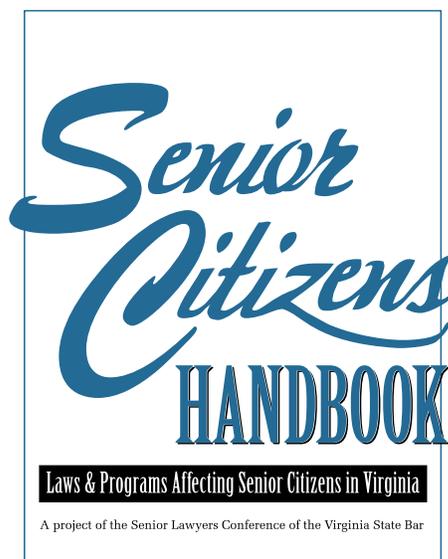
The Tree Planting Initiative (Trees Across Virginia), begun by the late senior lawyer John Tate, of Marion, continues under the capable direction of senior lawyer Bruce E. Robinson of South Hill, and has had another successful year, with more than 3,300 trees being distributed across the Commonwealth at no charge to the recipients. Senior Lawyers Conference Board of Governors members Bruce E. Robinson, Robert T. Vaughan, Jr., of Danville, and John L. Knight, of Henrico, personally delivered the seedling trees to different parts of the state, where they were planted by local lawyers, communities, individuals and other organizations. The initiative is for lawyers to plant and to encourage the planting of trees in our communities throughout Virginia to improve our environment now and in the

future. All costs are paid by private donations, and there are no public or Virginia State Bar funds used to purchase the seedling trees from the Virginia Division of Forestry. For more information, call Bruce Robinson at (434) 917-0061.

Protecting Lawyers' And Clients's Interests in the Event of the Lawyers' Disability, Death or Other Disaster

The SLC Website at <http://www.vsb.org/site/conferences/slc/attorney-resources-publications> contains the following documents to assist lawyers in their planning: Durable Special Power of Attorney Regarding Law Practice; Agreement Regarding Law Practice; Last Will and Testament provisions with appropriate powers to Executor. In addition, Frank O. Brown, Jr. presents a CLE Ethics program to local bar associations on this topic. This program is presented as a one hour, one and one-half hour, or two hour program, with full ethics credit. This program has been presented at least once in Abingdon, Alexandria, Arlington, Big Stone Gap, Boydton, Covington, Charlottesville, Danville, Fairfax, Farmville, Fredericksburg, Gloucester, Hanover County, Harrisonburg, Henrico, Irvington, Keysville, Leesburg, Luray, Manassas, Mclean, Melfa, Norfolk, Richmond, Roanoke, Salem, Smyth County, Stratford Hall, Virginia Beach, Warsaw, Williamsburg, Winchester, and several additional times in many

of these locations. It has also been presented as part of the Virginia Supreme Court and Conference of Local Bar Association's Solo and Small Firm Conferences dealing with Emergency and Disaster Planning for lawyers. If your local bar association is interested in having Frank Brown's ethics program presented, at no charge, please call SLC Liaison Stephanie Blanton at (804) 775-0576, or Frank O. Brown, Jr. at (804) 673-7545. The Checklist on Closing a Law Practice is also available on the SLC website.



Senior Citizens' Handbook

Produced by the SLC, this is the VSB's most requested publication. It is a resource for seniors, their families, and their caregivers to provide an overview of and contact information for opportunities and choices facing senior citizens today, with a summary of how specific laws affect Virginia's older citizens and practical advice on issues such as Medicaid, Alzheimer's

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Disease, landlord tenant relations, and much more. There is also an extensive list of community service organizations that details the various services available to senior citizens. This is available through the VSB Communications Office.

Pro Bono Activities by Senior Lawyers

The SLC actively encourages individual pro bono activities by senior lawyers. To find out how you can become involved in providing pro bono services, please call John Oakey at (804) 775-4336.

Mentoring Activities by Senior Lawyers

The SLC actively encourages senior lawyers individually to mentor and to support collegially new and younger lawyers.

