



# Virginia Law Foundation

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## The Rule of Law Event Returns to the Virginia Holocaust Museum on October 8

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA, **March 2, 2026** — The annual Rule of Law Event is set to return to the Virginia Holocaust Museum (VHM) on October 8, 2026. Presented in partnership by the VHM and the Virginia Law Foundation (VLF), this cornerstone celebration illuminates the centrality of the Rule of Law in the preservation of civil societies and brings together both in-person and virtual attendees.

“The Rule of Law is a primary lesson of the Holocaust and a pillar of the Virginia Law Foundation’s mission,” says **VLF CEO Brigadier General (ret.) Alison Martin**. “We are honored to partner with the Virginia Holocaust Museum to host an event that fosters dialogue, insight, and meaningful connections around this vital principle.” The anticipated luncheon event features an engaging presentation, which offers continuing legal education credit for attorneys, and recognizes two individuals whose life and work emulate the highest ideals of justice.

“Almost 250 years ago, against all odds and norms, a small group of leaders sought to rewrite the social compact for our newly formed country. Conceived in liberty for all, this new government of separated powers would protect the individual rights of all citizens not by edict but through law. A constitutional republic centrally organized around the belief that laws should be applied equally to all by an independent judiciary to preserve a structured, free society, garnering the respect of those governed,” states **Stephen E. Noona, immediate past president of the VLF**. “On this day, like every day since its founding, the Virginia Law Foundation, along with the Virginia Holocaust Museum, boldly honors this transformative concept and seeks, through its many philanthropic efforts, including this annual event, to renew, celebrate, and build support for the Rule of Law.”

Registration for the event will launch later this summer, and as part of the celebration, the presenting organizations are soliciting nominations through **April 30, 2026**, for the **Rule of Law Award** and the **Civility in Law Award**. Learn more about the award criteria and submit nominations at [virginialawfoundation.org/ruleoflawevent](https://virginialawfoundation.org/ruleoflawevent).

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## About the Virginia Law Foundation

**The Virginia Law Foundation** has provided more than \$30 million in grants since its inception to support law related projects throughout the Commonwealth that further its mission to facilitate access to justice and promote an understanding of the Rule of Law. **Virginia CLE**, the VLF's education division, is the recognized leader in providing continuing education for Virginia lawyers.

The Virginia Law Foundation accepts donations year-round and guarantees that 100% of every unrestricted donation is allocated to the grants program. Its two designated funds include the Bobzien-Gaither Education Fund, which supports ongoing continuing legal education and engagement, and the Adam Roush Fund for Wellness, which supports wellness programming and equitable access to well-being resources for legal professionals.

**The Virginia Holocaust Museum**, located at 2000 E. Cary Street in Richmond, preserves and documents the Holocaust in exhibits and its archival collections. Through permanent exhibits, educational programming, and outreach, the museum employs the history of the Holocaust and other genocides to educate and inspire future generations of Virginians to fight bigotry, racism, and anti-Semitism. Learn more at [vaholocaust.org](http://vaholocaust.org).

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