



WILLIAM & MARY LAW SCHOOL

Spring 2020 Class Notes



Horace Larry Wise ('61) passed away this past December. Among his achievements, Horace opened the first law office in Chesapeake, Virginia. He is survived by his wife, children, step-children, grandchildren, and step-grandchildren.

Edward L. Chambers Jr. ('74) passed away on Christmas Day 2019. Edward practiced law in the peninsula area for over forty years. He was active with the Virginia State Bar, serving on committees and task forces with the organization. Ed was inducted as a member of the Virginia Law Foundation in 2010 and was a substitute judge for the 9th Judicial Circuit. He was dedicated to service and his family. He was known for his love for ACC basketball, cooking on his Big Green Egg, and classic rock and roll. He is survived by his wife, children, step-children, sister, and many friends.



Robert Ulrich Johnsen Jr. ('75) passed away in Sarasota, Florida on May 16, 2020. After moving to Wilmington, North Carolina in 1984, Bob opened his own law practice. He loved his new home and spent as much time as possible on the ocean -- he particularly loved boating, scuba diving, and spending days searching for oysters and clams to grill for his family. A savvy lawyer and community leader, Bob made friends wherever he went, and was particularly known for his wicked sense of humor, and his steadfast devotion to those closest to him.



Mark J. Horoschak ('76) joined the Bradley Arant health care practice group in the firm's Charlotte office. Mark was previously the assistant director of the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Competition. He will be advising client on mergers, and federal antitrust issues, among others.

R. Edwin Burnette Jr. ('78) joined Liberty University School of Law as the first Jurist in Residence this February. He practiced law at Edmund & Williams for twenty-three years, served the Virginia State Bar in many ways, including as the President, and was a judge for the General District Court and the Lynchburg Circuit Court. His new role at Liberty University allows him to contribute to educating the next generation of lawyers, drawing from his decades of experience.



Robert A. Rapaport ('79) was reappointed as Commissioner of the Virginia Workers' Compensation Commission for a six-year term. The Commissioners sit as appellate judges and direct the staff, as well as other duties. Robert was appointed to the role in 2017, following his over thirty years of practicing with a focus on workers' compensation.

Ray W. King ('82) is now the President of the Board of Directors for Vandeventer Black, leaving his positions as secretary/treasurer on the same board. Ray's specialties include commercial real estate, corporate, and business law.



Barbara Johnson ('84) was selected as Secretary of the William & Mary Board of Visitors. Her two-year term will begin on July 1. In addition to her service to the Board of Visitors at W&M, Johnson has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Marshall-Wythe School of Law Foundation, where she served as president from 2014 to 2016 and vice president from 2012 to 2014. Johnson was appointed to the Board of Visitors in 2017 and currently chairs the Richard Bland College Committee. She is also vice chair of the Committee on Audit, Risk and Compliance and a member of the Committee on Administration,

Buildings and Grounds.

Cynthia Hudson ('87) joined Sands Anderson's Government group in the Richmond and Williamsburg offices. Prior to this role, Cynthia was the Commonwealth of Virginia's Chief Deputy Attorney General and the City Attorney for the City of Hampton. Cynthia has also been honored several times, including by the Virginia Law Foundation as a Fellow in 2015, the Richmond Chapter of the NAACP in 2018, and Virginia Lawyers Weekly as part of their inaugural class of Influential Women of Law.



Margaret F. Hardy ('95) was named one of Virginia Lawyers Weekly's 2020 Influential Women of Law.

Anita Hunter ('95) passed away last May. Anita was a labor attorney and served as WFSE's in-house general counsel for eleven years. Her achievements are remembered by the numerous individuals she advocated for, and her passion for languages and horses were some of the many qualities her friends, family, and coworkers cherish.



Lorrie A. Sinclair Taylor ('96) was approved by the Virginia General Assembly to be the first African-American judge in Loudon County. Her term began in April, and she will serve for six years as a General District Court judge.

