

13th ANNUAL SMALL-FIRM/SOLO-PRACTITIONER CONFERENCE AND REGIONAL BENCH-BAR FORUM

Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center

September 26, 2025

Live In-Person Event with a Live Virtual Option Statewide

AGENDA

7:45 a.m. REGISTRATION/CHECK-IN/BREAKFAST

8:30 a.m. WELCOME AND GREETINGS

- Brett Marston, President, Virginia State Bar
- Bruce H. Russell, II, P.C.

8:45 a.m. HEART OF THE MATTER: BOOSTING CARDIAC WELLNESS IN
THE LEGAL COMMUNITY (**1 hr. CLE Credit, including 1hr. Well-Being Credit**)

- Dr. Carlos A. Hubbard, M.D., Cleveland Clinic
- Dr. Bret Rogers, M.D., Cleveland Clinic
- Jay B. Myerson, Former President of the Virginia State Bar
- Bruce H. Russell, II, Open-heart Surgery Survivor

9:45 a.m. **BREAK**

09:50 a.m. OASIS '25: LEGAL DESERTS, LAWYER POPULATION, BAR
LEADERSHIP, AND ACCESS TO LEGAL SERVICES ACROSS THE
COMMONWEALTH (**1 hr. CLE credit**)

- Crista Gantz, Director of Access to Legal Services, Virginia State Bar
- Katie Mooney, Professor, Appalachian School of Law
- David Neumeyer, Chairman, VSB EGAD VA Committee
- Cameron Rountree, Executive Director, Virginia State Bar
- Bruce H. Russell, II, Co-Chair, VSB EGAD VA-OASIS Subcommittee

- 10:50 a.m. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE (30 min. CLE credit)**
- Jonathan (“Jed”) E. Arnold, Esq., 46th District, Virginia House of Delegates
- 11:20 a.m. **DRUG COURT AND YOU(R CLIENTS) (30 min. CLE credit)**
- Aaron Gillespie
 - Bruce H. Russell, II
- 11:50 p.m. **LUNCH & KEYNOTE SPEAKER – THE LOVING CASE: A
LEGACY OF RACIAL AND MARITAL EQUALITY (1 hr. CLE credit)**
- Karen L. Cohen, Partner, Gentry-Locke
- 12:50 p.m. **JUDICIAL SQUARES (2 hr. CLE credit, including 1 hr. Ethics credit)**
- B. Laken Shuler, Bruce H. Russell, II, P.C.
- 2:50 p.m. **BREAK**
- 2:55 p.m. **THE ESSENTIALS OF HEARSAY, NON-HEARSAY, AND THE
CONFRONTATION CLAUSE (1 hr. CLE Credit)**
- Thomas R. Scott, Jr., Esq., Street Law Firm, LLP
- 3:55 p.m. **LIFE IS TOO SHORT: ETHICS OF PARTING WAYS WITH
CLIENTS (1 hr. CLE credit, including 1hr. Ethics Credit)**
- Bruce H. Russell, II
 - Bary J. Waldman
 - Robert Hagy, II
- 4:55 p.m. Closing Remarks