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Chief Justice Donald W. Lemons of the Virginia Supreme Court to speak at Bar's May 1 Law Day Luncheon

The Honorable Donald W. Lemons, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia, will be the featured speaker at the Richmond Bar's luncheon on Friday, May 1, 2015. 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 Tuesday, April 28th. 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 Law Day luncheon: **Hon. Robert E. Payne, Hon. Henry E. Hudson, Hon. Kevin R.**
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Hon. Donald W. Lemons

Report of the Nominating Committee and Notice of Annual Meeting

Anne G. Scher, 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 22, 2015:

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| President-Elect: | Vernon E. Inge, Jr. |
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J. Tracy Walker IV, 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 22, 2015 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.

John K. Burke, Jr., President Douglas D. Callaway, Secretary-Treasurer

RBA Commitee receives comments from Chesterfield 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 Chesterfield County. 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.

Hon. Steven C. McCallum, Chesterfield County Circuit Court

Judge McCallum appreciates the collegiality and professionalism of the bar. There have been significant changes in the court this year. For the first time in history, the Chesterfield Circuit Court has six full time sitting judges. The timing of the appointment of new judges has become difficult to predict. For example, the appointment of the three new judges for Chesterfield Circuit Court was made effective December 1, 2014. The new judges are Judge Edward A. Robbins, Jr., Judge Lynn S. Brice, and Judge David E. Johnson.

The Chesterfield courthouse has only five Circuit Court judge's chambers and courtrooms, making the expansion to six judges
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Make plans to
attend the Bar's Spring
Cocktail Party
on Wednesday, April 22, 2015
at Willow Oaks Country Club
See page 3 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 or mailed to Lee Martin, at P.O. Box 1213, Richmond, VA 23218.

Goodman Allen & Filetti has promoted **Jessica Mast Flage** to Principal. She concentrates her practice in the areas of medical malpractice defense litigation, healthcare and product liability defense.

MeyerGoergen PC announces the addition of three attorneys:

Christopher J. Habenicht focuses his practice in the areas of business litigation, insurance litigation, real estate disputes, family law, and estate litigation including guardianship/conservatorship cases and will contests;

Charles J. Homiller, Jr. will concentrate his practice in areas of traffic, DUI and criminal defense; and

Shane Frick assists with matters related to business, real estate, and litigation.

The Honorable Walter S. Felton, Jr. (Ret.) has joined The McCammon Group where he will serve the mediation, arbitration and judge pro tempore needs of lawyers and litigants throughout the Commonwealth and beyond.



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Edited by Lelia N. Martin

Law Day Luncheon Registration Form

Please reserve a place for me at the **Friday, May 1, 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):

- Firm billing. Firm: _____
- 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 Tuesday, April 28, 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 April 28th. Reservations made by credit card payment are subject to a 5% service fee if cancelled by the appropriate cut-off date.

Clarence Dunnville was scheduled to receive the Association's Hill-Tucker Public Service Award at the Bar's February luncheon, which was cancelled due to inclement weather. Instead, he will be honored at our Law Day Luncheon on May 1st. Make plans to attend and celebrate Mr. Dunnville's accomplishments and dedication to civil rights and pro bono service.



Spring Cocktail Party

Wednesday, April 22, 2015

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

Reservation using a credit card can be made
by visiting

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



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."

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Chesterfield Judges offer valuable feedback

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a logistical challenge. To accommodate the additions, the court has converted a library into a judge's chamber and is utilizing the 1917 Courthouse, which was renovated a few years ago as a venue for hearing civil cases on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays when needed. Generally, Judge Robbins sits in the Circuit Court of Colonial Heights on Mondays and Tuesdays, therefore an additional courtroom is not needed in Chesterfield on those days. The 1917 Courthouse cannot be used for criminal matters because it lacks holding space, but it is suitable for civil matters. Use of the historic Courthouse can present scheduling and logistical issues. Members of the bar should be aware that some of their civil cases may be set for the 1917 Courthouse on fairly short notice.

