

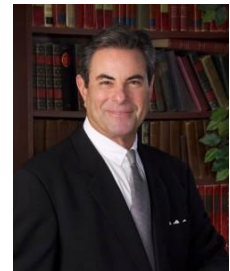


### Class Notes Spring 2019



**David Garrick Wittan '67** recently passed away on March 14, 2019. David was born November 11, 1939 in Newport News, VA. He attended and played football for the College of William & Mary. He began his law career with Ellenson & Fox in Newport News, VA. He later became a partner with this law firm. Then, he managed his own practice until 2018 where he served as a trusted advisor and friend to many clients in Hampton Roads. David is survived by his beloved wife, Catherine Wittan and his children.

**Stephen M. Smith '74** was announced as an honoree for the Class of 2019 for the "Virginia Lawyers Hall of Fame". The Hall of Fame honors Virginia lawyers age 60 or older based on career accomplishments and efforts to improve the quality of justice in Virginia. He is an internationally recognized expert in traumatic brain injury litigation with over 44 years of experience.



**William H. Casterline Jr. '76** has been named 2019 Virginia and Washington D.C. Super Lawyer. He has focused on commercial real estate and creditors' rights.

**The Honorable Wilford Taylor Jr. '78** was awarded the 2019 Harry L. Carrico Outstanding Career Service Award for his work on the bench. He worked as a deputy city attorney for Hampton before the General Assembly elected him a Hampton General District Court judge in 1985. He retired in 2007 as a judge on the Hampton Circuit Court. Now, he is a part of the McGammon Group, which specializes in mediation, arbitration, and other forms of alternative dispute resolution.





**The Honorable Richard S. Blanton '79** recently was honored with the Cunningham Award from the Virginia Legal Aid Society on April 11, 2019. This award is to honor those who have strongly promoted access to justice in Virginia's Tenth Judicial Circuit. He is the third recipient of the Cunningham Award.

**Robert A. Rapaport '79** was inducted as a Fellow of the College of Workers' Compensation Lawyers where they honor attorneys who have distinguished themselves in their practice in the field of workers' compensation. Individuals who are inducted have proven to their peers, the bar, bench and public that they possess the highest professional qualifications and ethical standards, character, integrity, professional expertise and leadership.



**J. Lee Osborne '80** was announced as an honoree for the Class of 2019 for the "Virginia Lawyers Hall of Fame". The Hall of Fame honors Virginia lawyers age 60 or older based on career accomplishments and efforts to improve the quality of justice in Virginia. He focuses his practice on estate planning and trust and estates administration, which often involves taxation and business planning and related transactions.

**Robert B. "Chip" Delano, Jr. '81** was listed among the "Top Attorneys in Virginia and West Virginia" according to the 2019 edition of Super Lawyers Magazine. He concentrates his practice in the areas of tort, insurance, and appellate litigation.



**John D. McGavin '82** was announced as an honoree for the Class of 2019 for the "Virginia Lawyers Hall of Fame". The Hall of Fame honors Virginia lawyers age 60 or older based on career accomplishments and efforts to improve the quality of justice in Virginia. He focuses his practice on civil litigation, products liability, professional liability/malpractice, and traumatic brain injury litigation.

**The Honorable Eileen A. Olds '82** is retiring from the Chesapeake Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court on July 1, 2019. She made history in 1995 when she became one of two first African American judges named that year and became the first female judge in the First Judicial District of Virginia.



**William N. Watkins '82** was listed among the “Top Attorneys in Virginia and West Virginia” according to the 2019 edition of Super Lawyers Magazine. He has focused his practice in the areas of product liability, insurance defense, insurance coverage, surety coverage, and business dispute resolution.

**Mark A. Towery '85** has been named 2019 Virginia and Washington D.C. Super Lawyer. He represents the victims of dangerous products and other negligence in the state and federal courts of the Commonwealth and other jurisdictions.



**Robert J. Stoney '87** has been named 2019 Virginia and Washington D.C. Super Lawyer. He focuses on major automobile, commercial truck and bus crashes, products liability, wrongful death and traumatic brain injury cases.

**L. Lee Byrd '88** was listed among the “Top Attorneys in Virginia and West Virginia” according to the 2019 edition of Super Lawyers Magazine. He focuses on litigation, employment, non-profits, and government.



**David Andrew Domansky '88** recently passed away on March 1, 2019 in Poulsbo, WA. David was born in Dayton, OH on March 21, 1963. After law school, he joined Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom where he spent 12 years in the firm’s New York, Washington DC and Tokyo offices. He represented clients in the development and finance of infrastructure projects. This enabled him to work on projects in the U.S. and abroad. He served as a partner in the Seattle offices of Preston, Gates & Ellis.

**Susan Anthony Winchell '88** recently passed away on March 18, 2019 in Silver Spring, MD. Susan was born in Kingston, NY on June 7, 1956. After law school, Susan worked for the U.S. Department of Education in the Office of General Counsel. Two years later, she joined the ethics division until 2006. She retired as the Senior Executive in charge of the Ethics Program at the U.S. Department of Education. She believed that kids are the lifeblood of our culture and should be held in a higher regard.



**Marc Taylor '89** is being recognized by Taylor English Duma in the 2019 edition of *Chambers USA*. He was recognized for his work in labor and employment.

**Mike Tompkins '90** and his wife Tara-Jeanne Tompkins welcomed a baby girl on March 16, 2019.



**Margaret F. Hardy '95** was listed among the “Top Attorneys in Virginia and West Virginia” according to the 2019 edition of Super Lawyers Magazine. As President of Sands Anderson, she serves healthcare clients, local governments, and businesses with complete legal support.

