



Matthew E. Cheek Named to Style Weekly's 2009 Top 40 Under 40 Class

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RICHMOND, Va. - Williams Mullen is pleased to announce that Matthew E. Cheek, a partner and chair of the firm's financial services industry service group, has been named to Style Weekly's 2009 Top 40 Under 40 Class. Mr. Cheek was recognized for a host of accomplishments including his work with the Virginia Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, the Boy Scouts of America, Junior Achievement, and English Speaking Union.

"This award is very well deserved," said Julious P. Smith Jr., chairman of the firm. "Matt has contributed a great deal to Williams Mullen and to the Richmond community. His dedication to his work, his clients and the region is extraordinary and I am proud to have him as a colleague."

In his role as chair of the Virginia Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, Matt led more than 110 lawyer leaders from 34 law firms, managing all aspects of more than 50 statewide and regional pro bono and community service projects, including domestic violence programs, pro bono hotlines, financial literacy programs, mentor programs, disaster legal assistance, a youth court school-based intervention program, etc. He also spearheaded the creation of a Virginia Diversity Job Fair for Virginia's law students. Matt also has participated in Junior Achievement's Richmond-based "Excellence in Ethics" Program since its inception. The program sends area business leaders into Richmond high school classrooms to discuss the real world challenges of ethics in the business world. Finally, in Matt's role as scholarship chair for the English Speaking Union, he helps to raise funds and award scholarships to Richmond-area high school teachers for an enrichment program of study at Oxford University and the Globe Theater in England.

Style Weekly's Top 40 Under 40 began as a way of recognizing the future leadership in Greater Richmond. Each year the paper recognizes the top talent in the area that has not only made a significant contribution to their career field, but also to the community.

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