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## Justice S. Bernard Goodwyn of the Supreme Court of Virginia to speak at Bar's Law Day luncheon

Justice S. Bernard Goodwyn of the Supreme Court of Virginia will be the featured speaker at the Richmond Bar's luncheon on Thursday, May 1, 2014. 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 <http://www.richmondbar.org/events/luncheons/>. The deadline for reservations is 12:00 noon on Monday, April 28th. Cost to attend is \$28.00. **If you require a vegetarian meal or have a dietary restriction, please inform us at the time you make the reservation.**



Justice S. Bernard Goodwyn

The following members of the judiciary will be hosting Judges' Tables at the Law Day luncheon: **Hon. Robert E. Payne, Hon. C.N. Jenkins, Jr., Hon. Steven C. McCallum, and Hon. J. Stephen Buis.** At

the time you make your reservation, please indicate if you would like to be seated at *continued on page 9*

## Report of the Nominating Committee and Notice of Annual Meeting

Craig T. Merritt, 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 23, 2014:

- President-Elect: J. Tracy Walker IV
- Vice President: Vernon E. Inge, Jr.
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John K. Burke, Jr., 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 23, 2014 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.

Anne G. Scher, President

Vernon E. Inge, Jr., Secretary-Treasurer

## Chesterfield and Hanover Judges judges provide feedback

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 Judges of Chesterfield and Hanover counties. 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 Frederick G. Rockwell, Chief Judge of the Chesterfield Circuit Court

Judge Rockwell expressed his appreciation for the collegiality and professionalism of the bar. He stressed that the court knows it is here to do public service, and the judges of this court are committed to providing the best service to the public that they can.

The court now has a Director of Judicial Operations, J. T. Blau, who helps accomplish that goal. Any bar concerns or questions about procedures can be brought to Mr. Blau at any time. The County has provided a staff of 7 people to assist with judicial operations, and they are handling many administrative matters that used to be handled in the Clerk's Office. Judge Rockwell praised the staff as *continued on page 4*

Make plans to attend the Bar's Spring Cocktail Party on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at Willow Oaks Country Club See page 10 for details

## 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](mailto:lmartin@richmondbar.org) or mailed to Lee Martin, at P.O. Box 1213, Richmond, VA 23218.

**Megan Martz Gilliland** has been elected a partner of Christian & Barton, L.L.P. A past chair of the RBA's Business Law Section, she concentrates her practice on public finance, local government, general corporate and tax-related matters.

Williams Mullen is pleased to announce that **J.P. McGuire Boyd, Jr.** has been elected a Partner of the firm, effective Feb. 1. He concentrates his practice on defending banks, mortgage lenders, servicers, and debt collectors against a wide variety of federal and state law claims and has assisted with numerous disputes over commercial loans, and mortgage lending, responding to complaints from borrowers.

**Antoinette Morgan Walker** is now a Partner with Morris & Morris. Her litigation practice focuses on the areas of civil rights, commercial disputes and retail liability.

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Edited by Lelia N. Martin

## Law Day Luncheon Registration Form

Please reserve a place for me at the **Thursday, May 1, 2014** luncheon which will be held at the Omni Richmond Hotel at 12:30 p.m.

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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, April 28, 2014.

**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 28th. 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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# Bar's Administration of Justice Committee meets with

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“wonderful folks, working hard, and getting the job done successfully.”

A significant change in the Circuit Court is that Judge Gill has retired and Judge Burgess will retire at the end of June. The court expects to be able to continue handling its docket promptly through the use of retired judges as vacancies are being filled. In fact, it is anticipated that Judge Gill will be substituting regularly in Colonial Heights. The court is expecting to have two new Circuit Court Judges this year.

With regard to the court's docket system, lawyers need to be aware that if a civil case has not been set for trial and goes through two docket calls without the lawyer appearing, a trial date will automatically be set by the court. The clerk's office no longer sends notices about the docket calls, so it is important for the lawyers to be aware of the procedure and not to expect to receive a notice. Judge Rockwell stressed the benefits of the lawyers taking the initiative to set cases on their own rather than waiting for the docket calls, simply by calling the judges' secretary. Even in criminal cases, a defense lawyer can go to the Commonwealth Attorney's office and work out a time for the trial.

