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Justice
Resounding

In 2024, the Virginia Law Foundation celebrated a half century around the theme “Justice Resounding,” an idea that reflects our greatest aspiration— a Virginia where every person has access to justice.

Justice Resounding... Our greatest aspiration

Goals for our 50th anniversary

Honor the past

five decades of dedication to the legal community and Virginians

Gather our community,

known and new, to celebrate this milestone and the many people who have invested in our mission

Build momentum

for a future of impact through partnerships and commitments to a shared mission

Our mission

To promote, through philanthropy, the Rule of Law, access to justice, and law-related education



Transforming a moment into a momentum through...

Our grants program

supports law-related projects throughout the Commonwealth that offer improved access to legal assistance for the underserved; cultivate an appreciation and understanding of the Rule of Law in society as a foundation of peace, stability, and prosperity; and provide education in support of the above ideals.

Our Fellows program

encourages civic-mindedness and recognizes excellence in the practice of law and public and professional service.

Our education arm, Virginia CLE®

is the recognized leader in providing continuing legal education for Virginia lawyers.

Opposite, Kristin Clarens speaks on behalf of the Legal Aid Justice Center at the 2024 Grants Luncheon. Keynote speaker and performer Yo-Yo Ma joins the Justice Resounding Gala via livestream. The Jefferson Hotel Rotunda is set for the 50th Anniversary Gala. The VLF travels to The Hague for CLE abroad.



What the Virginia Law Foundation has accomplished in the past 50 years resounds today. As we look to the future, we recognize that what we do today will resound in our community in the fifty years to come.

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Celebrating 50 Years

President Colleen Marea Quinn reflects on the Virginia Law Foundation's anniversary year

What an amazing year of Justice Resounding! This year, we celebrated the Virginia Law Foundation's 50th birthday by honoring the remarkable achievements of the past five decades and charting a path for growth in the next 50 years.

2024 was cause for celebration, and such was had at our Justice Resounding Gala at The Jefferson Hotel on September 19. Featuring an interactive experience with Yo-Yo Ma as well as remarks from Martin Luther King, III, this special evening gathered Fellows, past presidents, current and past board members, CLE participants, and other supporters to celebrate as a community.

Giving remarks interspersed with performance, Mr. Ma encouraged us to embrace "planetary humanism" as our "moonshot to the future," and with that, we can survive and thrive with dignity, hope, love, gratitude, and wisdom. He invited us to imagine a Virginia where justice resounds, to dream into the future of a better and healthier nation, and to honor our contract with each other and our world as we build a better tomorrow.

The Gala would not have been such a success without the hard work of our 50th Anniversary Committee, a dedicated group of past presidents and current board members. A special thanks to Katie Arata, Vice President of Operations and Philanthropy, and Cara Schneider, Senior Director of Marketing, Brand, and Public Relations, for their creativity and devotion to making the Gala a resounding success.

And an enormous thank you to Darrel Tillar Mason, 50th Anniversary co-chair. As the VLF's resident historian, Darrel helped secure recognitions and resolutions from the Governor, Attorney General, General Assembly, Virginia State Bar, and Virginia Bar Association. Through

dedicated research and compilation, Darrel brought our history forward in this momentous year, spearheading the VLF's feature in the February issue of *Virginia Lawyer* and writing the VLF Founders booklet.

In addition to the Gala, we were thrilled to reinstate the Rule of Law Event in partnership with the Virginia Holocaust Museum and recognize two outstanding legal leaders. On October 16, the VLF and VHM jointly presented the Rule of Law Award to Jay M. Weinberg and the Civility in the Law Award to Frank Overton Brown, Jr. A special thanks to Jon Huddleston and his sub-committee, Irving M. Blank, James V. Meath, the Honorable Manuel A. Capsalis, and Mary C. Zinsner, for putting together such a remarkable event.

Our Fellows Program – Recognizing Leaders in the Law

Our Fellows program celebrated its 40th anniversary this year and now boasts more than 775 citizen lawyers that demonstrate the highest professional standards in their practice and exceptional leadership in their communities. The year kicked off with our annual Fellows Induction, featuring Virginia Supreme Court Justice Cleo Powell as keynote speaker. Justice Powell educated us with her invitation to participate in the judicial survey and review program more affirmatively. She then warmed us with her inspirational remarks about her involvement in a program nearly identical to the VLF's CLEO grant that encourages young students to enroll in law school and become future lawyers. Thank you to the Fellows Committee, Chair Roscoe C. Roberts, and immediate past Chair Margaret A. Nelson, on their hard work to make the 2024 Fellows Orientation and Induction a huge success.

Opposite, President Colleen Marea Quinn serves as gracious host at the Justice Resounding Gala from the stage of the Jefferson Hotel Ballroom, September 19.

Yo-Yo Ma performed virtually and gave a moving keynote address via livestream.

In one of her first duties of 2024, President Quinn presents certificates to the incoming class of Fellows. Here Leah Darron is inducted into the prestigious group at the ceremony and dinner at the Williamsburg Lodge in January.





President Colleen Marea Quinn and Grants Committee Chair David J. Gogal present a ceremonial check to Eola Dance of the Montpelier Foundation at the Grants Luncheon, August 22 at the Virginia Holocaust Museum. Colleen with VLF Seminar Support and Venues Manager Deanna McGlothlin at the Civil Rights Law Institute, October 11 at Monticello.

Our Grants Program

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." – Winston Churchill

Together, we have awarded more than \$29.4 million in grants to organizations in all corners of the Commonwealth. From public service internships that empower the next generation of citizen lawyers to critical funding for legal aid organizations, civics education programs for high school students, and other initiatives that promote the Rule of Law, our grants program invests in communities that need this support most. Those communities include cancer patients trying to survive with insurance issues, human trafficking victims, co-parenting education for parents involved in custody disputes, sexual assault victims, and many more.

Our dedicated Grants Committee, chaired by David J. Gogal, distributed more than \$714,000 in grants to 32 deserving recipients, a significant effort that would not have been possible without the support of hundreds of donors. And to celebrate our recipients, our grants luncheon was held in August at the Virginia Holocaust Museum, which houses another signature project supported by our grants program—the Nuremberg Trial Courtroom. Together, we have made an impact.

Celebrating Innovative Education

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world." –Nelson Mandela

Our education division, Virginia CLE®, is the state's leading provider of continuing legal education and a source of enrichment for Virginia's outstanding legal practitioners. Your participation—whether as a customer, faculty member, or author—holds us to a standard of excellence and helps us augment our philanthropic impact. Thanks to Cynthia E. Hudson, our CLE chair, her committee, and Tanya Morris, Senior Director of Seminars, Virginia CLE® is meeting the needs and demands of the legal community through its high-quality and creative programming. To the many presenters and authors who contribute time and talent, thank you. You make Virginia CLE® outstanding.

Together, we have created engaging educational programs that enrich the individual and uplift the legal community at-large. The third Civil Rights Law Institute returned to Thomas Jefferson's Monticello to examine the important and timely topic of affirmative action from both legal and societal perspectives.

