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## AN INTERVIEW WITH JUDGE TROMPETER

BY KEVIN M. GICK, ESQ.

*On April 14, 2015, I sat down with the legendary Judge Phillip Trompeter at a coffee shop in downtown Roanoke City. He told me about 30 years as a Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court judge. I have paraphrased our conversation based on my furiously scribbled notes.*

*Where did the bow tie come from?*

It's actually a somewhat recent look. My son taught me how to tie a bow tie when he was in high school. I liked it so much that it became part of my everyday work attire.

*What particular skills are essential to being a successful J&DR judge?*

You cannot be afraid to take control of the courtroom, be decisive, and tell the parties exactly what you expect them to do. The couples and families that come before you are almost always very dysfunctional and out of control. When I started as a judge, I had to learn this very quickly.

*How has being a father shaped how you made decisions in the courtroom?*

For me, being a dad was highly influential on my judicial philosophy. If I wouldn't tolerate certain conduct in my own children, I would not accept it in the kids who appeared in my court. I believed that "minor" offenses were always worthy of my attention. Very often parents – regardless of their economic status – would minimize their child's bad behavior and refuse to hold him or her accountable for "youthful indiscretions" like underage drinking or smoking marijuana. Lawyers and doctors were just as bad about this as anyone else. I always took such matters seriously because unhealthy adolescent behavior, left unchecked, usually gets progressively worse. Moreover, the science on how our brains develop tells us that adolescents are exceptionally vulnerable to addiction before age 25.

*You are known for continuing a case almost indefinitely to keep a juvenile on a tight leash.*

If a troubled child was willing to try to change, I would continue his or her juvenile "charges" again and again rather than make a formal finding of delinquency. It was worth it to keep bringing the matter back for multiple court hearings if that sort of supervision was necessary for continued positive changes. Although not everyone may appreciate this strategy, I was always reluctant to find a child delinquent and create a permanent record that could saddle that young man or woman's attempts to go to college or seek employment.

*You see tremendous sadness and misery on a daily basis. How do you keep smiling?*

Staying positive can be very tough when your job description requires you to confront the unhappiness, self-destructiveness, and despair that are the result of broken homes. I stayed cheerful every day because I never stopped believing that my position gave me a unique chance to "fix" dysfunctional families. It was that pervasive hope that encouraged me to never give up on a struggling child.

*Do J&DR judges adequately understand domestic violence?*

I think that we are much better at addressing this issue today. In 2001, I wrote an article on gender bias within the J&DR court system based on my work on a Task Force commissioned to study the issue. One of our findings was that 7 out of 10 female attorneys felt that J&DR judges subscribed to a number of myths about domestic violence: that it was a private family matter, was unusual, only affected poor and urban families, and victims could easily leave an abusive relationship.



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY RICHARD C. MAXWELL, ESQ.



Here are some reflections on my year as president of the Roanoke Bar Association:

I would like to thank Linda Gustad, Ric Scott, Justin Simmons, and Rob Dean, for their work on the *Roanoke Bar Review* which continues its run with quality and informative articles. Linda and Ric are going off the Board this year and they will be very much missed. I would also like to thank all of the other Board members

and RBA members who so generously devote their time to the RBA by organizing continuing legal education programs, presenting a terrific *You and the Law* program, providing wills and advice to the Valley's firefighters and police officers, procuring interesting speakers for our monthly meetings, selecting recipients for grants and scholarships, volunteering for Rule of Law presentations, being Barrister Book Buddies, attending a packed Bench-Bar Conference, or helping with Santa at the Station. You make a difference.

This year's April monthly meeting is one that I will always remember. First, there was a poignant memorial for Judge Turk given by Judge Conrad. This memorial blended seamlessly into the comments offered by Judge Trompeter on his thirty years as a Juvenile and Domestic Relations Judge. Judge Trompeter's comments highlighted that what we do as lawyers is important to our community and the people we serve. The May meeting was equally memorable for Bill Hopkins' presentation of the Bo Rogers Lifetime Achievement Award to Bill Lemon and Jay O'Keeffe's presentation of the Young Lawyer of the Year Award to Brooke Rosen.

In this edition, you will see a story regarding the award of the Jane S. Glenn scholarship and the James Kincaid scholarships. As a member of the selection committee, I can tell you that all of the applicants were extremely qualified and, therefore, the selection process was thorough and difficult. I would like to thank Steve Higgs for his service on the Roanoke Law Foundation Board. Steve has helped greatly with the scholarship selection process and has devoted a large amount of time to the development of the Fellows program.

Joe Mott will be taking over for me as president of the RBA. The Association could not be in better hands. The Association continues to be in good financial shape. We can always use people who want to help on a committee. Please reach out to me, Joe Mott, or Hugh Wellons, if you are interested in helping.

