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## Charles H. Schmidt, Jr.

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### Education

#### **Charlotte School of Law, May 2012**

Juris Doctor

Graduated *Cum Laude*, Academic Achievement Scholarship Recipient, Cali Award Winner

#### **Virginia Commonwealth University, May 2004**

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and History

Graduated *Cum Laude* with professional certification in Nonprofit Management

### Professional Experience

#### **Founder and Director** – May 2012 to present

##### People's Law of Richmond

- Manage legal practice focused on Public Advocacy, Constitutional Rights, Criminal Law, Family Law, and Nonprofit and Small Business Services
- Provide sliding-scale and pro bono legal services to indigent clients
- Organize and lead advocacy and lobbying efforts of community based organizations

#### **Adjunct Professor, Political Science** - June 2013 to present

##### Virginia Commonwealth University

- Created coursework for new undergraduate classes focused on Public Law, Public Choice Theory, and Political Advocacy
- Teach courses focused on legal and political theory, Constitutional Law, Gender Studies, Environmental Advocacy, Land Use, and racial implications of public policy

#### **Director** – May 2013 to present

##### Community Law Series, Richmond Public Law Library

- Create curriculum and teach classes for series of workshops focused on access to the law, Constitutional concerns, civil and criminal rights, Estate and Family Law, and small business start-up and support
- Build and oversee partnerships with the Law Library, community organizations, and local attorneys to develop classes

#### **Member** – January 2011 to May 2012

##### Civil Rights Clinic, Charlotte School of Law

- Developed and oversaw multiple community advocacy campaigns concerning Ban the Box, Mobile Food Vendors, Section 8 Public Housing, and Prosecutorial Misconduct
- Built and facilitated grassroots coalitions around community's social and legal concerns
- Researched and wrote memos concerning a variety of Constitutional legal issues

**Director** – December 2006 to August 2009

Richmond Public Library Foundation

- Coordinated the fundraising activities of the Richmond Public Library Foundation, a 501(c) 3 charitable organization which helps fund library improvements and community programs
- Developed a comprehensive Strategic Plan for future funding initiatives of the Foundation
- Created and managed Annual Fund, Special Events, and Grant Writing for the Library

**Director of Public Relations** - Feb 2005 – Dec 2006

Virginia Holocaust Museum

- Wrote, edited and designed museum newsletter with a 8,500-member readership
- Oversaw government relations, communicated with public officials concerning funding and relevant issues, and hosted legislative receptions and personal tours of museum for officials from all government levels
- Solicited and developed major gifts from Corporate, Foundation and Government sources

Community Service and Board Positions

- President, Friends of the Richmond Public Library (2014-present)
- Vice President, Richmond Conexiones (2014- present)
- Member, Patrick Henry School of Science and Arts, Steering Committee (2013-present)
- Treasurer, Pink Ink Fund (2013-present)
- President, Public Interest Legal Society, Charlotte School of Law (2011-2012)
- Vice President of Development, Awer Art Project of Sudan (2006-2009)
- Vice President, Neighborhood Resource Center (2003-2009)

Awards and Professional Development

- 2011 Cali Award Winner – Civil Rights Clinic
- 2008 MENTOR Richmond; Member of Inaugural Class, Richmond Chamber of Commerce
- 2007 Style Weekly, “Top 40 Under 40”
- 2007 City Edition, “Top Giver Award”
- 2004 The University of Richmond, “In My Backyard Award”

Research, Seminars, and Published Works

- *“Saving” our Schools? Racialized Class Discrimination in Public School Rezoning*, Virginia Social Science Association 2015 Annual Conference (March 2015)
- *What’s Blowin’ in the Wind? The Use of Coal Ash in Landfills and the Power of Local Governments to Stop It*, Property Law Journal, Charlotte School of Law (Fall 2012)
- *What to Expect When You’re Expecting Riot Police*, White Paper, Community Seminar on the Democratic National Convention, Charlotte, NC (March, 2012)
- *Not in my back yard!; Cities attempts to regulate noise through zoning ordinances*, Civil Rights Clinic, Charlotte School of Law (December, 2011)
- *Driving Out Mobile Food Vendors*, White Paper and Presentation, Economic Justice Forum, Action NC and Institute for Justice, Charlotte, NC (October 2011)