John R. Moore, JD ’61 passed away on October 18, 2012 at age 75. He was primarily known for his law practice on Market Street in Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, which he opened in 1964 and continued until his death. During his 50-year career, he served as District Attorney of Snyder County and solicitor of many area townships, boroughs, municipal authorities, and the Midd-West School District. Over the last 20 years he specialized in business law, real estate and estate planning. He received an AV Preeminent Peer Review Rating from Martindale-Hubbell, demonstrating the highest rating available for his legal ability and professional ethics.


Gus J. James, BCL ’66 was selected for inclusion in the 2013 edition of Best Lawyers in America for his work in Corporate Law.

Richard A. Repp, JD ’68 has retired from his teaching position at Centura College. Richard has enjoyed traveling to more than two dozen countries since his retirement with the plan to travel to many more.

Joseph Thomas Buxton III, JD ’68 has been joined by his son, G.P. Wakefield Buxton, as a manager of his Pennsylvania law firm Buxton & Buxton PC T/a Trustbuilders Law Group. Wakefield graduated from the College of William and Mary with an MBA and attended Law School at Regent school of law. He acquired his LLM from Miami. Also, Joseph’s wife, Mary Wakefield Buxton (William and Mary BA – ’70) will be publishing her 11th book this winter entitled The Private War of William Styron.

George S. Newman, JD ’70 was honored in the 2013 edition of Best Lawyers in America for his 30 years of legal assistance in the field of Immigration Law.

Kevin M. Dowd, JD ’74 was re-elected to the position of New York State Supreme Court Justice in the Sixth Judicial District.

Anita Poston, JD ’74 was named Health Care Law ‘Lawyer of the Year’ in the 2013 edition of Best Lawyers in America. She is a partner of Vandeventer Black LLP, where she co-chairs the Government Relations Committee, serves on the Practice Management Committee, and is a trustee of the firm’s retirement plan.
Lawrence G. Cumming, JD ’76 was selected for inclusion in the 2013 edition of Best Lawyers in America for his work in Real Estate Law.

R. Barrow Blackwell, JD ’77 was selected for inclusion in the 2013 edition of Best Lawyers in America for his work in Medical Malpractice Law and Personal Injury Litigation.

Beth Hopkins, JD ’77 received the Legal Scholar Award at the 2012 Women of Justice Awards, hosted by North Carolina Lawyers Weekly. She is currently the Director of Outreach at the Wake Forest School of Law. She has served as an Assistant United States Attorney in Virginia and Louisiana, an Assistant Attorney General in Virginia, an attorney at Wake Forest University, and an associate in the private law firm of Hill, Tucker, and Marsh in Richmond, Virginia.

Robert E. Smartschan, JD ’77 was selected for inclusion in the 2013 edition of Best Lawyers in America for his work in Corporate Law.

Cyrus A. Dolph IV, MLT ’77 was named in the 2012 edition of Virginia Super Lawyers under the Estate Planning & Probate, Business & Corporate, and Tax categories.

Robert A. Rapaport, JD ’79 was named in the 2012 edition of Virginia Super Lawyers under the Workers’ Compensation and Civil Litigation Defense categories.

William A. Thomas Jr., JD ’79 passed away on July 20, 2012. Billy, 58, lived in Palm Springs, California. After law school, Billy was a clerk for The Honorable Walter E. Hoffman and a prosecutor for the Virginia Beach Commonwealth’s Attorney’s Office, followed by private practices in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Andrew Edward Thurman, JD ’79 passed away on October 22, 2012. Renowned as an expert in medical ethics, he was also an educator and church deacon.

Nelson Blish, JD ’79 was awarded the Best Screenplay Award for the 2012 Metropolitan Film Festival for his screenplay, Silent Terror.

Kevin B. Connelly, JD ’80 works as Senior Counsel for the U.S. Department of the Treasury in Washington, D.C.

Ann K. Crenshaw, JD ’80 was selected for inclusion in the 2013 edition of Best Lawyers in America for her work in Real Estate Litigation and Real Estate Law.