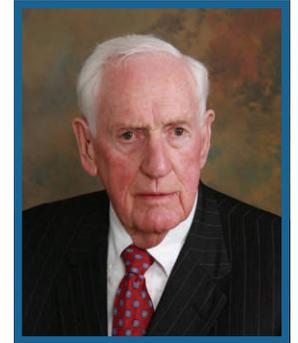
Thanks for letting me serve as the president of the Roanoke Bar Association. I look forward to seeing you at one of our monthly lunches or at one of the other RBA presentations.



Rich Maxwell is a Partner at Woods Rogers

## WILLIAM J. LEMON RECEIVES THE 2015 FRANK W. "BO" ROGERS, JR., LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

*This award recognizes an outstanding lawyer who embodies the highest standard of personal and professional excellence in Southwest Virginia and, in doing so, enhances the image and esteem of attorneys in the region. William B. Hopkins, Esq., offered the following remarks in presenting this award to Mr. Lemon at the Law Day luncheon.*



Gene Elliott called me late in the day in March to inform me that he had notified Bill Lemon that he was this year's recipient of the Bo Rogers Award. Gene had forgotten to tell Mr. Lemon that the Bar Association liked to make its announcement on April 15 and asked me to tell Mr. Lemon not to tell anyone until then.

I said I didn't mind making the call, but it was unnecessary. Mr. Lemon was not going to tell anybody anyway. But for the Bar's press release and this lunch, no one would know who this year's recipient was except the committee and Bill Lemon.

Bill Lemon has done so much for others – but you will never hear about it from him.

Bill Lemon was born in Covington, Virginia in 1932. He attended the public schools there. He received his undergraduate and law degrees from Washington and Lee University.

The summer before his freshman year at W&L, Bill worked at the Westvaco plant in Covington. He saved enough money that summer to pay his tuition at W&L for his first year. Unfortunately, the Westvaco plant went on strike. For his sophomore year, Bill decided to continue his studies abroad by joining the Army. He spent 15 months of his commitment stationed in Austria. After he completed his obligation to the Army, Bill returned home and finished his studies in Lexington.

John Shelby Spong was born and reared in Charlotte, North Carolina. He was an Episcopal Bishop and a first cousin of Senator Bill Spong. No doubt with a touch of envy, Bishop Spong used to say that in Virginia, if a man did not marry up there was really no point in it.

Bill Lemon took that advice to heart. In 1959, he married the beautiful and very smart Barbara Inez Boyle of Rye, New York. Barbara Boyle was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Randolph Macon Woman's College. She majored in History, English, and Religion.



The Lemons had three children: Sarah, Tucker, and Stephen. Not surprisingly, they are all bright. All three graduated from law school. Stephen and Tucker practice law with their father at Martin, Hopkins, and Lemon. Of course, the trouble with smart children is that they like to go to

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## BROOKE C. ROSEN RECEIVES THE 2015 YOUNG LAWYER OF THE YEAR AWARD



*Jay O'Keefe offered the following remarks in presenting this award to Brooke Rosen at the Law Day luncheon.*

Good afternoon. It's my privilege to present the Roanoke Bar Association's Young Lawyer of the Year Award, which recognizes an outstanding young lawyer who has demonstrated dedicated service to our community and our profession. It's an award that the Roanoke Bar Association has been giving out

since 2006, making this year's recipient, Brooke Rosen, the tenth lawyer in a distinguished line—and, given the criteria, a perfect choice. That's because more than anything else, the idea of service has defined Brooke's career.

Let's gloss over the first criterion for now, because I'm a little offended by the Award's definition of "young." But as a bitter old lawyer myself, at least by the Award's lights, I can assure you that Brooke meets our requirements for youth. And any of you who have worked with her — either while she was at Gentry Locke or in her new role at Johnson Rosen — know that she is an exceptionally talented lawyer.

When it comes to the second point, service to the community, Brooke has been a tireless worker. She currently sits on the boards of directors of the Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce, CHIP of Roanoke Valley (where she also serves as Secretary), and the YMCA of Roanoke Valley. She has served on two of those boards for six years. Brooke is also a graduate of Leadership Roanoke Valley and a former member of the Junior League of Roanoke Valley.

Brooke's service to the profession of law has been, if anything, even more impressive. She was a four-year member of the Board of Governors of the Virginia State Bar's Young Lawyers Conference, where she served as the Chair of the Minority Pre-Law Conference and, in 2009, won the Conference's Outstanding Service Award. She is a member of our fine organization as well as the Virginia Women Attorneys Association, and in 2011 she received the Women of Achievement Award in the Law Category from DePaul Community Resources.

We could keep running through Brooke's resume, but it's really more of the same — just different iterations of, or synonyms for, the words "outstanding," "lawyer," "young," or "service." But that's not really why Brooke deserves this recognition. What sets her apart isn't the boards or awards. It's the way that the idea of service — of helping, of contributing to the welfare of others — runs through everything she does.

