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MICHAEL F. URBANSKI: UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

BY LINDA L. GUSTAD

It's official. Following a United States Senate confirmation vote on May 12, 2011, and administration of his oath of office in a private ceremony the next day, former United States Magistrate Judge Michael F. Urbanski now signs his judicial orders under a new title: United States District Judge.

"I am both humbled and honored by the appointment," Judge Urbanski said, "and will work very hard to serve as a district judge in a manner consistent with the tradition of the Western District." Beginning July 1, 2011, he will handle all cases filed in the Harrisonburg Division of the Western District, along with a portion of the Roanoke docket.

As reported by *The Roanoke Times*,* Judge Urbanski received high praise from Virginia's two United States Senators, who recommended him to President Obama as a candidate for the position of district judge. Senator Jim Webb spoke of Judge Urbanski's "incredible work ethic" and his "outstanding reputation for fairness and a good judicial temperament." Senator Mark Warner called Judge Urbanski's credentials "impeccable" and called him "effective [and] even handed."

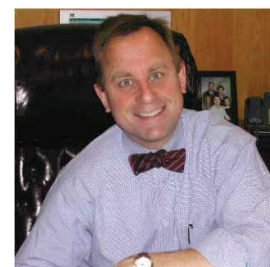
The path to the long-expected title change for Judge Urbanski began in early 2010, when United States District Judge Norman Moon, who hears cases in Lynchburg and Charlottesville, announced his intention to take senior status. Judge Urbanski earned endorsements from the Roanoke Bar Association and other state and local bar associations for the vacancy created by Judge Moon's status change and was nominated by President Obama on December 1, 2010, upon the Senators' recommendations. When Congress retired without a confirmation vote, however, the first nomination expired, and the President renewed it on January 5, 2011.

"I think he's an outstanding appointment," Judge Moon told *The Newport News Daily Press*.** "Before he became a magistrate, I considered him one of the best lawyers I ever had in court. He's very well respected among the bar and all the judges."

Judge Urbanski earned a bachelor's degree from the College of William and Mary and a law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law. In 1981 and 1982, he served as a law clerk to Judge James C. Turk. After a short stint working in Washington, D.C. with Vinson & Elkins, Urbanski joined Woods Rogers in Roanoke. The judges of the Western District voted in 2004 to appoint him as United States Magistrate Judge.

"He's been a great Magistrate Judge," Chief U.S. District Judge Glen Conrad told the *Roanoke Times*. "I don't think he'll have any difficulty making the transition" to District Judge.

Upon hearing the news of Judge Urbanski's confirmation, some of his former law clerks shared memories of working with him in the old job.



Michael F. Urbanski

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY FRANCIS H. CASOLA, ESQ., PRESIDENT



As the Bar year draws to a close and I look back over the past year, I feel very good about this Association and its future. The Roanoke Bar Association remains one of the most active bar associations in the Commonwealth.

The RBA turned out many members for the very successful Rule of Law Project last fall and held an always well-received Santa in the Square event in December for underprivileged children.

We held the Bench/Bar Conference in February, presented the You and the Law educational series of seminars for the general public in March, and had great fun at the Casino Night Gala fundraising for Roanoke City Public School teachers and the James N. Kincanon Scholarships. We awarded four of those scholarships and presented the Frank W. "Bo" Rogers, Jr., Lifetime Achievement Award to Henry Woodward and the Young Lawyer of the Year Award to Lauren Ellerman at the May 2011 Law Day luncheon (a tradition we have reinstated permanently). At this writing, we also are planning for the Jane Glenn Memorial Golf Tournament. We have done all this while also nurturing our mainstay programs, Barrister Book Buddies and Youth Court, presenting CLE programs for our members, publishing four newsletters, and holding our monthly luncheons with speakers headlined by local and statewide leaders such as Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine Dean Cynda Johnson, M.D., Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli, Hon. Bob Goodlatte, and Justice Lawrence Koontz (retired).

