

## Class Notes Fall 2017

**Judge Henry David Kashouty '51** passed away peacefully at his home on September 12, 2017. Judge Kashouty served in the Navy in the Pacific during World War II. Judge Kashouty graduated from Marshall-Wythe in 1951, and practiced law in Hampton, Virginia until 1969. During that time, he served as a Substitute Judge. In 1969, he was appointed as a full time Judge to the General District Court of Hampton and served until his retirement in 1996. He would then serve as Substitute Judge until his full retirement in 2010. Judge Kashouty was instrumental in the creation of community agencies to encourage the education, training, and treatment of individuals in need of crisis intervention. In addition, Judge Kashouty was appointed by Chief Justice Harry L. Carrico of the Supreme Court of Virginia to serve as chairman of the State Judicial Independence and Separation of Powers Committee. He also served as President of the Association of District Court Judges from 1982-1986, and served on the advisory board of the Virginia Beach Symphony. He is survived by his wife, Kecha as well as his son, Merwan and daughters, Leslie and Michelle.



**Fenton L. Martin Jr. '51**, passed away on Wednesday, November 15, 2017. Fenton was born and raised in Portsmouth, Virginia. He was a 1949 Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the College of William & Mary, where he also earned his law degree at Marshall-Wythe. In addition, he obtained a master's degree in tax law from Harvard Law School. From 1952 to 1954 he served in the Air Force with the Judge Advocate General's Corps, and attained the rank of Lieutenant. Martin would also clerk for U.S. District Court Judge Roszel C. Thomsen in Baltimore. From there, Martin would go on to have an illustrative 50-year legal career. Martin worked with Hinckley & Singley where, after the firm merged with Whiteford, Taylor & Preston LLP, he was named partner. Martin would argue a case before the U.S. Supreme Court, an achievement he was quite proud of. He centered his legal expertise on financial and business law. Martin would eventually retire in 1997, and enjoy his retirement with his wife, Jane. Martin is survived by his son, Roderick and daughter, Elizabeth as well as six grandchildren.

**Cyrus Eastman Phillips IV '68**, passed away on Sunday, November 5, 2017. Cyrus was born in Charlottesville, Virginia. He graduated from Marshall-Wythe in 1968. During his legal career, Cyrus practiced law concerning government acquisitions, and served as an Administrative Judge. Cyrus had a career that spanned over 40 years. He was a highly respected member of many Bar Associations. In addition, Cyrus was endeared for his love of basset hounds. He is survived by his wife, Lois Ehrlich and his four children; Cyrus Phillips V, Kathryn Crowger, William Phillips, and Susan Phillips Kane, and grandson; Hunter Crowger.



**Nick DeRoma '71** was recently selected to serve as chairman of the board of the American Liver Foundation after ten years of service to the organization. In this capacity, DeRoma will be the head person in overseeing the governance of the foundation and guiding strategic planning. DeRoma first became involved with the ALF after he was diagnosed with hepatitis C, a viral infection of the liver. As chairman, he hopes to give back to an organization that has done so much for him and millions of others battling liver diseases.

**William Stauffer '74**, a clinical associate professor at William & Mary's Raymond A. Mason School of Business, was recently honored as one of the *Best Lawyers in America* for his work in commercial, banking and real estate litigation. This is his 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year being awarded. Stauffer has more than 40 years of litigation experience, and is a licensed member of the Virginia State Bar and the District of Columbia Bar. As a clinical associate professor, Stauffer teaches business law and ethics to undergraduate and graduate students. His work has earned him the 2017 Faculty Excellence Award from the B.B.A. graduating class of 2017.



**Edward Robert Blumberg '75** has been awarded the Jurisprudence Award by the Anti-Defamation League. Blumberg will receive the award in Miami for his work on behalf of victims in his practice as a personal injury lawyer at the Miami Jurisprudence Awards Luncheon. Blumberg is currently a partner at Deutsch & Blumberg, PA in Miami, Florida.

**Mahlon G. "Bud" Funk '75** has been recognized in the 2018 *Best Lawyers in America* guide. Bud currently serves as an attorney for Hirschler Fleischer P.C. in Richmond, Virginia where he specializes in family law, medical malpractice law, and personal injury litigation.



**R. Barrow Blackwell '77** was named among the best lawyers of 2018 by *Best Lawyers in America*. Blackwell currently works for Kaufman and Canoles in Williamsburg, Virginia, where he specializes in medical law and injury litigation.

