

Good Morning Ms. Higgs, Mr. Holt and Mr. Osborne,

My name is Janie Brittan and I am the chairman of the board for the Virginia Law Related Education Institute, a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide analytically-based law-related educational opportunities in Virginia. We work closely with the Center for Legal and Court Technology at William and Mary Law School and are affiliated with the National High School Mock Trial Competition. We have also worked with the Virginia Law Foundation. We are a new start-up non-profit, and therefore we are reaching out to you to see if you would be interested in working with us in the future, or helping our organization by providing advice about how to expand and reach our mission or identify partners that could help us implement legal-related education opportunities for Virginia students.

Because the Roanoke Bar Association's mission is committed to serving the public and legal profession by supporting and promoting involvement in law-related educational and service projects, we thought your organization may be able to provide some valuable insight to us as we plan activities for students and the public for the upcoming year, especially in light of your recent educational programs like *You and the Law*. For more background on our organization, I've attached our Annual Report to this email for your review and you can also visit our website at www.govlre.com.

Additionally, VLRE will be hosting a one-day retreat at William & Mary law school on **Saturday, August 19th** to introduce our organization and speak with organizations like yours about the best ways to go about expanding and achieving our goals for the year including hosting student legal-education related seminars and the Virginia State Mock-Trial Competition Tournament. The retreat will be focused on speaking with both educators and members of the legal community including other non-profits, civil and criminal attorneys, and judges to find out the best way to design and implement our legal-related curriculum, get students and the public interested in legal-related education, and prioritize in-classroom and hands on legal-education projects throughout the state. We would welcome the opportunity to speak with someone from your organization with experience or interest in this area about their ideas and expertise when it comes to introducing legal-related education throughout the state. I recognize this is some distance to travel, but if you have any advice that you wouldn't mind sharing with us, we would love to hear from you by phone as well.

If your organization, or anyone within your organization, is interested in helping us get our plans off the ground or attending the retreat and providing some advice, we would love to hear from you. Please feel free to contact me by phone at 615.415.1199 or by email at jbrittan1@gmail.com.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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