

## UR Law Professor Peter N. Swisher Recognized for Achievement in Family Law

Peter N. Swisher, a professor of law at the University of Richmond and a contributor to the development of family law in Virginia, has been named the 2009 recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Virginia State Bar's Family Law Section.

The award recognizes persons who have demonstrated excellence and integrity and have made a substantial contribution to the practice of family law in Virginia. The award will be presented during the section's annual Family Law Seminar on April 24, 2009, in Richmond.

In nominating Swisher, Fairfax attorney Aaron J. Christoff cited his extensive writing, which includes co-authorship of *Virginia Family Law: Theory, Practice, and Forms*; *Understanding Family Law*; and *Family Law: Cases, Materials, and Problems*. Christoff also emphasized Swisher's service to the VSB Family Law Section.

"Aside from the obvious — teaching family law to students at the University ... (inspiring many soon-to-be lawyers to take on the challenges of practicing family law) and authoring the books that so many family law practitioners keep close — Professor Swisher has propelled and contributed to the evolution of family law in Virginia for nearly three decades. ...

"Very simply, Professor Swisher has been a driving force changing family law in Virginia. ... More importantly, he's a key reason the future of family law holds so much promise for Virginia practitioners and law students."

Among his many contributions, Swisher chaired the curriculum committee that recommended a certificate program in family law now available to UR students. As the section's law school liaison, he helped establish a family law award in all Virginia law schools. He is a past chair of the Association of



American Law Schools Family and Juvenile Law Section. He has helped develop legislation through the Virginia Bar Association's Domestic Relations Council.

Swisher earned a bachelor's degree from Amherst College in 1966, a master's from Stanford University in 1967, and a law degree from the University of California Hastings College of the Law in 1973.

## Local Bar Elections

### Chesapeake Bar Association

Brian Kenneth Miller, President  
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Vice President

David Jason Whitted, Secretary  
Kimberly Hughes Phillips, Treasurer  
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Wells Huntington Byrnes Sr., President  
Michael James Newman, Vice President  
Miss Stacy Danielle Allocca, Secretary  
Claudette Suzanne Robertson, Treasurer

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Nono Musolino Fisher, President-elect  
Charles Patrick Tench, Secretary  
Vaughan Ruig Myers, Treasurer

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Cristina Marie Kowalczyk O'Brien,  
Secretary  
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Barry Alan Zweig, President  
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John Daniel Epps, President  
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Timothy Sean Brunick, President  
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Timothy John Quick, Secretary  
Glenn Randall Croshaw, Treasurer  
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Sandra Lynn Sampson, Director

### Washington County Bar Association

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## In Memoriam

**Charles William Beddow**  
Chesterfield  
February 1934–December 2008

**John Baker Boatwright III**  
Richmond  
July 1954–February 2009

**Dorothy B. Boucher**  
Abingdon  
March 1924–January 2009

**James Nicholas Brennan IV**  
Charlotte, North Carolina  
October 1956–October 2008

**William F. Evenson**  
Richmond  
December 1936–September 2008

**Leslie A. Grandis**  
Richmond  
March 1944–March 2009

**T. Keister Greer**  
Rocky Mount  
September 1921–May 2008

**Charles Wesley Gunn Jr.**  
Richmond  
July 1922–January 2009

**Leigh B. Hanes Jr.**  
Roanoke  
April 1918–August 2008

**Julian F. Hoffar III**  
McLean  
May 1947–October 2008

**Eino Emil Jenstrom**  
Alexandria  
May 1921–September 2008

**Max Cleveland Kennedy**  
Charlottesville  
August 1929–January 2009

**William C. King Jr.**  
Roanoke  
December 1923–December 2008

**Konstantine Andrew Konopisos**  
Sugar Land, Texas  
April 1919–March 2008

**Conrad Charles Lewane**  
Richmond  
August 1937–January 2009

**C. Berkley Lilly**  
Beckley, West Virginia  
January 1923–January 2009

**Michael Anton Lubin**  
Leesburg  
May 1949–October 2008

**Horace D. McCowan Jr.**  
Richmond  
May 1920–December 2008

**H. Merrill Pasco**  
Richmond  
October 1915–November 2008

**Ralph Lucian Payne**  
Alexandria  
January 1916–September 2008

**Hon. Edward L. Ryan Jr.**  
Norfolk  
November 1913–September 2008

**Keith Thomas Sefton**  
Washington, D.C.  
November 1946–November 2008

**Ronald Lee Shrecengost**  
Newport News  
March 1945–January 2009

**Hon. Norvell Prentis Smiley Jr.**  
Yorktown  
June 1938–December 2008

**E.L. Stephenson**  
Newport News  
June 1927–January 2009

**Hon. Lloyd C. Sullenberger**  
Orange  
May 1940–February 2009

**Dyer Justice Taylor**  
Weems  
September 1922–November 2008

**Garland Parnell Thompson**  
Annandale  
September 1921–October 2007

**Ethan Allen Turshen**  
Arlington  
March 1934–February 2009

**Thalia V. Warnement**  
Washington, D.C.  
August 1967–January 2009

**Charles H. Whitebread II**  
Los Angeles, California  
April 1943–September 2008

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

### Award of Merit Competition

Sponsored by the VSB Conference of Local Bar Associations.

Nomination deadline:  
May 1, 2009

### Local Bar Leader of the Year

Sponsored by the VSB Conference of Local Bar Associations.

Nomination deadline:  
May 1, 2009

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