



# THE RICHMOND BAR

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## Dr. Ronald A. Crutcher, President of the University of Richmond to speak at February luncheon

Dr. Ronald A. Crutcher, the President of the University of Richmond, will address members at the Richmond Bar's luncheon on Friday, February 19, 2016. 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, February 16th. 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 February luncheon: **Hon. W. Reilly Marchant and Hon. Catherine C. Hammond.** At the time you make your reservation, please indicate if you would like to be seated at a judge's table.

Ronald A. Crutcher is the 10th President of the University of Richmond. He took office on July 1, 2015. He is also a professor of music.

Dr. Crutcher is President Emeritus of Wheaton College in Massachusetts. As president from 2004–14, he raised the institution's profile; increased enrollment and diversity of the student body; created new interdisciplinary faculty positions and academic programs; and ensured the institution's financial stability during a challenging economic period for all of higher education.

Throughout his career, Dr. Crutcher has actively promoted access, affordability, diversity, and inclusivity. He is a member of the Board of the Posse Foundation, a comprehensive college access and youth leadership development program for public high school students. In 2012, Dr. Crutcher received the Posse Star award, which recognized his leadership, significant contributions



Dr. Ronald A. Crutcher

to the field of education, and positive effects on individual students' lives.

Dr. Crutcher is founding co-chair of Liberal Education and America's Promise (LEAP), the Association of American Colleges & Universities' national campaign to demonstrate the value of liberal education. He writes and speaks widely on the value of liberal education and the democratic purposes and civic mission of higher education. He has also served on the Boards of the American Council on Education (ACE) and the Fulbright Association and was Chair of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities in Massachusetts.

A former member of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and several other symphonies, he currently performs in the U.S. and Europe as a member of The Klempner Trio with Erika Klempner (violin) and Gordon Back (piano). He serves on the board of the Richmond Symphony.

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## Bar's Administration of Justice Committee meets with local 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 of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Richmond Division and Honorable Judges of the Courts of the City of Richmond. 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 Kevin R. Huennkens and the Honorable Keith L. Phillips**  
**United States Bankruptcy Court**

A representative of the Administration of Justice Committee of the Richmond Bar Association  
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### Save the date!

In late 2014, U.S. News & World Report listed Richmond as one of the "8 under-the-radar foodie cities." The Huffington Post calls Richmond one of the top underrated food cities in the entire world. At the Bar's next *Private Conversation Series event* on Wednesday, April 6th from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., join several of RVA's top chefs as they discuss the culinary revolution taking place in our city. See the March newsletter for additional 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.

**Harman Claytor Corrigan & Wellman** welcomes three new attorneys. **George A. Somerville**, joins the firm as senior counsel and will concentrate his practice in Appellate Litigation. **Jeffrey P. Miller** and **Elizabeth O. Papoulakos**, join the firm as associates and will concentrate their practice in general civil litigation, including motor vehicle, premises and products liability.

Troutman Sanders has announced the election of three new partners in the Richmond office: **Mark W. Jones** (Financial Institution) focuses his practice on the transactional, corporate governance and disclosure needs of public and private companies, with an emphasis on capital raising transactions and mergers and acquisitions;

**Nora Garcia Nickel** (Multifamily Housing Finance) concentrates her practice on commercial real estate matters, specializing in the multifamily housing industry, including lender representation in Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac lending programs.

**Stephen C. Piepgrass** (Government Investigations, Compliance and Enforcement) focuses his practice primarily on regulatory enforcement actions and investigations, where he represents clients interacting with and being investigated by state attorneys general and other enforcement bodies.

## News from the Court

The Honorable Gary A. Hicks, Chief Judge of the Henrico Circuit Court, requests that we make members aware of the following:

Effective May 1, 2016, the Henrico Circuit Court will no longer be holding civil docket calls. All civil cases are to be set through Administrative Assistant Elsie Holmes at (804) 501-4709. The Clerk's Office will direct inquiries in regard to any cases involving pro se parties to Ms. Holmes. Any matters which require a hearing are to be set and conducted on a per case basis.

The Domestic Relations Docket Call will continue as usual.

