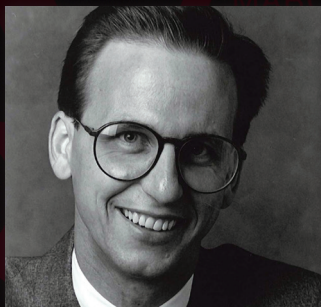


# VIRGINIA BUSINESS: WHERE WE WERE IN 1986



**Bernie A. Niemeier**  
*President & Publisher*

In 1986, Bernie was working in circulation marketing for the Richmond Times-Dispatch and The Richmond News Leader. He was also attending graduate school, taking evening classes at the University of Richmond for an MBA.



**Robert C. Powell**  
*Editor*

In 1986, Robert was a business reporter at The Richmond News Leader, which began its weekly Metro Business section that August. Like Bernie, he was working on his MBA at the University of Richmond.



**Paula C. Squires**  
*Managing Editor*

In 1986, Paula was writing and reporting as a freelance journalist for Virginia Business and other publications, an arrangement that gave her more time at home to raise two young daughters.



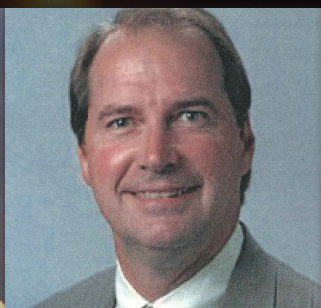
**Jessica Sabbath**  
*Senior Editor*

In 1986, Jessica was a kindergartener at Olde Forge Elementary School in Fairfax County. She loved playing with pound puppies and cabbage patch dolls.



**Adrienne R. Watson**  
*Art Director*

In 1986 Adrienne was a senior at Hopewell High School, where she was editor-in-chief of her high school yearbook, and was preparing to attend University of Richmond in the fall.



**Kevin Dick**  
*Production Manager*

Kevin joined Virginia Business as production manager December 1985. In 1986, we were busy publishing our first issue. Then, our office was on the 10th floor at 6th and Broad street.



**Karen Chenault**  
*Circulation Manager*

In 1986, Karen worked in the payroll department at Circuit City Stores Inc. At that time she lived in an apartment on West Franklin Street in Richmond.



**Ashley Henry**  
*Accounting Manager*

In 1986, Ashley was a happy-go-lucky 1 year old. She loved to smile and play outside! Her favorite thing to do was, and still is, to hang out with her family.



**Hunter Bendall**  
*VP of Advertising*

In 1986, Hunter was a young man in his 30s helping launch Virginia Business as one of the first advertising sales representatives



**Susan Horton**  
*Account Manager*

In 1986, Susan was advertising director at the Norfolk-based Tidewater Virginian, a publication that merged with Virginia Business in 1987.



**Lynn Williams**  
*Account Manager*

Lynn was the Marketing Director for an architectural coatings manufacturer. That was back when she loved snow and downhill skiing.

**Veronica Garabelli**  
*Special Projects Editor*

In 1986, Veronica was a twinkle in her parents' eyes. She made her grand entrance into this world in February 1987, three months earlier than expected.



**Devon Bortz**  
*Intern*

In 1986, Devon's parents were headed to their junior prom together. Devon was definitely not in the picture at this point, but arrived 12 years later in June 1998.

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