



William & Mary Law School 2016 Summer Class Notes



Thomas R. Frantz '73, MLT '81 was recognized in the 2016 edition of *Chambers USA, America's Leading Lawyers for Business*. Frantz is an attorney for Williams Mullen, and was recognized for his work in corporate/M&A law.

William H. Casterline, Jr. '76 has been selected for inclusion in the 2017 edition of Best Lawyers in America for Bankruptcy and Creditor Debtor Rights / Insolvency and Reorganization Law. Casterline is a principal with Blankingship & Keith in Fairfax, Virginia.



Blair D. Mitchell '76 recently announced his retirement. Mitchell was most recently an attorney for Warren County, and has served as attorney for various Virginia localities for thirty years. He joined Warren County in January 2007, after serving as Front Royal's Town Attorney.



W. Quinton Robinson '79, MLT '83 has been selected for inclusion in the 2017 edition of Best Lawyers in America for Business Organizations, and Corporate Compliance Law. Robinson is a principal with Blankingship & Keith in Fairfax, Virginia.

Francis C. Bagbey '80 was selected for inclusion in the 2017 edition of The Best Lawyers in America, for his work in the area of Real Estate Law. Bagbey is a partner at Smith Anderson, Raleigh, North Carolina.



Ralph G. Santos '80 will be honored at the seventh annual *Each Moment Matters* Luncheon, hosted by the Presbyterian Communities and Services Foundation at the Hilton Anatole on Friday, October 28, 2016. Santos and twenty three other honorees are being recognized for striving diligently, while working on their passions, to be agents for change in the world around them.

William L. Carey '81 has been selected for inclusion in the 2017 edition of Best Lawyers in America for Medical Malpractice Law – Defendants. Carey is a principal with Blankingship & Keith in Fairfax, Virginia.



T. Andy Culbert '81 has joined the Intellectual Property practice of Perkins Coie LLP as a partner in the Seattle Office. Culbert was most recently the Microsoft Associate General Counsel for Worldwide Intellectual Property Litigation. Culbert has also received the 2016 Federal Circuit Bar Association President's Award. This award recognizes long-term and demonstrated commitment to the improvement of the Federal Circuit justice system.

Richard A. Marone '81 has been recognized by Chambers High Net Worth for his work in private wealth law. Marone is currently a partner at Murtha Cullina and specializes in wealth transfer planning, business law, and taxation.





Roberta A. Colton '82 was appointed to become a United States Bankruptcy Judge in the Middle District of Florida. She was a shareholder and a member of the Trenam Law Executive Board. Additionally, she was a former Chair of The Florida Bar Business Law Section, Bankruptcy/UCC Committee, and the Tampa Bay Bankruptcy Bar Association.

James C. Holahan '83 has been recognized in the 2016 *Upstate New York Super Lawyers* list in the field of Employment and Labor. Holahan has also been named the Best Lawyers' 2017 Rochester Employment Law Management "*Lawyer of the Year.*"



Lee I. Sherman '84 has been selected by the National Human Services Assembly, a Washington D.C. based organization, to serve as president and CEO of both the National Human Services Assembly and the National Assembly Business Services, Inc.

Erin C. Ward '84 is an attorney for the Fairfax County Attorney's Office. Ward is serving her 1st term as a committee member of the Local Government Attorneys of Virginia.

Mark A. Towery '85 has been selected for inclusion in the 2017 edition of Best Lawyers in America for Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs, and Product Liability Litigation – Plaintiffs. Towery is a principal with Blankingship & Keith in Fairfax, Virginia.





Dawn Coppock '87 will be releasing the 7th edition of *Coppock on Tennessee Law*, in late Fall of 2016. Coppock is a Solo Practitioner Attorney, practicing adoption law in Tennessee.

Fay F. Spence '87 has 3 children, Amy, Alison, and Anna. Amy is studying pre nursing as a sophomore at Radford U., Alison is a high school senior and member of the national honor society, and Anna is in the 5th grade.



Robert J. Stoney '87 has been selected for inclusion in the 2017 edition of Best Lawyers in America for Personal Injury Litigation – Plaintiffs, and Product Liability Litigation – Plaintiffs. Stoney is a principal with Blankingship & Keith in Fairfax, Virginia

Marc A. Taylor '89 is a founding partner of Taylor English Duma LLP in Atlanta. Taylor has been recognized by Chambers USA in the 2016 guide, along with being recognized as a leader in the field of Labor and Employment Law.