And this year marked the return to International CLE with board members Margaret Nelson and Ed Weiner spearheading a trip to the Hague and

Amsterdam from May 2–8, 2024. This dynamic duo again has planned our next international trip to Scotland, now set for October 12–19, 2025.

Expanding Our Philanthropic Capability

Under the guidance of Katie Arata, our dynamic Vice President of Operations and Development, and Barbara Joynes, Chair of the Development and Philanthropy Committee, our fundraising continues to grow to new heights and diversify to more comprehensively serve our mission. In addition to making the traditional unrestricted donation, 100% of which supports our grants program, donors can also designate their contributions to support other aspects of our philanthropy. The Bobzien-Gaither Education Fund fuels our continuing legal education and community impact, and the Adam Roush Fund for Wellness promotes equitable access to well-being programming, such as the Wellness Institute.

Our new emphasis on engaging corporate and individual sponsors of the VLF's events and institutes substantially contribute to the VLF's ability to fulfill our mission. Many thanks to the partners who are choosing to support and collaborate with us.

Fiscal Responsibility

This year marked a renewed commitment to carefully exercise our fiduciary duties and build adherence to best practices in managing the VLF's financial assets. Stephen Noona took command as Chair of the Finance Committee and instituted a four-prong plan to ensure that the Board serves as careful stewards of the Foundation's endowment that now exceeds \$23 million.

Stephen and the Committee worked to:

- 1) establish greater financial transparency for the Board through the creation of more timely and organized financial reporting;
- 2) align our investment policies with the long-term growth investment goals of the VLF;
- 3) institute parameters on the number and authority of any single signatory and access to larger amounts of the VLF's funds; and
- 4) provide additional education to committee and board members on

fiduciary best practices. Many thanks to Stephen and the committee for their careful oversight, and a special thanks to Vice Chair Jeff Hassler for working with our financial partners, J.P. Morgan and Truist, to ensure that all of the committee's enhanced controls were adopted.

Saying Goodbye and Hello

We acknowledge the Virginia Law Foundation's immediate past Executive Director Ray White for his twelve years of leadership and creative vision. His ideals were best illustrated by his unflagging passion for supporting Virginia's brightest legal leaders and his dedication to expanding the Virginia Law Foundation's reach and impact. We thank Ray for his service and congratulate him on his well-earned retirement.

We say goodbye with gratitude to immediate Past President Justice Jane Marum Roush, Cynthia E. Hudson, J. Lee E. Osborne, and Margaret A. Nelson, who will complete their board terms at the end of this year. In turn, we welcome Edward L. Weiner as our new Vice President, David J. Gogal as President-Elect, and Stephen E. Noona as our 2025 President. We also say hello to four new board members: Jacquelyn E. Stone, K. Lorraine "Lori" Lord, Bryan Slaughter, and Trevor S. Cox. And we congratulate and thank Teresa Moore on her promotion to Interim Director and Vice President of Administration & Corporate Secretary, and for leading the helm as we search for a new CEO.

Together, we will continue to dedicate ourselves to making Virginia a better place for all. To our friends, donors, customers, volunteers, Fellows, and staff, I thank you for the ways in which you have championed our mission. I invite you to join us as we move into the next 50 years. Achieving our moonshot takes just one day, one dollar, one volunteer moment at a time. Together we can make a better, more just Virginia.

Colleen Marea Quinn
President of the Virginia Law Foundation, 2024

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Past presidents of the
Virginia Law Foundation
gather at the Justice
Resounding Gala, September
19 in Richmond.



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2022

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2020

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1996–97

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1995–96

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1993–94

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1992–93

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1991–92

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1990–91

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1978–79

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1977–78

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1974–77

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2024 Grants

Promoting, through philanthropy, the Rule of Law, access to justice, and law-related education

Amica Center for Immigrant Rights

Virginia Justice Project – \$10,000

The Amica Center for Immigrant Rights strives to ensure equal justice for all immigrant adults and children at risk of detention and deportation in the capital region and beyond through direct legal representation, know-your-rights presentations, impact litigation, advocacy, and the enlistment and training of intern attorneys. The Virginia Justice Project ensures that public defenders and court appointed counsel in Virginia are educated regarding the immigration consequences of crimes. In the tenth year of this program, the Amica Center will train 600 Virginia criminal defense attorneys through at least two virtual trainings, produce and maintain written materials on an ongoing basis, and execute necessary trainings to support the 315 Virginia public defender attorneys in the 25 public defender offices and the 2,500 court-appointed attorneys in Virginia, impacting more than 3,000 indigent non-citizen Virginia residents.

Appalachian School of Law

Medical Legal Partnership – \$25,000

The Appalachian School of Law (ASL) continues its Medical-Legal Partnership with Ballad Health, an integrated healthcare system serving Southwest Virginia. This partnership aims to improve access to justice for medical patients with unmet legal needs and address healthcare demands

attributable to or exacerbated by such needs. ASL students, under the supervision of licensed attorneys, will provide free legal services to low-income patients, enhancing both access to justice and experiential learning opportunities. Virginia Tech's Pamplin College of Business will contribute analytics to measure the program's success.

Blue Ridge Legal Services

Free Civil Legal Assistance for Low-Income Seniors – \$25,000

Blue Ridge Legal Services dedicates itself to eliminating poverty-based inequities in the civil justice system by providing high-quality legal advice and representation to low-income residents of the Shenandoah and Roanoke Valleys. This project will provide free legal assistance in the form of legal information, legal advice and brief services, and direct representation to low-income seniors in the Central Shenandoah Valley, namely the counties of Rockingham, Augusta, Page, Highland, and the cities of Harrisonburg, Staunton, and Waynesboro. The project will target seniors with critical legal needs, focusing on elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation cases.

CancerLINC

Access to Justice for Latino and Spanish-Speaking Cancer Patients in Central & Southside Virginia – \$12,000

CancerLINC provides access to justice for low-income cancer patients who otherwise would not

Opposite, the Virginia State Bar Diversity Conference's Oliver Hill/Samuel Tucker Pre-Law Institute

Colleen Marea Quinn and David J. Gogal present a check to the Virginia Victims Assistance Network.

John Whitfield of Blue Ridge Legal Services speaks about their Free Civil Legal Assistance for Low-Income Seniors program.



The Virginia Law Foundation was thrilled to award more than \$714,000 in grants to 32 organization this year.



have attorneys, financial professionals, and others to help them address the non-medical challenges stemming from their cancer diagnosis — medical debt, eviction, bankruptcy, employment insecurity, and similar challenges. Given that cancer is the leading cause of death among Hispanics and Latinos, who face disproportionate poverty and healthcare obstacles, this group is particularly vulnerable to disparities in cancer care. This grant will bolster bilingual programs to better serve Latino cancer patients in Central and Southside Virginia and will provide approximately 50 Latino cancer patients and family members with access to pro bono legal and financial resources. Additionally, CancerLINC is conducting needs and feasibility assessments in the Charlottesville area to evaluate expanding the organization’s services.

