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January 27, 2017
Order of Events

8:30 – 8:55 a.m. Coffee Service, Law School Lobby

9:00 – 9:50 a.m.

Panel A: Becoming a BigLaw Partner
(McGlothlin Courtroom)

Kara M. Ariail ’01
Partner, Holland & Knight LLP
Tysons Corner, Va.

Linda Jackson ’94
Shareholder, Co-chair Government Contractors Industry Group,
Littler Mendelson P.C.
Washington, D.C.

Michele Slachetka ’08
Partner, Litigation,
Jenner & Block LLP
Chicago, Ill.

Panel B: Becoming an Entrepreneur
(Classroom 127)

Laura Jacobson ’11
Managing Partner, L&L Immigration Law PLLC
Alexandria, Va.

Courtney Lynch ’03
Founding Partner, Lead Star
Washington, D.C.

Brooke D. Rodgers ’05
Founding Member & Managing Partner,
Steinman & Rodgers LLP
Washington, D.C.

William & Mary Law School
10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

**Breakout 1:** How Do You Rebound from Professional Mistakes?
*(Classroom 135)*
Kara Ariail ’01 Lacreia Cade ’02

**Breakout 2:** How Do You Cultivate Mentors and Champions?
*(Classroom 137)*
Amy Greer ’89 Kristine Kippins ’05

**Breakout 3:** What Are the Essential “Soft Skills” and How Do I Develop Them?
*(Classroom 138)*
Kindra Kirkeby ’00 Courtney Lynch ’03

**Breakout 4:** How Do I Persuade My Clients I Am a Grownup?
*(Dean’s Conference Room)*
Laura Jacobson ’11 Brooke Rodgers ’05

**Breakout 5:** How Are Summer Associates Really Judged?
*(Faculty Room – North Wing)*
Linda Jackson ’94 Michele Slachetka ’08

**Breakout 6:** How Can I Build a Personal Brand That is Authentic?
*(Wolf Library – Technical Services Workroom)*
Robin Dusek ’98 Julie Silverbrook ’12
10:40 – 11:10 a.m.

Breakout 7: How Does a Newcomer Make Small Talk With Partners and Clients?
(Classroom 138)
Lacrecia Cade '02 Kindra Kirkeby '00

Breakout 8: How Does a New Lawyer Identify the Best People With Whom to Work?
(Dean's Conference Room)
Laura Jacobson '11 Brooke Rodgers '05

Breakout 9: How Did You Weave Your Social Justice Values Into Your Work in the Private Sector?
(Faculty Room – North Wing)
Robin Dusek '98 Michele Slachetka '08

Breakout 10: How Can I Overcome the Imposter Syndrome?
(Classroom 137)
Linda Bryant '92 Amy Greer '89

Breakout 11: Who Raises Your Kids?
(Classroom 135)
Kara Ariail '01 Courtney Lynch '03

Breakout 12: How Do You Know When It is Time to Switch Jobs?
(Wolf Library – Technical Services Workroom)
Kristine Kippins '05 Stephanie Morales '09

William & Mary Law School
11:20 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.

Panel C: Becoming an In-House Counsel
(McGlothlin Courtroom)

Lacrecia G. Cade ‘02
General Counsel, Morehouse College
Atlanta, Ga.

Kindra L. Kirkeby ‘00
Assistant Counsel, NewMarket Corporation
Richmond, Va.

Panel D: Using the Lawyer’s Toolkit to Do Good Works
(Classroom 127)

Robin C. Dusek ‘98
Partner, Litigation Practice Group,
Freeborn & Peters LLP
Chicago, Ill.

Kristine A. Kippins ‘05
Director of Constitutional Messaging,
Constitutional Accountability Center
Washington, D.C.

Julie Silverbrook ‘12
Executive Director, Constitutional Sources Project
(ConSource)
Washington, D.C.

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12:25 – 1:15 p.m.

Lunch at the National Center for State Courts
(Invitation Only)

Luncheon Speaker:

Amy J. Greer '89
Partner, Securities Enforcement & Litigation,
Morgan Lewis and Bockius LLP
New York, N.Y.

1:30 – 2:20 p.m.

