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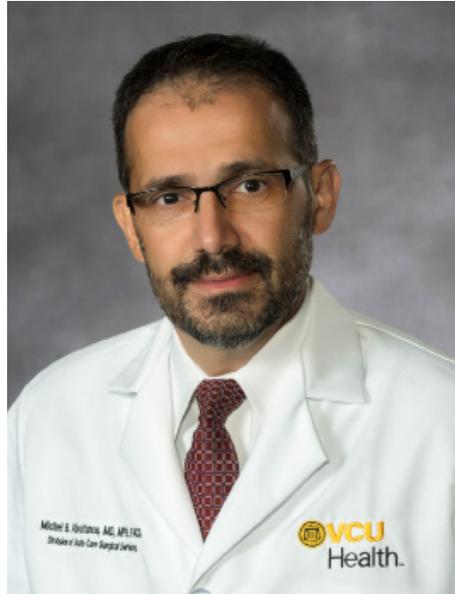
March 2018

Dr. Michel B. Aboutanos, Medical Director of the VCU Trauma Center, to speak at the March luncheon

Dr. Michel B. Aboutanos, Medical Director, VCU Trauma, will be the featured speaker at the Richmond Bar's luncheon on Thursday, March 15, 2018. The luncheon will be held at the Omni Hotel beginning at 12:30 p.m. Reservations may be made by returning the enclosed flier or by calling the Bar office at 780-0700. Additionally, you may make a reservation by visiting <https://www.richmondbar.org/luncheons/>. The deadline for reservations is 12:00 noon on Monday, March 12th. Cost to attend is \$32.00 for members and \$37.00 for guests. **If you require a vegetarian meal or have a dietary restriction, please inform us at the time you make the reservation.**

Hon. M. Hannah Lauck, Hon. D. Eugene Cheek and Hon. Tracy Thorne-Begland will be hosting Judges' Table at the March luncheon. If you would like to be seated at a judge's table please indicate so at the time you make your reservation.

Dr. Aboutanos is a Professor of Surgery and Chief of Acute Care Surgery, and Director of Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) Level I Trauma Center in Richmond, Virginia. He is currently the Director of



Dr. Michel Aboutanos

VCUHS' Injury Prevention Program (IVPP) and of VCU's Center for Trauma and Critical Care Education (CTCCE). Dr. Aboutanos completed his general surgery training at the Medical College of Virginia Hospitals in Richmond, Virginia and his trauma &

critical care training at the University of Maryland's R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, Maryland. He additionally completed a residency in Preventive Medicine at Johns Hopkins University where he obtained his Masters in Public Health with emphasis on Injury & Violence Prevention and on man-made disasters. He served for the Pan American Health Organizations (PAHO/WHO) as a violence consultant to the regions of the Americas. He was recently appointed to serve on the Governor's EMS Advisory Board and asked to serve as Chair of the Virginia Office of EMS Trauma Systems Oversight & Management Committee which oversees trauma system, triage & quality improvement in the Commonwealth. He is a member of multiple national and international surgical and trauma societies. He currently serves as the President on the Executive Board of the Panamerican Trauma Society, which is now headquartered at VCU.

Members are reminded that a waiting list for individuals who have not made reservations by the deadline will be started at 12:00 noon at the registration table on the day of the event. If space is available, members will be accommodated on a first come, first served basis. There is no guarantee that members on the waiting list will be admitted.

Notice:

Composition of Nominating Committee

The membership is hereby notified that the Nominating Committee is composed of the following members:

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To be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Association, scheduled to take place on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at Willow Oaks Country Club, are a President-Elect, a Vice President, an Honorary Vice President, a Secretary-Treasurer and three new at-large members of the Board of Directors, and such other at-large members of the Board of Directors, if any, as may be necessary to fill any vacancies. The Committee will receive and review recommendations for all available positions.

