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Administration and Faculty

Justice Elizabeth A. McClanahan, President and Dean and Street Distinguished Professor of Law

Prior to becoming ASL's President and Dean, Elizabeth A. McClanahan was elected by the Virginia General Assembly as a Justice on the Supreme Court of Virginia in 2011. During her time as a justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Justice McClanahan served as the Street Memorial Distinguished Visitor in Real Estate Law at Appalachian School of Law. Prior to joining the Supreme Court, Justice McClanahan served as a Judge on the Court of Appeals of Virginia, as Virginia's Chief Deputy Attorney General, and was a principal in the law firm of Penn, Stuart & Eskridge. Justice McClanahan has also served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the Energy and Mineral Law Foundation where she was designated as an Honorary Trustee. She was one of Virginia Lawyers Media "Influential Women of Virginia" in 2011. She is admitted to the bars of Virginia, the District of Columbia, Maryland and West Virginia and was selected as the 1994 El Paso Natural Gas Law Fellow for the Natural Resources Law Center at the University of Colorado School of Law.

Justice McClanahan has served as Vice-Rector of the College of William and Mary in Virginia, chairman of the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and chairman of the Task Force on Governance Issues for the Governor's Blue Ribbon Commission on Higher Education. She has also received community service awards, including the Virginia Cooperative Extension's William Skelton Extension Leadership Award, Virginia Oil & Gas Association's David M. Young Award, YWCA Tribute to Women Award for Volunteer Community Service, Radford University Heritage Award, Bridgewater College Outstanding Service Award, Virginia 4-H Foundation Alumni Award and the Appalachian School of Law's 2004 Appalachian Service Award.

Courses taught include: Energy and Utility Law and the SCC; Law of Coalbed Methane, Mineral Title Examination, and Supreme Court Survey of Energy Law Cases

Mason Heidt, Chief Academic Officer and Associate Professor of Law

B.S., Emory and Henry College, MsEnv, University of Wollongong, N.S.W., Australia, J.D., The George Washington University School of Law. Prior to joining the faculty, Dean Heidt practiced energy, mineral, and corporate law with the firm of Thomas L. Pruitt, Attorney at Law, in Grundy, Virginia. His private practice experience focused on mineral title, coalbed methane, and other property issues endemic to Southwest Virginia. Dean Heidt's current research continues to focus on natural resources and real property.

Courses taught include: Property I & II; Appellate Advocacy; Appellate Advocacy Natural Resources; Contract Drafting; Coal, Oil, and Gas Law; Energy, Economics, and the Environment; Environmental Crimes and Torts; Environmental Science for Lawyers; Mineral Title Search and Examination; and; Real Estate Transactions.

Mark Belleville, Associate Professor of Law, Director of the Natural Resource Law Center

B.A., Philosophy, Miami University, with Departmental and University Honors; J.D. with Honors from the Ohio State University College of Law. Formerly: 12 years as a business litigator and counselor with the well-respected law firms of Woods Rogers PLC in Blacksburg and Calfee Halter & Griswold LLP in Cleveland and Columbus. His litigation practice focused on commercial contract disputes, tort and products liability, environmental litigation, a variety of business torts, labor litigation and premises liability. On behalf of a utility client, Professor Belleville obtained the first summary judgment in Ohio in defense of a premises liability asbestos claim, and participated in the drafting significant asbestos reform legislation. He has also successfully negotiated and avoided multi-million dollar environmental claims on behalf of municipal and industrial clients. He is licensed to practice in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Virginia. Professor Belleville has served as faculty advisor for the Natural Resources Law Journal and moot court.

Courses taught include: Appellate Advocacy; Appellate Advocacy – Natural Resources; Contracts I & II; Doing and Undoing Environmental Regulations; Environmental Law and Policy; Introduction to Natural Resources; Natural Resources Law and Policy; Solar Energy Law; The Law of Renewables; Law Office Management;

Sustainable Energy Law Practice.

Charles J. Condon, Associate Professor of Law & Interim Director of the Law Library

B.A., Florida Atlantic University (1975); J.D., Nova Southeastern University College of Law, (1980); LL.M., Agriculture Law, University of Arkansas College of Law (1993); M.L.S., University of Southern Mississippi (1994). For many years, Professor Condon served as the Associate Dean for Information Services and Director of the Law Library at ASL. Formerly: Faculty Member and Computer Services/Reference Librarian, Northern Illinois University.

Courses taught include: Advanced Research & Law Firm Technology; Business Associations; E-Discovery; Information Privacy Law; Law Office Management; Pre-Trial Practice; Pre-Trial Civil Litigation; Remedies; Secured Transactions/UCC.