Stan Payne, JD ’80 was named chairman of the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council. Payne began his tenure at Port Canaveral in 2004 after serving as a former deputy executive director of the Virginia Port Authority. He also serves on the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the American
Association of Port Authorities, an alliance of leading ports in the Western Hemisphere.

**Phillip A. Koss, JD ’81** was elected to the Walworth County Circuit Court after having been the longest tenured District Attorney in Walworth County, Wisconsin history.

**Georgia Carter, JD ’82** has joined the NicSource Gas Transmission & Storage leadership as Senior Vice President of Rates and Regulatory Affairs for Columbia Gas Transmission, Columbia Gulf Transmission and Crossroads Pipeline. Recently, Carter served as Deputy General Counsel for Gas Transmission and Distribution for Dominion Resources Services, Inc. Prior to that, Carter held a variety of leadership roles in the law department and marketing group of Consolidated Natural Gas Company and Dominion Resources.

![Roberta Colton, JD ’82](image)

**Roberta Colton, JD ’82** recently received the “Doug P. McClurg Professionalism Award” from the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association. The Association presents this award annually to a lawyer in recognition for his or her outstanding effectiveness in judicial proceedings through preparation, civility, and courtesy to counsel and parties and who exemplifies ethical conduct and professionalism at the highest level.

**Bruce Glendening, JD ’83** has recently moved to Williamsburg, Virginia after retiring from the Federal Aviation Administration.

**Louise A. Schmidt, JD ’83** will be retiring from her career in Federal service with the Army and will be pursuing a second career within the travel industry.

**Robert R. Church, MLT ’83** is a partner in the Harrisburg, Pennsylvania law firm of Keefer Wood Allen and Rahal, LLP where he has practiced since 1985. Bob is an elected fellow of the American College of Trusts and Estates Counsel (ALTEC) and his practice is focused on probate, trusts & Estates. Bob’s son William R. Church is his summer law clerk and is expected to join Bob’s practice in the future.

**Stuart E. Katz, MLT ’83** has retired from practicing local government for over 37 years.

**Ken Powell, MLT ’83** is a Senior Vice President and Wealth Advisor for US Trust in Richmond and has recently joined the Boards of the Richmond Symphony and the University of Richmond Law School Alumni Association.

**Gregory J. Haley ’84** was selected for inclusion in the 2013 edition of *Best Lawyers in America* for Commercial Litigation; Eminent Domain and Condemnation Law; Government Relations Practice; Land Use & Zoning Litigation; Municipal Litigation. He has also been named to the United States 2012 edition of *Super Lawyers Business Edition* for the Business Litigation category.
David S. Massey, MLT ’84 has been reappointed to a two-year term representing state securities regulators on the Financial Stability Oversight Council by the North American Securities Administrators Association. He has also served on NASAA’s Board of Directors and as Chair of the NASAA Enforcement Section.

Robert Harvey Chappell Jr., LL.D. ’84 passed away on December 1, 2012. He was 86 years of age. Chappell practiced law in Richmond for more than 50 years with Christian and Barton and served as Chairman of the firm. Mr. Chappell was closely associated with The College of William and Mary, having received a B.A. degree in 1948, a B.C.L. (later J.D) in 1950 and an honorary Legum Doctorem degree in 1984. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Omicron Delta Kappa, Order of the Coif, and Editor of the Law Review. His service to William and Mary included the Board of Visitors (1968-1976), Rector of the College (1972-1976), President of the William and Mary Law School Association (1951-1952), and President of the Society of the Alumni (1963-1964). He was the recipient of the Alumni Medallion in 1968.

Todd A. Leeson ’86 was selected for inclusion in 2013 edition of Best Lawyers in America for Employment Law-Management; Labor & Employment Litigation.

Steven F. Baicker-McKee, JD ’87 was named by Pennsylvania Super Lawyers magazine as one of the top lawyers in Pennsylvania for 2012 – a distinction only five percent of Pennsylvania lawyers achieve. Baicker-McKee was named in the environmental section of the publication. Baicker-McKee works for Babst Calland, a group of lawyers long recognized for their work by various organizations including: U.S. News & World Reports “Best Law Firms,” “Best Lawyers in America,” “Pennsylvania’s Super Lawyers.” And Chambers USA: “America’s Leading Lawyers for Business.”

