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Hon. Stephen R. McCullough of the Supreme Court of Virginia to speak at Bar's Law Day luncheon on May 1

Hon. Stephen R. McCullough to speak at the Bar's Law Day luncheon on Monday, May 1, 2017. 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/events/luncheons/>. The deadline for reservations is 12:00 noon on Wednesday, April 26. Cost to attend is \$32.00 for RBA members and \$37 for guests. **If you require a vegetarian meal or have a dietary restriction, please inform us at the time you make the reservation.**

The following members of the judiciary will be hosting Judges' Tables at the May luncheon: **Hon. Roderick C. Young, Hon.**

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Hon. Stephen R. McCullough

Report of the Nominating Committee and Notice of Annual Meeting

J. Tracy Walker IV, Chair of the Nominating Committee, has reported to the President the following list of nominees recommended by the Committee for the respective positions to be filled at the Association's Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 19, 2017:

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Douglas D. Callaway, the current President-Elect, succeeds automatically to the office of President for the next Bar year.

The Annual Meeting of the Bar Association of the City of Richmond will be held on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the Willow Oaks Country Club. The meeting precedes the Bar's Spring Cocktail party, which begins at 6:00 p.m.

Vernon E. Inge, Jr. President

Daniel E. Lynch, Secretary-Treasurer

Local Judges highlight tips for case management

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 Administration of Justice Committee recently concluded its annual interviews with the Honorable Judges of the Courts of the County of Hanover and the County of Chesterfield. As in years past, the Judges were gracious with their time and spoke with candor to Committee members regarding the Courts' work and the performance of the bar in their courtrooms. Additionally, the Judges shared new developments related to the relocation of the courts in Hanover and provided tips regarding scheduling of cases and motions hearings.

The Honorable J. Overton Harris Hanover Circuit Court

Judge J. Overton Harris, the presiding Judge of the Hanover Circuit Court is generally pleased with the caliber of attorneys that appear before him in Hanover Circuit Court. He states that the civility he sees between attorneys and prior preparation are always appreciated. Judge Harris would also like to thank all attorneys for their patience as the court adjusts to the new Hanover courts building which opened at the beginning of 2017. The change in physical location of the courts building brings with it unavoidable changes in some of the familiar processes of the court personnel and the court is still in the process of adjusting to its new premises. Notwithstanding the learning curve, Judge Harris says that it is great to be in the new facility.

The Hanover Circuit Court moved to a praecipe system in summer 2016. Under the prior system, either party could show up on Term Day and request that the matter

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Share the news

If you've recently landed a new job or plum 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.

Kathy Lawrence has been promoted to Partner at Kaplan Voekler Cunningham & Frank. Kathy's practice focuses on securities and capital markets, mergers and acquisitions, and general business and corporate representation.

Edward Mullen has been announced as the new Office Managing Partner at Reed Smith LLP, the Richmond office. Mullen focuses his practice on legislative and administrative matters before the General Assembly, the Offices of the Governor, Attorney General as well as executive branch agencies.

Kevin M. Georgerian, Corporate Partner at Hunton & Williams LLP, was selected among the 2017 Client Choice Awards winners by the International Law Office and Lexology, which surveyed senior corporate counsel around the world on which individual partners and firms excel across the spectrum of client service. Georgerian, who is based in the Richmond office of Hunton & Williams LLP, focuses his practice on mergers and acquisitions and strategic corporate transactions.

Deanna D. Cook, P.C. is pleased to announce that **Lauren M. Kelly**, Esquire has joined the firm. She will concentrate her practice in the area of family law.



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Edited by Brittany R. Lamb

Luncheon Registration Form

Please reserve a place for me at the **Monday, May 1, 2017** 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"**)
- At the door.
- 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/events/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 Wednesday, April 26, 2017.

