



## William & Mary Law School 2016 Fall Class Notes

**Martin “Art” Walsh ’73** was formally honored and presented JDRF’s 2016 Rapaport Lifetime Service Award at the organization’s 16<sup>th</sup> annual Hope Gala, recognizing his efforts in raising over \$1.1 million for JDRF, the leading global organization funding type 1 diabetes research. Walsh raised the money by organizing an annual golf outing for the last 19 years, in tribute to his brother who passed away from type 1 diabetes complications. Walsh is a shareholder of Walsh, Colucci, Lubely & Walsh, a mid-size law firm specializing in land use and zoning, real estate transactions, land use litigation, and condemnation.



**David Canfield ’76** was recognized as one of Virginia Lawyers Media’s 2016 “Leaders in the Law” at a reception at the John Marshall Hotel in Richmond on October 27. Canfield is a shareholder of Bean Kinney & Korman, with practice concentrations in business organizations and transactions, commercial real estate and financing.

The Honorable **Charles A. Stampelos ’76** has served as a U.S. Magistrate Judge since April, 2012.



**Jeffrey L. Mincks ’78** was awarded the Edward J. Finnegan Award for Distinguished Service by the Local Government Attorneys of Virginia, Inc., recognizing Mincks’ significant and sustained contributions to Virginia local government law and the LGA. Mincks is the first person to receive both the Finnegan Award and the LGA’s Cherin Award, which he received in 1997 for his outstanding service as an assistant county attorney. Mincks has served in the Office of the Chesterfield County Attorney for 36 years, is a legal education presenter, and trains a variety of local government employees, law enforcement personnel, and local elected officials.

**Jay Porter ’78** was included on the 2017 Ohio Super Lawyers List. *Super Lawyers Magazine* distinguishes the top five percent of attorneys in Ohio in more than 70 practice areas, and recognizes those who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement as Super Lawyers.

Neil V. Birkhoff '80 will be teaching "Taxation of Business Entities" at the Washington & Lee University Williams School of Commerce during the Fall 2016 semester, and "Non-Profit Organizations" at the Washington & Lee University School of Law during the Spring 2017 semester. Birkhoff has been an Adjunct Professor of Law at Washington & Lee since 2007. He is currently a principal with Woods Rogers PLC in Roanoke, Virginia, the Chair of the Tax & Estate Planning Group at Woods Rogers, and a Fellow of the American College of Tax Counsel.



Michael Garvin '84 was included on the 2017 Ohio Super Lawyers List. *Super Lawyers Magazine* distinguishes the top five percent of attorneys in Ohio in more than 70 practice areas, and recognizes those who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement as Super Lawyers.



Kristina K. Spitler '88 was recognized as one of Virginia Lawyers Media's 2016 "Leaders in the Law" at a reception at the John Marshall Hotel in Richmond on October 27. Spitler is an attorney at Vanderpool, Frostick & Nashanian, where her primary practice areas include municipal law, employment law, and civil litigation.

Amy R. Kreisler '95 was appointed to the Board of Directors for RPC, Inc. Kreisler is a Trustee on The Lovett School Board of Trustees and also serves on the Executive Committee, a Trustee on the George West Mental Health Foundation, a Trustee on the Skyland Trail Board of Trustees where she is also the Chairman of the Governance Committee, an Executive Director of the O. Wayne Rollins Foundation, and a former attorney of the law firm Arnall Golden Gregory LLP.



Kimberly R. Van Essendelft '96 was promoted to Assistant Dean of Student Affairs at Regent University School of Law, where she also serves as Principal Lecturer, teaching Legal Analysis, Research & Writing I & II, and Appellate Advocacy.

**Christopher Leibig '96** is a novelist, whose latest mystery “Almost Mortal” was released in May. “Almost Mortal” is a crime novel featuring a public defender who plans to help a priest prevent a confessed murderer from committing another serial killing. It received the 2016 Next Generation Indie Book Award for “Best Religious Fiction,” and has been submitted for competition for the National Book Award and the Chanticleer Book Award for 2016. Leibig is listed as one of the top 20 criminal attorneys in the country, and has defended 13 murder cases in his criminal practice. Leibig is also a popular lecturer on American law around the world.