All of this was made possible by our hard working Board, each of whom I would personally like to thank: Lori Thompson, Tom Miller, Roy Creasy, Mike Cleary, Dave Cohan, Leah Gissy, Kevin Holt, Rich Maxwell, Amanda Shaw, Mike Whitlow, Brad Braford, Steve Lemon, Jonnie Speight, and Jennie Waering. As Cathy Caddy has told me often, "Any potential new Board members need to be told that they will have to work - - this is a working Board." The current board has certainly proven that Cathy is correct.

As our executive director, Cathy makes this organization run as smoothly as it does. Her organizational skills have kept us on track, and her event planning skills have allowed us to plan and host so many events seemingly effortlessly. I and every president before me for the last ten years or more know that our task would be infinitely more difficult without Cathy, and I thank her for her excellent work on behalf of the RBA.

The RBA is in good hands over the next several years under the leadership of Lori Thompson and Tom Miller. I leave the presidency with the firm knowledge that they will carry on the many professional and community events that the RBA has become known for across the Commonwealth and that the RBA will continue to be an association in which we can all take pride.

Francis H. Casola is a Principal at Woods Rogers, PLC

RBAF GALA HAS A NEW LOOK

The Roanoke Bar Association Foundation's sixth annual gala took a different form this year and raised funds for very worthy causes - the Roanoke City Public Schools Teachers' Fund and the RBA Foundation. Casino Night was held on May 6 at The Shenandoah Club and was quite a success. With 135 tickets sold for the event, a little over \$5,000 was raised for these causes.

The Gala was superbly catered by The Shenandoah Club with such delectable delights as shrimp and grits, freshly carved beef and crepes flambe. The culinary masterpieces were enhanced by ear-pleasing classical works played by the Patrick Henry High School String Quartet. The quartet members - Kathleen Kennedy, first violin; Anna Gustad, second violin, Elly Roller, viola, and Taylor Robinson, cello - performed several selections, including Mozart's *Divertimento No. 1 in D Major*, Haydn's *Menuetto*, and portions of Bach's *Brandenburg Concertos*.

Meanwhile, serious gambling was taking place on two separate floors with chips provided as part of the ticket purchase. Many of us taught and many of us learned about Black Jack, Five Card Stud, Roulette, and Craps. The delightful, gracious and patient dealers and games table workers were provided through Creative Entertainment.

Throughout the evening, door prizes were awarded, and, at the end of the evening, chips were cashed in for raffle tickets that participants placed in drawing bins labeled for additional prizes. A deserving Dave Carson won the grand prize of wine from the Shenandoah Club, a Brambleton Imports car detailing, a Davidson's \$25 gift certificate and a \$20 gift certificate to The Quarter restaurant specializing in New Orleans cuisine.

Without question, a good time was had by all. Importantly, RBA members took time out of the seriousness of their occupations to have collective fun. This event is truly one not to miss next year.

Many thanks to Lori Thompson and Cathy Caddy for all their creativity and hard work on this wonderful event. The RBAF wishes to especially thank the sponsors who made this event possible and the businesses that provided door prizes for lucky attendees.

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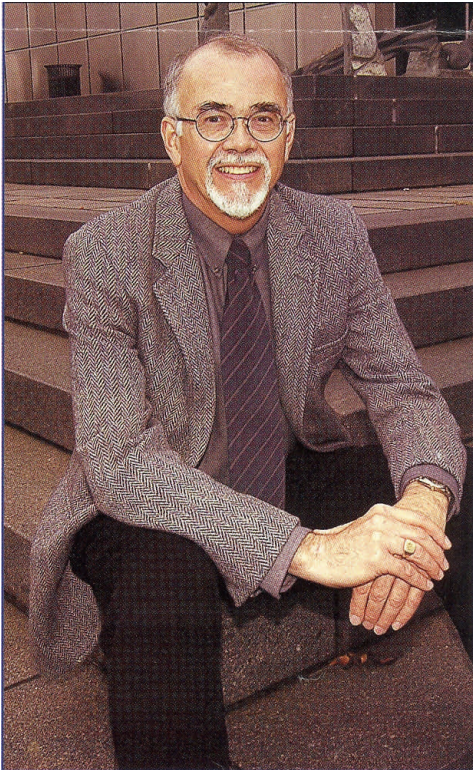
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HENRY WOODWARD RECEIVES THE SIXTH ANNUAL FRANK W. “BO” ROGERS, JR., LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



The Roanoke Bar Association Foundation Board proudly announced The Sixth Annual Frank W. “Bo” Rogers, Jr., Lifetime Achievement Award recipient to be Henry L. Woodward. The Lifetime Achievement Award is presented to an outstanding lawyer who embodies the highest tradition of personal and professional excellence in Southwest Virginia and, in doing so, enhances the image and esteem of the attorneys in this region. At the May 2, 2011, Law Day Luncheon, Henry Woodward was recognized as exemplifying those characteristics.

