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Alex Nyerges, Director of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts to address members at January luncheon meeting

Alex Nyerges, Director of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, will be the featured speaker at the Richmond Bar's luncheon on Thursday, January 23, 2014. The luncheon will be held at the Omni Hotel beginning at 12:30 p.m. Reservations may be made by returning the enclosed flyer or by calling the Bar office at 780-0700. Additionally, you may make a reservation by visiting <http://www.richmondbar.org/events/luncheons/>. The deadline for reservations is 12:00 noon on Monday, January 20th. 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.**

The following members of the judiciary will be hosting Judges' Tables at the January luncheon: Judge Henry E. Hudson of the U.S. District Court, Judge Douglas O. Tice, Jr. of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, Judge Catherine C. Hammond of the Henrico Circuit Court and Judge Tracy Thorne-Begland of the Richmond General



Alex Nyerges

District Court. At the time you make your reservation, please indicate if you would
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Bar's Pro Bono Award presented posthumously to Benjamin R. Lacy IV

The Association's 2014 John C. Kenny Pro Bono Award will be awarded posthumously to Benjamin R. Lacy IV. The award, given annually to individuals or law firms demonstrating dedication to furthering the delivery of pro bono legal services to the poor and underserved in the Metro area, will be presented to Mr. Lacy's family members at the Bar's luncheon on January 23rd.

Mr. Lacy passed away on July 16, 2012 after spending 27 years with Sands Anderson. He achieved great professional success and was recognized in Best Lawyers in America as well as Virginia Business magazine's "Legal Elite." Behind the scenes he quietly dedicated much of his time to serving the community through the Greater Richmond Bar Foundation's Pro Bono Clearinghouse, which he assisted since its inception in 2001. The Pro Bono Clearinghouse is a referral service linking experienced volunteer attorneys with
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Administration of Justice Committee receives feedback from Federal judges

In its continued effort to promote the administration of justice in the Richmond area and to facilitate cooperation between the bench and the bar, the Bar's Administration of Justice Committee recently concluded its annual interviews with the Honorable Judges for the Eastern District of Virginia, Richmond Division. As in years past, the Judges were gracious with their time and spoke with candor to Committee members regarding the Court's work and the performance of the bar in their courtrooms.

The Honorable Robert E. Payne

Judge Payne observes that the Richmond

Bar continues to uphold the highest standards of professionalism and civility. He believes that the practice of law requires taking the time to think, plan and project. He notes that lawyers are paid for their judgment and that the exercise of judgment requires taking the time to reflect.

Judge Payne acknowledges that there have been significant changes in the profession over the past 20 years which have impacted the practice of law and the pressures placed on lawyers. He identifies the drive to run law firms like businesses and the advent of
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The RBA is implementing a new social opportunity called the "private conversation series" that will give a limited number of members access to interesting speakers and topics in a small, personal setting. The first program in the series is entitled "*A Private Conversation with the Honorable Henry E. Hudson and John O. Peters: An Inside Look at the History of the Federal Court in the Eastern District of Virginia.*"

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 or mailed to Lee Martin, at P.O. Box 1213, Richmond, VA 23218.

J. Patrick Becker has joined Williams Mullen as an Associate in the Tax Practice. His practice will focus on general tax matters, including the federal and international taxation of business entities, business owners and investors, and domestic and international tax planning for businesses and individuals.

Reed Smith LLP announces that **S. Miles Dumville** has begun transitioning into the role of Office Managing Partner currently filled by Curtis Manchester, who will step down January 1 after seven years in order to focus full-time on his commercial litigation and dispute resolution practice. Mr Dumville concentrates in representing clients in the financial services, construction and real estate industries.

Robert J. Proutt Jr. has joined Christian & Barton, L.L.P. in Richmond as a partner, where he will continue his legal practice focused on commercial real estate transactions and natural resource restoration, and mitigation banking.



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Please reserve a place for me at the **Thursday, January 23, 2014** luncheon which will be held at the Omni Richmond Hotel at 12:30 p.m.

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Return this form to: Richmond Bar Association, P.O. Box 1213, Richmond, Virginia 23218-1213.

Reservations may be made by calling the Bar office at 780-0700 no later than noon on Monday, January 20, 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 January 20th. 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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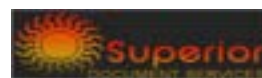
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United States Senator Tim Kaine received the Association's Hill-Tucker Public Service Award from President Anne Scher at the Bar's luncheon meeting on September 16th. The Award is presented annually to members of the legal profession who render conspicuous public service and distinguish themselves in service to society beyond the practice of law.