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 April 26th. 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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The RBA proudly presents the third in a series of programs for solo and small firm practitioners:

Human Resources 101- Hiring, Firing, and Employment Law Update

Panelists are:

Richard Carlton, Richard W. Carlton Consulting
R. Rushton Paul, Jr., R. Rushton Paul Consulting, LLC
Tom Wimer, OneDigital Health and Benefits

Moderator: Betsy Davis, LeClair Ryan

Thursday, May 11, 2017

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Eighth & Main Building, 2nd Floor Conference Center
707 E. Main Street, Richmond, VA 23219

Cost to attend is \$10

Beer, wine and light hors d'oeuvres will be provided. Space is limited; registration accepted on a first come-first served basis.

Reservations may be made by visiting <https://www.richmondbar.org/events/solo-and-small-firm/>

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Justice McCullough to speak in May

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Pamela O'Berry and Hon. Lawrence B. Cann. At the time you make your reservation, please indicate if you would like to be seated at a judge's table.

Following a clerkship with Justice Leroy R. Hassell, Sr., Justice McCullough began practicing law as an Assistant Attorney General in the Criminal Litigation Section, where he tried cases in state and federal court and defended convictions on appeal. In 2007, he became Deputy Solicitor General. He was promoted to the post Solicitor General of Virginia in 2009. The Solicitor General represents Virginia in non-capital cases before the United States Supreme Court and defends state statutes and regulations against constitutional challenge. He later served as Senior Appellate Counsel and Opinions Counsel in the Office of the Attorney General. He was elected to serve on the Court of Appeals of Virginia in 2011 and to the Supreme Court of Virginia in 2016.

Justice McCullough received two "Best Brief" Awards from the National Association of Attorneys General for briefs he authored in the United States Supreme Court and he was a United States Supreme Court Fellow with the National Association of Attorneys General. He has lectured and written extensively on appellate procedure and criminal law. Justice McCullough graduated with high distinction, Phi Beta Kappa, from the University of Virginia. He is a graduate of the University of Richmond Law School where he was selected for the Law Review and the Moot Court Board.

Save the date!
The twenty-sixth annual Bench-Bar Conference will be held on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at the Omni Hotel. Breakout sessions in civil, criminal and domestic relations law will be featured.

Spring Cocktail Party

Wednesday, April 19, 2017, 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

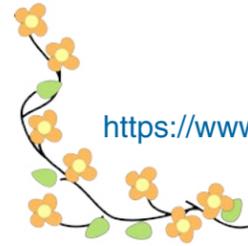
Includes an open bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres

Attire is business casual

Invitations have been mailed

Make reservations at

<https://www.richmondbar.org/events/social-events/>



The Richmond Bar appreciates the patronage of its 2016-2017 Select Sponsors:



On February 22nd, RBA President Vern Inge presented the Association's Hill-Tucker Public Service Award to Hon. Mary E. Langer.

Nominations being accepted for Professionalism Award

The Committee on Awards & Honors is accepting nominations for the Hunter W. Martin Professionalism Award. Established in 1993, the 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 include Claire G. Cardewll (2015), Thomas G. Slater, Jr. (2014), Dennis W. Dohnal (2013), Philip B. Morris (2012), Russell V. Palmore (2011 – awarded posthumously), Wyatt B. Durette, Jr. (2010), Frank B. Miller III (2009), Robert E. Eicher (2008), Robert A. Pustilnik (2007), Hon. Randall G. Johnson (2006 - awarded posthumously), James W. Morris III (2005), Malcolm M. Christian (2004), Anne Marie Whittemore (2003), Hon. Robert W. Duling (2002), Meredith A. House (2001), Robert M. Patterson (2000).

Nominations should be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 26th to Dan Lynch, Chair of the Committee on Awards & Honors, at dlynch@dlynchcornettlaw.com.

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Convict to Citizen: Perspectives on the Restoration of Civil Rights

Join experts, Stuart A. Raphael, Solicitor General of Virginia; Hope Amezcuita, Staff Attorney and Legislative Counsel for the Virginia ACLU; Anthony F. Troy of Eckert Seamans; and an expungement practitioner as they discuss the legal processes related to the restoration of civil rights post-conviction. Panelists will focus on the Howell v. McAuliffe case, the expungement process and the restoration of rights for the wrongly convicted, using the Norfolk Four as an example. Following the general discussion, questions and comments from attendees are encouraged.