Henry graduated at the top of his class from Yale Law School and was a member of the Yale Law Journal Board of Editors. After law school, he joined the Peace Corps in Micronesia, where he provided legal services to the government and municipalities. He returned to the United States and began his legal service to the poor, an underserved population in the United States. He assumed the position of Acting Director of the Essex County, New Jersey Legal Services in 1972. In 1973, Henry settled in Roanoke as General Counsel for the Legal Aid Society of Roanoke Valley, a position he held until 2009, when he stepped down to serve as senior staff attorney.

Among his many accomplishments, Henry grew the Roanoke Legal Aid office to one serving eight counties. He has been a professor at the Washington and Lee School of Law and has advocated for his clients before the federal and state courts of the Commonwealth of Virginia and before the Supreme Court of the United States. He has served the law and his community on various boards and committees, including as the Vice Chair for the Virginia State Bar Legal Services Committee, a member of the Supreme Court of Virginia Committee on Self-Represented Litigants, the President of the Virginia Poverty Law Center, a board member of the Legal Services Corporation of Virginia, the President of the Rotary, the President of the Mental Health Services of Roanoke Valley, the Board President of the Unitarian Church, and as a counselor for Camp Lead.

Henry Woodward’s body of work defines the highest tradition of personal and professional excellence, which is clear by the impact he has had on attorneys who have had the honor of working with him.

David Beidler, General Counsel for the Legal Aid Society of the Roanoke Valley, began his law career with Henry because of Henry’s national prominence. David describes his over 20 years of experience with Henry as a guide as follows:

When I graduated from law school in Washington D.C. some 25 years ago, I knew I wanted to do legal work for the poor. The question for me was where to begin my practice. Henry’s national presence, even then, made legal aid in Roanoke an easy first choice as a place to begin my law career. Henry became my mentor. I quickly found intangible bonuses under Henry’s tutelage – his wit, laughter and exuberant (and contagious) enthusiasm for creatively addressing the legal problems of his clients. I remain grateful to be Henry’s colleague, friend and student.”

Anne Edenfield began her practice of law with Henry and, over the next 14 years, learned more than how to practice law. Anne recalls her experience as follows:

In 1975, I graduated from law school knowing I wanted to be a legal aid attorney. How fortunate I was that Henry hired me. For the next 14 years, Henry taught and showed me by his example how to practice law and so much more about what it is to be an attorney. It is well known that Henry has a passion for his work, representing those who have no one else to advocate for them. But the magnitude of the positive differences Henry has made in the lives of so many of his clients can never be fully understood, much less measured.

With Henry’s encouragement, I was able to pursue and learn from many complex and legally significant, albeit unpopular, state and federal cases necessary to protect the legal rights of our clients. He was always willing and available to exchange ideas about my cases, to help me write pleadings, to help me improve an appellate brief, or to discuss an ethical question. Mentoring seemed to come naturally to him.

Henry Woodward, thank you for offering me my first job as an attorney, for serving as my mentor, and for becoming my lifelong friend and colleague.

Nancy Reynolds decided to become a lawyer partially due to mentoring by Henry Woodward. Her experience was as follows:

Not every lawyer arrives at their chosen occupation by the same path. In the middle of my search for whether I had the skills to become a lawyer, Henry Woodward pushed me through the door. Henry allowed me to be part of a learning experience that affirmed that this noble occupation is a good fit for me, and I thank him for that. He allowed me to represent indigent clients before boards not requiring a lawyer representative. Through his wisdom and guidance, I learned about being a dedicated advocate with empathy. I am sincerely grateful to Henry Woodward for giving me a chance.