For efficiency purposes, the court encourages attorneys to preset their cases rather than waiting for docket call. Attorneys are expected to exchange dates. If an attorney fails to provide dates when repeatedly requested by opposing counsel, the court will set the case based on the schedule of the attorney requesting the hearing. The court may, in some instances, admonish unresponsive counsel that a date will be set without their input if counsel fails to provide dates within 48 hours.

Attorneys are encouraged to reserve the appropriate amount of time for their matters to be heard. If one party files a motion and reserves the appropriate amount of time for that motion, and another party wishes to be heard on the same day on additional motions, the other party should reserve the additional time or it may not be possible to hear the additional matter or matters that day.

Time management is a significant challenge for the court. It is helpful when attorneys realistically assess how much time is

needed for a hearing or trial and schedule the appropriate amount of time for all matters to be heard. When a case has to be heard partly on one day and partly on a much later date, it is more difficult for the judge to assess the credibility of witnesses heard on a distant date and weigh the evidence from date to date.

For divorce cases, there is no hard and fast rule about how much time the court will allow for an ore tenus hearing and various judges have preferences on whether evidence should come differing in by deposition or ore tenus hearing. The attorney seeking to set a trial date can discuss these matters with the judge's law clerk.

The court recognizes the need for a client to have his or her issues heard, but encourages the lawyers to organize their cases in such a way as to have the evidence at trial proceed efficiently. It is recommended that cases that are expected to last a full afternoon, be set at one o'clock and that the entire afternoon be reserved.

The court has revised its rules regarding cell phones in the courthouse. Lawyers may now bring cell phones and lap tops into the courthouse and can check available and avoid dates using these devices when setting hearing dates.

Judge McCallum stresses that the court seeks to operate efficiently and promptly and he appreciates the bar's effort to achieve this goal.

Hon. J. David Rigler, Chesterfield County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court

Chief Judge J. David Rigler reports that overall the Chesterfield J&DR judges are pleased with the professionalism of the attorneys appearing before them. Attorneys are generally prepared, do a good job for their clients, and appear civil.

Judge Rigler notes that with the addition of a sixth judge the docketing has changed and now the judges rotate on a six week time table. Judge Rigler hopes that this process will allow the court to more efficiently hear cases.

Judge Rigler would like to remind attorneys that contested matters on the civil docket are set for a maximum of two hours. He reminds attorneys to focus their cases and to plan witnesses and evidence in a way that is helpful. Evidence that is presented should not be limited to one party's opinion and, ideally, should be supported by proof such as employment records, photographs, or other corroboration. A focused presentation of evidence allows the cases to be heard within the court-ordered time limits. Judge Rigler encourages attorneys, to the extent possible, to communicate with opposing counsel prior to any appearance before him regarding the areas of disagreement and to attempt to determine how much of a disagreement exists.

Judge Rigler reminds that attorneys should be prepared with factual and legal authority for their positions, even where they have appeared before the judge on multiple occasions on the same issue. Statements of opinion with no factual basis and statements providing rulings of other courts are not persuasive authority.

Additionally, Judge Rigler reminds the bar that the J&DR Court has a new clerk, Laura G. Griffin. Judge Rigler requests that the bar provide feedback regarding what the Court is doing well and how the Court can further appropriately serve the public.

**Due to a pressing schedule, Judge Pamela O'Berry of the Chesterfield General District Court was unable to meet with Administration of Justice Committee members this year.*

2015-2016 luncheon dates announced

Mark your calendar! The RBA luncheon dates and the Holiday Cocktail Party date for the upcoming Bar year are:

Luncheons - all held at the Omni Hotel beginning at 12:30 p.m.:

Thursday, September 17, 2015

Friday, February 19, 2016

Thursday, October 22, 2015 (Bench-Bar Conference)

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

Monday, May 2, 2016 (Law Day)

Thursday, January 21, 2016

The Holiday Cocktail Party will be held at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 16, 2015.

