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**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ATTORNEYS HONOR PHYLLIS A. ERRICO
2023 FINNEGAN WHITING AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**

The Local Government Attorneys of Virginia, Inc. (LGA) awarded its highest honor, the Edward J. Finnegan Elizabeth D. Whiting Award for Distinguished Service, to Phyllis A. Errico, General Counsel, Virginia Association of Counties, at its recently concluded fall conference in Reston, Virginia.

The Finnegan Whiting Award recognizes Phyllis Errico for her significant and sustained contributions to Virginia local government law and LGA. The Award noted that prior to becoming General Counsel for the Virginia Association of Counties (VACo), Phyllis served as: VACo's Director of Legal Services, Henrico Senior Assistant County Attorney, Hanover Assistant County Attorney, and Assistant Attorney General for Virginia. She served as President of the National Association of Civil County Attorneys, Board Member and Chair of the Virginia State Bar Local Government Section, and as Virginia Council of School Attorneys' Board Member and President. Her dedication to LGA includes serving on several committees and as a perennial conference speaker on legislative updates. She has received the prestigious Erwin Special Projects Award twice – for VACo's 8th Edition of the Virginia County Supervisors Manual and as a member of the COVID-19 Committee.

LGA promotes common interests and an exchange of information among its members on legal issues that are particularly relevant to Virginia's counties, cities, and towns. The LGA's member services include conferences, a legal handbook, a monthly newsletter, and other services intended to inform and enhance the practice of local government.



Phyllis A. Errico, General Counsel for the Virginia Association of Counties, recipient of the Local Government Attorneys of Virginia, Inc. Edward J. Finnegan Elizabeth D. Whiting Award for Distinguished Service.



Phyllis A. Errico (center) receiving resolution honoring her as the recipient of the Edward J. Finnegan Elizabeth D. Whiting Award for Distinguished Service, as presented by Sharon E. Pandak (left), Partner at Pandak & Taves, PLLC., and Michelle R. Robl (right), Prince William County Attorney