

Class Notes Spring 2017



Vincent Ewell '67 recently passed away this past April. Ewell was admitted to practice law in Virginia and Texas, as well as before the United States Supreme Court. Vince retired in 1996 when Tenneco merged with El Paso Energy Corp. In the week before his death, Vince attended his 50th Law School class reunion in April 2017 in Williamsburg. Vince was greatly loved and will be greatly missed by his wife, Margaret along with his nieces and nephews.

Robert Smith Dutro '69 recently passed away. Dutro worked as a sole practitioner for many years, and he was an active member of the Williamsburg community. In 1980, he joined the College of William and Mary's Office of University Development as Director of Planned Giving, followed by Director of Trust Administration in the Office of University Advancement, retiring in 1999. He is survived by his wife and children, as well as nieces and nephews.



John Bane '73 recently passed away this past April. Bane practiced law in Hampton, Virginia for over forty years, and served as president of the Hampton Bar Association. He is survived by his wife, his three children, and his granddaughter.

Allen Fancher '79 recently passed away after battling congestive heart failure. Fancher was a retired naval aviator and an attorney in Virginia Beach, Virginia. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, his two daughters, three grandchildren, and son-in-laws. Fancher practiced law for over 30 years.





Candis Trusty '81 has been honored with the 2017 Richard Milstein Excellence Award from Dade Legal Aid in recognition of excellence in professionalism and pro bono service in the community. Trusty concentrates her practice in the areas of elder care, probate, and guardianship law. She frequently lectures on topics related to probate, guardianship, and elder law before local business groups, professional organizations, civic groups, schools, and corporations.

T. Keith Fogg '82 has been named a clinical professor of law at Harvard Law School as of this May. Fogg is an expert in tax law and procedure and director of Harvard Law School's Federal Tax Clinic at the Legal Services Center. For more than 30 years, Fogg worked in the Office of Chief Counsel of the Internal Revenue Service. He has served as faculty at the University of Arizona, the University of Richmond Law School, the William and Mary Law School, Georgetown Law, and Villanova Law School.



Gregory Haley '84 was selected for inclusion in the 2017 Virginia Super Lawyers Rising Stars list, a national legal ranking. Haley specializes his practice in business litigation and is an attorney for Gentry Locke.

Barbara Johnson '84 was recently appointed to the William and Mary Board of Visitors. She will begin her four year term at the start of July this year, and succeed DeRhonda M. Short '78. Barbara Johnson has focused her career on employment law in Washington, D.C., including cases involving diversity, inclusion, and gender parity.



Michael Gatje '86 was named to the Washington, D.C. 2017 Super Lawyers List in the practice area of construction litigation: Business and Government Contracts. Gatje serves a counsel in the Husch Blackwell's Energy & Natural Resources and Real Estate, Development & Construction groups.

Lee Roberts '86 was recently selected to the 2017 Mountain States Super Lawyers list in the *Super Lawyers Magazine*. Roberts works in construction litigation at the Las Vegas Office of Weinberg Wheeler Hudgins Gunn & Dial. Super Lawyers, a Thompson Reuters business, was first published in 1991 and is a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. Only 5 percent of lawyers in the state are named to the list.



Cheshire Eveleigh '89 was recently awarded the 2017 Family Law Service Award presented by the Virginia State Bar's Family Law Section. This award recognizes people and organizations that have improved family, domestic relations or juvenile law in Virginia.

Monica Monday '91 was selected for inclusion in the 2017 Virginia Super Lawyers Rising Stars list, a national legal ranking. Monday specializes her practice in appellate law and is an attorney for Gentry Locke.



Michael Chu '92 was recently announced as a member of the Senators' Screening Committee in the Northern District of Illinois. The screening committees have been formed in order to assist the Senators in evaluating candidates for vacant U.S. Attorney, U.S. Marshal, and federal judgeship positions in Illinois. The task of the committee is to review and vet candidates for the vacancies and to advise the Senators regarding the candidates' qualifications and fitness for the position. Chu is a partner at the Chicago office of McDermott Will & Emery.

R. Lee Livingston '93 is a partner with MitchieHamlett in Charlottesville, Virginia, and has been elected president of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association (VTLA) for 2017-2018.





Jeremy Hopkins '02 joined the Raleigh, NC office of Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP this past May. Hopkins joined as a partner with the Land and Condemnation & Eminent Domain Practice Group. Before locating to Raleigh, Hopkins was a partner with Waldo & Lyle, P.C. in Norfolk, Virginia where his practice was dedicated exclusively to representing property owners in eminent domain and property rights matters. He is admitted to the Supreme Court of the United States and has represented property owners before the Virginia Supreme Court.

Lelan Kay Carpenter '03 recently passed away. Carpenter worked for the Court System in New York. She was the daughter of Mrs. Mary Boyd, and a beloved member of the Boyd Family.



Kevin Michael Duffan '04 was recently appointed judge for the Virginia Beach Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court.



Spencer Wiegard '04 was selected for inclusion in the 2017 Virginia Super Lawyers Rising Stars list, a national legal ranking. Wiegard specializes his practice in construction litigation and is an attorney for Gentry Locke.