Central Virginia Legal Aid Society

Academic Medical Legal Partnership – \$25,000

Central Virginia Legal Aid Society (CVLAS) provides legal representation and preventative

community legal education to low-income and elderly clients in civil law cases at no charge, aiding vulnerable residents with legal issues relating to consumer matters, domestic violence, employment, elder care, family, health, housing, and public benefits throughout Central Virginia. This year’s grant will help sustain and expand the existing Academic Medical Legal Partnership (A-MLP) with the VCU’s Health Hub. This partnership increases access to justice for low-income persons in the Church Hill community through health equity-focused legal interventions, expanded on-demand attorney access, and community education about legal issues, resources, and rights.

Fairfax Law Foundation

Northern Virginia Pro Bono Law Center Neighborhood Outreach Program – \$25,000

The Northern Virginia Pro Bono Law Center of the Fairfax Law Foundation provides legal assistance to impoverished and low-income residents through its Neighborhood Outreach Program. As part of this program, volunteer

lawyers meet virtually or travel to partnering sites throughout the community to help those most in need and provide free civil legal analysis, advice, and referral information. The Fairfax Law Foundation’s long-standing partnerships with community organizations enable pro bono attorneys to meet with potential populations seeking legal aid in their facilities, broadening their impact on those who would otherwise be denied access to legal service.

First Shift Justice Project

Workplace Rights for Working Mothers in Virginia – \$5,000

First Shift Justice Project empowers workers in low wage jobs to exercise their rights related to caregiving and parenting. With support from this grant, First Shift will provide legal services to low-wage and immigrant working mothers and caregivers in Virginia who are facing workplace discrimination and are being denied on-the-job accommodations and family medical leave. This will be accomplished through direct legal services, Know Your Rights presentations about workplace rights for pregnant and caregiving workers, and trainings for Virginia medical providers and staff about the health-related workplace rights of their patients.

Freekind

Removing Barriers to Justice for Victims of Trafficking – \$20,000

Freekind works to prevent human trafficking and support those it impacts on their journey to freedom. To better serve incarcerated human trafficking survivors in Virginia, Freekind is using this grant to expand both its Offramps and its Prevention Project™ programs to include a Juvenile Justice Edition (JJE). The Offramps Program improves access to justice for victims of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation by strengthening criminal justice partnerships to more effectively identify victims who would otherwise go unidentified or misidentified, and by advocating for alternative sentencing through restorative services rather than

increased incarceration. Additionally, Freekind will pilot the JJE in two facilities and engage an independent researcher to complete a program evaluation, which will be utilized to license both programs to appropriate service providers across the Commonwealth.

Greater Richmond Bar Foundation

Statewide Pro Bono Campaign – \$20,000

Committed to expanding access to justice, the Greater Richmond Bar Foundation (GRBF) mobilizes, trains, and connects attorneys with pro bono clients. With the support of this grant, the GRBF aims to produce a professionally created and produced pro bono marketing campaign led by the Supreme Court of Virginia’s Access to Justice Commission. This campaign will leverage research-based triggers to increase awareness and encourage pro bono participation. While judges and lawyers regularly espouse the importance of pro bono service, the number of volunteers in Virginia has remained relatively flat. The GRBF will use new approaches to pro bono recruiting to create cultural change while supplementing existing outreach efforts to inspire increased participation in pro bono.

Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Virginia, Inc.

Fair Housing Litigation and Legal Access – \$10,000

Housing Opportunities Made Equal of Virginia (HOME of Virginia) is a civil rights fair housing nonprofit whose mission is to ensure equal housing for all people. This grant will support the Fair Housing Litigation and Legal Access program, which assists Virginia residents in accessing housing justice. As part of this program, HOME of Virginia will open at least 24 investigations in an effort to advise and guide clients facing housing discrimination through the process of filing fair housing complaints and litigation. Additionally, the organization will present at least three fair housing trainings to community advocates and attorneys across Virginia in housing law so they can better help residents in their communities.

Jazz4Justice reaches more than 2,500 people each year with live concerts that use music to educate audiences on the justice gap and raise funds to support legal aid organizations.

Since the establishment of our grants program in 1984, the Foundation has distributed more than \$29.4 million in grants to initiatives and nonprofits throughout Virginia aligning with the Foundation's mission.

Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation

Point of No Return, 1676: Bacon's Rebellion and the Rule of Law in Virginia – \$5,000

The Jamestown Rediscovery Foundation (JRF) is dedicated to uncovering, preserving, and sharing Jamestown's diverse history and its contributions to the foundations of America. This year's grant supports the development of JRF's Point of No Return, 1676 project. This project expands on current Rule of Law educational programming and will focus on the intersections of law, race, and class through the development of segregationist legislation in the aftermath of Bacon's Rebellion. In addition, the JRF team will enhance existing tours, develop new living history programs, and offer in-person and virtual school programs.

Jazz4Justice

Jazz4Justice Concerts – \$10,000

Through collaborative partnerships with the legal community, the business community, the music community, and universities throughout Virginia, Jazz4Justice raises public awareness about the justice gap and music education. This grant will support Jazz4Justice in using music as a vehicle to connect communities, educate audiences on the justice gap, and fundraise to support legal aid organizations helping those most in need. Several times a year, university, college, or community college music programs will host a concert featuring jazz music, and the local bar or bar foundation will solicit sponsors and promote the concert to the community. Proceeds from the event are divided between the bar foundation/local legal aid and the music program, and it is estimated that more than 2,500 students and listeners will be reached in the upcoming season.

John Marshall Center for Constitutional History & Civics

Civics250 – \$60,000

The John Marshall Center (JMC) preserves and honors the founding legacy of John Marshall by engaging and educating learners of all ages about our constitutional history, the Rule of Law, and civics. Through partnerships with the Virginia Museum of History & Culture and the Virginia Law Foundation, JMC will empower learners of all ages with the knowledge and tools necessary to be civic-ready in Virginia. Through a robust set of new resources and programming, JMC seeks to empower educators and inspire young citizens to be rooted in a deep understanding of America's constitutional founding, its history of working toward a more perfect union, the ongoing importance of the Rule of Law, and their responsibility in ensuring our Constitution endures for ages to come.

Legal Aid Justice Center

Charlottesville-Albemarle Bar Association Volunteer Lawyer Program – \$15,000

By partnering with communities and clients to achieve justice, the Legal Aid Justice Center (LAJC) dismantles systems that create and perpetuate poverty. Their Charlottesville-Albemarle Bar Association (CABA) Volunteer Lawyer Program is a community-responsive project that provides a structure for attorneys to deliver high-impact free legal services that transform the lives of their neighbors while deepening attorneys' pre-existing commitment to justice-seeking work. This grant from the Virginia Law Foundation will support this program's

expansion to provide time-sensitive, critical legal support to Afghan evacuees residing in Virginia. CABA will continue to collaborate with state and national partners to ensure competent and compassionate pro bono legal service provision to fulfill the asylum, SIV, and TPS needs of Afghan evacuees in Virginia.

Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia

Student Disability Rights Project – \$25,000

The Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia (LASEV) promotes the equal application of justice and removes impediments to fairness for the low-income and vulnerable families of eastern Virginia. While meeting the individual legal needs of clients, LASEV aims to challenge systemic injustice and the root causes of poverty and inequality. Its Disability Rights Unit focuses on outreach to parents of children with disabilities in their service area, and this 2024 grant will significantly expand this program and increase the number of special education and student discipline cases involving disabled students.

