

DONALD W. LEMONS
CHIEF JUSTICE
Supreme Court of Virginia
100 North Ninth Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

EMPLOYMENT:

Currently: Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Virginia
Formerly: Justice, Supreme Court of Virginia
Formerly: Judge, Court of Appeals of Virginia
Formerly: Judge, Circuit Court for the City of Richmond
Formerly: Director, Durette, Irvin, Lemons & Bradshaw P.C.
Formerly: Assistant Dean and Assistant Professor of Law,
University of Virginia School of Law

EDUCATION:

J.D. University of Virginia School of Law (1976)
B.A. University of Virginia (1970)

ACTIVITIES, MEMBERSHIPS, ARTICLES, PRESENTATIONS:

Honorary Bencher, Middle Temple, Inns of Court, London

President, American Inns of Court

Distinguished Professor of Judicial Studies, Washington and Lee University School of Law, 2007 – present)

Chair, Supreme Court of Virginia Historical Commission

Distinguished Service Award – Virginia Trial Lawyers Association March 2012

Washington and Lee University School of Law, Third Year Curriculum Advisory Committee

William Green Award for Professional Excellence (2006): The Green Award is the highest honor awarded by the University of Richmond School of Law.

Commencement, University of Richmond School of Law, Faculty Speaker chosen by students, May 2007

John Marshall Professor of Judicial Studies, University of Richmond School of Law (2005 – 2007)

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The John Marshall Scholars Committee, University of Richmond School of Law (2005 – present)

A. L. Philpott Distinguished Adjunct Professor of Law, University of Richmond School of Law (1998-2000)

Chair, Harry F. Byrd, Jr. Leadership Award Committee (2009 – present)

Chair, Supreme Court of Virginia Appellate Rules Advisory Committee

Trustee, American Inns of Court

Member, The Virginia Bar Association Task Force on Professionalism

Virginia Criminal Justice Conference (2006 – present)

President, John Marshall Inn of Court (2002–2004)

Master of the Bench, John Marshall Inn of Court

Master of the Bench, Lewis F. Powell, Jr. Inn of Court

Member, Virginia State Bar Bench-Bar Relations Committee

Member, Jamestown 2007 Steering Committee

Member, Board of Directors, John Marshall Foundation (2002 – 2006)

Member, National Program Advisory Board of the Council for America's First Freedom

Presentation, “The Judge’s Role and the Economics of Civility,” March 2009, Virginia Trial Lawyers Association

Presentation, “The Supreme Court of Virginia,” at The University of Virginia School of Law, February, 2009

Author, “Never Again,” Commentary Section, Richmond Times Dispatch, June 1, 2008

Presentation, “The Legacy of Jamestown – The Rule of Law,” American College of Trial Lawyers, October, 2004

Presentation, “To Be American,” Naturalization Ceremony at home of Patrick Henry, Scotchtown, September, 2009, published in Winchester Star

Presentation, "The Vanishing Jury Trial," Virginia Bar Association, January 2009

Presentation, "Oral Argument: Tips from the Bench," Lynchburg Bar Association, 2009

Judge of Final Round of Moot Court Competitions, University of Southern California, School of Law,

Judge of Final Round of Moot Court Competitions, George Mason University School of Law

Speech, "The Founding of Jamestown: Virginia's Connections to Middle Temple," October, 2008, London

Author, "Personal Observations for my Students," Bencher Magazine, April, 2008

Commencement Address, Bridgewater College

Author, "John Marshall Revisited on Marbury's 200th Anniversary: Reflections on the Life and Character of The Great Chief Justice," The Virginia Bar Association Journal, December 2003

Author, "John Marshall Made Landmark Ruling," Commentary Section, Richmond Times Dispatch, September 28, 2003

Presentation, "Professionalism at the Bench and Bar," Richmond Bar Association, March 2000

Member, Commission on Family Violence Prevention
(1997-1999)

Member, Executive Committee, Judicial Section, The Virginia Bar Association
(1996-1999)

Judicial Liaison, Lawyers Helping Lawyers, The Virginia Bar Association

Author, "From Trial to Appeal: A Judge's Transition," Virginia State Bar, Education and Practice, Volume VII, No. 2, 1999

Co-Author, "Interim Report of the VBA Professionalism Task Force Judiciary Coordination Project," The Virginia Bar Association Journal, October 1999

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Presentation, American Bar Association Appellate Judges Seminar, "When is a Precedent not a Precedent," 1999

Member, Board of Governors, Education of the Lawyer Section, Virginia State Bar (1994-1997)

Substitute Judge, General District Court and Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court (1994-1995)

Member, Virginia State Bar Council (1994-1995)

Commissioner in Chancery, Henrico County Circuit Court (1988-1995)

Chairman, Third District Disciplinary Committee (1990-1991)

Lecturer, Judicial Conference of Virginia (1994 -1995)

Chairman, Special Committee to Revise the Code of Professional Responsibility, Virginia State Bar (1993-1995)

Faculty, Professionalism Course Mandated by Virginia Supreme Court (1988-1990)

Co-author "Civil Discovery in Virginia, Judicial Supervision and Enforcement", Virginia Law Foundation (1999)

Editor, Course Materials for Professionalism Course mandated by Virginia Supreme Court (1988-1990)

Faculty, Professional Responsibility Course sponsored by the Virginia State Bar (1988-1990)

Faculty, Annual Disciplinary Conference of the Virginia State Bar (1988-1995)

Chairman of CLE Program: Federal Rules of Evidence, Winner of National Award for Best Continuing Legal Education Program in the United States (1993)

Listed in "The Best Lawyers in America" (1995)

1981, Appointed to membership on the Joint House – Senate Subcommittee to study the Domestic Relations laws of Virginia, resulting in the adoption of the Equitable Distribution statute

1982-1983, Member, Commission to Study the Creation of a Family Court

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1984-1985, 1989, faculty of the General District Court Judges Conferences

April 1987-1989, Member, Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board

Lecturer, University of Virginia School of Law (1978)

Lecturer, Numerous Continuing Legal Education Seminars sponsored by the Virginia State Bar (1978-present)

Member, Board of Governors, Virginia Trial Lawyers Association (1981-1985)

Chairman, Family Law Section, Richmond Bar Association (1983-1984)

Member, Executive Committee, Richmond Bar Association (1983-1984)

Past Chairman, Law & Medicine Committee, Virginia Trial Lawyers Association

Past Chairman, Amicus Curiae Committee, Virginia Trial Lawyers Association

Probation Officer, Fairfax County Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court (1971-1973)