

# PETER C. BURNETT

## Personal

Residence: Hamilton, Virginia  
Married. Two daughters: Abigail and Elizabeth

## Education

1977 J.D., Antioch School of Law, Washington, D.C.  
1972 B.A., Hobart College, Geneva, N.Y.

## Professional experience

1988-present Principal, Burnett & Williams, P.C., Leesburg, VA.  
1978-1988 Sole practitioner, private practice of law, Leesburg, VA.  
1977-1978 Instructor, Antioch School of Law, Washington, D.C.

## Professional memberships

Virginia State Bar  
District of Columbia Bar  
Virginia Trial Lawyers Association  
Loudoun County Bar Association  
Winchester-Frederick County Bar Association  
Virginia Women Attorney's Association  
Association of Trial Lawyers of America

## Bar activities

### Virginia State Bar

Seventh District Disciplinary Committee (2000 to 2006; Chair, 2001)  
Judicial Nominations Committee (1996 to 1999); Chair, 1997-1999)  
Special Committee on Fee Dispute Resolution (1997 to 2002)  
Panel Member, Conference of Local Bars, Bar Leadership Institute (1998, 2001)

### Loudoun County Bar Association:

President (1999 -2000)  
Chair, Courthouse Planning Committee (1995 - present)  
Ad hoc Committee for Additional Circuit Court Judge (1997)  
Past Director, Treasurer, and member of various Bar committees

## Awards and Recognition

District of Columbia Super Lawyer (2007)  
Fellow, Virginia Law Foundation (2007)  
Virginia Super Lawyer (2006)  
Signatures of Loudoun Award, Loudoun Design Excellence Program (2006)  
Certificate of Recognition, Town of Leesburg (2006)  
Certificate of Recognition, Leesburg Board of Architectural Review (2006)  
Outstanding Corporate Volunteer Award (Burnett & Williams, P.C.) Loudoun

Volunteer Services Board (2005)  
George C. Marshall Corporate Citizen Award , Town of Leesburg, (2003)  
Architectural Excellence Award, Town of Leesburg (Courthouse Design, 2003)  
Certificate of Recognition, Town of Leesburg (Log cabin restoration, 2000)  
Peter C. Burnett Day, Proclamation of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors,  
(March 17, 1999)  
Local Bar Leader of the Year Award, Virginia State Bar (1998)  
Certificate of Recognition, Town of Leesburg (1998)  
Award of Merit, The Preservation Society of Loudoun County (1992)  
Annual Environmental Advisory Commission Award-Leesburg, VA. (1992)  
Honorable Mention, Loudoun County Board of Supervisors Affordable Housing  
Competition (1991)  
The Preservation Society of Loudoun County Award for achievement  
in excellence in preservation of the natural and cultural heritage of Loudoun  
County (1986)

### **Community activities**

Loudoun Cares, President (2002 - present)  
Loudoun Law Foundation, Board of Directors (Chair, 1999-present)  
Loudoun County Courts Facilities and Grounds Task Force (Chair, 2000-present)  
Christmas in April, Board of Directors (1999, 2000)  
Fresh Air - Full Care, Board of Directors (2004- 2006)  
Loudoun County Economic Development Commission (1999, 2000)  
Policy and Implementation Committee (1999, 2000 (Vice Chair))  
Town of Purcellville, Historic District Advisory Committee (1997)  
Loudoun County Courts Complex Advisory Committee (1997-present)  
Related Activities:  
Harvard Graduate School of Design Continuing Education Course:  
The American Courthouse (August 1997)  
Participant, National Court Technology Conference, Detroit, MI (October  
1997)  
Planning Committee Member, “Delivering Justice in the Next  
Millennium”, Third International Courthouse Design Conference,  
Toronto, Canada (September 1998).  
Loudoun County Youth Soccer Association, Coach (1995-1998; 2002-2003)  
Counsel, Loudoun Arts Council, Inc. (1996-1999)  
Founding Director and Board Member, Loudoun Abused Women’s Shelter (1984-  
1988)  
Committee Member, Loudoun County Rural Land Management Plan (1984)

### **Horse related activities**

Virginia Racing Commission (Appointed by Governor Warner, 2003-present;  
Chair, 2006 - present; Vice Chair 2004-2006)  
Racing Safety and Medication Committee (Chair, 2004 - present)  
Security and Enforcement Committee (Chair, 2003 - present)  
National Racing Compact (Virginia Representative, appointed by Governor Kaine  
2006 - present)  
Association of Racing Commissioners International (Chair, 2007; Director, 2005  
- present)  
Racing Integrity Services Inc. (Director, 2006)

North American Pari-Mutual Regulators Association (Director, 2003 - 2006)  
Virginia Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association (2000 - 2003)  
    Vice President (2001-2003)  
    Benevolence Committee (2000 - 2003; Chair, 2001-2003)  
Virginia Racing Commission Racing Benevolence Fund (Chair, 2000-2003)  
Virginia Racing Task Force (2000-2003)  
Charles Town (West Virginia) Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association,  
Board of Directors (2000-2003)  
Virginia Thoroughbred Association  
Maryland Horse Breeders Association  
Maryland Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association  
Thoroughbred Owner's licenses: Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, West  
Virginia, Delaware

### **Writings**

"The Use of Documentation in Product Liability Cases" Third Annual Product Liability and Accident Prevention Conference, Williamsburg, VA (October 1998)  
"Loudoun County Courts: Understanding the Complex- A Taxpayer's Reality" (March 20, 1998);  
"Design Concept Review Comments" (January 20, 1998);  
"A Five Step Plan of Action" (May 10, 1996);  
"Acceptable Courts-Today & Tomorrow" ( April 1, 1996);  
"Loudoun County Courts-Managing Loudoun's Future" (continuously updated slide presentation).

### **Reported Cases**

*Lust v. Clark Equipment Co.*, 792 F.2d 436 (4<sup>th</sup> Circuit 1986)  
*Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Company v. Williams* , 10 Va. App. 516, 392 S.E.2d 846 (1990)  
*Johnson v. Smith*, 241 Va. 396, 403 S.E.2d 685 (1991)  
*Baker v. University of Virginia*, Virginia Industrial Commission, Claim 136-20-27 (1990)  
*Tingler v. Whitehill*, United States District Court, Western District of Virginia (1994)  
*USAA Casualty Insurance Company, v. Randolph*, 255 Va. 342; 497 S.E.2d 744 (1998)  
*Combs v. Hahn*, 205 W. Va. 102, 516 S.E.2d 506 (1999)  
*Kerdasha v. Kondurov* , \_\_\_ Va. \_\_\_ ; \_\_\_ S.E.2d \_\_\_ (2006) (Opinion No.042077)