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Professor John Douglass, Chair, is Professor of Law at the University of Richmond, where he served as Dean of the Law School from 2007–2011. He teaches Criminal Law, Evidence, Criminal Procedure, litigation skills and trial advocacy. His principal academic publications have focused on prosecution, the criminal trial process and the Confrontation Clause. Before joining the Richmond Law faculty in 1996, he practiced law for 15 years. He served as an Assistant United States Attorney in Baltimore from 1983–86 and was Chief of the Criminal Division of the United States Attorney’s Office in Richmond from 1992–96. He also served on the staff of Independent Counsel Lawrence Walsh in the Iran-Contra investigation. As a partner in a Richmond law firm, he specialized in commercial litigation, insurance defense, construction litigation and white collar criminal defense. He has been a faculty member of the Virginia State Bar’s Course in Professionalism, an instructor in trial advocacy and other litigation skills for the National Institute for Trial Advocacy, and a frequent lecturer at continuing legal education programs. He serves on the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission and on the Ethics Committee for Virginia Commonwealth University Hospitals and is former Chair of the Richmond City Charter Review Commission. Mr. Douglass serves as a mediator of commercial disputes through the McCammon Group in Richmond. He is a graduate of Dartmouth College and Harvard Law School.

Honorable Leslie M. Alden has nearly two decades of experience on the bench hearing civil and criminal cases, with nearly three decades of legal experience in all aspects of litigation. She served as a trial court judge in the Fairfax County, Virginia Circuit Court from 1996 until her retirement in 2012 and was a trial judge in a special jurisdiction court in the Fairfax County General District Court prior to that time. Judge Alden has been a frequent participant in international legal and judicial programs, having served as the President of the International Association of Women Judges, 2008–2010, and remains on the IAWJ Board of Managerial Trustees. She also served the National Association of Women Judges (US) as its International Director for 5 years, developing the award-winning judicial program *Beyond Borders: The Impact of International Law in U.S. Courts*. Before joining the bench, Judge Alden was a shareholder in the law firm Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson & Hand in Washington, D.C., with a practice centered on commercial litigation and local government law. Judge Alden earned her J.D. in 1983 from George Mason University School of Law, and earned her B.S. (Business Administration) in 1978 from George Mason University. In 2001, she completed the Economics Institute for State Judges presented by the Law and Organizational Economics Center. In 2005, she completed the Sir Richard May Seminar on International Law and International Courts presented by the International Judicial Academy.

Craig Cooley is a practicing attorney in the Richmond, Virginia area. He is a past Chairman of the Criminal Law Section of the Virginia State Bar, past President of the Richmond Criminal Bar Association, a Substitute Judge, has served on the faculty of the Professionalism Curriculum Course of the Virginia Supreme Court, and served as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Richmond Law School. His 36 years of law practice include 70 capital murder representations, over 400 murder trials, and over 4,500 representations of indigent defendants. He has tried over 500 jury trials. Mr. Cooley served as co-lead counsel to Lee Boyd Malvo, the 17-year-old juvenile tried for capital murder as one of the two “D.C. Beltway Snipers.”

Mark L. Earley Sr. is a former Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Virginia. He served in the State Senate of Virginia for 10 years and also served as President and CEO of Prison Fellowship. He is currently the Founder and Principal of the Earley Legal Group, LLC.

Senator John S. Edwards served as United States Attorney for the Western District of Virginia from 1980 to 1981. He also served as a member of Roanoke City Council and as Vice-Mayor. He has represented the 21st District of Virginia since 1996. Sen. Edwards currently serves on the Commerce and Labor, Courts of Justice and Privileges and Elections Committees in the Virginia State Senate. He also serves on a number of board and commissions and he is Chairman of the Virginia Code Commission and serves on the Board of Governors of the Virginia Bar Association. Sen. Edwards practices law in Roanoke and is an adjunct professor of law at the University of Virginia Law School teaching trial advocacy.

Joseph Flood is a partner at Sheldon, Flood and Haywood, PLC since 2009 where his practice focuses on serious felony cases at trial, appeal, and in post-conviction, including death penalty cases. He is a former Capital Defender for Northern Virginia, and a nationally recognized death penalty expert. Following his clerkship for the Hon. Joseph W. Hatchet, of the Eleventh Circuit Federal Court of Appeals, Mr. Flood began representing death row inmates in Alabama. Subsequently, he worked for ten years as a trial lawyer defending individuals charged with capital crimes in New York. Since 2005, Mr. Flood has represented more than a dozen people facing the death penalty in Virginia. Mr. Flood is also a consulting attorney for the Mexican government through the Mexican Capital Legal Assistance Program. He received his undergraduate degree in history and psychology in 1988 and his law degree in 1992, both from the University of Wisconsin.

Michael Herring, a Richmond native, has been the Commonwealth's Attorney for the City of Richmond since January 3, 2006. Prior to his election as Commonwealth's Attorney, he was a partner at the law firm of Bricker & Herring where he practiced criminal law and medical malpractice law. In 2002, he joined the faculty at the University of Richmond School of Law as an adjunct professor. Mr. Herring served as the first African-American President of the Richmond Bar Association in 2005, was Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Criminal Law Section of the Virginia State Bar in 2004 and 2005, and is a past Chairman of the Third District Attorney Disciplinary Committee. Mr. Herring began his career as an associate at Hunton & Williams before joining the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney in 1992, where he served as the head of the Narcotics Interdiction Team and as a senior felony trial attorney for Violent Crimes and Narcotics Offenses. He returned to the private sector in 1996 at the law firm of LeClair Ryan. As an attorney, he has mentored students through many Richmond Public Schools programs. He received his undergraduate degree in economics in 1987 and his law degree in 1990, both from the University of Virginia.

Gail Starling Marshall is an attorney in private practice in Orange County, Virginia. Ms. Marshall graduated Order of the Coif from the University of Virginia Law School in 1968 and taught on the faculty there from 1968 to 1972, when she joined the Washington, D.C. law firm of Hogan & Hartson (now Hogan & Lovells). After becoming partner in the Litigation Department,

she later left to become Deputy Attorney General of Virginia in Richmond, a post she held for eight years (1986–1994). Since 1994, Ms. Marshall has been in private practice and also serves as the town attorney in Rapidan, Virginia. She was awarded the Virginia State Bar’s Lewis F. Powell Jr. Pro Bono Award in 2011 and also serves on the Board of the Virginia Capital Representation Resource Center.