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Jeff Schapiro, *Richmond Times Dispatch* columnist, to address members at Bar's January luncheon

Richmond Times Dispatch columnist and political reporter Jeff E. Schapiro will be the featured speaker at the Richmond Bar's luncheon on Thursday, January 22, 2015. The luncheon will be held at the Omni Hotel beginning at 12:30 p.m. Reservations may be made by returning the enclosed form or by calling the Bar office at 780-0700. Additionally, you may make a reservation by visiting <http://www.richmondbar.org/events/luncheons/>. The deadline for reservations is 12:00 noon on Monday, January 19th. Cost to attend is \$29.00. **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 January luncheon: Hon. John A. Gibney, Jr., Hon. Beverly W. Snukals, Hon. James S. Yoffy, and Hon. Jayne A. Pemberton. At the time you make your reservation, please indicate if you would like to be seated at a judge's table.

As the political columnist for the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, Mr. Schapiro has covered campaigns and government for more than 30 years, a period during which Virginia has emerged as a decisive swing state prized by the national political parties.

Mr. Schapiro joined the *Times-Dispatch* in 1987 after reporting from the State Capitol for United Press International and Virginia Business magazine.

His column appears in the *Times-Dispatch* Wednesday and Sunday. It is carried by many other Berkshire Hathaway-published newspapers in Virginia. Schapiro's video column is posted Thursday to the *Times-Dispatch*'s website, *timesdispatch.com*.

Since 1991, Mr. Schapiro has been a correspondent for *The Economist*, the British



Jeff Schapiro

newsmagazine, writing on Southern politics and culture. He is an analyst for WCVE-FM, the Richmond public radio station.

A native of New York City, Schapiro graduated from Georgetown University with an A.B. in history. His wife, Clare, is a food columnist for the *Times-Dispatch*.

Judges are invited to attend the luncheon free of charge as guests of the Association. Judges who would like to be picked up at either the John Marshall Courts Building or the Supreme Court Building are asked to notify the Bar office by 1:00 p.m. on the day before the luncheon.

Please note that the Omni no longer controls the parking deck under the hotel and we are unable to provide any validation for parking.

John M. "Jack" Robb III to receive Bar's Pro Bono Award

John M. "Jack" Robb III, a partner at LeClairRyan, is the 2015 recipient of the John C. Kenny Pro Bono Award. The award is presented annually to an individual or law firm that demonstrates a dedication to furthering the delivery of pro bono legal services to the poor and underserved in the Richmond Metro area. The Association will convey the award to Mr. Robb on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at the RBA's monthly luncheon meeting at the Omni Hotel.

Mr. Robb joined LeClairRyan as a summer associate in 2005, becoming an associate in

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Administration of Justice Committee receives feedback from Federal judges

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 for the Eastern District of Virginia, Richmond Division. 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 Henry E. Hudson

Judge Hudson is impressed with the abilities of the attorneys who appear in his courtroom. He reminds attorneys who

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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 lmartin@richmondbar.org or mailed to Lee Martin, at P.O. Box 1213, Richmond, VA 23218.

James W.C. "Jamie" Canup has joined Hirschler Fleischer PC as a partner and will chair the firm's Tax Practice. His practice focuses on pass-through entities, such as LLCs and partnerships, real estate investment trust, corporate transactions and tax-exempt organizations. He also advises issuers and investment managers on qualified tuition programs and municipal fund securities.

Allen, Allen, Allen & Allen announces the addition of **Ryan E. Wind** to the firm's Mechanicsville office. He will practice in the area of personal injury law.

Clint A. Nichols has joined Christian & Barton, L.L.P. as an associate in the firm's labor and employment and litigation departments. He will assist clients with employment and personnel matters including implementation and adherence to state and federal laws governing the workplace, as well as contract and business tort disputes and general litigation issues.

Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC announces that **Karen S. Elliott** and **Annemarie DiNardo Cleary** have joined the firm as Members.

Ms. Elliott, a member of the firm's Labor and Employment group, assists employers in crafting reasonable business solutions for their human resource challenges. Additionally, her litigation practice focuses on defending employment law claims, non-competition claims, intellectual property disputes, as well as breach of commercial business contracts.

Ms. Cleary, also part of the Labor and Employment group as well as the Financial Services Litigation practice, concentrates on financial services litigation and labor and employment matters. In addition, she handles a broad range of commercial and civil litigation, including breach of contract, business torts, and complex, multi-party litigation.

Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti, LLP, a multi-disciplined business and commercial litigation law firm representing clients across the United States through their offices in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia, is pleased to announce the opening of the firm's sixth office in Richmond, Virginia.

Kenneth D. McArthur, Jr. will join Pietragallo to run the Richmond, Virginia office. He practices in the areas of Health Care, Complex Litigation (with a focus on antitrust litigation, multi-district litigation and class actions), Business/Corporate, and Federal and State Qui Tam Litigation.

Francis C. Oroszlan and **Thomas F. Hancock IV** have joined Hancock, Daniel, Johnson & Nagle, P.C.

Mr. Oroszlan is a member of the corporate health law practice group and focuses his practice on corporate and transactional matters including contract drafting and interpretation, corporate governance, mergers, acquisitions and reorganizations, as well as physician recruitment and employment agreements.

Mr. Hancock joins the medical malpractice defense team where he will represent health-care providers in defense of malpractice lawsuits.

Save the date! The Bar's popular Spring Cocktail Party is set for Wednesday, April 22nd from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Willow Oaks Country Club



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Edited by Lelia N. Martin

Luncheon Registration Form

Please reserve a place for me at the **Thursday, January 22, 2015** 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):

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- Check enclosed. (\$29.00 per person, 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 <http://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 Monday, January 19, 2015.

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 January 19th. 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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At the Bar's October luncheon, RBA President John K. Burke, Jr. presented the Association's Professionalism Award to Thomas G. Slater, Jr. Mr. Slater was nominated by numerous colleagues who praised his insistence upon civility and respect among lawyers.

Federal Judges offer comments to Bar Committee

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do not regularly appear in federal court, particularly in those attorneys involved in removal cases, to carefully review the Federal Rules and to consult or associate with an experienced federal practitioner to best serve their clients.

Judge Hudson notes that members of the Richmond Bar work well together and generally resolve discovery issues without the need to file discovery motions. In cases where assistance with discovery is needed, Judge Hudson refers those disputes to the Magistrate Judges. Judge Hudson believes that the Richmond Division's mediation program is successful and he encourages counsel to contact his chambers early in the case where mediation will be helpful. Upon request of the parties, Judge Hudson will refer the case to a Magistrate Judge for early mediation.

The United States District Court is making plans to accommodate access to the courthouse and clerk's office during the World Road Cycling Championships scheduled for September 2015. The Court's plan will be well publicized and will be available on the court's website.

Judge Hudson is pleased to see our Bar engage in open discussions and to exhibit decorum that facilitates resolution, serves clients well, and adds an element of dignity to the profession and the court system.

The Honorable John A. Gibney

Judge Gibney reports that the Richmond Bar is terrific and doing a good job. The quality of Richmond lawyers becomes obvious to Judge Gibney when out of town lawyers appear before the Court. He applauds our collegiality and reminds us to demand the same civility from out of town counsel when serving as local counsel.

receipt of a discovery motion, if able to understand the root of the problem, Judge Gibney often will enter orders immediately.

Although rare, Judge Gibney has presided over matters in which counsel appeared inexperienced and unprepared. He advises young lawyers to consult with lawyers who have federal trial experience. In discussing the vanishing opportunities for young lawyers to try cases, Judge Gibney encourages young lawyers to get their names on the court-appointed list so that they may gain that trial experience.

Judge Gibney notes he reads all briefs submitted by counsel and identifies the issues that trouble him and that he wants counsel to address prior to oral argument. Accordingly, he recommends counsel not be married to their oral argument script, but instead focus on and respond to questions posed from the bench.

Judge Gibney has presided over many civil and criminal trials. He has structured his pre-trial order so that in the week leading up to trial, counsel can focus on advocacy. Judge Gibney believes the Court's technology aids the trial process. By way of example, he has witnessed effective PowerPoint presentations in counsel's openings and closings and the use of technology to display exhibits while examining witnesses. Judge Gibney uses the Court's technology to display jury instructions as they are being read.

Judge Gibney invites lawyers to visit him in chambers. He is willing to provide feedback to counsel and welcomes feedback from those practicing before him. While he may have "the best job," Judge Gibney does appreciate hearing from the bar as to how he is performing.