DATE: Thursday, March 30, 2017
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 March 23)
\$150 for non-members (\$160 after March 23)

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Breaking Up is Hard to Do: The Practical and Legal Considerations of a Business Divorce

This CLE will provide a primer on business and what it involves, including a discussion on how to recognize when a business divorce may be the best course of action for an organization that is not currently considering it. In addition to discussing their own experiences, the speakers will address the statutory mechanisms for triggering a separation, ethical considerations for counsel to the organization, and the unique challenges facing parties in litigation of this nature. Speakers are W. Michael Holm, Stephen M. Faraci, Sr. and C. Matthew Haynes, all of LeClair Ryan.

DATE: Tuesday, April 25, 2017
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 April 18)
\$150 for non-members (\$160 after April 18)

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Making Sense of the Numbers: An Accounting and Finance Primer for Attorneys and Specialized Topics in Litigation

Please join the experts from Protiviti for an accounting primer that will address 1) analysis of financial statements, including balance sheets, income statements, and statements of cash flows, 2) financial ratios, and what they mean, 3) footnotes to financial statements, and their usefulness, and 4) terminology. The subject matter for the litigation topics will include 1) commercial litigation damage theories and concepts, 2) damage period implications, 3) damage calculations, and 4) specific considerations in damages preparation. Speakers are: Alicia Moosally, Heather Williams, and Rob Smith, all of Protiviti.

DATE: Wednesday, April 26, 2017
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 April 19)
\$150 for non-members (\$160 after April 19)

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Continuing Legal Education courses

2017 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 2016 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 4, 2017
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 April 27)
\$150 for non-members (\$160 after April 27)

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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>	
March 30	Restoration of Civil Rights	2.0	\$75/\$150	\$85/\$160	\$ _____
April 25	Business Divorce	2.0	\$75/\$150	\$85/\$160	\$ _____
April 26	Accounting for Attorneys	2.0	\$75/\$150	\$85/\$160	\$ _____
May 4	2017 Legislative Update	2.0	\$75/\$150	\$85/\$160	\$ _____
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How To Register:

- By Credit Card - 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/cle/schedule-class-descriptions/>.
- 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.

Hanover County and Chesterfield County Judges highlight

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be set for trial. The court found the prior system unwieldy, and it often resulted in the clerks scrambling to make sure that they had all of the necessary forms. Under the newly instituted praecipe system, a party who wants to set a matter for trial will need to file a praecipe at least five business days prior to Term Day (typically the Tuesday one week prior to docket call), on a form available from the clerk's office, giving the court notice of his or her intent to appear on Term Day and set a motion for trial. Judge Harris reports that the praecipe system appears to be working well; the clerks are able to be better prepared and the attorneys who appear before the court seem to be adjusting well to the new system.

In other court news, Judge Harris has seen the number of civil suits continue to increase over the past year, resulting in an increase in the number of trials and hearings being conducted. In an effort to better manage the docket, the court will continue to emphasize its policy of restricting continuances if the matter is set for trial within 30 days of the request for a continuance, unless the request is for good cause. If the trial date is more than 30 days out, the parties may still coordinate an agreed order for a continuance.

The Honorable Hugh S. Campbell Hanover General District Court

Judge Hugh S. Campbell, the presiding Judge of the Hanover General District Court reports that he and the court personnel are excited about the new Hanover courts building and are pleased with how it turned out. In the new building, the General District Court has two court rooms. Only one of the court rooms is full time, the second is used on a part time basis allowing the court to handle a higher volume of cases. Judge Campbell would like to remind attorneys appearing before the court to make use of the extra civil days scheduled for the third, fourth and fifth Tuesdays of each month. He encourages attorneys in the collection business, especially those who plan to bring 10 or more cases at a time, to focus on the extra civil days and to remember to bring original affidavits regarding the debt, especially in purchase debt situations. Judge Campbell would also like to remind attorneys appearing before the court to make use of the extra criminal days scheduled for the first and third Fridays of each month. Attorneys attempting

to schedule or continue criminal or traffic cases are reminded that they should always first consult the clerk to obtain the officer's available dates. The full Hanover General District Court schedule can be found on the Virginia Judicial System website.

