

Hunton & Williams LLP has changed its name to **Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP** following a merger with Andrews Kurth Kenyon LLP. The combined firm has more than 1,000 lawyers worldwide, including more than 200 lawyers in Richmond, approximately 300 lawyers in four Texas offices, and more than 150 lawyers each in New York and Washington. **George C. Howell III** of Richmond and New York serves as the chair of the Executive Committee.



Howell

Bean, Kinney & Korman announced that **Joseph L. Meadows** has joined the firm as a shareholder. Mr. Meadows is a trial attorney who focuses his practice on complex civil litigation, primarily in the areas of internet defamation/disparagement and cyber-attack matters.



Meadows

The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Foundation has named **Katie Wallmeyer Payne** as its new Director of Government Relations. Payne will work to increase awareness of VMFA's statewide contributions as she represents the museum before local, state and federal legislators and officials on issues that affect resources and support for the Museum's mission. Payne joins VMFA with nearly 10 years of experience in government relations from working with Williams Mullen, LLP.



Payne

**James Wheaton**, previously a partner with Troutman Sanders LLP in Virginia Beach and General Counsel of Liberty Tax, has joined the faculty of Boston University School of Law as Clinical Associate Professor and Director of BU's Entrepreneurship & Intellectual Property Law Clinic. The clinic works with early-stage business ventures involving MIT and BU students.



Wheaton

Alexandria Assistant City Attorney **George A. McAndrews** was honored by the Local Government Attorneys of Virginia, Inc. (LGA) with the 2018 "A.

Robert Cherin Award for Outstanding Deputy or Assistant Local Government Attorney" at the LGA's recently concluded spring conference in Roanoke, Virginia.



McAndrews

Burtch Law PLLC in Richmond has added **Barry D. Gabay** to its ranks. Gabay recently moved from Washington D.C. to join the firm. Prior, he was associate counsel for the Board of Veterans Appeals where he adjudicated claims for entitlement to disability compensation, survivors' benefits and educational assistance.



Gabay

**Benjamin Chew** has joined international law firm Brown Rudnick as a partner in their litigation practice, working out of both the Washington D.C. and Irvine, California offices. Chew handles a variety of high-stakes matters throughout the United States and abroad on behalf of eminent individuals, businesses, trade associations and foreign governments. He is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers.



Chew



Willett

On May 4, 2018, The Prince William County Bar Association sponsored the investiture of the **Honorable James A. Willett** to the Circuit Court in Virginia's 31st Judicial Circuit. Judge Willett was appointed to an eight-year term by the General Assembly during the 2018 session. Pictured with him, in order from left to right are: daughter Liz, son Mike, daughter Becky, (behind her father), Judge Willett, wife Kelly and the Honorable Mary Grace O'Brien, administering the oath.

**Harman Claytor Corrigan & Wellman** welcomed **Saemi Murphy, Britton R. Wight** and **Charles M. Matthews** to the firm.



Murphy

Murphy joins the Richmond office as a senior associate and will defend claims involving civil rights, wrongful death, personal injury, construction defect, logging/trucking accident, malicious prosecution, excessive force, premises and professional liability. Wight joins the DC/Metro office as a senior associate and will focus his practice on general civil litigation. Matthews joins the Richmond office as a junior associate and will focus his practice on general civil litigation.



Wight



Matthews

The William & Mary Law School Alumni Association honored **Beth Hopkins** with the 2018 Citizen-Lawyer Award during the Law School's Diploma Ceremony on May 13. The award is the association's highest recognition and is given annually to a graduate or friend of the Law School who has made "a lifetime commitment to citizenship and leadership."



Hopkins with Dean Davison Douglas

The William & Mary Law School Alumni Association recognized **M. Cabell Clay** with the 2018 Taylor Reveley Award during the Law School's May 13 Diploma Ceremony. The award recognizes outstanding commitment to public service by an alumna or alumnus who has graduated in the previous 10 years.