I've been lucky enough to work with Brooke for more than a few years now, and I get to see it every day. Walk into a meeting with her, and you see it in the wonderful, calming presence that she brings to clients. And I'm not talking about words or body language or cheap Dale Carnegie tricks. I'm talking about her genuine willingness to assume the burdens of others, and the way that clients respond to her — immediately, every time. It doesn't matter whether she's dealing with a pro bono divorce client for Blue Ridge Legal Services or a sophisticated international businessman; her clients all see, and respond to, her intelligence and genuine concern.

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## VIEWS FROM THE BENCH: JUDGE VINCENT A. LILLEY

BY ROBERT E. DEAN, ESQ.

Judge Vincent Lilley always wanted to be a lawyer.

"It started in grade school. My parents emphasized education, and I loved history and writing. It seemed like a natural fit."

He grew up in Virginia Beach as the second of four children. He and his siblings were among the first generation in his family to attend college.

"When I started high school, my brother was an outstanding baseball player. Just truly outstanding. I really looked up to him, so I tried out every year — and somehow always missed the cut. I wrestled, instead, and prepared for college."

After graduating from high school in 1978, Judge Lilley attended college at the University of Virginia. Within a week of starting school, he met Ellen, his future wife.

"I knew within a month of dating that we would get married someday," says Judge Lilley. "We've been together ever since."

In Charlottesville, Judge Lilley pursued a double major in German Languages and Literature and Political and Social Thought. He studied German in large part because he spent the summer of 1976 bicycling 3,000 miles across Europe.

It was a rigorous course that left little time for anything else, "except UVA basketball games," says Judge Lilley. "Those years were a lot like now — the team was near the top of the ACC each year that I was there."

After graduation, Judge Lilley and his wife were married, and they moved to Richmond for law school.

"We did whatever we could to support our household while I attended school," says Judge Lilley. "Ellen worked as a waitress, at a bank, and as an insurance claims processor. I was a cashier on the weekends."

It was a job in Judge Lilley's third year of law school that eventually brought him to Roanoke: a clinical placement with the Henrico Commonwealth's Attorney.

"It was an extraordinary experience trying cases during my third year of school," says Judge Lilley. "I loved being in court."

Upon graduation, he mailed applications to every prosecutor's office in Virginia — "and this was before the days of word processors" — before getting an interview in Roanoke.

"The Henrico Commonwealth's Attorney made a phone call to Roanoke County Commonwealth's Attorney John Lampros, and I was fortunate to get a job offer in the Roanoke County office."

When Judge Lilley and his wife moved to Roanoke, they thought it would be a temporary stay. He believed they might move back to his home in Tidewater, or her home in Northern Virginia. But when the first of their four children was born within a year after starting with the Roanoke County Commonwealth's Attorney, they decided to stay.

"We fell in love with the Roanoke Valley. It was such a wonderful place to raise a family, and we made it our home," says Judge Lilley.

Just as Judge Lilley always wanted to be a lawyer, he also always hoped he might have the opportunity to serve as a judge, too. He was grateful for the mentorship of Commonwealth's Attorney Thomas Blaylock and Judge Arthur Crush.



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## JUDGE DILLON'S INVESTITURE

BY DIANE M. CASOLA, ESQ.

Judge Elizabeth K. Dillon's investiture ceremony as District Judge for the Western District of Virginia was held on March 20, 2015, at 4:00 p.m. in the Ted Dalton Ceremonial Courtroom in the Poff Federal Building.



The judges of the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia: (front row, from left) Jackson L. Kiser, Elizabeth K. Dillon, Glen E. Conrad (Chief Judge); (back row) Norman K. Moon, Michael F. Urbanski, and James P. Jones

The courtroom was packed with over 250 guests present. Those attending the ceremony included Judge Dillon's parents, mother-in-law, sisters, and many other extended family members who travelled from as far away as Iowa to witness the ceremony. Additionally, sixteen sitting or retired judges attended: Judge Agee, Judge Ballou, Judge Black, Judge Broadhurst, Judge Conrad, Judge Dorsey, Judge Gibney, Judge Hoppe, Judge Jones, Judge Kiser, Judge Moon, Judge Sargent, Judge Sprague, Judge Stone, Judge Strickland, Judge Urbanski, Judge Weckstein, and Judge Welsh.

The ceremony began with a welcome by Judge Conrad, Presiding Chief United States District Judge, who recounted the history of the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia back to its inception in 1789 and made a reference to John George Jackson, a gentleman involved in determining the location of the University of Virginia. (This reference provided the first of many opportunities for the running UVA basketball score in the NCAA tournament against the Belmont Bruins to be announced to the gathered audience.) Judge Dillon's place in history as the first woman judge for the Western District of Virginia was also noted. Judge Conrad's welcome was followed by an invocation from Louis M. Stickler, a Methodist minister and family friend. Judge Dillon's daughters, Katie and Anne Dillon, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Written comments from Senators Tim Kaine and Mark Warner were read by Gwen Mason and Sam Louis Taylor respectively. Less formal comments followed.

