

Class Notes Winter 2017

**Henry C. Wolf '66** was recently elected to serve as the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation board of trustees' chair through 2018. Wolf has served on the board since 2007, when he retired from Norfolk Southern Corporation. He joined Norfolk Southern in 1973 as a tax lawyer, and held various positions there for the next thirty-four years including vice chairman and chief financial officer. Wolf previously served as rector of the Board of Visitors of the College of William & Mary, was a director of AGL Resources, Hertz Global Holdings and Shenandoah Life Insurance Company, and is an emeritus member of the Virginia Institute of Marine Science Council.



**Charles E. Friend '69** recently passed away on February 20, 2017. He taught law at the College of William & Mary, the University of Richmond, the University of Houston, Campbell University, and George Mason University. He also directed the University of Richmond's summer law study program in England, and was acting dean at Richmond. Friend was editor of the Virginia Bar Association Journal from 1974 to 1998, and authored several books. Friend is survived by his wife, Rosemary.



**David Altizer '75** was admitted as a fellow to the Virginia Law Foundation.



**K. Dane Mills '75** recently passed away on February 5, 2017. After serving as a U.S. Naval Officer, he practiced law for forty years. Mills is survived by his wife, Patricia Halstead, along with his sister, daughters, and grandchildren.

**Karen Emden '76** recently passed away on February 2, 2017. Emden was a professor of Business Administration at the College of William and Mary, having the distinction of being the first full-time female professor in the Business School. She is survived by her husband, daughter, three sons, grandchildren, and two sisters.



**David Belkowitz '77** passed away on July 22, 2014 from complications of ALS. Belkowitz practiced law in Virginia for over 30 years, and is survived by his children, nephews, nieces, brother, mother-in-law, and the love of his life.

**Robert Rapaport '77** was named Commissioner of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission, an independent judicial and administrative state agency overseeing workers' compensation claims, on January 18, 2017. As one of three commissioners, he will serve as an appellate judge at the agency, as well as directing its operations and staff. His judgeship began February 16, 2017.



**Renae R. Patrick '81** passed away March 3, 2017. Patrick was serving as the managing attorney at Blue Ridge Legal Services' Winchester office. She had previously been a staff attorney with the Legal Aid Society of the New River Valley in Christiansburg, a staff attorney for the Legal Aid Society of Roanoke Valley (twice), a staff attorney in the Manassas office of Legal Services of Northern Virginia, and a Managing Attorney in the Lynchburg office of Virginia Legal Aid Society.

**Robert J. Hicks '86** began a five-year term as the next firm-wide chairman and managing partner of Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP on January 1, 2017. Hicks has served as partner-in-charge of Taft's Indianapolis office, and has been a member of the firm's executive committee, since 2008. As chairman and managing partner, Hicks will lead the firm's executive committee and drive its overall direction and go-to market strategies. He will also continue his active merger and acquisitions practice.



**Judge Susan J. Stoney '88** was appointed by the Virginia General Assembly as a judge in the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, receiving her official commission on January 26, 2017. She previously served as a substitute judge for the 19<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, was the deputy director of Legal Services of Northern Virginia, served as chair on the Virginia State Bar's Fifth District Division III Disciplinary Committee, served as co-vice chair on the state bar's Access to Legal Services Committee, and served as chair on the Fairfax Area Community Emergency and Transitional Services board. She continues to serve on the Virginia Access to Justice Commission's Committee on Self-Represented Litigants, and is a member of the Domestic Violence Policy, Planning, and Coordinating Counsel and the George Mason American Inns of Court.



**Hon. Peter F. Pontzer '89** was recently awarded the Carnegie Medal for "outstanding civilian heroism." Pontzer received this Medal for saving a thirteen year old boy from drowning in the Atlantic Ocean. On July 28, 2015, Pontzer heard the boy calling for help about 350 feet from shore. Together with a nearby twenty-one year old, Pontzer swam out to the boy, and helped bring him back to the shore. On report of another boy in the water, he re-entered the water but on his return to the shore, collapsed. The second boy was rescued by others, and Pontzer was taken to the hospital where he was treated for near-exhaustion. Pontzer did all this while he had a stress fracture in his ankle.





Patrick Devine '90 was admitted as a fellow to the Virginia Law Foundation.

Cheshire Eveleigh '90 was named the 2017 recipient of the *Family Law Service Award* by the Virginia State Bar's Family Law Section, recognizing persons that have improved family, domestic relations, or juvenile law in Virginia. Eveleigh is chair of the Virginia Family Law Coalition, Secretary of the Virginia Chapter of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, as well as a diplomat in the American College of Family Trial Lawyers, and has previously served as president of the Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association, Chair of the Domestic Relations Council of the Virginia Bar Association, Chair of the Virginia State Bar's Family Law Section, and President of the Family Law Organization of Greater Hampton Roads.



Helivi Holland '90 was admitted as a fellow to the Virginia Law Foundation.



R. Joel Ankney '91 recently released a book "Here's The Deal: Everything You Wish a Lawyer Would Tell You About Buying a Small Business," concerning what to expect when buying a small business, how to resolve common issues, and the meaning of legalese in contracts. Ankney previously worked at Hunton & Williams, handled sophisticated mergers and acquisitions at Troutman Sanders, then opened his own business law firm in 2003. He taught Entertainment Transactions at William & Mary Law School as an adjunct professor, and has been selected as a Virginia Elite attorney for Intellectual Property Law eight times. Ankney's book is available at Amazon.

Julie Books '91 wrote two philosophy books that were published last year, "The Supersensible in Kant's *Critique of Judgment*" and "What is Film?" Links to these books may be found in the biography section of Book's art website at [www.JulieNBooks.com](http://www.JulieNBooks.com).



