

## ABOUT THE EDITORS AND AUTHORS

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G. Barton Chucker, co-editor of this book, has been a judge of the Henrico General District Court since 2013, where he has served as Chief Judge. Judge Chucker also serves on the Virginia Supreme Court's General District Court Forms Committee, the Judicial Council of Virginia, the faculty for pre-bench orientation for newly appointed judges and continues to act as a judicial mentor to newly appointed judges. Judge Chucker has also served as Chairman of the John Tyler ASAP Policy Board. Before his appointment to the bench, he was a partner with the law firm of Chucker & Reibach in Richmond where he focused his practice on the defense of drunk driving and traffic violations. Judge Chucker served for seven years as Special Counsel to the Courts of Justice Committee for the Virginia House of Delegates and during his years of private practice, was a member of numerous faculties for annual General District Court Judges Conferences and the Judicial Transportation Safety Conferences. He has authored numerous articles, resources, and materials associated with the defense of DUI and traffic cases. Judge Chucker also served as co-counsel to the House Subcommittee on Crime and advised the General Assembly on wide-sweeping changes to the DUI and traffic laws prior to his judicial career.

**Hon. Robert H. Downer, Jr., General District Court Chief Judge  
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Judge Robert H. Downer, Jr., co-editor of this book, is retired from his service as a general district court judge for the Sixteenth Judicial District. Judge Downer was appointed to the bench on June 1, 2001 and also served as chief judge of the district beginning on July 1, 2005. He presided in the City of Charlottesville four days each week and in Albemarle County at least once a week. Before being elected as judge by the General Assembly, Judge Downer was engaged in the general practice of law with the law firm of Boyle and Bain, later known as Boyle, Bain and Downer, for 25 years. Judge Downer is a graduate of the University of Virginia, earning his B.A. in 1970 and his J.D. in 1976. He is a member of the Virginia State Bar, The Virginia Bar Association, and the Virginia Association of District Court Judges. Judge Downer is a member and past president of the Charlottesville-Albemarle Bar Association and is also a member and past president of the Thomas Jefferson Inn of Court. He has previously served on the Judicial Conduct Committee, the Law Revision Committee, the Education Committee of the Judicial Conference of Virginia for District Courts, and the board of the James River Virginia Alcohol

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