### Spring Cocktail Party

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

at Willow Oaks Country Club

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

Cost to attend is \$50 per RBA member

First non-member guest - \$50

additional non-member guests - \$65

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Attire is business casual

Invitations will be mailed in March



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Edited by Lelia N. Martin

## Luncheon Registration Form

Please reserve a place for me at the **Friday, February 19, 2016** 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): \_\_\_\_\_

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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 Tuesday, February 16, 2016.

**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 February 16th. 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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# Judges from U.S. Bankruptcy and City of Richmond Courts

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sociation (the “RBA”) met with Bankruptcy Judges Kevin R. Huennekens and Keith L. Phillips in a joint meeting on November 24, 2015. The Judges noted and commented on the following items that they thought would be of interest to RBA members:

1.) RBA Value: The Judges view the RBA to be a great resource for Richmond lawyers as it provides value to its members in a number of ways, in particular through the various CLE and other offerings provided by the RBA sections – by way of example, the bankruptcy section offers monthly CLE lunches and other programs that are of great benefit to the bankruptcy section members – the Judges encourage RBA members to get involved in section activities

2.) New Bankruptcy Forms Effective December 1, 2015: RBA members, and in particular bankruptcy practitioners, should familiarize themselves with the new forms

3.) Eastern District of Virginia Bankruptcy Court’s Website: This website is an excellent resource for bankruptcy practitioners as it contains information on a variety of topics, including the new bankruptcy forms, the Court’s current Local Rules and updates, electronic bankruptcy notifications to debtors and creditors, notification of a phone scam involving consumer debtors, the Chapter 13 “no look” fee and election of fee payment, trustee payment of Chapter 7 administrative claims, “ghost writing” of Court pleadings, inclement weather procedures, and objection deadline for proofs of claim in Chapter 13 cases

4.) Bankruptcy Bar Collegiality: The Judges continue to be pleased with the collegiality they witness in their Courts

5.) Bankruptcy Section Leadership: The Judges are impressed with the section’s leadership and in particular with the effort to provide pro bono services to pro se filers

6.) Telephonic Appearances: The Judges are continuing to explore options to improve the logistics of such appearances, understanding that allowing such appearances is of great value to out of town practitioners appearing in their Courts.

## **The Honorable C.N. Jenkins, Jr.** **Richmond Circuit Court**

The City of Richmond Circuit Court welcomed three new judges in the past year, the Hon. Joi Jeter Taylor, the Hon. W. Reilly Marchant, and the Hon. Phillip L. Hairston. The new judges have really hit

the ground running and overall the group of judges are working together well. They meet monthly to discuss such topics as jury selection, discovery and administrative issues with the ultimate goal being consistency across courtrooms.

At present the Court has seven judges who share four law clerks. The law clerks help primarily on civil dockets by reading through filings and preparing memoranda. Judge Jenkins would like to remind attorneys to adhere to the requirements of Rule 4:15 (c) pertaining to the filing and serving of briefs. Notwithstanding the requirements, if filed within a week of the hearing, it is a good practice to submit a courtesy copy to the judge’s chambers.

Judge Jenkins observes that Richmond is very fortunate to have good attorneys who demonstrate collegiality, civility and professionalism. He believes the Richmond Bar Association plays a major part in developing these relationships. With that in mind, he would like to remind the Bar of the formality of the courtroom. Counsel should remember to use last names with witnesses, to introduce themselves to the court at the outset of any hearing or trial as well as introducing their client. Counsel should always remember to use the sign-in sheet and use legible handwriting when filling out the names of the parties and counsel. These simple practices assist the judges in being able to call the parties and counsel by name throughout the time they are before the Court

Judge Jenkins would also like to remind us of Rule 4:1(b)(8) requires a certification that the movant has in good faith conferred or attempted to confer in an effort to resolve the dispute before submitting a discovery motion. Judge Jenkins says it is also helpful, especially when seeking sanctions, to attach any supporting documentation of calls, emails, letters or other evidence of attempts to contact opposing counsel or attempts to resolve the dispute. He also states that counsel should remember that although it is good to be zealous, counsel must maintain professionalism and treat each other respectfully.