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Hon. Richard D. Taylor, Jr. (Ret.)
Retired Judge, Richmond Circuit Court

The Honorable Richard Taylor, Jr. has recently retired after more than twenty years of distinguished judicial service. His judicial career included nine years at the Juvenile and Domestic District Court and another twelve years at the Circuit Court in the City of Richmond. A judicial leader, he served terms as Chief Judge in both courts and as Chair to the Education Committee of the Judicial Conference of Virginia. Before ascending to the bench, he enjoyed a successful private practice with a special emphasis on domestic relations. He later served as Deputy Counsel/Special Assistant for Policy to the Governor of Virginia. A community leader, he has served on numerous non-profit boards and has lectured to dozens of legal and civic organizations. Judge Taylor now brings this record of dedication and achievement to The McCammon Group to serve the mediation, arbitration and judge pro tempore needs of lawyers and litigants throughout the Commonwealth and beyond.



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Nominations for the Following Awards are Now Being Accepted

Hunter W. Martin Professionalism Award

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

Recent recipients: Thomas G. Slater, Jr. (2014), Hon. Dennis W. Dohnal (2013), Philip B. Morris (2012), Russell V. Palmore (2011, awarded posthumously), Wyatt B. Durrett, Jr. (2010), Frank B. Miller III (2009), Robert E. Eicher (2008), Hon. Robert A. Pustilnik (2007), Hon. Randall G. Johnson (2006) (awarded posthumously), James W. Morris III (2005)

Hill-Tucker Public Service Award

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

Recent recipients: Clarence M. Dunnaville, Jr. (2015), Hon. Tim Kaine (2013), Henry W. McLaughlin III (2010), O. Randolph Rollins (2009), Hon. Elizabeth B. Lacy (2008), John V. Cogbill III (2007), Chief Justice Leroy R. Hassell, Sr. (2006), Julious P. Smith, Jr. (2005), Hon. Gerald Baliles (2003), John W. Bates III (2002), Tommy P. Baer (2001)

John C. Kenny Pro Bono Award

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

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

Recent recipients: John M. Robb III (2014), Benjamin R. Lacy IV (2013, awarded posthumously), Harry M. Johnson III and Scott C. Oostdyk (2012), UR Downtown and the Carrico Center for Pro Bono Services (2011), G. Andrew Nea, Jr., (2010), Stephen A. Northup (2009), Robert F. Redmond, Jr. (2008), Lawrence M. Cohn (2007), Tara L. Casey (2006)

Young Lawyer of the Year

Established in 2011, the Young Lawyer of the Year Award is presented by the Bar Association of the City of Richmond to a member of its Young Lawyers Section. The Award is given to a young lawyer 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: John A. Merrick (2014), Melanie A. Friend (2013), Kimberly A. Skiba (2012)

Members are encouraged to nominate any candidates who they believe are qualified for an award. To nominate an individual, contact any member of the Association's Committee on Awards and Honors listed below.

Vernon E. Inge, Jr. - 343-4095 John K. Burke, Jr. - 377-1263
 J. Tracy Walker IV - 775-1131 Douglas D. Callaway - 327-7505 Anne G. Scher - 648-6300

CLE Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

<u>Date</u>	<u>Seminar Title</u>	<u>CLE Hours</u>	<u>Members</u> <u>(Registration/Late Registration)</u>	<u>Non-Members</u>	
April 7	2015 Legislative Update	2.0	\$50/\$60	\$65/\$75	\$ _____
April 28	Death, Divorce, Nosy Neighbors and Disgruntled Employees	2.0	\$50/\$60	\$65/\$75	\$ _____
April 30	Personal Injury Cases in GDC	2.0	\$50/\$60	\$65/\$75	\$ _____
May 7	Defamation, Business Conspiracy and Tortious Interference	2.0	\$50/\$60	\$65/\$75	\$ _____
May 14	Electronic Records: Discovery, Production and Protection	2.0	\$50/\$60	\$65/\$75	\$ _____
				Total	\$ _____

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_____ I participate in the CLE Discount Program. Please deduct _____ hours from my balance.

