

# BANQUET SPECIAL HONOREES

Please join us at the Annual Banquet where we honor three special stalwarts of our profession.

## **Distinguished Service Award**

### **Jeffrey A. Breit**



Jeffrey Breit is driven to be the best and driven to ensure those around him are the best they can be, a moniker of distinguished service. Jeffrey has been relentlessly devoted to VTLA activities, a deep advocate within legislative and political arenas, a coach and mentor to students at William & Mary Law School, and a staunch advocate of an independent judiciary. It is clear that Jeffrey gives it his all.

Jeffrey began his law career around the family dinner table as a child, learning from his trial lawyer father and sparring with his future lawyer brothers. He later graduated from Tulane Law.

## **Lifetime Achievement Award**

### **Gerald A. Schwartz**



Whether you've learned from Gerry in person by attending one of the many VTLA events where he has presented, or you have read one of his articles or books defining the way insurance or medicine is viewed, or you have sought his help individually on a specific issue, you have been the beneficiary of his remarkable knowledge and commitment to excellence in trial practice. Gerry has been in practice for more than 40 years and active in VTLA for many decades, serving on nearly every VTLA committee, as a member of the Board of Governors and President of the Association.

Gerry is graduated from the American University Washington College of Law in Washington, D.C. In addition, he is a former registered pharmacist as an honors graduate of Northeastern College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions in Boston.

## **Oliver White Hill Courageous Advocate Award**

### **Mary McCord**

**Institute for Constitutional Advocacy and Protection at Georgetown University Law Center**



Mary McCord and her local team of attorneys from MichieHamlett brought a case in an attempt to prohibit unlawful paramilitary activity after the events of the Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville 2017. Prior to the anniversary of the rally, under the leadership of Mary, the defendants including Jason Kessler and various white nationalist and private militia groups agreed to a settlement prohibiting any such violent activity from occurring in the future. She also has prosecuted Al Qaeda terrorists for the Obama Justice Department and is currently representing the Catholic Diocese of Brownsville in a dispute over eminent domain issues which would leave an 1865 chapel trapped between a wall and the border in an enforcement zone.