Nominations should be in writing and addressed to Vernon E. Inge, Jr., c/o Richmond Bar Association, P.O. Box 1213, Richmond, VA 23218 and must be received by 12:00 noon on **Thursday, March 1, 2018.**

Devika E. Davis to receive Association's Young Lawyer of the Year Award

Devika E. Davis is the 2018 recipient of the Association's Young Lawyer of the Year Award. The award is presented annually to a member of the Bar's Young Lawyers Section who has excelled in the practice of law to date and who has shown the potential to become

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Share the news

If you've recently landed a new job or promotion, share the good news with the Richmond Bar. Include your full name, your company's name and location, your new title and your areas of concentration in your letter, press release, fax or e-mail. Announcements can be e-mailed to blamb@richmondbar.org or mailed to Brittany Lamb, at P.O. Box 1213, Richmond, VA 23218.

Kane & Papa, P.C. is pleased to announce that **Daniel Webster** has joined the firm as an associate attorney concentrating on consumer bankruptcy and reorganization.

Jonathan Lautt has joined **Troutman Sanders'** Multifamily Housing Finance practice as a partner in the Richmond office. His practice focuses on commercial real estate finance with significant experience representing lenders, master servicers and special servicers related to the servicing of real estate loans.

Principle of Professionalism #5

To guard jealously the privilege and the obligation to accept representations involving controversial and unpopular causes and to make the public aware that legal services should be accessible to all persons.



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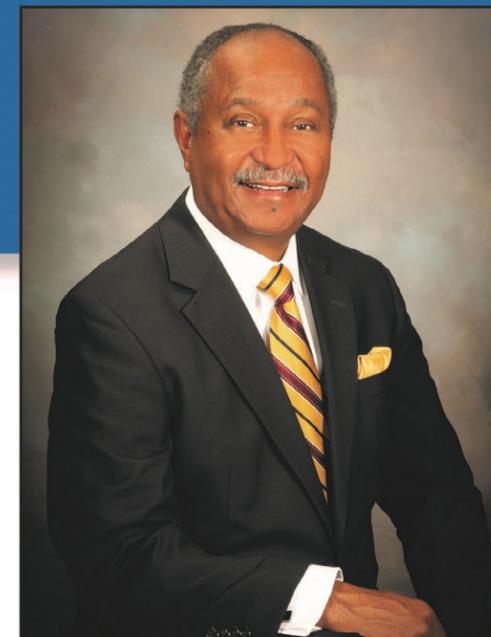
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Edited by Brittany R. Lamb

The McCammon Group

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Hon. Wilford Taylor, Jr. (Ret.)

Retired Judge, Hampton Circuit Court

The Honorable Will Taylor recently retired after over thirty years of distinguished judicial service. He first served on the bench of the General District Court and then was elected as a Judge of the Circuit Court of the City of Hampton, where he served multiple terms as Chief Judge. Before his tenure on the bench, Judge Taylor enjoyed a successful general practice representing both plaintiffs and defendants, and he also served as a Deputy City Attorney. A leader in his community and beyond, he attained the rank of Colonel during his twenty-eight years of active and reserve duty in the U.S. Army. Judge Taylor now brings this exemplary record of dedication and leadership to The McCammon Group to serve the mediation, arbitration, and judge pro tempore needs of lawyers and litigants throughout the Commonwealth.

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Luncheon Registration Form

Please reserve a place for me at the **Thursday, March 15, 2018** luncheon which will be held at the Omni Richmond Hotel at 12:30 p.m.

Name (please print): _____

Phone: _____

I would like to make reservations for the following guest(s): _____

Method of payment (check one):

- Firm billing. Firm: _____
- Check enclosed. (\$32.00 for RBA members, \$37.00 for guests; payable to "Bar Association of Richmond")
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- Member of the Judiciary.

To comply with PCI regulations, credit card payment is not accepted by mail or Fax. For security purposes, you must register online at <https://www.richmondbar.org/luncheons/>.

If you require a vegetarian or special dietary meal, please inform us at the time you make the reservation.

Return this form to: Richmond Bar Association, P.O. Box 1213, Richmond, Virginia 23218-1213.

