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## **THE SUPREME COURT OF VIRGINIA ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF ALEXIS FETZER SHARP AS STATE LAW LIBRARIAN, EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2023**

RICHMOND – The Justices of the Supreme Court of Virginia have appointed Alexis Fetzer Sharp as State Law Librarian of the Virginia State Law Library, effective November 1, 2023. Ms. Sharp will succeed Gail Warren, who will retire effective November 1, 2023.

Ms. Sharp will be the 7<sup>th</sup> State Law Librarian since the position was created in 1902. Previously, she worked as a library manager and reference librarian for multinational law firms, and as a reference librarian at the University of Richmond School of Law, where she also taught legal research. Ms. Sharp received her Bachelor of Arts in History, Juris Doctorate and Diploma in Civil Law, and Master of Library and Information Science degrees from Louisiana State University. While there she served as a Law Library Fellow in the Louisiana State University Paul M. Hebert Law Library.

Ms. Sharp succeeds Gail Warren, who has served as State Law Librarian since September 1982. Ms. Warren was admitted to the Virginia State Bar in 1982 and is a member of the Education of Lawyers section. From 1991-2000 she served as an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Richmond School of Law. Ms. Warren was appointed to the Virginia Access to Justice Commission in 2013, and has held leadership positions in the American Association of Law Libraries and the Virginia Association of Law Libraries. Ms. Warren is the recipient of a Marian Gould Gallagher Distinguished Service Award from the American Association of Law Libraries, and an Outstanding Service Award from the Supreme Court of Virginia.

Chief Justice Goodwyn said, “Gail Warren has exemplified service to this Court, and we wish her the best in retirement. We are pleased to welcome Ms. Sharp as State Law Librarian, and believe that her experience and qualifications will ensure that the Virginia State Law Library’s contributions, to the Court and the Commonwealth, will continue to be exceptional.”

About the State Law Library: As an integral unit of the Virginia Supreme Court, the Virginia State Law Library seeks to provide the highest quality customer-oriented library service that will contribute to the mission of the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Court of Appeals of Virginia, and

the legal community. This is accomplished through the identification and use of an increasingly broad range of available media and technology. The Virginia State Law Library is a reference collection serving the research needs of the justices of the Supreme Court of Virginia and their staff, the judges of the Virginia Court of Appeals and their staff, the office of the Governor, members of the General Assembly, judges of other courts, and practicing attorneys in good standing. (See, §42.1-64 Virginia Code Annotated.) The Court, at its discretion, expanded the above user group to include paralegals working under the supervision of an attorney, and law students.

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