Legal Aid Society of Roanoke Valley

Roanoke Valley Domestic Violence Survivors Civil Legal Services Project – \$27,699.77

The Legal Aid Society of Roanoke Valley (LASRV) applies a full range of expert legal services to identify and resolve the most critical civil injustices facing low-income people. The Roanoke Valley Domestic Violence Survivors Civil Legal Services Project is a longstanding project of the LASRV, and it provides domestic violence survivors free legal advice and court representation in civil matters, along with assistance navigating the criminal justice system and associated processes. This grant will support outreach and education to underserved residents and strengthen LASRV's collaborative network.

Legal Services of Northern Virginia

Domestic Violence Program – \$25,000

Legal Services of Northern Virginia (LSNV) seeks to provide holistic legal services to low-income survivors of domestic violence, including

First Shift Justice Project empowers workers in low wage jobs to exercise their rights related to caregiving and parenting.

Freekind is using its 2024 grant to remove barriers to justice for victims of trafficking.

Joni Albrecht of The John Marshall Center speaks at the Grants Luncheon about the Center's work to make learners of all ages civic-ready in Virginia.





immigrants who are victims of crime. Through its Domestic Violence Project, LSNV will help survivors of domestic violence obtain protective orders and other family law remedies by providing legal representation, and advice and counsel. As a result of these legal interventions, survivors of domestic violence will have safer, healthier and more stable lives.

Library of Virginia

Preserving the Governor Thomas Nelson Revolutionary Papers – \$40,000

The Library of Virginia, founded in 1823, houses the most comprehensive collection of materials on Virginia government, history, and culture in the world and is the oldest cultural organization in the Commonwealth. This grant will support the conservation, digitization, and public accessibility of the Executive Papers of the Revolutionary era Virginia Governor Thomas Nelson. Documenting the service of Virginia’s fourth governor, these papers detail the challenges Nelson confronted at the end of the Revolutionary War, his efforts to meet these challenges, and life in Virginia during a turbulent time. By preserving and digitizing these documents, the project provides another avenue for students, teachers, historians and the general public to learn about Virginia and America’s legal history.

Madison House

Free Tax Preparation Services – \$10,000

As the University of Virginia’s volunteer center for students, Madison House develops leaders, builds community partnerships, and organizes service programs to address the needs of the community as well as the educational and personal growth objectives of students. This grant will support Madison House’s Cville Tax Aid Coalition, which provides free tax preparation services to low- and moderate-income residents of Central Virginia. Staffed by IRS-certified volunteers, including UVA students and community members, this program helps to ensure that underserved Central Virginians can access high-quality, accurate, and empathetic tax preparation services.

Marshall-Wythe School of Law Foundation

Lewis B. Puller, Jr. Veterans Benefits Clinic – \$15,000

William & Mary Law School’s Lewis B. Puller, Jr. Veterans Benefits Clinic addresses veterans’ needs holistically by combining legal and psychological assistance in the representation of veterans in disability compensation claims. Annually, the Puller Clinic manages approximately 100 veterans’ benefits cases, which amount to more than \$500,000 in legal services each year. This Clinic

ensures that former military service members in the Hampton Roads area can access the disability benefits they earned while simultaneously training the next generation of lawyers. Under the supervision of clinic attorneys, 16-20 law students each semester will receive intensive hands-on training in complex claims requiring extensive legal and factual research.

Montpelier Foundation

Public Constitutional Initiatives and Education – \$10,000

As the lifelong home of James Madison, Father of the Constitution and architect of the Bill of Rights, Montpelier’s mission is to communicate Madison’s role in creating our modern, democratic government. To meet the need for nonpartisan Constitutional education, Montpelier seeks to provide educational programming that equips Americans with constitutional knowledge, empowering them to apply that knowledge through increased civic participation. The Virginia Law Foundation grant will support the Director of the Center for the Constitution in implementing the programs designed to address the evidenced need for more accessible civic-focused programming.

Regent University

The Human Trafficking Vacatur Clinic – \$10,000

Launched in 2023, the Human Trafficking Vacatur Clinic at Regent University’s Center for Global Justice aims to expand access to the Virginia vacatur law for victims of human trafficking. With support from the Virginia Law Foundation, the Clinic will conduct four training sessions to educate 100 court personnel on identifying victims who have been charged with crimes and are being screened for specialty dockets. This helps to eliminate legal barriers human trafficking victims often face, and with increased access to legal representation and dismissal of arrests and convictions, survivors are provided a chance to move forward in all aspects

of life as they heal from the trauma of trafficking.

Resolution Virginia

Access to Co-Parenting Education – \$10,000

Resolution Virginia is a consortium of non-profit community-based centers working to help Virginians resolve conflict constructively. State law requires parties to any petition where a child whose custody, visitation, or support is contested to attend an educational seminar that addresses the effects of separation or divorce on children, parenting responsibilities, conflict resolution, and effective communication. This court-ordered seminar can be a financial hardship, and this grant will support indigent parents by offsetting all or most of the cost of the Access to Co-Parenting Education program. By educating separating or separated parents on how to co-parent their children in a supportive and non-confrontational manner, their children experience the emotional and financial benefits of having both parents involved in their lives.

Richmond Behavioral Health Foundation

Access to Mental Health Treatment for Previously Incarcerated Individuals – \$5,000

Richmond Behavioral Health (RBH) champions the health, wellness, and recovery of individuals and families, with its Foundation supporting this mission through community awareness initiatives and partnerships. As a united force, RBH takes an innovative approach to activating the power of behavioral health. This project aims to remove barriers and increase access to mental health treatment for individuals with low or no income, recently incarcerated, or experiencing homelessness in Richmond. By distributing phones with 30 days of minutes, the project addresses a significant barrier to mental health treatment – connection – and increases the likelihood of engagement in treatment among vulnerable populations.

Opposite, the Human Trafficking Vacatur Clinic at Regent University will use its \$10,000 grant to educate 100 court personnel on identifying victims who have been charged with crimes so that survivors are given the opportunity to heal and move forward in their lives.

One hundred percent of every unrestricted dollar donated to the Virginia Law Foundation is included in our annual grant allocation to benefit Virginians throughout the Commonwealth.

Southwest Virginia Legal Aid Society

Southwest Virginia Legal Educational Initiatives – \$25,000

The Southwest Virginia Legal Aid Society (SVLAS) champions equal justice for low-income Virginians by providing high-quality, courteous, and effective legal services to those facing serious threats to their personal, economic, or family stability. SVLAS will utilize this grant to develop two one-day conferences: one to serve professionals who work with victims of domestic violence and the other to enhance awareness and knowledge of attorneys concerning elder abuse. The conferences' sessions will offer quality education to increase professional development and awareness while offering local and regional networking opportunities. Additionally, SVLAS will revitalize the Silence Isn't Golden (SIG) Campaign by updating materials that will be distributed to seniors and agencies that assist seniors.