The Honorable Chadwick S. Dotson, Dean of Students and Distinguished Professor of Law

B.A., University of Virginia; J.D., Georgetown University. After graduating from law school, Judge Dotson practiced with the firm of Mullins, Harris, & Jessee in Norton, VA before joining the Wise County/Norton Commonwealth's Attorney's office in 2002, first as an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney, and then as a Chief Deputy.

In 2003, Judge Dotson was elected as the Commonwealth's Attorney for Wise County and the City of Norton. During his term, he prosecuted every major case in the jurisdiction, including two capital murder cases, and directed the criminal investigation of all complex felonies with full oversight of initial investigations, trial planning, motion practice, and discovery. Judge Dotson also conceived and implemented the "Courtroom to the Classroom" program in local public schools. This program consisted of lectures to government/civil cases in all local high schools, followed by an actual session of the General District Court held in each school's auditorium.

While serving as Commonwealth's Attorney, Judge Dotson was appointed as a Special Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia, in order to enhance cooperation between the state and federal law enforcement agencies. He also served as an adjunct professor at the University of Virginia-Wise, teaching undergraduate courses in political science, including "Campaigns & Elections," as well as two semester-long mock trial courses.

Judge Dotson was elected by the Virginia General Assembly to the General District Court bench in 2007, and he was unanimously elevated to the Circuit Court bench in 2011 (and reappointed in 2019). He has served as the Chief Judge of the 30th Judicial Circuit and presided over the Circuit's Recovery Court program for the entirety of his tenure on the Circuit bench. In addition, Judge Dotson served a term on the state Drug Court Advisory Board, appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia.

After serving a term on ASL's Board of Trustees, Judge Dotson joined the faculty as an adjunct in the spring of 2020. He joined the full-time faculty for the fall semester of 2020.

Courses taught include: Constitutional Law I & II; Criminal Procedure; Prosecution Project.

Eric Elder, Visiting Assistant Professor of Law

J.D., Washington College of Law at American University; As a Dean's Fellow in the Integrated Curriculum Program there, he conducted academic skills training sessions and individual tutoring for 1L students. During law school Professor Elder interned with Judge Gerald Lee in the Federal District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, and later clerked for Judge William Petty on the Court of Appeals of Virginia. After working as an attorney and organizer for the United Auto Workers, he went into private practice in Richmond, VA, focusing primarily on employment law issues under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Courses taught include: Legal Process; Social Security Disability; Social Security Disability & Workers' Compensation

The Honorable Larry G. Elder, Assistant Professor of Law

B.A., University of Virginia (1966-68), Virginia Commonwealth University (1970), J.D., University of Richmond (1975). Judge Elder served as Judge of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, 11th Judicial District, for more than five years, serving as chief judge for a period of time. He has completed more than 22 years of service as a judge on the Court of Appeals of Virginia.

Courses taught include: Appellate Advocacy Criminal Law; Criminal Law; Criminal Procedure; Current Issues in Constitutional Law; History of Race and the Law in America.

Dawn Figueiras, Assistant Professor of Law and Assistant General Counsel

B.A.Ed. Virginia Tech, Magna Cum Laude, 1987. J.D. College of William & Mary, 2000. Prof. Figueiras served as a law clerk to Hon. James T. Turner, U.S. Court of Federal Claims, Washington, DC, 2000-2001; associate attorney at Gibson Dunn & Cutcher, LLP, Washington, DC, 2001-2002; partner in Elliott Lawson & Minor, P.C., Bristol, VA, 2002-2018. Prof. Figueiras also served on the Board of Governors of the Virginia State Bar, Local Government Section; Local Government Attorneys' Ethics Committee; and President of Bristol Virginia Bar Association. During law school, Ms. Figueiras was Notes Editor of *William & Mary Law Review*, and was named to the Order of the Coif and the Order of Barristers.

Courses taught include: Civil Procedure; Estate Planning; Immigration Law & Policy; Law & Modern Literature; Wills & Estates.

Jeremy W. Hurley, Assistant Professor of Law, Director of Bar Prep and Academic Success, Assistant Director of Career Services

B.A., University of Virginia, J.D., Appalachian School of Law. Prior to joining the faculty, Professor Hurley practiced disability, workers' compensation, and personal injury law with the firm of Arrington Schelin in Bristol, Virginia. His private practice experience focused primarily on Social Security Disability. Professor Hurley still maintains an active bar license in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Shelly James, Visiting Assistant Professor of Law

B.S., James Madison University; M.A., University of Pittsburgh; J.D., University of Iowa, College of Law. Professor James taught debate, public speaking, and critical thinking after receiving her Master's in Rhetoric and Public Address from the University of Pittsburgh. She then attended law school at the University of Iowa, where she was editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Corporation Law*. Since her graduation from Iowa, Professor James has worked as a prosecutor, an appellate attorney for the Virginia Attorney General's Office, and a law clerk for two judges on the Virginia Court of Appeals. For almost two decades, Professor James has worked as a private practice attorney in Harrisonburg, Virginia, representing primarily criminal defendants, parties and children in family law cases, and appellate parties.