Uniformly, the personal remarks about Judge Dillon recounted her gentle nature and her keen intellect, qualities that will make her an outstanding judge. First, Judge Urbanski elicited many laughs as he fondly recounted Judge Dillon's sisters' recollections of having "Liz" as an older sister. Many also learned of Judge Dillon's avid interest as a youngster in professional wrestling which was inspired by her grandfather.

Former law partner Jim Guynn spoke to Judge Dillon's "uncommon grace," her "calm demeanor" and her "beautiful form of humility." Kai Memmer, another former law partner, delivered an inspiring speech that artfully expressed how much

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## ROANOKE LAW LIBRARY NEWS AND INFORMATION

BY JOSEPH KLEIN, LAW LIBRARIAN



Summer seems to be arriving early this year. My annual struggle to resist turning on the air conditioner has already been lost. Hopefully the heat will bring luscious gardens full of delicious fruits and vegetables, nice tans, and most precious of all, a much needed vacation. Before you head off on vacation, don't forget to check out our collection of popular fiction, or for the more productive among you, the Virginia CLE collection. If you have children, make sure

you check out the hundreds of Summer Reading Program events we have scheduled in June and July. There will be programs and contests geared towards maintaining the reading levels of children during summer vacation. See our upcoming "Events and Programs" page at <http://bit.ly/dnSLCn> for more information.

### Law Library Reference Services

In addition to the vast array of materials in the Roanoke Law Library collection, I would also like to remind you of some of the services that I can provide for area legal professionals. If you need legal information, but can't make it to the Law Library or just need assistance with a vexing legal research problem, please don't hesitate to give me a call at 853-2268 or email me at [joseph.klein@roanokeva.gov](mailto:joseph.klein@roanokeva.gov). I have over fifteen years of legal research experience. If you need a copy of something from our collection or from Westlaw, but don't have time to come by the library, I will be glad to download or scan it and email or fax it to you. If you are looking for something that we don't have at the Roanoke Law Library, I can usually borrow it for you through Inter-library Loan.



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## AN INTERVIEW WITH JUDGE TROMPETER

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Judges are much more aware and informed about domestic violence than when I took the bench. They understand concepts that were unheard of a generation ago. For example, we understand now the tremendous psychological harm that children suffer simply by observing one parent abuse the other. I consider exposing a child to that to be a form of child abuse.

*What can you do when a victim of domestic violence continues to enable his or her abuser?*

This is certainly one of the most frustrating and sad aspects of being a J&DR judge. By the time a domestic violence case is heard in court, victims of domestic violence often have had a complete change of heart. As anyone who has done this work knows, victims routinely deny, minimize, or justify the abuse they received at the hands of their abuser.

As a judge, whenever children were involved and I suspected rampant domestic abuse, I would request that the Department of Social Services conduct an investigation into the safety of the children. I did this even where, from a legal standpoint, the evidence simply did not amount to proof beyond a reasonable doubt of a criminal offense. It was absolutely the right thing to do for the children's welfare.

*How did you become a passionate supporter of mental health issues?*

Although mental illness gets a lot of attention in the media today – especially when a violent tragedy occurs because a person's psychological illness went unrecognized or untreated – I think that it was just as prevalent a generation ago as it is today. The difference is that we are much better at recognizing problems that went undiagnosed 30 years ago. While many people still face huge barriers to getting mental health services, society is much more accepting of the reality of mental illness today. For example, depression is no longer dismissed as something that's "just in your head." It's every bit as real, out of a person's control, and worthy of medical treatment as acute asthma or a broken leg.

After I graduated from law school, I became involved with a legislative study on the involuntary commitment process. [These are laws that establish criteria for determining when involuntary treatment is appropriate for individuals with severe mental illness who cannot seek care voluntarily.] I worked with UVA law professor Richard Bonnie to help recommend changes to the existing procedure in Virginia. We helped convince legislators to pass separate rules for involuntary commitment of minors. This was important because it ended the existing practice of treating minors suffering mental illness in the same way as adults. There are unique competency issues that children face. While I was still in my twenties, I was appointed as a Special Justice to hear certain of these mental health commitment matters. I think that my background in the mental health field acted as a springboard to becoming a J&DR judge.

*What is the most important piece of parenting advice that you could give to young mothers and fathers today?*

Hoping that your child will do the right thing in the face of peer pressure does not substitute for regular supervision and guidance from you. Trust but verify.