Virginia Bar Association Foundation

Advocacy Training Project – \$5,000

The Advocacy Training Project combines the Model Judiciary Program and the National Moot Court Competition, two enduring programs of the Virginia Bar Association (VBA)'s Young Lawyer's Division (YLD). Together, they form the YLD's comprehensive advocacy initiative and are designed to increase confidence and education for students regarding the Rule of Law. These programs strive to increase awareness and understanding of the legal system by exposing high school and law school students to

opportunities to hone their advocacy and public speaking skills, which are invaluable for their legal careers and beyond.

Virginia Beach Court Appointed Special Advocates

Volunteer Recruitment and Coordination – \$15,000

Virginia Beach Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) supports and promotes court-appointed volunteer advocacy so that every abused and neglected child can be safe, establish permanence, and have the opportunity to thrive. With an increase in the number of cases – and number of children in each case – assigned by JDRC, this grant will support the expansion of Virginia Beach CASA's volunteer development program and augment its capacity to advocate for each child assigned by the Court while simultaneously improving the quality of that advocacy.

Virginia Civics Education, Inc.

We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution Teacher Training Cohort Professional Development Series – \$15,000

Virginia Civics empowers the next generation of leaders in Virginia through constitutional literacy, critical thinking, and civic engagement. Using a rigorous and proven professional development program, Virginia Civics will train elementary, middle, and high school teachers on using the We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution curriculum to increase teacher and student knowledge of the U.S. Constitution, the Rule of Law, institutions of government, rights and responsibilities, and citizenship. Renowned scholars will facilitate development seminars across a fully funded five-day Summer Institute, and

multiple one-day follow-up trainings in the fall, winter, and spring. The We the People curriculum has been fully mapped to Virginia's Standards of Learning requirements and serves as an effective Performance-Based Assessment for teachers.

Virginia Holocaust Museum

Rule of Law Day – \$30,000

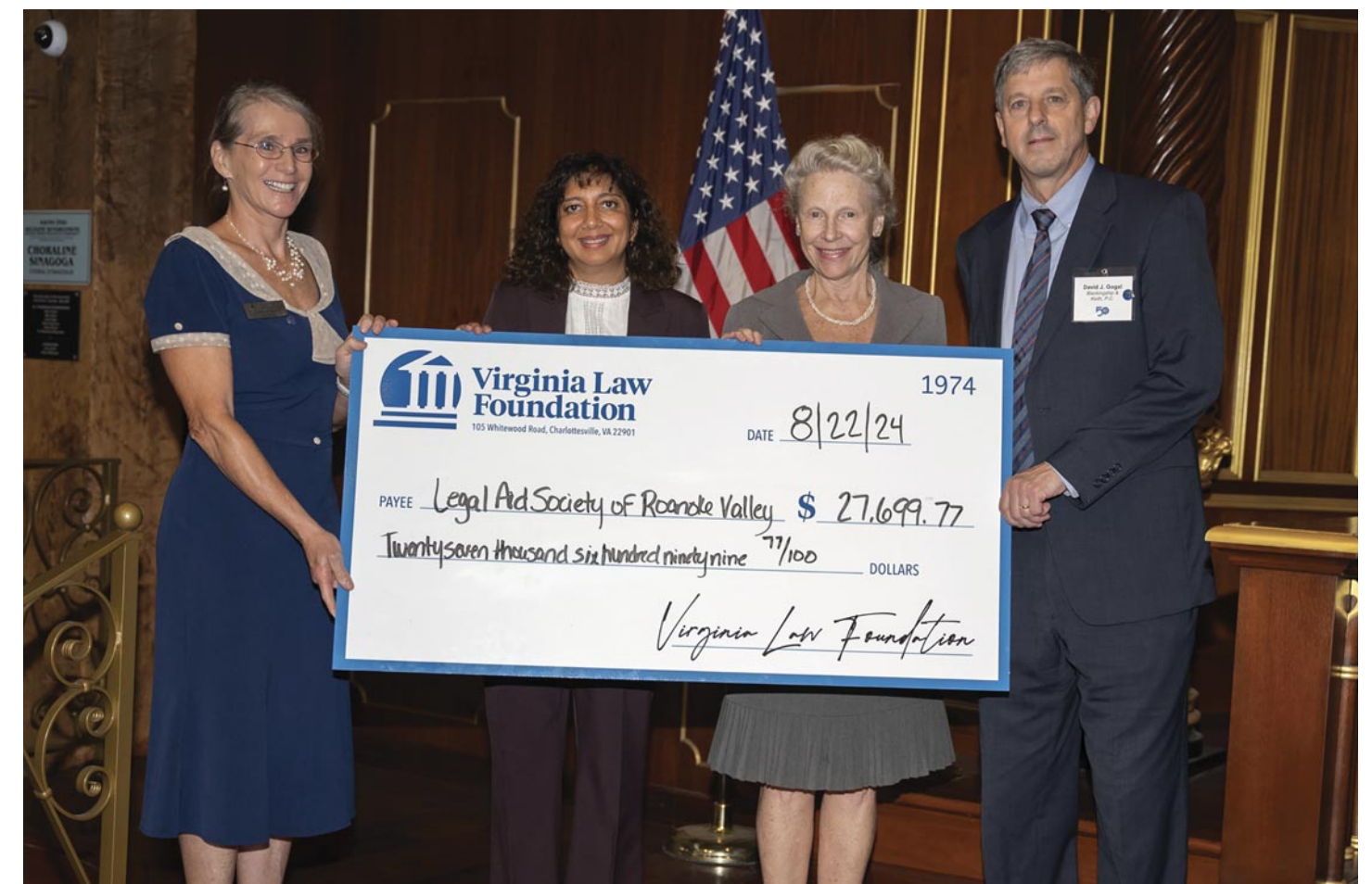
In partnership with the Virginia Law Foundation, the Virginia Holocaust Museum (VHM) and the Nuremberg Courtroom Committee will host the Rule of Law Day program on October 16, 2024, at the VHM. This event will recognize individuals whose careers reflect the principals that were established during the Nuremberg Military Tribunal. The event will present the Rule of Law Award and the Civility in the Law Award to two outstanding leaders and recognize their significant contributions to their communities and the legal profession.

Virginia Judges & Lawyers Assistance Program

Wellness Conference – \$20,000

Virginia Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program (VJLAP) provides confidential, non-disciplinary assistance to lawyers, judges, law students, and legal professionals who are experiencing professional impairment as a result of substance abuse or mental health problems. VJLAP's services are designed to promote recovery, protect the client, prevent disciplinary problems for the lawyer, support their families and professional associates, and strengthen the profession. To better equip legal professional with information and tools for detecting, intervening early, and addressing substance use and mental health concerns, VJLAP will present a multi-day wellness conference. This event will provide attendees opportunities for professional enhancement, wellness skill-building, and community-building.

Mona Raza and Elizabeth Barbour of the Legal Aid Society of Roanoke Valley accept their grant award.