Reservations may be made by calling the Bar office at 780-0700 no later than noon on Monday, March 12, 2018.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Under the reservation policy, members who make reservations will be expected to pay whether or not they attend. No cancellations or refunds after noon on March 12th. Reservations made by credit card payment are subject to a 5% service fee if cancelled by the appropriate cut-off date.

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Accusations of Treason: Political Rhetoric or Matter of Law?

The treason trial of Aaron Burr was the greatest trial of the nineteenth century. As circuit judge, Chief Justice John Marshall presided over what he later called "the most unpleasant case which has ever been brought before a Judge in this or perhaps in any other country which affected to be governed by laws." Burr's treason trial tested our separation of powers, pushed legal professionalism to its limits, and set precedents that continue to guide our law today. Come join us to discuss one of the landmark cases in American law that took place right here in Richmond.

Speakers:

David L. Robbins,
NY Times Bestselling novelist, named one of the two Most Influential Literary Artists of the Last 50 Years in Virginia, professor, playwright, essayist, and author of
The King of Crimes: The Treason Trial of Aaron Burr in John Marshall's Court.

Kevin C. Walsh,
Professor of Law, University of Richmond School of Law

Moderator:

The Honorable David E. Johnson,
Chesterfield Circuit Court

Monday, March 19, 2018 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Hunton & Williams, 20th Floor Dining Room, 951 E. Byrd Street,
Richmond, VA 23219

Cost to attend is \$10

Beer, wine, sodas and light hors d'oeuvres will be provided. Attendance is limited to the first 50 registrants on a first-come, first-served basis.

Reservations may be made by visiting
<https://www.richmondbar.org/private-conversation-series/>
or by calling 780-0700.

The Association appreciates the generosity of Hunton & Williams for hosting the event.

Lawyers Helping Lawyers Support Group

Feeling stressed out? The practice of law getting you down? Life's issues at times seem overwhelming?

YOU ARE NOT ALONE! Lawyers Helping Lawyers has a support group where legal professional can talk about the stressors happening in their lives in a safe confidential setting. The group meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month at the Lawyers Helping Lawyers office at 6:15 p.m. The address is 1015 East Main Street. We meet in the conference room on the ground floor (this being Richmond you must come down a flight of stairs or the elevator 1 flight to get to the ground floor). If you have any questions feel free to contact Jim Leffler Clinical Director of LHL at 804 644-3212 (o) or 808-614-5841 (c) or jim@valhl.org.

Richmond CASA needs volunteers to serve children in our community!

Court-Appointed Special Advocates ("CASAs") are everyday citizens appointed by judges to watch over and advocate for abused and neglected children. Could you be a voice for a child in need? CASA is looking for volunteers to participate in an upcoming training class, which starts 4/10/18. If you are interested in becoming a CASA, please visit <http://grscan.com/programs/richmond-casa/> or contact heather.farber@richmondgov.com.

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Henrico County judges provide feedback to the

In its continued effort to promote the administration of justice in the Richmond area and to facilitate cooperation between the bench and the bar, the Bar's Administration of Justice Committee recently concluded its annual interviews with the Honorable Judges of the Courts of the County of Henrico. As in years past, the Judges were gracious with their time and spoke with candor to Committee members regarding the Court's work and the performance of the bar in their courtrooms.

The Honorable James S. Yoffy, Chief Judge of the Henrico County Circuit Court

Judge Yoffy finds that most attorneys who appear in the Henrico Circuit Court display exceptional professionalism, courtesy and civility to the Court and fellow lawyers. In speaking with the judge regarding his observations and advice from the bench, he would offer the following:

The county has provided the Court with five new computers, with an additional three computers being given to the Commonwealth Attorney's office so that all of the courthouse's computers and components are the same. If an attorney has a civil or domestic case and has to show videos or depositions on a disk, the judge strongly advises that the attorney come to the courthouse before the hearing/trial to ensure it is compatible with the Court's IT system. If the attorney comes to the courthouse ahead of time, the judge can have the IT person meet the attorney in the courtroom, as there is an IT person dedicated to the Courts who can help with video in the courtrooms. Attorneys should contact the Judges' Chamber staff to coordinate this process. Elsie Holmes handles the civil matters, Donna Sandefur handles the criminal matters and Tammy Damon handles the domestic matters.

