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What is VERC?

VERC is a network of agencies and groups working together to promote the rights and autonomy of older Virginians through statewide leadership and support. VERC arose from a 1996 public-private Task Force on Elder Rights established by the Department for the Aging.

What are the Goals of VERC?

VERC aims to enhance education and training in elder rights; empower older persons to exercise their rights; provide legislative information in furtherance of elder rights; and advance administrative and individual advocacy to secure benefits under law.

How is VERC Different from Other Aging Organizations?

A number of groups in the Commonwealth focus on meeting the growing needs of older Virginians. VERC focuses on *preserving rights* while providing for needs. VERC is concerned with safeguarding the fundamental civil and legal rights of elders throughout the state.

VERC Activities and Accomplishments

- Annual statewide elder rights conference since 2000, with Virginia Guardianship Association;
- Annual elder rights award to outstanding elder rights advocate;
- Participation as a founding entity for the Department for the Aging and the Virginia Poverty Law Center's joint *Project 2025* to enhance legal services for elders;
- Active statewide elder rights listserv;
- Annual fall legislative forum on elder rights, with Virginia Coalition for the Aging;
- Quarterly VERC meetings with outstanding national and state speakers.

Who should Join VERC?

The Elder Rights system includes long-term care ombudsmen, VICAP benefits counselors, legal services staff, the private bar, private attorneys and law firms, law school clinics and faculty, elder mediators, elder advocates, area agency on aging staff, adult protective services staff -- and more. It could include YOU!



Virginia Elder Rights Coalition

Why Join VERC? Add Your Voice for Elder Rights!

Membership in VERC makes you an active participant in advancing elder rights in Virginia. VERC membership entitles you to:

- Discount rate for the annual VERC conference;
- Participation in elder rights listserv and quarterly meetings;
- Chance to network with others on elder rights issues; and
- Opportunity to sit on board of directors and vote in board elections.

Exercising Elder Rights opens doors for older people, and VERC opens doors for Elder Rights!

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Join VERC Now! Be a Leader in Advancing Virginia Elder Rights!

Organizational Membership \$30 Individual Membership \$20 Friends (non-voting) \$10

Name _____

Organization _____

Address _____

Phone _____

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Join VERC listserv? Yes No

Make checks payable to: VERC P. O. Box 9204 Richmond VA 23227

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