**The Honorable Erin M. Wirth '95** has been elevated to the position of Chief Administrative Law Judge of the Federal Maritime Commission. She was previously serving as an Administrative Law Judge at the Commission since 2010. Federal Maritime Commission Office of Administrative Law Judges preside over adjudicatory hearings resolving cases of alleged violations of the Shipping Act and other laws within the Commission’s jurisdiction.



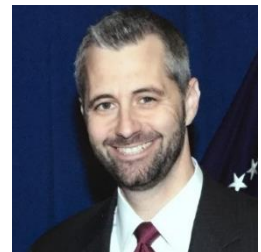
**Jeffrey H. Geiger '96** was listed among the “Top Attorneys in Virginia and West Virginia” according to the 2019 edition of Super Lawyers Magazine. He concentrates his practice on legal malpractice defense/legal ethics discipline, eminent domain/litigation, business litigation, and intellectual property.

**Arnie B. Mason '00** was selected to be recognized by Williams Mullen in the 2019 edition of *Chambers USA*. He practices in areas of construction, litigation, government contracts, sports arenas and stadium construction, and infrastructure.



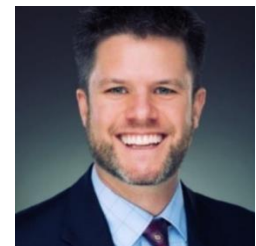
**Helena S. Mock '00** is recognized by Continental Who's Who as a Lifetime Achiever in the field of Law in recognition of her role as Founder & Managing Attorney of the Peninsula Center for Estate and Lifelong Planning in Williamsburg, VA. She has experience in estate, probate, trust, business, and tax law.

**L. Judson Welle '00** has joined Nardello & Co. LLC as a Managing Director and Chief Counsel, Cybersecurity & Privacy. Prior to Nardello & Co., he was a Managing Director with Stroz Friedberg, a specialized risk management firm. He supervised incident response, proactive cybersecurity services, complex digital forensics, due diligence, and eDiscovery matters.



**Marnie Jensen '01** has been appointed as Managing Partner of Husch Blackwell's office in Omaha, NE. She is a member of the firm's Food & Agribusiness industry group and represents clients with a variety of disputes such as trade secrets litigation, breach of contract claims, and environmental litigation.

**Brian G. Muse '01** was listed among the "Top Attorneys in Virginia and West Virginia" according to the 2019 edition of Super Lawyers Magazine. He focuses on litigation and counseling and he supports clients' needs including discrimination, harassment, retaliation, and wage and hour claims.



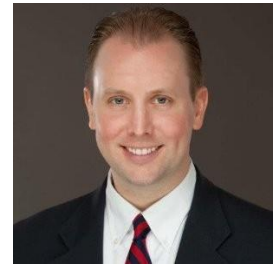
**Elizabeth Weldon '01** has been designated as a Certified Specialist in Franchise and Distribution Law by The State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization. The State Bar of California's Legal Specialization program certifies legal specialists who have gone beyond the standard licensing requirements. She concentrates her practice on business litigation and franchise litigation.

**Wesley D. Allen '08** has been named to the 2019 edition of Virginia and Washington D.C. "Rising Stars". He focuses on civil litigation with an emphasis on education matters.



**Elaine D. Flores '08** joined Phillips Murrah firm as a Director in the Dallas, TX office. She focuses her practice on a wide variety of commercial lending and real estate transactions.

**William W. Sleeth III '08** was recently named Managing Partner of Gordon & Rees LLP's Williamsburg office. He was previously a partner at LeClairRyan. The entire Williamsburg office of LeClairRyan recently moved to Gordon & Rees along with Will. Will focuses his practice on commercial litigation with a special emphasis on trust and estate litigation.



**Gregory S. Bean '10** have joined the national law firm Gordon & Rees LLP in Williamsburg, VA. He joins as senior counsel and focuses on estate and trust litigation, general commercial litigation, real estate litigation, employment litigation, community association representation, and personal injury insurance defense.

**Courtney Williams '10** has joined as an associate at Littler which is an employment and labor law practice representing management in Nashville, TN. She advises companies and litigates on their behalf on a wide range of employment matters.





**Jessica L. Sura '10** has been named to the 2019 edition of Virginia and Washington D.C. "Rising Stars". She focuses on commercial litigation and personal injury.

**Jessica C. Boutwell '12** recently joined CowanGates as an attorney. She practice family and law, focusing on divorce, child custody and visitation, spousal support, child support, and premarital agreements.



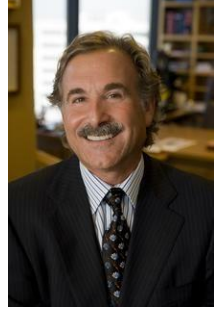
**Brett C. Herbert '13** have joined the national law firm Gordon & Rees LLP in Williamsburg, VA. He joins as an associate and focuses on estate and trust litigation, general commercial litigation, real estate litigation, employment litigation, and community association representation.

**Alison Rabe '14** has been named Executive Director of the Jesse Tree which is a nonprofit working to prevent eviction and homelessness in Ada and Canyon Counties in Boise, ID.



**Kathleen Zaratzian '16** recently joined Hahn & Hahn LLP in their Trust & Estates Department. She focuses on estate planning, trust administration, probate, and trust litigation.

**Jeffrey Breit HON '17** has been named to the Virginia Lawyers Hall of Fame by Virginia Lawyers Weekly. His work has recovered millions of dollars for clients in Virginia and beyond. He represents the wrongfully injured across the United States as well as sexual assault victims and clients in need of civil rights, legal malpractice, and business litigation.



**Kevin Connell '18** recently joined Trevett Cristo in Rochester, NY. His primary focus is Insurance Defense including motor vehicle accidents, premises liability, product liability, and toxic torts cases.