Trial attorneys should remember that Motions in Limine should be heard before the day of trial. It is important to be respectful of juror’s time and not keep them waiting. Finally, Judge Jenkins would also invite Bar members to communicate with

the Court as to questions or suggestions for improvement on policies or procedures within the court.

## **The Honorable D. Eugene Cheek, Sr.** **Richmond General District Court**

For 2016, the General District Court for the City of Richmond (the “Court”) is exploring whether a consolidation of the Court’s cases is a good idea. Currently criminal cases are heard in the Court’s Manchester location on Hull Street and civil and traffic court cases are heard in the Court’s downtown location on N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street. Judges have expressed the desire to hear a greater variety of cases. Accordingly, the Court is currently exploring whether judges at both locations can hear all three types of cases. While Judge Cheek highlighted some logistical challenges involved in making a change, he encourage members of the Richmond Bar Association (the “Bar”) to provide their feedback. In addition to the impact on the judges, Judge Cheek wants to understand the impact that it will have on attorneys and litigants.

Judge Cheek reports that he has been very pleased with the involvement of the Bar and appreciates the Bar’s monthly luncheons and their incorporation of judges into these events. Over the coming years, Judge Cheek has a goal to have portraits made for the approximately six judges that have retired from the Court over the last twenty years and have not otherwise had portraits completed. According to Judge Cheek this is a meaningful way to recognize and show reverence for the Court. All support from the Bar is welcomed.

Members of the Bar may not be aware, but the Court does have a separately established Mental Health Docket (the “Docket”) where cases are heard that involve mental health concerns. Participants involved with cases on this Docket, from police officers to attorneys to judges, receive special training in how to identify and address applicable cases. This is one of the few courts in the state that has a dedicated Docket. The Court hears approximately 100 to 150 cases monthly under the Docket. Cases are heard on Mondays other than the first Monday of each month.

One reminder raised by the judges was to ensure that members of the Bar expedite seeing clients who are in jail so as to avoid any consequences of a longer than necessary jail stay. Judge Cheek also reminds

# provide insight to RBA Committee members

attorneys that while they are permitted to bring their cell phones to court, they are not permitted to take phone calls in the courtroom.

When asked about tips for practitioners before the Court, Judge Cheek encouraged attorneys to be mindful of sarcasm, which may be interpreted as bullying rather than being aggressive. There are many ways to discredit a witness, but sarcasm is ineffective and judges take note. Additionally, Judge Cheek cautioned that personal attacks and snide remarks should not be confused with advocacy and suggested that the most well-respected advocates are successful through preparation and getting ahead in the game. Judge Cheek encouraged newer practitioners to work on refining their cross-examination skills. By using leading questions rather than open-ended questions on cross-examination, an attorney usually can accomplish his or her objective in a shorter amount of time.

As with other courts, the Court is currently short one judge. In order to assist the Court in scheduling cases, Judge Cheek states that correspondence transmitted to the Court via fax does not also need to be sent via mail. The Court is authorized for six judges based on the Virginia Judicial Workload Assessment Report from November 2013. This has resulted in an increased work load for criminal judges and, in some instances, may result in the delay of hearing a case. The Court welcomes feedback from the Bar as to whether they believe additional judges are necessary. Judge Cheek encourages the Bar to review the Judicial Workload Assessment Report, which can be accessed online at [www.courts.state.va.us/courts/scv/virginia\\_judicial\\_workload\\_assessment\\_report.pdf](http://www.courts.state.va.us/courts/scv/virginia_judicial_workload_assessment_report.pdf).

Finally, Judge Cheek stressed that he has an open-door policy and always welcomes suggestions and ideas from members of the Bar, whether about possible consolidation of the Court or about any other policies or procedures of the Court.

## **The Honorable Marilynn C. Goss** **Richmond Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court**

Consistent with this Committee’s report from 2014, Judge Goss reports that the Richmond Juvenile and Domestic Relations (“J&DR”) Court (the “Court”) is still dealing with a higher than normal case load. The court currently has four judges on the bench (reduced from five by reason of one judge’s retirement) and is hoping to be able to restore its fifth judgeship next year. Until then, Judge Goss reported that dockets are being scheduled much further out than normal. Dockets for non-emergency hearings are starting earlier and ending later in order to cope with the increased case load.