Courses taught include: Administrative Law; Appellate Advocacy; Family Law; Legal Process I & II; Sentencing.

Lucy C. McGee, Dean of Experiential Learning and Assistant Professor of Law

Dean McGee received her J.D. from Appalachian School of Law after completing her undergraduate studies at the University of Georgia in Athens. Prior to joining the ASL faculty in 2017, Dean McGee served as a law clerk for the Honorable Elizabeth McClanahan at the Supreme Court of Virginia.

Courses taught: Legal Process, Introduction to Externships, Health, Poverty, & Law: Medical-Legal Partnerships

Sandra Keen McGlothlin, Dean Emeritus and Professor of Law

B.A., University of Virginia, 1978; J.D., T.C. Williams School of Law of the University of Richmond, 1981. Formerly: Associate, Williams & Gibson, Grundy, Virginia; Partner, McGlothlin & Wife, Grundy, Virginia; President, Buchanan County Bar Association; Member, Town Council of the Town of Grundy, Virginia; Member, Virginia Coalfield Regional Tourism Development Authority; Vice-Mayor, Town of Grundy, Virginia; Member, Virginia Transportation Advisory Council. Published: VIRGINIA PRACTICE: CIVIL DISCOVERY (co-author).

Courses taught include: Family Law; Family Law Practice; Juvenile Law; Virginia Civil Procedure.

Justice Cleo E. Powell, Distinguished Professor of Law & The L. Anthony Sutin Endowed Lecturer

Justice Cleo E. Powell has served on the Supreme Court of Virginia since 2011. She received her undergraduate degree, with distinction, from the University of Virginia and her J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law.

Prior to her appointment to the Supreme Court of Virginia, Justice Powell was a labor and employment law associate at Hunton & Williams from 1982-1986. She served as Senior Assistant Attorney General for the Equal Employment Opportunity and Personnel Section for 1986-1989 in the Office of the Virginia Attorney General, Justice Powell was Corporate Counsel for Virginia Power and Director of their Employee Services.

Justice Powell began her judicial career on the Chesterfield/Colonial Heights General District Court in 1993. She was appointed to the Chesterfield/Colonial Heights Circuit Court in 2000 and then to the Court of Appeals of Virginia in 2008.

Justice Power is a recipient of numerous awards, including Virginia Women in History (2013); Strong Men & Women Excellence in Leadership (2011); Virginia Women Attorneys Association 2010 Leader in Diversity; Virginia Lawyers Weekly Influential Women in Virginia (2010); Metro Richmond Women's Bar Association, Women of the Year 2009; and the YWCA's Outstanding Women of the Year (2001).

In 2011, Justice Powell began leading the Rule of Law Day at the Capital in conjunction with the Diversity Conference and the Young Lawyers Conference of the Virginia State Bar. The purpose of the program is to educate local middle and high school students about the rule of law principles and the operations of the legislative, executive, and judicial branches of government. Held annually at the Virginia State Capital and the Virginia Supreme Court, approximately 300 students are engaged in a day of learning while discussing legal scenarios with attorneys, judges, and law enforcement officers.

Justice Powell chairs the Judicial Performance Evaluation Committee and serves on the Executive Committee of the Judicial Conference in Virginia. She has served on the Model Jury Instructions Committee, the Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission, the Ad Hoc Committee for the Study of Canons of Judicial Conduct and the Law Revisions Committee. She has also served as an adjunct faculty member at the William and Mary School of Law.

Ken Russell, Assistant Professor of Law and Director of Online & Masters Programs

B.A., Carson-Newman College, 1980; J.D., University of Tennessee College of Law, 1983. Mr. Russell is a 1983 graduate of the University of Tennessee College of Law (With High Honors). While at UT Law he was an Assistant Editor of the Tennessee Law Review, Member of Order of the Coif and received the American Jurisprudence Awards in Constitutional Law and Jurisprudence. Kenneth grew up in Rockwood, Tennessee and graduated from Rockwood High School in 1976. Formerly: The Russell Law Firm, Bristol, VA; partner and practice group leader at Troutman Sanders, LLP ; shareholder, Penn, Stuart & Eskridge. Additionally, Kenneth has held a number of jobs in industry including: C.E.O. of Cottages Group, Inc.; V.P. of Corporate Affairs for Cumberland Resources Corporation; and General Counsel to GC Toys Worldwide and President of its US operating company General Creations, LLC.

Mr. Russell has served as an Adjunct Professor at Georgia State School of Law teaching Corporate Reorganizations and Tax Procedure and at Emory & Henry College teaching Business law. Mr. Russell has served on the board of trustees, and as an officer, of several charitable organizations. He currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Bluefield College.

