



Virginia Law Foundation

Eva DeVirgilis to Inspire at VLF's Women and the Law Institute Dinner, March 20

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA, **February 27, 2025** — To celebrate the inaugural Women and the Law Institute, the Virginia Law Foundation (VLF) is hosting a Welcome Dinner on March 20 and invites the public to attend this inspiring evening at The Woman's Club at the Bolling Haxall House in Richmond. This ticketed event will feature award-winning Virginia playwright, actor, and makeup artist **Eva DeVirgilis**, who will deliver a powerful keynote.

DeVirgilis' interactive presentation—"Stop Saying 'SORRY!'"—will inspire women to own their power, drawing from her global advocacy work. "We have worked for this, we have earned this, and we are leading. Now is not the time for apologies. Now is the time for claiming the space we've built," says DeVirgilis.

Though the March 21 Institute provides continuing education for lawyers, the keynote message is universal, and the Welcome Dinner promises uplifting stories, great conversations, and inspiration for all—especially during Women's History Month. Inviting the public to the Institute's Welcome Dinner is part of an initiative to engage a broader community in the work of the VLF and its mission to promote the Rule of Law, access to justice, and law-related education.

Richmond leaders **Colleen Marea Quinn** and **Claire G. Gastañaga** are co-chairing the Women and the Law Institute and, in collaboration with a planning committee, have gathered an impressive faculty that includes thought leaders from across the Commonwealth. A full faculty list is below.

Tickets to the Welcome Dinner on March 20 are \$125, and table sponsorships are available for \$1,500. To register and learn more about the event, **[click here](#)**.



Eva DeVirgilis, keynote speaker

Faculty

Hon. Jean W. Cunningham, Former Member of the Virginia House of Delegates / Richmond
Hon. Devika Davis, City of Richmond Circuit Court / Richmond
Hon. Anne Holton, George Mason University / Fairfax
Hon. Cleo E. Powell, Supreme Court of Virginia / Richmond
Hon. Angela E. Roberts, Retired Judge, Thirteenth Judicial District / Williamsburg
Faith A. Alejandro, Sands Anderson / Richmond
Mallory Brennan, Owens & Owens / Richmond
Renu M. Brennan, Virginia State Bar / Richmond
Tricia Dunlap, Dunlap Law PLC / Richmond
Claire G. Gastañaga, Dunlap Law PLC / Richmond

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Faculty, continued

Rebecca Geller, Geller Law Group PLLC / Fairfax

Sandra L. Havrilak, Blankingship & Keith PC / Fairfax

Rudene Mercer Haynes, Hunton / Richmond

Thomas Y. Hiner, Hunton / Richmond

Professor Elizabeth D. Katz, University of Florida Levin College of Law / Gainesville

Colleen Marea Quinn, Quinn Law Centers / Richmond

Sarah Robb, Sarah Robb Law / Richmond

Danielle Stokes, University of Richmond School of Law / Richmond

Sara Tandy, University of Richmond School of Law / Richmond

Lucia Anna “Pia” Trigiani, MercerTrigiani / Alexandria

More information is available at womenandthelaw.org.

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The Virginia Law Foundation Fellows Program encourages civic-mindedness and recognizes excellence in the practice of law and public and professional service.

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