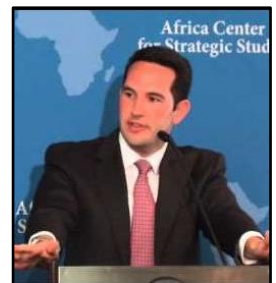


**Gregory P. Bergethon '00** joined the law firm of Sands Anderson PC. Bergethon serves regional, national, and international clients structuring and implementing various mergers, acquisitions, tax plans, and regulated offerings. Bergethon is also an adjunct professor at Regent University School of Law, regularly serves as a guest lecturer for various groups, and is involved in community organizations at the executive level including; Stop Abuse, World Changers, and Pinnacle Forum.

**Courtney Lynch '03** published her second book, “SPARK: How to Lead Yourself and Others to Greater Success”. Courtney is the founder of Lead Star and served as a Captain in the United States Marine Corps. Courtney also serves as the Director of the Center for Creative Leadership’s Partner Network, convening and connecting leading consultancies with the Center’s innovative thought leadership, research and development solutions.

**Laura Zinanni '04** was promoted to the position of Vice President, Office of the CEO, by the Chicago Board Options Exchange® (CBOE®), where she will serve as primary advisor to CEO Edward Tilly. Zinanni previously served as CBOE®’s Special Assistant to the CEO and Lead Counsel, and currently serves on the Young Leaders Board of Cure Violence, an organization that uses public health strategies in its approach to violence prevention.

**Ian Ralby '05** has joined the Board of Directors of the Henry Clay Center for Statesmanship (HCCS). The Center brings together nearly 500 alumni to foster an active network that allows for this cohort of young professionals to engage, both with each other and senior leaders, under the common belief in the need to foster greater statesmanship in American politics.





**Brian M. Flaherty '06** was elected to partner in Robinson+Cole, effective January 1, 2017. Flaherty's practice involves representing both privately and publicly held companies in all aspects of corporate and transactional law.

**Melanie Friend '06** was recognized as one of Virginia Lawyers Media's 2016 "Up & Coming Lawyers" at a reception at the John Marshall Hotel in Richmond on October 27. Friend practices family law at CowanGates, where she focuses on divorce, child custody and visitation, spousal support, child support, adoption, and prenuptial agreements.



**Amy L. Blumenthal '07** and **Alexander C. Blumenthal '07** had a son recently. Joseph Henry Blumenthal was born on 7/23/14. Both parents are very excited to show Joseph where his mom and dad met.

**Amy W. Fox '07** has a son, born 10/17/2012, and a daughter, born 6/25/2014. Fox is an owner and managing partner of Claiborne Fox Bradly LLC, an adoption and assisted reproductive technologies (ART) law firm, as well as Executive Director of Southern Surrogacy, LLC, the law firm's full service surrogacy program.



**Courtney B. Svajian '07** and **Stephen G. Svajian '08** welcomed their third child, John Baxter Svajian, in June 2015.

**Robert Friedman '11** was recognized as one of Virginia Lawyers Media's 2016 "Up & Coming Lawyers" at a reception at the John Marshall Hotel in Richmond on October 27. Friedman is an associate for Harman Claytor, focusing his practice in the areas of general civil litigation and insurance coverage litigation, while also serving as an adjunct professor at William & Mary Law School.





**Davis M. Walsh '12** is now an associate at McGuireWoods LLP, where he focuses his practice on toxic tort and environmental disputes. Walsh previously clerked for the Honorable Jonny E. Miller. Walsh and his wife, Kristen, have settled in Richmond, and have a wonderful two-year-old named Emma.

**Richard C. Spoor '14** has joined the Cincinnati law firm of Keating Muething & Klekamp PLL (KMK Law®) as an Associate with the firm's Real Estate Group. Spoor previously served as an Assistant City Solicitor in the Economic Development Section of the City of Cincinnati's Law Department.



**Anne-Marie Carnemark '15** joined Miller, Miller & Canby as an Associate in the Litigation Practice Group, where she will focus on real estate and business litigation, as well as the firm's appellate practice. Carnemark previously served as a law clerk to the Honorable Terrence J. McGann of the Montgomery County Circuit Court, and as a legal intern for the First Shift Justice Project.

**Christopher Reilly '15** joined Lindabury, McCormick, Estabrook & Cooper P.C.'s Construction group, which represents contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers on claims related to defective construction, delay, fraud, contract disputes, and lien claims.