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Alex Nyerges to speak in January

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like to be seated at a judge's table.

Now in his eighth year as director of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Alex Nyerges is responsible for the management of the museum's recent expansion and renovation; the enhancement of statewide services and programs to fulfill the institution's mandate as Virginia's museum; the completion of a revenue-based business plan for the museum's future; and the approval and advancement of exciting special exhibitions.

Nyerges came to VMFA from the Dayton Art Institute, where he was director and CEO from 1992 to 2006. Before his assignment in Ohio, Nyerges was the executive director of the Mississippi Museum of Art in Jackson, a position he also held at the De Land Museum of Art in Florida.

Nyerges has been a member of the Association of Art Museum Directors since 1989 and serves on the Mentoring Task Force Committee. He is a former member of the Board of Trustees and past Program Chair for the organization. As a member of the American Association of Museums, he serves as an Accreditation Field Reviewer. In Richmond, Nyerges is a member of the Forum Club, an Advisory Board Member of the Asian American Society of Central Virginia, a member of the Mayor's Richmond Real Estate Task Roundtable and the Mayor's Tourism Commission, serves on the Armory Steering Committee at the Black History Cultural Museum, Chamber of Commerce Capital Region Collaborative, as well as an Affiliate Graduate Faculty Member at Virginia Commonwealth University.

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.

Judges' portraits unveiled



On September 23rd, the RBA's Bankruptcy Section hosted a reception at the Jepson Alumni Center honoring the Hon. Douglas O. Tice, Jr. for 26 years of service as a U.S. Bankruptcy Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia. A portrait, painted by Henry Wingate, was unveiled and will hang in Judge Tice's courtroom at the Federal Courthouse. Pictured here are John Maddock, Chair of the Bankruptcy Section, the Hon. Douglas Tice, Jr. and Bill Gray, Immediate Past Chair of the Section.



The Hon. Randall G. Johnson, Judge of the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond, was honored posthumously on October 16th with a portrait, painted by Claiborne Gregory, that will hang in the Richmond courthouse. The portrait was presented to Judge Johnson's wife and sons: the Hon. Randall G. Johnson, Jr., Jacquetta B. Johnson and Kevin R. Johnson.

Nominations being accepted for Liberty Bell Award

The Committee on Awards and Honors is accepting nominations for the Liberty Bell Award. The Award is based on criteria established by the American Bar Association to recognize persons outside the legal profession who have served to promote a better understanding of our government. The award is given to persons who:

- (1) Promote a better understanding of our form of government, especially the Bill of Rights;
- (2) Encourage a greater respect for law and the courts;
- (3) Stimulate a deeper sense of individual responsibility to the end that citizens recognize their duties as well as their rights;
- (4) Contribute to the effective functioning of our institutions of government; and
- (5) Inculcate a better understanding and appreciation of the rule of law.

Recipients include S. Buford Scott (2013), Thomas A. Silvestri (2011), the Hon. Susan Clark Schaar and the Hon. Bruce F. Jamerson (2010), Laura Sanchez-de Solar (2008), Sister Cora Billings, Rev. Benjamin Campbell, Dr. Jack Spiro (2006), Dr. Warren Stewart (2005), Vernard W. Henley (2002), James E. Ukrop & Robert S. Ukrop (2001).

Nominations should be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. on February 11th to Tracy Walker, Chair of the Committee on Awards & Honors, at twalker@mcguire-woods.com or fax: 698-2201.

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Social networking is one of the fastest growing means of communication. Visit the Bar's LinkedIn and Facebook pages and keep up with the latest news on luncheons, CLE seminars, socials and Section events.

Bench-Bar Conference highlights

Everyone agreed that the 22nd annual Bench-Bar Conference on October 17th at the Omni Hotel covered relevant and interesting topics, but the dogs definitely stole the show. Members of the Norfolk Police Department's Narcotics Department and their canine counterparts put on lively demonstrations designed to show how the dogs seek and find drugs hidden in bags and carried by individuals. Mark your calendar and plan now to attend next year's conference set for Thursday, October 23, 2014.



Lacy family to accept award

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nonprofit corporations in need of legal representation. In 2010, Mr. Lacy joined the Foundation's Board of Directors, helping to further guide the mission of that organization. In addition, he served on the Board of the Central Virginia Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Reserach Foundation.

In January 2013, the General Assembly passed a resolution honoring Mr. Lacy for his devotion to serving others through pro bono work.

