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Leilani A. Adams, Esq. is a partner with Thomas, Adams, & Associates, P.C. where she focuses her practice on civil litigation, including general community association law and collections. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from Old Dominion University in 2004 and received her Juris Doctor from Regent University in 2008. Leilani has been with Thomas, Adams, & Associates, P.C. since 2004, where she has worked extensively with the collections department. In addition, she has assisted with numerous community association legal issues, including construction defect, injunctions, contract reviews, and legal document reviews. For the Southeastern Virginia Chapter Community Associations Institute (SEVA-CAI), she is currently the Chapter's Board of Directors' President, a committee member for the Social Committee and Community Association Volunteer Leaders Committee. She has been active with SEVA-CAI for over a decade and continues to contribute time and support to the many efforts of SEVA-CAI.



DEBORAH M. CASEY, ATTY AT LAW, CCAL®, VANDEVENTER BLACK LLP

Debbie is rated AV® Preeminent™ by Martindale-Hubbell® and an attorney with many accomplishments. She is a Partner, Executive Board Member and Chair of Vandeventer Black's Community Associations and Creditors' Rights teams, and an Executive Board Member for the Women's Cabinet of the United Jewish Federation of Tidewater. Debbie has been recognized by various awarding bodies, which include: 'Best Lawyers in America® in Community Association Law' by Best Lawyers, 'Super Lawyer' by Virginia Super Lawyers, 'Top Lawyers of Coastal Virginia' by CoVaBIZ Magazine, 'Legal Elite' by Virginia Business, 'Influential Women of the Year' by Virginia Lawyers Weekly, 'Women In The Law 2017' by Virginia Living Magazine, 'Women In Business' and 'Top 40 Under 40' by Inside Business, SEVA-CAI Hall of Fame Award, and the SEVA-CAI Distinguished Service Award.

For almost three decades, Debbie has concentrated her practice in representing Virginia's common interest communities providing exceptional legal counseling tailored to their needs. She is one of only a small number of lawyers in Southeastern Virginia admitted as a Fellow to CAI National's prestigious College of Community Association Lawyers (CCAL) and served on CAI's Virginia Legislative Action Committee from 2004-2014, and as Chair from 2008-2011. Debbie served as President of SEVA-CAI in 2001 and has been involved in the Chapter in many capacities for more than 25 years.



JEFFREY A. HUNN, ESQ., PENDER & COWARD, P.C.

Jeffrey A. Hunn, Esquire is a Shareholder with the law firm of Pender & Coward, P.C. He is a member of the Community Association Practice Group and concentrates his practice in the areas of Community Association Law, Litigation, Insurance Defense, Business Legal Services, and Government Law. Jeff graduated from Auburn University in 1997 with a bachelor's degree cum laude in Political Science. He graduated from the University of Richmond, School of Law in 2000 where he was a Member of the University of Richmond Law Review. He spent the next two years as a law clerk to the Honorable J.M.H. Willis, Jr. and the Honorable Richard S. Bray of the Court of Appeals of Virginia. He has attended the National Trial Advocacy College, Trial Advocacy Institute at the University of Virginia. He is a graduate of the 2013 class of LEAD Hampton Roads. He has taught legal courses at Tidewater Community College. In his practice, he represents clients frequently in federal and state courts throughout Hampton Roads, as well as arbitration proceedings, mediations and administrative hearings. His clients include individuals, small and large companies and municipalities and government entities. He has defended numerous cases for insurance companies, businesses and municipalities in all manners of casualty claims, from property damage to catastrophic injuries. Jeff has extensive experience representing community associations, developers, businesses and individual property owners in the interpretation, negotiation and formation of contracts, management agreements, leases, title and boundary disputes and zoning issues. Jeff is an active member of the Southeastern Virginia Chapter of the Community Associations Institute (SEVA-CAI). He has presented several educational classes, published articles in the Currents newsmagazine, and has spoken at previous CA Days. Martindale Hubbell has rated Jeff an AV® attorney, its highest available rating for attorneys. Jeff was recently voted a Top Lawyer in the category of "Civil Trial", an honor that was recently displayed in Coastal Virginia Magazine.



JEANNE S. LAUER, ESQ., OF INMAN & STRICKLER, P.L.C.

Jeanne S. Lauer is a lifetime Virginia resident, including undergraduate study at James Madison University (BA 1987) and law school at The College of William and Mary (JD 1990), her practice focuses on Community Association law including trial and appellate litigation. Jeanne has been in practice since 1990 including a Judicial Clerkship with The Honorable Thomas S. Kenny in Fairfax, Virginia. She was nominated and accepted to the American Inns of Court, George Mason Chapter which promotes and recognizes excellence in the practice of law. Ms. Lauer joined Inman & Strickler in 2002 and has been a Managing Partner since 2008. She is a member of the firm's Community Association Law Team and has been published in numerous periodicals, including SEVA-CAI's Currents Magazine, and professional compendiums related to community association law. Ms. Lauer has served as a featured presenter at the Virginia Judges Orientation Conference for new judges in Williamsburg, Virginia from 2006-2009. A member of SEVA-CAI since 2002, and a member of the Board of Directors from 2006-2012, Jeanne frequently lectures on community association topics, having been awarded "Speaker of the Year" by SEVA-CAI in 2009. Ms. Lauer has also been a repeat guest on the WHRO program "HearSay with Cathy Lewis" providing information about community association issues. Ms. Lauer is the proud parent of daughter Moira, son Connor and 2 oversized dogs, Becks and Bonks.



