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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.

### ***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.

### ***HON. JAMES A. CALES, JR. (Ret.)***

A Retired judge, 3rd Judicial Circuit in Portsmouth, VA, Judge Cales graduated from the University of Richmond: 1965 BA and 1968 JD. He was Commonwealth's Attorney of the City of Portsmouth from 1971 – 1982, served as a Judge in General District Court from 1982 – 1996 and as Circuit Court Judge from 1996 thru 2012. He has completed both Dispute Resolution and Mediation courses at the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada.

Since his retirement Judge Cales has presided in judicial settlement conferences in cases involving real property disputes, divorce, railroad injuries (FELA), condemnation, asbestos product liability claims, libel and slander, and tort claims arising from accidents..

***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.

***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, Breeden, 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.

***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.

***PHILIP RUSSO JR., ESQ.***

Philip Russo is an attorney practicing in Virginia Beach, Virginia with 30 years of experience in various civil cases. In the late 1980s and early 90s, he served as associate general counsel for a large company in Norfolk where he was involved in corporate transactions as well as litigation. While his primary practice currently is in domestic relations issues, he has also been involved in construction litigation in the federal and state courts as well as various civil litigation in the state courts throughout Hampton Roads

Mr. Russo obtained his undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame, his law degree from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary and his master's in business administration from Old Dominion University. He has served on various nonprofit boards as well as the Planning Commission for the City of Virginia Beach.

***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.

***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.