



William & Mary Law School 2016 Winter Class Notes



Owen A. Knopping, '64, passed away on Tuesday, October 20th. Knopping was a partner at Fox Rothschild and he served as co-chair of the federal tax controversy and litigation practice group.

Hon. LeRoy F. Millette, Jr., '71, has recently retired after serving as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia for the last seven years. Millette has served at every level of Virginia's judicial system before becoming a Justice. Justice Millette is now dedicating his time to The McCammon Group where he will use his mediation skills to benefit the people of Virginia.



Tom Reavely, '71, was recently recognized by Great Plains Super Lawyers 2015 in the area of Personal Injury General: Plaintiff. He was also selected as a member of the "The Best Lawyers in America 2016" list in the area of Personal Injury Litigation—Plaintiffs.

Michael Wayne Cannaday, '73, passed away peacefully on September 26, 2015. Cannaday practiced law for forty-two years and was a member of the Virginia State Bar. He also served as president of the Martinsville-Henry Country Bar Association and is said to have embodied "The spirit of service, good humor, and the outgoing personality."





Thomas K. Norment, '73, recently won re-election to the Virginia State Senate. He represents the third senatorial district. Norment is currently the Senate Majority Leader.

Hon. Clifford Weckstein, '74, a circuit court judge in the Roanoke Valley region, recently retired after serving as a judge for nearly the last thirty years. Weckstein served as chairman of the judicial education committee of the Judicial Conference of Virginia. In addition to this, he was a member of the Virginia State Bar's standing committee on professionalism.



James E. Cornwell, '74, was named to both the 2015 Roanoke Business Legal Elite and the 2015 Virginia Business Legal Elite for environmental law. Cornwell is a shareholder at the firm Sands Anderson PC.

Colon H. Whitehurst, '79, passed away peacefully on December 18, 2015 with his family by his side. Whitehurst served as a judge to the Chesapeake General District Court for twenty-one years.

Donald R. Wolthuis, '80, a federal prosecutor, was recently inducted as a fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Wolthuis has been an assistant U.S. attorney in the Western District of Virginia since 1990. He is currently Senior Litigation Counsel and the lead attorney for the Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force.



Stephen R. Davis, '87, an attorney at Willcox Savage, made "The Best Lawyers in America 2016" list.

William M. Furr, '88, an attorney at Willcox Savage, made "The Best Lawyers in America 2016" list.





David H. Sump, '88, an attorney at Willcox Savage, made “The Best Lawyers in America 2016” list.

Patricia Miller, '88, was promoted to chief of the Special Federal Litigation Division of New York City’s Law Department. For the last four years, Miller worked as deputy chief of the division. She is also currently an adjunct professor at the Fordham University School of Law.



Christopher A. Abel, '90, an attorney at Willcox Savage, made “The Best Lawyers in America 2016” list.

Monica T. Monday, '91, was elected as a fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers. Monday is also a managing partner of Gentry Locke in Roanoke.



Susan R. Blackman, '95, an attorney at Willcox Savage, made “The Best Lawyers in America 2016” list.

Hon. Erin Masson Wirth, '95, was recently elected as president of the Federal Administrative Law Judges Conference (FALJC) for the 2015-2016 year. FALJC is the oldest professional association for federal Administrative Law Judges.



Jennifer T. Wexton, '95, recently won re-election to the Virginia State Senate. Wexton currently represents Virginia’s thirty-third district.

Alisa Cleek, '96, recently joined the firm Taylor English Duma. Cleek specializes in representing management in employment litigation. She has nearly twenty years of experience in labor and employment law. Before joining Taylor English Duma LLP, she was a partner in Elarbee, Thompson, Sapp & Wilson.



Ryan McDougle, '96, recently won re-election to the Virginia State Senate. McDougle represents Virginia's fourth district.

J. G. Kemper, '96, recently released an album titled "Summer Plans" with **Kara Lorraine McGehee '92**, who is also an alumna. Their album is currently available on iTunes.



Gurbir Grewal, '99, who has prosecuted major white-collar crimes for the U.S. Attorney's Office, will be appointed as acting Bergen County prosecutor.

Kevin O'Neill, '99, is currently employed as a partner at Arnold & Porter, a law and lobby firm. Prior to working at Arnold & Porter, O'Neill was employed as a partner at Squire Patton Boggs.



Carrie Hunt, '00, has been promoted to executive vice president of government affairs and general counsel at the National Association of Federal Credit Unions. In 2012, Hunt was named one of the Credit Union Times Women to Watch.

Bill Ruhling, '00, recently joined DiMuroGinsburg PC, a firm located in Alexandria, Virginia. Ruhling also serves the United States in the United States Army Reserves as a Lieutenant Colonel in the Judge Advocate General's Corps.



Toyja E. Kelley, Sr., '01, was elected Second Vice President of the Voice of the Defense Bar (DRI). DRI is 22,000 members strong and is one of the three most prominent professional organizations for attorneys in the country and the largest organization to exclusively represent defense attorneys. Kelley is in light to become president of DRI in 2018.