Henry Woodward has not only provided legal services to an underserved population lacking the financial means to afford such services, but he has shared his knowledge, experience and wisdom with many lawyers since he came to Roanoke in 1973. As mentor, advocate, concerned citizen, and intellectual, Henry Woodward has enhanced the image and esteem of the attorneys in this region through his tradition of personal and professional excellence.

Nancy F. Reynolds is a Partner at LeClairRyan

LAUREN ELLERMAN WINS YOUNG LAWYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

BY: KEVIN W. HOLT

At the May 2, 2011 Law Day Luncheon, Lauren M. Ellerman was presented the 2011 Young Lawyer of the Year Award. Each year, the RBA Foundation Board selects a young lawyer to receive this award in recognition of outstanding and dedicated service to the RBA, our community and the legal profession.

Lauren is a partner in the Frith & Ellerman law firm in Roanoke. She received her undergraduate degree in English at the College of William & Mary in 2001. She received her J.D. in 2004 from the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond, graduating *cum laude*.

Following a brief stint practicing in Northern Virginia, Lauren moved to Roanoke. She principally practices in the areas of medical malpractice, nursing home cases, and commercial litigation.

Lauren is actively involved in Bar and community activities. She is a member of the Virginia State Bar, the Young Lawyers Conference of the VSB, VBA, AAJ (formerly ATLA), and the RBA. She currently serves as Vice Chair of the Roanoke Chapter of the Virginia Women Attorneys Association. She serves on the membership committee of the VTLA. She is a member of the Ted Dalton American Inn of Court. She has also been recognized as a "rising star" in business litigation by various legal publications and as one of the top "30 under 30" influential young professionals in the region by Valley Business Front magazine.

In the community, Lauren is on the board of RAM House, is active with the Roanoke Rescue Mission, and is a board member of the Interfaith Hospitality Network. She helped establish the Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce's NewVa Connects Program and served as a board member from 2007 to 2009. This program is designed to assist young professionals in getting involved in the Roanoke Valley. Lauren was also instrumental in establishing the dog park in Roanoke's Highland Park. Finally, Lauren serves as an elder at Second Presbyterian Church and is scheduled later this year to take a group of high school students to a poor village in the Dominican Republic to provide aid and assistance.

The RBA and the editors of this publication congratulate Lauren Ellerman for the well-deserved honor of 2011 Young Lawyer of the Year.

Kevin W. Holt is a Partner at Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore



AGEE SPEAKS AT LAW DAY LUNCHEON

BY: WADE T. ANDERSON, ESQUIRE



The Hon. G. Steven Agee, a judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, served as the Roanoke Bar Association's keynote speaker for its Law Day Luncheon on May 2, 2011. Speaking broadly about the importance of the independent judiciary, Judge Agee targeted his remarks on the precarious circumstances faced by Virginia's state courts in light of current budgetary concerns.

Judge Agee commented in particular on the difficulty faced by the Supreme Court of Virginia, which has been operating with only five of its seven active Justices since the recent retirement of the Hon. Lawrence L. Koontz and death of Chief Justice Leroy Roundtree Hassell. Judge Agee, who served on that Court from 2003 until his appointment to the federal appeals court in 2008, commented that it would be difficult for the Court to continue operating in that fashion for a long period of time.

Judge Agee stressed that the General Assembly's failure to fill vacancies on the Supreme Court of Virginia as well as on the state's circuit and district courts represents "a real and tangible threat to the independence of the judiciary because the judiciary simply cannot function where there are no judges." Agee admitted that life tenure afforded him the luxury of making such comments but urged the attendees, as the ones particularly affected by this issue, to press it with their representatives.

Wade T. Anderson is an attorney at Frith Anderson & Peake, PC

SISTER CITY LAW STUDENT TO INTERN WITH LOCAL FIRMS

BY: JONNIE SPEIGHT

The Roanoke-Saint Lo Intern Committee of the Roanoke Valley Sister Cities, Inc. is sponsoring a French law student's visit to Roanoke from June to August 2011. The Committee has sponsored summer interns for about 12 years, but this is the first year the Committee has sponsored a law student.

