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## McDaniel Named Business Person of the Year



Mary Leigh McDaniel

The Warrenton-Fauquier Chamber of Commerce has named Mary Leigh McDaniel, a partner at Updegrove, Combs, McDaniel & Wilson, PLC in Warrenton, as its 2009 Business Person of the Year.

McDaniel has more than 25 years experience in public accounting with emphasis on tax, financial planning and business consulting.

She has served as an officer and board member of various civic and non-profit organizations. She currently serves on Middleburg Bank's Fauquier Advisory Board and on the board of directors for The Land Trust of Virginia.

In 2008, Gov. Tim Kaine appointed her to serve a six-year term on the Vint Hill Economic Development Authority.

Virginia Business Magazine has also selected her as a "Super CPA" for the past several years.

Her years serving on the board of directors for the Warrenton-Fauquier Chamber of Commerce include a year as chairman and a year as vice-chair of legislative affairs.

The Business Person of the Year Award is the most prestigious honor the Chamber bestows. McDaniel is the 23rd person to receive this award.

For many years, McDaniel has been a contributing columnist for the Times-Democrat.

Her award and others (see page A-12) were presented Thursday, Nov. 12, at the Chamber's 23rd Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner at The Inn At Kelly's Ford.