Anne G. Bibeau ('97) was named one of Virginia Lawyers Weekly's 2020 Influential Women of Law.



Jeannette C. Koonce ('98) was named chief compliance officer at CoStar Group, Inc. CoStar Group, Inc. provides information on commercial real estate, among other things. Previously, Jeannette worked as the deputy general counsel for the company, since joining them in 2006.



Helena Mock ('00) was named one of Virginia's 2020 Super Lawyers. Helena is a founding member of The Peninsula Center for Estate and Lifelong Planning. Helena has been selected as a Super Lawyer every year since 2013.

Kara M. Kraman ('01) joined the Blank Rome LLP Tax, Benefits, and Private Client group in their New York Office. Kara has experience writing about both state and local tax issues, and she has been published in numerous media outlets, such as *Forbes*.



Brian G. Muse ('01) was elected shareholder for Sands Anderson. He joins the Litigation and Business groups and focuses on labor and employment law. He supports his clients in cases of discrimination, harassment, disability, retaliation, and wage and hour claims. He currently works in their Williamsburg office.

Kevin Duffan ('04) was appointed Circuit Court judge for Virginia Beach. Kevin was previously a Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Judge, and he will be the first African American judge to serve on the Virginia Beach Circuit Court.





Chara O'Neale ('07) received the a National Diversity Leadership Award from Career Mastered. Chara currently serves as Parker Poe's Director of Talent Management and Diversity & Inclusion. She has been recognized for her commitment to diversity previously by being included in *The Mecklenburg Times* "50 Most Influential Women" and being awarded one of *North Carolina Lawyers Weekly's* inaugural Diversity & Inclusion awards.

Amy Blumenthal ('07) was chosen by Kutak Rock as a member of the 2020 Class of Fellows of the Leadership Council on Legal Diversity. The program was made to train and promote the next generation of leaders of the legal profession.



Jeffrey S. Palmore ('09) was elected to partner in Reed Smith's Global Regulatory Enforcement Practice for the firm's Richmond office. Jeffrey is a member of the Virginia Government Relations Team, and he has previously served as top advisor to a governor, attorney general, and members of Congress, as well as candidates for state office.

Laura Collins ('10) was appointed and confirmed as a Veterans Law Judge at the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, Board of Veterans' Appeals. Previously, she was an attorney at the Board since 2012, being promoted to various roles over the years.

Taylor Davidson ('11) joined Harris Shelton Hanover Walsh, PLLC in Memphis. Taylor represents those in medical malpractice defense, civil litigation, and health care and commercial law. Additionally, she provides services in estate planning and trusts.

Eric Scalzo ('11) was elected partner at Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis in Nashville. Eric represents privity equity clients and helps physicians and dentists in the formation, acquisition, growth and sale of group practices, among other things.



Jesse D. Pound ('13) joins the Williamsburg office of Gordon & Rees. He focuses on litigation for trusts and estates, community associations, general commercial matters, and employment law.

Eric J. Sutton ('16) joined Omaha, NE firm of Gross & Welch. After graduating Law School, Eric clerked for Judge Riko Bishop on the Nebraska Court of Appeals and more recently a firm in Lincoln.



Krishna A. Jani ('17) joined Flaster Greenberg in Philadelphia as an associate in their litigation department. Additionally, she is a member of the firm's cybersecurity and privacy law practice groups.

Michael J. Alexander ('19) joined Whiteman Osterman & Hanna LLP as an associate this spring. Michael had previously been a summer associate with the firm.





Elisha Teibel ('19) won the prestigious Burton Legal Writing award for a note she published in the *William & Mary Environmental Law and Policy Review*, titled *Waste Size: The Skinny on the Environmental Costs of the Fashion Industry*.

Hallie Hovey-Murray ('19), author of the book *Overcoming Expectations*, gave a talk on the need for reform of the education system's approach to students with disabilities, why people with disabilities have a low employment rate, and how individuals can create more welcoming environments for those disabled individuals.

