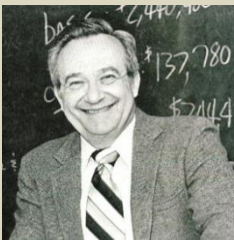




## *William & Mary Law School*

### *Spring Class Notes*

**2016**



**Emeric Fischer**, retired College of William & Mary Law School professor, passed away on February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016. He is survived by his wife of 65 Years, Bernice Fischer; his children, David Fischer, Joel Fischer, Paula Anderson. Memorial contributions may be made to the Emeric Fischer Scholarship Fund, William & Mary Office of University Advancement, P.O. Box 1693, Williamsburg, VA 23187.

**James E. Cornwell, Jr., '74**, has received special recognition for his environmental law practice in Roanoke Business Magazine's 2015 Legal Elite and listed among Virginia Business magazines 2015 Virginia Legal Elite. Cornwell is managing partner of Sands Anderson's Christiansburg office and is a member of the firm's Government and Business groups.



**Michael Stephen Hacskaylo, '76**, retired from government service in 2007 and began working in private practice. In 2015, Hacskaylo retired from private practice and is now enjoying life in Colorado.



**John Nelson Crist, '76**, has recently been appointed a Commissioner of Accounts for the City of Harrisonburg/Rockingham County.



**M. Beth Hopkins, '77**, currently serves as chair of the Constitution and Rules committee of the United States Tennis Association (UTSA). Hopkins is also a law professor at Wake Forest University where she serves as the director of outreach overseeing the pro bono and public interest programs of the law school and also teaches a business drafting course.



**Glen Berger, '77**, was selected as a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. The College of Trial Lawyers only selects the most experienced trial lawyers who have mastered the art of advocacy. Lawyers must have a minimum of 15 years of experience before they are considered for membership. Berger practices at the firm Berger & Thornhill.

**R. Ferrell Newman, '83**, a Commissioner, has been inducted as a Fellow of the College of Worker's Compensation Lawyers in the Class of 2016. Prior to his appointment on the Commission, Newman worked in private practice for 30 years, focusing on worker's compensation law.



**Dana D. McDaniel, '85**, has been elected to managing director of the Spotts Fain PC's Richmond office. McDaniel primarily focuses on intellectual property and information technology litigation and transactions. Previously, McDaniel chaired the firm's litigation practice.



**Susan Kramer, '86**, is a therapeutic herbalist and a classical homeopath working out of Atlanta, Georgia. She has authored the award-winning book, "The Naturally Healthy Traveler." On her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, Kramer climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro.

**Brenton J. Allen, '91**, passed away on March 6, 2016. He is survived by his wife and two children.



**Melanie K. Morgan, '87**, has recently joined Legal Aid or Northwest Texas in their McKinney office as a Family Law staff attorney. In this role, she will be focusing on representing victims of family violence. Morgan is also an associate professor in the Paralegal program at Collin College, where she teaches family law.

**Marc A. Taylor, '89**, has been recognized as a 2016 Georgia Super Lawyer. Only five percent of Lawyers in the State are named as Super Lawyers. Taylor is an attorney for Taylor English Duma LLP and concentrates his practice in the area of Employment and Labor.





**Monica T. Monday, '91**, has been elected as a fellow of the American Academy of Appellate Lawyers. The Academy has 319 fellows nationwide and five fellows in Virginia. Monday is the managing partner of Gentry Locke in Roanoke Virginia.

**Elaine Paul Schaefer, '92**, has thrown her hat into the ring as a Democratic candidate for the 165<sup>th</sup> House District of Pennsylvania. Schaefer has served six years on the Radnor Township board of Commissioners including two terms as the chairmen. Prior to serving on the board Schaefer co-founded and served as executive director of the Radnor Conservancy.



**Margaret Hardy, '95**, has been elected to the Board of Directors of Sands Anderson PC. As a member of the three-person board of directors, Hardy will serve a three-year term and play an important leadership role in the firm's growth strategies and client services. Hardy began her legal career at Sands Anderson as a summer associate in 1994 and has concentrated her practice in medical malpractice defense and legal services/pro bono.

**Alisa P. Cleek, '96**, has been recognized as a 2016 Georgia Super Lawyer. Only five percent of Lawyers in the State are named as Super Lawyers. Cleek is an attorney for Taylor English Duma LLP and concentrates her practice in the area of Employment and Labor.



**Carrie Hunt, '00**, has been promoted to executive vice president of government affairs and general counsel for the National Association of Federal Credit Unions. Hunt has spent the past 11 year in the regulatory affairs division, rising from associate director to division director and vice president.

**Jeremy Hopkins, '02**, a Norfolk eminent domain and property rights attorney, has been selected for membership in the Owners' Counsel of America, a nationwide network of leading eminent domain lawyers nationwide. Hopkins is a partner with Waldo & Lyle, P.C. and dedicates his practice to exclusively representing private property owners throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia in condemnation, eminent domain and constitutional private property matters.





**Michael E. Lacy, '02**, has been named head of Troutman Sanders financial business litigation group. Lacy represents financial services and corporate clients in class action and individual matters in state and federal courts. He has significant trial experience in state and federal courts as well experience litigating corporate disputes, including D&O claims and claims involving shareholders and closely-held businesses.

**Meredith D. Tyrakoski, '03**, has been appointed by Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch to serve as an Immigration Judge in San Antonio Immigration Court. From 2006 through 2015, Tyrakoski served as an assistant U.S. attorney in a number of U.S. Attorney's Offices including the District of Nebraska in Omaha and the Western District of Texas in El Paso.

