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## **The Honorable Mary B. Malveaux receives 2016 Women of Achievement Award from the Metropolitan Richmond Women's Bar Association**

The Metropolitan Richmond Women's Bar Association ("MRWBA") proudly announces that The Honorable Mary B. Malveaux and Shannon L. Taylor, Esq. have been named as co-recipients of the MRWBA's 2016 Women of Achievement Award.

In 2011, Judge Malveaux became the first woman to serve on the Henrico County General District Court. The Supreme Court of Virginia in 2014 thereafter appointed her as a Mentor Judge in the Judicial Mentorship Program and to the Advisory Committee on the Rules of Court. In 2015, the General Assembly also appointed her as a member of the Judicial Inquiry and Review Commission. During her tenure she earned a reputation as an esteemed jurist and served as chief judge of the Henrico General District Court until being elected by the Virginia General Assembly to the Virginia Court of Appeals in 2016. She is a graduate of the University of Virginia and the University of Richmond Law School. In the early part of her career she served as an Assistant Commonwealth Attorney and then entered private practice as a defense attorney for Brenner, Evans & Millman, P.C., focusing on civil litigation, insurance defense, personal injury and criminal defense.

Judge Malveaux is described by one of her fellow judges as a person who "exceeds all expectations of what a judge should aspire to be." She is also praised by her colleagues and peers for her devotion to the law and desire to always reach the right decision. She has served as a valuable intellectual resource throughout her tenure, be it during her time as a prosecutor, litigation attorney, a jurist or as a mentor to other judges facing the many challenges inherent in trying tough cases.

She is also warmly described as a person who is able to balance her heavy workload with her duties as a mother, daughter, wife and supportive friend and colleague. On the community level, Judge Malveaux was a critical member of the Wilder-Bliley Transaction Committee and the Wilder-Bliley Commission which implemented the City of Richmond's governance change from a City Manager Government to a Mayoral Government. She sat on the VCU Children's Medical Center Advisory Board, the Collegiate Alumni Board and on the Board of Directors of Voices for Virginia's Children, an advocacy organization for children's interests. She has been an enthusiastic volunteer for Habitat for Humanity and helped in the construction of homes for the community. She currently serves as the Ethics Chair of the James River Chapter of The Links, a national service organization for women.

Judge Malveaux's dedicated service to the Commonwealth within the justice system speaks largely to her excellence within our legal community. She serves as a source of inspiration to other women entering our profession through her scholarship, accomplishments as a jurist, consistent support

of her peers, and tireless energy as a devoted mother to her sons. We at the MRWBA are proud of Judge Malveaux's many contributions to the legal profession and to the community, and are pleased to honor her with the MRWBA 2016 Women of Achievement Award.