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## **SOUTHWEST PANEL**

### ***HON. KENNETH M. COVINGTON (Ret.)***

Retired judge, 21st Judicial Circuit, Judge Covington graduated the University of Richmond, and Bluefield College. In addition to his private practice and trial experience, he served as Henry County's commonwealth attorney for 12 years, general district judge, 12 years, and circuit court judge for eight years, retiring in 1990. Since 1990 he has served as an arbitrator hearing cases throughout southwest Virginia concentrating mostly on personal injury and tort.

### ***HON. STUART L. CRAIG (Ret.)***

Retired judge, 22nd Circuit Court of Virginia, Judge Craig served from 1966 until 1976. He received his A.B. from Dartmouth College in 1949 and his L.L.B. from the University of Virginia in 1952. Judge Craig has 46 years experience practicing law. He currently is a practicing partner of Carter, Craig, Bass, Blair & Kushner of Danville. Judge Craig has extensive knowledge in the areas of personal injury, product liability, and medical malpractice.

### ***J. JAY LITTEN, ESQ.***

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.

### ***HON. SUZANNE K. FULTON (Ret.)***

Retired Judge, 30th District, having served as a Juvenile and Domestic Relations Judge 1987-1989; General District Court Judge 1989-2005. Judge Fulton graduated from T.C. Williams School of Law of the University of Richmond. She practiced law in the private sector in North Carolina and Virginia 1976-1987. She served as the Director of the Judicial Performance Evaluation Program of the Supreme Court of Virginia 2005-2008.

### ***HON. JOSHUA L. ROBINSON (Ret.)***

Retired chief judge, 26th Circuit, Judge Robinson graduated the University of Virginia, L.L.B in 1948, and the National College of the State Judiciary in 1973. He retired from the bench in 1992. His areas of expertise include tort, product liability, and contract disputes

***GREGORY T. ST. OURS, ESQ.***

Mr. St. Ours is a partner at Wharton Aldhizer & Weaver PLC in Harrisonburg, and he appears in Courts and handles cases west of I-95 along the I-81 and U.S. Route 29 corridors. His practice includes civil litigation and counseling in construction, corporate governance, employment, health care, land use and zoning, antitrust, franchise and trade regulation, broker, dealer and customer relations, business torts, risk management, intellectual property, professional malpractice and errors and omissions, and personal injury and wrongful death. Mr. St. Ours is a member of the Virginia, West Virginia and District of Columbia Bars, and he holds a Virginia Class A Contractors License. Mr. St. Ours received his B.A. with Distinction in Economics and his J.D. from the University of Virginia. He has served on the governing bodies of the Virginia Bar Association and the Harrisonburg Rockingham Bar Association. Mr. St. Ours is or has been an officer of, and currently serves on, construction and antitrust boards of the Virginia State Bar, and he has served on VSB or VBA local bar, real estate and pro bono boards. Among non-legal service organizations, Mr. St. Ours current service includes Vice President of the Augusta Home Builders Association and director on the board of the Harrisonburg Education Foundation. Mr. St. Ours is a Fellow of the Virginia Law Foundation, and recognitions include the 2001 Local Bar Leader by the Virginia State Bar, "Legal Elite" by Virginia Business, and listings in The Best Lawyers of America and Super Lawyers.

***JAMES C. SHANNON, ESQ.***

Mr. Shannon graduated the University of Virginia. He served as an early neutral evaluator for the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond. Mr. Shannon is a member of the Virginia State Bar, VADA, VTLA, American Board of Trial Advocates, and the Richmond Bar Association of which he is a past president. He has represented plaintiffs and insurance carriers since 1974 litigating auto, premises liability, personal injury, product liability, and asbestos cases.