Sara A. Austin '90 is a partner in the Austin Law Firm LLC and has recently become president of the Pennsylvania Bar Association. Previously, Austin has served on the Pennsylvania Bar Association Board of Governors.

Tara A. McGee '90 is the Senior Assistant County Attorney in Chesterfield, Virginia. McGee was recently elected to serve as Treasurer for the Local Government Attorneys of Virginia.



G. William VanDeWeghe, Jr. '90 is the current President and the CEO of BioSurplus. VanDeWeghe was previously the co-founder and CEO of RippleNami, Inc. Before that, he served as a managing director at RA Capitol Advisors.



Anne Leigh Kerr '91 was appointed on June 13, 2016 by Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe to be on the Board of Visitors at of the College of William and Mary. Kerr is the president of Kerr Government Strategies in Richmond, where she represents business interests and trade associations for multiple industries on state-level government-relations matters

Mary T. Wickham '92 recently left her position as Executive Director of The Sacred Heart Center in Richmond, Virginia. She served as Executive Director for five years, and helped the center to expand services and increase support.



Richard H. Ottinger '95 has been appointed to the board of directors of the Norfolk Economic Development Authority (NEDA), a political subdivision of Virginia with a goal to promote industry and to encourage businesses to locate to Norfolk.



Brian P. Woolfolk '96 was appointed on June 13, 2016 by Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe to be on the Board of Visitors at of the College of William and Mary. Woolfolk is a principal with Swan Creek Strategies, he has worked in government relations and congressional investigations for more than 20 years.

Roderick R. Ingram '97 is an attorney in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Ingram serve as the Chair of the Board Structure Committee for the Local Government Attorneys of Virginia.

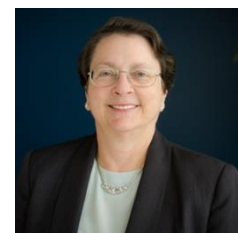


Mark C. Van Deusen '98 recently left Hunton & Williams LLP to join the Washington National Tax Group of Deloitte Tax LLP. Van Deusen is focusing on REIT and Real Estate Taxation.

Arnie B. Mason '00 was recognized in the 2016 edition of *Chambers USA, America's Leading Lawyers for Business*. Mason is an attorney for Williams Mullen, and was recognized for his work in construction law.



Sandra L. Smith '00 was recently selected as a Super Lawyer for 2016. Smith has received this honor two years in a row (and three years overall). She is currently working as an attorney for Oast & Taylor PLC, with a focus in Elder Law and Estate Planning.





Richard H. West '00 was recently promoted to counsel at Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher, & Floom. West specializes in Mergers and Acquisition in Wilmington, DE.

Jessica M. DesNoyer '01 is now working as an Assistant County Attorney for Spotsylvania County, Virginia. She is also the CEO and co-owner of Dogpatch, Spotsy, a full service dog day care, boarding kennel, and pet transport service in Spotsylvania.



Douglas S. Levy '02 previously served as law clerk for The Honorable Leroy R. Hassell, Sr. and has recently joined the MercerTrigiani Law firm as counsel, specializing in real estate law in Virginia and Washington, D.C.

Elizabeth W. Brunins '03 was recently elected to become a member of the partnership of Eckert Seamans Cherin and Mellott LLC. Brunins currently counsels corporate clients, with a focus on the development and launching of marketing promotions.



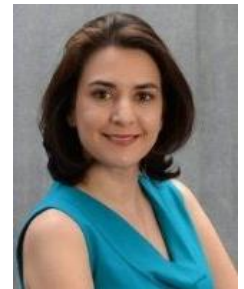
Matthew K. Thompson '04 recently married Tiffany Y. Burnes. Matthew works as an attorney with TK Thompson & Associates, while Tiffany is employed as a teacher with the St. Joseph School District in Missouri.

Michael L. Broadus '05 has been selected to the 2016 list as a member of the Nation's Top One Percent by the National Association of Distinguished Counsel. This is the second year in a row that Broadus has received this honor.