Courses taught include: Civil Procedure I & II; Constitutional Law I & II; Intellectual Property; Federal Income Taxation; Securities Law.

Thomas R. Scott, Jr., Distinguished Visiting Professor of Law & General Counsel

B.A., Government & Political Science, Hampden-Sydney College, 1974; J.D., T.C. Williams School of Law of the University of Richmond, 1976. Mr. Scott is an Advocate of the American Board of Trial Advocacy, a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, and former Chairman and current member of the Virginia State Bar Disciplinary Board. He has been selected by *Virginia Business Magazine* as one of the state's Best Lawyers for inclusion in the Legal Elite, and *Richmond Magazine* for inclusion in multiple editions of Super Lawyers. Mr. Scott has also served as lead counsel and co-counsel in a number of high profile civil and criminal cases throughout far Southwest Virginia, including Commonwealth v. Roger Keith Coleman, a highly publicized capital murder prosecution in which he made numerous state, national and international television appearances. The Coleman case is the subject of John Tucker's book, *May God Have Mercy*.

Mr. Scott is a past winner of the Bill Geimer Award, which is presented annually to a dedicated capital defender by the Virginia Capital Case Clearinghouse at Washington and Lee University School of Law in Lexington, Virginia. Mr. Scott is rated AV Preeminent by Martindale-Hubbe for his high ethical standards and professional ability. He was recently selected by *Virginia Lawyer's Weekly* as a Leader in the Law (Class of 2013) and by the Virginia Bar Association as a Fellow in the Virginia Law Foundation in January 2014. Scott is the senior partner in the Street Law Firm, LLP, in Grundy, Virginia where he has practiced as a criminal and civil litigator for over 42 years. Mr. Scott joined the full-time faculty at the Appalachian School of Law in 2005 and has been selected by his students on multiple occasions as Professor of the Year. He also serves as faculty advisor to a number of student organizations, including BLSA.

Courses taught include: Criminal Practice; Evidence; Insurance Law; Professional Responsibility; Trial Advocacy.

Laura E. Wilson, Associate Dean of Students and Assistant Professor of Law

B.A., Transylvania University, 1988; J.D., University of Kentucky College of Law, 1991. Dean Wilson earned a B.A. in Accounting from Transylvania University in Lexington, Kentucky, and her J.D. from the University of Kentucky College of Law, where she was a member of the law school's Moot Court team. She is also a graduate of the William & Mary Summer School of Law in England through the Marshall-Wythe School of Law, during which she also completed a legal clerkship in Exeter.

Dean Wilson previously practiced law in the Abingdon and Bristol offices of Penn, Stuart & Eskridge, where her practice primarily focused on commercial and personal injury litigation in state and federal courts, and included appearing before the Supreme Court of Virginia and the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. She also has extensive experience in natural resources law including mineral title examinations and transactional matters for clients in the natural resources industry. She served as law clerk to the Honorable Elizabeth A. McClanahan at both the Court of Appeals in Virginia and the Supreme Court of Virginia and, in private practice, was admitted to the bars of Virginia, Tennessee, and Kentucky.

Dean Wilson has served as an Adjunct Professor at Emory & Henry College, teaching Constitutional Law, and at ASL, teaching Conflict of Laws, Virginia Law Foundations, and Virginia Bar Preparation. She joined the ASL faculty on a full-time basis in the Fall of 2019, where she serves as Associate Dean of Students and Assistant Professor of Law.

Courses taught include: Conflict of Laws; Intentional Torts; Negligence; Advanced Torts; Virginia Civil Procedure and Practice.

Adjunct Faculty

Pebbles Burgess

Professor Burgess teaches Family Law Practice and Virginia Criminal Procedure.

Delegate Jeff Campbell

Delegate Campbell teaches Poverty, Health, and Law: Medical-Legal Partnerships and State & Local Government.

Honorable Richard Campbell

Judge Campbell teaches Juvenile Practice.

Honorable Don Johnson

Judge Johnson teaches Procedural Fairness.

Emma Jones

Professor Jones teaches ADR in the Criminal Justice System; Dispute Resolution; Mental Health in the Criminal Justice System and Negotiations in the Criminal Justice System.

Justice D. Arthur Kelsey

Justice Kelsey teaches The Resurgent Role of Legal History

Justice William Mims

Justice Mims teaches Impeachment, Pandemics, Protest, and Politics: Separation of Powers and Federalism in 2020

Dale Rubin

Professor Rubin teaches Administrative Law, Corporate Governance, Current Issues in the Law, and State & Local Government.

Rachel Wolfe

Professor Wolfe teaches Black Lung Practice.

Christopher Young

Professor Young teaches Post-Conviction Relief.

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