

W&M Law Professor Receives Bator Award

Professor Tara Leigh Grove of William & Mary Law School received the Federalist Society's 2016 Paul M. Bator Award on February 27 at the society's 35th National Student Symposium, held at the University of Virginia School of Law. The award each year honors a legal scholar under the age of 40 "who has demonstrated excellence in legal scholarship, a commitment to teaching, a concern for students, and who has made a significant public impact."

Bator was a renowned legal scholar and professor, who taught at Harvard and at the University of Chicago, and was a principal deputy solicitor general during the Reagan administration.

"I am delighted to see Tara Grove receive the Bator Award," said Law School Dean Davison M. Douglas. "She is a rising star in the fields of Federal

Courts and Constitutional Law, and is a very deserving recipient of this honor."

Grove's scholarship has gained substantial recognition in her seven years in academia. Her work has appeared in top law journals, including the *Harvard Law Review*, the *Columbia Law Review*, the *New York University Law Review*, the *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*, and the *Cornell Law Review*, and also has been discussed and cited in leading federal courts casebooks.

National media have turned to Grove for her expertise on stories concerning the constitutional separation of powers and the federal judiciary. In the summer of 2014, for example, she was among legal experts quoted in *The Wall Street Journal*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *CBS News*, and *Newsweek* when House Speaker John Boehner announced his

intent to challenge President Obama in court over his enforcement of the Affordable Care Act.

Alan Meese, the Ball Professor of Law at William & Mary, was a student of Professor Bator at the University of Chicago and helped nominate Grove for the award. According to Meese, "Tara's scholarship exemplifies numerous virtues that characterized Professor Bator's own work, including careful attention to text, history, and constitutional structure, the ability to stake out clear and forceful positions, and a willingness to follow the evidence wherever it leads. She is rapidly becoming one of the leading voices in the field of Federal Courts and is a very worthy recipient of this award."



Grove

Stephen A. Bogorad has joined John Thorpe Richards PLLC which has been re-named Bogorad & Richards PLLC. The firm provides advocacy and advice in civil matters from its offices in Alexandria. Before joining the firm, Bogorad was a partner at Holland & Kent LLP.



Bogorad

Rhonda D. Bond-Collins has been named a shareholder in the law firm of Bryant Miller Olive. Based in the Orlando office, she focuses on public finance and affordable housing.



Bond-Collins

D. Patrick Callahan has joined Eckert Seamans as an associate in the firm's commercial litigation group. Prior to joining private practice, Callahan was an honors attorney with the National Labor Relations Board in Washington, D.C.

Marks & Harrison has added **Kevin T. Hadden, Bryan L. Meadows** and **D. Bradley Kent** as associates. Hadden and Kent will focus their practices on personal injury. Meadows previously worked for GEICO's Staff Counsel in Roanoke. He will be practicing out of Marks & Harrison's Fredericksburg office.



Hadden



Meadows



Kent

Matthew W. Light has joined BotkinRose in Harrisonburg as a partner. He will continue to focus his practice on business law, real estate, estate planning, tax-exempt finance, and local government law.

William B. Porter has been named managing principal of Blankingship & Keith PC. Porter succeeds William Carey who served in the role from 2014 through 2015. As



Porter

managing principal, Porter will provide strategic leadership and direction, overseeing client, recruiting and community initiatives for the firm.

Jeffrey L. Rhodes has joined the law firm of Doumar Martin PLLC as a partner.

P. David Tarter was recently re-elected the Mayor of the City of Falls Church. Tarter is the founder of Tarter NoVa Law in Arlington, where his practice focuses on commercial real estate, land use and business law.



Tarter

Kathryn Lee Taylor has joined The Law Office of E. Sean Tluchak PLLC as an associate attorney. Her focus will be residential and commercial real estate transactions.



Taylor

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