William & Mary Law School Summer Class Notes 2015



J. Rodney Johnson '67 a member of the William & Mary faculty from 1967-1970 has passed away. Johnson was the valedictorian of his graduating JD class at William & Mary. An expert in the fields of trusts and estates he helped write Virginia's Unified Probate Code to modernize probate procedures. Of particular importance was the change Johnson helped author to aid surviving widows in inheritance. Johnson also drafted more than 10,000 pro bono wills in his lifetime and was deeply involved in the work of his Baptist church.

John R. Maus '73 with the Law Office of John R. Maus in Louisa, has been named as one of the 2015 "Leaders in the Law" by the Virginia Lawyers Weekly that recognizes lawyers across the commonwealth who are setting the standard for other lawyers in Virginia for changing the law, serving the community, changing practice or improving Virginia's justice system, among other accomplishments.





William L. Stauffer Jr., '74 with Williams Mullen in Newport News has been named as one of the 2015 "Leaders in the Law" by the Virginia Lawyers Weekly. The publication recognizes lawyers across the Commonwealth who are setting the standard for other lawyers in Virginia for changing the law, serving the community, changing practice or improving Virginia's justice system, among other accomplishments.

Sharon E. Pandak, '78 was appointed to Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe's administration on July 17, 2015. Appointed to the Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council, Pandak will join McAuliffe's administration to focus on finding common ground with members of both parties on issues that will build a new Virginia economy and create more jobs across the Commonwealth. Sharon was also just named as one of the "Leaders in Law" by the *Virginia Lawyers Weekly* for setting the standard for other lawyers in Virginia.





Kenneth C. Leonard '76 passed away on August 15, 2015 in his home after a long and courageous fight with cancer, at the age of 63. In law school Ken, served as managing editor of the William & Mary Law Review. Ken worked as a trademark and intellectual property attorney at Cooper & Dunham LLP and until 2010 served as in-house intellectual property counsel at the consumer products companies General Foods Corporation, Chesebrough-Ponds, Inc., and Unilever United States, Inc.

Patrick McDermott '77 was elected as vice chairman of the Virginia Symphony's Board of Directors for the 2016 fiscal year. McDermott has served on the board since 2012, and has previously served on the board of myriad organizations including the Center for Excellence in Aging and Geriatric Health, The Hampton-Newport News Community Services Board, Peninsula Agency on Aging Foundation, Hampton Public Library Foundation, and the Hampton Roads chapter of the American Red Cross.





Renae Reed Patrick '81 has been named one of Virginia Lawyers Weekly's *Influential Women of Virginia*. The award recognizes the recipient's outstanding efforts in the field of law and to those making outstanding contributions to the community at large. Patton works for Blue Ridge Legal Service, Inc. in Winchester, Virginia. Patrick has devoted her career to serving the poor as a legal aid attorney and been an active and enthusiastic volunteer for advocacy organizations throughout the state.

Douglas L. Fleming Jr. '82 was sworn in August 12, 2015 as a Judge in the 20th circuit of Virginia. Fleming assumed the post in early July when the funding became available for a fourth judge on the circuit. At his investiture presiding Judge Burke F. McCahill praised Fleming for his great legal mind and his integrity. Other speakers identified his honesty, humility, and unparalleled sense of fairness as the important traits he will bring with him to the bench.





Timothy P. Dillon '82 received an appointment to the Los Angeles County Superior Court from California Governor Edmund G. Brown on July 16, 2015. Dillon has been in private practice in Los Angeles, California since 2000.

James Holahan '83 was recently named the Best Lawyers' 2016 Rochester Litigation- Labor and Employment "Lawyer of the year." Only one lawyer in a practice area is recognized a year. As an employment and labor law attorney for the firm of Bond, Schoeneck & King LLP Holahan has represented the full gamut of private and public sector clients.





Michael Garrett '84 was sworn in as Amherst County Circuit Court judge on July 2, 2015. Moving from the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, a post he assumed in 2005, Garret also brings his prior experience as an assistant Amherst County Prosecutor.

Paula Sue Caplinger '86 received the 2015 Traver Scholar Award in March. This award is presented by the Virginia Bar Association and Virginia Continuing Legal Education to one real estate attorney each year who has made significant contributions to Virginia's continuing legal education.



Angela Horan '86 was recently appointed as judge on the Prince William County district court starting July 1. Horan who served as Prince William County Attorney for the past 6 years, is also marking her 29th year working in the office. To Horan this promotion has been a long time goal and a dream come true.





