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HARRY L. CARRICO OUTSTANDING CAREER SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENTS NAMED FOR 2019 AND 2020

The Judicial Council of Virginia has named the Honorable William T. Newman, Jr., Chief Judge of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, as the recipient of the 2019 Harry L. Carrico Outstanding Career Service Award, and the Honorable Everett A. Martin, Jr., Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit as the recipient of the Award for 2020. Chief Judge Newman and Judge Martin were presented the awards at the annual meeting of the Judicial Conference of Virginia, held virtually, on May 11, 2021. Due to the pandemic, the 2019 Award was not presented during last year’s meeting of the Judicial Conference of Virginia.

Awarded in honor of the longest serving chief justice and the longest serving member in the history of the Supreme Court of Virginia, The Harry L. Carrico Outstanding Career Service Award is presented annually by the Judicial Council of Virginia to a Virginia judge who, over an extended career, has demonstrated exceptional leadership in the administration of the courts while exhibiting the traits of integrity, courtesy, impartiality, wisdom, and humility. All appellate, circuit and district court judges are eligible for nomination.

The 2019 recipient, Chief Judge William T. Newman, Jr., received his Juris Doctor from the Catholic University of America in 1977, and his Bachelor of Fine Arts from Ohio University in 1972. Chief Judge Newman was appointed as a judge of the Arlington Circuit Court in 1993 and has served as Chief Judge of the Arlington Circuit Court since 2003. Prior to taking the bench, Chief Judge Newman was in private practice and served on the Arlington County Board of Supervisors, where he was selected as Chair by his fellow Board members in 1991.

Chief Judge Newman has served as a member of the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission, as chairman of the Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission, and on the Commission on Virginia Courts in the 21st Century. He has been a featured presenter at the Judicial Conference of Virginia, the Judicial Conference of Virginia for District Courts, and the Color of Justice Program. For more than 25 years, he has been part of the faculty for the Virginia State Bar Professionalism Courses for lawyers and law students. Chief Judge Newman is involved in a variety of civic and community activities, receiving numerous honors and awards for his service,
including the NAACP Community Service Award and the Urban League Rising Star Award. Chief Judge Newman was named President Emeritus of the Arlington Community Foundation in 2006.

The 2020 award recipient, Judge Everett A. Martin, Jr., received a Master of Laws from New York University School of Law in 1980, and attended Washington and Lee University, where he received his Juris Doctor in 1977, and Bachelor of Arts in 1974. Judge Martin was elected a judge of the Norfolk Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court in 1990, and as a judge of the Norfolk Circuit Court in 1995. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Martin was in private practice, and served as an Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney for the City of Norfolk.

Judge Martin has served on the Supreme Court’s Ad Hoc Committee on Local Rules that produced the uniform scheduling order and Rule 4:15, the Circuit Court Forms Committee, the Law Council of Washington and Lee University, the Board of Governors of The Virginia Bar Association, and the Boyd-Graves Conference. During his tenure on the bench, Judge Martin has presided over more than 450 jury trials, contributed to legal scholarship with meaningful articles in Virginia law journals, served for nearly thirty years as a bar examiner for the Virginia Board of Bar Examiners, and participated in a host of conferences and educational programs.

About the Judicial Council of Virginia: The Judicial Council of Virginia is charged with the responsibility for making a continuous study of the organization, rules and methods of procedure and practice of the judicial system of the Commonwealth. It is also responsible for examining the work accomplished and results produced by the system and its individual offices and courts. A report of the proceedings and recommendations of the Council is made to the General Assembly and to the Supreme Court on an annual basis. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is presiding officer for the Council whose membership includes one Court of Appeals judge, six circuit court judges, one general district court judge, one juvenile and domestic relations district court judge, two attorneys qualified to practice in the Supreme Court, and the Chairmen of the Committees for Courts of Justice in the Virginia Senate and House of Delegates. The Chief Justice and legislative members serve terms coincident with their terms of office, while other Council members are appointed by the Chief Justice and serve for four years or at the pleasure of the Chief Justice.

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