Hon. Hannah M. Lauck

Judge Lauck reports a smooth transition from Magistrate to United States District Judge. She has finalized her pretrial order which incorporates the collaborative process that she required as a Magistrate for presenting discovery disputes to the court. Judge Lauck will not refer discovery disputes in her cases to the Magistrate judges. Instead, she will hear all discovery disputes and require that the parties file a joint statement to identify the issues in dispute.

Judge Lauck believes that judicial settlement conferences in the Richmond division are a vital part of the civil process and are a

true advantage to litigants involved in civil matters. A referral to a settlement conference is included in Judge Lauck's pretrial order. Judge Lauck finds that settlement discussions are most productive when local lawyers effectively prepare their clients. She recommends that counsel advise their clients about the strengths and the weaknesses of their claims and talk with their clients about the effort and expense of litigation before the settlement conference is held. She notes that the settlement conference process is helpful even where the case is not settled as part of the conference. The conferences assist to narrow issues, highlight areas of agreement and disagreement, and better frame the dispute.

She recommends that lawyers be thoughtful and concise with their written product and reminds that the Judges in the Richmond Division read all briefs. Judge Lauck encourages lawyers to write in plain English and to "take the hard stuff on" early in briefs.

Judge Lauck continues to be impressed by the caliber and professionalism of the lawyers practicing before her. She notes that the Richmond area has a bar that really cares about courtesy, civility, and the process. The Judges in the Richmond Division work hard to "pay it back" and treat counsel and litigants with courtesy and respect.

The Honorable David J. Novak

Judge Novak remains impressed by the outstanding professionalism and caliber of the members of the Richmond Bar practicing before him. He believes that this professionalism and collegiality make the Richmond Bar a special place.

One of Judge Novak's many responsibilities as a United States Magistrate Judge in the Richmond Division is to conduct settlement conferences. Judge Novak believes these provide a unique opportunity for him to interact with and get to know members of the Richmond Bar. Judge Novak is particularly struck by the quality and candor of the written product he receives prior to settlement conferences. He emphasizes that he strives to serve counsel and their clients in settlement conferences and asks counsel appearing before him to continue to provide reasoned and candid settlement memoranda and to prepare their clients for the conference.

Judge Novak takes a proactive approach

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to settlement conferences and focuses on the big picture of the issues within each case. Additionally, he does not hesitate to quickly take on the issue of settlement amount. In each settlement conference, he is amenable to proceeding in a manner best suited to the circumstances of that case. He will speak frankly with client representatives when asked to do so by counsel. His goal is work collaboratively with counsel to settle cases.

Judge Novak has worked with local bar members to create a scheduling order that he believes will facilitate efficiency and cooperation in those matters in which parties' consent to be heard by a magistrate judge. He encourages counsel to request a copy of his standard order. Judge Novak believes the consent cases allow him to provide additional support to the District Court by decreasing the size of their docket. Judge Novak's goal remains to support the Court and the Richmond Bar and welcomes comments and suggestions from counsel appearing before him.



On October 23rd The Greater Richmond Bar Foundation honored Samantha Otero of McCandlish Holton, PC with its 2014 Benjamin R. Lacy, IV Pro Bono Clearinghouse Volunteer Award. Ms. Otero was nominated for her work with St. Joseph's Villa, among other nonprofits, and for her dedicated service to the community. She has served as counsel to such non-profits as World Pediatric Project, the Legal Information Network for Cancer, Genesis House, Medical Home Plus, Fresh Beginnings, Virginia Public Access Project, Jamestown 4H Education Center, The Daily Planet, St. Joseph's Villa, Commonwealth Parenting, and the Children's Museum of Virginia. Pictured are (left to right) Samantha Otero with representatives from St. Joseph's Villa, Tonya Davis & Kathleen Barrett.



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Pro Bono Promise 2.0

by Ben Pace, Greater Richmond Bar Foundation, Programs Task Force Chair

The ideal of "justice for all" is so inherent in our American system of government that it is included in our Pledge of Allegiance. As attorneys, we are officers of the court and part of the judicial system that must provide justice for all. Our status as lawyers comes with many privileges. We are allowed to police ourselves through the state bar. We are empowered to make a very good living practicing law. As part of that bargain, however, attorneys share the responsibility of making sure all people have access to justice. If the public begins to view our system as one in which only those who can afford an attorney can obtain justice, the system will be changed, and the privileges we have grown to enjoy will be stripped away.

