

# 80 Years of the Virginia State Bar

FROM COLONIAL ATTORNEYS being paid in tobacco, to post-Revolutionary War lawyers helping shape a new nation, the legal profession in Virginia goes much farther back than 80 years. But since 1938, when the General Assembly approved the State Bar Act, the bar has meant more than simply one's knowledge of laws.

The bar is a community of professionals dedicated to the rule of law, principles of justice, and self-regulation. And, as officers of the court, Virginia lawyers have always recognized the need to hold ourselves to high standards, as befits our responsibility to clients and the public. For 80 years, the Virginia State Bar has represented that commitment.

Fifty-thousand, nine hundred and twenty-five. That's the number of people that comprise the bar of this commonwealth as of June. As we reflect on how far we've come and who we are today, we also say: Here's to the next 80 years!



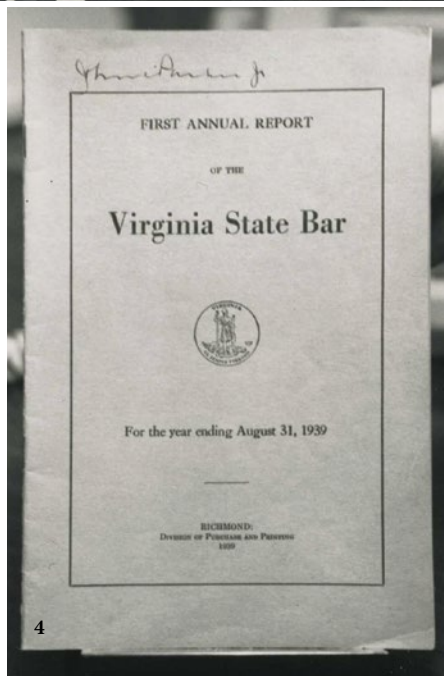
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The O'Kaysions, a popular seven-man band whose offerings include both disco and beach music, will perform at the Virginia State Bar Annual Meeting dance, which is being sponsored by the VSB's Young Lawyers Conference.

1: 40th President, William T. Prince, mentor to 80th President Leonard C. Heath Jr.

2: Hon. Ruth Hawkins-Nesbitt, chair of the DC Public Service Commission; Hon. Spottswood G. Robinson III, judge of the US Court of Appeals in DC; Gerald B. Lee; Robert H. Cooley Jr.; and Hon. William B. Bryant, senior judge of the US District Court in DC, at the 49th Old Dominion Bar Association Conference in 1988.

3: At the 1987 Annual Meeting, Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell Jr. presented special awards to Richmond attorneys Oliver W. Hill and Samuel W. Tucker on behalf of the Virginia Commission on Women and Minorities in the Legal System.

4: First annual report

5: 1979 Annual Meeting band, The O'Kaysions

6: 50 year celebration logo



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