Clay

Northern Virginia's **Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley & Walsh** has strengthened its land use and real estate practices



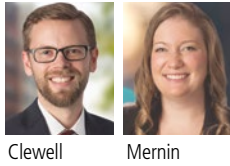
Mikulic



Dales

# Professional Notices

with the addition of four new associates: **Steven M. Mikulic, Philip C. Dales, Timothy J. Clewell, and Sarah E. Mernin.**



Clewell

Mernin

In addition, Michael R. Kieffer, real estate transaction attorney, has been named a shareholder in the firm.

**Robert Chambliss (“Cham”) Light Jr.** has joined the Virginia law firm of Gentry Locke. Mr. Light will practice on the firm’s Commercial Litigation team as of counsel. He joins Gentry Locke after a 30-year career as legal counsel at Nationwide Insurance, where he rose to the position of assistant general counsel.



Light

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## Virginia Law School Round-up

**University of Virginia School of Law** students Philip Doerr and Trina Rizzo argued before Justice Samuel Alito Jr. on April 8, winning the Irving R. Kaufman Securities Law Competition at Fordham University — one of several first-place victories for UVA Law Extramural Moot Court competitors. Competing against 28 teams, the pair won dinner with the justice, which they enjoyed alongside their final-round competitors.



Rizzo and Doerr

Luisa Hernandez, who came to the U.S. at age 13 from Venezuela, argued a case before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit earlier this year. The **Washington & Lee School of Law** 3L argued as a student attorney in W&L’s Black Lung Clinic, appealing a denial of a survivor’s claim.



Hernandez

The Peggy Browning Fund has awarded a 10-week summer fellowship to Ella Markina, a second-year student at **University of Richmond School of Law**. Having competed with over 400 applicants for the public interest labor law fellowship, Markina will spend the summer working at Mehri & Skalet, PLLC, in Washington, DC.



Markina

**Regent University School of Law’s** Abigail Wenger (2L), Ariel Bryant (2L), and Katlyn Herald (2L) won 1st place and received the Best Brief Award at Touro Law Center’s Fifth Annual

National Moot Court Competition in Law & Religion in April.



Wenger, Herald, and Bryant

Over 25 **Regent University School of Law** students received summer Judicial internships.

Students will work with judges at federal, circuit, general district, and juvenile domestic relations courts, as well as the Virginia Court of Appeals.



Molly Banas (2L), Madeline Jones (2L), and Amina Jones (2L) from **Regent University School of Law’s** Trial Advocacy board spent time volunteering at the Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Associations’ mock trial competition for middle school kids.

### **William & Mary Law School’s** Moot

Court team is ranked 10th in the nation according to new data compiled by the University of Houston Law Center. As one of the top 16 teams, the school has qualified to compete in the University of Houston Law Center’s annual Andrews Kurth Kenyon Moot Court National Championship which will be held in January 2019.



Michaela Liberman, a 3L at **William & Mary Law School**, was honored with the Law School Association’s Thurgood Marshall Award for public service. Michaela will join the Legal Aid Justice Center in Charlottesville after taking the bar.



Liberman

Laura Bladow, a 3L at **William & Mary Law School**, was honored with the Lawrence W. P’Anson Award, given each year by the Law School to a graduate who shows strong evidence of great professional promise through scholarship, character and leadership. She will clerk for a judge on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.



Bladow

From **Liberty University Law School**, Sarah Anne Barton will be externing with Justice Cleo E. Powell at the Supreme Court of Virginia, Anna Crib will be externing with Justice Paul Newby at the North Carolina Supreme Court, Rebekah Meier will be externing with Justice Sam J. Ervin IV at the North Carolina Supreme Court, Natalie Rhoads and John Terry will be externing with Judge Randolph Beales at the Virginia Court of Appeals, and Laura King will be interning with Justice Stephen R. McCullough at the Supreme Court of Virginia. Helena Pereira was awarded a Blackstone Fellowship for the summer and will be externing at Kean & Matney, LLC in Farmington, CT.