Senior Lawyers Conference Website Resources

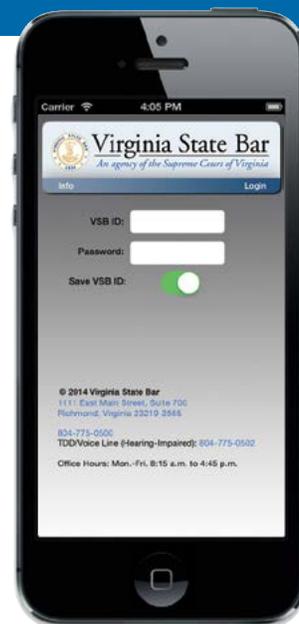
The Senior Lawyers Conference website, at <http://www.vsb.org/site/conferences/slc>, contains a wealth of Public and Attorney Resources and Links of interest to Senior Lawyers and Senior Citizens.

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Senior Lawyers Receive Prestigious 2015 Law Awards

The Senior Lawyers Conference congratulates the following Senior Lawyers who have received prestigious law awards in 2015:

- [VSB Diversity Conference Clarence M. Dunnville Jr. Achievement Award](#): **Manuel A. Capsalis** of Leesburg.
- [VSB Betty A. Thompson Family Law Section Lifetime Achievement Award](#): **Betty M. Sandler**, of Woodbridge;
- [Harry L. Carrico Professionalism Award](#): **The Honorable Jerrauld C. Jones**, of Norfolk;
- [VSB Section on the Education of Lawyers William R. Rakes Leadership in Education Award](#): **The Honorable B. Waugh Crigler** of Charlottesville;
- [VSB General Practice Section Tradition of Excellence Award](#): **Robert "Robin" C. Wood III**, of Lynchburg;
- [Lewis F. Powell, Jr. Pro Bono Award for 2014](#): **M. Steven Weaver** and **Glenn M. Hodge**, both of Harrisonburg;
- [Local Bar Leader of the Year Award](#): **Thomas H. Miller**, of Roanoke;
- Induction as **Fellows of the Virginia Bar Foundation**:
Thomas R. Bagby, of Roanoke; **Thomas J. Bondurant**, of Roanoke; **Bernard Cohen**, of Alexandria; **Kimberly A. Fiske**, of Alexandria; **Mark Flynn**, of Richmond; **Claire G. Gastanaga**, of Richmond; **Leslie A.T. Haley**, of Midlothian; **Cynthia E. Hudson**, of Richmond; **Darrel Tillar Mason**, of Manakin-Sabot; **Joyce Melvin Jones**, of Hampton; **Jan L. Proctor**, of Chesapeake; **M. Pierce Rucker**, of Richmond; **Edna Ruth Vincent**, of Fairfax.

The Senior Lawyers Conference Highlights at the 2015 VSB Annual Meeting

Blind Spot: Hidden Biases of Good People

Friday, June 19, 2015, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Sheraton Oceanfront, Ocean Grand Ballroom

Each year at the VSB Annual Meeting, the SLC sponsors a CLE workshop, or joins with other partners in a CLE workshop. This year, the Showcase CLE is *Blind Spot: Hidden Biases of Good People*, on Friday, June 19, 2015, from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Sheraton Oceanfront, Ocean Grand Ballroom. The sponsor is Virginia Diversity Foundation, and the partners are: Millenium Diversity Initiative, Inc.; VSB Diversity Conference; VSB Senior Lawyers Conference; VSB Corporate Counsel Section; VSB Access to Legal Services Committee; Virginia Women Attorneys Association; Asian Pacific American Bar/Virginia; Burnett & Williams; Zavos Juncker Law Group PLLC; McGuire Woods; and Venable LLP.



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Brunch and Ceremony Honoring 50-Year VSB Members

At the VSB Annual Meeting, the SLC sponsors a brunch and awards ceremony at which the lawyers who are receiving their 50 year membership awards are honored. The honorees and their families are invited, and special certificates are given to commemorate this special milestone.

Fifty-Year Bar Members