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Supreme Court of Virginia Selects Lori Lord as Chief Staff Attorney.

The Supreme Court of Virginia is pleased to announce that K. Lorraine ("Lori") Lord will be the new Chief Staff Attorney for the Supreme Court effective May 5, 2014.

Lori is currently Senior Counsel in the Complex Commercial Litigation Practice Group at McGuireWoods LLP in Richmond. She has extensive experience in class action and other complex commercial litigation, including securities class actions and national consumer products litigation. Her appellate experience includes preparing briefs and presenting argument to the Supreme Court of Virginia, representing indigent defendants in appeals before the Supreme Court of Virginia, and preparing briefs in federal appellate courts, including the Supreme Court of the United States. Lori served as law clerk to the Honorable A. Christian Compton, Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia, from 1997-1998.

Lori serves as the Chair of the Lawyers Advisory Council for the Virginia Law Foundation/Virginia Bar Association Rule of Law Project, and is an instructor at Washington & Lee University School of Law, where she teaches a Higher Education Law Practicum with several colleagues. Lori is a graduate of Washington & Lee University and the Washington & Lee University School of Law.

The Chief Staff Attorney directs the work of a dozen staff attorneys and law clerks who support the Justices through a variety of activities, including the review of petitions, preparation of memoranda and drafting of orders for the Court. In making the appointment, Supreme Court of Virginia Chief Justice Cynthia D. Kinser said that "the Justices are pleased to have Lori join the judiciary as the Court's Chief Staff Attorney." Chief Justice Kinser noted that "Lori's appellate experience, combined with her management and mentoring skills, will be a great benefit as she begins serving the Court as Chief Staff Attorney."

Lori is married to Nathan M. Lord, Sr. They have two children.