William R. Greer Jr. '91 was appointed to the post of circuit court judge by Maryland Governor Larry Hogan on December 7, 2016. Greer is a partner at the Greer Law Firm in La Plata, and has served in the Maryland National Guard for nearly 30 years.





Hon. Erin M. Wirth '95 created an organization for military spouse lawyers, which has obtained the support of the ABA. Wirth's husband is active duty Coast Guard, which has created challenges for her legal career. Her speech to the ABA House of Delegates may be found at [http://www.americanbar.org/news/abanews/aba-news-archives1/2013/08/house\\_of\\_delegatesu.html](http://www.americanbar.org/news/abanews/aba-news-archives1/2013/08/house_of_delegatesu.html), and a more recent article about her work may be found at <http://ms-jd.org/blog/article/5-things-i-learned-from-my-interview-with-judge-erin-wirth>.

Tom Berkley '96 recently joined Pender and Coward as a shareholder. Berkley focuses his practice in the areas of maritime, admiralty, and transportation. He's a member of the Maritime Law Association of the United States, the South Eastern Admiralty Law Institute, the Virginia Maritime Association, the Hampton Roads Global Commerce Council, and the Norfolk Propeller Club. Berkley has received the Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association's *Walter E. Hoffman Community Service Award*, was included in *Inside business' Top 40 Under 40*, and has been listed in *Best Lawyers in America* for Admiralty and Maritime for the last six years.



Douglas Dziak '99 recently joined Holland & Knight as senior counsel.

Thomas Brzozowski '02 was recently hired by the Department of Justice, and will also begin teaching for William and Mary Law School in an adjunct capacity on national security law.



Andrea L. D'Ambra '03 was recently promoted to partner at Norton Rose Fulbright. D'Ambra focuses her practice on eDiscovery, information management, and data privacy. She's based in the firm's New York office, where she counsels clients on preservation and data management issues, and has drafted information governance as well as records management policies for a number of multinational companies.

P. Andrew Riley '03 recently joined Mei & Mark LLP, where he will continue to focus on complex disputes before U.S. District Courts, the U.S. International Trade Commission, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, and the Patent Trial and Appeal Board of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.





**Sean Masterson '05** recently had a daughter, Maisie Keiko Masterson, born on October 25, 2016 at 11:55 p.m. in Newton, MA. She and her two year old brother, Peter, are keeping their parents Sean and Rachael Masterson on their toes!

**Nick DePalma '06** was recently elected to firm partnership at Venable LLP. DePalma is a member of the firm's Commercial Litigation Group in Tysons Corner, Va., where he assists clients in business litigation matters. He has served as first chair in jury trials, handled mediation and arbitration matters, and negotiated settlement agreements. DePalma has an active pro bono practice wherein he regularly represents indigent criminal defendants.



**Jeff Bourne '07** recently won the 71<sup>st</sup> District seat for the Virginia House of Delegates. Bourne previously served on the Richmond School Board for four years, and worked as a deputy attorney general for the office of Attorney General Mark Herring where he handled transportation, real estate, and construction litigation. He ran as the Democratic nominee, and won with nearly 90% of the vote.



**Rebecca J. Price '07** was recently named a member of Norris McLaughlin & Marcus, effective January 1, 2017. Price has been an associate attorney in the firm's Pennsylvania office since 2007. She is a member of the Litigation Practice Group, practices on behalf of creditors in bankruptcy court, handles a wide range of lawsuits including complex commercial business litigation, landlord/tenant matters, and contract disputes, represents numerous insurance companies' insureds in a spectrum of civil matters, represents clients in personal injury matters, and represents banks in bankruptcy, complex foreclosures, receiverships, and asset recovery matters. Price also gives seminars to assist businesses in adopting practices best suited for collecting outstanding accounts receivable, serves as conflict-counsel for Lehigh County, and has been appointed as guardian ad litem to children in the county.



**Latoya A. Capers '09** recently gave birth to her daughter, Olivia Michelle in December 2016.



**Reneta L. Green-Streett '09** was welcomed to Morris James as an associate in its personal injury practice. Green-Streett has seven years of experience in litigating personal injury, premises liability, and property damage matters, and previously represented insurance companies and insureds in Delaware.





**Will Smith '09** was recently nominated by the Montgomery County Democratic Central Committee for appointment to the Maryland State Senate. Smith will be the first African American to serve Montgomery County in the upper chamber. He previously served in Maryland's House of Delegates.



**Dan N. Whitten '09** was recently appointed as County Attorney by the Warren County Board of Supervisors on September 6, 2016. Whitten joined Warren County as an Assistant County Attorney in February 2010.



**Amanda Ritucci '11** was recently made a partner at Wicker Smith, where her practice focuses on matters involving medical malpractice, legal malpractice, and general negligence. Ritucci was on the National Trial Team during law school, and was successful such that in 2011 she was named to the Order of the Barristers. Before joining Wicker Smith upon graduation, she interned for Newport News City Attorney's Office, and clerked for both the Honorable Elizabeth McClanahan in the Virginia Court of Appeals, and for Wicker Smith.



**Rebecca Pensak '15** was recently hired by the Richmond Public Defender Office. Pensak previously worked at the Charlottesville Public Defenders Office.



**Tyler Rosa '16** recently joined Pender and Coward as an attorney. Rosa focuses his practice in the areas of corporate and transactional law, litigation, and real estate. In addition to civil litigation, business, and real estate matters, Rosa handles local government defense, homeowners' association, and trust and estate litigation.



**Professor Paul Marcus** recently began his term as President of the Association of American Law Schools. Marcus is the first person from William and Mary Law School to serve as president of AALS, and will focus on access to justice in the American legal system.