In regard to Court etiquette and procedure, the judge advises that if an attorney is running late to Court, please let the Court know by calling. Also, attorneys should try not to schedule cases in other jurisdictions at the same time. As a reminder, pretrial orders are required in all civil and domestic cases. When attorneys file a brief in their case, please provide a courtesy copy directly to the Judges' Chambers. Doing so helps expedite the judges and judicial clerk's review of the brief as it can take a while for the clerk's office to scan it and give it to chambers. Please continue to file

the original with the clerk's office. Additionally, if a case settles, please contact the Court as soon as possible.

If scheduling hearings on motions in civil cases, Judge Yoffy asks that attorneys do not stack additional motions on hearing dates already set without first seeking the Court's approval. If a date is already set to hear one motion, please contact the Court to determine if you can set another motion on the same date and time before sending in a Notice of Hearing for the additional motion(s). It can be disruptive to the courtroom flow when the Court believes only one motion is set to be heard and then learns at the hearing the lawyers want to argue multiple motions.

In regard to docket call, please call the Judges' Chambers to solicit available dates and set the matter by agreement if both parties can agree on a date. The Court will hear contested matters if the attorneys cannot reach an agreement. Otherwise, there is no need to go to docket call. Also, judicial settlements are encouraged – either through the Virginia Supreme Court or through private mediation firms. They really help parties focus the issues and give the litigants more control over the outcome of their case.

C-CAP is a new program that provides an alternative track for first time felony drug offenders who are not initially successful at probation supervision where cases have been taken under advisement pursuant to Virginia Code Section 18.2-251. During probation there is random drug testing, and if the offender tests positive he/she can be sent to drug classes and treatment. This is a tool to assist the offender in avoiding the felony conviction even if he/she has some bumps throughout the process.

Moreover, C-CAP is designed to address the urgent opioid/heroin/drug addiction crisis facing the County and the Country as a whole. In Henrico County, through August 2017, there have been 232 overdoses and 34 deaths from drugs. In 2016, there were 302 overdoses. Through August 2017, there have been 25 homicides, three of which were drug related. Judge Yoffy estimates approximately 90% to 95% of criminal cases he sees committed are drug-related in some way. There is always a need for more impatient drug programs.

When defendants appear in Court for

sentencing, Judge Yoffy asks that the attorney have an outlined plan for their client, especially if his or her charge is drug-related in any way. Judge Yoffy would rather have a "plan of attack" – for example, a drug-treatment program – rather than simply putting the defendant in jail. Judge Yoffy acknowledges, however, that drug treatment plans are often expensive and there are other factors which limit participation in such a plan.

Lastly, the Henrico Circuit Court will get new courtrooms sometime in 2018. These courtrooms will be updated with the latest IT software and have a new, contemporary design. Judge Yoffy thanks the County of Henrico for improvements made to the public hallways and thoroughfares in the courthouse. The hallways are now brighter and more welcoming.

The Honorable G. Barton Chucker, Chief Judge of the Henrico County General District Court

Judge Chucker reports that things are going very well with the interaction between the Henrico County General District Court and the bar in general. He noted that we are fortunate to have such a good local bar in terms of collegiality.

In terms of handling cases, Judge Chucker noted a few things: (1) It is important to always be prepared for your cases and the practice of the Henrico County General District Court of having attorneys meet with the clerks and prepare their dockets prior to Court allows the judges to handle a lot of returns in a very timely matter; (2) Despite the heavy caseload and due in large part to the great work of their clerks, the Court is able to efficiently dispose of matters and give people reasonable trial dates for their matters; (3) The Court assigns a judge to a protective order docket each day which helps in efficiently moving those cases along; (4) Having a civil trial docket each day of the week has helped the trial caseload; and (5) If you are going to be late or unavailable for some reason, please communicate it to the clerk's office so the judges can be alerted.

