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Christie Marra is the Director of Housing Advocacy at the Virginia Poverty Law Center. Before turning her energy toward the rights of renters in 2010, Christie worked as an attorney for low-income victims of domestic violence and others with family law matters, first at Central Virginia Legal Aid Society in Richmond and then during her first six years at the Virginia Poverty Law Center.

Emily Hardy

Emily is Virginia Poverty Law Center's elder law attorney. She is currently licensed in Illinois. Prior to working for VPLC Emily was an elder law attorney in Illinois for over half a decade doing nursing home discharges, Medicaid long term care, and all other areas of elder law on behalf of low-income individuals. Her work involved administrative, civil, and appellate cases and she worked on multiple multi-disciplinary teams with adult protective services and Ombudsman in Illinois.

Jeannie Cummins Eisenhour

Jeannie Cummins Eisenhour is the Senior Regional Housing Coordinator in the Office of Community Housing at the Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Services. She has over 25 years of experience in disability advocacy, service development and affordable housing. Jeannie has played an instrumental role in the development of the State Rental Assistance Program, Flexible Funding and other housing resources for people with developmental disabilities. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Human Services from Cornell University, a Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Michigan and an Education Specialist degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from George Washington University.

Leigh Burke

Leigh holds a BS in Psychology and an MS in Gerontology, both from Virginia Commonwealth University. Prior to joining Virginia Department of Social Services in 2018 as the Licensing Administrator for the Division of Licensing, Central Regional Office, Leigh worked in the private sector as a licensed Assisted Living Facility Administrator and at the corporate office level as Vice President of Operations for 17 years. During that time Leigh also taught graduate courses in gerontology at VCU and revised the Direct Care Staff Training curriculum for VCU.