

Congratulations and a Farewell

Lori M. Elliott, 2002–2003 Young Lawyers Conference President



I began my bar year as president of the Young Lawyers Conference by encouraging participation in our activities and programs, and saying that I hoped to meet and work with many young lawyers throughout the year.

I thank you for your support of the conference and the warm reception that I have received across the commonwealth. I am happy to report that the YLC continues to be known for its inclusiveness, diversity and community service.

My end of the year summary includes the announcement of our young lawyer of the year, our individual awards of merit and our new board of directors.

Young Lawyers Receive Outstanding Service Awards

The Young Lawyers Conference board of governors and membership recognized the following individuals at the Young Lawyers Conference luncheon on June 20 for their outstanding service to the Virginia State Bar and the community:

Jennifer L. Borum, Hunton & Williams, Committee on Women & Minorities in the Legal Profession; Kathleen S. Dolan, Professional Development Seminar; Jeffrey H. Geiger, Professional Development Seminar and *Docket Call* newsletter; Jerry L. Hall, Wills for Heroes; Jennifer L. McClellan, Oliver Hill/Samuel Tucker Law Institute; Shari S. Patish, Students Day in Court; Daniel M. Pringle, Immigrant Outreach Committee; Rita N. Poindexter, Committee on Women & Minorities in the Legal Profession; and Carson H. Sullivan, Wills for Heroes.

YLC Board of Governors

The nominating committee recommended Kathleen M. Uston as 2003-2004 president and Savalle C. Sims as president-elect. Jimmy F. Robinson, Jr., was elected by the board to be the 2003–2004 secretary.

New board members on the slate were:

Amy Van Fossen (1st YLC District); Vicki L. Wiese (8th YLC District); Lesley A. Pate (at-large representative); and Jennifer L. McClellan, (at-large representative).

Returning board members up for re-election were:

Kellye Curtis Clarke, (4th YLC District); George P. Snead (6th YLC District); Mary L.C. Daniel (7th YLC District); Robin J. Kegley (10th YLC District); and Katrina C. Randolph, (at-large representative).

Board members continuing in their first term are Jacqueline C. McIntyre (2nd YLC District); Shawn A. Copeland (3rd YLC District); Daniel L. Gray (5th YLC District); Maya M. Eckstein (at-large representative); and Donald M. Haddock, Jr., (at-large representative).

Richard Ottinger is Young Lawyer of the Year



Norfolk lawyer Richard H. Ottinger received the 2003 R. Edwin Burnette, Jr., Young Lawyer of the Year Award on Friday, June 20, 2003, at the VSB annual meeting in Virginia Beach.

The award is presented annually by the VSB Young Lawyers Conference for outstanding service to the conference, the legal profession and the community. The award is named for Lynchburg Judge R. Edwin Burnette, Jr., past president of the VSB (1993–1994) and the YLC (1985–1986).

Ottinger is an associate at the Norfolk office of Vandeventer Black, where his practice focuses on commercial litigation. He volunteers more than 125 hours a year to a variety of community

projects. In addition to providing pro bono representation to Tidewater Legal Aid, Ottinger serves as co-chair to both The Virginia Bar Association Young Lawyers Division disaster legal assistance relief committee and the Tidewater pro bono hotline. He also volunteers for the Hampton Roads Chamber of Commerce, the Chrysler Museum of Art, Norfolk Academy, the YMCA and Norfolk Public Schools.

Ottinger is the 2002 co-recipient of the Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association's Walter E. Hoffman Community Service Award, which is awarded to young lawyers who dedicate significant time to benefit the community. He is a past chair of the Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section, a member of the executive council of the VBA Young Lawyers Division and author of, "When is Broad Too Broad? Environmental Law and Policy Review." Ottinger is also a member of the class of 2002 of the Thomas C. Sorensen Institute for Political Leadership at the University of Virginia.



Richard H. Ottinger received the 2003 Young Lawyer of the Year Award at the annual meeting from past president of the bar, Michael A. Glasser, and YLC President Lori M. Elliott.