In order to assist the Court in its scheduling, Judge Goss reminds the Bar to be aware of the schedule for each judge when providing available dates. Each judge in the Court hears a different type of case each day of the week. Because cases are assigned to a single judge, it is not possible to match a case based on availability of the judge. For example, if trying to schedule a custody case, Judge Goss recommends confirming which day of the week the applicable judge hears custody cases. If the judge only hears custody cases on Thursdays, then the attorney should not provide available dates that fall on other days of the week. Judge Goss also recommends providing dates up to 4 months out.

In addition to being mindful to scheduling, when attorneys call for a specific clerk,

Judge Goss suggested that attorneys ask the clerk who answers specifically for what they need, as there may be a delay before a specified clerk receives the voice mail.

Judge Goss credited the attorneys who regularly appear in front of the Court and the Richmond J&DR Bar Association for helping the Court to manage its case load.

For new practitioners in the Court, Judge Goss encourages them to call the Clerk’s Office to schedule a time to visit Court and observe proceedings. According to Judge Goss, it is important for attorneys to learn the personalities of the judges of the Court and observing and asking questions is an effective means of interacting with the judges.

Additionally, Judge Goss stated that each August the Court considers court appointed attorneys. In order to be considered, an attorney must be qualified by the indigent defense commission prior to August of each year. Judge Goss also stated that there is a great need for qualified guardians ad litem.

Finally, Judge Goss acknowledged that because of scheduling in other jurisdictions, it happens from time to time that an attorney is delayed in getting to a court appearance before the Court. Judge Goss asks that any attorney who will be late for a scheduled court appearance call, fax or e-mail the Clerk’s Office so that the judge can be alerted to the delay. On arraignment dates, attorneys don’t have to appear for defendants. It is sufficient if the defendant brings a letter from the attorney.

The Court’s former Clerk, Laura Griffin, has gone to the Chesterfield Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, and the new Clerk in Richmond is Patricia Batley.

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Scenes from the RBA Holiday Cocktail party - great food and

drink, a festive atmosphere and plenty of collegiality



John & Michele Craddock with John McCammon



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Judge David Novak, Kevin Raphael and Kenneth McArthur



Lauren Fisher White, Gabe Walker, Lindsey Strachan and Alex Cuff

Over 500 lawyers, judges and their guests decked the halls at the Bar's Holiday Cocktail Party held on December 16th at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. The Association appreciates the continued support of The McCammon Group, the event sponsor.

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Judge Steve McCallum, Judge Pete Stout and Tunstall Bagley



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**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: Claire G. Cardwell (2015), 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), )

**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)

**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 metro area.

Recent recipients: The Pro Bono Clearinghouse (2015), 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)

**Liberty Bell Award**

The Liberty Bell 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 and 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.

Recent recipients: S. Buford Scott (2103), Thomas A. Silvestri (2011), Hon. Susan Clark Schaar, Hon. Bruce F. Jamerson (2010), Laura Sanchez-de Solar (2008), Sister Cora Billings, Rev. Benjamin Campbell, Dr. Jack Spiro (2006)

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.

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J. Tracy Walker IV - 775-1131

Vernon E. Inge, Jr. - 343-4095

Terrence L. Graves - 783-7276

John K. Burke, Jr. - 377-1263

## 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](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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## Dr. Crutcher to speak in February

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Dr. Crutcher was the first cellist to receive the doctor of musical arts degree from Yale, where he also earned his master's degree. During his graduate study, he received a Fulbright Fellowship, a Ford Foundation Doctoral Fellowship, and a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Miami University, he has received honorary degrees from Wheaton College (Mass.), Colgate University, and Muhlenberg College.

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.

Members are reminded that a waiting list for individuals who have not made reservations by the deadline will be started at 12:00 noon at the registration table on the day of the event. If space is available, members will be accommodated on a first come, first served basis. There is no guarantee that members on the waiting list will be admitted.