*Kevin Gick, now an associate with Frith Anderson and Peake, was previously an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney in Roanoke County, and regularly appeared before Judge Trompeter in that capacity.*

## YOU AND THE LAW

*You and the Law*: Senior Symposium was presented at the Sheraton Roanoke Hotel and Conference Center on April 21. Over 60 people attended the program which included information in three sessions:

Ten Things You Need to Know About Estate Planning  
Presented by Suzanne Bednar and Carter Brothers

The A's, B's, C's & D's of Medicare  
Presented by Anne Edenfield

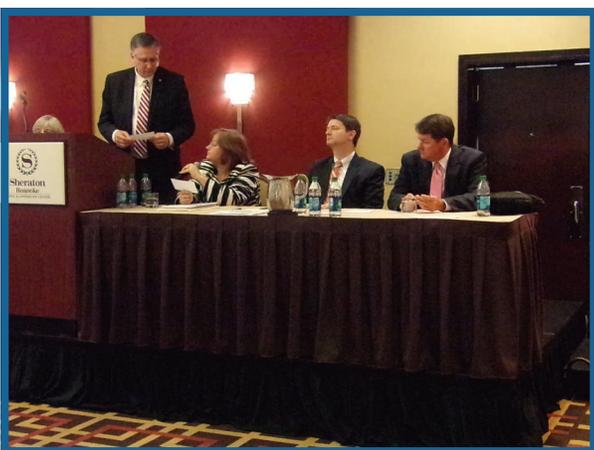
Scams: Be Alert, Be Aware, Be Proactive  
Presented by Roanoke Police Chief Chris Perkins and  
Officer Travis Akins

The April program was the sixth in an annual series of *You and the Law* programs which are designed to educate the public about the legal system in order to make citizens' interaction with the system more efficient and less frustrating. Each *You and the Law* program has been filmed and the RBA web site has 27 videos available for viewing.

The seventh season is already under construction and we plan to present *You and the Law*: Your Day in Court on October 6 at the Roanoke City Courthouse.



You and the Law Panel: Officer Travis Akins, Shannon Abell from LOA, Anne Edenfield, and moderator Tom Miller



You and the Law Panel: Moderator Tom Miller, Suzanne Bednar from SunTrust, Carter Brothers, and Chief Chris Perkins.

## PORTRAIT OF JUDGE TURK UNVEILED



The United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia held a Memorial Ceremony and Portrait Unveiling on April 17, 2015, to celebrate the life of the Honorable James C. Turk. Judge Turk served the court from 1972 until his death in June 2014. Chief Judge Glen E. Conrad presided, with remarks offered in memory of Judge Turk by United States District Judge Michael F. Urbanski, Honorable Clifford R. Weckstein, Honorable Diane M. Strickland (retired) of the 23rd Judicial Circuit of Virginia, Judge Turk's former law partner, Ed Stone, and Pete Giesen, who served in the Virginia legislature with Judge Turk.

Judge Turk's portrait, painted by artist Michael Del Priore, and the reception following its unveiling were sponsored by the Roanoke Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association, the Salem/Roanoke County Bar Association, the Virginia Women Attorneys Association-Roanoke, the Floyd County Bar Association, and the Ted Dalton American Inn of Court. The portrait now resides in the Ted Dalton Ceremonial Courtroom in Roanoke. Pictured with Judge Turk's portrait here are two of his five children, James C. Turk, Jr., and Hon. Robert M. D. Turk, Judge of the 27th Circuit of Virginia.

## IN MEMORIAM

The following are the Association's losses since March 1, 2015:

The Honorable Kenneth E. Trabue  
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In grateful recognition of Judge Trabue's contributions to our profession, and his contribution to our Association, the Association laments his passing.

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## Hon. J. Michael Gamble (Ret.)

Retired Judge, 24th Judicial Circuit of Virginia

The Honorable J. Michael Gamble recently retired after serving the 24th Judicial Circuit of Virginia for twenty-four years, including two terms as Chief Judge. Prior to his tenure on the bench, Judge Gamble served Amherst County in many capacities, including as Town Attorney, School Board Attorney, Assistant Commissioner of Accounts, and Commissioner in Chancery. Judge Gamble is a former member of the Steering Committee of the Boyd-Graves Conference and Past Chair of both the Judicial Conduct Committee and the Virginia Model Jury Instructions Committee. A leader of the bar and in the community, he is a Past President of the Lynchburg Bar Association and of the Amherst-Nelson Bar Association. Judge Gamble now brings this exemplary record of leadership and achievement to The McCammon Group to serve the mediation, arbitration, judge pro tempore, and special master needs of lawyers and litigants throughout the Commonwealth and beyond.

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## JUDGE CRIGLER HONORED FOR EDUCATION LEADERSHIP

B. Waugh Crigler, retired US Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Virginia, has been named the 2015 recipient of the William R. Rakes Leadership in Education Award from the Virginia State Bar Section on the Education of Lawyers in Virginia.