If a case settles, the court would like to know ahead of time that there is going to be extra time available, and attorneys are encouraged to let the judge's chambers know at the earliest possible time when reserved time will not be needed.

Lawyers are encouraged to reserve the appropriate amount of time needed for a hearing on a particular matter. If additional motions are added or more time is needed, additional time needs to be reserved. Where limited time has been reserved, the court may have to hear the first matter noticed, or as much of it as it can, and continue the other matters to a later date or time due to insufficiency of reserved time.

If an attorney is going to be late for a hearing, it is important to call the judge's chambers and let the court know.

When motions or briefs are filed in the clerk's office shortly before trial, it is a good practice to send a copy directly to the judge's chambers as well so that the judge has the opportunity to review it in advance of the hearing because it naturally takes time for papers to move from the clerk's office to the judge's chambers.

Security is a critical issue for the Sheriff.

Attorneys who regularly come into the courthouse and don't want to have to go through the regular screening process each time can obtain an attorney picture ID card through the sheriff's office to display on each visit to the courthouse. Judge Rockwell will inquire of the new sheriff whether there is any way to streamline the process for attorneys to obtain the ID card, as the attorneys report that it is a good but somewhat time consuming process.

Judge Rockwell concluded with his appreciation of the way the judges themselves work together at the court and commended the relationship of the bench and the bar.

## The Honorable Pamela O'Berry, Chief Judge of the Chesterfield General District Court

Judge O'Berry urged lawyers in all cases to notify the court as early as possible when a case has been resolved, and she emphasized this particularly for civil contested cases that settle prior to trial. Informing the court early allows the scheduling of another matter in that slot, but even when “as early as possible” means a week before the trial, a day before or even an hour before, it allows the judges to manage their calendars more efficiently.

Plus, a judge should not have to wait at the courthouse on a Friday afternoon for trial of a case that the parties settled earlier, only because the parties failed to notify the court. And yes, Chesterfield is hearing civil cases on Friday afternoons. Because the Court is feeling the brunt of the impact of the jurisdictional increase to \$25,000, it has resorted to regular Friday afternoon civil dockets, with one judge hearing small claims cases and one judge hearing civil trials—primarily motor-vehicle-accident personal-injury cases.

Parties in civil cases should expect that when pleadings are ordered, a 21/21 schedule is likely to be ordered, absent good cause for a different schedule. Judge O'Berry also observed that it is the rare car accident case that will take more than an hour to try.

In criminal and traffic cases, the court aims to reduce unnecessary continuances. A case will be continued for good cause, but lawyers should not assume that a continuance will be granted simply because it is only the first calling of the case. In other words, the first calling of the case is not good cause for a continuance. And in cases continued for restitution, lawyers need to be realistic in their expectations when setting the initial continuance date. Cases will not be continued again and again simply to monitor restitution.

Shifting gears, Judge O'Berry also offered a suggestion for lawyers interested in being added to the court's list of approved court-appointed attorneys. In Chesterfield, which has no public defender's office, competition is high to be added to the court-appointed list. Applicants have a better chance if they actively practice in the courthouse. Lawyers newer to practice or to the area should consider having a colleague introduce them, for instance, at the end of a docket. Of course, it also helps if lawyers have prior criminal practice experience, whether through internships with commonwealth's attorneys or public defenders, or practice in other courts. The bottom line is that a lawyer is unlikely to be added to the list based only on a cold call or letter.

## The Honorable D. Gregory Carr, Chief Judge of the Chesterfield Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court

Chief Judge Carr is in his second year as Chief Judge of the Chesterfield Juvenile & Domestic Relations (J&DR) Court. He reported that there is a steady stream of business through this Court.

Judge Carr was very complementary of the caliber of lawyers who practice before the Chesterfield J&DR Court. He said that in general the lawyers are well prepared, represent their clients effectively and are respectful of the process. He also said that the vast majority of the lawyers who practice routinely in this Court understand the areas of law and are very good at what they do. He noted that the practitioners are very collegial.

One concern that Judge Carr voiced is that he stills sees some lawyers meeting with their clients for the first time on the day of the court appearance. He said that one of the primary roles of an attorney who is representing a child is to demystify the process and to help the child understand the roles that each person plays in the process before the child ever steps into the court. He encouraged attorneys to meet not only with the child but to establish a rapport with the parents.

