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TIDEWATER PANEL

HON. WILLIAM C. ANDREWS, III (Ret.)

Retired judge, 8th Judicial Circuit in Hampton, Judge Andrews graduated from Hampden-Sydney College and the College of William and Mary, Marshall-Wythe School of Law, J.D. in 1973. He was engaged in the general practice of law from 1973-1990, most recently as a principal in the firm of James, Richardson, Andrews, and Griffin. Judge Andrews served in the U.S. Navy. He served as a substitute judge 1981-1990, General District Judge, 1990-1996, and Circuit Judge 1996-2007. He is a member of the Virginia State Bar, the Virginia Bar Association, and the Hampton Bar Association.

HON. JOHN C. BAKER (Ret.)

Retired judge, 6th Circuit Court, Judge Baker graduated the Marshall-Wythe School of Law, College of William & Mary in 1957. He was a Lieutenant in the United States Army from 1952 until 1954 after which he engaged in the general practice of law in Surry County, Virginia. Judge Baker is a past vice president and president of the 6th Circuit Bar Association. He is a member of VSB, American Bar Association, Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, VBA, and the 6th Circuit Bar Association. He was elected General District Judge for the 6th District Judicial District and is enrolled in civil mediation courses at the National Judicial College, Reno, Nevada. His areas of expertise include personal injury and all other areas of civil law.

JEFFREY F. BROOKE, ESQ.

Mr. Brooke graduated the Marshall-Wythe School of Law, College of William & Mary, J.D. in 1988. He presently practices law with an emphasis on personal injury and casualty defense civil litigation in both state and federal courts. He is a member of the Administrative Justice for Trial, Client Counseling and Negotiation Teams, Moot Court Board Member, ABA (Moot Court Team, 1987), and pupil at the 1987 American Inns of Court, l'Anson-Hoffman Chapter.

ROBERT S. COHEN, ESQ.

Mr. Cohen graduated the Brooklyn Law School in New York City and served as substitute judge of the general district courts in Norfolk and Portsmouth. He is a senior partner in the Norfolk law firm of Goldblatt, Cohen & Legum, P.C. and concentrates his practice in personal injury law, including automobile claims, landowner liability and professional malpractice matters. He is a past president of the Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association and a member of the Virginia Bar Association, the New York Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the New York Trial Lawyers Association, the American Judicature Society, and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America. Mr. Cohen also is a member of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, where he served as president 1983-1984. He is licensed to practice in all federal courts and the U.S. Supreme Court and has been appointed by the Virginia Supreme Court to serve on medical malpractice panels.

RICHARD J. COLGAN, ESQ.

Mr. Colgan graduated the University of Tennessee College of Law, J.D. in 1979. He is a Judicial Council of Virginia certified mediator and concentrates his sole practice on tort litigation, especially plaintiff's personal injury, and contract disputes.

HON. FREDERICK H. CREEKMORE, SR. (Ret.)

Judge Creekmore received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Richmond and his J.D. Degree from the T.C. Williams Law School of the University of Richmond. In 1992 he was named First Citizen of The City of Chesapeake. He practiced law as a sole practitioner for several years and then established the law firm of Creekmore, Wright and Forbes. Later he merged his law firm with another to form the firm of Basnight and Creekmore. He served as commissioner in Chancery and a Divorce Commissioner in Chancery for the Circuit Court of Chesapeake. He was a member of the Chesapeake Bar Association and its Past President, The Virginia Bar Association, The Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association and the American Bar Association. Judge Creekmore served in the Virginia General Assembly for 16 years where he was a member of various committees including the House Appropriations Committee, The Privileges and Elections Committee and Chairmen of the House Committee on Labor and Commerce. In 1990 he was elected as a judge of the Chesapeake Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court for the City of Chesapeake where he served as Chief Judge. In 1998 he was named as a judge of the First Circuit of Virginia from which he retired on February 1, 2008. Judge Creekmore completed several courses at the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada. His areas of expertise include most areas of Virginia State Law.

RANDOLPH C. DUVALL, ESQ.

Mr. DuVall graduated the University of Richmond Law School in 1977 where he was a member of the University of Richmond Law Review, and an inductee to the McNeill Honor Law Society. Admitted to practice in Virginia 1978 and North Carolina 1989, he is now a Partner, Breedon, Salb, Beasley, & DuVall in Norfolk where he specializes in defense of civil litigation with an emphasis on bodily injury litigation and insurance coverage issues. He has tried cases to juries on behalf of plaintiffs and defendants, including over 200 jury trials in the Circuit Courts in 7 cities & 8 counties of Virginia, as well as the Supreme Court of Virginia and the US Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

HON. WALTER JERALD FORD (Ret.)

Retired judge 8th Judicial District in Hampton. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Ford was a principal in the firm of Hatchett and Ford. A graduate of the University of Virginia Law School, he is a member of the Virginia Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar, the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, and the Hampton Bar Association, of which he served as president. He also is a former commissioner of the chancery of circuit court.

HON. N. WESCOTT JACOB (Ret.)

