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## **The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia to Honor Richard Duvall and Holland & Knight LLP with the 2014 Community Leadership Award** *Annual Sweet Home Virginia Gala Raises Funds to Support Critical Needs in Northern Virginia*

Oakton, VA (September 15, 2014) – **Richard Duvall**, a partner at Holland & Knight LLP in the Government Contracts and Litigations practices, and the **Holland & Knight** firm will be recognized by the **Community Foundation for Northern Virginia** for their philanthropic leadership in the Northern Virginia area with the **2014 Community Leadership Award**. The longest standing community based recognition award in Northern Virginia, it will be presented at the Community Foundation’s annual **Sweet Home Virginia Gala on October 10, 2014** at the Sheraton Tysons Hotel.

The award is presented annually for outstanding community service and dedication to improving the quality of life for all Northern Virginians. Over 600 business leaders, philanthropists, and community organizers participate in this event to celebrate the charitable work of the Community Foundation and to raise funds to support the critical needs of the Northern Virginia community. This year also marks the centennial celebration of community foundations in America. With over 700 organizations in the U.S. and 1700 worldwide, community foundations collectively manage more than \$48 billion in assets and make grants of approximately \$4.5 billion a year to improve life in their communities.

**Richard Duvall** is a transformational community leader and business sector champion. As former Chairman of the Fairfax County Chamber of Commerce and former Chairman of the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia, he has inspired community action contributing to the launch of the GovCon Council at the Fairfax Chamber and the Military Personnel and their Families Fund at the Community Foundation. He led Holland & Knight’s effort in establishing its Northern Virginia office.

**Holland & Knight LLP**, a multi-national law firm, has led the Northern Virginia legal sector in providing the time, talent and resources of its partners to more than two dozen cornerstone community organizations, including Special Olympics Virginia, the Fairfax Symphony, Easter Seals, Children’s Hospital, the American Red Cross of the National Capital Region, Jill’s House, the Fairfax Chamber of Commerce, the Community Foundation, the George Mason University Board of Visitors, and the Tysons Partnership, which the firm helped found.

“Richard Duvall has invested countless hours and tremendous resources to supporting our neediest neighbors in Northern Virginia,” said Eileen Ellsworth, President of the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia. “You will never meet a more genuine, competent and caring person. I am delighted to bring the work and accomplishments of Richard Duvall and Holland & Knight LLP into the spotlight by honoring them with this year’s Community Leadership Award.”

The evening will feature a cocktail reception and silent auction followed by dinner, live auction and award presentation. Dress is black tie attire.

Support for the Community Foundation's Sweet Home Virginia Gala is provided by Presenting Sponsor, **Holland & Knight LLP**, and from Platinum Sponsors **ACADEMI**, **Booz Allen Hamilton**, **Claude Moore Charitable Foundation**, and **David and Carol Young**.

Sweet Home Virginia Gala sponsorships start at \$1,800 and include tickets and recognition at the event and in Community Foundation publications throughout the year. Individual tickets are \$300. More information is available at [www.cfnova.org/gala](http://www.cfnova.org/gala) or please contact Tara Nadel, Director of Communications and Events at the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia, at [tara.nadel@cfnova.org](mailto:tara.nadel@cfnova.org) or (703) 879-7637.

**About the Community Foundation for Northern Virginia:**

The Community Foundation for Northern Virginia is a public charity that grows philanthropy to help meet the most critical needs of the community. Comprised of giving circles, donor advised funds, community investment funds and scholarship funds, the Community Foundation engages donors and grantees in building the Northern Virginia community, and engages in research to assess the region's critical needs.

During FY2014, the Community Foundation:

- Awarded \$3.7 million in grants to nonprofits, interfaith groups and schools addressing critical community needs
- Awarded \$225,000 in scholarships to graduating high school seniors in our region
- Reported approximately \$35 million in philanthropic funds established by individual and corporate donors.

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