Judge Carr also encouraged lawyers to be proactive and to come to court with a recommended workable plan rather than saying they are leaving it all in the judge's hands. He noted, in particular, that a lawyer who represents a child has spent more time with the child than the judge and has valuable insight about the child. He also stated that the Commonwealth Attorney's office is extremely reasonable.

# Chesterfield and Hanover County Court Judges

Judge Carr reported that the Court has initiated a guardian ad litem (GAL) round table. The purpose of the round table is to share ideas, discuss changes in the law, educate those who are new GALs and fundamentally to improve the service given by GALs. GALs are a critical component to many of the cases that come before this Court, and the Court has a large pool of GALs who function at a high level.

Judge Carr also stated that Chesterfield J&DR Court has implemented a process of assigning court-appointed attorneys so that there is an opportunity for those who are new to the process to observe and be mentored by more experienced practitioners. When assigning a case to a new court-appointed attorney, the appearances for those attorneys are scheduled at a time that provides them the opportunity to observe experienced attorneys. The Court informally has asked experienced attorneys to make observations and provide mentoring to new attorneys and has asked those new attorneys to reach out to more experienced attorneys for guidance. This process has been in place for about a year and a half.

Judge Carr also noted that the Court recently paired down both its court-appointed list and its GAL list to narrow the lists to more experienced practitioners. The Court invited those removed from the lists to resubmit their names after they have gained more training and education.

Judge Carr highly commended Wendy Hughes, the Court Clerk, and her pre-court and post-court clerk staff. He said that Chesterfield J&DR's clerk's office staff were outstanding and operated at a very high level of service. He described them as public servants in the truest and best sense. Judge Carr also had high praise for Chesterfield Sheriff's department, who strikes a laudable balance between security and making the public appreciate that the Court belongs to them.

## The Honorable Hugh S. Campbell, Chief Judge of the Hanover General District Court

Judge Campbell has been serving the Hanover General District Court as its sole full-time Judge since his term began in July of 2013. He describes the bar that practices regularly in his Court as skilled and operating with a high degree of civility. He describes his greatest challenge as managing the ever expanding docket in Hanover with fixed docket space.

Asked to relate his perception of the external factors that help promote his docket's

efficiency based on his experience, he stresses the importance of young attorneys and new practitioners using their early years to engage in vigorous litigation in civil and/or criminal matters to promote “judicial economy” in the long term for all.

He advises that his Court and in his opinion the system in general relies heavily on the evolution and development of the young practitioner to ensure economy. This is achieved as each lawyer expands his or her trial and negotiation skill sets. He often advises those who seek his counsel regarding their practice habits to not be afraid to try difficult and lengthy cases to full resolution. Those experiences or “bloody noses” will serve as invaluable teaching lessons and likely win the respect of their clients, opposing counsel, and the Commonwealth Attorneys with whom they work. In the long term, this experience may help resolve legal disputes, whether criminal or civil, without the need to proceed to lengthy trials in every case.

Judge Campbell firmly believes, based on his years as a defense attorney and now as a Judge, that clients will expect their “new” attorney to work hard, and if they do, that they will more likely tolerate legal mistakes relative to their legal growth. What they will not tolerate is the more seasoned attorney not fully understanding the nuances of the law or local practice policies they should or would more fully comprehend had they tried a few more cases during those early years. This lack of practical trial experience may adversely impact both the attorney and the court system in general.

According to Judge Campbell, one external key to managing a bifurcated docket in a County like Hanover is found in the generational development of a local bar comprised of both new attorneys honing their craft and more experienced counsel who quickly recognize and resolve the essential issues of a case. If successful, in the long term, therein lies “judicial economy”.

## The Honorable Shannon O. Hoehl, Chief Judge of the Hanover Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court

Judge Hoehl is in her third year as the presiding Judge of the Hanover County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court and reports that she loves what she does. On certain days, the work is emotionally draining, but she says that it feels good to know that she is making a difference in the lives of the parties who appear before her. She notes

that there are a lot of good and conscientious attorneys that practice in her court and has no admonishments or complaints about counsel. She notes that the young attorneys coming into her court are very impressive, as they are typically well prepared for their cases. In some instances, young attorneys come in and ask to sit in court and observe, and she is happy to oblige these requests.