And the numbers are not good. If you have read any legal publications lately, you have probably seen the statistics. There is little doubt that private attorneys are not meeting their obligation to perform pro bono legal services for people of limited means. The "justice gap" is not a myth; rather, it is a hard reality for many of our citizens. The Virginia Supreme Court has recognized this issue and has sounded the alarm by establishing the Access to Justice Commission.

As the hub for pro bono service in Central Virginia, the Greater Richmond Bar Foundation is committed to encouraging and facilitating Virginia's lawyers in meeting their professional obligation to provide pro bono services. The Bar Foundation is committed to leading the private bar from the sidelines to the front lines in closing the justice gap. To that end, GRBF is proud to announce a new and improved Pro Bono Promise Project. The Pro Bono Promise emphasizes the five key elements to a successful pro bono program, essentially, a set of "best practices" for pro bono:

1. Clear Policies -- By entering into the Pro Bono Promise, a law firm, legal department or solo practitioner agrees to adopt clear written policies that all attorneys are expected to provide pro bono services. Those policies must include a procedure for opening pro bono files and recording pro bono time separately from other activities. This allows attorneys to report back to the community, through the Bar Foundation, about the efforts of the private bar to close the justice gap.



2. A Common Definition of Pro Bono -- Joining the Pro Bono Promise means adopting a definition of pro bono services as real legal work for real people of limited means, or for non-profits whose primary mission is to serve people of limited means. For years, lawyers have confused community service, bar activities and "free" legal work for people who could afford a lawyer as "pro bono." This misconception is a major cause of the current justice gap.

3. A Clear Goal -- The Pro Bono Promise asks for a commitment of 2% of an attorney

or firm's billable time to be dedicated to pro bono. For instance, an attorney billing 2,000 hours in a year should provide 40 hours of pro bono service. In addition, those who commit to the Pro Bono Promise will report their hours each year to the Bar Foundation confidentially, so the Bar Foundation can help assist law firms, corporate legal departments, and solo practitioners in meeting their ethical obligation to do pro bono. Moreover, without the ability to measure our progress, we cannot demonstrate the work we are doing to eliminate the justice gap.

4. Support of Legal Aid -- Those who commit to the Pro Bono Promise will also recognize the need to financially support our local legal aid organizations, who are on the front lines every day providing services to those in need.

5. Contact -- Finally, a commitment to the pro bono promise comes with a commitment to identify a point of contact, who will work with the Bar Foundation to report pro bono success, and to receive pro bono news and guidance. The Bar Foundation is here to help, but without communication, it just will not work.

The Greater Richmond Bar Foundation is asking all lawyers in Central Virginia to commit to the Pro Bono Promise. By implementing these best practices and aspirational goals, we can begin to shrink the justice gap in our community and meet our ethical obligation to provide pro bono services to those in need.

Please contact Ali Fannon at the Bar Foundation to obtain more details regarding the Pro Bono Promise (afannon@grbf.org or (804) 240-7822). The Bar Foundation's goal will be to sign up as many firms, attorneys, and corporate legal departments as possible to make sure that our system continues to provide justice for all.

Promote membership in the RBA and earn incentives during the 2014-2015 membership drive.

Total # of new members you recruit/your member reward (redeemed during the 2015-16 Bar year):

- 1-2** **1 free reservation to a 2015-16 luncheon**
- 3-4** **1 free reservation to the Spring Cocktail Party**
- 5-6** **1 free reservation to the Holiday Cocktail Party**
- 7-9** **2 free reservations to the Cocktail Party of your choice**
- 10+** **Your 2015-2016 dues are free!**

**To be eligible, you must
sign the new member's
application on the
"referred by" line.**

Pro se education pamphlets available

The latest version of the RBA's pro se education pamphlets, "Your Guide to Civil Litigation in General District Court" and "Your Guide to Landlord-Tenant Disputes," are now available. These pamphlets, which were produced by the Bar's Pro Bono Committee, are available in both English and Spanish and are designed to help a pro se litigant understand the basic rules and procedures of civil litigation in the General District Court.

The pamphlets are provided free of charge to court personnel, law enforcement officials, legal aid societies, libraries, and other not-for-profit organizations. They are also available on the RBA website at www.richmondbar.org under "Publications."

The Association appreciates WilliamsMullen for its generosity in providing the printing of the pamphlets.