The Committee hopes to place the student with a variety of law practices for very short periods, one to two weeks at a time, so the student can shadow the firm's attorneys. Because of visa provisions, the intern must not be paid. The Committee will arrange housing and transportation for the intern.

French law students follow a different track from American law students. They complete two intensive years of undergraduate work and go directly to law school, but their initial law school curriculum is not as intense as the typical American initial law school curriculum. French law school becomes more intense once students complete the preliminary work and then specialize.

If your firm can offer an internship, please contact Roanoke-Saint Lo Intern Sister City Committee members Ann Hackworth: 981-3339 (day); 857-8998 (cell), ann.hackworth@roanoke.com, Mary Jo Fassie: 366-5183; jouvent@cox.net; or Peggy Wells: 989-0218.

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MICHAEL F. URBANSKI: UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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J. Michael Showalter, who clerked for Urbanski in 2004-2005, observed: "The Magistrate Judge position played to two of the Judge's strengths: as a mediator and as the Roanoke federal court's version of Judge Wapner on petty offense days and as the presiding officer over bond hearings. Judge Urbanski has few parallels as a mediator. He often was able to resolve cases by sharing his insight into how he, as an experienced lawyer, viewed the parties' dispute."

parties' dispute."

"I am sure Judge Urbanski will be a great District Judge," Showalter said. "He listens and gives just as much thought to simple petty offense cases which could result in a \$100 fine as he would in cases involving literally tens of millions of dollars. I learned more working from him than at any other job and had more fun, too. Along with his other clerks, I congratulate him. His promotion shows that hard work and a good heart get rewarded."

Stacie C. Bordick worked with the Judge as a pro se law clerk in 2004-2006 and as his chambers law clerk in 2006-2007. "The time I spent working with the Judge was invaluable, both personally and professionally," Bordick said. "Traveling with him to various courthouses around the district for hundreds of motions hearings, bond hearings, and mediations, I learned so much about practicing law and life – the importance of integrity, honesty, and respect in all aspects of one's life, including when dealing with opposing counsel; the importance of some semblance of a balance between work and family; and the fact that patience, perseverance, and cookies will ultimately resolve a dispute or at least fuel the attorneys and/or Judge until resolution can be reached."



Bordick continued, "Judge Urbanski is a true friend, mentor, and role model. The Judge's thoughtful consideration of the facts, rules,

and law make him both an effective and efficient Judge and mediator. I am confident that he will continue to serve as a role model for the profession and many other, very fortunate law clerks."

As a law student, **Yousri H. Omar** interned with the court. He remembered being called down to meet with Judge Urbanski. "I was nervous, sure I had made some horrible gaffe that resulted in every judge's worst nightmare, a reversal. Instead, in what I later learned was an informal job interview, Judge Urbanski talked to me about the law, family, and my plans for my legal career. Towards the end of our 'talk,' Judge Urbanski called in his law clerk, a UVA graduate, to ask her whether he should hire a Hokie." Then, the Judge offered Omar a clerkship on the spot.

"Throughout my internship and clerking days," Omar remembered, "Judge Urbanski took his role of mentor and friend to heart. Every opportunity was a teaching moment, and I am a better attorney and person because of him. He models one of the fundamental tenets of the law – every case and every litigant matters."

J. Michael Showalter is an associate at Schiff Hardin LLP in Chicago, Illinois. After clerking for Judge Urbanski in 2004-05, he clerked for David A. Faber, then Chief Judge of the Southern District of West Virginia, and practiced with the Richmond firm of Hunton & Williams LLP.

Stacie C. Bordick is an Associate in the Fredericksburg Office of Hirschler Fleischer, P.C., working in a diverse range of civil litigation, with an emphasis in business and commercial disputes. She also serves as a Director for the Christian Youth Theater Fredericksburg, Inc. and general counsel to the Virginia Dressage Association of Fredericksburg, Inc.

Since his clerkship ended in 2008, Yousri Omar has worked at Vinson & Elkins LLP as a litigator in the firm's Washington, D.C. office, primarily in white-collar criminal defense and government and internal investigations.