Caroline Fleming '05 was recently sworn in as a Veterans Law Judge with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Board of Veterans' Appeals. As a Veteran Law Judge, Fleming will hold hearings for veterans and other claimants, review benefits claims determinations made by local VA offices, and issue decisions on appeals.

Claire Maddox '05 has recently been promoted to partner at Dentons US L.L.P. Maddox focuses on antitrust and unfair competition issues, commercial litigation, and intellectual property disputes.





Katie Molloy '06 has recently been named a shareholder at Greenberg Traurig in Tampa, Florida. Malloy is a member of the Labor & Employment Litigation Practice Group and focuses her practice on trade secret and restrictive covenant litigation, and defending matters involving discrimination, harassment, wrongful discharge, and wage and hour claims in state and federal court.

David Beck '07 has recently been promoted to partner at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP. Beck is a member of Pillsbury's litigation team and advises clients on the resolution of complex business and contract disputes, with particular emphasis in the areas of commercial construction and insurance recovery.



Carolyn Fiddler '07 recently joined Daily Kos as the organization's political editor and senior communications advisor as of early June. Fiddler will anchor the organizations presence in Washington, D.C. She has worked in state politics for nearly a decade, most recently as the national communications director at the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee.

Nora Burke '08 has recently been promoted to partner at Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP. Burke is a member of the tax practice and focuses on the tax aspects of mergers and acquisitions, lending transactions and securities offerings for both domestic and international clients, as well as general tax issues faced by businesses and by individuals.



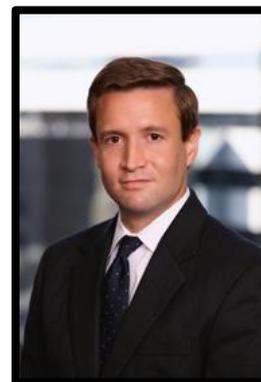
Jason Zellman '08 has been named an equity partner at his firm, Surovell Isaacs & Levy PLC in Fairfax, Virginia.

Mary Sue Backus '09 was the recent recipient of the Regents' Award for Superior Teaching. Backus is the Robert Glenn Rapp Foundation Presidential Professor at the Oklahoma University College of Law where she teaches Criminal Law, Education Law, and Evidence. The Regents' Award for Superior Teaching is one of three Regents' Awards given annually to recognize excellence in teaching at Oklahoma University.



Brooke Brooks '09 is now proudly serving as Chief of Civil Law at the 11th Wing Legal Office, Joint Base Andrews. Brooks is concurrently serving as an Assistant Judge Advocate and defense counsel with Joint Forces Headquarters, DC Air National Guard.

S. Perry Coburn '09 has been elected a partner of Christian & Barton, L.L.P., a civil practice law firm in Richmond. He focuses his practice on business litigation matters.



Austin Musser '09 was recently appointed to be a new member for Frost Brown Todd in the Greater Cincinnati Area. Musser is a member of FBT's Government Services Practice Group and handles litigation matters for public and private entities. His work focuses in the areas of real estate, zoning and land use, eminent domain proceedings and foreclosure actions

Abigail Murchison '10 was selected for inclusion in the 2017 Virginia Super Lawyers Rising Stars list, a national legal ranking. Murchison specializes her practice in business litigation and is an attorney for Gentry Locke.





Jamilah LeCruise '11 was the recent recipient of the Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association Walter E. Hoffman Community Service Award. LeCruise has a private practice in Norfolk, Virginia.



Amy (Paul) Ritchie '11 recently tied the knot with Paul Ritchie in October 2016.



Elizabeth "Liz" Smith Olcott '14 has joined Chritian & Barton, L.L.P., as an associate focusing on health care and corporate law. Christian & Barton is a broad-based civil practice firm in Richmond, Virginia.

Amanda Hamm '15 and **Peter Landsman '15** were recently married this past May, and now live in Williamsburg, VA. Hamm works as a policy analyst for the VA Department of Motor Vehicle in Richmond, VA. Landsman works for the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services in Richmond, VA.



Christine Wilson '15 has recently relocated from Ropes & Gray in New York City, New York, to Holland & Knight in Ft. Lauderdale, FL, where she continues to practice in investment management.

Mark Cramer '16 wrote the winning essay for the 2015-2016 Mendes Hershman Student Writing Contest. The contest is sponsored by the Business Law Section each year, and its aim is to encourage and reward law student writings on business law subjects of general and current interest. Cramer was awarded the Mendes Hershman Student Writing contest Prize at the Section's luncheon at the Spring Meeting in April 2016.



Ross Natividad '16 and Abby Riley '16 are engaged and will be married in September 2017 in Roanoke, Virginia. Natividad currently has a state clerkship in Roanoke. He was accepted into the DOJ Honor's Program EOIR late last year in San Antonio, TX. The newly married couple will be moving to San Antonio, TX immediately after their wedding.

Kevin Elliker '16 and Lindsay Paladino '16 had a son, Henry "Harry" Paladino Elliker, who was born on January 3rd, 2017.



Jack Wilson '16 was recently added as a first-year associate of the Intellectual Property Litigations Group at the Washington, D.C. office of Fish & Richardson.