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Governance

[Highlights of the October 13 VSB Council Meeting](#)

At its meeting on October 13, 2023, in Williamsburg, the Virginia State Bar Council heard the following significant reports and took these actions.



[The VSB seeks public comment on proposed amendments to Paragraph 13-5 and Bylaws](#)

The VSB seeks public comment on proposed amendments to Paragraph 13-5 and Bylaws of the VSB Council, which add a lay member to the Committee on Lawyer Discipline.

[The Supreme Court of Virginia Raises Fees for Court-Appointed Counsel](#)

The Supreme Court of Virginia has revised the fee structure used for compensating court-appointed counsel in appeals of criminal convictions and terminations of parental rights.

[Volunteers Sought for Local Disciplinary District Committees 2024](#)

Volunteer attorneys and lay members are needed to serve on the Virginia State Bar's Local Disciplinary District Committees beginning on July 1, 2024. Applications in the form of a résumé and short statement of interest are due February 28, 2024.

[Supreme Court of Virginia Corrects Judicial Canons Order](#)

On October 13, 2023, the Supreme Court of Virginia issued an Order correcting an order of December 15, 2021 (effective January 1, 2022) in which it amended Part Six, Section III, Canons of Judicial Conduct.

Compliance

Have you finished your 2023 CLE requirement? All CLE hours, whether used for compliance or carryover, **must be reported to our office no later than 4:45 pm EST, December 15, 2023**. You may report your CLE hours online by [logging into your account](#) on the VSB website.



Dues statements will not be sent by mail in 2024. Lawyers should keep emails current with the VSB to receive reminders.

Discipline

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

Recent disciplinary system actions:

Kelley Elizabeth Clements Keller, license suspended, effective October 5, 2023.

Sheila Bridget Thurmond Mayers, license suspended, effective October 5, 2023.

Julia Elizabeth Mills, license suspended, effective October 18, 2023.

Duncan Kenner Brent, license suspended, effective October 25, 2023.

Denise Ann Daniels, license suspended, effective October 27, 2023.

Michael Ben Gunlicks, reprimand, effective October 10, 2023.

Weon Geun Kim, reprimand, effective October 24, 2023.

Shalonda Michelle Tillman, admonition, effective October 12, 2023.

Private discipline: 2 admonitions; 3 reprimands

Pro Bono / Access to Justice

William “Bill” E. Shmidheiser III of Harrisonburg, who recently retired from Flora Pettit, has been named the **2023 Lewis F. Powell Jr. Pro Bono Award** recipient.

He has taken pro bono cases since 1982, and over the decades has handled dozens of often lengthy and frequently difficult cases.



Events and Award Nominations



Nominate a colleague or peer for the prestigious **Harry L. Carrico Professionalism Award** created by the Criminal Law Section to recognize an individual (judge, defense attorney, prosecutor, clerk, or other citizen) who has made a singular and unique contribution to the improvement of the criminal justice system in the Commonwealth of Virginia. **Deadline: December 1, 2023.**

Nominations are now being accepted for the **William R. Rakes Leadership in Education Award**. Nominate a deserving individual from the bench, the practicing bar, or the academy before December 1, 2023. The recipient will be recognized at the 2024 Annual Meeting.

CLE



44th Annual Construction Law and Public Contracts Seminar is November 3 & 4 in Charlottesville at the Boar's Head Resort or via webcast.

If you like last minute plans, join the Construction Law Section at the beautiful Boar's Head and make a great fall weekend of it. 12.0 CLE (2 Ethics) means you're finished with CLE for 2024 before it even starts, and cross that off your New Year's Resolutions!

49th Annual Advanced Business Law

Conference: Friday, Dec. 8 and Saturday, Dec. 9. This CLE is the section's marquee event, offering 10 hours of CLE (2 hours ethics). Bank your 2024 CLE, get a year end tax deduction or two, and spend the day at the winter wonderland Reston Town Center getting your holiday shopping finished! 📺



Volunteers Sought for VSB Disciplinary Board 2024

Three volunteer attorneys and one lay member are needed to serve on the

Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board beginning on **July 1, 2024**.

Learn more about [other volunteer opportunities](#) at the VSB.

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