

## William L. Schmidt

William L. Schmidt, a pillar of the Virginia State Bar who was admired equally for his work as a lawyer and for his service to the community, died October 1.

Bill Schmidt served three terms on the VSB Council beginning in 2001. Additionally, he served two terms on the Virginia Law Foundation, was a member of the Harry L. Carrico Professionalism Course faculty, and was a regular attendee of the Bar's Annual Meeting and Midyear Legal Seminar.

Schmidt, who was born in Pittsburgh, was the founder and president of William L. Schmidt & Associates PC in Fairfax.

Schmidt was widely known for his long service to the Salvation Army, and was once featured in USA Today for his devotion to bell-ringing and fundraising for the organization. In 2012, he was the recipient of the Tradition of Excellence Award given by the Virginia State Bar's General Practice Section.

At the time Schmidt won the award, former Bar President Jon D. Huddleston noted: "For more than 20 years, starting on the first Saturday after Thanksgiving through the Christmas Holiday, Bill has rung the bell for the Salvation Army as a greeter.... His selfless dedication to this charity has helped raise thousands upon thousands of dollars to provide food for the hungry and toys and gifts for the less fortunate."

Manuel A. Capsalis, another former president of the Bar, wrote of Schmidt: "Bill personifies professional leadership and community service, and always with a sense of humility and purpose."



Edward L. Weiner, also a former president, wrote that Schmidt "... genuinely believes that being a lawyer is a privilege. He believes having that privilege demands a concern for the common man and empathy for the 'human struggle.'"

Schmidt was also an enthusiastic advocate for the City of Fairfax Band, of which he has served as a member of the board of directors and as chair of the board.

He received his law degree from American University Washington College of Law in 1972. He is survived by his wife Pat, four children, and a number of grandchildren.

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