Retired judge, 2nd Circuit, Judge Jacob graduated the University of Virginia, L.L.B. in 1950. He served as circuit court judge for 23 years and as sole practitioner in Accomack and Northampton Counties for 19 years prior to retiring. His areas of expertise include personal injury, property damage, product liability, contract disputes, and domestic relations.

JOSEPH R. LASSITER, JR., ESQ.

Mr. Lassiter graduated the College of William and Mary, Marshall-Wythe School of Law, J.D. in 1978. He is certified as a mediator by the Virginia Supreme Court, the United States Postal Service, and by the Commonwealth to hear Virginia state employee grievance hearings and special education due process hearings. He has served as vice chair of the Virginia State Bar Second District Committee on Lawyer Discipline, and currently serves as commissioner in chancery, Norfolk Circuit Court. His areas of expertise are personal injury, business law, labor and employee disputes, construction disputes, contract disputes, securities, product liability, and medical malpractice.

JAMES B. LONERGAN, ESQ.

Certified by the Supreme Court of Virginia as a general mediator, Mr. Lonergan the College of William and Mary, Marshall-Wythe School of Law, J.D. in 1975. He is a member of the Virginia Beach, Norfolk-Portsmouth Bar Association, ABA, VSB (Secretary 1994-1995), 2nd District Ethics Committee, and the Board of Governors (Real Property Section 1991-1997). His areas of expertise include real estate law, commercial transactions, banking law, and commercial mediation.

HENRY H. McVEY, III, ESQ.

Mr. McVey graduated Hampden-Sydney College with a B.A., and B.S., magna cum laude in 1957 and the University of Virginia, LL.B. in 1960. He served as president of the Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys and regional vice president of the Defense Research Institute. He is a member of the ABA, American Board of Trial Advocates, the Federation of Insurance and Corporate Counsel, and is a fellow, American College of Trial Lawyers. His practice has been concentrated in the areas of insurance coverage issues, personal injury, and government relations.

HON. ROBERT W. STEWART (Ret.)

Retired chief judge, 4th Judicial Circuit, Judge Stewart graduated the College of William and Mary, Marshall-Wythe School of Law, B.C.L. in 1953. He has served as chairman, Judicial Administration Committee, chairman, Family Court Planning Advisory Committee, and member of the Standing Committee for Commissioners of Accounts. He was also chairman, Judicial Sentencing Guidelines Committee of the Judicial Conference of Virginia, and member of the Virginia Sentencing Commission. Judge Stewart has concentrated his career in the areas of civil litigation, construction, domestic relations, product liability, personal injury/negligence, employment disputes, sexual harassment cases, real estate, municipal and administrative law, education and school law, and government liability law.

ANN K. SULLIVAN, ESQ.

A member of Crenshaw, Ware & Martin, PLC, Ms. Sullivan graduated the Marshall-Wythe School of Law, J.D. in 1978. She has been an active leader in Tidewater's employment community and has represented hundreds of employers and employees across the full spectrum of labor and personnel issues. She has served as chair, Civil Litigation Counsel Section of the VBA, and member, City of Norfolk's Grievance Board, ABA, VTLA, Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar, and was administrative hearing officer for the Supreme Court of Virginia. Ms. Sullivan is certified by the Virginia Supreme Court as a mediator. In addition to employment experience, she has extensive knowledge of personal injury, product liability, and contract disputes.

DONALD B. VADEN, ESQ.

Mr. Vaden graduated the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond, L.L.B. He is a Virginia Supreme Court certified mediator and is also certified by NASD Regulations, Inc., New York and American Stock Exchanges, U.S. Equal Opportunity Commission, and the United States Postal Service. He has mediated over 500 cases throughout the United States. He has been active in assisting local bar associations, corporations, and courts in their implementation of various programs involving mediation and early neutral evaluation. Mr. Vaden's areas of expertise include personal injury, product liability, construction, finance, wrongful death, employment disputes, real estate, contract disputes, and domestic matters.

HON. RANDOLPH T. WEST (Ret.)

Retired Judge. 7th Judicial Circuit. Judge West graduated from the T.C. Williams School of Law, University of Richmond, JD, in 1964. Prior to taking the bench, Judge West was a partner in the firm of Bateman, West and Beale. While practicing he served as a substitute judge for the Newport News City Courts and as a Commissioner in Chancery for the Hampton Circuit Courts. He serves as Circuit Court judge from 1990 to 2004 and District Court from 1973 to 1990. He is a member of the Virginia Bar Association, Virginia State Bar, Virginia Trial Lawyers Association and the Newport News Bar Association. His areas of expertise include domestic relations, personal injury, contract law, and insurance issues.

HON. ALFRED W. WHITEHURST (Ret.)

Retired judge, 4th Judicial Circuit, Norfolk, Judge Whitehurst served as assistant commonwealth's attorney, commonwealth's attorney, and associate judge of Juvenile and Domestic Relations. He graduated the University of Virginia, L.L.B. His areas of expertise include tort litigation, domestic relations, contract disputes, and product liability.

HON. BENJAMIN A. WILLIAMS, JR. (Ret.)

Retired judge, 5th Judicial Circuit, Southampton, Judge Williams graduated Washington and Lee University, L.L.B. He served 17 years as judge for Southampton County. His areas of expertise include personal injury, property damage, and contract disputes.