Panel E: Seeking Elected Office
(Classroom 127)

Linda Bryant '92
Assistant Superintendant/Compliance Attorney,
Hampton Roads Regional Jail
Portsmouth, Va.

Stephanie N. Morales '09
Commonwealth’s Attorney
Portsmouth, Va.

Jennifer Wexton '95
State Senator, 33rd Senate District,
Loudon County, Va.
Kara M. Ariail is a partner in Holland & Knight’s Tysons office. She practices in the area of employment law counseling and litigation. Kara works closely with employers in a range of industries to provide ongoing counseling and training designed to minimize the risk of litigation and maximize employee retention and productivity. She regularly advises clients on a wide range of employment issues, including successful hiring, employee performance management and termination strategies; development and implementation of anti-harassment and other personnel policies; evaluating reasonable accommodation obligations under the Americans with Disabilities Act and state disability laws; achieving compliance with the Family and Medical Leave Act; and wage and hour compliance.

When litigation cannot be avoided, Kara represents employers before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Department of Labor, and both federal and state courts and agencies.

Kara has defended claims of discrimination and harassment, breach of contract, defamation, negligence and wrongful termination, as well as claimed violations of both the Americans with Disabilities Act and Family and Medical Leave Act.

Kara also assists clients in preparing, interpreting and enforcing employment, retention and termination agreements, including confidentiality and restrictive covenant agreements.
Linda Bryant served in the U.S. Army as a JAGC officer and lawyer stationed in Newport News at Fort Eustis, providing legal services to soldiers and their families. Then she spent nearly 18 years at the Norfolk Commonwealth’s Attorneys Office, rising through the ranks to become a Deputy Commonwealth’s Attorney. In addition to prosecuting violent crime, her leadership and ability to build coalitions to solve criminal justice problems led to her selection as Chairperson of the Norfolk Criminal Justice Board, and Co-Chair of the Norfolk Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team (DVFRT). For both, she led a team of community stakeholders to devise solutions to improving the city’s coordinated response to public safety matters. In 2013, as a result of the efforts of the DVFRT, Norfolk was awarded the “Safe in Our Communities Award” for its demonstrated best practices in its systems responses to domestic violence. Linda has been recognized by her peers throughout the state and awarded the following awards: “Leader in the Law,” “YWCA Woman of Distinction Award,” “Distinguished Prosecutor” award, and “DCJS Victim Services Award.”

In 2013, Linda ran as a Democrat for a House of Delegates seat in a very conservative district. Though she came in second in that race and was heartbroken, soon after the loss, in January 2014, she was appointed by Attorney General Mark Herring to head the largest division in the Office of the Attorney General, the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Division. Her duties there included overseeing nearly 200 attorneys, investigators and support staff responsible for providing legal advice to all public safety agencies in the Commonwealth, and representing the Commonwealth of Virginia’s public safety interests in state and federal courts.

She recently left that position to serve as the Assistant Superintendent of the Hampton Roads Regional Jail, focusing on Professional Standards, Investigations and Compliance. The Regional Jail has received much attention recently concerning the adequacy of health care for inmates, in view of two widely publicized deaths. “I’m not here to be a correctional officer,” Linda told the Daily Press. “There are plenty of people here to do that. I’m not here to be the nurse. I’m here to bring the citizen oversight perspective.... I’m here to see what gaps we can identify to prevent death or serious bodily injury.” Linda’s primary task is ensuring a culture of high standards among the staff.

Linda is married to a Naval Officer and has a daughter who is a second year student at UVA.
Lacrecia G. Cade '02

Lacrecia Cade is an Atlanta native and joined Morehouse after being in private practice for more than 11 years, where she practiced in areas of higher education, employment and commercial law at several prominent law firms in the Atlanta and New Orleans areas, including Kilpatrick Townsend LLP and Taylor English LLP.

Lacrecia is a graduate of the American University in Washington, D.C., and William & Mary Law School in Williamsburg, Va. She brings a wealth of experience and knowledge in higher education law and has a track record of being actively engaged in her community.

Lacrecia was the founding President of the Louisiana Association of Black Women Attorneys and is an alumna of the United Way Young Professional Leaders Board in Atlanta. An active speaker on the topic of diversity in the legal profession, Lacrecia is actively engaged with various bar associations and community organizations. In her role at Morehouse as General Counsel and Chief of Staff, Lacrecia is responsible for overseeing the legal, compliance and strategic communications functions of the College.
Robin Dusek is a Partner in the Litigation Practice Group at Freeborn & Peters LLP.