Michael E. Lacy, '02, was named head of Troutman's financial business litigation group.



Kara Lorraine McGehee, '02, recently released an album titled "Summer Plans" with J.G. Kemper, who is also a fellow alumnus. Their album is currently available on iTunes.

Harmon L. Cooper, '04, has graduated from the "Leadership Maryland" program. Cooper is also currently employed as an associate at Sedgwick LLP.



Vanessa Mercurio Szajnoga, '05, will assume the position of Vice President, Legal of Liberty Tax, Inc., and General Counsel for Liberty Tax Services. Szajnoga has worked for Liberty Tax Services for the past eleven years.

Jason. S. Miyares, '05, was recently elected to the Virginia House of Delegates. Miyares will represent Virginia's eighty-second district.





Megan Ann Wotherspoon, '06, was elected to partner at K+L Gates LLP on March 15. Wotherspoon practices primarily in the areas of business and corporate law. She also recently welcomed her second child, Katherine, into the world in July of 2015.

Sarah Brooke Armstrong, '06, was promoted to Group Senior Regional Counsel at AIA Company Limited. She currently covers Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand, Philippines, and Vietnam for her work.



Doug Bunch, '06, was elected partner at Cohen Milstein on November 19, 2015. Bunch specializes in Securities Fraud and Investor Protection.

J. Stephen Feinour, Jr., '06, has recently been elected as partner of his firm, Stradley Ronon. Feinour practices out of their Philadelphia office and he focuses his practice on counseling investment companies and investment advisors.



Jeff M. Bourne, '07, third district representative, was recently elected to serve as the chairman of the Richmond School Board. Bourne also works in the Attorney General's Office as the deputy attorney general for transportation, real estate and land use and construction litigation.

Julie Webb, '07, married Laura J. Christman on September 5, 2015. Webb also was elected to partnership at Locke Lord LLP, where she has been practicing since her graduation.





Stephen Cobb, '07, was recently appointed to Senior Advisor to Michelle Lee, Undersecretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO). Prior to this position, Cobb served as counsel in Miles & Miles Stockbridge's Tysons Corner office.

Cabell Clay, '08, was recently made a partner at Moore & Van Allen, PLLC.



Sarah Fulton Hutchins, '08, was elected as a partner for the Charlotte law firm, Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein, LLP. "North Carolina Super Lawyers" awarded Hutchins with the Rising Star award in the field of business litigation.

Brandon S. Harter, '09, was recently employed as an associate attorney at Nikolaus & Hohenadel. Harter worked at Hartman Underhill & Brubaker prior to his change in employment.



Chris Rey, '10, recently announced his intention to run against Senator Richard Burr for the Democratic nomination. Rey is currently mayor of Spring Lake and he is a decorated veteran.

Stephanie L. Sikora, '10, and her husband, Jesse West-Rosenthal, welcomed their first child, Olive Adele Sikora West, on August 9, 2015.





Brandon Lee Boxler, '11, recently joined the firm Gibson Dunn in September of 2015. Before joining Gibson Dunn, Boxler was employed at the firm Arnold & Porter.

Andrea Nixon Wilson, '12, married George Stephen Wilson II in September of 2015. Mrs. Wilson is currently an associate at Alston & Bird, where she specializes in real estate finance.



Arya Hariharan, '12, has been made the new legislative director and senior legislative counsel for Representative Hank Johnson. Hariharan also sits on the Armed Services Committee.

Stephanie L. Latimer, '12, has joined Rodey, Dickason, Sloan, Akin, & Robb PA as an associate in the litigation department. Latimer currently works in the Albuquerque office.



Renee and James Phillips-Farley, '13, were married on June 27, 2015. Mrs. Phillips-Farley currently works in the Baltimore County Office of Law and Mr. Phillips-Farley currently works in the office of the general council at the Baltimore City Department of Public Works.

Jay and Bonnie Mangold, '13, both founded a new board for the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC. The board recently held its first meeting on September 22. The goal of the board is to keep young doctors in Pittsburgh and it plans to do so through providing research grants.





Zac Jungers, '13, was recently appointed as the new Sales Manager for Alba Americas. Alba is one of the largest aluminum smelters in the world. Jungers will oversee the growth and development of the American market.

Lauren Friedrich, '14, was recently named an associate attorney for Carney, Kelehan, Bresler, Bennett & Scherr LLP. In her new position, Friedrich will advise Maryland school systems and construction companies.



Matthew Finley, '14, was recently appointed to the staff of the Chester County District Attorney's Office. Finley was previously employed as a prosecutor in Virginia.

Kelly L. Martin, '15, was recently hired as an associate attorney for McNeas Wallace & Nurick LLC. Martin focuses on commercial real estate matters.



