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A newsletter for members of The Bar Association of the City of Richmond

November 2014

November *Private Conversation Series* event features a state legislative forum with members of the local delegation

Make your reservation for the RBA's second "Private Conversation Series" event, a State Legislative Forum with Richmond's General Assembly Delegation. The program will be held on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at Williams Mullen and will include participation by Sen. Donald McEachin, Sen. Walter Stosch, Sen. John Watkins, Del. Manoli Loupassi, Del. James Massie, Del. Jennifer McClellan, Del. Chris Peace and Del. Lee Ware. Beer, wine, sodas and light hors d'oeuvres will be provided. Attendance is limited to the first 70 registrants on a first come, first served basis. Cost to attend is \$10. Visit <https://richmondbar.org/events/private-conversation-series/private-conversation-series-registration-form/> or call 780-0700 to make a reservation.

The Association appreciates the generosity of Williams Mullen for hosting the event.

Pro Bono Housing Law Training set for December 2nd

Join us for the Pro Bono Housing Law Training, co-sponsored by the Richmond Bar and the Legal Aid Justice Center, on December 2, 2014 from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m., at Williams Mullen, 200 South 10th Street, 16th Floor. The training will consist of lectures on landlord/tenant law, Virginia procedure in housing law, and federally subsidized housing law. It is anticipated that the program will be approved for 3.0 hours of MCLE credit. Pizza and soft drinks will be provided. Space is limited, so reserve your spot soon! Please RSVP to Ben Pace at wpace@williamsmullen.com or 804.420.6932.

Nominations sought for Young Lawyer of the Year Award

Nominations are being accepted for the Bar's Young Lawyer of the Year Award. Established in 2011, the Award is presented annually to a member of its Young Lawyers Section who has excelled in the practice of law to date and who has shown the potential to become a leader in the legal profession in one or more of the following ways:

- (1) By exceeding the expectations of clients and employers;
- (2) By providing service to the community outside the practice of law;
- (3) By changing and improving perceptions of the legal profession in the Greater Richmond community; and
- (4) By taking a non-traditional path to success in the practice of law.

Recent recipients are: John A. Merrick (2014), Melanie A. Friend (2013) and Kimberley A. Skiba (2012).

Nominations should be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. on December 12th to Vern Inge, Chair of the Committee on Awards & Honors, at vernon.inge@leclairryan.com or fax: 783-2294.



The Bar Association of the City of Richmond

cordially invites you to attend its

Holiday Cocktail Party

on Wednesday, December 17, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

at The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in the Marble Hall

Invitations will be mailed to members. Reservations may also be made online at <https://richmondbar.org/events/social-events/holiday-cocktail-party-registration/>

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Please note that there will not be a RBA luncheon in November due to renovations at the Omni Hotel. Luncheon programs will resume next year:

Thursday, January 22, 2015
speaker: Jeff Schapiro of the
Richmond Times Dispatch

Thursday, February 26, 2015
speaker: TBA

Visit <http://www.richmondbar.org/events/luncheons/> for more information.

Announcements

Litigation Section to hold CLE seminar/reception on November 6th

The Litigation Section will host a CLE program on Thursday, November 6, 2014 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. with a reception to follow at Hirschler Fleischer, P.C. (2100 East Cary Street, Richmond, VA 23223). The program, entitled "How Virginia's Attorney Disciplinary System Works," will be presented by Deputy Bar Counsel Kathryn R. Montgomery. It is anticipated that the seminar will be approved for 1.0 hour of ethics credit.

Cost to attend is \$15 for Section members and \$25 for non-members. Register with a credit card by visiting <https://richmondbar.org/sections/litigation/litigation-section-events-registration/> or by calling 780-0700. Payment can also be made by returning the form on the flyer that was sent to all Section members. Reservations must be received by November 3rd; no refunds will be issued after this date.

The Section appreciates Hirschler Fleischer's generosity in sponsoring this event.

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.

Troutman Sanders LLP announces that **Miranda Yost** has joined the Richmond office as Of Counsel in its Environmental practice. She has focused her practice on environmental and administrative law issues, with emphasis on regulatory counseling, enforcement defense, litigation and permitting matters under the Clean Water Act, RCRA, Clean Air Act and CERCLA.

New Local Rule facilitates pro bono Chapter 7 bankruptcy representation

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia has adopted Local Rule 2090-1(M) Paragraph (M) which becomes effective October 13, 2014. Local Rule 2090-1(M) provides a safe harbor for lawyers and law firms to provide that they will not become a "debt relief agency" if they represent a bankrupt debtor on a pro bono basis. The Comments to this new Local Rule state, inter alia, that "This new rule provision seeks to encourage the participation of all lawyers in bar sponsored pro bono programs."

Welcome new members

The Richmond Bar Association welcomes the following new members:

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Magistrate Timothy M. Davidson	Richard C. Devor Jr.
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Edited by Lelia N. Martin

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To remember that aggressive and zealous representation does not
require abusive, belligerent and bellicose behavior.*

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31st Annual Red Mass and Dinner

The Most Reverend Francis X. Di Lorenzo
Bishop of Richmond and
The Saint Thomas More Society of Richmond

Invite you to join us as we petition our Lord for guidance and pray for the Blessings of the Holy Spirit on the Judiciary, legal practitioners and law students.

Friday, November 7, 2014
Saint Benedict Parish
300 North Sheppard Street, Richmond
5:30 p.m. The Liturgy of the Eucharist
7:00 p.m. Dinner, Halsey Hall at the Virginia Historical Society
(across the street from the church — \$50 per person)
Red Mass Celebrant
Reverend Monsignor R. Francis Muench, J.C.L., Judicial Vicar, Diocese of Richmond

Dinner Speakers:
Mark Rienzi
Senior Counsel at The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty
representing the Little Sisters of the Poor
And
Sister Loraine Marie Maguire
Superior Provincial of the Little Sisters of the Poor



Members of the judiciary, members of the Diocesan Tribunal, and Law professors are invited to participate, robed, in the procession.

The Red Mass and Dinner are proudly sponsored by Bon Secours Richmond Health System

For further details and to attend, please contact
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The Saint Thomas More Society
804-873-1035 or
via email: jeschliessmaruv@hotmail.com

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CALENDAR

November

- 3 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 3 Judicial interviews, 1:00 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 6 Litigation Section CLE seminar/reception, 5:00 p.m., Hirschler
Fleischer
- 7 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton & Williams,
20th floor
- 10 Pro Bono Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., 2nd floor
conference room
- 12 Private Conversation Series: "State Legislative Forum," 5:30
p.m., Williams Mullen
- 17 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 26 Bar office closed ½ day for holiday
- 27-28 Bar office closed for the holiday

December

- 1 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 4 Bankruptcy Section Holiday Party, 6:00 p.m., Sands Anderson
- 5 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton & Williams,
20th floor
- 17 Holiday Cocktail Party, 6:00 p.m., Virginia Museum of Fine
Arts
- 15 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 26 Bar office closed for the holiday

January

- 5 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 8 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton & Williams
- 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

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