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### Harrisonburg Attorneys Honored for Pro Bono Work

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

HARRISONBURG, VA (October 24, 2018) – Ten local attorneys have been recognized for their extraordinary pro bono work done on behalf of Blue Ridge Legal Services (BRLS), the Shenandoah Valley’s non-profit legal aid society. Each of the following attorneys donated 20 hours or more in pro bono work for legal aid clients of BRLS.

The individuals honored were Richard Baugh, of Hoover Penrod; Quinton Callahan, of Clark & Bradshaw; Dana Cornett; Laura Evick, of Hoover Penrod; Shelly James, of John Elledge & Associates; David Nahm, of Clark & Bradshaw; Grant Penrod, of Hoover Penrod; Jacob Penrod, of Hoover Penrod; Grant Richardson; and Michael Sharp, of Botkin Rose.

John Whitfield, executive director of BRLS, presented the awards at the annual Professionalism Seminar held on October 23, 2018. “Our local bar as a whole provides outstanding support to legal aid clients in our area, but these award recipients deserved special recognition for the level of service they donated,” said Mr. Whitfield.

Since 1982, BRLS and the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Bar Association have collaborated in the pro bono referral program to provide free legal services to financially disadvantaged members in the area. Over the last three decades, this bar’s pro bono program has earned state-wide and national acclaim, including the national Legal Service Corporation’s Rural Pro Bono Attorneys of the Year Award in 1993, the Virginia State Bar’s Lewis Powell Pro Bono Award in 1998, 2014 and 2016, the American Bar Association’s prestigious Harrison Tweed Award in 1995 and a Pro Bono Service Award from the Legal Services Corporation in 2011.

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Blue Ridge Legal Services, Inc., founded in 1977, is a non-profit charitable law firm providing free legal assistance in civil matters of crucial importance to low-income residents of the Shenandoah Valley and Roanoke Valley through staff and volunteer attorneys. They are a partner agency of United Way.



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