Judge Campbell offered three practice pointers for attorneys planning to appear before the court. First, he advises all attorneys to make sure that they update their firm database to the new address of the Hanover courts building: 7530 County Complex Road, Hanover, Virginia 23069. He notes that there could be procedural issues if an attorney mistakenly uses the old address. Second, Judge Campbell urges young or new attorneys to find a good mentor and to pay attention to seasoned attorneys both in and out of the courtroom. Finally, Judge Campbell has noticed a recent trend of attorneys making a motion to strike in inappropriate circumstances. Though he does not think that the trend has risen to the level of abuse, Judge Campbell believes that attorneys should attempt to be more deliberate and judicious with their motions to strike, recognizing that it is not a necessary or relevant motion in every case.

The Honorable Shannon O. Hoehl Hanover Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court

The most significant recent development for Hanover County courts, including the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, is the opening of the new courts complex housing all three county courts. Courthouse personnel, including the judges, are very pleased with the new facilities and hope that they will help to better serve the public.

With the combination of the three courts in one building, the line to proceed through security is longer than it was in the old courthouse, and Judge Hoehl suggests that attorneys and litigants arrive a bit earlier for hearings to allow for that. Conveniences at the new courthouse include an increased number of attorney conference rooms, plans for a law library on the second floor, and electronic docket boards, where JDR cases involving child custody and visitation or juvenile criminal matters will be identified with the minor's initials only. The JDR court also now has video capability to allow defense attorneys to meet privately with their minor

clients who are detained at Merrimac.

Judge Hoehl would like to remind attorneys that if they have a scheduling conflict with a pretrial date, they can fax a letter with available dates, whether or not they request a guardian ad litem, and the amount of time requested for the hearing to the court and the court will set the case accordingly. The court disfavors continuing the pretrial hearing, as it causes undue delay for the litigants, and prefers to simply schedule contested hearings by letter if necessary, as opposed to carrying over the pretrial to another date. Counsel may remove a hearing from the docket for a settled matter by submitting a signed consent order by fax, with the original to follow by mail.

The criminal bar should be aware that the court will permit counsel time to speak privately with a client or witness prior to a hearing if the attorney has made a genuine effort to contact the individual prior to court but was unable to do so through no fault of the attorney. The court will pass by a case to permit counsel a few minutes to interview a witness or confer with a client.

Judge Hoehl commends the guardians ad litem that practice before her court for their work, but asks that if a guardian has not met with his or her minor client prior to the hearing, the guardian inform the court of that fact at the outset of the hearing.

The Honorable Timothy J. Hauler Chesterfield Circuit Court

Judge Hauler is the Chief Judge for the Chesterfield Circuit Court, which continues to administer a very active civil and criminal docket. Indeed, since 2005 the annual number of cases handled by the court has nearly doubled (with approximately 16,000 cases being concluded in 2016). On January 17, 2017, the Court issued updated docketing procedures in an effort to streamline the heavy volume of cases and improve the court's overall efficiency. Copies of the new docketing procedures are available in the clerk's office, the judges' chambers, the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney and at the following website: <http://www.courts.state.va.us/courts/circuit/chesterfield/home.html>.

Under the new docketing procedures, the court encourages counsel to pre-set both civil and criminal cases rather than waiting for docket call. To set a case for trial in a civil matter, attorneys should call or email the assigned judge's legal assistant. Criminal matters are pre-set in the Commonwealth's

the best practices for case management

Attorney's Office by orders endorsed by defense counsel or a *pro se* defendant.