Robin concentrates her practice in Insurance/Reinsurance and related client counseling. Robin represents cedents, reinsurers and pools in arbitrations and litigations throughout the United States. These cases have involved disputes over contractual interpretation, allocation of losses, the duty of utmost good faith, the obligations of a reinsurer to follow the fortunes of a cedent, third-party commutation obligations and fraud. Robin has been following, analyzing, speaking, and counseling clients on the emerging issues pertinent to the insurance and reinsurance industry arising out of concussion-related claims and litigation.

Before joining Freeborn, Robin was Counsel at Hogan Lovells LLP.
Amy J. Greer, a partner at Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, focuses her practice on securities litigation and enforcement matters for clients in both the United States and Europe. A former regional trial counsel for the SEC's Philadelphia office, Amy brings insight from that experience when addressing litigation and investigations by the SEC, DOJ, FINRA, and self-regulatory organizations, as well as state attorneys general and securities commissions.

Amy's clients include broker-dealers, hedge funds and mutual funds, investment companies and advisers, securities issuers and reporting companies, and commodities traders. She advises them on allegations of insider trading, financial reporting and accounting claims, fraud allegations related to securities offerings, and investigations into structured and complex products and trading. She also counsels on Dodd–Frank Act and Sarbanes–Oxley Act issues and handles inquiries concerning sales practices, whistleblower claims, anti-money laundering issues, and violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

Amy coordinates efforts with ongoing criminal investigations, multiple enforcement/regulatory efforts and civil litigation. She also conducts internal investigations and counsels on compliance issues. Amy was recently recognized by Legal 500 in the Securities Litigation: Defense category. She is one of the co-founders of William & Mary Law School's Public Service Fund.
Linda Jackson is a Shareholder in Littler Mendelson’s Washington, D.C., office and is a Co-Chair of Littler’s Government Contractors Industry Group. She was at Venable prior to joining Littler, where she was the first woman to serve on its Executive Committee.

Linda’s practice focuses on non-compete, non-solicitation and non-disclosure negotiation and litigation, trade secret, business conspiracy, and other business competition issues, executive contracts and commission cases, whistleblower and retaliation investigations and litigation, business torts, including defamation, breach of fiduciary duties and duties of loyalty, and employment discrimination and wrongful discharge cases.

She is a Fellow of the American Bar Foundation and of the Virginia Bar Foundation, a member of the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia’s Law Firm Advisory Committee, and until recently served as a Director and Officer of the DC Women’s Bar Association Foundation and is a Past President of the Virginia Women Attorneys Association. Linda is AV rated and has been recognized as a Leader in the Law by Virginia Lawyers Media, by Chambers as a Leading Lawyer for Business, and by the Washingtonian as one of the Region’s Leading Employment Defense Attorneys. Linda previously served as a Major in the U.S. Air Force Judge Advocate General Reserve Corps.

Linda graduated from Amherst College with a B.A. in economics in 1987, and from William & Mary Law School in 1994 where she was a member of the Law Review, and a founder and first Editor-in-Chief of the William & Mary Journal of Women and the Law, which recently celebrated its 20th anniversary.
Laura Jacobson is the co-founder of L&L Immigration Law, PLLC, an immigration law firm with locations in Alexandria and Williamsburg, Va. Laura is fluent in Spanish and focuses her practice on removal defense, asylum, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status petitions, and family-based petitions. She has spoken on various panels regarding Special Immigrant Juvenile Status practice in Virginia.

Prior to co-founding her firm, Laura was a staff attorney at Catholic Charities in Houston, Texas, where she represented Cuban nationals in Cuban adjustment cases and provided legal orientations to sponsors of unaccompanied minors. She has volunteered at immigration family detention centers in Artesia, N.M., and Dilley, Texas, where she represented Central American women and children seeking asylum.

