



Who's Who in Virginia Politics 2007

Three Branches of Government

Executive	Legislative	Judicial
These officials were elected in November 2005 for 4 year terms.	The Senate and House of Delegates (General Assembly)	Justices and judges are appointed by the General Assembly.

Executive Branch



Governor: Timothy M. "Tim" Kaine (D)
Lieutenant Governor: William T. "Bill" Bolling (R)
Attorney General: Robert F. "Bob" McDonnell (R)

Legislative Branch

Senate Leadership



Lieutenant Governor and President of the Senate: William T. "Bill" Bolling (R)
President pro tempore: John H. Chichester of Stafford (R)
Majority Leader: Walter A. Stosch of Henrico (R)
Minority Leader: Richard L. Saslaw of Fairfax (D)
Democratic Caucus Leader: Mary Margaret Whipple of Arlington (D)

House Leadership

Speaker of the House: William J. Howell of Stafford (R)
Majority Leader (House): H. Morgan Griffith of Salem (R)
Minority Leader (House): Ward L. Armstrong of Henry (D)

Judicial Branch



- The Supreme Court consists of seven members. They are chosen by the General Assembly for 12-year terms. The Honorable Leroy Rountree Hassell, Sr., currently serves as Chief Justice.
- The Court of Appeals of Virginia provides for the intermediate appellate review of most decisions of lower courts.
- The Circuit Courts have original and appellate jurisdiction in criminal offenses and civil cases. Other courts include General District Courts and Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts.
- Check out the Virginia courts website at <http://www.courts.state.va.us>.