When scheduling civil cases by phone, email, or at docket call, a confirmation letter must be mailed to all parties within 10 business days of scheduling, with a copy to the court. In addition, counsel for the plaintiff is required to submit an agreed and fully endorsed pre-trial scheduling order within 10 calendar days of setting the trial date. Additional information concerning civil and criminal scheduling and the court's continuance policy are provided in the court's new docketing procedures.

Given the court's busy schedule, Judge Hauler would prefer to see fewer instances of "piggy-backing" with respect to motions – i.e., scheduling a motion for a hearing, but then filing subsequent motions to be heard at the same time. If subsequent motions are necessary, counsel should call the court to inquire about additional hearing time. Counsel should also stay within their allotted hearing time, which will allow the court to remain on schedule for other matters.

In addition, whenever possible and practicable under the circumstances, Judge Hauler would like to encourage counsel handling criminal matters to be more forthcoming with plea deals, as opposed to striking a deal just prior to trial. The court would prefer not to have to call off a jury at the last minute.

Judge Hauler would also like to remind counsel that the receptionists in the judges' chambers will not accept filings. Filings are only accepted by the clerk's office via mail, courier, and hand delivery. Furthermore, counsel is reminded that the new public service hours of both the clerk's office and the judges' chambers are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In general, Judge Hauler is very pleased with the caliber of attorneys that appear before the court. Although the level of civility among attorneys has improved over the years, he would still like to see additional progress, particularly in the area of family law and contested divorces.

The Honorable Pamela O'Berry Chesterfield General District Court

Judge O'Berry has been a judge in Chesterfield General District Court since 2009, serving as Chief Judge since 2012. She finds the attorneys practicing before her to be a hard-working, cordial, well-prepared group and considers herself fortunate to be part of this community.

Judge O'Berry noted that the volume of cases in Chesterfield General District Court has recently leveled out compared to the steady increase she observed between 2009 and 2015. She further noted that this may be due, at least in part, to the Honorable Matthew Donald Nelson joining the court in December 2014. However, even with the addition of Judge Nelson, the judges in Chesterfield General District Court stay very busy, with full dockets every day and two judges having Friday afternoon dockets each week.

The court and the clerk's office are working diligently to be more accessible, efficient and effective. As such, the judges try to keep cases moving relatively quickly. According to Judge O'Berry, most of the judges would prefer to set civil matters for trial within 60 to 90 days of the return date. Attorneys who request a trial date more than 90 days from the return date should be prepared to explain why additional time is required. In addition, counsel should be mindful of the amount of time they request for a trial. Unless a civil matter involves complicated issues or multiple witnesses, the court would prefer to schedule trials for no more than 2 hours. The court would also welcome the use of technology during trials, particularly when technology can assist counsel with moving through the case more efficiently.

In general, the court is very pleased with the attorneys on its court-appointed list. However, because they are often in high demand, the court has difficulties when these attorneys are in other jurisdictions on days they are scheduled to be in Chesterfield. The court asks these attorneys to "be present" and "fully engaged" when representing these clients. In addition, the court intends to issue written guidance in 2017 explaining the criteria that are considered when approving attorneys to be added to the court-appointed list.

The Honorable Jayne Ann Pemberton Chesterfield Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court

Currently the court has five judges, and has been utilizing substitute judges over last several months due to the vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Bonnie Davis. The judges are very excited that the General Assembly has now filled the vacancy created by Judge Davis' retirement and appointed

Duncan Minton, who will be taking the bench on March 1, 2017.

Chesterfield JDR has a set docket which provides that civil cases are heard on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and criminal cases are heard on Tuesdays and Thursdays. In Colonial Heights, court is conducted on Thursdays and Fridays. In both courts, contested civil matters are heard Monday through Thursday at 2:00 p.m. The court's goal is to have "one court, one family" for continuity for families and children before the court.