Andrew Jiranek, JD ’87 has joined the Board of Directors of Alliance for Careers and Education, a non-profit business organization which is developing a secondary education program to promote Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics in Baltimore City and Baltimore County Schools. The program provides specialized instruction based on a technology platform and a tailored curriculum.

Eric I. Cantor, JD ’88 (Honorary LL.D ’11) has been re-elected as U.S. Representative for Virginia’s 7th Congressional district. Cantor has served since 2001. A member of the Republican Party, he became House Majority Leader when the 112th Congress convened on January 3, 2011.

David Watson, JD ’88 has been appointed to the Race Track Leasing Commission as a representative of the 22nd District Agricultural Association, San Diego Fair Board. He has been a partner at Duane Morris LLP since 2010. He was a partner at Hecht Solberg Robinson Goldberg and Bagley from 2002 to 2006 and from 2008 to 2010. He was Vice President of Yokohl Ranch Company LLC from 2000 to 2008. He was an attorney at Gray Cary Ware and Freidenrich from 1988 to 2002.
**Gerry F. Gray, JD ’89** was featured in CapeGazett.com that covers Delaware’s Cape Region. Gerry practices law in Georgetown, but in his spare time is a hockey player at Harrington’s Centre Ice Rink.

**W. Neal McBrayer, JD ‘89** has joined the firm of Butler, Snow, O’Mara, Stevens & Cannada in Nashville. Neal’s practice is in bankruptcy, reorganization and creditor’s rights, financial services and transportation/logistics.

**Elizabeth H. McGrail, JD ’89** Legal Director with CAIR Coalition has accepted a position as an immigration judge on the Los Angeles court and will begin this position in March.

**Douglas Young, JD ’89** was named to the SMB 150 Channel Influencers List. The SMB 150--a collaboration between SMB Nation and SMB Technology Network--is the SMB technology channel’s annual list of its 150 most influential officers. Young is the Chief Operating Officer of the ASCII Group, Inc.

**Bill VanDeWeghe, JD ’90** joined LRAD Corporations Board. VanDeWeghe, Senior Defense Industry M&A and Corporate Advisor, is a managing director at RA Capital Advisors, where he heads the firm’s defense industry team developing strategies for clients and executing all facets of M&A transactions and financings. VanDeWeghe is also is also a senior strategic advisor and independent consultant for McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP’s San Diego office, where he works with MLA’s multidisciplinary team of attorneys across the country while advising and assisting companies with corporate matters, business disputes, government contracting, and political issues. Prior to joining RA Capital Advisors in 2006, Mr. VanDeWeghe was a litigator for 15 years throughout Southern California, and served as an artillery officer on active duty in the U.S. Army from 1983-1987 followed by a position commanding a fire battery in the Virginia National Guard. He was the Republican Party nominee for U.S. Congress, 53rd Congressional District in 2002.

**Monica T. Monday, JD ’91** was selected for inclusion in the 2013 edition of *Best Lawyers in America* for Appellate Practice. She has also been named to the United States 2012 Edition of *Super Lawyers Business Edition* for the Appellate category.

**Thomas Todd Book, JD ’93** has been elected to serve a three-year term as District 8 representative on the Board of Governors of the Ohio State Bar Association and will also serve as a member of the OSBA Board of Governor’s Government Affairs committee. Book is a partner in the Portsmouth firm of Harcha, Book & Beck, LLC and a four-term member of the Ohio House of Representatives. He is also running for election this fall for the 10th District of the State Board of Education.

**Linda Jackson, JD ’94** is a partner and a seven-year member of the Executive Committee at Venable who specializes in a number of areas of employment law. She has represented clients in court at the state and federal levels and in proceedings before administrative agencies.
Jackson’s clients span a range of sectors and industries from the government contracting sector to supermarket chains, airlines, IT, telecommunications, and the health sciences.

