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## Governance

[Virginia State Bar Clients' Protection Fund Board Pays \\$130,014 on Twenty-three Petitions](#) regarding six Virginia attorneys at its Sept. 15, 2023, meeting.

[The VSB Seeks Public Comment on Proposed Amendments to Paragraph 13-5 and Bylaws](#), which adds a lay member to the Committee on Lawyer Discipline. Comments due by Dec. 18.

[VSB Training Set for Lawyers who serve as GALs for Impairment Proceedings](#), with CLE credit, on Dec. 8.

### [Supreme Court of Virginia Amends Rules 5A and 4](#)

Ordered on November 21, 2023, the Supreme Court of Virginia has amended Rule 5A:19 effective immediately, and Rules 4:1(g), 4:8(d), 4:9(b), 5A:25, 5A:6, 5A:8, and 5A:10, effective January 20, 2024.

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## Volunteers Needed to Regulate the Profession

### [Local Disciplinary District Committees 2024](#)

Attorneys and lay members are needed to serve beginning on July 1, 2024.

### [Board and Committee Vacancies](#)

Attorneys are needed to serve on the VSB CPF Board, MCLE Board, Judicial Candidate Evaluation Committee, and as Council Members at Large beginning on July 1, 2024.

### [The Fee Dispute Resolution Program](#)



Attorney and lay member fee dispute arbitrators, as well as Supreme Court-certified attorneys and lay member mediators needed. Even if you can't serve, but know of someone who might be willing, please put them in contact with Paulette Davidson [pdavidson@vsb.org](mailto:pdavidson@vsb.org). Online training provided.

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## Discipline

Disciplinary hearings are public meetings found on the [disciplinary docket](#) and on the [VSB calendar](#).

### Recent disciplinary system actions:

**Charles Gregory Phillips**, license revoked, effective October 18, 2023.

**Dale Reese Jensen**, license revoked, effective October 26, 2023.

**Matt Clay Pinsker**, license suspended, effective November 28, 2023.

**James Randall Perkins**, public reprimand, effective November 3, 2023.

**Peter Linn Goldman**, public reprimand, effective November 6, 2023.

**Thomas Joseph Robl**, public reprimand, effective November 13, 2023.

**Erik M. Helbing**, public reprimand, effective November 16, 2023.

## Compliance



The **2023 MCLE End of Year Report Form 1** is available for review in your member portal. Report approved courses online in the VSB Portal. If you are unable to certify a course online, follow the instructions on [Form 1](#), available [online](#).

ALL CLE hours for the 2023 CLE period must be reported **no later than 4:45 pm ET on December 15, 2023**.

Dues statements will be emailed, not mailed, in 2024, so please keep your email current with the VSB. **Sign in** to make sure you have also joined the sections and conferences you are interested in!

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## Pro Bono / Access to Justice

To spread some holiday cheer, we are celebrating the winners of our **GetTo30! Pro Bono Challenge drawing**. In addition to completing the challenge and being recognized in *Virginia Lawyer* magazine, these winners receive free access to special bar events in 2024. Congratulations!



- **Sheri Ann Thaxton** of Henrico – All-Inclusive Onsite Package to the 2024 VSB Annual Meeting (\$700+ value)
- **Julia Christine Phillips** of Alexandria – On-Demand Annual Meeting CLE Package (\$100 value)
- **Dawnee Henley Tate** of Falls Church – VSB Techshow Pass (\$50 value)
- **Emily Elizabeth Sripinyo** of Alexandria – Presidents' Lunch: A lunch with VSB President Chidi James and Immediate Past President Stephanie Grana (priceless)

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Contact: [debbiestocks@vsbmic.com](mailto:debbiestocks@vsbmic.com) or 804-656-3540, ext 52005.



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## VSB CLE

Three reasons to register for the **49th Annual Advanced Business Law Conference**

**December 8 & 9**, Friday & Saturday

Live, in-person conference at the Hyatt Regency Reston at Reston Town Square (10.0 CLE, 2 Ethics)

1. Bank 10 CLE hours for 2024 before the year even begins!
2. Those CLE & travel costs are tax deductible so add them to your 2023 business deductions.
3. Start (or finish!) your holiday shopping and enjoy the winter wonderland and dining at the Reston Town Center after your CLE. 🎁




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# VSB Real Property Section Releases Second Living Library Video Series

## Real Property Litigation

### Video 1: John Altmiller on Real Property Litigation



John Altmiller provides a brief overview of common real property litigation issues including establishing titles, modifying titles, quiet title actions, partition suits, and adverse possession. Throughout his talk, Altmiller emphasizes the value of collaboration and collegiality.

### Video 2: Michael Derdeyn on Real Property Litigation



Michael Derdeyn dives deeper into adverse possession and quiet title actions. He pays special attention to the burden of truth in Virginia. Specifically, the necessity of the counsel's ability to establish legal title, trace the title, and establish boundaries, among other factors.

### Video 3: Altmiller-Derdeyn Joint Session



Altmiller and Derdeyn discuss some of the practical issues facing lawyers in real estate litigation. A key to success is realizing that clients may not always have the facts about the property. Lawyers must recognize it is essential to do a thorough discovery to trace each title. Secondly, the goal may be simply coming to a resolution on some level. The value of the case for clients may not always be in winning, but rather in having finality.

**The Real Property Section** has completed the second series in the Living Library Project, with three new videos on real property law.

The videos are intended to assist lawyers who work in property law and to encourage other attorneys to join the ranks of the "dirt lawyers."

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## Nominate a Colleague!



Know of a leader in the law? Nominations are being sought for the following:

**The Criminal Law Section's Harry L. Carrico Professionalism Award.** Deadline: Dec. 1, 2023.

The Section on the Education of Lawyers's **William R. Rakes Leadership in Education Award**. Deadline: Dec. 1, 2023.

Family Law Section's **Betty A. Thompson Lifetime Achievement Award** or the **Family Law Service Award**. Deadline: Jan. 24, 2024.

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## Upcoming Events: Save the Date

The annual **Criminal Law Seminar** will be held on February 2 in Charlottesville and February 9 in Williamsburg.

This year's **Bar Leaders Institute** will be held on Friday, March 8, 2024, at the Virginia Museum of History and Culture. **The Hon. Cleo E. Powell** will be the keynote speaker.



The **Diversity Conference** will host the 4th Annual **Forum on Diversity in the Legal Profession** on Friday, March 15, 2024, at the Jepson Alumni Executive Center at the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg.

Registration for the 2024 VSU Techshow opens December 1, 2023.

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## Virginia Lawyer Magazine and Advertising



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