**Robert B. "Chip" Delano, Jr. '78** was recently named to *Virginia Business* magazine's 2017 Virginia Legal Elite. Chip currently practices for Sands Anderson PC in Richmond where he specializes in appellate law.



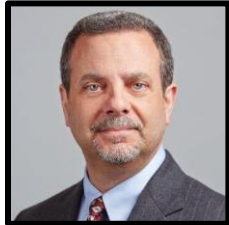
**William N. Watkins '82** was recently named to *Virginia Business* magazine's 2017 Virginia Legal Elite. Watkins currently practices for Sands Anderson PC in Richmond where he specializes in construction law.

**Eileen A. Olds '82** received the Alumni Service Award from the William & Mary Alumni Association. The Alumni Service Award is an alumni recognition award for exceptional service on behalf of alumni chapters, clubs, constituent organizations, or associations.



**Michael H. Terry '82** has been selected to be recognized in the 2018 *Best Layers in America* guide. Terry currently serves as Executive Vice President for Hirschler Fleischer P.C. in Richmond where he specializes in real estate law.

**Kaign Christy '83** passed away on October 2, 2017, in Flagstaff, Arizona. He served as a field officer of International Justice Missions' office in Ghana, West Africa. In this capacity, he focused on ending child slavery in the fishing industry on Lake Volta. He also worked for IJM offices in Pampanga, Philippine's, Washington, D.C., and Phnom Penh, Cambodia. In this capacity, he secured justice for victims of sex trafficking, cyber-sex trafficking, police brutality, property grabbing, and other forms of violence against the poor. Christy also worked as an attorney at Aspey, Watkins & Diesel PLLC in Flagstaff and Sedona, Arizona. He is survived by his wife, Jean and his children, James and Lizzy.



**Vincent Manuele '83** has joined the HKA Advisory Group as Principal. Manuele is an engineer and licensed attorney with more than 35 years of experience providing advisory and management consulting services to the engineering and construction industry. HKA is a global advisory, expert, and claims consulting company.

**William A. Galanko '83** has been named Executive Vice President, Law and Administration by Norfolk Southern Corporation. In this position, Galanko will have responsibility for human resources and labor relations. Norfolk Southern Corporation is one of the nation's premier transportation companies. The company operates the most extensive intermodal network in the east and is a major transporter of coal, automotive, and industrial products.



**L. Lee Byrd '88** was recently named to *Virginia Business* magazine's 2017 Virginia Legal Elite. Byrd currently practices for Sands Anderson PC in Richmond where he specializes in legal services and pro bono work.

**Laura Lee Garrett '90** has been selected for inclusion in the 2018 *Best Lawyers in America* guide. Garrett currently serves as a partner for Hirschler Fleischer P.C. in Richmond where she specializes in real estate law.



**James Reynolds '91** has been named clerk of the Roanoke-based U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Virginia. Reynolds currently serves as a division manager in the federal bankruptcy court's Alexandria office.

**Thomas Shipley Jones '92** has been hired by Porter Wright as a new litigation partner in the firm's Pittsburgh office. Jones has 25 years of experience in complex corporate litigation and securities litigation, as well as arbitration and trial experience gained from serving a range of global and domestic clients for large international law firms.



**Judy Conti '94** and her employer, the National Employment Law Project were honored with the France Perkins Public Service Award from the American Bar Association's Labor & Employment Law Section. The award recognizes NELP's commitment to using the law to help people with limited means, including low-wage workers and the unemployed.

**Margaret Hardy '95** was recently named to *Virginia Business* magazine's 2017 Virginia Legal Elite. Hardy is currently Sands Anderson PC's President and Managing Shareholder where she specializes in health law.



**Erica Beardsley '95** has been appointed to be the new Vice Chair of the United States Civilian Board of Contract Appeals (CBCA). Prior to this position, Judge Beardsley was an associate and partner with Watt, Tieder, Hoffar & Fitzgerald, LLP in Tysons Corner, Virginia. The CBCA is an independent tribunal housed within the General Services Administration. The CBCA's primary mission is to adjudicate cases arising between civilian federal agencies and private companies doing business as government contractors.

**Jeffrey Geiger '96** was recently named to *Virginia Business* magazine's 2017 Virginia Legal Elite. Jeffrey currently practices for Sands Anderson PC in Richmond where he specializes in intellectual property.