Volunteers needed for RBA lawyer Mentoring Program

The Richmond Bar is looking for a few good men and women to serve as mentors. The Mentoring Program is designed to assist less experienced attorneys in acquiring the practical skills necessary to become effective members of the bar. The program matches Association volunteers who have practiced law a decade or longer with attorneys having less than seven years of experience. Mentors serve one-year terms during which they agree to have at least one face-to-face meeting with the participant with whom they are paired and to be available during regular business hours for brief telephone consultations. Mentors are called upon to offer advice on a variety of issues important to lawyers just starting their practice. The program gives newer attorneys an avenue for asking questions about the practical aspects of practicing law, such as law office management, malpractice insurance, local court customs and ethical obligations.

A Mentor Volunteer Application can be downloaded at http://www.richmondbar.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/mentor_application.pdf. You may also call the Bar office at 780-0700 to request an application.

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Legal Aid Justice Center Housing Law Program
Provides pro bono legal assistance with housing issues ranging from eviction notices to unlawful detainers

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Provides pro bono services to financially limited persons in the areas of family law, housing & real estate, and guardianships

Pro Bono Clearinghouse
A service of the Greater Richmond Bar Foundation that provides pro bono legal services to non-profit organizations

Legal Information Network for Cancer (LINC)
Information, counseling and referral for legal assistance with issues arising from the diagnosis and treatment of cancer

Richmond Domestic Violence Project
Represents victims of domestic violence in obtaining protective orders in Richmond J&DR Court

Harry L. Carrico Center for Pro Bono Services (UR Law)
Pro Bono services provided by law students and attorneys

No Fault Divorce Program
Pairs volunteer attorneys with law students who together represent clients seeking no-fault divorces

Central Virginia Legal Aid Society Emergency Lawyer Program Steve Dickenson 648-1012
Provides volunteer attorneys to assist CVLAS in emergency cases

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

Join us for the next program in the Association's

"Private Conversation Series"

Running & Faith : A Conversation about Attorney Wellness and The Race Before Us

Justice William C. Mims will interview Bruce Matson about his recent book *The Race Before Us: A Journey of Running and Faith* as he leads a conversation about the "dimensions of wellness" that every lawyer should seek as part of a balanced life. Audience participation in the discussion is encouraged. Mr. Matson's book will be available for signing at the event.

Wednesday, February 18, 2015

5:45 - 7:15 p.m.

McGuireWoods

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. Free parking is available.

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

The Association appreciates the generosity of McGuireWoods for hosting the event.

Jack Robb to receive Pro Bono Award

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2006. Now a partner, he is a member of the firm's Construction Industry, Banking Industry, and Community Associations Industry teams as well as its Business Litigation and Financial Services Litigation teams. In addition to handling a significant caseload, Mr. Robb has devoted hundreds of hours of pro bono work to the Legal Aid Justice Center, Richmond SPCA and the Legal Information Network for Cancer. Recognizing Mr. Robb's passion for pro bono service, he was tapped



John M. Robb III

to be the coordinator of pro bono programs in the firm's Richmond office. In addition to recruiting and organizing his colleagues to volunteer countless hours at Legal Aid, Jack regularly participates in training programs and housing law presentations for other attorneys outside of our firm to raise awareness and support for this critical program.

An attorney nominating Mr. Robb writes "Despite his increased leadership responsibilities as a partner in our business litigation group, Jack has devoted more than 300 hours a year of pro bono work over the past several years. His enthusiasm for pro bono work is an example to every attorney at our firm, and he has encouraged and inspired many others to carry on this critical commitment to pro bono service."

Nominations being accepted for Liberty Bell Award

The Committee on Awards and Honors is accepting nominations for the Liberty Bell Award. The 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.

Recipients include S. Buford Scott (2013), Thomas A. Silvestri (2011), the Hon. Susan Clark Schaar and the 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), and James E. Ukrop & Robert S. Ukrop (2001).

Nominations should be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. on February 13th to Vern Inge, Chair of the Committee on Awards & Honors, at vernern.inge@leclairryan.com or fax: 783-2294.

YLS members participate in Call 12



On November 19th, members of the Richmond Bar's Young Lawyers Section participated in a "no bills night" on Call 12, a public service offered by television station NBC12. Volunteers talked to and referred callers with legal questions. Pictured are Jonathan Moore, Amanda DeBerry, and Chris Bernhardt.