Blake R. Christopher, '15, was recently added to the firm Vandeventer Black LLP. Christopher will be focusing on construction and government contract matters.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LAW SCHOOL FACULTY AND STAFF



Angela Banks gave the address at a naturalization ceremony, which was held on December 17 at the House of Burgesses in Colonial Williamsburg. The event was sponsored by the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. See the article here:

<http://www.vagazette.com/news/va-vg-cw-naturalization-1217-story.html>

Aaron Bruhl was elected to the AALS Legislation Section Executive Committee during the recent AALS Annual Meeting.



Elizabeth Cavallari and her husband, Austin Ziltz, report the happy news that Jonah Cavallari Ziltz was born on January 2 at 7:25 p.m. Jonah was 7 lbs., 12 oz., and 20 inches long.

Michael Green was interviewed on WRVA's Jimmy Barrett show about the legality of the President's executive action regulating firearms. Listen to the interview here:

<http://1140wrva.iheart.com/media/play/26620889/>



Tara Grove's article, "The Lost History of the Political Question Doctrine," was published in the New York University Law Review. Here is the link to the article:

<http://www.nyulawreview.org/issues/volume-90-number-6/lost-history-political-question-doctrine>

Vivian Hamilton shares the wonderful news that she married Daniel Santos on December 12. She, Daniel, Cole, and Lola (along with Caesar the dog) are currently living in Newport News.

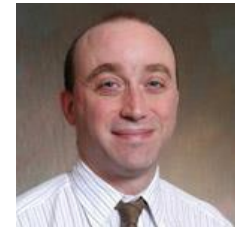


Laura Heymann presented "Naming and (Re)Claiming" at the Annual Meeting of the American Name Society, held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Linguistic Society of America. Her remarks during the organization's selection process for the 2015 Name of the Year were quoted by TIME magazine.

Here is the link to the meeting

<http://www.linguisticsociety.org/sites/default/files/LSA%202016%20Annual%20Meeting%20Handbook.pdf> and here is the link to the Time magazine quote <http://time.com/4173271/caitlyn-jenner-name-of-the-year/>.

Eric Kades attended a roundtable on Law, Economics, and Inequality, held December 11-12 in NYC. The round table featured law professors and economists from Yale, Cornell, and Duke.



Alli Larsen was quoted by the Wall Street Journal in an article analyzing the constitutionality of the President's executive action relating to firearms regulation. Read the article here:

<http://blogs.wsj.com/washwire/2016/01/05/obamas-gun-moves-a-legal-assessment/>

Linda Malone has agreed to prepare the report supporting a resolution by the ABA calling for the abolition of the death penalty. The resolution is to be presented at the ABA's mid-year meeting in February.





Paul Marcus's essay, "Combating Corruption in the United States," was published in Portuguese in the Revista Eletrônica de Direito Penal & Política Criminal, a publication of the Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul in Brazil. The piece, translated by the university's criminal justice center, is based on a talk that Paul gave to Brazilian federal judges and law professors in the fall. Read the article here: <http://seer.ufrgs.br/index.php/redppc/article/view/61299>



David Morrill will be the co-editor of the latest in a series of Arthur Conan Doyle manuscripts and scholarship, to be published by Wessex Press. The volume will focus on the Sherlock Holmes story "The Dancing Men."

Patty Roberts was selected in November as part of the Virginia Law Foundation's 2016 Class of Fellows, a group of 30 Virginia lawyers, law professors, and retired judge recognized for their legal excellence and community involvement. Read the article here: <http://valawyersweekly.com/2015/11/10/law-foundation-taps-30-for-class-of-2016/>



Patty also participated on a panel titled "The Interplay of Legal and Medical Issues Involving Veterans" at the ABA's Washington Health Law Summit, held in Washington, D.C., on December 7. Patty was a guest of Congressman Rob Wittman's on the John Fredericks Morning Radio Show on December 30 to talk about the Puller Clinic. Read about the panel here: <http://www.probono.net/calendar/event.582333-The-Interplay-of-Legal-and-Medical-Issues-Involving-Veterans>



James Stern has been invited to present at a conference at the University of Chicago this spring and a conference organized by

James Penner at the National University of Singapore this summer.

James will also present a work in progress, "Intellectual Property and the Myth of Nonrivalry," at American University later this spring. He presented the same piece at the Federalist Society's annual faculty conference earlier this month, where he also spoke on a panel on income inequality and rent-seeking. Read about the conference here: <http://www.fed-soc.org/events/detail/18th-annual-faculty-conference>

James also reports that the Supreme Court has agreed to hear *Stryker v. Zimmer*, a patent case in which he has been working with counsel, with argument scheduled for late February. Read the article here: <http://www.scotusblog.com/case-files/cases/stryker-corp-v-zimmer-inc/>

Jen Stevenson traveled to Shanghai in December to meet with prospective students, alumni, and academic partners. She gave lectures to faculty and students at Fudan University and the Shanghai University of Politics and Law on "Recent Developments in U.S. Legal Education" as well as visited East China University of Politics and Law.