Laura is a member of the American Immigration Law Association and the Federal Bar Association. As a William & Mary law student, she was awarded the Thurgood Marshall Award for her commitment to public service.
Kristine A. Kippins ’05

Kristine is Constitutional Accountability Center’s (CAC) Director of Constitutional Messaging. Prior to joining CAC, Kristine served as a federal policy counsel at the Center for Reproductive Rights, where she was responsible for advancing and protecting abortion health policy at the federal level.

Prior to that, she held several positions with the American Constitution Society, where she organized ACS’s lawyer chapters, promoted ACS’s network on Capitol Hill, and led the organization’s judicial nominations advocacy.

Before moving to Washington, D.C., Kristine worked on several local, state, and presidential campaigns around the country. After graduating from William & Mary Law School, Kristine joined Orlando’s premiere real estate law firm, Lowndes, Drosdick, Doster, Kantor & Reed, P.A. as an associate. Kristine received her J.D. from William & Mary Law School and B.S. from the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School of Business.
Kindra Kirkeby is a 2000 graduate of William & Mary Law School. During her time here, she served as an Articles and the Senior Notes Editor of the Journal of Woman and the Law, served as the Bushrod Research Justice on the Moot Court Board, and competed as a member of the Moot Court at the New York Law School tournament and as a member of the Trial Team at a regional competition in Roanoke, Va. Kindra has been a very active alumna, chairing both her five and ten year reunions, serving on the Association Board from 2004–12 in various capacities, including serving as its President. She currently sits on the Foundation Board for William & Mary Law School.

Kindra started her career in Houston as a litigator with ExxonMobil Corporation in 2000. She worked for ExxonMobil for eight years, serving in many different roles, from litigator, to environmental compliance attorney, to serving as the Counsel for all of ExxonMobil’s company-owned retail stores in the United States. In 2008, she took a position as the Environmental and Regulatory Counsel at NewMarket Corporation, a chemical additives company in Richmond, Va., where she currently calls home. In addition to work, Kindra serves on the Board of the Junior League of Richmond and on the Council for the Corporate Counsel Section of the Virginia Bar Association. She is married to Karl, an investment banker, and is mother to four active boys: Henry, Jack, Charlie and Teddy.
Courtney Lynch has found success by living her life as a leader. Notable achievements include her nine years of service as a Marine Corps officer, managing a top-notch sales team for Rational Software, earning her law degree at William & Mary, practicing at one of the nation’s leading law firms, and creating Lead Star (www.leadstar.us)—a premier leadership development consulting firm that works globally with leading organizations. She also serves as the Director of the Center for Creative Leadership’s Partner Network.

Beyond Courtney’s government and corporate accomplishments, she is a business owner, thought leader, and best-selling author of Spark and Leading from the Front. Her success has been recognized throughout her professional career, but most recently she was awarded the National Stevie Award for Best Female Entrepreneur, and BusinessWeek profiled her achievements as a leadership expert. A dynamic guest on CNBC, FOX News, and CNN, Courtney’s efforts with Lead Star have been noted in publications ranging from Fast Company, and Inc., to The New York Times.

Courtney is married to Patrick Lynch, and is the proud mother of three children. She resides in Glen Allen, Va.
Commonwealth’s Attorney Stephanie Morales '09

Commonwealth’s Attorney Stephanie Morales earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree at Norfolk State University, graduating magna cum laude. While there, she was a Thurgood Marshall Scholar, a Hot Ice dancer with the Spartan Legion Marching Band, was crowned Miss Norfolk State University 2002–03 and became a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. After obtaining her B.A., she went on to attend William & Mary Law School, where she obtained her J.D. and was a member of the Moot Court Team, serving for a year as Research & Development Justice.

Currently, she is a member of the Portsmouth Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., the Portsmouth Chapter of the Links, Inc., Law Enforcement Leaders to Reduce Crime and Incarceration and the National District Attorneys Association, among other organizations.

On February 10, 2015, Stephanie was the first woman to be elected Commonwealth’s Attorney for the City of Portsmouth and is the chief law enforcement officer for her city. She has formed the Ctrl + Alt + Del Program to help encourage felon job preparedness and rights restoration and to help reduce recidivism. She has also established the Stephanie N. Morales Future Leaders Initiative, under which her office has hosted more than 100 youth as Junior Commonwealth’s Attorneys over the past year. She takes pride in fulfilling her commitment to community engagement and fair and diligent prosecution in her hometown, the City of Portsmouth. She is a wife and mother of four children.

