

A Place in History:
*Should Virginia Become the 38th and Final State
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Symposium at the Marshall-Wythe School of Law
William & Mary

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Program

9:30 AM-10:00 AM Welcome and Opening Remarks

Dean Davison Douglas

Scott McMurtry-President, American Constitution Society, William and Mary Chapter

Alex Maher-President, Women's Law Society

Holly Hazard-Virginia Equal Rights Coalition

10:00 AM-10:30 AM The Evolution of Women's Rights in America and Abroad

Introductions-**Scott McMurtry**

The Evolution of Women's Rights

Carol Robles-Román, Co-President & CEO, the ERA Coalition and the Fund for Women's Equality

Constitutions of the World: How Does the United States Compare?

Melanie Allen, J.D. Candidate, William & Mary, 2021

10:30 AM-12:00 PM The Equal Rights Amendment: Impacts on Women's Professional Lives

Introductions-**Lisa Sales**, Virginia Equal Rights Coalition

Panel Moderator-**Julia Tanner**, Founder, Virginia Equal Rights Coalition

Will the Equal Rights Amendment, with its bar on government discrimination, alter outcomes for members of our armed forces?

Becky Burke, Executive Director, Protect Our Defenders, McLean

Break

Will the Equal Rights Amendment Affect Women in Other Professions?

John Cook, Supervisor, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Managing Partner, Cook, Craig, & Francuzenko

Maya Eckstein, Partner, Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP, Richmond

Professor Alicia Plerhoples, Georgetown University Law Center; McLean Community Center Board Member

Shuchi Sharma, Global Vice President / Lead of Gender Intelligence, SAP Software

12:00 PM-1:15 PM Lunch-Why Virginia Matters-Keynote

Introduction-**Kati Hornung**, VAratifyERA

Delegate Jennifer Carroll Foy

1:15 PM-1:45 PM The ERA: Why Now?

Introduction-**Professor Emeritus Jayne Baynard**

Professor Vivian Hamilton, Professor of Law; Affiliated Professor, Gender, Sexuality, & Women's Studies, William & Mary

1:45 PM-3:00 PM The Dawn of a New Jurisprudence? Jails, Prisons, and Equal Rights

Welcome-**Delegate Kaye Kory**

Moderator-**Patricia Wallace**, attorney, The Wallace Law Firm PLC, Richmond, VA

Deborah Golden, staff attorney, Human Rights Defense Center, Washington, D.C.

Nicole Tortoriello, Secular Society Women's Rights Advocacy Counsel, American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia

Kati Dean, attorney, Locke & Quinn, Richmond, Virginia

3:00 PM-3:15 PM Break

3:15 PM-4:30 PM A Path Forward—If Virginia Ratifies the ERA, What's Next

Moderator-**Holly Hazard**, Virginia Equal Rights Coalition

Linda Coberly, Chicago Managing Partner, Winston & Strawn LLP

Kate Kelly, Human Rights Attorney, Equality Now

Professor Wendy Murphy, Professor of Sexual Violence Law, New England School of Law

4:30 PM-4:45 PM Discussion and Questions

4:45 PM-5:00 PM Closing Remarks

Senator Scott Surovell

5:00 PM-6:30 PM Wine & Cheese Reception –Hixon Center

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Remarks by **Shelby Quast**, Director of Equality Now