

JRGC Membership Proposal 2026

Name: Leah Ann Darron
303 West Circle Drive
Richmond, VA 23229

Proposer: Lindsey Clark-Motley
Seconded: Cindy Peasley

Age: 69

Length of Residence in Richmond: 47 years

Education: University of Virginia, B.S. Biology/Education; T.C. Williams School of Law, JD

Employment:

Present: Retired

Past: Office of the Attorney General of Virginia, Senior Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Appeals Section; Teacher - St. Catherine's School

Volunteer Experience:

Virginia Law Foundation(VLF) Fellow inducted 2024. This honor is limited to a tiny percentage of VA lawyers who show outstanding leadership and service to the Community. Advocacy for Women in law: Serves on the committee for The women and the Law Institute sponsored by VLF. State Bar Leader: Elected to VSB Council, served 2 three year terms, 2015-2021, Also served on Finance Committee, 2017-2019. Lecturer, Virginia Continuing Legal Education(CLE): speaking at Conference of Virginia Association of Commonwealth's Attorneys, Richmond Area Bench-Bar Conference, VSB Criminal Law Conference, in-office continuing legal education training. Speaker/Mentor: VA-LEND(MCV Program for Education in Neurodevelopment Disabilities) Member St.Mary's Episcopal Church, Richmond, VA since 1985: active in CARITAS(Congregations Around Richmond Involved To Assure Shelter) Member of The Woman's Club, Richmond, VA: 2004-2023

Interests and Skills:

Home Gardening ___x___ Horticulture ___x___ Conservation _____
Flower Arranging/Floral Design ___x___ Photography _____
Social Media/Marketing _____ Computer Skills/Web Design ___x___
Writing/Communications ___x___ Lobbying ___x___ Accounting ___x___
Finance ___x___ Development/Fundraising _____ Community Outreach ___x___

Family Members in JRGC: None

Previously Proposed: No

Proposer's Comments:

Leah A. Darron would be a wonderful addition to The James River Garden Club. Her strong desire to learn more about gardening, the protection of our environment through education and the practice of conservation, and the JRGC's involvement in community restoration, civic planning and general community outreach. She has been an attorney for over 40 years with the Virginia Attorney General's office, as a Senior Assistant Attorney, Criminal Appeals Section. Being newly retired, she has the time and desire to become an active participant in all the many learning opportunities JRGC has to offer. Her advanced writing talents and management skills, love of nature and eagerness to learn about floral design, conservation and horticulture make her an ideal candidate for membership in JRGC. Leah is married to Judge Richard S. Wallerstein, Henrico County Circuit Court, and they have a daughter, Adair and a 2 year old granddaughter. Leah has had many volunteer positions and has been highly praised and acknowledged by her many awards. Leah attended the Kokedama Workshop in June and loved seeing old friends, making new friends and the camaraderie of JRGC members. Please strongly consider Leah for membership in this amazing club with incredibly talented members.