Donna Schewel Clark '90 died peacefully at her home May 8th after a brief illness. After earning her law degree at William and Mary she practiced law in Lynchburg, Virginia for the firm of Davidson and Sakolosky. She then worked for her family business the Schewel Furniture Corporation. Donna volunteered with

the YMCA Domestic Violence Prevention program and the Virginia Legal Aid Society.

Timothy Hughes '91 has been named by his peers to the 2016 *Best Lawyers in Americal* which, since its publication began in 1983 has been considered a singular peer-reviewed honor. Hughes was recognized for his distinguished legal work in the area of Construction Law and Litigation for the firm of Bean Kinney & Korman.

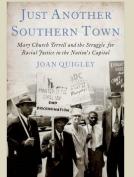




Stephanie Maddox '91 will become a General District Court judge in Lynchburg. Stephanie has served as Amherst County Commonwealth's Attorney since 2005 and was up for re-election this year before the General Assembly recently appointed her to the judgeship



Laura van der Meer '91 has been elected partner at the international law firm, Kelley Drye & Warren. Based in the firm's Brussels office, Laura has over twenty years' experience in international trade advocacy and regulatory compliance with significant experience in the food and drug, consumer products, agricultural biotechnology, chemicals, entertainment and animals sectors.



Joan Ellen Quigley '91 is an author and her non-fiction book about the civil rights movement is slated to release on February 1, 2016. Some of Joan's other books include: What does Joan Say? My Seven Years as White House Astrologer to Nancy and Ronald Reagan and The Day the Earth Caved In: An American Mining Tragedy.

Laura O'Leary '92 was promoted to firm Member at the Dallas law firm of Fanning Harper Martinson Brandt & Kutchin. O'Leary's practice focuses on local government law, school law, employment law, civil rights, and appellate law.

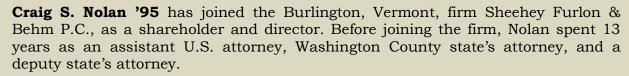




Ruth Nathanson Greene '92 and her husband, Brian Greene, received the President's Award at the May 28 joint annual meeting of the Jewish Community Federation of Richmond and the Richmond Jewish Federation. The Greenes received the award for their leadership in the Jewish community. Ruth Greene practices at GreeneHurlocker primarily in the areas of workman's compensation and general litigation.



Patricia E. Roberts '92 has been named by *Virginia Lawyers Weekly* as one of the 2015 Influential Women of Virginia, honoring high-achieving women across the commonwealth. Patty teaches critical legal skills to law students at William & Mary Law School and helps put those skills to work for our military veterans at the nationally recognized legal clinic.







Brenda Oliver '97 was elected Of Counsel to Fragomen Wordwide, the leading provider of global immigration services, July 1, 2015. Through her work with Fragomen Wordwide, Oliver counsels a range of companies to facilitate transfers of high-level and special skilled employees to the U.S., and she also provides advice to clients on obtaining permanent residency. She is also the former Chair of the D.C. Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association.

Joshua P. Stump '97 joined the firm of Buckley Law PC as a shareholder on June 1, 2015. As part of Buckley's Litigation Group, Stump will focus his practice on matters involving business and commercial litigation, intellectual property, shareholder disputes, real estate litigation, employment litigation, product liability, mass-tort and sports law.





Roderick Ingram '97 is the 2015-2016 President of the Local Government Attorneys of Virginia. Ingram also currently serves as the Deputy City Attorney, City of Virginia Beach.

Daniel Graham '01 has joined the firm of Vinson & Elkins as a partner in the firms Washington, D. C. Office, where he will help lead V&E's Government Contracts team. A veteran litigator, Graham joins V&E from Wiley Rein LLP where he handled litigation for clients across a broad section of industry. Before embarking in private practice Graham served as a law clerk for Judge D. Brooks Smith of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and for US Court of Federal Claims Judge Christine Odell Cook Miller.





Shawn K. Leppo '02 has co-authored an ariticle in the *Metropolitan Corporate Counsel* publication "<u>Welcome Fallout from the Smartphone Wars</u>" Shawn is with the law firm of McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC and a member in the Intellectual Property group in the Harrisburg, PA office



Sarah V. Toraason '02 is now with the law firm of Burdette & Rice in Dallas, Texas that specializes in probate litigation under Texas law. Sarah's practice area will be in probate, trust, and estate litigation. Previously Sarah was with the law firm of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher of Dallas and clerked for the US Distric Court of the Eastern District of Virginia after graduation and also served as a law clerk for the US Court of Appeals of the Fifth Circuit in Austin, Texas.

