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The Virginia Law Foundation Announces New Board Members and Officers for 2025

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA, January 16, 2025 —The Virginia Law Foundation (VLF) welcomes four new members and a new slate of officers to its Board of Directors for 2025.

Leading the Board will be Stephen E. Noona, head of the Litigation Section and the Intellectual Property Law Litigation Practice Group at Kaufman & Canoles, PC, Norfolk. Noona has spent almost 40 years trying complex commercial cases in federal and state courts. As a former president of the Virginia State Bar’s Intellectual Property Law Section and the local Federal Bar Association, he has appeared in over 125 patent cases in all four of the District’s Divisions along with many associated jury trials. Noona is a Fellow in the prestigious American College of Trial Lawyers.

Passionate about advancing the mission of the VLF and inspiring respect for the Rule of Law, Noona quotes, “As Alexander Hamilton implored this country over two centuries ago: ‘If it be asked, what is the most sacred duty and the greatest source of our security in a Republic? The answer would be: An inviolable respect for the Constitution and Laws — the first growing out of the last.’”

In 2024, the Virginia Law Foundation celebrated its 50th anniversary and spent the year reflecting on its impact and celebrating its mission to promote the Rule of Law, access to justice, and law-related education. “As we embark on our 51st year, it is my sincere hope that the Virginia Law Foundation will redouble its efforts and impact as a true Force for Good in Virginia. Promoting, nurturing, and securing the Rule of Law must be our legacy for the next 50 years,” states Noona.

This year’s executive committee also includes:

- President-Elect — David J. Gogal, partner and civil litigator, Blankingship & Keith, PC
- Vice-President — Edward L. Weiner, founding partner, Weiner, Spivey & Miller, PLC
- Immediate-Past President — Colleen Marea Quinn, president, Quinn Law Centers
- Secretary — Teresa L. Moore, interim director, Virginia Law Foundation
- Treasurer — Stacie Merriam, senior director of finance, Virginia Law Foundation

The VLF also welcomes the following individuals to begin three-year terms:

- Trevor S. Cox, litigation partner, Hunton Andrews Kurth
- K. Lorraine Lord, chief staff attorney for the Supreme Court of Virginia;
- Bryan Slaughter, partner, MichieHamlett
- Jacquelyn E. Stone, partner, McGuireWoods.



Stephen E. Noona, president

Members of the VLF Board share their expertise on matters including development, excellence in continuing legal education, and the selection of distinguished Fellows. Looking ahead, the Board of Directors will help steer a year of continued philanthropic and educational programming. In addition to its annual grants program, which has now given more than \$29.4M, the VLF is set to induct its next class of Fellows on January 23, launch the inaugural Women and the Law Institute in March, return to Wolf Trap for its Wellness Institute in September, and offer a range of engaging, signature education that advances the mission of the organization.

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.

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.

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