Linda L. Gustad is an attorney with the U. S. District Court

DRUG COURT'S VIDEO SCOOPS TWO AURORA AWARDS AND A HUGO

BY: JONNIE L. SPEIGHT, ESQUIRE

The Twenty-third Judicial Circuit Drug Court's video "The Arrest Is Only the Beginning: How Virginia Drug Courts Succeed" has picked up two more sets of awards.

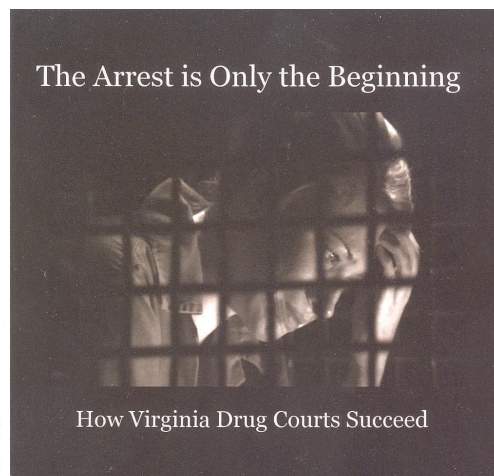
The 26-minute documentary about the Roanoke Valley's drug treatment court, which won a Telly award earlier this year, has now won gold 2011 Aurora Awards in two categories: Social Issues and Documentary. The video also scored a Gold Plaque for Special Achievement-Low Budget in the 2011 Hugo Television Competition.

The Aurora judges commented on the video's best elements being the "beautiful photography and creative editing." The Hugo judges evaluated all aspects of the Drug Court video for professionalism, creativity, and effectiveness in achieving its goals. The judges carefully considered the video's production budget because resourceful use of limited funds is highly valued by Hugo.

The Drug Treatment Court Advisory Board made the video on a shoestring budget to demonstrate the effectiveness of Virginia's drug court programs. The video was shot in Roanoke and Salem over four days in September 2009, with one pickup day in December 2009.



Aurora Award



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SELECTING A MAGISTRATE JUDGE

The application period for candidates seeking to replace Judge Michael F. Urbanski as Magistrate Judge in Roanoke ended June 3, 2011, and selection procedures are now in progress.

Qualifications:

A Magistrate Judge must be an attorney with at least five years' experience in the practice of law; must have been a member in good standing of the bar of a state's highest court for five years. The candidate must be competent to perform the duties of the office, of good moral character, emotionally stable and mature, committed to equal justice under the law, in good health, patient, courteous, and capable of deliberation and decisiveness when required to act on his or her own reason and judgment.

The Merit Selection Committee:

After a public notice and application period, the District Judges appoint a committee of at least seven members, made up of attorneys and at least two non-attorney members of the community. This advisory panel of citizens reviews the applications and conducts interviews with the applicants. The panel must keep confidential all information and deliberations. Within about 90 days, the Committee makes a report to the District Judges, naming the five candidates it finds most suitable.

The following individuals have accepted appointment as members of the citizen advisory panel to assist in selecting Judge Urbanski's replacement as Magistrate Judge in Roanoke: Attorneys John P. Fishwick, Jr., Elizabeth K. Dillon, John E. Falcone, Philip G. Gardner, Christopher K. Kowalczyk, and Onzlee Ware; Eunice Holland, Retired federal court employee; and Michael C. Maxey, President, Roanoke College.

Judicial Vote

After receiving the report, the Judges may conduct additional fact finding. A majority vote by the District Judges determines the final selectee. If no applicant receives a majority vote, the Judges ask the Committee for a second list of five candidates and then vote on names from both lists. If no candidate receives a majority vote, the Chief Judge selects the final candidate from both lists.

Final Steps

After a candidate is selected and accepts the position, he or she must undergo an FBI full-field investigation, with a 15-year scope, and an IRS tax check. Once the candidate is cleared by these checks, the Court enters an Order of Appointment and the candidate takes the Oath of Office to become a Magistrate Judge. See 28 U.S.C. § 453 and 5 U.S.C. § 3331.

For further details about a Magistrate Judge's authority and duties, see 28 U.S.C. § 631-639 and 18 U.S.C. § 3401-3402. The selection procedures are set according to Regulations of the Judicial Conference of the United States.