Judge Pemberton observes that Chesterfield is very fortunate to have good attorneys, with collegiality, civility and professionalism. With that in mind, she would like to remind attorneys to introduce themselves to the court at the outset of any hearing or trial as well as introducing their client. This will assist the judges in being able to call the parties and counsel by name throughout the time they are before the court. Further, it is important to be on time to court. If you are an attorney running late for court, please contact the clerk's office. Also, the judges would like attorneys to exchange as much information before court as possible, such as child support guidelines and income information in support matters. Any attempt to streamline cases and resolve certain issues before trial is appreciated.

In regard to attorneys before the court as guardian ad litem (GAL) for the child, it is imperative to communicate with all parties and ensure there is a clear understanding of each parties' desired outcome before they appear in court. There are times when perhaps certain issues may be resolved before the hearing if all parties are communicating. There are some judges that are requiring GALs to submit a completed checklist before trial. This is not a requirement of all judges, but it is certainly expected that all GALs will follow the Standards to Govern the Performance of Guardians ad litem from the Supreme Court. The court hopes to hold a bench bar conference in the coming months for local attorneys in efforts to provide more constructive information. Once again, Judge Pemberton stressed the bench's appreciation for all the hard work and dedication of the attorneys that appear in Chesterfield JDR, but noted that we always strive to make the court process better.

Richmond Public Law Library serves as legal resource for community

Located on the first floor of the Richmond Public Library at 101 East Franklin Street, the public law library serves the legal research needs of the general public and the legal community. The collection includes state and federal reported opinions, statutes, administrative regulations, and resources such as form books, treatises, loose-leaf services, legal newspapers, and reference materials oriented towards both the practitioner and the self-represented. The law library also offers free Westlaw, Lexis, and legal research classes for the public.

Hours of operation are: Monday-Wednesday, 10am-7pm; Thursday-Friday, 10am-6pm; and Saturday, 10am-5pm.

For more information, visit their website, <http://rvalibrary.org/law-library/>.

Welcome new members

The Richmond Bar Association welcomes the following new members:

Jacob Early
Jacquelyn Heim
Dennis Lewandowski
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Announcements YLS: Report of Nominating Committee and Notice of May Annual Meeting

Pursuant to Section 5.01 of the By-Laws of the Young Lawyers Section of The Bar Association of the City of Richmond, notice is hereby given that, on Thursday, April 27, 2017, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., the Young Lawyers Section will convene its Spring Social and Annual Meeting at Southern Railway Taphouse, 100 South 14th Street, Richmond, VA. Complimentary drinks and appetizers will be provided.

Pursuant to Section 4.07 of the By-Laws of the Section, a Nominating Committee was appointed to nominate officers and Executive Committee members for election at the Section's Annual Meeting and nominated the following individuals for their respective positions:

Officers:

Jeremy S. Williams, Chair
Kyle R. Elliott, Secretary
Amanda E. DeBerry, Chair-Elect
John A. Merrick, Immed. Past Chair

Executive Committee Members:

Alexandria E. Cuff
David E. Gluckman
Ian Lambeets
Joel R. McClellan
Allison F. Rienecker
Lindsey A. Strachan

At the Section's Annual Meeting, the officers and Executive Committee members named above will be presented for election.

EELS Notice of Annual Meeting and Report of the Nominating Committee

On Wednesday, May 3, 2017, the Environmental & Energy Law Section will host a CLE seminar and breakfast in conjunction with its Annual Meeting at Troutman Sanders LLP. The program will feature a presentation on clean energy issues in the Trump Administration. It is anticipated that the program will be approved for MCLE credit. More details on the program will be sent to members soon.