The award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated exceptional leadership and vision in developing and implementing innovative concepts to improve and enhance the state of legal education, and in advancing relationships and professionalism among members of the academy, the bench, and the bar within the legal profession in Virginia.

The award was established in 2012 to honor former Virginia State Bar president and founder of the Section on the Education of Lawyers, William R. Rakes, a senior partner with the Roanoke firm of Gentry Locke.

The award, which is underwritten by Gentry Locke, is to be presented June 18, 2015, at the Virginia State Bar's annual meeting in Virginia Beach.

Crigler has had a long and distinguished career as a lawyer, judge, and teacher. He has served as a faculty member for the VSB's Harry L. Carrico Professionalism Course since 1995. In 1998, he was appointed to the bar's Standing Committee on Professionalism, and later became its vice chair. He helped to develop a curriculum for a professionalism program that was instituted in all law schools in the Commonwealth in 2000. He served as chair or co-chair of the Law School Professionalism program until 2003, and remains an active faculty member for the program.

In September 2013, after thirty-two years as a United States Magistrate Judge, Crigler retired, and in January 2014, he joined The McCammon Group as a neutral.

Crigler and his wife Anne will celebrate forty-five years of marriage in June 2015. They have three children and five grandchildren.

## JUDGE DILLON'S INVESTITURE

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Judge Dillon's position on the federal bench means to all the women lawyers who have worked with her and who will follow her. All the speakers acknowledged Judge Dillon's love for her family and her friends.

David L. Brown, representing the ABA Standing Committee for judicial nominations, expressed his honor in being part of the process that led to Judge Dillon's investiture and the high esteem he feels for Judge Dillon.

Judge Urbanski administered the Oath of Office to Judge Dillon, who was surrounded by her husband and two daughters. Judge Dillon was then presented with her robe by Joseph W.H. Mott, President-Elect of the Roanoke Bar Association; Philip V. Anderson, President-Elect of the Federal Bar Association, Roanoke Chapter; Bryan L. Meadows, President of the Salem/Roanoke County Bar Association; and Jennifer G. Dean, President of the Virginia Women Attorneys Association, Roanoke Chapter.

Judge Dillon then offered remarks of thanks, especially to her husband, her daughters, her parents, extended family, and friends, including her book club. She paid a special tribute to her college political science professor at Lenoir Rhyne, the late Lowell Ashman, who suggested that she consider the law as a career and helped her get a part-time job with a law firm while she was in college. On a lighter note, Judge Dillon acknowledged that her daughters have established a limit on the number of times she can tell them, "I'll be the judge of that."

## BROOKE C. ROSEN RECEIVES THE 2015 YOUNG LAWYER OF THE YEAR AWARD

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But if we take a step back from that client meeting, we see the idea of service manifest in the types of clients that Brooke chooses to help; in the types of work that she does for them; and in the tradeoffs that she's willing to make. She doesn't cherry-pick the easy or profitable work. She sees a need, and she steps up to meet it. It doesn't matter how technically hard the work might be (like her regulatory projects), or how emotionally draining it could prove (like her guardian ad litem work for kids), or what kind of fees it will generate (remember those pro bono divorces?). She sees a need, and she steps up to meet it.

Take another step back, and now we're outside the office. We see Brooke with her young family. We see her husband, Court, who does more than his share of public service as well. We see their two boys, Bruce and Oliver (who was gracious enough to leave school early today to join us). And we see the way that Brooke and Court are teaching them the same values and service orientation by example.

It's only when we take one final step backward that we land back in the public sphere — the community at large, the place where Brooke racked up the boards and awards that we discussed earlier. They are impressive in their own right, of course. But it's really a combination of all of those factors that makes it such an honor to call Brooke my law partner and my friend.

For all of those reasons, I am very proud to present the Roanoke Bar Association's 2015 Young Lawyer of the Year Award to Brooke Rosen.



*Jay O'Keeffe is a partner with Johnson, Rosen & O'Keeffe, LLC.*

Following the investiture, Judge Dillon hosted an elegant reception at the Hotel Roanoke.

In comments after the investiture, others echoed the laudatory praise and humor given to Judge Dillon. James Jennings, a partner at Woods Rogers, PLC, recalled that, while working with Judge Dillon when she was a young associate, she "was very quick to recognize the strengths and weaknesses of both sides of a case and see a way forward. Her calmness in pursuing her case plan enabled her to press ahead without distraction by unimportant matters."

Ted Kingsley, General Attorney-Federal Relations, AT&T, and former coworker with Judge Dillon, stated, "Elizabeth possesses extraordinary powers of discernment and communication, tempered by humility, compassion, grace, good humor, and self-awareness. She also has excellent taste in friends and accessories."

Judge Dillon summarized the event: "The investiture was a special occasion for me because of the family and friends who were present. I am grateful for their love, support, and kindness, and I was able to thank them and spend some time with them." Indeed, the investiture was a special time for the entire Western District of Virginia.