The lawyer who



Benjamin R. Lacy IV

submitted the nomination of Mr. Lacy writes, "He has enthused innumerable individuals to engage in service. His large-scale mobilization of community servants and philanthropic endeavors is unparalleled. Mr. Lacy's efforts brought incalculable benefits to the Richmond legal community and the community at large, making the justice system more accessible to all. This good continues even after his death."

Richmond Public Law Library serves as legal resource for community

Located on the first floor of the Richmond Public Library at 101 East Franklin Street, the public law library serves the legal research needs of the general public and the legal community. The collection includes state and federal reported opinions, statutes, administrative regulations, and resources such as form books, treatises, loose-leaf services, legal newspapers, and reference materials oriented towards both the practitioner and the self-represented. The law library also offers free Westlaw, Lexis, and legal research classes for the public.

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Federal Judges offer comments and observations to Bar's

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technology as two such significant changes. Judge Payne observes that the business of the practice of law places enormous pressure on lawyers who face increasing demands from clients to reduce costs and to achieve successful results in less time.

Technological advances have impacted the procedural rules of court. For example, the Judicial Conference Advisory Committee on Civil Rules has proposed amendments to the Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 37(e) governing electronic discovery. Judge Payne believes that this proposed amendment is the single most important revision of the Federal Rules in recent years. Nevertheless, the proposed amendment is not getting much attention to date at the Bar. Proponents of reforming the current rule propose that the Court shift the cost of e-discovery to the requesting party. Judge Payne notes that issues related to production of electronic documents closely resemble the historical issues related to the production of paper documents. Judge Payne encourages attorneys to get involved with the proposed rule change and weigh in on the issue. The proposed amendments can be found online at: www.uscourts.gov/RulesAndPolicies/rules/proposed-amendments.aspx. All written comments are due by February 15, 2014.

Finally, Judge Payne reminds lawyers to focus on the issue of damages in their cases. He observes that lawyers who practice in his court often focus on establishing liability, but do not always focus as much on the issue and presentation of damages.

The Honorable James R. Spencer

Judge Spencer reported that he is pleased with the Court's operation and the Richmond Bar. He noted that the Court's docket remains busy, but that caseloads are trending down on the criminal side. Civil litigation continues, but Judge Spencer did comment on the decline of jury trials in the Eastern District. On the civil side, Judge Spencer attributes the decline to the nature of business disputes and the expense involved in taking cases to trials. The types of cases that are tried are complex litigation matters, including intellectual property and securities cases. When cases are tried, the trials are lengthy. Criminal trials also have diminished due to federal sentencing acts. Judge Spencer spoke about the increased role of mediation and arbitration in civil matters. He complimented

Judge Novak and Judge Lauck for their work in conducting settlement conferences and reported that many cases are being resolved through that process.

He believes that the Court may be seeing less Rule 12 Motions than in years prior. He granted only a few motions to dismiss this year. There is constancy, if not increase, in the amount of summary judgment motions filed with the Court. He commented that the Court spends a great deal of time on summary judgment motions.

When asked about his impression of the Bar, Judge Spencer said that his opinion as to the excellence of the Richmond Bar has not changed. He believes Richmond lawyers practice with a high level of professionalism, which creates a pleasant environment. The majority of disputes that Judge Spencer confronts are discovery disputes for which the Court has little patience. He regularly requires the losing party to pay costs and fees in order to promote cooperation between counsel. He is impressed by the Bar's younger lawyers. The fact that younger lawyers do not have the trial experience of their more senior counterparts is obvious when cases are tried. He finds, however, that young lawyers are fully prepared for those cases, just less seasoned with the procedural aspects of a trial.

Judge Spencer reminded Richmond lawyers when working as local counsel to educate their out-of-state counterparts about the culture of our practice. At the end of the day, the judges hold local counsel responsible for all conduct before the Court.

Judge Spencer will be taking senior status in March. He spoke about the extraordinary relationships built over 28 years and his wonderful courthouse family.

The Honorable Henry E. Hudson

Judge Hudson remains pleased with the camaraderie and professionalism of the attorneys that appear before him. He gave one recent example of an out-of-state lawyer who was missing an exhibit during a hearing. When the opposing Virginia lawyer gave him a copy, the out-of-state lawyer commented that this type of cooperation was not often demonstrated in his jurisdiction. Although he rarely sees civility issues in his courtroom, he cautions lawyers to stay focused on the merits of their case rather than personal disputes.

