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The Virginia Law Foundation Inducts Class of 2025 Fellows

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA, January 29, 2025 —On Thursday, January 23, the Virginia Law Foundation (VLF) gathered more than 200 supporters and leaders and proudly inducted 26 citizen lawyers as Fellows at their annual dinner and celebration in Williamsburg.

The evening commenced with a joint reception with the Virginia Bar Association before the formal VLF event began. **Stephen E. Noona**, 2025 president of the Virginia Law Foundation, offered a warm welcome to guests, outlined the VLF's 2025 goals and set the stage for the year ahead, and **David J. Gogal**, president-elect, followed with an invocation. The induction ceremony was led by **Roscoe Connel Roberts**, VLF board member and chair of the Fellows Committee. To speak to the values of the VLF, **Justice Stephen R. McCullough** delivered the evening's keynote address, which amplified the ideals of the newest Fellows, all of whom are listed below.

Joining more than 775 distinguished VLF Fellows, the Class of 2025 includes former military servicemembers, Bar leaders, non-profit directors and volunteers, educators, arts and environmental advocates, advancers of wellness, and public servants. Each has demonstrated a steadfast commitment to strengthening their communities across the Commonwealth and to upholding the Rule of Law.



Fellows Committee Chair Roscoe Connel Roberts remarked, “I am proud of the work of the VLF’s Fellows Committee for recommending this year’s class of Fellows for election by the Board of Directors. The Class of 2025 includes some of Virginia’s finest citizen lawyers, and our induction ceremony paid tribute to them for unselfish service to their communities while honoring the Rule of Law.”

Nominated confidentially by their peers and selected by the Fellows Committee, each VLF Fellow must be a member of the Virginia State Bar for at least ten years, reside in Virginia, exhibit highest integrity and character, uphold the highest professional standards, and be outstanding community members, distinguished in the practice of law. Fellows play a vital role in advancing the VLF’s mission, which is to promote, through philanthropy, the Rule of Law, access to justice, and law-related education.

To learn more about the Class of 2025 Fellows and their remarkable contributions, visit virginialawfoundation.org.

Virginia Law Foundation Class of 2025 Fellows

- **Attison L. Barnes, III**, Wiley Rein LLP (Alexandria)
- **John J. Brandt**, Nolan & Mroz, PLC, (Dunn Loring)
- **Victor O. Cardwell**, Woods Rogers (Roanoke)
- **Mark K. Cathey**, Glenn Robinson Cathey Skaff & White PLC (Roanoke)
- **Darius Kobi Agyeman Davenport, Sr.**, Crenshaw, Ware & Martin, P.L.C. (Norfolk)
- **Jason R. Davis**, Kaufman & Canoles, P.C. (Norfolk)
- **Daniel L. Gray**, Cooper Ginsberg Gray, PLLC (Fairfax)
- **Carlos L. Hopkins**, Gentry Locke (Richmond)
- **William B. Hopkins, Jr.**, Martin, Hopkins & Lemon, PC (Roanoke)
- **Richard H. Howard-Smith**, Flora Pettit PC (Charlottesville)
- **Stanley K. Joynes III**, Valley Road Vineyards (Crozet)
- **Diane M. Lank**, Lank Legal Services (Warsaw)
- **Benjamin D. Leigh**, Troxell Leigh P.C. (Leesburg)
- **K. Lorraine Lord**, Supreme Court of Virginia (Richmond)
- **Krista M. Mathis**, Virginia State Bar (Richmond)
- **Charles G. Meyer, III**, O'Hagan Meyer (Richmond)
- **Nancy F. Reynolds**, Kiernan Trebach, LLP (Richmond)
- **Michael W. Robinson**, Venable LLP (Tysons)
- **W. Ryan Snow**, Crenshaw, Ware & Martin, P.L.C. (Norfolk)
- **A. Benjamin Spencer**, William & Mary Law School (Williamsburg)
- **Joanna L. Suyes**, Suyes Law (Richmond)
- **Susan Bradford Tarley**, Tarley Robinson (Williamsburg)
- **Elizabeth L. Wildhack**, MWM Legal Group (Arlington)
- **Sara R. Wilson**, Drive-to-Work (Manakin Sabot)
- **Thomas M. Wolf**, O'Hagan Meyer (Richmond)
- **John Edward Zydron**, The Zydron Law Firm, P.L.L.C. (Chesapeake)

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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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