Judge Hoehl feels that it is very important that she be consistent in both her rulings and in her court's procedures, as this helps all members of the Bar and her clerks know what she expects and what she will tell counsel in response to requests to the court. She feels that there is an advantage to being the only Juvenile and Domestic Relations Judge in the court, as the policies and procedures are consistent. For example, if a matter has settled and counsel intends to present a consent order, she requires that it be signed either before or on the day of the case; otherwise, the time allotted for the case will be used to hear the matter. If she were to allow the consent order to be signed later, the court has lost the docket time and frequently the agreement evaporates without a court date looming on the horizon. The court will prepare the order for the parties on occasion.

This court requires that specific time be allotted for each case, and that amount is typically determined based on representations of counsel. The court strictly and consistently limits the case to the amount of time allotted. This docket control allows this court to get people in front of the Judge for preliminary hearings, which are usually limited to seven minute slots, within thirty days and typically within sixty to ninety days for contested matters.

Because of the significant number of pro se parties, Judge Hoehl can get a feel for whether the matter is truly contested and will need to be tried, or whether the parties may achieve resolution through mediation. In those cases, she can refer the parties directly to mediation.

The court has more guardian ad litem participants than it did a year ago, but it could use more court-appointed counsel for criminal cases.

Judge Hoehl strongly advises all counsel to talk to their witnesses prior to putting them on the witness stand so that they do not need to use part of their allotted hearing time to try to evoke the testimony that they are seeking to get into the record and so that they are not surprised by what the witness has to say. She seldom sees this occurring with the younger attorneys.

## Continuing Legal Education courses

### Voir Dire: Strategies and Techniques for Selecting a Jury

Choosing the individuals who will decide your client's fate is arguably the most critical part of every trial. This presentation will touch on tactics and techniques that can help influence trial outcome by improving the quality of juror selection. Two experienced trial attorneys, Stephanie E. Grana of Cantor Stoneburner Ford Grana & Buckner and Edward J. McNelis, III of Rawls, McNelis & Mitchell, will discuss methods for successful jury selection from the vantage point of both plaintiff and defense. Hon. John A. Gibney, Jr., United States District Judge, Eastern District of Virginia, will also be on hand to provide perspective from the bench and will give special insights into Federal voir dire.

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 9, 2014  
**TIME:** 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** 2nd Floor Conference Room, 707 E. Main Street  
**COST:** \$50 for members (\$60 after April 2)  
\$65 for non-members (\$75 after April 2)

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### Not a Minor Matter: Issues Regarding Juveniles in J&DR Courts

Whether you are representing a juvenile or representing a parent in a divorce that involves children, there are many issues that you need to consider to get the best result possible for your client. Three important topics will be discussed in this presentation: (i) education law issues and how they impact your case, (ii) a juvenile's mental health issues and how to present such evidence in delinquency, CHINS and custody/visitation cases, and (iii) how the Guardian Ad Litem can help or hurt your case. Judge Carr of Chesterfield, Judge Johnson of Henrico and Judge Roberts of Richmond J&DR Courts will discuss their thoughts and experiences on these topics. This will be a very interactive CLE with these Judges. Therefore, please bring stories of your experience with these topics and your questions for the Judges panel.

**DATE:** Wednesday, April 10, 2014  
**TIME:** 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** 2nd Floor Conference Room, 707 E. Main Street  
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### Straight from the Bench: A Panel Discussion with Our Federal Judiciary

This seminar represents a unique opportunity to listen to and interact with the judges of the Richmond Division's Federal District and Magistrate Courts. The presentation will concentrate on federal court practice in the "Rocket Docket" of the Eastern District of Virginia and will be followed by a social hour in which attendees can network, while continuing to discuss practice pointers with the panel members.

**DATE:** Tuesday, April 29, 2014  
**TIME:** 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. with a reception (beer/wine and hors d'oeuvres) to follow  
**LOCATION:** Spottswood W. Robinson III and Robert R. Merhige, Jr. Federal Courthouse, 701 East Broad St.  
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## Continuing Legal Education courses

### Have The FLSA Auditors or OSHA Inspectors Knocked On Your Client's Door Lately? Be Sure You Know What to Do When They Do

Join Betsy Davis of Spotts Fain and Courtney Malveaux of ThompsonMcMullan as they walk you through how to counsel, advise and represent clients when the U.S. Department of Labor comes knocking about your client's wage and hour practices or the Occupational Safety and Health Administration or state counterpart inspects your client. This seminar will focus on audits and retaliation claims related to both federal laws, including common FLSA overtime errors, misclassification of employees and the danger of improperly classifying workers as independent contractors, as well as OSHA inspections, citations, settlement and litigation. It will also cover how to avoid retaliation claims that might arise from employee complaints that trigger these audits. Sign up to gain valuable insight so you can advise your clients when they answer the knock at the door.