Recently, the Henrico County General District Court began scanning in all of its files electronically. Judge Chucker stated that this is a time-consuming process and asked that attorneys only file the paperwork that is necessary for obtaining a judgment to help the clerks' workload by limiting

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the amount of paper that must be scanned electronically.

The Honorable Stuart L. Williams, Jr., Chief Judge of the Henrico County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court

Judge Williams would like to thank attorneys for their patience as the court has been dealing with a large staff turnover. It typically takes approximately one year to train for these positions, so understandably there have been some challenges during this time.

The court continues to transition to a paperless record-keeping system. The court is not yet fully paperless; however all new cases are currently being scanned into the court system. The Supreme Court provides oversight for this transition and will determine the date certain when the court will be completely paperless. Due to the staff turnover referenced above, the time to complete the transition has been extended. Eventually, it is anticipated that kiosks

would be available in the courthouse for the public to view their files, and that counsel would also have the ability to access cases on which they are counsel of record.

Judge Williams indicates that he has been pleased to see a decrease in juvenile criminal cases. He believes this decrease relates to schools and Pretrial Services making a concerted effort to handle these matters with services and therapeutically as an alternative to juveniles having to appear in court. While there has been a decrease in the juvenile criminal cases, there seems to be an increase in Protective Order filings as the schools and community police officers attempt to offer alternative solutions.

The Juvenile Drug Court program began last year and has seen its first participants. Judge Johnson oversees this program, which is unique in that it is completely funded with money that previously existed in the court's budget. The participants are juveniles who are struggling with addic-

tion who have come before the court with charges that stem from that addiction. They receive services, support and accountability. The participants are required to appear in court in front of Judge Johnson every week for drug testing and to review progress and/or setbacks as well as goals and treatment plans.

As always, the court would like to remind attorneys to be conscious of the court's docket when scheduling. The Court has experienced significant difficulty when attorneys overbook and are not available when the bailiff calls their cases. This can delay the entire docket and cause scheduling issues for the Court, the public, and other attorneys. Judge Williams would also like to remind attorneys to introduce themselves when coming before the court. Also, if you have recently been added to the court appointed list in Henrico, introducing yourself to the judges will increase the likelihood of being appointed on cases.

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Devika Davis to receive Young Lawyer of the Year Award

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a leader in the legal profession. The Association will convey the award to Ms. Davis on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at the RBA's monthly luncheon meeting at the Omni Hotel.

As an attorney, Ms. Davis represents both civil and criminal clients. She appears in court regularly and works closely with law enforcement and court personnel to represent her clients as a strong advocate. She leaves nothing to chance in fighting for her clients' rights and interests. Before starting her own firm she was a Managing Partner at Abato & Davis, P.C. for over four years. With that firm, she handled a wide range of criminal and civil matters in both General District Court and various Virginia circuit courts on matters ranging from DUI and homicide to personal injury and family law cases.

"As an attorney, Devika enjoys the respect of her peers, particularly those in adversarial roles. She comports herself with collegiality



Devika E. Davis

and professionalism, as she zealously advocates for creative outcomes suited to the vulnerabilities and needs of her clients," said one member in a nomination letter.

Devika attended Radford University, receiving a Bachelor of Science, before heading to American University, Washington College of Law for law school.

Devika is not only an active member of the Richmond Bar, but is also a member of the Metropolitan Richmond Women's Bar Association, Hill-Tucker Bar Association, Richmond Criminal Bar Association and the Henrico County Bar Association.

"Devika frequently occupies working roles in leadership and organization. Her level of involvement is nothing short of extraordinary considering her other responsibilities," said another member in a nomination letter.

Davis currently serves on the Richmond Bar Membership Committee and was a co-chair for the 2015 Bench-Bar Conference.