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Mark your calendar and make plans to attend these upcoming RBA luncheons:

Thursday, January 22, 2015
Jeff Schapiro
Richmond Times Dispatch columnist

Thursday, February 26, 2015
Ed McLaughlin
Director of Athletics at VCU

Thursday, March 26, 2015
Melody C. Barnes
Former Director of the Domestic Policy Council and assistant to the President

Friday, May 1, 2015
Hon. Donald W. Lemons
Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of VA

All luncheons are held at the Omni Hotel beginning at 12:30 p.m. Visit <http://www.richmondbar.org/events/luncheons/> to make a reservation.

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://www.richmondpubliclibrary.org/content.asp?contentID=28>.

Announcements

Next Bankruptcy Section luncheon/CLE program set for January 15th

The Bankruptcy Section will host its next luncheon/CLE seminar on Thursday, January 15, 2015 beginning at 12:30 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn, 501 E. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219. The program will feature a presentation by U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Frank J. Santoro entitled "Litigating in Bankruptcy Court: An Interactive Discussion of Effective Trial Techniques." It is anticipated that the program will be approved for 1.0 hour of MCLE credit. Cost to attend the luncheon is \$35. Register using a credit card by visiting <http://www.richmondbar.org/sections/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 January 12th; no refunds will be given after this date.

The Section appreciates the generosity of Keiter, sponsor of the event.

Litigation Section's Reception Honoring the Judiciary set for February 11th

The Litigation Section's annual Reception Honoring the Judiciary will take place on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Chez Foushee, 203 N. Foushee Street, Richmond, VA 23220 (corner of Grace and Foushee Streets). The event will features heavy hors d'oeuvres and an open bar. Cost to attend is \$50 for Section members and \$65 for non-Section members. Register using a credit card by visiting <http://www.richmondbar.org/sections/litigation/> or calling 780-0700. Payment by check can be made by returning the form on the flyer that will be mailed to all Section members. Reservations must be received by February 6th; no refunds will be given after this date.

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Young Lawyers Section to sponsor social at U of R Law School

Save the date! The RBA Young Lawyers Section will host a social open to University of Richmond and William & Mary law students and to members of the Young Lawyers Section on Wednesday, February 18, 2015. The event, which will provide an opportunity for law students to meet and speak with young lawyers in the Richmond area, will feature an open bar with beer and wine and very light hors d'oeuvres. Additional information about the location and time of the social will appear in the February newsletter.

Take advantage of the RBA's webpage and pictorial directory

Visit <http://www.richmondbar.org/> to check out the Bar's newly revamped webpage. The website has security features that allow members to register for luncheons, CLE seminars and Section events on-line and pay for them using Visa and Mastercard. Expanded information on membership, social events, publications, local court rules, and Sections and Committees is also included. In addition, members will have easier access to the new members-only pictorial directory where you can manage your own membership information and search for and contact other members.

If you have not already done so, please e-mail your formal headshot for the pictorial directory (color or black & white in .jpg or .tif format) to lmartin@richmondbar.org. Please be sure you include your full name to ensure we match the correct photo with your membership information.

Welcome new members

The Richmond Bar Association welcomes the following new members:

Katherine M. Coleman
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To be mindful that service is the key stone of the legal profession and to strive to make legal assistance available to all persons without regard to the ability to offer compensation.*

CALENDAR

January

- 1-2 Bar office closed for the holiday
- 5 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 8 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton & Williams
- 13 CLE Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., second floor conference room
- 15 Bankruptcy Section luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn
- 19 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 22 RBA Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Omni Hotel
Speaker: Jeff Schapiro, Richmond Times Dispatch political reporter and columnist

February

- 2 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 5 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton & Williams
- 11 Litigation Section Judges' Reception, 6:00 p.m., Chez Foushee
- 16 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 18 Private Conversation Series: "Faith & Running," 5:45 p.m., McGuireWoods
- 18 Young Lawyers Section Social, location and time TBA
- 25 Nominating Committee, 21:30 p.m., Bar office
- 26 RBA Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Omni Hotel
Speaker: Ed McLaughlin, Director of Athletics at VCU

March

- 2 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 5 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton & Williams
- 9 Pro Bono Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., second floor conference room
- 10 CLE Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., second floor conference room
- Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 26 RBA Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Omni Hotel
Speaker: Melody C. Barnes, assistant to President Obama and former Director of the Domestic Policy Council
- 30 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office

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