



Virginia Law Foundation

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Rule of Law Event Returns to Celebrate Virginia's Legal Leaders

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA, **June 17, 2025** — The Virginia Law Foundation (VLF) is proud to announce that the Rule of Law Event will return to Richmond on Thursday, October 23. Held at and in collaboration with the Virginia Holocaust Museum (VHM), this event punctuates a primary lesson of the Holocaust—the centrality of the Rule of Law in the preservation of civil societies.

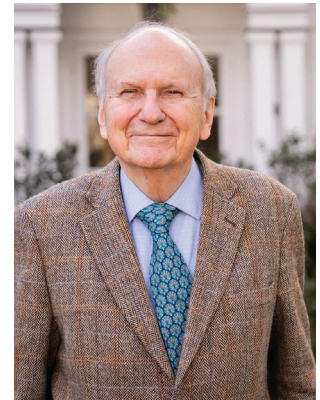
A highlight of the annual luncheon event is the presentation of two awards:

- **The Rule of Law Award**, given to an individual who has faithfully demonstrated such adherence to the Rule of Law, its principles, and high ideals throughout their career and lifetime, and
- **The Civility in Law Award**, given to a present or former member of the Virginia State Bar who has exhibited the highest ideals of professionalism, courtesy, and civility in their practice or profession.

The VLF's Legacy Committee, comprised of past presidents and distinguished leaders, will collaborate with the VHM to select the two award recipients. To support this effort, confidential nominations of outstanding candidates for both awards are being accepted now through July 22 at virginialawfoundation.org/ruleoflaw.

Distinctive to the event this year, a continuing legal education seminar from Virginia CLE®, the education division of the VLF, will be offered. **Professor A.E. Dick Howard**, Warner Booker Distinguished Professor of International Law Emeritus at the University of Virginia School of Law, will present an hour-long lecture and serve as the event's keynote speaker. Howard, whose luminous career includes drafting the most recent version of Virginia's Constitution, will be accompanied by **Charles Barzun**, Joel B. Piassick Research Professor of Law and Director of the Program on Legal and Constitutional History at UVA.

"As promoting an understanding of the Rule of Law is one of the Virginia Law Foundation's three core pillars, this event holds particular significance for us," says **Colleen Marea Quinn**, chair of the Legacy Committee and immediate past president of the VLF. "This event not only strengthens our partnership with a valued community organization, but it also gives us the opportunity to honor individuals whose leadership and service help uphold and advance the values of our mission."



A.E. Dick Howard, featured speaker

Though the luncheon is free and open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis, tax-deductible contributions in celebration of this event and the award recipients are suggested. For attorneys seeking MCLE credit, there is a \$75 fee. Sponsorships are also available, and registration for this event, as well as registration for the CLE, will open later this summer.

More information is available at virginialawfoundation.org/ruleoflaw.

About the Virginia Law Foundation

The Virginia Law Foundation has provided more than \$29.4 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 Fellows Program encourages civic-mindedness and recognizes excellence in the practice of law and public and professional service.

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