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2017 VBA Leadership Slate Officers



DAVID S. MERCER – PRESIDENT

David is a principal of MercerTrigiani, an Alexandria-based law firm that specializes in common-interest ownership community associations. David became a VBA member in 1974 and joined the Board of Governors in 2013. He is a past chair of the VBA Substance Abuse Committee. He is a board member and past president of the assistance program Lawyers Helping Lawyers. A graduate of Hampden-Sydney College, he earned a law degree at the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond.

C.J. STEUART THOMAS III – PRESIDENT-ELECT

Steuart is a partner at Timberlake, Smith, Thomas & Moses, P.C., in Staunton. He focuses his practice on medical malpractice defense and civil litigation. Since joining the VBA, he has served on the Committee on Federal Judgeships and the Civil Litigation Section Council. He joined the VBA board in 2014. Steuart is a member of the Boyd-Graves Conference and a Fellow of the Virginia Law Foundation and the American College of Trial Lawyers. He graduated from the University of Virginia and Washington and Lee University School of Law.



RICHARD E. GARRIOTT JR. – BOARD CHAIR

Rich handles family law, civil matters, personal injury defense and employment issues at Pender & Coward, PC, in Virginia Beach. A VBA member since 1997, he joined the Board of Governors in 2015. Before that, he was Vice Chair of the Domestic Relations Section Council. He serves on the Virginia Family Law Coalition. Rich is a Fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and Virginia Law Foundation. He earned a master's from Ball State, and undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Richmond.

JAMES PATRICK GUY II – IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Jim is an electric power lawyer at LeClairRyan and its energy industry team leader. A VBA member since 1991, he served as its LPMD Chair, Administrative Law Section Chair and 128th President. Jim serves on the board of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Virginia Chapter. He is a past chapter president of the Energy Bar Association. Jim is a graduate of the University of Virginia, where he was an Echols Scholar, and of its School of Law. He still knows the lyrics to all six verses of Don McLean's *American Pie*.



Proposed board members (3-year terms)



RUDENE MERCER HAYNES
VBA Board of Governors, At-Large

Rudene, a partner at Hunton & Williams LLP in Richmond, focuses her practice on corporate finance, structured finance and securitization. A VBA member since 2000, she is serving a second term on the LPMD Council. She has received both the Emerson G. Spies Award and the Sandra P. Thompson Award from the YLD. *Virginia Lawyers Weekly* named her among the Most Influential Women in Virginia in 2011. She graduated from the University of

Virginia and earned a J.D. from the University of Texas at Austin School of Law.

RICHARD H. OTTINGER
VBA Board of Governors, Tidewater

Richard concentrates his Norfolk practice in commercial litigation. A partner with Vandeventer Black LLP, he is co-chair of the firm's government relations committee. He joined the VBA in 1997 and has led the Civil Litigation Section Council since 2013. In 2006, he accepted the Sandra P. Thompson Award for long-term service to the VBA Young Lawyers Division and in 2003 Richard received Young Lawyer of the Year honors from the Virginia State Bar. A graduate of Boston University, he earned a J.D. from the William & Mary Law School.



THE HONORABLE JERI KAYLENE SOMERS
VBA Board of Governors, At-Large

Judge Somers is vice chair of the Washington, D.C.-based U.S. Civilian Board of Contract Appeals, where she has been a judge since 2007. She joined the VBA in 2007, and is a member of the Judicial Section and the Committee on Special Issues of National & State Importance. Her legal career started as a judge advocate in the U.S. Air Force. She also has served as an assistant U.S. attorney. Judge Somers earned a bachelor's degree from George Mason

University and a J.D. from the American University Washington College of Law.

CATHLEEN P. WELSH
VBA Board of Governors, Blue Ridge

Cathy is a management employment law attorney with Lenhart Pettit, based in Harrisonburg. *Virginia Business* has listed her among its Legal Elite in labor/employment for many years. In 1992, she joined the VBA and is a member of the Labor Relations and Employment Law Section. She has been president of the Harrisonburg Rockingham Chamber of Commerce and a board member on the Virginia Chamber of Commerce. A graduate of the College of William and Mary, she earned a J.D. at the University of Virginia School of Law.



Board representatives, Division leader



THE HONORABLE STEPHEN R. McCULLOUGH
Judicial Representative

Justice McCullough will begin a one-year term on the VBA Board of Governors as judicial representative. He was elected to the Supreme Court of Virginia in 2016. Previously, he served on the Court of Appeals of Virginia, and as senior appellate counsel and as solicitor general in the Office of the Attorney General. He joined the VBA in 2009 and serves on the Appellate Practice Section Council. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of

Virginia and a J.D. from the University of Richmond T.C. Williams School of Law.

DEAN MICHAEL V. HERNANDEZ
Law School Representative

The Regent University School of Law dean will begin a one-year term on the board as law school representative. He joined the Regent Law faculty in 1992 and was appointed dean in 2015. Dean Hernandez has advised and coached Regent's award-winning Moot Court teams. Earlier, he practiced law in Richmond at McGuireWoods and at McSweeney, Burtch & Crump. He joined the VBA in 1987 and is a member of the Real Estate Section and the Pro Bono Council. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia and its School of Law.



CYNTHIA E. HUDSON
Government Attorney Representative

Cynthia, the chief deputy attorney general of Virginia since 2014, will begin a one-year term as the VBA board's first government attorney representative. She previously served eight years as city attorney in Hampton, and before that was deputy city attorney there. Earlier, she worked in the labor and employment law litigation section of McGuireWoods. She has served on the Virginia Law Foundation board for six years. A graduate of Virginia

Commonwealth University, she earned a J.D. from the William & Mary Law School.

ANDREW B. STOCKMENT
Chair-elect, Young Lawyers Division

Andrew is an attorney at Lenhart Pettit in Charlottesville, where he leads the firm's cybersecurity and data privacy practice and advises clients in the areas of intellectual property, technology and business law. He joined the VBA as a law student and serves on the VBA's IPIT Law Section Council and was the founding editor-in-chief of *Opening Statement*, the YLD newsletter. Andrew received the YLD's Emerson G. Spies Award in 2013. He is a graduate of Florida State University and the University of Virginia School of Law.