**Gurbir Grewal '99** has been nominated by Governor-elect Phil Murphy to be New Jersey's new attorney general. Grewal would become the first South Asian attorney general in New Jersey history and the first Sikh to hold the position in any state. Grewal has previously served as a federal prosecutor and has led the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office since Governor Chris Christie selected him for the role in January 2016.

**Kevin O'Neill '99** has made *The Hill's* top lobbyist list for the fifth year in a row. O'Neill currently serves as a partner for Arnold & Porter Kaye Scholer LLP in Washington, D.C. In addition, O'Neill serves as co-chair of the Legislative practice group, where he helps clients understand and navigate federal legislative and executive complexities in order to further their business objectives.



**Marte Timmers '99** has joined Sherman Howard's premiere Family Law Group. A former magistrate judge for the Denver Juvenile Court, Timmers is a skilled negotiator and an experienced family and domestic relations litigator. In her practice, Timmers represents private clients in matters involving complex business valuation issues, all aspects of divorce, parental responsibilities and child support, and other nuances of family law including adoption and common law marriage.

**Gregory P. Bergethon '00** was recently named to *Virginia Business* magazine's 2017 Virginia Legal Elite. Bergethon currently practices for Sands Anderson PC where he specializes in taxes, estates, trusts, and elder law.



**Carrie Hunt '00** was recently honored with an article in *The Hill* entitled "Going to Bat for Credit Unions." Currently, Hunt serves as Executive Vice President for Government Affairs and General Counsel for the National Association of Federally Insured Credit Unions (NAFCU). The article discussed her work on behalf of the NAFCU, whose firms serve more than 110 million Americans. Specifically, Hunt has focused on landing consumer data privacy protections, to prevent credit unions from dealing with the aftermath of hacks, and help credit unions adapt to the rise of financial technology companies.



**Brian Muse '01** was recently named to *Virginia Business* magazine's 2017 Virginia Legal Elite. Muse currently practices for Sands Anderson PC in Williamsburg where he specializes in labor and employment law.



**Mary Sue Backus '01**, a Law Professor at the University of Oklahoma, has been appointed to the Oklahoma Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. The Commission is an independent, bipartisan agency charged with advising the President and Congress on civil rights matters and issuing an annual federal civil rights enforcement report.

**Drew Galbraith '02** will be assuming the title of Trinity College Athletic Director, starting this January. Galbraith will also be the Chair of Physical Education. Prior to this position, Galbraith worked in athletics at Dartmouth since 2004, serving in multiple roles including Senior Associate Athletic Director.



**Courtney Lynch '03** was sworn in as the Brookland District Supervisor, joining the Board of Supervisors for Henrico County. Lynch was elected to this position in November, after receiving 55 percent of the vote. Lynch is a co-owner and founder of Lead Star, a leadership consulting firm. She was also a Captain in the Marine Corps and is a best selling-author. She was accompanied at the swearing in by her husband, three children, niece, and parents.

**James Hoffman '05** has been selected as the inspector general for the City of Jacksonville. Prior to earning this new position, Hoffman served as a staff judge advocate for U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command at Naval Station Mayport. As inspector general, Hoffman will have the authority to review, audit, and investigate any past, current, or proposed city accounts, contracts, programs, and transactions.



**Stephanie Crandall '06** was recently awarded the William L. Robinson Young Alumni Award from Ohio Northern University. The award was established by the ONU Alumni Association to honor individuals who have graduated from the University in the last 15 years and who demonstrate passion and loyalty toward their profession, community, and alma mater. Crandall currently serves as the director of intergovernmental affairs for the city of Fort Wayne. In addition, she currently serves on the ONU Getty College of Arts & Sciences Advisory Board.

**Thomas William Bruno '08** has been selected as a partner with McGuireWoods. Bruno currently acts as bond counsel, underwriter's counsel, or issuer's counsel in governmental bond issues, and serves as bond counsel and bank counsel in bank loans or other private finances to governmental entities or nonprofits.



**Eric Topor '08** published a recent article in *Bloomberg BNA's Health Care Blog* titled, *Paint by Numbers Guide to Pleading Ambulance Fraud*. Eric has been with Bloomberg BNA since 2008 as a legal editor. He is the senior legal editor for their Medicare Report and Health Care Fraud Report. He covers legal developments and litigation involving Medicare payment issues, the False Claims Act and other health care fraud issues.