Virginia Law Schools

Public Service Internships – \$59,500

Supported by the Virginia Law Foundation since 1989, public service internships for first- and second-year law students help bring to light the importance of public interest and pro bono work. Each of Virginia's eight American Bar Association-accredited law schools receives funding for public service internships during the summer. The students work under the supervision of an attorney. The work they complete varies widely, depending on the missions and caseloads of their host organizations. Some students gain experience working on individual client matters and others work on larger projects in an organization's service area.

Nancy Donner of the Virginia State Bar Diversity Conference speaks about how their grant from the VLF will underwrite the Oliver Hill/Samuel Tucker Pre-Law Institute.



Virginia Legal Aid Society

Protection for Domestic Violence Survivors – \$30,000

The Virginia Legal Aid Society (VLAS) resolves the serious legal problems of low-income people, promotes economic and family stability, reduces poverty through effective legal assistance, and champions equal justice. With this grant, VLAS will provide legal representation, advice, outreach and education to support domestic violence survivors and the people who depend on them. This initiative will impact upwards of 1,800 people in 26 cities and counties in central, southside, and western Tidewater Virginia.

Virginia Poverty Law Center

Annual Statewide Legal Aid Conference – \$40,000

The Virginia Poverty Law Center (VPLC) breaks down systemic barriers that keep low-income Virginians in the cycle of poverty through advocacy, education, and litigation. Each year, the VPLC holds the Statewide Legal Aid Conference to provide CLE-certified trainings on poverty law issues, including consumer, health, family, housing, and other areas of civil poverty law, and this grant will help underwrite costs associated with the multi-day event. As the premier poverty legal education conference in Virginia, the expanded

hybrid model allows more people to attend either in-person or remotely to learn how to best support their low-income clients and obtain their required CLE credits at no cost to them or their legal aid organization.

Virginia State Bar Diversity Conference

Oliver Hill/Samuel Tucker Pre-Law Institute – \$15,000

The Virginia State Bar Diversity Conference fosters and encourages diversity and inclusion in admission to the bar and advancement in the legal profession and in the judiciary. Named for legendary civil rights attorneys Oliver Hill and Samuel Tucker, the Hill Tucker Pre-Law Institute is presented annually and seeks to increase diversity in the legal profession by reaching future lawyers at an early age. For one week, diverse and academically at-risk high school students in Virginia stay on a college campus and attend mock classes and seminars on a variety of topics, including career opportunities in the law, test taking strategies, and the college admissions process. Support from this grant enables this Institute to be offered at no cost to all attendees.

Virginia Victim Assistance Network

Victim/Witness Advocate Training Programs – \$15,000

Virginia Victim Assistance Network advocates for the needs of crime victims, provides victim assistance training for professionals, and is the Commonwealth's statewide membership organization for victim/witness advocates and other victim services professionals. Annually, its

membership organizations aid more than 75,000 crime victims. The Virginia Law Foundation's grant will support two programs: the Victim/Witness Directors' Forum and the 42nd Annual Conference on Crime Victims' Issues. These comprehensive educational programs are designed for both beginning and experienced crime victim advocates to implement current, evidence-based practices that promote access to justice, amplify victims' needs, and minimize the re-traumatization often inherent within the legal system.



Barbara Joynes, Margaret A. Nelson, Edward L. Weiner, Representative Mike Carey, Darrel Tillar Mason, Roscoe C. Roberts, Representative Joyce Beatty, and Jon D. Huddleston at the Citizen Lawyers in Action Event

William & Mary Law School's Institute of Bill of Rights Law

Citizen Lawyers in Action and Scalia-Ginsburg Collegiality Speaker Series – \$30,000

In 2023, the Virginia Law Foundation awarded a special grant to William & Mary Law School's Institute of Bill of Rights Law (IBRL) to host the inaugural Citizen Lawyers in Action event. Fostering bipartisan cooperation, representatives Joyce Beatty (D-OH) and Mike Carey (R-OH) led a workshop on negotiation and problem-solving, followed by a panel on their efforts to work across party lines. Inspired by George Wythe's mock legislatures, the event featured simulations that incorporated modern legislative challenges and interest-based negotiations.

Using remaining funds from the grant, William & Mary launched the Scalia-Ginsburg Collegiality Speaker Series in 2024. The series brings together legal figures with differing views to discuss their professional relationships. The first event featured Judges Adalberto Jordan and Kevin Newsom of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, who shared insights on maintaining collegiality despite differing legal perspectives, in a conversation moderated by IBRL Director, Professor Allison Orr Larsen.

"The Citizen Lawyers in Action program shows us what still remains possible during this incredibly polarized time in our society," says Jon D. Huddleston, past president and Fellow of the Virginia Law Foundation. "The legislators' spirit of cooperation gives us some measure of hope for what lies ahead. Furthermore, programs like the Scalia-Ginsburg Collegiality Series are important in instilling a sense of cooperation and that much can be learned from opposing perspectives. It makes us not only better lawyers, but better citizens."

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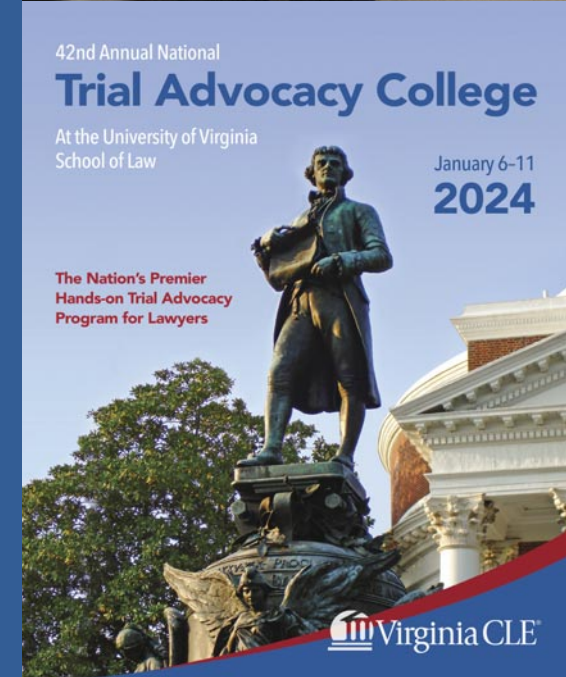
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Our 50th anniversary year launched with our annual Fellows Induction in Williamsburg on January 18. Gathering legal leaders and supporters of the Virginia Law Foundation, this celebratory event recognized 26 citizen lawyers as Fellows (listed at right) and honored their remarkable contributions to the legal profession and their communities.

Leading the evening's festivities were Colleen Marea Quinn, 2024 president of the Virginia Law Foundation, and Margaret A. Nelson, VLF board member and chair of the Fellows Committee. Each Fellow was individually recognized and applauded by guests, and following the ceremony, Justice Cleo E. Powell delivered an inspiring keynote speech that amplified the ideals of the newest Fellows.

Nominated confidentially by their peers and selected by the Fellows Committee, Fellows are recognized as community leaders who demonstrate the highest professional standards in their practice. Now in its 40th year, the Fellows program has inducted more than 775 attorneys and judges since its establishment in 1983.

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I love that [the VLF] recognizes not just the level of your commitment to the law, but also the level of your commitment to society. My mother always said, 'If you're feeling overwhelmed, go help someone else with their problems.' I've found that to be true...Having a legal background allows me to do that. I'm privileged to have found my lane, and humbled by being recognized for it.