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Brooke Rodgers is a founding member, majority owner, and Managing Partner of Steinman & Rodgers LLP, which has been named among the best boutique law firms in Washington, D.C., by Corporate America News and recognized in:

• Corp America’s Large Cap Awards (2016) — Best Boutique Law Firm
• Acquisition International (2016) — Best International Anti-Corruption Law Firm
• Acquisition Finance Magazine, Global Awards (2016) — International Anti-Corruption and FCPA Law Firm of the Year, Boutique Law Firm of the Year (2015 and 2016), and Niche Law Firm of the Year (Defense and Aerospace)


Recognized as a leading expert on the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (“FCPA”) and anti-corruption matters in the defense and aerospace industry, clients seek Brooke’s guidance to develop and implement effective compliance strategies in challenging jurisdictions and circumstances. She guides her clients through the delicate balance between legal requirements and business needs, offering comprehensive, customized solutions to address risks by coordinating directly with clients’ legal teams, audit committees, boards of directors, executives, and other business stakeholders.

Brooke has extensive experience designing, implementing and testing compliance programs in organizations of all sizes, and regularly assists with the establishment, maintenance and upgrade of clients’ due diligence policies and procedures. She works with an international network of local counsel on foreign legal issues and to develop strategies to overcome the cultural challenges inherent in transnational operations. Brooke regularly conducts anti-corruption training for marketing personnel and overseas intermediaries across the globe.

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Having worked on secondment in several multinational corporations, as well as regular contact with both in-house counsel and business personnel, provides Brooke with a unique perspective on compliance matters. She has eased clients through cumbersome adjustments in established procedures, developed staged implementation plans for resource sensitive compliance programs, and performed expedited reviews of relationships inherited in public acquisitions.

In addition to her anti-corruption work, Brooke writes contracts with intermediaries that account for foreign legal issues, designs lawful compensation structures in restrictive jurisdictions, settles disputes with intermediaries, and negotiates settlements with former contracting partners. Brooke also has experience conducting internal reviews and investigations and settling voluntary disclosures.

Brooke was named Best Female Anti-Corruption Lawyer by Corp America in 2016, Regulatory Lawyer of the Year in 2015 and 2016 by Acquisition Finance Magazine, and a “Female Powerbroker” by Law360 in 2014.

Outside of work, Brooke is an apprentice at Just Simply ... Cuisine, a cooking school for home cooks, and steals every moment she can at the beach with her two dogs.
Julie Silverbrook is Executive Director of the Constitutional Sources Project (www.ConSource.org), a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization devoted to increasing understanding, facilitating research, and encouraging discussion of the U.S. Constitution by connecting individuals with the documentary history of its creation, ratification and amendment. ConSource educates lawyers, judges, teachers and students about United States constitutional history. Prior to leading ConSource, Ms. Silverbrook was the Founding Director of an award-winning constitutional literacy program called Constitutional Conversations, in collaboration with the Institute of Bill of Rights Law at William & Mary Law School, the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation and the Williamsburg Regional Library System. Julie has given lectures and presentations on the Constitution at a number of colleges and universities, including The George Washington University, the College of William & Mary, the University of Baltimore, and the University of Virginia, as well as at historical societies, presidential homes, state bar associations and social studies associations.

In 2015, Julie and venture capitalist Chuck Stetson launched the National Constitutional Literacy Campaign. The Mission of the National Constitutional Literacy Campaign is to increase visibility and financial support for the constellation of organizations educating citizens along the learning spectrum—from kindergarten to adulthood—about the American Constitution and our nation’s history. In addition to assembling a broad and diverse group of organizations, including non-partisan non-profits, for-profit entities, and groups from both the left and right who believe in the fundamental importance of constitutional literacy and civics education, the National Constitutional Literacy Campaign also publishes an annual Constitution Day special section in the Washington Times.

Julie holds a J.D. from William & Mary Law School, where she received the National Association of Women Lawyers Award and the Thurgood Marshall Award and served as a Senior Articles Editor on the William &
Mary Bill of Rights Journal. She graduated *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa (elected as Junior) from George Washington University with a B.A. in Political Science.