KATHLEEN PANAGIS, ESQ., WHITEFORD, TAYLOR & PRESTON, LLP

Kathleen Panagis is an attorney at Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, LLP, where she is part of a thirty person team of attorneys who are dedicated to the firm's Community Associations practice group, which is one of the largest Community Associations practices in the mid-Atlantic region and has offices in Richmond, Roanoke, and Falls Church. Kathleen serves as general counsel to common interest communities located throughout Virginia, which includes advisement on meeting requirements, covenant enforcement, fair housing law, as well as guidance on contracts, board operations, and amendments to governing documents. In addition, she represents associations in various general district courts and circuit courts. She received the Rising Star Award from SEVA-CAI in December 2016 and CA Day Committee's Volunteer of the Year Award in December 2017. Kathleen served as the co-chair of the Education Subcommittee for 2018 SEVA-CAI's CA Day Committee and also serves as one of the chairs of SEVA-CAI's Programs Committee. Kathleen resides in her hometown of Virginia Beach with her husband, son, and Labrador retriever.



SUSAN B. TARLEY, ATTY AT LAW, CCAL®, OF TARLEY ROBINSON PLC

Susan Bradford Tarley is a partner with Tarley Robinson, PLC, a law firm in Williamsburg, Virginia. Tarley Robinson provides exceptional legal services to persons and entities in Virginia. Ms. Tarley maintains a real estate practice that includes community association law, litigation, corporate and business matters, real estate development and residential and commercial real estate transactions. Ms. Tarley has been a member of the Central Virginia Chapter of the Community Associations Institute for over 15 years, including 9 years as a Board Member and serving as President of the Chapter. Ms. Tarley serves as Chair of the Virginia Legislative Action Committee of CAI. Ms. Tarley is a member of the College of Community Association Lawyers. Ms. Tarley received her Law Degree from George Mason University School of Law and her Bachelor of Science Degree from Pennsylvania State University. Ms. Tarley has served as a Substitute Judge for the Ninth Judicial District since 1998.



ELIZABETH L. WHITE, ATTY AT LAW, CCAL®, SANDS ANDERSON, PC

Liz White is a shareholder with the law firm of Sands Anderson where she leads the firm's Community Association Industry Team. Widely regarded as a thought leader in this industry, Ms. White has been inducted into our chapter's Speaker's Bureau and is a frequent speaker at CAI events on topics relating to community association law, and she is a regular contributor to publications such as HOALeader.com. She is a member of CAI's prestigious College of Community Association Attorneys, has been named one of the Best Lawyers in America, an Influential Woman of Virginia by Virginia Business Magazine, to the Legal Elite by Virginia Business Magazine, and she teaches a class on Community Association Law at William and Mary Law School, which is the only one of its kind in Virginia and one of only handful nationwide.



JERRY M. WRIGHT, ESQ., OF CHADWICK WASHINGTON MORIARTY ELMORE & BUNN, P.C.

Jerry M. Wright, Jr. is a Principal with the firm of Chadwick, Washington, Moriarty, Elmore & Bunn, P.C., and he practices in the firm's Richmond (Glen Allen), Virginia office. He is a graduate of James Madison University and the University of Richmond, T. C. Williams School of Law. He joined the firm in 2003, after serving the Supreme Court of Virginia for six years as its Senior Staff Attorney. His practice is devoted to community association law, and he is actively involved with the SEVA, CVC and SWVA Chapters of CAI. He was elected to the CVCCAI's Board of Directors in 2007, was the acting President for much of 2009, and was its President in 2010. Since then, he has received the President's Award and Past President Award from the Chapter. He currently serves on the SEVA-CAI Trade Show Committee and on the SEVA, CVC and SWVA CAI's Legislative Committees. In 2016, Jerry received a Rising Star award from the SEVA-CAI Chapter. Jerry has taught several classes on community association law, including seminars at the CAI National Conference, a Webinar for CAI National, the Virginia Leadership Retreat, several CAI Chapter Trade Shows, the Bar Association of the City of Richmond, Virginia, the Virginia Statewide Neighborhood Conference, Legislative Updates for SEVA CAI, CVCCAI and SWVA CAI, and the Hampton Roads Realtors Association. Jerry also serves as the Chair for CAI's Virginia Legislative Action Committee ("VALAC"), a cooperative joint effort between the four CAI Chapters in Virginia, coordinating CAI's legislative efforts with Virginia General Assembly throughout the year. He is also a member of the Virginia Housing Commission's Common Interest Community Work Group and the Commission's Neighborhood Transitions Work Group. These Work Groups assist the Virginia Housing Commission with studying and providing recommendations to the Virginia General Assembly relating to housing in the Commonwealth of Virginia, including common interest community matters.