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

## Get involved - serve on a RBA committee

Members who volunteer to serve on Committees and participate in events are the lifeblood of the Association. The new Bar year will begin on June 1, and President-Elect Vern Inge will be making new appointments to the Committees listed below. If you are interested in serving on a Committee, please contact him at 343-4095 or [vernon.inge@leclairryan.com](mailto:vernon.inge@leclairryan.com).

- Administration of Justice
- Communications
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## Announcements Corporate Counsel Section CLE program set for February 18th

Join your Corporate Counsel Section colleagues on Thursday, February 18 from 4:00-6:00 pm for a one-hour Ethics CLE seminar featuring well-known speaker Tom Spahn followed by a cocktail hour. The CLE will be held at the new McGuireWoods offices located at Gateway Plaza, 800 East Canal Street, Richmond, VA. This CLE program will explore an important legal doctrine all lawyers should understand -- the attorney client privilege. The program will also address the separate but related work product doctrine protection. There will be a specific focus on new trends and updates for 2016, with a focus on developments for in house counsel. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to the event at [anne-marie.anderson@newmarket.com](mailto:anne-marie.anderson@newmarket.com). The event will be complimentary for RBA Corporate Counsel Section members.

## Real Estate Section to host "Evening with the Clerks" on February 9th

The Real Estate Section will host an Evening with the Clerks of the Circuit Courts of the City of Richmond and the Counties of Hanover, Henrico and Chesterfield at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at Willow Oaks Country Club, 6228 Forest Hill Ave, Richmond, VA 23225. The event will start with a cocktail reception, followed by a dinner and a panel discussion, with ample opportunities to interact with the Clerks. Cost to attend is \$50 for Section members and \$60 for guests. Reservations and payment can be made on line at <http://www.richmondbar.org/sections/real-estate/> or by mail by returning the form on the flyer that was mailed to all Section members. Reservations must be received by February 2nd; no refunds will be issued after this date.

The Section thanks Fidelity National Title Insurance Company, Park Sterling Bank and Magnolia Insurance Agency for their sponsorship of the event.

## Young Lawyers Section hosts social on February 4th at Hardywood Park Brewery

The Young Lawyers Section of the Richmond Bar cordially invites all members and current University of Richmond, William and Mary, and University of Virginia law school students to its Winter Social & Happy Hour on Thursday, February 4, 2016. The event will be held at Hardywood Park Craft Brewery, located at 2410 Ownby Lane, Richmond, VA 23220 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Complimentary drinks and appetizers will be provided. If you have any questions, please contact Alex Cuff ([acuff@reedsmith.com](mailto:acuff@reedsmith.com)) or Lindsey Strachan ([lindsey.strachan@ogletreedeakins.com](mailto:lindsey.strachan@ogletreedeakins.com)).

## Lawyers Helping Lawyers offers support groups for attorneys

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## Welcome new members

The Richmond Bar Association welcomes the following new members:

- Kevin J. Coghill
- David V. Harbach
- David S. Hirschler III
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## Richmond Public Law Library is legal resource for the 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>.

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# CALENDAR

## February

- 1 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 4 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton & Williams
- 4 Young Lawyers Section Social, 6:00 p.m., Hardywood Park Craft Brewery
- 9 Real Estate Section Evening with the Clerks, 6:00 p.m., Willow Oaks Country Club
- 18 Corporate Counsel Section CLE seminar, 4:00 p.m., McGuire Woods
- 19 RBA Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Omni Hotel  
Speaker: Dr. Ronald A. Crutcher, President of the University of Richmond
- 29 Personnel Committee meeting, 12:00 noon, Bar office
- 29 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office

## March

- 1 Nominating Committee, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 3 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton & Williams
- 8 CLE Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 14 Pro Bono Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 17 RBA Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Omni Hotel  
Speaker: TBA

## April

- 4 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 5 Bench-Bar Conference Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 6 Private Conversation Series event, 5:30 p.m., McGuireWoods
- 7 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton & Williams
- 20 Annual Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Willow Oaks Country Club
- 20 Spring Cocktail Party, 6:00 p.m., Willow Oaks Country Club
- 25 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office

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