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Detach and send form and check to: Richmond Bar Association, P.O. Box 1213, Richmond, VA 23218-1213.

Register online at <http://www.richmondbar.org/cle/schedule-class-descriptions/>

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RBA members -- Take advantage of the Association's CLE Discount Program and save money! Purchase 6 hours of credit for \$100 or a 12 hour block for \$180, and then register for any RBA seminars (excludes some Section-sponsored CLE and Bench-Bar Conference) conducted through October 31, 2015. Visit www.richmondbar.org and click on "Continuing Legal Education" or call 780-0700 for more details.

Continuing Legal Education courses

2015 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 2015 legislative session. Join him, along with panelists Sen. Ryan McDougle, Del. Manoli Loupassi, Delegate Jennifer McClellan and other Senators and Delegates, as they bring you up to date on the hot topics in business, real estate, commerce and labor legislation.

DATE: Tuesday, April 7, 2015
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 March 31)
\$65 for non-members (\$75 after March 31)

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Cocktail Party Law II

The Not-So-Civil Side of Civil Law—Death, Divorce, Nosy Neighbors, and Disgruntled Employees: A Basic Primer in Trust/Estates, Family, Community Association, and Employment Law

This CLE, second in a two-part series on common legal questions which nonlawyers may ask lawyers in a social context, will provide basic knowledge to all practitioners about the relevant law and procedures when a client contemplates divorce or needs a will. The CLE will also include basic information about strategies and responsibilities related to inconsiderate neighbors and difficult associations, and it will address basic issues of which all employers should be mindful. Speakers include Bruce Mertens of Sands Anderson, Alicia Finley of Barnes and Diehl, Lucia Anna "Pia" Trigiani of Mercer Trigiani, and Annemarie Cleary of Eckert Seamans.

DATE: Tuesday, April 28, 2015
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 21)
\$65 for non-members (\$75 after April 21)

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Trying Personal Injury Cases in General District Court—No Longer the Wild, Wild West

This seminar will cover trying personal injury cases in General District Court, with a particular emphasis on aspects of personal injury litigation unique to that forum. Given the rise of personal injury litigation in General District Court, this seminar is intended for both new and more seasoned practitioners. Presenters will be The Hon. Barbara J. Gaden, City of Richmond General District Court, Kelly Martin, Tronfeld West & Durrett, and Chris Jones, Morris & Morris.

DATE: Thursday, April 30, 2015
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 23)
\$65 for non-members (\$75 after April 23)

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Continuing Legal Education courses

Defamation, Business Conspiracy, and Tortious Interference With Contractual Relations or Economic Advantage: The Triple Crown of Virginia Business Torts

Join us as for an insightful combination of perspectives—from both the bench and bar—on three of the most common business torts pled under Virginia law. The Honorable Catherine C. Hammond (Circuit Court of the County of Henrico), having prosecuted and defended business torts in private practice before joining the judiciary, and Thomas E. Spahn (Partner, McGuireWoods LLP), one of the foremost experts on Virginia defamation law, will provide a practical overview on these seminal business torts, including providing strategies to implement and pitfalls to avoid to effectively pursue and defend litigation in these areas.

DATE: Thursday, May 7, 2015
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 30)
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Electronic Records: Discovery, Production, and Protection

As more records are maintained electronically, attorneys are faced with increasing requests for electronic versions of documents and the data tied to their storage and accessibility. From medical records to corporate policies and procedures to social media, electronic records are rapidly emerging at the center of discovery conflicts. Hear from a panel of experienced practitioners about how to investigate electronically maintained records, what discovery requests to issue and how to respond to requests, and how much protection is afforded to this type of data. Speakers are Bryan Thornton, Director of NetReaction, Sean P. Byrne, Esquire of Hancock, Daniel, Johnson & Nagle, P.C. and Stacy Wilson, a paralegal at Moran, Reeves & Conn PC.

