



Virginia Law Foundation

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The Rule of Law Event to Recognize the Honorable S. Bernard Goodwyn (Ret.) and John B. McCammon

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA, **June 15, 2026** — At a jointly hosted Rule of Law Event on October 8, the Virginia Law Foundation (VLF) and the Virginia Holocaust Museum (VHM) will recognize the **Honorable S. Bernard Goodwyn (Ret.)** with the occasion's eponymous flagship award. The luncheon event, hosted at the VHM in Richmond, will feature a thought-provoking address and an awards ceremony that will also include the presentation of the Civility in Law Award to **John B. McCammon**.

The annual Rule of Law Event was established to illuminate a primary lesson of the Holocaust—the centrality of the Rule of Law in the preservation of civil societies. Connecting the event's theme with topical discussion, the event will feature an engaging presentation by the **Honorable Thomas B. Griffith (Ret.)** U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit on "How to 'Form a More Perfect Union' in a Polarized Time." Following his presentation, leaders of the partnering organizations will conduct an awards ceremony recognizing exemplary contributions in the field of law.

Speaking with excitement about this year's honorees, **VLF Immediate Past President Stephen E. Noona** remarks, "No individual better personifies the Rule of Law than **retired Virginia Supreme Court Chief Justice S. Bernard Goodwyn**. As a man of the people, Justice Goodwyn has spent the entirety of his long and storied career promoting fairness, judicial independence, and an abidance in the law. Along the way, he has garnered respect for the Rule of Law at every level of Virginia's judiciary. Similarly, no Virginian has more substantially contributed to encouraging civility within the legal profession than **John B. McCammon**. Mr. McCammon singlehandedly implemented a new paradigm for amicably resolving business disputes through active, facilitative mediation rather than adversarial trial."

Registration is now open to the public and the legal community on a first-come, first-served basis. Attorneys seeking 1.0 hour of MCLE credit may register to attend the program in person for \$95 or via live webcast for \$75. General admission for members of the public is \$25, and full event information, including registration and sponsorships opportunities, is available at **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**.

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