

2019 VBA Leadership Slate Officers

RICHARD E. GARRIOTT JR. — PRESIDENT

Rich handles family law and civil matters 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 degree from Ball State University, and undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Richmond.



ALISON M. McKEE — PRESIDENT-ELECT

Alison practices in the Virginia Beach office of Kaufman & Canoles, P.C., where she focuses on banking and finance, commercial real estate, and senior housing matters. An active VBA member since 1984, Alison served as Chair of the VBA Young Lawyers Division in 1993. She has served as Vice Chair of the Business Law Section Council and co-chaired the section's Third Party Legal Opinions Report Committee. The mother of four children, she is a graduate of Boston College and the University of Virginia School of Law.

RICHARD H. OTTINGER — BOARD CHAIR

Richard concentrates his Norfolk practice in commercial litigation. A partner with Vandevanter 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. In 2006, he accepted the Sandra P. Thompson Award for long-term service to the VBA Young Lawyers Division and in 2003 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.



C.J. STEUART THOMAS III — IMMED. PAST PRESIDENT

Steuart, a partner at TimberlakeSmith in Staunton, focuses his practice on medical malpractice defense and civil litigation. He is a member of the Boyd-Graves Conference and a Fellow of the Virginia Law Foundation and the American College of Trial Lawyers. In 2017, Steuart received the VTLA-VADA Civility and Professionalism Award. Since becoming a VBA member, he has served on the Civil Litigation Section Council. Steuart graduated from the University of Virginia and the Washington and Lee School of Law.

Proposed board members (3-year terms)



RYAN W. BOGGS

VBA Board of Governors, Capitol

Ryan is managing general counsel-litigation at Dominion Energy in Richmond. He joined Dominion Energy in 2007 after time in private practice with Christian & Barton and Williams Mullen. He joined the VBA in 2004 and was active in the YLD. In 2012, he became the YLD liaison to the Corporate Counsel Section Council and has since served as Secretary/Treasurer, Vice Chair and Chair.

He graduated from Randolph-Macon College and the University of Richmond School of Law.

THE HONORABLE CYNTHIA D. KINSER

VBA Board of Governors, At-Large

The Honorable Cynthia D. Kinser served for 17 years as a justice and for four years as the first female chief justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia until her retirement in 2014. She is now of counsel with Kinser Law PLC in Pennington Gap after serving as senior counsel with Gentry Locke in Roanoke. She joined the VBA in 1999, is a member of the Appellate Practice Section and a recipient of the Gerald L. Baliles Distinguished Service Award. She is a graduate of the University of Tennessee and the University of Virginia School of Law.



BENJAMIN D. LEIGH

VBA Board of Governors, At-Large

Ben is a principal with Atwill, Troxell & Leigh, P.C., in Leesburg. His practice focuses on real estate: assisting owners, developers and institutions with varied issues and litigation. He joined the VBA in 1997 and has been active in the Real Estate Section since 2011, serving as section Chair in 2015-2017. Last year, he was appointed to the Board of Governor's Public Service Committee.

Ben earned undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Richmond and served as law clerk to the chief justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia.

ERIC H. MONDAY

VBA Board of Governors, Southside

Eric is attorney for the City of Martinsville, a role he has served since 2003. He is also general counsel for the Blue Ridge Regional Airport Authority and maintains a selective private law practice. Before that, he was in private practice and was attorney for Patrick County for four years. A VBA member since 2012, he is the husband of former Board of Governors member Monica Taylor Monday. Eric graduated from the University of Virginia where he also received a law degree.



Board representatives, other leaders



DEAN HENRY N. BUTLER

Law School Representative

Henry is dean, a George Mason University Foundation professor of law and executive director of the Law & Economics Center at the Antonin Scalia Law School at George Mason University in Arlington. His areas of expertise include antitrust, corporate governance, federalism, health care policy and law and economics. He joined the VBA in 2016. Dean Butler earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Richmond, a master's and doctorate from Virginia Tech, and a law degree from the University of Miami School of Law.

TRAVIS G. HILL

Government Representative

Travis is chief executive officer for the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority. Before that, he was deputy secretary of agriculture and forestry after working in private practice with Williams Mullen. A VBA member since 2003, he actively participated in the Young Lawyers Division, serving as Chair of the division in 2013, and later as a Council member of the Administrative Law Section. He earned a bachelor's degree and law degree at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



ERIC J. SORENSON JR.

General Counsel (ex-officio)

Rick represents and advises companies and individuals in the areas of business, corporate, securities, banking and health care law with Woods Rogers PLC in Lynchburg, where he is a principal. A VBA member since 1992, he served on the Board of Governors from 2013-2016, and last year on its Governance Committee and on the Business Law Section Council. He's also a member of the Bankruptcy Law and Corporate Counsel sections. Rick graduated from the University of Virginia and the Washington and Lee University School of Law.

MADELAINE KRAMER

Chair-elect, Young Lawyers Division

Madelaine serves as counsel at Sands Anderson in McLean, where her practice focuses on attorney and medical malpractice product liability defense, complex civil litigation and appellate representation. A VBA member since 2012, she most recently served as Secretary/Treasurer of the YLD and Chair of the Law School Councils, the VBA student chapters. She graduated from Bryant University with a bachelor's, the University of Miami with an MBA and the University of Richmond School of Law with a J.D.



Thank you!

The VBA commends these Board of Governors members, who are rotating off the board, for their contributions:

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