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Larry Carr is the founding partner and president of Carr Maloney P.C. in Washington DC. He concentrates his practice on environmental coverage litigation. Larry has been in the private practice of law for 45 years, and the majority of the time has been spent handling defense litigation in the District of Columbia and Maryland. He is a past president of the Bar Association of DC, the Research Foundation of the Bar Association, and the DC Defense Lawyers. Larry currently is Fellow of the American Bar Foundation as well as a member of the Defense Research Institute. He retired as a Colonel in the United States Marine Corps Reserve after more than 30 years of service. Larry is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, received a Master of Law from George Washington University, is admitted to practice in DC and Maryland, and he is a member of the United States Court of Appeals for DC as well as several other federal judicial circuits.

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HON. C. WILLIAM HAMMER (Ret.)

Retired judge, 19th Judicial Circuit, Judge Hammer graduated George Washington University, J.D. with honors, 1953. He is a member of the Virginia State Bar, D.C. Bar, and Bar of the Supreme Court of the United States. He served as assistant city attorney, City of Falls Church, and commissioner in chancery, Circuit Court of Fairfax County. His areas of expertise include personal injury, subrogation, business disputes, contract disputes, domestic matters, probate, estate disputes, professional malpractice, real estate law, and worker's compensation.

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TRACY ANN HOUCK, ESQ.

Tracy Ann Houck received her bachelor's degree in English Literature from the College of William and Mary, her Publishing Institute degree from the University of Denver, and graduated in 1992 from the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond. After spending more than 2 years in Tokyo as an English language instructor, she worked as Copy Editor / Editor for several years in New York for Warren, Gorham & Lamont and for Marsh & McLennan, and then for The Michie Company in Charlottesville. She has been practicing law in Fredericksburg for 16 years, first for Roberts, Ashby & Parrish, and now as a partner at the successor firm of Parrish, Houck & Snead, PLC. Her professional affiliations include the Virginia Joint Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee, the Fredericksburg Area Bar Association (President 2006), the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit Bar Association (President 2000), the Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys, and the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, for which she serves on the CLE Committee and co-chairs the Solo and Small Firm Conference. Her areas of expertise include Insurance Defense, Personal Injury, Insurance Coverage, and General Civil Litigation. Just announced; Ms. Houck is the winner of the "2011 Legal Elite" for her ADR work. This award arrives on the heels of her recognition as the 2011 Bar Leader of the Year Award from the CLBA of the Virginia State Bar.

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Mr. Kasimer received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Yale University where he graduated cum laude, and his Juris Doctor degree with honors from George Washington National Law Center. Mr. Kasimer is a principal of Kasimer & Annino, P.C. in Tysons Corner, where he specializes in construction contract claims and litigation. He is an accomplished author and lecturer, with a great deal of ADR experience including acting as consumer arbitrator for the Fairfax Co. Dept. of Consumer Affairs and mediation of construction disputes. He is a member of the Virginia State Bar Assoc., District of Columbia Bar Assoc., Construction Specification Institute, and The Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance.

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Retired federal administrative law judge, Judge Kennedy has 45 years experience as a trial lawyer and trial judge. He graduated George Washington University, J.D. with honors in 1951. He attended the National Judicial College in 1983 and 1985. He is a certified mediator for the United States Postal Service. As a solo practitioner, Judge Kennedy has experience in the areas of contracts, torts, personal injury, employment and labor law, corporate law, antitrust and trade regulation law, real estate, landlord and tenant, patent and trade mark, and copyright and unfair competition.

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Retired judge, Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Judge Levin has 21 years experience on the bench and 26 years in private practice in Maryland and the District of Columbia. He is a graduate of the George Washington University Law School, J.D. in 1949. He is a past president and member of the Executive Committee of the Prince George County Bar Association, member the Board of Governors of the Maryland State Bar, past president of George Washington University Law Alumni, and past president of Prince George's Civic Opera Association. Judge Levin has served as a professorial lecturer in law at the George Washington University Law School and as instructor in trial advocacy courses at the University of Maryland and Georgetown University. He is an approved Maryland State Court of Appeals arbitrator. His areas of expertise include personal injury, contract disputes, and business law.

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Partner at Litten & Sipe LLP, a Harrisonburg law firm. Jay received his undergraduate and law degrees from the College of William and Mary before commencing practice in Harrisonburg in 1985. His litigation practice consists primarily of personal injury work (representing both plaintiffs and defendants), but he also handles some commercial litigation. Aside from litigation, the greatest portion of his practice is in the field of local government law. The Circuit Court of Rockingham County has appointed him as a Commissioner-in-Chancery.

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Judge Rosenblatt's experience includes Circuit Court Judge, 1986 – 2004 Virginia Beach Circuit Court, and General District Court Judge, 1984 – 1986 Virginia Beach General District Court, Virginia Circuit Court Judges Benchbook Committee, Executive Committee, Judicial Conference of Virginia, Judicial Compensation-Retirement and Insurance Committee, Course on Professionalism-Virginia State Bar, Virginia State Bar Board of Governors, Litigation Section-Virginia State Bar, Boyd-Graves Conference Steering Committee, American Judges Association, and the Family Law Organization of Greater Hampton Roads Board of Directors. Judge Rosenblatt has also been employed as Virginia State Crime Commission Interim Executive Director, and Virginia Indigent Defense Commission Interim Executive. Judge Rosenblatt attended the University of Richmond J. D., 1975 and Guilford College B. A., 1970.

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