JANE S. GLENN MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

On November 20, 2007, Jane S. Glenn, a highly-esteemed Roanoke lawyer, mentor, friend, and colleague, died after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

In honor of her memory, the Roanoke Bar Association Foundation sponsored the Inaugural Jane S. Glenn Memorial Golf Tournament on June 2 at Roanoke Country Club., followed by a reception. All proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Jane S. Glenn Memorial Endowed Scholarship.

Eight teams participated in the event and the winners are:

First Place	Aaron Houchens John Prillaman Dan Summerlin Josh Wykle
Second Place	Mike Shorten Dinny Skaff Graham Weddington Katie Weddington
Third Place	Penny Hamilton Nancy Helm Leigh Lacy Kai Memmer
Longest Drive	Dinny Skaff Penny Hamilton
Closest to Pin	Aaron Houchens Mike Shorten
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Many thanks to Leah Gissy and Dinny Skaff for their efforts in planning this event.



Jane S. Glenn

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ROANOKE LAW LIBRARY NEWS AND INFORMATION

BY JOSEPH KLEIN, LAW LIBRARIAN



Another wet and rainy spring is almost over, and the heat of summer is just around the corner. It has been almost a year since the harsh economic times and reduction in filing fee collections forced the Roanoke Law Library to cut its hours (currently Monday 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., Tuesday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon). While we certainly regret any inconvenience that this may have caused,

we want to let you know that we still strive to provide you with the best service possible. I also want to assure you that our goal is to resume our prior hours of operation as soon as we are able. Meanwhile, we still provide access to our comprehensive collection of Virginia and general legal resources, historical Virginia legislation and statutes, and free access to the powerful online legal research tool, Westlaw. If you have a question about our resources or services, call me at 540-853-2268.

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There's no use in "recreating the wheel," - we can save you countless hours and much frustration in finding the forms you need. The Roanoke Law Library has several comprehensive sets of sample forms. The excellent *Virginia Forms* published by Lexis is updated yearly and provides thousands of the most used forms for all areas of Virginia Practice. If you cannot find a specific form in *Virginia Forms*, we also have an updated set of *American Jurisprudence Legal Forms 2d*, a huge multivolume set of general forms, and *American Jurisprudence Pleading and Practice Forms*, which is not current, but can be updated through Westlaw. Additionally, all Bar Association members can use their RVL library cards to check out hundreds of Virginia Continuing Legal Education volumes containing valuable Virginia-specific forms, some on CDs.

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2011 JAMES N. KINCANON SCHOLARSHIPS



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In 1997, the RBA Foundation established the James N. Kincanon Scholarship in honor of James N. Kincanon, who served as Secretary-Treasurer of the RBA for over 50 years. The scholarship is available to students who demonstrate diligence in and commitment to their studies, academic excellence, and an interest in the pursuit of law. Since its inception, the Foundation has awarded \$128,667 in scholarships and grants.

The 2011 James N. Kincanon scholarship recipients will be recognized at the RBA Annual Meeting on June 14:

Michael J. Hartley - Washington & Lee University School of Law

Brittany Michelle Hornady - Washington & Lee University School of Law

Matthew George Rosendahl - Senior, Glenvar High School, attending William & Mary

2010 VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS

At the RBA Annual Meeting on June 14, members who provided a minimum of 25 hours of community service, charitable professional services, or pro bono public services during 2010 will be recognized and receive their service awards. The President's Volunteer Service Awards are issued by the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation and recognize contributions over 100 hours. Certificates of Commendation are issued by the Roanoke Bar Association and recognize 25 - 99 hours of service. We are proud to present the following members with service awards:

President's Volunteer Service Awards

Lifetime - 4,000+ Hours

Steven L. Higgs

Gold Level - 500+ Hours

Gregory D. Habeeb

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SALEM/ROANOKE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION PUBLISHES COLLECTED OPINIONS OF VIRGINIA SUPREME COURT JUSTICE LAWRENCE L. KOONTZ, JR.