Judge Hudson believes that Virginia lawyers have a strong work ethic. He notes that

the number of civil and criminal trials have dramatically decreased during his years on the federal bench. He believes that because the Eastern District of Virginia is known to foster early case resolution, the attorneys who routinely appear in the District gear their approach to their cases with this mindset. He finds that many lawyers come to the pretrial conference reporting that they have already begun settlement negotiations. Judge Hudson strongly encourages lawyers, where feasible, to communicate with opposing lawyers regarding resolution even before filing suit. He encourages lawyers to contact his chambers regarding early settlement conference referrals where appropriate.

Judge Hudson encourages lawyers to communicate with his chambers whenever needed. He expressed a willingness to work with the lawyers to answer questions and resolve issues, as appropriate.

The Honorable John A. Gibney, Jr.

After three years on the bench, Judge Gibney continues to believe that he has "the best job," adding that his words echo what the late Judge Richard L. Williams told him.

Judge Gibney observed that local lawyers, with rare exceptions, are well prepared and do their homework before appearing in court. The judge values professionalism and collegiality, and commented that criminal defense lawyers and prosecutors are particularly polite and cooperative with one another when they appear before him.

Judge Gibney has been surprised by how lopsided his docket is. Criminal cases comprise more than half of his docket. While white collar crime and illegal entry cases comprise about 10% of the criminal matters he hears, most of the other criminal matters before him are drug related. In terms of civil matters, Judge Gibney mentioned that sometimes out-of-state lawyers persist in making ad hominem arguments, peppering briefs with phrases such as, "Opposing counsel unbelievably states," or "Opposing counsel incredibly argues." In a recent patent case, Judge Gibney had to meet with the out-of-state lawyers and their local counsel in chambers and obtain commitments from both sides to avoid that type of conduct.

Judge Gibney recommends that, while they are learning the ropes, young lawyers associate with experienced counsel or seek guidance from seasoned federal practitioners.

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Administration of Justice Committee members

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And he had helpful advice for all lawyers who appear before him, regardless of their experience level -- if during oral argument, Judge Gibney says, "I think you are doing pretty well, but you are welcome to persuade me otherwise," take the hint and take your seat.

Lastly, Judge Gibney welcomes feedback from those practicing before him and is willing to meet with interested bar groups and attorneys.

The Honorable M. Hannah Lauck

Judge Lauck reported that she and Judge Novak continue to be busy with their respective dockets and settlement conferences. In regards to the settlement conferences, Judge Lauck estimated that she has conducted several hundred settlement conferences this year. She enjoys the settlement conferences and appreciates feedback from the Bar on the effectiveness of the conferences. While the goal is to resolve matters, Judge Lauck believes that the settlement conferences are important to the litigation process. Although Court ordered, by participating in settlement conferences, parties are able to focus on those issues that will be tried. She advises members of the Bar to prepare their clients for the settlement conference process. Clients should arrive at the conference prepared to discuss settlement and not simply to argue their substantive legal positions.

Judge Lauck is handling fewer discovery

disputes. When discovery disputes arise in her consent cases or in matters in which discovery is referred, Judge Lauck requires the parties to collaborate and compile a single chart outlining the dispute, the parties' positions, and any authority supporting or conflicting with the positions taken by the parties. Judge Lauck stated that this process will often resolve many discovery disputes and streamline those that remain.

Judge Lauck reports that parties often consent to magistrate jurisdiction in Title VII, contract and tort cases. She has presided over two jury trials in the past year and numerous bench trials.

When asked for comments about the Bar, Judge Lauck repeated that the Bar continues to do an excellent job. She encourages young lawyers to become involved and introduce themselves to the Court and its staff. She closed by commenting that the Court is running as it should and again applauding the Bar for its work at the Court.

The Honorable David J. Novak

Judge Novak continues to be impressed by the caliber of the Bar practicing before him. He reports that the majority of his time is currently spent conducting settlement conferences and he estimates that his work load is currently 70% civil and 30% criminal matters. Judge Novak also handles social security disability matters.

On average, Judge Novak conducts four

settlement conferences per week. The overwhelming majority of these mediations have resulted in resolution. Judge Novak recommends that counsel consider judicial mediation early in the case where appropriate. He finds that early in the case, parties tend to be less entrenched in their positions and can use funds that they would have spent on litigation to resolve the matter.