Continuing Legal Education courses

2018 Legislative Update

The Bar's Legislative Update seminar is back by popular demand! Meade A. Spotts of Spotts Fain PC is assembling and will moderate a panel covering the legislation enacted or amended by the General Assembly during the 2018 legislative session. Join him and a panel of Senators and Delegates as they bring you up to date on the hot topics in business, real estate, commerce and labor legislation.

- DATE:** Thursday, May 17, 2018
- TIME:** 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- LOCATION:** 2nd Floor Conference Room, 707 E. Main Street
- COST:** \$75 for members (\$85 after May 10)
\$150 for non-members (\$160 after May 10)

MCLE CREDIT: THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE VIRGINIA MCLE BOARD FOR 2.0 HOURS OF CREDIT

CLE Registration Form

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Seminar Title</u>	<u>CLE Hours</u>	<u>Members</u> <u>(Registration/Late Registration)</u>	<u>Non-Members</u>	
May 17	2018 Legislative Update	2.0	\$75/\$150	\$85/\$160	\$ _____
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How To Register:

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- By Check - Return this form with payment to Richmond Bar Association, P.O. Box 1213, Richmond, VA 23218
- I participate in the CLE Discount Program. Please deduct ____ hour(s) from my balance.

Detach and send form and check to: Richmond Bar Association, P.O. Box 1213, Richmond, VA 23218-1213 (804) 780-0700 (phone); (804) 648-7118 (fax)

Cancellation of registration for continuing legal education seminars is allowed up to one week prior to the seminar. Reservations made by credit card payment are subject to a 5% service fee if cancelled by the appropriate cut-off date. Refunds or credits to a member's discount program account will be given up to one week prior to the date of the seminar.

Metro Pro Bono Sampler

Legal Aid Justice Center Housing Law Program <i>Provides pro bono legal assistance with housing issues ranging from eviction notices to unlawful detainers</i>	Marcel Slag	643-1086
Hunton & Williams Churchill Office <i>Provides pro bono services to financially limited persons in the areas of family law, housing & real estate, guardianships and domestic violence.</i>	Cassandra Reynolds	775-2248
Pro Bono Clearinghouse <i>A service of the Greater Richmond Bar Foundation that provides pro bono legal services to non-profit organizations</i>	Ali Fannon	780-2600
Legal Information Network for Cancer (LINC) <i>Information, counseling and referral for legal assistance with issues arising from the diagnosis and treatment of cancer</i>	Denise Kranich	562-0371, ext. 6
Richmond Domestic Violence Project <i>Represents victims of domestic violence in obtaining protective orders in Richmond J&DR Court</i>	Catharyn Oroszlan	521-7293
Harry L. Carrico Center for Pro Bono Services (UR Law) <i>Pro Bono services provided by law students and attorneys</i>	Tara Casey	287-1207
No Fault Divorce Program <i>Pairs volunteer attorneys with law students who together represent clients seeking no-fault divorces</i>	Tara Casey	287-1207
Central Virginia Legal Aid Society Emergency Lawyer Program <i>Provides volunteer attorneys to assist CVLAS in emergency cases</i>	Steve Dickenson	648-1012

For a comprehensive list of organizations and opportunities, visit the Bar's Pro Bono Resources page at <https://www.richmondbar.org/pro-bono-resources/>

Nominations for the Following Awards are Now Being Accepted

Hunter W. Martin Professionalism Award

Established in 1993, the Hunter W. Martin Professionalism Award is named after the first recipient, Hunter W. Martin. This award was created to be presented to members of the legal profession who, throughout their lives and careers in the law, have best exemplified the conduct and high ideals embodied in the Bar's Principles of Professionalism. Nominees should possess an understanding of, and adherence to high ethical standards of conduct and tolerance, respect and civility toward clients, opposing parties, colleagues and the judiciary.

