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**‘Influential Women of Virginia’ for 2014 named**

Virginia Lawyers Media, publishers of Virginia Lawyers Weekly and the Virginia Medical Law Report, has announced the Class of 2014 of “Influential Women of Virginia.”

This awards program, now in its sixth year, recognizes the outstanding efforts of women in the commonwealth in all fields, including law, business, health care, education and the arts. The honors are given to individuals who are making notable contributions to their chosen professions, their communities and society at large.

The 2014 honorees are:

* Debra Stracke Anderson, Sloan Street Advisors/ITRA Global, McLean.
* Dawn L. Beninhove, Companion Extraordinaire Nursing Network, Ashland
* Lori Jones Bentley, Johnson, Ayers & Matthews PLC, Roanoke
* Susan R. Blackman, Willcox Savage, Virginia Beach
* Jas Boothe, Final Salute Inc., Alexandria
* Sandra Davis, BCR Property Management, Blacksburg
* Betty Layne DesPortes, Benjamin & DesPortes PC, Richmond
* Sharon K. Eimer, Public Defender, Lynchburg
* Kimberly A.C. Enochs, Rutherfoord/Marsh & McLennan Agency, Roanoke
* Jennifer F. Flinchum, Keiter CPAs, Richmond
* Lori Garrett, Glave & Holmes Architecture, Richmond
* Marcia Adams Gilliam, CSE Financial Services, Abingdon
* Danielle D. Giroux, Harman Claytor Corrigan & Wellman, Glen Allen
* Ellen Goitia, KPMG LLP, McLean
* Susan Greenbaum, Singer-songwriter, Richmond
* Prof. Susan Grover, William & Mary School of Law, Williamsburg
* Mary Helen Hackney, M.D., Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond
* Prof. Marcia A. Invernizzi, University of Virginia, Charlottesville
* Sheriff Stacey Kincaid, Fairfax County, Fairfax
* Rosemary Tran Lauer, Devotion to Children, Oakton
* Donna M. Littlepage, Carillion Clinic, Roanoke
* Linda C. Mathes, American Red Cross in the National Capital Region, Fairfax
* Jennifer A. Minear, McCandlish Holton PC, Richmond
* Sidoux Mitchell, Alexandria Bar Association, Alexandria
* Prof. Linda Apple Monson, George Mason University, Fairfax
* Deborah D. Oswalt, Virginia Health Care Foundation, Richmond
* Dean Wendy Collins Perdue, University of Richmond School of Law, Richmond
* Antigone G. Peyton, Cloudigy Law PLLC, McLean
* Jan Proctor, City Attorney, Chesapeake
* Linda Rabbitt, Rand Construction Corporation, Alexandria
* Megan Conway Rahman, Troutman Sanders LLP, Richmond
* Gwenn Rosener, FlexProfessionals LLC, McLean
* Susan M. Rotkis, Consumer Litigation Associates PC, Newport News
* Sandra L. Smith, Oast & Taylor PLC, Portsmouth
* Robin Robertson Starr, Richmond SPCA, Richmond
* Marie Washington, Law Office of Marie Washington PLC, Warrenton
* Deborah C. Waters, Waters Law Firm, Norfolk
* Amy McDaniel Williams, Hunton & Williams, Richmond
* Lt. Gen. Frances C. Wilson (ret.), U.S. Marine Corps, Virginia Beach
* Joan Ziglar, former Commonwealth’s Attorney, Martinsville

The honorees will be celebrated at a gala ceremony on May 22 at the Hilton Short Pump in Henrico. The “Influential Woman of the Year” for 2014, to be voted on by the members of the Class of 2014 themselves, will be announced at this event.

Each honoree also will be profiled in a special publication that will be distributed at the event and inserted into Virginia Lawyers Weekly on May 26.