Derek Andreson '03 has joined the firm of Winston & Strawn LLP in Washington, D.C., as a partner. Andreson's practice focuses on corporate and internal investigations, white-collar defense, and SEC enforcement actions. From 2005 to 2009, he served as an Assitant U.S. Attorney in the Eastern District of Virginia, working for the Financial Fraud and Public Corruption Unit.





Lindsey A. Carney '04 has been named one of Virginia Lawyers Weekly's *Influential Women of Virginia*. The award recognizes the recipient's outstanding efforts in the field of law and to those making outstanding contributions to the community at large. Carney works as a business and real estate attorney for the firm of Patten, Wornom, Hatten and Diamonstein in Newport News, Virginia and also chairs the board of LINK of Hampton roads a group working to fight poverty on the Greater Virginia Peninsula.



Kimberly Moore Urbanchuk '05 became the Director, Ethics and Compliance, of Airbus Defense and Space in Herndon, Virginia in June 2015. She married Jeff Urbanchuk in March of 2014.

Ian M. Ralby '05, founder and Executive Director of I.R. Consilium, LTD., is now a consultant for the United Nations as an expert on maritime law and security. At the Africa Center for Strategic Studies, Ralby's work helps provide strategic direction to the US Africa Command (AFRICOM). Ralby is also considered a "Key Opinion Fomer on Maritime Security" at NATO and will be one of the main speakers at NATO's annual conference on maritime law in Lisbon, Portugal, in the autumn of 2015. He was also recently named Adjunct Professor of Maritime Law and Security at the U.S. Department of Defense Africa Center for Strategic Studies at National Defense University.





Sarah K. Baker '06 was named to the National LGBT Bar Association Best Lawyers under 40 June 22, 2015. Selected by the National LGBT Bar Association, all the honorees have distinguished themselves in their firld and have demonstrated a profound commitment to LGBT equality. Baker practices in the Chicago office of Quarles & Brady, LLP for the Restructuring, Bankruptcy, & Creditors' Rights Practice Group.

Melissa Daniel Lu '06 was honored for her work with Dalton-Whitfield Archway Partnership on February 10, 2015. The Dalton-Whitfiled Archway Partnership is a community and economic development program administed and supported by the University of Georgia. Lu works with local leaders to identify community needs and facilitate problem-solving and goal setting.



Georges Nabwangu '06 persued a non-legal career in finance after leaving William and Mary, and now works in San Diego, California, for BioMed Realty Trust Inc., the leading provider of real estate solutions to the life science community. Nabwangu develops the Structured Finance platform.



David H. Galeski '08 has joined the firm of Duane, Hauck, Davis & Gravatt, P.C. in Richmond, Virginia. David will practice in the area of litigation focusing on insurance defense, personal injury law, and criminal defense.

Rica Calhoun '11 has been named the University Counsel for Western Illinois University. In her new role, Calhoun will serve as the University's Freedom of Information Act Officer and Ethics Officer and will also represent the University in all legal matters involving external admistrative agencies. Calhoun has served as assistant director of Equal Opportunity and Access for Western Illinois since June 2011.



Rebecca Sandler Tucker '11 and her husband Adam are thrilled to announce the arrival of their daughter, Caroline Marie Tucker, on July 6, 2015.



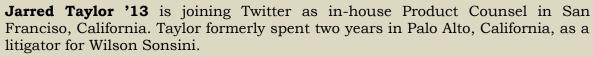
Garrett Trego '12 has joined the firm of Manko, Gold, Katcher and Fox where he will concentrate his practice on environmental litigation. Trego had been practicing as a member of Drinker, Biddle & Reath's Commercial Litigation Group where he focused his practice in complex commercial litigation. Trego was editor of the Environmental Law and Policy review while in school and served on the board of the Public Service Fund.

Stevie Fitzgerald '13 co-authored a book, *Business and Legal Forms for Authors and Self-Publishers*, with Tad Crawford and Michael Gross which was published June 2, 2015. Fitzgerald works as a staff attorney for The Authors Guild in New York City since 2013 where she advises authors in all aspects of publishing law.





Ashley Heilprin J.D., MPP '13 recently became an associate in the New Orleans office of Phelps Dunbar. Heilprin will practice in the area of commercial litigation







Adam Prestidge '14 was recently published in *Hastings Business Law Journal* (2015) for his article, "Activist Compensation of Board Nominees & the Middle Ground Response." Prestidge has previously been published in *William and Mary Law Review* (2015) and *Harvard Law Review* (2011). He is currently an Associate at Debevoise & Plimpton in New York City.