The Nominating Committee of the Environmental & Energy Law Section has nominated the following individuals for election at the 2017 Annual Meeting:

Officers:

Chair: Russell F. Deppe (Dept. of Environmental Quality)
Chair-Elect: Matthew L. Gooch (Office of the Attorney General)
Secretary: Patrick J. Fanning (Troutman Sanders)

Executive Committee Members:

Shawn J. O'Brien (Hunton & Williams)
Gina M. Pisoni (Dominion Resources Services, Inc.)
Rebecca B. Randolph (Hanover County)
Jennifer Coleman (Dept. of Environmental Quality)
Paul Spaulding (Daniels, Williams, Tuck & Ritter)

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and section events

Announcements Bankruptcy Section to host luncheon/CLE seminar on May 23rd at the Hilton Hotel

The Bankruptcy Section will host a luncheon/CLE in conjunction with its Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 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 Hon. Keith L. Phillips on claims objection/allowance and will include a discussion of any new developments in bankruptcy law. 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/sections/bankruptcy/> or by 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 May 19; no refunds will be given after this date.

Real Estate Section Annual Meeting and Report of Nominating Committee

The Real Estate Section will host a CLE seminar followed by the Section's Annual Meeting and Dinner on Thursday, May 11, 2017 at the Country Club of Virginia. The program will feature a CLE presentation followed by a cocktail reception, dinner and the Section's Annual Meeting. Additional information will be sent to members shortly.

Officers:

Mark D. Miller, Chairman
Lisa K. Tully, Secretary
Sean D. Hicks, Chair Elect

Executive Committee Members:

Glenn E. Ayers
Kimberly A. Keith
Henry R. Pollard V
Scott Weber
Mark A. Fleckenstein
Joseph A. Perini
Faisal S. Qureshi

Corporate Counsel Section Annual Meeting May 17th

The Corporate Counsel Section will host its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at the Country Club of Virginia. Following the Section's Annual Meeting will be a presentation by Shawn Boyer, founder and CEO of DieHappy and founder and former CEO of Snagajob, and a cocktail reception. Additional information will be sent to members shortly.

YLS presents scholarships to U of R law students

Nikita Bhojani, Madeline Crocker and Emily Palombo law students at the University of Richmond School of Law, are the recipients of this year's Young Lawyers Section scholarships. They were selected from a pool of many qualified candidates. The students will be recognized for their accomplishments at the Bar's luncheon meeting on March 16th.



RBA Young Lawyers Section Dodgeball team



Members of the Young Lawyers Section recently finished up another great dodgeball season. They even made it to the play offs! Good job to all that participated.

RBA members -- Take advantage of the Association's CLE Discount Program and save money! Purchase 6 hours of credit for \$120 or a 12 hour block for \$220, and then register for any RBA seminars (excludes some Section-sponsored CLE and Bench-Bar Conference) conducted through October 31, 2017. Visit www.richmondbar.org and click on "Continuing Legal Education" or call 780-0700 for more details.

CALENDAR

April

- 4 Bench-Bar Conference Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 6 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton & Williams
- 17 Finance Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 18 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar Office
- 19 Annual Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Willow Oaks Country Club
- 19 Spring Cocktail Party, 6:00 p.m., Willow Oaks County Club
- 25 CLE Seminar: "Business Divorce," 4:00 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 26 CLE Seminar: "Accounting for Attorneys," 4:00 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 27 Young Lawyers Annual Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Southern Railway Taphouse

May

- 1 RBA Luncheon , 12:30 p.m., Omni Hotel
Speaker: Hon. Stephen R. McCullough, Supreme Court of VA
- 2 Bench-Bar Conference Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 3 Environmental Law Section Annual Meeting, time TBA, Troutman Sanders
- 4 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton & Williams
- 4 CLE Seminar: "2017 Legislative Update," 4:00 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 8 Pro Bono Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 9 CLE Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., 2nd Floor Conference Room
- 11 Real Estate Section Annual Meeting, time TBA, Country Club of Virginia
- 17 Corporate Counsel Section Annual Meeting, time TBA, Country Club of Virginia
- 23 Bankruptcy Section Luncheon/ Annual Meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hilton Hotel
- 29 Bar office closed for the holiday

June

- 5 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar Office
- 6 Bench-Bar Conference Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 8 Board of Directors meeting & Retreat, 12:30 p.m., Hunton & Williams

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