The Salem/Roanoke County Bar Association officially released the first two volumes of *Jurist Prudent: The Judicial Opinions of Lawrence L. Koontz, Jr.* at its 2011 Annual Meeting on May 16. Upon his retirement from active service as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia on February 1, 2011, Koontz had completed more than four decades of service to the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia. In order to recognize that service and help preserve Justice Koontz's legacy as one of the outstanding jurists in Virginia and the United States, the SRCBA instituted a project to collect all of Justice Koontz's published opinions from his tenure as a Justice of the Supreme Court and as an inaugural member of the Court of Appeals of Virginia.

At the Annual Meeting of the SRCBA, Justice Koontz was presented with copies of the first two volumes by Judge Barbara M. Keenan of the United States 4th Circuit Court of Appeals and Judge James W. Benton, Jr., a retired judge of the Court of Appeals of Virginia. Koontz's career law clerk, John S. Koehler, who has served in his chambers for more than seventeen years, is the editor of the series. "I cannot think of a better tribute for Justice Koontz and his years of service to the people of Virginia," said Koehler. "For a quarter of century, Justice Koontz put into practice through his majority opinions, concurrences and dissents, the ideals that have always guided him as a judge. By bringing all his opinions together in a single collection, it will be possible to see how he applied those ideals consistently even as he matured as a jurist."

The first volume of *Jurist Prudent* includes the opinions authored by Koontz during his first five years as a judge of the Court of Appeals. One of ten members selected by the Virginia General Assembly for the newly created intermediate appellate court in 1985, Koontz found himself with extra administrative duties just a few months into his tenure when he was elected Chief Judge of the Court following the sudden, untimely death of its first Chief Judge, E. Ballard Baker. In her foreword, Keenan praised Koontz both for his leadership in helping the Court to shape its identity and "fostering unique bonds of friendship that defined the membership of our court during those early years."

Likewise, in the foreword to the second volume, which contains opinions from Koontz's next two years of service on the Court of Appeals, Benton noted that Koontz continued to provide leadership as the Court saw several of its members retire or, in Keenan's case, go on to service on the Supreme Court. According to Benton, Koontz recognized that the new members of the Court would need to receive orientation and mentoring, but that he also recognized they would bring new ideas and new perspectives as well. The second volume includes Koontz's opinions in two cases of criminal contempt that arose out of the Pittston Coal Strike of 1989-90. The later history of those cases in the Virginia and the United States Supreme Courts is recounted in an appendix in the volume.

All volumes in the *Jurist Prudent* series will be available in both hardcover and paperback editions, which can be purchased through a link on the Association's website (http://members.cox.net/salem_roanoke_bar). The paperback edition is also available through Amazon.com. Proceeds from sales of the series will support the Association's scholarship funds.

ROANOKE BAR ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION 2011 CASINO NIGHT GALA - YOU HAD TO BE THERE!



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBERS

The Roanoke Bar Association welcomes the following new Active Members:

Karri B. Atwood
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OBITUARIES

Justice Roscoe "Rocky" Stephenson



Retired Supreme Court of Virginia Justice Roscoe Bolar Stephenson, Jr., 89 years old, died on May 30, 2011. He was the first Alleghany Highlands resident ever appointed to the Supreme Court of Virginia, where he served as an active Justice on the Court from 1981 to December 2007 and as a Senior Justice until he retired in mid-2010. Justice Stephenson was elected as a circuit court judge for the Twenty-Fifth Judicial Circuit on July 12, 1973, a position he held until his 1981 appointment to the Supreme Court. The Twenty-Fifth Judicial Circuit includes the counties of Alleghany, Augusta, Bath, Botetourt, Craig, Highland, and Rockbridge, and the cities of Buena Vista, Covington, Staunton, and Waynesboro.

A man of humor, high integrity, and humility, Justice Stephenson combined his keen analytical legal mind with compassion, an innate sense of fairness, and practical wisdom. He epitomized the values to which every jurist and human being should aspire. He was a true Virginia gentleman and will be sorely missed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Roanoke Bar Association Meetings

2010 - 2011

June 14, 2011 (Annual Meeting)

2011 - 2012

September 13, 2011

October 11, 2011

November 8, 2011

December 13, 2011

January 10, 2012

February 14, 2012

March 13, 2012

April 10, 2012

June 12, 2012

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