

Local People

named to Virginia Business Magazine's "Legal Elite" in the category of pro bono/legal services.

The Virginia "Legal Elite" are chosen through a survey conducted by Virginia Business and The Virginia Bar Association. More than 7,000 Virginia lawyers were polled to nominate their peers who have demonstrated exceptional levels of expertise in their areas of practice.

Statewide this year, only 753 of the 26,591 active Virginia State Bar members were named to the list.

Blue Ridge Legal Services, a United Way community partner, is the legal aid society that serves the Shenandoah Valley and the Roanoke Valley, providing free legal assistance to the poor.

Local attorney named "Legal Elite"

STAUNTON — For the third year in a row, **John E. Whitfield** of Staunton, executive director of Blue Ridge Legal Services, has been