

2012 Virginia Civics Summit

Civics Education Conference on the Virginia Judicial Branch

Senate Room 3, Virginia State Capitol

Thursday, November 8th, 2012

9:00 Chairman's welcome and remarks

9:05 Gail Warren from the Supreme Court Education Program presents the court's "Journey to Justice" unit. Q&A

9:20 Judge R. Edwin Burnette outlines the role of the General District Court and how it touches almost every citizen. Q&A

9:45 Chesterfield Judge Gregory Carr explains the role of the Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court, citing examples of typical cases. Q&A

10:10 Circuit Court Judge Bruce D. White discusses the Circuit Court role

10:35 Break

10:50 Panel Discussion on Model Judiciary, featuring two students from the Fairfax Model Judiciary Program, Pakeezha Arfany and Lauren Ierardi, who will describe their experiences. Samuel Towell, Clerk for Judge Barbara Keenan, outlines the Model Judiciary program at the Supreme Court level. Q&A

11:30 Lunch

12:00 Georgine DeBord, Montgomery County, MD State Attorney's Office, describes the student Juvenile Court and Mediation Program. Q&A

12:20 Panel Discussion: The role of attorneys in the Judicial Process, featuring Senator Chap Petersen, Delegate Scott Surovell, Ms. Kathryn Dickerson, and the Honorable Justin Fairfax

1:00 Mark Fero discusses the role and duties of the Attorney General's Office and describes the Attorney General education program. Q&A

1:25 Tim Isaacs and Michael Pace discuss how the Rule of Law Foundation program can be used in the classroom.

1:45 Break

2:00 Judge Robert A. Pustilnik of the Richmond Small Claims Court discusses advantages and limitations of the court. Q&A

2:25 Supreme Court Justice William Mims describes the role of the Supreme Court and duties of the justices. Q&A

2:50 Dr. Quentin Kidd, CNU, provides an analysis of the role Virginia played in the November general elections. Q&A

3:20 Closing remarks by Chairman Rich Anderson

Optional Capitol tour