**DATE:** Tuesday, May 8, 2014  
**TIME:** 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** 2nd Floor Conference Room, 707 E. Main Street  
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### 2014 Legislative Update

Once again, Meade A. Spotts of Spotts Fain PC has assembled and will moderate a panel covering the legislation enacted or amended by the General Assembly during the 2014 legislative session. The panel of Senator Ryan McDougle, Senator Donald McEachin, Delegate Jennifer McClellan, Delegate Chris Peace, and Delegate Manoli Loupassi will cover hot topics on business, real estate, commerce and labor legislation.

**DATE:** Wednesday, May 14, 2014  
**TIME:** 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
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Date	Seminar Title	CLE Hours	Members (Registration/Late Registration)	Non-Members	
April 9	Voir Dire	2.0	\$50/\$60	\$65/\$75	\$ _____
April 10	Juveniles in J&DR Courts	2.0	\$50/\$60	\$65/\$75	\$ _____
April 29	Discussion with the Federal Judiciary	2.0	\$80/\$90	\$90/\$100	\$ _____
May 8	FLSA/OSHA	2.0	\$50/\$60	\$65/\$75	\$ _____
May 14	2014 Legislative Update	2.0	\$50/\$60	\$65/\$75	\$ _____
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# Justice Goodwyn to speak at Law Day luncheon

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a judge's table.

The Honorable S. Bernard Goodwyn became a Justice on the Supreme Court of Virginia in October 2007. Before joining the Supreme Court, he served as a state trial court judge for 12 years, during which he presided over a wide variety of civil and criminal cases in one of the busiest jurisdictions in Virginia. Prior to going on the bench, he was a litigation partner at Willcox & Savage, a Norfolk, Virginia law firm where his practice concentrated on commercial, personal injury defense, and Section 1983 litigation. He was appointed to the full-time faculty of the University of Virginia School of Law for the 1994-95 academic year as a Research Associate Professor of Law. He is a graduate of Harvard University and the University of Virginia School of Law.

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.**



*The Honorable Dennis W. Dohnal received the Bar's 2014 Professionalism Award at the Association's luncheon on February 20th. Judge Dohnal was nominated for the award by multiple individuals all of whom praised his civility, enthusiasm and commitment to the high ideals of the Principles of Professionalism. Judge Dohnal is pictured here with RBA President Anne G. Scher.*

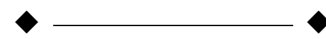
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### Save the date!

The twenty-third annual Bench-Bar Conference will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2014 at the Omni Hotel. Breakout sessions in civil, criminal and domestic relations law will be featured.



## Spring Cocktail Party

Wednesday, April 23, 2014

at Willow Oaks Country Club

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Cost to attend is \$45 per RBA member

First non-member guest - \$45

additional non-member guests - \$60

Includes an open bar and heavy hors d'oeuvres

Attire is business casual

Invitations have been mailed



### Principle of Professionalism #2

To know and appreciate the disciplinary rules and ethical dictates of the legal profession, to demand steadfast adherence to the Code of Professional Responsibility and to portray a respectable image of the profession when communicating to the public the availability of legal services.

## Young Lawyers Section hosts networking event for law students

On February 20th, the Young Lawyers Section hosted a Winter Social in the atrium at the University of Richmond School of Law. Approximately 80 law students and Young Lawyers Section members attended the event, which provided a means for the students to ask questions and learn more about law practice in the Metro area.



## YLS presents scholarships to U of R law students

Kathryn Bradt, Timothy Patterson and Sarah Bennett, law students at the University of Richmond School of Law, are the recipients of the 2014 Young Lawyers Section scholarships. They were selected from a pool of many qualified candidates and received \$3,300 each. The students will be recognized for their accomplishments at the Bar's luncheon meeting on March 20th.

