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Virginia Bar Association instates G. Michael Pace, Jr. as its 108th President and John D. Epps as President-elect at Annual Meeting

The Virginia Bar Association (VBA) swore in G. Michael Pace, Jr., of Salem as its 108th president and elected John D. Epps, of Richmond, as president-elect at the 118th VBA Annual Meeting last weekend held in Colonial Williamsburg.

Pace is the managing partner of Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore in Roanoke, where he practices in the areas of business law, banking and finance, commercial real estate, land use and zoning and franchising. He has served on the councils of both the VBA Business Law and Real Estate Sections and has chaired the practice development committee of the VBA Law Practice Management Division. In addition, Pace is a past president of the Roanoke Bar Association, a past chair of the VSB Real Property Section and serves on the VSB Professionalism Course faculty. He has been named to *Virginia Business* magazine's "Legal Elite," included in *The Best Lawyers in America* and was voted 2004 "Gold" Best Local Lawyer by the readers of *Roanoker* magazine. Pace is a graduate of Hampden-Sydney College, serves on the college's board of trustees and is a past president of its alumni association. He received his law degree from Washington & Lee University.

Epps is a partner in the litigation & intellectual property practice at Hunton & Williams where he focuses on business litigation, including products liability, toxic tort, asbestos and environmental liability and commercial and construction disputes. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia and received his law degree from University of Richmond School of Law. Epps has served as chair of the VBA Board of Governors, is a past president of the Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys and is a Fellow of the VBA's Young Lawyers Division. He has been named to *Virginia Business* magazine's "Legal Elite", included in *The Best Lawyers in America* and *Richmond* magazine's "Virginia Super Lawyers" and has received a Defense Research Institute Exceptional Performance Citation.

At its annual meeting the VBA also elected Rudolph Bumgardner, III, Senior Judge of the Court of Appeals of Virginia, from Staunton, Hugh M. Fain, III, of SpottsFain in Richmond, Jeffery H. Gray of LeClair Ryan in Virginia Beach and Maureen R. Matsen,

Deputy Attorney General of Virginia, from Richmond, as members of its VBA Board of Governors.

The VBA's Young Lawyers Division installed E. Livingston Haskell of Richmond as its 2008 chair and elected Turner A. Broughton of Richmond as chair-elect. Both will also serve on the VBA Board of Governors.

Haskell is general corporate counsel for Lumber Liquidators, Inc. in Toano. He is a graduate of the University of Virginia and received his law degree from Washington & Lee University. He served as secretary-treasurer of the VBA Young Lawyers Division in 2006 and has served as the VBA YLD Communications/Publicity Chair and as a member of the Division's executive committee.

Broughton is a partner in the litigation section at Williams Mullen. His practice focuses on consumer class action and products liability litigation with a particular emphasis on mass torts, business torts and nursing home litigation, as well as general commercial litigation. He received his B.A. from the College of William and Mary and his J.D. from the University of Richmond School of Law.

The VBA's Law Practice Management Division installed Robert D. Seabolt as its chair. Seabolt will also serve as a member of the VBA Board of Governors. He is the administrative partner for Troutman Sanders LLP in Richmond where he oversees the strategic planning, budgeting and hiring activities of the firm's 40 practice groups across 12 offices of the firm worldwide. Seabolt is former chair for Leadership Metro Richmond and past president of the University of Richmond Alumni Association. He is a graduate of the University of Richmond and University of Virginia School of Law.

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