**Jessica Cook, '04**, partner at Fisher & Phillips, has been nominated by her firm and selected by the Leadership Counsel on Legal Diversity to their 2016 Fellows program. The LCLD Fellowship Program identifies high-potential attorneys and sets them on a path to leadership in their organization. She has also been chosen by the *Daily Report*, Atlanta's leading legal newspaper, as one of the top 40 Georgia lawyers under 40.



**Harmon L. (Monty) Cooper, '04**, has recently graduated from Leadership Maryland. Cooper was one of 47 applicants chosen by a selection committee to complete Leadership Maryland. It is only open to senior-level executives with significant achievement in their careers and their communities.

**Vanessa Mercurio Szajnoga, '05**, will assume the position of Vice President and General Counsel for Liberty Tax Service. Szajnoga began her career at Liberty in 2005 as litigation counsel representing the company and managing litigation matters in federal and local courts throughout the United States and Canada.



**S. Douglas Bunch, '06**, has been named one of the partners of Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC. The firm is one of the nation's largest plaintiff's firms. Bunch joined the firm's securities fraud/investor protection practice group in 2006 and has litigated multiple high-profile securities class actions. Bunch is also the Co-founder and chairman of nonprofit Global Playground, which helps educate countless children worldwide, and is actively involved in several other nonprofit endeavors.

**J. Stephen Feinour, Jr., '06**, has been elected to the partnership of Stradley Ronon Stevens & Young, LLP. Feinour, resident in the firm's Philadelphia office, focuses his practice on counseling investment companies and investment advisers in connection with various regulatory, compliance and transactional issues. Prior to joining Stradley Ronon, Feinour served as a law clerk for the Hon. Bonnie Brigrance Leadbetter of Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania



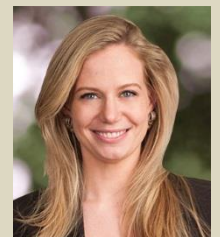
**Sarah W. Benedict, '07**, has been named a shareholder/director of Ireland, Stapleton, Pryor & Pascoe, PC a Colorado business law firm. Benedict had previously served as a corporate attorney and represented clients in connection with mergers and acquisitions, contract negotiation, real estate transactions and other complex legal transactions. Benedict has been with the firm since 2007.

**Jeff Bourne, '07**, a 3<sup>rd</sup> district representative, has been elected by the Richmond School board to serve as chairman of the board. Bourne works in the Attorney General's Office as the deputy attorney general for transportation, real estate and land use and construction litigation.



**Julie C. Webb, '07**, was recently elected to the partnership and Locke Lorde LLP. Webb represents financial institutions and other corporate clients in class actions and other complex litigation throughout the country. She is also very happy to announce that this past fall she married Laura J. Christman in their hometown of Chicago.

**Sarah Fulton Hutchins, '08**, was elected partner at the Charlotte law firm Parker Poe Adams & Bernstein, LLP, where she has been an associate since 2008 and her partnership became effective January 1, 2016. Hutchins practices in the area of complex commercial litigation, with a particular focus on competition law, and in the area of white collar crime investigation and defense.



**William L. Holt, '08**, has been elected a member of Kaufman & Canoles, PC. Holt Practices in the firm's Williamsburg and Newport News offices and is a member of the firm's Private Client Services practice and Real Estate Strategies Group. His practice focuses on business law, real estate and trusts and estates planning.



**Latoya Asia Capers, '09**, has been hired by E\*Trade to serve as assistant general counsel. Previously, Capers had served as human resources/labor relations manager for NewMarket. Capers has also worked for McGuire Woods LLP as a labor and employment attorney.



**Stephanie N. Morales, '09**, has been elected Commonwealth's Attorney for Portsmouth, Virginia. She had previously been serving as Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney in the same office and is serving out the term of her predecessor until November 2017. Morales has also been named a Ms. JD Women of Inspiration Award winner.

**Stephanie L. Latimer, '12**, has joined Rodey, Dickason, Sloan, Akin & Robb PA as an associate in the litigation department of their Albuquerque office. Latimer will practice with the labor and employment, and products and general liability practice groups. Latimer interned for the Honorable Lynn N. Hughes of the U.S. District Court in Houston and, following graduation, clerked for Chief Judge Roderick Kennedy of the New Mexico Court of Appeals for two years.



**Arya Hariharan, '12**, has been hired as the legislative director and senior legislative counsel for Rep. Hank Johnson, a Georgia Democrat. Hariharan worked for Civic Enterprises in Washington D.C. and also spent two years at the American Association for Justice which advocates for trial lawyers. Most recently, she spent six months as associate legislative counsel for Earthjustice.

**Elizabeth Scott Turner, '14**, has been hired as an associate in the litigation and creditor's rights sections of Spotts Fain. She had previously been a law clerk to the Hon. Henry E. Hudson, U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.



**Matthew Finley, '14**, has been named to the staff of the Chester County District Attorney's office, filling a vacancy created by a recent departure from the office. Finley was previously a prosecutor in Virginia.



**Jennifer Kahl, '15**, is currently employed at The Heritage Law Group in Hampton Roads, Virginia, where she practices Elder Law. Kahl recently helped win a victory with the Puller Clinic for a Vietnam veteran exposed to Agent Orange. She began working on this case as a law student at William and Mary and she continued on the case pro bono through her current employment.

**Henry D. Alderfer, '15**, has joined the commercial law counseling group at Morris Nichols Arsht & Tunnell LLP as an associate. Alderfer was recently sworn in to the Delaware bar on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2016.



**Blake R. Christopher, '15**, has been hired by Norfolk-based firm Vandeventer Black LLP. Christopher will be focusing his practice in construction and government contracts matters, working principally in the firm's Norfolk office.