



**2024**  
**A. ROBERT CHERIN AWARD**  
**FOR OUTSTANDING DEPUTY OR**  
**ASSISTANT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ATTORNEY**

**Cynthia A. Bailey**

**THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS OF VIRGINIA** proudly honors **CYNTHIA A. BAILEY** with the **A. ROBERT CHERIN AWARD** for her exemplary public service and unwavering commitment to the highest ethical and professional principles, a commitment which enhances the image of local government attorneys in the Commonwealth.

**CYNTHIA HAS SERVED WITH HIGHEST DISTINCTION** in the Fairfax County Attorney's Office for approximately 25 years. As Assistant County Attorney, Cynthia worked in all sections of the office, handling land use issues, child abuse and neglect proceedings, and procurement matters. She was later appointed Deputy County Attorney and tasked with guiding the office's legal work on public-private partnerships and affordable housing matters. Under Cynthia's leadership, the section flourished, and its work now also includes public records, budgets and grants, procurement, and pensions. Cynthia also undertook the role of legal liaison to the County's boards, authorities and commissions, which was no small undertaking in a jurisdiction the size of Fairfax County.

**THROUGHOUT HER CAREER**, Cynthia has shown a boundless devotion to the Fairfax County Attorney's Office, its employees, and the practice of local government law. She has devoted countless hours to office reorganization initiatives, including development and oversight of a thoughtful and creative new section of the office. Cynthia was also quick to volunteer to teach courses for the office's paralegals. Her esprit de corps has always been evident as she routinely hosted the office's large and often noisy holiday parties at her own home.

**SHE CONSISTENTLY WORKS TO ENHANCE THE IMAGE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS** in Virginia. She has been very active in the Virginia State Bar's Local Government Section and served as its Chair in 2021-2022. Cynthia is a graduate of Leadership Fairfax, an area leadership organization devoted to developing, connecting, and inspiring leaders of diverse backgrounds and experiences. In addition to being a graduate, Cynthia served on its Board of Directors, ascending to Chair in 2022-2023. Cynthia has also been an active member of LGA throughout her career, routinely attending conferences. On an informal level, Cynthia has extensively coordinated with colleagues across the Commonwealth and taught numerous statewide legal seminars, as part of her demonstrated and sustained efforts to achieve excellence in the practice of local government law.

**CYNTHIA WILL LEAVE A SUBSTANTIAL LEGACY** in the Fairfax County Attorney's office. She has influenced a multitude of areas of county government and mentored countless attorneys, instilling in them her own strong commitment to – and enthusiasm for – the practice of local government law. Locally and statewide, Cynthia's endeavors have reflected positively on local government attorneys and their deep commitment to the public good.

**THEREFORE**, in recognition of her numerous achievements, her laudable service to our profession, and her admirable character, the Local Government Attorneys of Virginia, Inc. on this 26<sup>th</sup>

day of April, 2024, enthusiastically, proudly, and gratefully bestows the **2024 A. ROBERT CHERIN  
AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING DEPUTY OR ASSISTANT LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
ATTORNEY UPON CYNTHIA A. BAILEY.**