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Governance

Candidates Sought for Two Vacancies for Commissioner on the State Corporation Commission

Chair-Elect Creigh Deeds and Chair-Elect Jeion Ward jointly request that all interested candidates for the two vacancies for Commissioner on the State Corporation Commission submit a resume and letter of interest to the Division of Legislative Services by **Friday, January 5, 2024**. Documents should be emailed to sheard@dls.virginia.gov.

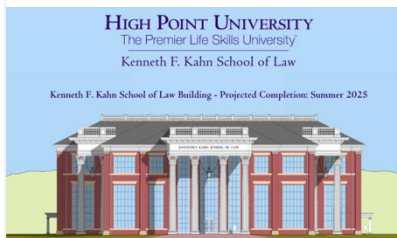


President-elect Michael York Seeks Members for VSB Committees

Michael York, president-elect of the VSB, seeks active and in-good-standing Virginia lawyers willing to serve on special and standing committees in 2024.

Edward Bennett Lowry, 1945–2023

The VSB mourns the loss of former President Edward Bennett Lowry of Charlottesville who passed away on December 6, 2023, at the age of 78.



High Point University to Open New Law School

In keeping with the collegial spirit among members of the legal profession in Virginia and North Carolina, the Virginia State Bar announces the new Kenneth F. Kahn School of Law at High Point University.

Compliance

Invoices for attorneys who did not complete the required CLE hours by the October 31st deadline or who did not report sufficient CLE hours by the December 15th reporting deadline are available for payment in the [VSB member portal](#).



The **60 Day Notice of Impending Suspension** will be mailed this month to attorneys who have not yet completed the required hours and/or remitted the appropriate fees for the 2023 MCLE compliance period.

Complete approved courses to fulfill any remaining hours and pay fees online in the VSB Portal. The next reporting deadline for 2023 MCLE compliance is February 1, 2024, at 4:45 pm EST. **Attorneys failing to report hours and/or pay MCLE delinquency fees will be administratively suspended in March.**

In 2024, reminders to pay your dues will be emailed and dues statements will not be mailed, so please keep your email current with the VSB as required by Part 6, Sec. IV, Para. 3 of the Rules of the Supreme Court. **Sign in** to make sure you have also joined the sections and conferences you are interested in!

Volunteers Needed to Regulate the Profession

Boards and Committees: We still have some vacancies for you here: (Council Members at Large, Clients' Protection Fund Board, Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board, Judicial Candidate Evaluation Committee, ABA House of Delegates). Applications close January 5, 2024.



Local Disciplinary District Committees 2024

Attorneys and lay members are needed to serve beginning on July 1, 2024. Applications close February 28, 2024.

Discipline

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

Recent disciplinary system actions:

Chandra Harris Snyder, license suspended, effective December 15, 2023.

William Hale Thompson Jr., license suspended, effective on January 1, 2024.

Michael Christopher Miller, public reprimand, effective December 4, 2023.

Adam Turner Kronfeld, public reprimand, effective December 11, 2023.

Private discipline: 2 admonitions with terms, 2 reprimands with terms
2 reprimands without terms.

Pro Bono / Access to Legal Services

Looking for a low-stress and low-stakes pro bono opportunity in 2024? Try **Virginia Free Legal Answers**, the online pro bono Q&A website. No client meetings, phone calls, or court appearances necessary. **Register today to provide legal advice to Virginians in need from the comfort of your home or office.**



Nominations for the **Oliver White Hill Law Student Pro Bono Award** and the **Frankie Muse Freeman Organizational Pro Bono Award** are now open. The deadline to submit for both awards is **Friday, March 29**. Information on both awards may be found on the **Access to Legal Services awards page**.

Nominate a Colleague!



Do you know a leader in the law?

Nominations are being sought for the following:

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

Edward L. Chambers Jr. Lifetime Bar Service Award

Recognizing attorneys who extraordinarily and selflessly serve the VSB during their career. **Deadline: February 1, 2024.** Nominations should be addressed to Chambers Award Committee, chambersaward@vsb.org. Questions? Contact Maureen Stengel, 804-775-0517.

Nominations are being sought for the **34th Annual Tradition of Excellence Award**. This award recognizes lawyers who embody the highest tradition of personal and professional excellence in Virginia, enhance the image and esteem of attorneys in the Commonwealth, and have devoted significant amounts of time, efforts, and/or funds to activities that benefit their community. **Deadline: April 26, 2024.**

Upcoming Events: See You There!

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

The VSB **Bar Leaders Institute** (BLI) will be held on Friday, March 8, 2024, at the Virginia Museum of History and Culture in Richmond. **Please note that this is a change of venue.** Current and prospective bar leaders are encouraged to attend. **The Hon. Cleo E. Powell** will be the keynote speaker.

YOO HOO!
*Save the
Date!*

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

Registration for the **VSB Techshow** is open.

The **Leroy Rountree Hassell Sr. Indigent Criminal Defense Seminar** will be in-person only, Friday, May 3, in Richmond, Weyers Cave and Wytheville.

The **VSB Annual Meeting** will be held in Virginia Beach from May 29–June 1.

Virginia Lawyer Magazine and Advertising

Check out the **VSB Classifieds** for an **RFP for the City of Suffolk** and a number of attorney jobs.

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