

## Highlights of the October 27, 2017, Virginia State Bar Council Meeting

At its meeting on October 27, 2017, in Charlottesville, the Virginia State Bar Council heard the following significant reports and took the following actions:

### Clients' Protection Fund

The council unanimously approved the Clients' Protection Fund Board's request to allow the VSB, in the 2018 legislative session, to seek extension of the CPF sunset provision from July 1, 2020, to July 1, 2023. The proposal will be sent to the Supreme Court of Virginia for its consideration.

### Emeritus Rule

The council also unanimously approved the Special Committee on Access to Legal Services' proposal to amend the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia to allow emeritus members of the VSB to provide pro bono services without direct supervision of a supervising attorney.

### LEO 1885

The council voted 59 to 6 in favor of LEO 1885, which concludes that a lawyer may not participate in an attorney-client matching service under

the facts presented in the opinion because participation violates the Rules of Professional Conduct governing fee sharing with nonlawyers, paying for referrals, and safeguarding client funds. The proposed LEO will be sent to the Supreme Court of Virginia for its consideration.

### William Schmidt Resolution

Council approved the resolution regarding William Schmidt, lauding his many years of service to his community, the Fairfax Bar, and the Virginia State Bar.

## Terry Patrick Recalls Laughs and Mishaps in Almost 40 Years at the VSB

by Deirdre Norman

There is no denying that Terry Patrick has worked for a lot of lawyers. In 1980, Patrick joined the VSB for her very first full-time job, working as a file clerk and assisting with disciplinary matters. Since then, she has worked thirty-five Annual Meetings, untold conferences, and a variety of sections and committees — including the always unpredictable Criminal Law group. Says Patrick, “I have grown up in this place, and I have worked for some amazing and wonderful lawyers who I call friends.”

As she retires from the VSB, Patrick can laugh at the few things that went wrong during the many meetings she planned, including an Annual Meeting where it rained so much that tiles fell from the ceiling “for the whole weekend — with one landing right in the middle of the Executive Committee meeting.” She was also on the deck at the Cavalier Hotel in Virginia Beach when a fight broke out among lawyers at the cocktail reception. And she learned

the ins and outs of the lawyers whom she worked with over the years. When Joseph A. Condo, for example, issued a “no salmon on the menu” order during his 2000–2001 term as VSB president, Patrick gifted him with a large salmon pillow to remember his year working with her. “I love salmon,” says Patrick. “But we kept it off the menu for Joe.”

Patrick's recent retirement party included appearances by former VSB presidents Michael W. Smith and Warren David Harless of Christian & Barton, as well as current VSB president Doris Henderson Causey. Next up for Patrick is organizing the wedding of her only child, daughter Branden.

“We worked hard to be good custodians of our lawyers' dues and to give them good customer service,” says Patrick of her decades at the VSB. “It's funny, but everything that has happened in my life has happened in this organization.”