Upon graduation, Julie was awarded the GW Columbian College of Arts and Sciences Distinguished Scholar Award, the highest academic award given to a student in the arts and sciences college. She was also awarded the John C. Morgan Prize by the Department of Political Science—an award given annually to an outstanding graduate pursuing a law degree after graduation. In 2013, she was awarded a GW Political Science Department 100th Anniversary Alumni Award.

Julie currently serves on the George Washington University Alumni Association Board of Directors, and the steering committee of the National Archives Foundation’s Young Founders Society.
Michele Slachetka '08

Michele L. Slachetka is a partner in the Chicago office of Jenner & Block LLP. She is a member of the Complex Commercial Litigation Practice in the firm’s Litigation Department.

Michele earned her J.D. in 2008 from William & Mary Law School, graduating Order of the Coif. During her time at William & Mary, she was a member of the Bill of Rights Journal and Public Service Fund, and completed a research fellowship with international criminal law expert Professor Nancy Combs. From 2012 to 2013, Michele served as a law clerk to the Honorable Suzanne B. Conlon of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

As part of her civil litigation practice, Michele has represented public and privately held companies and individuals in a wide range of matters in federal and state court. She also served as counsel for the chapter 7 Trustee in numerous litigation matters relating to the collapse of five related hedge funds with more than $1.5 billion in assets under management. In recent years, Michele has represented several Fortune 500 companies in internal investigations and in investigations initiated by the United States Department of Justice. Michele has significant experience in the area of attorney-client privilege and is co-editor of the firm’s privilege outline, Protecting Confidential Legal Information: A Handbook for Analyzing Issues Under the Attorney-Client Privilege and the Work-Product Doctrine.

As part of her pro bono practice, Michele has successfully represented clients in affirmative asylum applications before the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services and received a favorable verdict on behalf of a client in § 1983 litigation before the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. In 2014, Michele was recognized as a “Rising Star” by the National Immigrant Justice Center (“NIJC”) for her commitment to ensuring access to justice for immigrants.
Senator Jennifer Wexton '95

Senator Jennifer Wexton brings a wealth of experience and a unique perspective to the Senate of Virginia. From 2001 to 2005, Jennifer served as an Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney for Loudoun County, prosecuting felony and misdemeanor criminal and traffic cases in all of the Loudoun Courts. She successfully prosecuted thousands of cases and conducted hundreds of trials, including the prosecution of criminals who committed domestic violence or sexual offenses. Among them were a number of high-profile cases, including the 2002 murder trial Commonwealth v. Clara Jane Schwartz.

Jennifer went into private practice after her second son was born, but remained committed to public service. She did a significant amount of Court-appointed guardian ad litem work, representing the interests of children who have been abused or neglected. In 2007, she received the Harry L. Carrico Award for her pro bono legal work. She also was the President of the Loudoun County Bar Association for the 2010–11 term.

Jennifer has a strong interest in mental health issues as a result of her legal work. She has served as a court-appointed attorney, and a Special Justice, in mental health commitment hearings. This work led her to serve for two years as a member of the Loudoun Community Services Board, an advisory policy board that oversees the Loudoun County Department of Mental Health, Substance Abuse and Developmental Services.

In 2010, Jennifer was selected by the Chief Judge of the Loudoun Circuit Court to serve as a Substitute Judge in the District Court. This appointment confirmed her professional standing in Loudoun and served as a strong endorsement of Jennifer’s intelligence, temperament and good judgment.

In 2011, Jennifer challenged the two-term incumbent Republican Commonwealth’s Attorney. Despite a Republican sweep of every Loudoun office except Mark Herring’s State Senate seat, she earned 24,000 votes countywide and won the Loudoun precincts of the 33rd Senate District.
In the special election to replace Virginia’s newly elected Attorney General, Mark Herring, Jennifer defeated two opponents on January 21, 2014, winning by over 15 percent and 44 of 47 precincts in the district. She was sworn in on January 24.

A native of the Washington, D.C., area, Jennifer graduated with honors from the University of Maryland in College Park, and earned her law degree in 1995 from William & Mary Law School in Williamsburg. Jennifer and her husband have two sons, ages 11 & 9.