DATE: Thursday, May 14, 2015
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 May 7)
\$65 for non-members (\$75 after May 7)

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Save the date!
The twenty-third annual Bench-Bar Conference will be held on Thursday, October 22, 2015 at the Omni Hotel. Breakout sessions in civil, criminal and domestic relations law will be featured.

Chief Justice Lemons to speak at Law Day luncheon

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Huennekens, Hon. C.N. Jenkins, and Hon. Barbara J. Gaden.

The Law Day luncheon will also feature the presentation of the Bar's Hill-Tucker Public Service Award to Clarence M. Dunnaville, Jr., who was originally scheduled to be honored at the February luncheon that was canceled due to inclement weather.

Hon. Donald W. Lemons received a B.A. from the University of Virginia in 1970, and received a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law in 1976. From 1976 until 1978, he served as Assistant Dean and Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Virginia School of Law. Thereafter, he entered the private practice of the law in Richmond, Virginia. Chief Justice Lemons

has served at every level of the court system in Virginia. He has been on the Supreme Court of Virginia since 2000 and was elected Chief Justice in 2015. Chief Justice Lemons started one of the first Drug Court dockets in Virginia. He is the Distinguished Professor of Judicial Studies at the Washington and Lee University School of Law, the former President of the American Inns of Court (2010 – 2014), and an Honorary Bencher of Middle Temple in London.

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.

Real Estate Section to host reception at Southbound on March 24th

The Real Estate Section is pleased to announce that Randall R. Silber the Deputy County Manager for Community Development for Henrico County, will be the speaker at its event to be held at Southbound Restaurant at 3036 Stony Point Rd, Richmond, VA 23235 (in the Stony Point Shopping Center on Huguenot Road) on Tuesday, March 24th, from 6:30 until 8:30. The event will include a presentation by Mr. Silber on recent development projects in Short Pump with a cocktail reception and heavy hors d'oeuvres to follow and is open to Section members and their spouses/significant others. Cost is \$45 per person. A flyer with registration information has been sent to all Section members.

SunTrust Bank and Old Republic National Title Insurance Company are sponsors for the event.

YLS presents scholarships to U of R law students

Lauren Maxey, Kerry McClung, Thomas Duggan O'Dea, and Benjamin Johnson, 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 26th.

Welcome new members

The Richmond Bar Association welcomes the following new members:

Nora T. Ciancio
George W. Gray, III
William H. Hollerith
Jennifer L. Ligon
Mary C. Miller
Nisha R. Patel
Christopher P. Thumma
Jeremiah L. White
Heather W. Winter

Announcements

Bankruptcy Section Annual Meeting scheduled for May 14

Mark your calendar and plan to attend the Bankruptcy Section's Annual Meeting set for Thursday, May 14, 2015 at the Hilton Garden Inn. Members will receive a flyer with more information in the coming weeks.

The Section is also making preparations for its popular Judges' Roundtable. Additional details will be sent to Section members soon.

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 2015 Annual Meeting of the Section:

Officers:

David R. Ruby - Chairman
John C. Selbach - Chairman-Elect
Elizabeth L. Linkenauger - Secretary

Executive Committee:

John W. Anderson	Gregory R. Bishop
Beverley L. Crump	Sean P. Ducharme
Thomas C. Ebel	Megan Martz Gilliland
Lisa J. Hedrick	Katheryn E. Surface Burks
Jerrell E. Williams	

The 2015 Annual Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 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.

