

Judge Martin F. Clark Jr. Wins Carrico Award

At the 48th Annual Criminal Law Seminar on February 9 in Williamsburg, the Criminal Law section presented The Harry L. Carrico Professionalism Award to the Honorable Martin F. Clark Jr. The award was established in 1991 by the Section on Criminal Law of the Virginia State Bar to recognize an individual (judge, defense attorney, prosecutor, clerk or other citizen) who has made a singular and unique contribution to the

improvement of the criminal justice system in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The award is made in memory of the late Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Harry L. Carrico, who exemplifies the highest ideals and aspirations of professionalism. Chief Justice Carrico was the first recipient of the award which was instituted at the 22nd Annual Criminal Law Seminar in February 1992.



The VSB Young Lawyers Conference sponsored the Annual Celebration of Women and Minorities in the Legal Profession Bench-Bar Dinner, honoring the newly appointed and elevated minority and female members of the Virginia Judiciary on March 29, 2018. Photos: Top, L to R: Dinner Co-chairs Anna T. Birkenheier and Madeline M. Gibson, Honoree Judge Claire G. Cardwell, YLC President-elect Brian T. Wesley, Honoree Judge Kevin M. Duffan, VSB President Doris Henderson Causey and Hon. Marilynn C. Goss. Above left: YLC Secretary Farnaz Thompson, Clarence Dunnville, and Brian T. Wesley. Above right: The Honorable Mary B. Malveaux of the Court of Appeals of Virginia was keynote speaker.

Call for Nominations

VSB Conference of Local and Specialty Bar Associations nominations are due **April 27, 2018**.

- Awards of Merit
- Local Bar Leader of the Year Award
- Specialty Bar Leader of the Year Award
- Bar Association of the Year Award

Awards will be presented at the CLSBA Annual Meeting and Breakfast in June at Virginia Beach.

For more information, please visit the website at <http://www.vsb.org/site/conferences/clba/clba-awards>.

Pat McConnell of Fairfax Receives Betty A. Thompson Lifetime Achievement Award

J. Patrick McConnell, who recently retired from The Law Firm of Odin Feldman Pittleman, PC in Reston, Virginia has been named the 2018 winner of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Virginia State Bar’s Family Law Section.

The award recognizes attorneys who have made a substantial contribution to the practice and administration of family law in the Commonwealth of Virginia and is given at the discretion of the VSB Family Law Section Board of Governors. The award will be presented during the section’s annual Advanced Family Law Seminar on April 19, 2018, in Richmond.

McConnell has practiced family law in Virginia for over forty years. In his nomination, Carl J. Witmeyer II of The Witmeyer Law Firm in Fredericksburg

wrote of McConnell, “He is clearly one of the Best of the Best, he is the author of many articles that provided lecture material for continuing education seminars and has handled several influential cases before the Court of Appeals.”

In his nomination of McConnell, Edward D. Barnes of Barnes & Diehl in Richmond wrote, “Mr. McConnell has been an important figure in the family law community for decades in Virginia. He has been a well-respected and honored member of the Bar and a voice for family law.”

In his career, McConnell argued many notable cases before the Court of Appeals. His leadership roles at the Virginia State Bar include chairing the Family Law section and serving on the Standing Committee on Legal Ethics. He also worked as a substitute judge for the



Fairfax Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court and General District Court.

Mitchell D. Broudy Receives Family Law Service Award

Mitchell D. Broudy, Senior Assistant Attorney General for the Eastern Virginia Regional Legal Division of Child Support Enforcement of Norfolk, has been named the 2018 recipient of the Family Law Service Award presented by the Virginia State Bar’s Family Law Section.

The award recognizes people and organizations that have improved family, domestic relations, or juvenile law in Virginia. The Family Law Service Award is given to an individual or organization who has consistently given freely of time, talent and energies to provide valuable services in advancing family, domestic relations or juvenile law in Virginia, whether such services are rendered to the Virginia legal community or directly to the citizens of Virginia.

Broudy was nominated by Brian M. Hirsch, of Hirsch & Ehlenberger, P.C., in Reston. In his nomination, Hirsch commended Broudy for “...his endless hard

work with and dedication to the VBA Family Law Coalition Child Support Subcommittee,” which was “...tasked with promulgating legislation for child support guidelines for mixed custody situations. Cheshire I’Anson Eveleigh of Wolcott River Gates, concurred: “He helped establish a reasonable formula to use for those cases as well as worked on the language that went into Senate Bill 981 and House Bill 1361 (identical bills) that have passed the General Assembly this session. House Bill 1361 has been signed by the governor and will be effective July 1, 2018.

Broudy received his law degree from Walter F. George School of Law Mercer University. He has held leadership roles in family law for the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, the Board of Governors for the Virginia State Bar Family Law Section, and the Virginia Beach Bar Association. He has chaired numerous family law legal education



programs and is a sought-after speaker and writer on topics ranging from child support to contempt to grandparents’ rights.