Recent recipients: Michael W. Smith (2016), Claire G. Cardwell (2015), Thomas G. Slater, Jr. (2014), Hon. Dennis W. Dohnal (2013), Philip B. Morris (2012), Russell V. Palmore (2011, awarded posthumously), Wyatt B. Durrett, Jr. (2010), Frank B. Miller III (2009), Robert E. Eicher (2008), Hon. Robert A. Pustilnik (2007)

Hill-Tucker Public Service Award

The Hill-Tucker Public Service Award is named after Oliver W. Hill and Samuel W. Tucker who received the first award in 1989. This award was created to be presented to members of the legal profession who render conspicuous public service and otherwise distinguish themselves in service to society beyond law practice.

Recent recipients: Michael N. Herring (2018), Mary E. Langer (2017), Jennifer L. McClellan (2016), Clarence M. Dunnaville, Jr. (2015), Hon. Tim Kaine (2013), Henry W. McLaughlin III (2010), O. Randolph Rollins (2009), Hon. Elizabeth B. Lacy (2008), John V. Cogbill III (2007), Chief Justice Leroy R. Hassell, Sr. (2006), Julious P. Smith, Jr. (2005)

John C. Kenny Pro Bono Award

In 1989, the Bar Association of the City of Richmond established its Pro Bono Publico Award, which is presented annually to a recipient who has excelled in one or more of the following ways:

- (1) Demonstrated dedication to the development and implementation of pro bono projects to improve delivery of legal services to the poor;
- (2) Contributed significantly toward the development of innovative approaches to delivery of volunteer services;
- (3) Participated in an activity which resulted in addressing previously unmet legal needs or extending pro bono legal services to underserved segments of the legal community;
- (4) Successfully handled pro bono cases that favorably affected the provision of other services to the poor in the Richmond metropolitan area;
- (5) Participated in activities which resulted in the enactment of legislation that contributed substantially to the delivery of services (legal or otherwise) to the poor; and/or
- (6) Devoted significant time to furthering the delivery of legal services to the poor by handling one or more pro bono matters or providing training for or recruiting volunteer pro bono attorneys in the Richmond metropolitan area.

Recent recipients: W. Benjamin Pace (2017), Christopher M. Malone (2016), The Pro Bono Clearinghouse (2015), John M. Robb III (2014), Benjamin R. Lacy IV (2013, awarded posthumously), Harry M. Johnson III and Scott C. Oostdyk (2012), UR Downtown and the Carrico Center for Pro Bono Services (2011), G. Andrew Nea, Jr., (2010)

Liberty Bell Award

The Liberty Bell Award is based on criteria established by the American Bar Association to recognize persons outside the legal profession who have served to promote a better understanding of our government. The award is given to persons who:

- (1) Promote a better understanding of our form of government, especially the Bill of Rights;
- (2) Encourage a greater respect for law and the courts;
- (3) Stimulate a deeper sense of individual responsibility to the end that citizens recognize their duties as well as their rights;
- (4) Contribute to the effective functioning of our institutions of government; and
- (5) Inculcate a better understanding and appreciation of the rule of law.

Recent recipients: S. Buford Scott (2013), Thomas A. Silvestri (2011), Hon. Susan Clark Schaar, Hon. Bruce F. Jamerson (2010), Laura Sanchez-de Solar (2008), Sister Cora Billings, Rev. Benjamin Campbell, Dr. Jack Spiro (2006), Dr. Warren Stewart (2005), Vernard W. Henley (2002), James E. Ukrop & Robert S. Ukrop (2001), Charlie McDowell (1999)

Members are encouraged to nominate any candidates who they believe are qualified for an award. To nominate an individual, contact the Chair of the Association's Committee on Awards and Honors Daniel E. Lynch at dlynch@lynchcornettlaw.com

Announcements

YLS: Notice of Appointment of Nominating Committee

Pursuant to Section 4.07 of the Bylaws of the Young Lawyers Section of The Bar Association of the City of Richmond, notice is hereby given that a Nominating Committee has been appointed to consider candidates and nominate officers and Executive Committee members for election at the Section's Annual Meeting. The members of the Nominating Committee are as follows:

Jeremy Williams	Shannon Daily
Elizabeth Gunn	Jonathan Moore
Rachel Greenleaf	Nicole Irwin

Any group of 10 or more members of the Section may make nominations by submitting the name of any nominee to the undersigned Secretary of the Section by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 28, 2018. In addition, any member of the Section may suggest candidates for consideration by the Nominating Committee. Suggestions for consideration shall be made by notifying the undersigned.