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 Wednesday, May 20, 2015, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., the Young Lawyers Section will convene its Annual Meeting at Havana 59 (16 N 17th 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:

John A. Merrick, Chair	Antoinette Morgan Walker, Chair-Elect
Jeremy S. Williams, Secretary	Jonathan L. Moore, Immed. Past Chair

Executive Committee Members:

Alexandria E. Cuff	Amanda E. DeBerry
Kyle R. Elliot	David E. Gluckman
Ian Lambeets	Lindsey A. Strachan

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

Business Law Section's Spring CLE seminar set for April 2nd

Make your reservations for the Business Law Section's Spring CLE Seminar & Reception on Thursday, April 2, 2015 at Williams Mullen beginning at 4:00 p.m. A CLE program, entitled "Crowdfunding Myths & Facts," will take place from 4:15 to 5:45 p.m. and features a panel discussion by Tim Boykin, Corporate Counsel, WealthForge, Debra Bollinger, State Corporation Commission, James W. Van Horn, Hirschler Fleischer, and Sean P. Ducharme, Hunton & Williams (Moderator). The program, approved for 1.5 hours of MCLE credit, will be followed by a cocktail reception.

Cost to attend is \$25 for Section members and \$30 for non-Section members. Register using a credit card at <http://www.richmond-bar.org/sections/business-law/>. Payment can also be made by returning the form on the flyer that has been sent to all Section members. Reservations must be received by March 30th.

Litigation Section sets Annual Meeting for May 13 at The Boathouse

Save the date! The Litigation Section will hold its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at The Boathouse at Rocketts Landing. Additional information will be sent to Section members in April.



Visit us on Facebook, LinkedIn or our webpage, www.richmondbar.org, for the latest information on luncheons, seminars, socials and Section events

RBA Young Lawyers Section dodgeball team rules!



The RBA Young Lawyers Section dodgeball team recently finished another great season. While the team's main goals are promoting collegiality and fun, our young lawyers don't shy away from competition as evidenced by the cast on Jeremy Williams' leg. He broke his leg during a spirited game, but returned to cheer his teammates on for the rest of the season. Any YLS member who's looking to get in on the fun should be on the lookout for an email in the spring about playing kickball.

From left to right, players pictured are: Top row - Court Burgess, Neil Gibson, Jonathan Moore, Clint Nichols, Lindsey Strachan, Alex Cuff, Ian Lambeets, James Fernald, Daniel Watson; Bottom row - Evangeline Miller, Veronica Neisler, Susan Cowart, Eva Mallory, Philip Dean, Jeremy Williams, Amanda DeBerry, Anne Witt

CALENDAR

April

- 1 Bench-Bar Conference Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 2 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton & Williams
- 2 Business Law Section CLE seminar and reception, 4:00 p.m. Williams Mullen
- 7 CLE seminar: "2015 Legislative Update," 4:00 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 13 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 16 Private Conversation Series: "Faith & Running," 5:45 p.m., McGuireWoods
- 22 Annual Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Willow Oaks Country Club
- 22 Spring Cocktail Party, 6:00 p.m., Willow Oaks Country Club
- 28 CLE seminar: "The Not-So-Civil Side of Civil Law—Death, Divorce, Nosy Neighbors, and Disgruntled Employees," 4:00 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 30 CLE seminar: "Trying Personal Injury Cases in General District Court," 4:00 p.m., 2nd floor conference room

May

- 1 RBA Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Omni Hotel
Speaker: Hon. Donald W. Lemons, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia
- 4 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 5 Bench-Bar Conference Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 7 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton & Williams
- 7 CLE seminar: "Virginia Business Torts," 4:00 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 11 Pro Bono Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 12 CLE Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 12 Business Law Section Annual Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Pasture
- 13 Litigation Section Annual Meeting, 6:00 p., The Boathouse
- 14 Bankruptcy Section Luncheon/Annual Meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn
- 14 CLE seminar: "Electronic Records: Discovery, Production, and Protection," 4:00 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 20 Young Lawyers Section Annual Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Havana 59
- 25 Bar office closed for the holiday

June

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

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