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Virginia Clark is the Vice President for External Relations at the National Constitution Center. She serves as the Center's chief development and communications officer, providing strategic leadership for all aspects of fundraising, communications, and marketing.

The National Constitution Center is a nonpartisan nonprofit organization whose mission is to educate the public about the U.S. Constitution. Located steps from Independence Hall in Historic Philadelphia, the Center engages millions of citizens as an interactive museum, national town hall, and provider of nonpartisan resources for civic education.

Clark served as Assistant Secretary for Advancement at the Smithsonian Institution from 2002 to 2017. In that role, she led the Smithsonian effort to attract and build private support for the Institution's 19 museums, 6 research centers and zoo. She was responsible for the design, plan and implementation of the Smithsonian's first institution wide campaign, the Smithsonian Campaign of \$1.5 b. It is the largest cultural campaign to-date, reaching its goal 18 months ahead of schedule. The campaign has attracted gifts to endow 50 positions, new education centers in six museums, renovation of the historic Renwick Gallery and has helped fund the building and opening of the new National Museum of African American History and Culture. At her departure and in recognition of her work, the Institution conveyed the title of Emeritus Assistant Secretary for Advancement.

Previously, Clark was vice president of development and alumni relations at the University of Pennsylvania for nine years. Under her leadership, the University received the 2003 CASE Award for Overall Performance. She came to that position from the Wharton School at the University where she served as Associate Dean for External Affairs, overseeing their alumni relations, fundraising, and public relations.

She currently serves as a trustee for Salem International University in West Virginia and Wings Neck Trust. She has served on the board of The Haverford Trust, CASE, the Morris Arboretum and WXPB. Clark is a graduate of Boston University.