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Bankruptcy Section Roundtable scheduled for March 28th; Annual Meeting set for May 15th

Save the date! The Bankruptcy Section will hold its annual Judges Roundtable on Wednesday, March 28th. Additional details will become available closer to the event.

The Bankruptcy Section will hold its Annual Meeting in conjunction with a luncheon/CLE Seminar on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 beginning at 12:30 p.m. at the Hilton Richmond Downtown, 501 E. Broad Street, Richmond, VA, 23219. The program will feature a presentation by the Hon. Keith Phillips. It is anticipated that the program will be approved for 1.0 hour of MCLE credit. The Section member and government rate to attend is \$30; the non-Section member rate is \$45. Register using a credit card by visiting <https://www.richmondbar.org/bankruptcy/> or calling 780-0700. Payment by check can be made by returning the form on the flyer that has been mailed to all Section members. Reservations must be received by Friday, May 11th; no refunds will be given after this date.

Spring Cocktail Party

Wednesday, April 18, 2018, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

at Willow Oaks Country Club

Cost to attend is \$50 per RBA member
First non-member guest - \$50
additional non-member guests - \$65

Includes an open bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres

Attire is business casual

Invitations will be mailed

Corporate Counsel Section Annual Meeting May 10th

The Corporate Counsel Section will host its Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at the The Veil Brewing Co. from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. Additional information will be sent to members shortly.

Welcome new members

The Richmond Bar Association welcomes the following new members:

Sean M. Breit-Rupe
David Bury
Nora Ciancio
Juliet Edwards
Hunter Glenn
Patrick Houston
Sean O'Keefe
Katherine Pilcher
Tara Tiantian
Christian Tucker
Xiang Zhang

Each new RBA member is contacted by a member of the Board of Directors to encourage them to become active in Bar activities. We invite all RBA members to reach out and welcome our new members.

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Notice of RBA Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of The Bar Association of the City of Richmond will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 beginning at 5:30 p.m. preceding the Bar's Spring Cocktail Party at Willow Oaks Country Club. Members will be asked to elect new officers and directors and transact other such business as may properly come before the meeting.

CALENDAR

March

- 1 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton & Williams
- 6 Nominating Committee, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 12 Pro Bono Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m.,
2nd floor conference room
- 13 CLE Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m.,
2nd floor conference room
- 15 RBA Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Omni Hotel
Speaker: Dr. Michael B. Aboutanos
- 19 Private Conversation Series event: "Accusations of Treason:
Political Rhetoric of Matter of Law?", 5:30 p.m.,
Hunton & Williams
- 27 Membership Committee Meeting, 12:00 p.m.,
2nd floor conference room
- 28 Bankruptcy Section Judges Roundtable, Time: TBA,
Location: TBA

April

- 2 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 3 Bench-Bar Conference Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m.,
2nd floor conference room
- 5 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton & Williams
- 18 Annual Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Willow Oaks Country Club
- 18 Spring Cocktail Party, 6:00 p.m., Willow Oaks Country Club
- 30 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office

May

- 1 RBA Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Omni Hotel
Speaker: Hon. Williams C. Mims, Justice of the
Supreme Court of Virginia
- 1 Bench-Bar Conference Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m.,
2nd floor conference room
- 3 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m.,
Hunton & Williams
- 8 CLE Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m.,
2nd floor conference room
- 10 Corporate Counsel Section Annual Meeting, 4:00 p.m.,
The Veil Brewing Co.
- 14 Pro Bono Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m.,
2nd floor conference room
- 15 Bankruptcy Section Annual Meeting, 12:30 p.m.,
Hilton Richmond Downtown
- 17 CLE Seminar: "Legislative Update" 4:00 p.m., 2nd Floor
Conference Room
- 28 Bar office closed for the holiday

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