



**2024
EDWARD J. FINNEGAN
ELIZABETH D. WHITING
AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**

MICHELLE R. ROBL

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS OF VIRGINIA, INC., EDWARD J. FINNEGAN AND ELIZABETH D. WHITING AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE recognizes an individual in the Commonwealth of Virginia who has made significant contributions to local government law or the Local Government Attorneys of Virginia, Inc. The 2024 recipient, **MICHELLE R. ROBL**, epitomizes excellence in public service to local government law and LGA.

MICHELLE HAS DEVOTED HER LEGAL CAREER TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT PUBLIC SERVICE. Michelle is a very proud graduate of Virginia Tech, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, before earning her Juris Doctor from the George Mason University School of Law. She began her local government career as an Assistant Prince William County Attorney in 1993 and was named Acting County Attorney effective in June 2015, before being appointed County Attorney in December 2015.

SHE IS DEDICATED TO EXCELLENCE IN THE PRACTICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAW AND TO LGA. Known for her work ethic, professionalism, and integrity, Michelle is highly respected by the Prince William Board of County Supervisors, County staff, and the legal community. Michelle has actively participated in, and significantly contributed to, LGA for many years. She served as LGA Immediate Past-President, President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, and on the Board of Directors and has given countless hours to help serve local governments across Virginia. She is a regular presenter to the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo), including the VACo Chairpersons' Institute, sharing invaluable knowledge, insight, and experience with elected leaders from across Virginia and demonstrating the critical importance of local government attorneys to the success of local governing bodies in serving their communities. In recognition of her contributions to the Prince William County legal community, Michelle received the 2024 Prince William County Bar Association's Arthur W. Sinclair Professionalism Award, which recognizes a Bar Association "member who demonstrates the highest standards of honor, integrity, competency, and courtesy within the legal profession."

MICHELLE IS A GREAT FRIEND, COLLEAGUE, COUNSELOR, AND SOURCE OF SUPPORT TO MANY IN LGA. Michelle is kind and generous, freely sharing her knowledge, experience, friendship, and good humor. She is also dedicated to and especially proud of her work on behalf of worthy charitable organizations that are close to her heart. Since 2007, she has been the lead coordinator for the County Attorney's Office's participation in the annual Legal Food Frenzy, an annual fundraising competition created in partnership with the Virginia Attorney General, the Virginia Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, and the Federation of Virginia Food Banks. Because of her efforts, the County Attorney's Office has helped collect, or raised funds in the equivalent of, hundreds of thousands of pounds food to help those who are food insecure.

THEREFORE, as a commendation of her many professional achievements, her significant contributions and service to local government law, the legal profession, and LGA, and her outstanding character, integrity, and commitment to excellence, the Local Government Attorneys of Virginia, Inc., on this 4th day of October 2024, enthusiastically, proudly, and gratefully bestows the **2024 EDWARD J. FINNEGAN ELIZABETH D. WHITING AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE UPON MICHELLE R. ROBL.**