– Mary Elizabeth Williams
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Fellows Committee Chair Margaret A. Nelson and W. Clark Williams toast the incoming class of Fellows and the Virginia Law Foundation’s 50th Anniversary at the Induction Celebration, January 2024 at the Williamsburg Lodge.

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CLE in The Hague

Anniversary trip celebrates the Rule of Law at the International Court of Justice and experiences WWII Liberation Remembrance Day.

Thirty friends of the Virginia Law Foundation celebrated our 50th anniversary abroad on a special CLE trip to the Netherlands. The six-day tour was filled with iconic destinations and extraordinary experiences. On Day 1 travelers were taken to Holland’s beautiful Keukenhof, a landscape with more than 7,000,000 brilliant tulips blooming under magnificent blue skies. After hotel check-in, the delegation enjoyed a private canal ride to their welcome dinner with a discussion about pro bono work in the Netherlands with a member of The Hague Bar Association.

One highlight was Day 2 with visits and presentations at the The Hague Peace Palace, the International Court of Justice (ICJ), a Nazi jail, and the International Criminal Court (ICC), plus discussion with attorneys who had primary roles in

past ICJ cases of *Bosnia v. Serbia* and the Rwandan genocide. “When I learned that the ICJ was pausing all tours inside the Peace Palace for several weeks, I was proud to learn that they were going to make an exception for the Virginia Law Foundation because of our mission and our reasons for coming to The Hague,” said Margaret Nelson, VLF board member and International CLE co-coordinator. “As it turned out, our VLF delegation was the only group at that time given private entry into the Peace Palace, full access to the ICJ Courtroom, a lecture from an ICJ-provided lecturer, and a private entry behind the courtroom into the robing rooms for the ICJ judges. From that vantage point we viewed the oil portraits of past ICJ chief judges and enjoyed the private fountains and gardens at the rear of the palace that the public cannot enjoy.”

The escalating wars in the Middle East, the Sudan, and Ukraine caused a pause for tours coming into the Peace Palace at that time. Margaret closed saying, “We were given the opportunity to take in the breadth and impact of the work that goes on there as they bring some measure of justice and closure for injured nations and parties on the world stage while learning that the ICJ administrators thought well enough of our VLF mission and intentions that we were the exception at that time. I cherish that knowledge and the entire experience.”

Additional CLE courses during The Hague portion of the trip included Dutch political systems, constitutional reform with a Virginia legal ethics CLE by Justice Jane Marum Roush and the Hon. Daniel E. Ortiz. Landmarks included the Mauritshuis Museum (home to Vermeer’s *Girl with a Pearl Earring*, the famous windmills at Kinderdijk—a UNESCO World Heritage Site—the beautiful Rotterdam harbor, and champagne under the Ferris Wheel by the North Sea.

Day 3 brought another extraordinary experience—being in the Netherlands for the commemoration of losses and liberation from Nazi occupation. At 8:00 p.m. travelers sat in complete silence and experienced the profound emotion of those gathered around as they remembered the lingering impact from Nazi occupation and other conflicts. On that day, in

that country, at that moment, every car, train, airplane, subway, and person—including their King and Queen—stopped for two minutes to reflect upon that time when the Rule of Law had not prevailed in their land. All were witness to the ongoing impact of the tragedy that occurred between 1940 and 1945 for this nation.

On Day 5 the group bade farewell to The Hague and journeyed to Amsterdam. The first stop was the Anne Frank House with a private lecture before entry. “On the heels of the Remembrance Day experience, the tour took on greater meaning,” remarked International CLE co-coordinator Ed Weiner.

The trip was enhanced by an extensive Amsterdam canal tour with onboard lunch followed by CLEs including doing business in the Netherlands and the case for restitution of stolen art. No trip to Amsterdam would be complete without tours of the Van Gogh Museum and the Rijksmuseum.

The rich subject matter and expert instructors of The Hague and Amsterdam combined with cultural immersion and elevated local dining created an international CLE experience the group is looking forward to repeating. To that end, a trip to Scotland is scheduled for October 2025. View the travel brochure, learn more, and register at vacleinternational.org.



Opposite, the VLF delegation unfurls the banner at the Peace Palace, home of the International Court of Justice.

International CLE committee members Michael HuYoung, Justice Jane Marum Roush, Margaret Nelson, Hon. Daniel E. Ortiz, and Ed Weiner inside the International Criminal Court



The Justice Resounding Gala

Gathering our community, known and new, to celebrate our 50th anniversary and the many people who have invested in our mission

The Virginia Law Foundation marked a half century of meaningful work with the Justice Resounding Gala, September 19 at the Jefferson Hotel in Richmond. More than 300 friends and supporters gathered for cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and live jazz in the glowing Rotunda. Framed proclamations from the Governor, Attorney General, General Assembly, Virginia State Bar, and Virginia Bar Association were on display.

When guests moved to the Grand Ballroom for dinner, they were surprised to find hand-written notes of gratitude tucked into their napkins. Board President Colleen Marea Quinn warmly welcomed everyone and graciously led the ensuing festivities.

Before dinner, President-Elect Stephen E. Noona quoted Emerson in his uplifting invocation, and Martin Luther King, III, addressed the group in a specially prepared video. After the lovely meal, the Honorable S. Bernard Goodwyn, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia, lauded the Foundation for its fifty years of service and introduced keynote speaker (and fellow Harvard graduate) cellist Yo-Yo Ma, who joined the group virtually.

Mr. Ma began his address by playing a moving First Nations piece called “Honor Song,” saying, “Tonight I play it in gratitude for citizens like you, citizen lawyers who have chosen to use your gifts to create access to justice for others, promote the Rule of Law, and education.”

The inspiring keynote drew connections between music and the law, beautifully illustrated with musical interludes of Shaker hymns and spirituals. As he closed, Mr. Ma asked guests to stand and sing an underscoring note with him as he played Bach’s First Prelude, drawing metaphor: “If you sing this and hear this, this is the Law. This is the constitution. This is everything you believe in that makes this society work.” His final congratulations rang true as his own mission to help create a more whole society resonates with ours.

After thunderous applause, Colleen Quinn wholeheartedly thanked Yo-Yo Ma and acknowledged generous sponsors and guests alike for their continued support of the VLF. Everyone was invited to extend the evening’s merriment over cordials, coffee, and desserts in the Empire Ballroom.

Opposite, the Rotunda of the Jefferson Hotel fills with friends who have come to celebrate the Virginia Law Foundation’s 50th anniversary.

Maura Burke Weiner enjoys the opening reception.

Jeffrey Gray and VLF Interim Director Teresa L. Moore pose for a photo during the reception.

Francesca Babetski, Alexis Nelson, Chief Justice S. Bernard Goodwyn, and Colleen Marea Quinn on stage in the Grand Ballroom

Louise Noona, Philip L. Hatchett, Isabel Hatchett, and Stephen E. Noona

Below, keynote speaker Yo-Yo Ma joins the Gala via livestream and dazzles the assembly with musical performances throughout his thoughtful remarks.