Bradley J. Henderson '05 is a major in the United States Air Force. Henderson recently returned home from a six-month deployment to Kabul, Afghanistan. In Afghanistan, Major Henderson was the chief of international law for the NATO Resolute Support Mission.

Kimberly A. Pierro '05 was nominated to serve on the board of governors of the Section on the Education of Lawyers in Virginia for a three-year term as the First Vice President and Senior Counsel.



S. Douglas Bunch '06 was appointed on June 13, 2016 by Virginia Governor Terry McAuliffe to be on the Board of Visitors at of the College of William and Mary. Bunch is a partner at Cohen Milstein and is a member of the firm's Securities Litigation and Investor Protection practice.



Michael J. Sweikar '06 was hired as the Managing Director of the Notre Dame Initiative for Global Development, a Strategic Research Initiative at the University of Notre Dame. The program focuses on building new programs in the area of global development.

Elizabeth M. Colombo '07 was recently elected to become a member of the partnership of Eckert Seamans Cherin and Mellott LLC. Colombo focuses her practice on corporate transactional work in the hospitality industry.





Allison M. Stelter '07 has been promoted to Counsel with Hunton & Williams LLP, which she joined in 2007. Stelter focuses on the federal income tax aspects of asset securitization and other capital markets transactions, with an emphasis on REIT.

Matthew J. Whipple '07 was recently elected to become a member of the partnership of Eckert Seamans Cherin and Mellott LLC. Whipple is a civil litigator, and frequently litigates construction-related disputes on behalf of companies.



Bishop M. Garrison '10 is a former Defense Department and Homeland Security official, where he served as the executive director of the Science and Technology Advisory Committee. Garrison has recently been hired by Hillary Clinton to serve as deputy foreign policy advisor.



Carrie P. Ryerson '10 has been appointed to the State Bar of Arizona's Civil Jury Instruction Committee. Ryerson is an attorney at Fennermore Craig, practicing in the areas of labor & employment, appeals, and commercial litigation. She also serves the Arizona Superior Court as Judge *Pro Tempore*, and is an officer on the Executive Board for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Phoenix.

Brian R. Wall '11 previously served as a post-doctoral teaching fellow at Scotland's University of Edinburgh. Recently, Wall joined the Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada Las Vegas as its director of graduate programs.



Gabriel A. Walker '13 was recently promoted at Reynolds American Incorporated to Senior Manager of Employment Law and will be located at their headquarters in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.



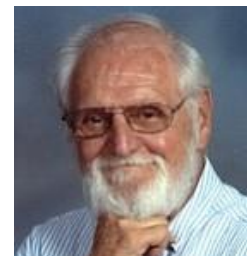
Brian J. Focarino '15 has been named American Bar Association Intellectual Property Law Young Lawyer Fellow for the next three years. Focarino is an associate at Cooley LLP.

In Memoriam



Samuel W. Weaver III '60 passed away at his home in Knoxville on June 21, 2016. Weaver practiced law in Richmond before joining the IRS where he served as an auditor for 27 years. Following his IRS career, he worked for the Social Security Administration.

Benton H. Pollok '62 passed away on May 3, 2016. He practiced law in Richmond before moving to Urbanna and continuing to practice there. Pollok focused on criminal law. He made new case law before the Virginia Supreme Court.



Lelia B. Hopper '74 passed away on April 28, 2016. She was the Executive Director of the Court Improvement Program in the Office of the Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia. Previously, she spent time as an adjunct faculty member at The College of William and Mary.





Sharon A. Coles '75 passed away July 31st, 2016. Sharon participated in the first William & Mary Law School African-American Law Alumni Celebration, an event that brought together nearly 70 African-American graduates from 31 classes. Coles is survived by her daughter, Lawren Stewart, and her brother, Frank Coles Jr.

Richard H. Poff, Jr '87 passed away April 29th, 2016. Poff had a 25 year career with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), during which time he received numerous honors such as the FBI Medal for Bravery (2000). He is survived by numerous family members, including his wife, Lynn Poff, his daughter, Laura Ellis, his daughter's husband, Matthew Ellis, and his two sons, Ryan and Austin Poff, among others.



Alexander M. Brodsky '09 passed away on July 18, 2016. Alex was an Associate at Drinker Biddle & Reath LLP. While at William and Mary, Brodsky was heavily involved in Moot Court.