*Diane Casola serves as English Department Chair and Pre-AP English Instructor at Patrick Henry High School in Roanoke*

## WILLIAM J. LEMON RECEIVES THE 2015 FRANK W. "BO" ROGERS, JR., LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

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expensive schools. I heard Mr. Lemon say inside the firm that the biggest raise he ever got while practicing law was when Sarah and Tucker finished law school the same year. The Lemon children also married well. Mr. Lemon has seven very accomplished grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Lemon enjoyed travelling together with their children and did so extensively. They handled becoming empty nesters, however, rather well. When Stephen went off to W&L, the Lemons began travelling around the world. I believe the only continent they missed was Antarctica.

Starting in 1959, my father and Mr. Lemon practiced law together for almost fifty years. Every November, they both would go to the polls and vote. Every November they would cancel each other out. Even though they could never agree on who should run this country, they never had a cross word in fifty years of practice together. Of course, my father died in 2012, so the responsibility for cancelling out Mr. Lemon is now up to me.

It is often said that one of the ways to help those less fortunate than you is to go into business. What people really need are jobs. Mr. Lemon did his part in this regard. In addition to practicing law, Mr. Lemon has been engaged in several business and real estate ventures.

Mr. Lemon has been a stalwart in the Second Presbyterian Church. He has been an Elder and Clerk of the Session. He is currently a Trustee. Of course, as a lifelong Presbyterian, you know Bill Lemon is going to be a little on the frugal side. I am not suggesting that Mr. Lemon is too frugal, but I know he can tell you what he paid for his dress shirts in 1959.

One should never confuse being frugal, however, with a lack of generosity. To borrow a phrase from my mother, Bill Lemon is well known to the Treasurer of Second Presbyterian. In fact, he is well known to the treasurers of most non-profits in the valley.

More importantly, however, is the amount of time and advice he has donated to so many organizations. In 1966, he was a founding Trustee of the Legal Aid Society of Roanoke. In 1982, he served as the President of this association.

He has served on the Board of Trustees of the North Cross School, on W&L's Law Council, W&L's Board of Trustees, and on the Board of Trustees of the George C. Marshall Foundation and the River Foundation. Mr. Lemon currently serves on the Board of Trustees of the Taubman Museum of Art.

For 35 years, Mr. and Mrs. Lemon operated one of the first organically certified beef cattle farms in Virginia.

Mrs. Lemon died last year. Through Mrs. Lemon, however, Bill has been a supporter of Center in the Square, Poplar Forest, the O. Winston Link Museum, The Foundation for Roanoke Valley, and the Blue Ridge Land Conservancy. I could keep going, but I think you get the idea.

Mr. Lemon's life has not been all work. In his spare time he enjoys hunting duck and other upland birds. He has been known to travel well outside the Roanoke Valley for that purpose.

My father and Mr. Lemon also shared a common hero: General Robert E. Lee. Like General Lee, Mr. Lemon has a great sense of duty, a devotion to that duty and a quiet humility. I submit you cannot pay a man any higher compliment than that.



On this Law Day, I can say unequivocally: I am proud to be a lawyer. This is a wonderful profession. No other profession gives you so many different ways you can serve others. No lawyer I can think of in this valley has brought more honor to this great profession than Bill Lemon. Mr. Lemon, this recognition is justly deserved. Congratulations.

*William B. Hopkins, Jr., is a Partner at Martin, Hopkins & Lemon, P.C.*

## VIEWS FROM THE BENCH: JUDGE VINCENT A. LILLEY

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"I will never forget as a young lawyer, finishing up the docket in Judge Crush's courtroom, and he'd say, 'Come on son, let's go down to the Malibu. I'll buy you a honey bun.'"

Judge Crush would tell stories and share practice tips that helped Judge Lilley along early in his career.

One thing he picked up, says Judge Lilley, is that there are always two sides to every story, and listening is so important as a lawyer. He has carried that attribute onto the bench, too, to listen to all the facts before piecing together the case.

Equally important, says Judge Lilley, was the early mentorship of now-Justice Koontz, who presided over Judge Lilley's first jury trial.

"Justice Koontz has such a kind and gentle nature," says Judge Lilley, "and he's smart as a whip. He would mentor me some, too, and I am proud to call him my friend. He was the one who first encouraged me to try for the bench."

In 1994, Judge Lilley was appointed to the General District Court for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Circuit. He had practiced as a prosecutor with the Roanoke County Commonwealth's Attorney and in private practice as a solo attorney and with the law firm of Dodson, Pence, Viar, Young, and Woodrum.

Judge Lilley estimates that he has handled more than half a million cases in his years as a district court judge.

"Yet, I am constantly attuned to the fact that every case is different," he says. "It may be routine for the lawyers or the bench, but not for the litigants."