Music and law both begin with strict form and demand technique. Both are expressions of the philosophy of the culture in which they exist. I believe the concert hall and the courtroom are both theatres where sacred secular rituals are performed allowing truth and beauty, trust and justice, service and redemption to be revealed.

– Yo-Yo Ma
Keynote Address



The Gala

President Colleen Marea Quinn welcomes everyone to the Gala.

William R. Van Buren, III, Katie Van Buren, Nancy Meath, James V. Meath, Susie Busch, and Stephen D. Busch arrive at the Jefferson.

50th Anniversary co-chair Darrel Tillar Mason and Carroll Mason

Yo-Yo Ma performs "Honor Song" in gratitude for the VLF's many citizen lawyers.

Past and present VLF Presidents Colleen Marea Quinn, Justice Jane Marum Roush, Lucia Anna "Pia" Trigiani, and Anne Marie Whittemore gather at the reception.

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— The Honorable S. Bernard Goodwyn
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia
Address to the Justice Resounding Gala



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Stephen E. Noona at
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The Civil Rights Law Institute

Addressing Race-Conscious Laws and Practices: A Phoenix? at Thomas Jefferson's Monticello, October 2024

Returning to Thomas Jefferson's Monticello for the third year, the Civil Rights Law Institute was held October 10 and 11 to explore the timely topic of Race-Conscious Laws and Practices. After optional tours of Monticello Thursday afternoon, guests were welcomed at a reception and dinner atop Montalto where keynote speaker Robert Grey, president of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity, set the tone for Friday's full slate of engaging panels. Participants and faculty included lawyers, university and civic leaders, and other experts from diverse and balanced perspectives. Many others attended by live-interactive webcast.

Lively discussions were held regarding the U.S. Supreme Court's 2023 strike-down of the

affirmative action student admissions practices at Harvard College and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in a pair of cases brought by Students for Fair Admissions (SFFA). Panels examined the post-SFFA legal landscape and explored historical and legal perspectives on affirmative action, the contours of SFFA in education and business, and a forward-looking evaluation of the post-SFFA era and how attorneys can best serve clients' needs in this dynamic environment.

A host of generous sponsors made the institute possible, and we thank them along with everyone who took part. Learn more about the Institute at civilrightslawinstitute.org.

Opposite, Bruce Sams, DeShonna Brown, and Clarence H. Brooks

Kim Forde-Mazrui

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Aderson B. Francois enjoys a quiet moment on Montalto.

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The Rule of Law Event

Celebrating the Rule of Law and honoring citizen lawyers who have devoted their careers to advancing it—Jay M. Weinberg and Frank Overton Brown, Jr.



The Rule of Law is so much more than a trite phrase. For as our Founders recognized, “men are not angels,” and government of and administered by men is fraught with self-interest. To guard against this evil, all rights must be secured and guaranteed by one overarching right: a disciplined adherence to a set of laws fairly and evenhandedly administered to all regardless of station in life.

This is where we come in. To make this a truth we can truly honor, we must embrace these difficulties head on and fight to build a Rule of Law that truly is:

- Available to all in our society;
- Always evenhandedly applied for every person, regardless of privilege or disfavor;
- Never wielded for convenience or political expediency; and
- Does not change to suit the needs of the mercurial present.

It is only through a conscious adherence to this Rule of Law that we will gain the true freedoms its genius promises.

– Stephen E. Noona
Closing Remarks at the Rule of Law Event



On October 16, the Virginia Law Foundation and the Virginia Holocaust Museum co-hosted a special event that celebrated the Rule of Law.

As the Rule of Law is central to the preservation of civil societies—and a primary lesson of the Holocaust—the VHM’s Nuremberg Courtroom Committee and the Virginia Law Foundation established the Rule of Law award. The event continues to honor individuals whose life and work emulate the ideals enshrined by the Nuremberg Military Tribunal and later the International Court of Justice.

This year’s Rule of Law Event brought together more than 120 distinguished guests for a complimentary luncheon planned by a subcommittee of the VLF’s 50th Anniversary Committee. The event celebrated the careers and enduring contributions of Jay M. Weinberg and Frank Overton Brown, Jr.

Jon D. Huddleston, chair of the subcommittee, served as the event’s ceremonial host and extended a warm welcome to all. Samuel Asher, president and executive director of the Virginia Holocaust Museum, offered greetings and underscored the strong partnership between the VLF and the

VHM. Following an invocation by James V. Meath, past president of the VLF, the awards were presented.

Colleen Marea Quinn, president of the VLF, presented the Civility in the Law Award to Frank Overton Brown, Jr. Through his exemplary legal practice and distinguished service to the Virginia State Bar, Mr. Brown embodies the principles of civility, respect, and professionalism that this prestigious award represents. Irving M. Blank, past president of the VLF and a current board member of the VHM, then presented the Rule of Law Award to Jay M. Weinberg. A preeminent attorney and devoted civic leader, Mr. Weinberg’s career demonstrates his steadfast commitment to the ideals of this award.

Both honorees graciously accepted their awards and offered moving remarks, each expressing gratitude and reflecting on the values that have guided their careers. They were each acknowledged with standing ovations.

Stephen E. Noona, president-elect of the VLF, offered closing remarks that captured the essence of the event and served as a powerful call to action: to champion the Rule of Law.

Opposite (clockwise from top left), family and friends surround Civility in Law Award recipient Frank Overton Brown, Jr.

Marilyn K. Weinberg congratulates her husband Jay M. Weinberg, recipient of the Rule of Law Award.

Stephen E. Noona offers closing remarks.

Samuel Asher welcomes everyone on behalf of the Virginia Holocaust Museum.

More than a hundred guests gathered to support the Rule of Law and this year’s award recipients.

Irving M. Blank presents the Rule of Law Award.

Jon D. Huddleston takes the podium as the event’s ceremonial host.

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Finalize and implement our strategic plan to help us expand our philanthropic impact, bolster innovative legal education options, and offer high quality CLE programs and publications;

Grow our supporter base to augment the vital work of the Virginia Law Foundation.

When I think about the growing impact of the Virginia Law Foundation, I find myself returning to the words of Eleanor Roosevelt: “The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” After our momentous 50th year, I can assure you, **WE BELIEVE.**

Colleen Marea Quinn
President of the Virginia Law Foundation, 2024

Jimmy F. Robinson, Jr., Joy Milligan, Claire Guthrie Gastañaga, Carlos Brown, and Rudene Mercer Haynes enjoy the perfect weather on the Montalto terrace after their panel discussion at the 2024 Civil Rights Law Institute.

Save the dates

JANUARY 4-8

Trial Advocacy College
University of Virginia
Law School

JANUARY 23

The Fellows Induction
Williamsburg Lodge

MARCH 20-21

Inaugural Women and the Law Institute
The Woman’s Club at
Bolling Haxall House

SEPTEMBER 4-6

The Wellness Institute
The Barns at Wolf Trap

OCTOBER 9-10

The Civil Rights Law Institute
Thomas Jefferson’s
Monticello

OCTOBER 12-19

Journey to Scotland International CLE

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