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17 Vandeventer Black LLP Attorneys Selected as 2014 Legal Elite

Norfolk, VA. (January 13, 2015) – Seventeen [Vandeventer Black LLP](#) attorneys have been selected as Virginia's Legal Elite. Begun in collaboration with the Virginia Bar Association in 2000, this year 1,315 Virginia lawyers nominated 3,461 of their peers in 16 legal categories.

The 17 attorneys from the Norfolk firm who made the list are: Christopher Ambrosio (Business Law); Stephan Andrews (Alternative Dispute Resolution); Anne Bibeau (Labor/Employment); Nash Bilisoly (Appellate Law); Mark Brennan (Health Law); Richard Crouch (Real Estate/Land Use); William Franczek (Alternative Dispute Resolution); Shalanda Franklin (Bankruptcy/Creditors' Rights); Geoffrey Hemphill (Taxes/Estates/Trusts/Elder Law); Trey Kelleter (Criminal Law); Neil Lowenstein (Construction); Gretchen Ostroff (Construction); Richard Ottinger (Legislative/Regulatory/Administrative); Dustin Paul (Young Lawyer – under 40); Michael Sterling (Construction); Jane Tucker (Intellectual Property); and James Walker (Civil Litigation).

"Vandeventer Black is proud of our history, our heritage, and having so many of our seasoned attorneys recognized as Virginia's Legal Elite demonstrate our success in looking forward, continuing to do great work, and not resting on our laurels," said Michael Sterling, Managing Partner. "Any attorney will tell you there is no substitute for preparation. Preparing in every capacity is what we've been doing since 1883 and this constant effort is reflected in this honor."

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Lawyers are allowed to vote for attorneys in their own firms, but they also must vote for an equal numbers of attorneys outside their firm. “Outside” votes are scored higher than “inside” votes in arriving at a final score for any nominee. This year marks the 15th edition of the Legal Elite in Virginia Business.

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