



Welcome to The Brief

Welcome to the latest issue of *The Brief*, our newsletter designed to keep you updated on what's happening at *your* Virginia Law Foundation.

Here are a few things you might have missed:

- [The Virginia Law Foundation's second GoFundMe Charity Campaign](#) focuses on part of our three-pronged mission to promote and enhance legal education in Virginia. [Learn more or contribute on our GoFundMe Charity campaign page.](#)
- **Online Bundle Sale: Save up to 55% on live-interactive webcasts** and on-demand online seminars and satisfy ALL your MCLE requirements without the need to travel anywhere! 12 credits for \$429, 8 credits for \$348, and 4 credits for \$199. **Plus, get a free one-volume book of your choice with the purchase of a 12-credit Online Bundle!** [Learn more.](#)
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- Virginia Law Foundation Fellows **Jonathan P. Harmon** (Class of 2017) and **Susan M. Pesner** (Class of 2004) were honored as ["Leaders in the Law" by Virginia Lawyers Weekly.](#)
- **New Products Available! The Virginia Law Foundation Online Store:** From t-shirts and sweatshirts to mugs and face masks, you can now help us support Virginia's not-for-profits in need — and look GREAT while doing so! **Net proceeds from all purchases fund our annual grant allocation.**
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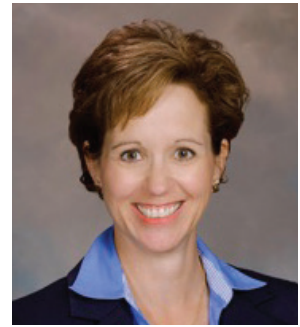


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Fellows Spotlight:

Introducing Three Fellows from the Class of 2020

Tara A. McGee is the County Attorney for Goochland County in Virginia. She received her B.A. from James Madison University, a Master's in Public Administration from Virginia Commonwealth University, and her J.D. from the College of William and Mary. Tara has served on the Nominations Committee of the Virginia State Bar and is the Past President of Local Government Attorneys of Virginia.



LeRoy F. Millette, Jr., is a Neutral at The McCammon Group and a senior justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia. He received both his B.A. and his J.D. from the College of William and Mary. In addition to his long judicial career, LeRoy has served on the Board of Governors Section on the Education of Lawyers for the Virginia State Bar.



Christine Mougín-Boal is a Partner at Laurel Brigade Law Group in Leesburg, Virginia. She received her B.A. from Colgate University and her J.D. from St. Johns University. Christine has been very active in the Virginia State Bar and the Loudoun County Bar Association. She is also a Past President of the Virginia Women Attorneys Association.



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As 2020 nears its end and the MCLE deadline approaches, we would like to take the time to thank all of our volunteers for their help this year. We always appreciate our volunteers and would particularly like to express our gratitude for their generosity this year, as they were able to help us overcome the challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We are incredibly thankful to our volunteer faculty who have continued to offer their considerable time and expertise to provide these wonderful programs – despite the changes and upheaval the pandemic has caused to their own legal practices and lives,” said Rich DiMeglio, Senior Director of Seminars. “We are so grateful for the faculty’s flexibility with our new procedures and continued willingness to teach and participate in these great programs. We also appreciate all the attorneys who have stuck with us and learned how to receive now, in many cases for the first time, their CLE credits through our webcast and telephone programs.”

When it became necessary in mid-March both to close down our Charlottesville studio and also to convert all our remaining 2020 live on-site programs to webcast/telephone programs, our faculty and staff were faced with a number of challenges. Hundreds of customers who had already signed up for on-site programs were notified of the format changes. Programs had to be rescheduled and reformatted to be presented virtually – full-day seminars that had only ever been held in person were particularly affected. We also had to adapt our technical capabilities to conduct all these programs remotely and work with the faculty to optimize their presentations for this format.

The Virginia CLE® publications department and our volunteer authors and editors similarly faced challenges due to the outbreak of COVID-19 this spring. Our volunteers have persevered and we have been able to publish [several new editions](#) this year so far, with more still to come. Solving technical issues and scheduling conflicts, in addition to balancing day-to-day life and their work obligations, they have continued to meet deadlines and produce high quality work on important topics.

“Virginia CLE® publications rely upon the generosity of our authors. Despite their own professional responsibilities, each year they contribute their time and talent to help us provide Virginia lawyers with valuable resources to assist them in their areas of practice,” said Valerie Gooch, Virginia CLE® Director of Publications. “We are grateful that our authors have continued to stand by us this year through the many challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. We are tremendously thankful for their continued hard work and dedication during these challenging times.”

Virginia CLE® would like once again to thank our customers, volunteers, and staff for their flexibility, understanding, and assistance in overcoming the challenges that have arisen from the pandemic. We are all in this together and we appreciate your continued support as 2020 draws to a close.

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November 11: [Negotiating the Acquisition or Sale of a Business Using a Stock Purchase Agreement \(SPA\)](#)

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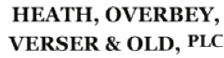
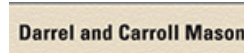
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