**Jennifer Bacon '09** has been elected to the Denver school board in arguably the most competitive contest in the school board election. Backed by the teacher's union, Bacon defeated the incumbent to earn her seat.



**David Holman '09** will become a partner of Davis Graham & Stubbs LLP effective January 1, 2018. Holman currently serves as a member of the firm's Trial Department. In this capacity, Holman represents clients in oil and gas litigation, commercial litigation, construction litigation, and products liability litigation.

**Stephanie Morales '09** has been reelected to serve as Commonwealth's Attorney for Portsmouth, Virginia, winning almost 63 percent of the vote. Morales was originally elected in February 2015.



**Brandis L. Zehr '09** has been elected as a new partner of Wiley Rein LLP. Zehr will be promoted from associate and is a member of the election law & government ethics practice.

**Shannon Daily '09** has been named to *Style Weekly's Top 40 Under 40* for her contributions to the Richmond community. Daily is an associate on the bankruptcy, restructuring, and creditors' rights team at Hunton & Williams. Daily also devotes a substantial amount of her time to pro bono work including landlord/tenant disputes for the Pro Bono Housing Unit at Legal Aid Justice Center among other pro bono causes.



**Janice Craft '10** recently began a new job as an attorney for the Project for Empowerment of Survivors (PES). PES is a new initiative offered through the Statewide Hotline of the Virginia Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance. PES's goal is to offer survivors of violence an opportunity to find answers to legal questions, to gain insight into additional legal issues, and to provide legal advocacy and legal services in their communities.

**Jarrette M. Pittman '11** has been selected by *Top 40 Under 40* for inclusion in its Top 40 Under 40 Black Lawyers in North Carolina. This honor is given to only a select group of lawyers for their superior skills and qualifications in the field. Pittman currently serves as an assistant district attorney at the Pitt County District Attorney's Office in Greenville, North Carolina.



**Matthew DeAtley '13** has been named a recipient of Lawyers Alliance for New York's 2017 Cornerstone Award honoring his outstanding pro bono legal services. DeAtley currently works as an associate attorney for Paul Hastings LLP in New York. He is receiving this award for his volunteer service after Hurricane Sandy for New York Disaster Interfaith Service. DeAtley's work has helped hundreds of displaced individuals and families find stable housing following Hurricane Sandy.

**Gordon Larsen '13** has been appointed as director of federal affairs by Utah Governor, Gary R. Herbert. Larsen has a plethora of legislative experience, serving as legislative counsel for congressional affairs at the Broadcasting Board of Governors, an independent agency of the United State's government. In addition, Larsen has worked as legislative director for Rep. Chris Stewart and as legislative director for Rep. Rob Bishop.



**Bradley C. Tobias '14** has joined Wiley Rein LLP as an attorney in the firm's employment and labor practice group. In this capacity, Bradley represents employers and advises HR managers and C-level executives on issues pertaining to federal and state employment laws.

**Kaitlin Cannavo '15** recently joined the firm of Kaplan Voekler Cunningham & Frank PLC as an associate. Cannavo will represent issuers in securities offerings, merger & acquisitions, financing and sophisticated corporate matters. Her experience includes billion-dollar mergers, representing companies in private and public securities offerings ranging from mid-size business to Fortune 500 companies, as well as reporting and compliance with Securities and Exchange Commission, NYSE and NASDAQ.



**Devin R. Bates '16** has been hired as an associate attorney at the Mitchell Williams Selig Gates & Woodyard law firm in Little Rock, Arkansas. Bates will serve as an associate attorney in the Litigation Practice Group. Bates will join the law office having clerked for Chief U.S. District Judge P.K. Holmes, III.

**Eric J. Sutton '16** has joined Baylor, Evnen, Curtiss, Gemit & Witt, LLP. Sutton is a member of the firm's workers' compensation practice group, and will join the firm having completed a one-year clerkship with the Honorable Riko Bishop of the Nebraska Court of Appeals.



**Caroline E. Thee '17** has joined Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP's Business & Finance Group at the firm's office in Indianapolis. Prior to working at the firm, she was a judicial extern for the Hon. Roderick C. Young, U.S District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia.

**Emily Furnish '17** married Ryan Sandhaus on August 19, 2017 in Reston, Virginia. Emily is a first year associate at the law firm of Nixon Peabody in Washington, D.C., and Ryan is a software engineer at Alarm.com in McLean, Virginia. The couple will begin their new life together in McLean, Virginia.