Carla B. Hook, JD ’95 has retained her seat as the York District Representative for the Gloucester County School Board following the November 2012 Elections. Hook was unanimously appointed as the York District Representative in June of 2012.

Manesh K. Rath, JD ’95 was named in the Legal Elite Readers’ Choice List by Smart CEO Magazine. Manesh is a partner with Keller and Heckman LLP as a trial and appellate attorney.


Jeffrey William Lobb, JD ’99 was named 2012 Outstanding In-House Counsel by the Washington Metropolitan Area Corporate Counsel Association. He is currently the vice president and assistant general counsel of Choice Hotels International.

Shawri J. King-Casey, JD ’00 has received a Service Award for Public Program, “We the Jury: A View from the Box,” Young Lawyer’s Conference, Virginia State Bar, 2006. King-Casey is currently a Conflicts Attorney in Richmond Virginia. She second chaired the first prosecution in Virginia to use gang affiliation in the sentencing phase. She was a Senior Associate at former Hicks & Tymas, LLC of Richmond, VA and an Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney for the City of Richmond Virginia, 2005-2006. King-Casey Co-authored “New Supreme Court Decision Confirms Enforceability of Arbitration Clause in Employment Contracts,” Southeast Admiralty Law Institute Newsletter, February 2001.

Arnie Mason, JD ’00 is now a partner at Williams Mullen in Tyson’s Corner, Virginia.

Laura W. Rugless, JD ’00 has been named executive director of equity and access in the Department of Human Resources at Virginia Tech. In her new position, Rugless will lead the university's efforts to foster an inclusive, discrimination/harassment-free environment for all employees. She will direct the university's affirmative action efforts, compliance and conflict resolution programs, and be responsible for the university's employee relations program.

LTC Karin G. Tackaberry, JD ’00 passed away on October 30, 2012 at age 40. She was commissioned as a Transportation Officer in 1994 from the United States Military Academy. After graduating from William and Mary, she served as a legal assistance attorney, operational law attorney, and the Chief of Administrative Law for the 82d Airborne Division. She then became Trial Counsel and Officer-In Charge of the Giessen Legal Center with the 1st Armored Division. After that, she was assigned to the XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg as a claims attorney, trial counsel, and senior trial counsel. After the Judge Advocate Graduate Course, she served as Brigade Legal Observer/Controller/Trainer at the Joint Multinational Readiness
Center in Hohenfels, Germany, and finally as a Circuit Judge with the Trial Judiciary, 2nd Judicial Circuit, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

Erin Manahan Alkire, JD ’01 has recently been appointed to the Cincinnati Bar Association Board of Trustees. Alkire is an attorney with GE Aviation.

Jonathan B. Reed, JD ’01 was selected for inclusion in the 2013 edition of Best Lawyers in America for his work in Corporate Law.

Lacrecia G. Cade, JD ’02 has been selected to serve on the 2012-2013 United Way Young Professional Leaders Advisory Board. Members of this board are professional leaders under the age of 40 who share a passion for community involvement and philanthropy, and who have a strong drive to make a positive impact in the Atlanta area. Lacrecia, along with the other 29 board members, will support the community’s goals for education in metro Atlanta to ensure children enter school ready to learn and graduate prepared for careers.

Harmon ‘Monty’ Cooper, JD ’04 has recently been appointed as Chairman of the Redevelopment Authority for Prince George’s County.

William Lamberth, JD ’04 has captured a seat in the Tennessee House of Representatives after winning two-thirds vote in the Central Tennessee District. Lamberth is the first Republican to win his Tennessee House District since 1972. Lamberth has served as an Assistant District Attorney in Summer County since 2005 and has been actively involved in the community since graduation, serving as President of the Sumner County Bar Association, Chairman of the Portland Community Education Foundation, and President of the local Rotary Club.

Bradley J. Wyatt, JD ’04 is a member in Dickinson Wright PLLC’s office in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He is listed in Michigan Super Lawyers as a ‘Rising Star’ for Business/Corporate. He focuses his practice in the areas of corporate, corporate finance, corporate governance, mergers and acquisitions, private equity, and securities.