## Announcements

### Business Law Section Report of the Nominating Committee and Notice of Annual Meeting

The Nominating Committee of the Business Law Section has nominated the following individuals for election at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Section:

#### Officers:

Lisa J. Hedrick - Chairman  
David R. Ruby - Chairman-Elect  
John C. Selbach - Secretary

#### Executive Committee:

John W. Anderson	Catherine C. Ayres
Gregory R. Bishop	Beverley L. Crump
Sean P. Ducharme	Thomas C. Ebel
Megan Martz Gilliland	Elizabeth L. Linkenauger
Jerrell E. Williams	

The 2014 Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at Pasture (416 E. Grace Street). The meeting will feature cocktails at 5:30 p.m., followed by a seated dinner at 6:30 p.m. Additional information with a reservation form will be forwarded to Section members shortly.

The Section thanks Capital One, Financial Press and Harris, Hardy & Johnstone, P.C. for their sponsorship of the event.

### 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, May 21, 2014, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., the Young Lawyers Section will convene its Annual Meeting at The Tobacco Company (1201 E. Cary Street). Hors d'oeuvres and a selection of drinks 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:

Jonathan L. Moore, Chair	John A. Merrick, Chair-Elect
Antoinette N. Morgan, Secretary	Lauren M. Wheeling, Immed. Past Chair

#### Executive Committee Members:

Lester C. Brock II	Amanda E. DeBerry
Kyle R. Elliot	David E. Gluckman
Lindsay Strahan	Jeremy S. Williams

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

Reservations for all RBA Section events may be made online using a credit card:

<https://richmondbar.org/sections/section-events-registration/>

## Real Estate Section to hold dinner at Buckhead's on April 3rd

The Real Estate Section will host a dinner at Buckhead's Restaurant & Chop House, 8510 Patterson Avenue, Richmond, VA 23229 on Thursday, April 3, 2014. Cocktails will be served at 6:00 p.m. with dinner to follow at 6:30 p.m. The event is open to Section members, their guests, spouses and significant others. Cost to attend is \$60 per person. Register with a credit card by visiting the Bar's website (see link at the bottom of this page) 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 March 31st; no refunds will be issued after this date.

The Section thanks Kaufman & Canoles, P.C., Safe Harbor Title Company and First Capital Bank for their sponsorship of the event.

## Try the Bar's online Pictorial Directory

The Bar's online Pictorial Directory celebrates its first year in operation. Log on to the Bar's on-line Pictorial Directory. The Directory to search for members' contact information, undergraduate and law school affiliations and areas of practice listings, as well as photos if they were previously provided. In addition, you can manage your own membership information.

To access the Directory visit <http://www.richmondbar.org/>, click on the Membership tab and scroll down to Membership Directory. When the login page appears, type in your Virginia State Bar number as your username and the default password, RBA2012 (password is case sensitive). You will have the opportunity to change the password from your personal page. If you do not have a VSB number, contact the Bar office at 780-0700 for special instructions.

Please call the Bar office if you have problems or questions.

# CALENDAR

## April

- 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
- 3 Real Estate Section Dinner, 6:00 p.m., Buckhead's Restaurant
- 9 CLE seminar: "Voir Dire: Strategies and Techniques for Selecting a Jury," 4:00 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 10 CLE seminar: "Not a Minor Matter: Issues Regarding Juveniles in J&DR Courts," 4:00 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 14 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 23 Annual Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Willow Oaks Country Club
- 23 Spring Cocktail Party, 6:00 p.m., Willow Oaks Country Club
- 25 Finance Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 28 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 29 CLE seminar "Straight from the Bench: A Panel Discussion with Our Federal Judiciary," 3:00 p.m., Federal Courthouse

## May

- 1 RBA Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Omni Hotel  
Speaker: Justice S. Bernard Goodwyn, Supreme Court of Virginia
- 2 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton & Williams
- 6 Bench-Bar Conference Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 6 Real Estate Section/Environmental & Energy Law Section joint Annual Meeting, time TBA, CCV
- 8 CLE seminar: "Have the FLAS Auditors or OSHA Inspectors Knocked on Your Cleint's Door Lately?," 4:00 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 8 Business Law Section Annual Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Pasture
- 12 Executive Committee meeting, 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
- 14 CLE seminar: "2014 Legislative Update," 4:00 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 27 Bar office closed for the holiday

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