Judge Lilley approaches each case with the goal that the parties leave feeling that their concerns were heard and listened to by the court, even if they do not prevail.

"The justice system is unfamiliar and often frightening for the people who appear before the court," he says. "I do my best to instill a sense of fairness and decorum and willingness to listen in deciding every case that is presented."

He encourages all lawyers, especially newly admitted attorneys, to introduce themselves to him before appearing in court. The best approach, he says, is for attorneys to arrive early and introduce themselves to the judge before the client arrives.

"That way, when you appear with your client before the court, I can address you by name," he says. "It is something that can help inspire confidence in you as the attorney, and in the court system generally, to put the client at ease."



*Robert E. Dean is an Associate at Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore, LLP*



## ROANOKE LAW FOUNDATION AWARDS 2015 JAMES N. KINCANON AND JANE S. GLENN SCHOLARSHIPS



Kincanon Scholarship winner Sarah Collie and Stephen Lemon



Kincanon Scholarship winner Katherine Moles and Stephen Lemon



Kincanon Scholarship winner Joshua Roberts and Stephen Lemon



Kincanon Scholarship winners Sarah Collie, Joshua Roberts and Katherine Moles.

Not pictured: Travis Andrews, Sarah Jessee, Leanna Minix and Glenn Scholarship winner Meredith Peake

Stephen W. Lemon, Chairman of the Roanoke Law Foundation, presented the 2015 James N. Kincanon and Jane S. Glenn scholarships on June 9 at the Annual Meeting of the Roanoke Bar Association.

The Kincanon scholarship was established in honor of James N. Kincanon, Esq., in recognition of his fifty years of service as Secretary/Treasurer of the Association. The 2015 recipients of the James N. Kincanon Scholarships are:

- Travis Stuart Andrews, a 2008 graduate of Hidden Valley High School, who attends the University of Virginia School of Law
- Sarah M. Collie, a 2011 graduate of Salem High School, who will attend the University of Richmond School of Law
- Sarah Clayton Jessee, a 2010 graduate of North Cross School, who attends the University of Richmond School of Law
- Leanna Catherine Minix, a 2008 graduate of Salem High School, who attends the Washington and Lee University School of Law
- Katherine Anne Moles, a 2011 graduate of Hidden Valley High School, who attends the University of Virginia School of Law
- Joshua Scott Roberts, a 2015 graduate of Hidden Valley High School, who will attend Roanoke College

The Glenn scholarship was established in memory of Jane S. Glenn, Esq., an outstanding member of the Association who died at the early age of 50 in November 2007. The 2015 recipient of the Jane S. Glenn Scholarship is Meredith Catherine Peake, a 2007 graduate of Patrick Henry High School, who attends the University of Virginia School of Law.

With the 2015 awards, the Roanoke Law Foundation has awarded over \$158,900 in scholarships and grants since it was established in 1997.

# ROANOKE BAR ASSOCIATION 90TH ANNUAL MEETING



Past President Rich Maxwell presents the RBA gavel to Incoming President Joe Mott.



President Joe Mott presents Past President Rich Maxwell with a plaque recognizing his year of service as RBA president.

## 2014 VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS

### President's Volunteer Service Awards

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*A Summer Reception*

*Celebrating Congeniality and Professionalism*



The Young Lawyers Committee is planning another fun-filled summer reception.

Watch your email for the date and time!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBERS
<p>The Roanoke Bar Association welcomes the following new Active members:</p> <p><b>Brooks A. Duncan</b> Woods Rogers, PLC</p> <p><b>Joanna Marie Meyer</b> LichtensteinFishwick, PLC</p> <p><b>Brooke D. Simons</b> Woods Rogers, PLC</p> <p><b>Ashlee A. Webster</b> LeClairRyan</p> <p><b>Rachel Leigh Whiting</b> Gilbert, Bird &amp; Weston, PC</p> <p>The Roanoke Bar Association welcomes the following new Associate member:</p> <p><b>Jamie Kiser Capaldo</b> Office of the Magistrate</p> <p><b>Caroline B. Valentine</b></p> <p>The Roanoke Bar Association welcomes the following new Honorary member:</p> <p><b>Hon. Steven A. DeMonbreum</b> Social Security Administration</p>

UPCOMING EVENTS
<p><b>Roanoke Bar Association Meetings 2015- 2016</b></p> <p>September 8, 2015</p> <p>October 13 2015</p> <p>November 10, 2015</p> <p>December 8 2015</p> <p>January 12, 2016</p> <p>February 9, 2016</p> <p>March 8, 2016</p> <p>April 12, 2016</p> <p>May 2, 2016 (Law Day)</p> <p>June 14, 2016 (Annual Meeting)</p> <p>Go to <a href="http://www.roanokebar.com">www.roanokebar.com</a> for more information on all upcoming events.</p>

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