



## **Bio of Edward L. Weiner**

***President, Board of Directors, Jazz4Justice***

Edward L. Weiner is the founding partner of Weiner, Spivey & Miller, PLC. in Fairfax, Virginia. He received his J.D. in 1980 from the University of Richmond and his LL.M. in International Law from Georgetown University in 1993.

For the last 40 years, Ed has passionately advocated for plaintiffs who were injured due to the negligence of someone else. These include cases with significant social and public policy impact:

- His representation of a member of the hearing-impaired community against an international retailer resulted in the implementation of a new training program in all stores across North America.
- In a case against a Catholic Archdiocese and two priests who been transferred overseas, Ed advocated for a survivor of repeated sexual abuse.
- He represented a severely-injured survivor of the car attack during the Charlottesville Rally.

His achievements include winning numerous multi-million dollar verdicts, successful trials and appeals in both State and Federal courts; and achieving a reputation as a highly-effective pre-trial negotiator.

Ed served as the 77<sup>th</sup> President of the Virginia State Bar (VSB) in 2015-16 and is a member of the National Conference of Bar Presidents. He previously served as:

- President of the Fairfax Bar Association (FBA)
- President of Fairfax Law Foundation (the charitable arm of the FBA, where Ed launched the FLF's first Capital Campaign to support the FLF's *pro bono* programs)
- Chair of the VSB's Diversity Conference

- Chair of the VSB's Council of Local Bar Associations
- Chair Fellows Committee Virginia Law Foundation
- VSB's Bar Council-3 Terms

Ed is currently serving on the Board of Directors, Virginia Law Foundation and Board of Directors, George Mason University Arts at Mason Board.

Ed's brainchild, Jazz4Justice (J4J), started in 2001 as an annual concert performed by students of George Mason University's Jazz Program and organized in conjunction with the Fairfax Law Foundation. Today, the Jazz4Justice Foundation, partners with local Bar Associations and college Jazz Programs at colleges across Virginia to raise funds for *pro bono* legal services of Legal Aid, as well as music scholarships for the local universities. To date, J4J has over \$500,000 and has received awards from both the American Bar Association and the Virginia State Bar for its innovation in fundraising and partnership building. The Jazz4Justice™ Foundation is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

Since 2001, Weiner, Spivey & Miller has sponsored the *Annual Law Day Weiner Roast* to celebrate Law Day on May 1. Law Day, begun by President Eisenhower in 1957, honors the Rule of Law, a cornerstone of American democracy. Approximately 800 judges, attorneys, politicians and community members attend each year.

Awards, Honors:

- 2020 Governor's Volunteerism and Community Service Award
- Fairfax Bar Association's *James Keith Award* for Public Service
- Named a *Leader in the Law* by Virginia Lawyers Weekly
- Named a *Fellow* by the Virginia Law Foundation
- Appointed by the Supreme Court of Virginia to serve on the Faculty of Virginia's mandatory *Course on Lawyer Professionalism*
- Named *Paul Harris Fellow* by Rotary International in appreciation of tangible assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding and friendly relations among peoples of the world.

Ed and his wife, Maura Burke Weiner- a jury consultant- have two daughters, Maurissa and Brianna. Maurissa is becoming certified as a translator in American Sign Language (ASL); Brianna is currently studying for the June, 2022 universal bar exam.