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Biography

Will Sleeth is a partner at the law firm of LeClairRyan who focuses a significant portion of his practice on representing community associations (homeowners associations and condominium associations) and developers.

Will serves as legal counsel to many homeowners and condominium associations throughout Virginia, representing associations ranging in size from large-scale resort-centered communities with significant facilities, to smaller neighborhood associations. He has also represented local and large-scale national developers in the creation and establishment of complex master-planned residential, mixed-use, commercial, and "New Urbanism" communities throughout Virginia.

Will assists community associations with their general legal needs, including document interpretation, document amendments (including amending and restating declarations of restrictive covenants), document enforcement, collections matters, contract review and drafting, fair housing issues, and regulatory compliance (including issues concerning the Common Interest Community Board).

Will has also litigated dozens of community association disputes, including an array of high-profile cases. For example, recently Will successfully defended a condominium association from a novel legal challenge to a bylaws amendment, a case that received national publicity and was widely discussed at community association legal conferences.

Will has written and published extensively in the field of community association law, and his articles have been featured in some of the leading trade industry journals and legal publications (including, for example, The Fee Simple, Currents, Docket Call, and Consensus). He also serves as the editor of the Virginia Community Association Law Blog, which can be accessed at: www.vacalaw.com. Finally, Will has been recognized by Super Lawyers Magazine as a "Rising Star", an honor conferred upon less than 2 ½ % of attorneys in Virginia.

Education

Mr. Sleeth attended law school at William & Mary, where he was one of three students in his graduating class selected to serve on both the *William & Mary Law Review* and the National Moot Court Team. As a member of the National Moot Court Team, he represented William & Mary at the National Moot Court Competition, the top moot court competition in the nation. Mr. Sleeth was also one of three students in the nation selected to serve as Executive Editor of the *Harvard Journal of Law and Public Policy*, Symposium Edition.

Legal Experience

- LeClairRyan, Williamsburg, Virginia, 2008 – Present
- Student Clerk, The Honorable Samuel T. Powell III, Williamsburg – James City County Circuit Court, Williamsburg, Virginia, 2006

Memberships and Affiliations

- Community Associations Institute, Southeastern Chapter
- Virginia State Bar
- Virginia Bar Association
- Williamsburg Bar Association (Board of Directors)
- Williamsburg Kiwanis

Distinctions

- Recognized as a Virginia Super Lawyers Rising Star by Law & Politics magazine
- Leadership Historic Triangle (now known as LEAD Historic Triangle): Class of 2011; Commencement Speaker
- Wheaton College Class of 2005: President
- Student Commencement Speaker: Wheaton College Class of 2005

Education

- J.D., William and Mary School of Law, 2008, *Law Review*
- B.A., Political Science, *magna cum laude*, Wheaton College, 2005