Melanie Friend, JD ’06 was named CowanGates’ newest partner.

Courtney Svajian, JD ’07 and her husband Steve Svajian had a daughter; Mabel Laura Svajian was born October 20, 2012.

Christopher Toepp, JD ’07 After 5 years in public service to the Commonwealth of Virginia, Christopher Toepp (JD ’07) has joined the law firm of Allen, Allen, Allen & Allen. Working most recently as a murder prosecutor for the City of Richmond’s Commonwealth’s Attorney’s Office, while in law school Chris clerked for the U.S. Attorney’s Office in the North District of New York, the District of Nevada (Las Vegas), and the Eastern District of Virginia. Chris and wife Alison (JD ’07) reside in Richmond with their daughter Kensington.
Jeff Bourne, JD ’07 was recently elected to the Richmond School Board. Jeff is a community leader who has helped bring together the private sector, the faith community, and government to help parents shape better futures for their children. He works as Deputy Chief of Staff for Richmond's Mayor, where has helped expand housing opportunities for families in Richmond. He led the City's count in the most recent census, which helped increase funding for Richmond's public schools.

Megan Alexander, JD ’08 married Chas Hodapp on September 29, 2012. She now goes by the name Megan Alexander Hodapp.

Thomas William Bruno, JD ’08 was presented the 2012 Benjamin Rice Lacy IV Pro Bono Clearinghouse Volunteer of the Year Award for providing pro bono service to the nonprofit group Family Healing Place for Veterans.

Amy Markopoulos, JD ’08 married Michael Glick, Esq. on October 20, 2012.

Katie Burroughs Medearis, JD ’08 started working as an Assistant United States Attorney on October 2012. She is a member of the Narcotics and Organized Crime and Drug Trafficking Unit in the Northern District of California.

Kerry Loughman, JD ’09 had a son, Max Gunnar Adams, born on September 20, 2012.

Rich Mallory, JD ’09 and his wife Sarah Hall Mallory had a son; Harrison Marshall Mallory was born October 19, 2012.

William C. Smith, Jr., JD ’09 has joined The College of William and Mary Middle Passage Project 1619 Initiative Advisory Committee. He is an attorney and presidential appointee serving at the Department of Homeland Security as a Director of the Homeland Security Advisory Council in Washington, D.C.

Elyse Simmerman, JD ’10 is now a Project Manager/Consultant for Epic Systems in Verona, Wisconsin.

Fitz Beckwith Collings, JD ’11 joined Sidley Austin’s DC office in September 2012.

Nicholas V. Cumings, JD ’11 joined Cochran and Owen Law Firm where he focuses on commercial and business litigation. Before joining the firm, he clerked for the honorable Michael F. Devine of the Fairfax Circuit Court. Nick is an active member of the Fairfax Bar Association, and is a member of Young Lawyers.

Joseph Burres Allen, JD ’12 has been hired as an associate attorney by Hartman Underhill & Brubaker. His practice focuses on business, finance, securities, and tax matters.
Amanda DeBerry, JD ’12 has been hired as an associate attorney by the Alexander Law Group in Richmond, Virginia.

Eliza Pope, JD ’12 passed away on October 8, 2012 at age 28. While fighting her illness, she graduated on May 13, 2012, with a Juris Doctor degree, becoming the third generation in her family to attend the law school. Eliza will always be remembered for her quick wit, kindness to children and skills as a great chef and painter. In recognition of her academic achievement and leadership, she was inducted into the Order of Gownsmen while at Sewanee. After serving as a paralegal, she entered the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William & Mary.

Erin Deal, JD ’12 has joined Kaufman and Canoles in their Williamsburg office where she practices commercial law.

Brittany Lee-Richardson, JD ’12 won first place in the Georgia State University Intellectual Property writing competition. As part of her prize, she was invited to present her paper at the 2012 Corporate Intellectual Property Institute in Atlanta several weeks ago. Brittany wrote the paper under the supervision of Professor Trotter Hardy.