Judge Novak emphasizes that the required Confidential Settlement Memorandum is a critical element in the settlement process. He stresses that candor in the settlement process is essential and reminds that he will not disclose sensitive information to the other party without the permission of the disclosing party. He encourages counsel to directly deal with case weaknesses in the memorandum. He asks counsel to continue to provide reasoned settlement memoranda and to prepare clients for the conference. Judge Novak takes a proactive approach to settlement conferences and does not hesitate to discuss settlement amounts on the onset of the mediation. In each settlement conference, he is amenable to proceeding in a manner best suited to the circumstances of that case. He will speak frankly with client representatives when asked to do so by counsel. His goal is to work collaboratively with counsel to settle cases.

Judge Novak intends his court to be "user friendly." He encourages counsel to contact his chambers with procedural questions.

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“Private Conversation Series” kicks off with a discussion of the history and trials in the U.S. District Court

Make your reservations now for the RBA's inaugural event in its “private conversation series,” which features interesting speakers and topics in a small, casual group setting. The first program, “A Private Conversation with the Honorable Henry E. Hudson and John O. Peters: An Inside Look at the History of the Federal Court in the Eastern District of Virginia,” will be held on Thursday, January 30, 2014 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Williams Mullen. Beer, wine and sodas will be provided. Attendance is limited to the first 50 registrants on a first come, first served basis. Cost to attend is \$10. Visit <http://www.richmondbar.org/events/private-conversation-series/> or call 780-0700 to make a reservation.

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia probably has the most interesting and important history of any trial jurisdiction in the country, state or federal. District Judge Henry E. Hudson and John O. Peters, author of “From Marshall to Moussaoui: Federal Justice in the Eastern District of Virginia,” will discuss what makes this such a great story. They will discuss the role of Chief Justice John Marshall, who sat on the bench of this court for 34 years as a trial judge, including the trial of Aaron Burr for treason, an epic confrontation between Marshall and his cousin, Thomas Jefferson. Other topics will include the court's role during the Civil War and Reconstruction; the trials of some of America's most notorious spies and terrorists, culminating with the trial of Zacharias Moussaoui; over twenty years of school desegregation litigation that changed the face of America and Virginia's way of life; and a colorful admiralty jurisdiction that has seen cases related to pirates, privateers, prize ships, the Titanic, and Spanish gold.

In addition to having the opportunity to ask questions, attendees may purchase a copy of “From Marshall to Moussaoui: Federal Justice in the Eastern District of Virginia” and have it signed by the author.

Look who's coming to lunch in 2014: register today!

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

Thursday, January 23, 2014
Alex Nyerges
Director of the VA Museum of Fine Arts

Thursday, February 20, 2014
Shawn Boyer
Founder and Chairman of Snagajob

Thursday, March 20, 2014
TBA

Thursday, May 1, 2014
Hon. S. Bernard Goodwyn
Justice of the Supreme Court of VA

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

Announcements Bankruptcy Section CLE/luncheon set for January 14th

The Bankruptcy Section will host a luncheon/CLE seminar on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 beginning at 12:30 p.m. at the **Marriott Hotel**, 500 E. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219. The program will feature a presentation titled “A Change is Coming: A panel discussion of the upcoming national form Chapter 13 plan and related rule changes.” Presenters are Bankruptcy Judge Rebecca Connelly (WD. Va.), Carl Bates (Chapter 13 Trustee ED Va.), Mark Leffler of the Boleman Law Firm, Herb Beskinch (Chapter 13 Trustee, WD Va.) and David Cox of the Cox Law Group. The program has been approved for 1.0 hour of MCLE credit. Cost to attend the luncheon is \$35. 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 January 9th; no refunds will be issued after this date.

Real Estate Section to host “Evening with the Clerks” on January 21st

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, January 21, 2014 at Hard Shell Bellgrade, 11400 West Huguenot Road in The Shoppes at Bellgrade. The event will start with a cocktail reception, followed by a seated dinner and a panel discussion, with ample opportunities to interact with the Clerks. Cost to attend for members and non-members is \$60. Register with a credit card by visiting the Bar's website (see link at the bottom of this page) or by calling 780-0700. A registration form will be sent to Section members soon. Payment can also be made by returning the form on the flyer that was sent to all Section members. Reservations must be received by January 16th; no refunds will be issued after this date.

The Section thanks Forti Insurance Agency for its sponsorship of the event.

Save the date - Business Law Section's Winter CLE seminar set for February 4th

Save the date and plan to attend the Business Law Section's Winter CLE seminar on Tuesday, February 4, 2014, at Chez Foushee beginning at 4:30 p.m. The program will feature a panel discussion on LLC Operating Agreements and will be followed by a cocktail reception. Additional information will be provided to Section members shortly.

Young Lawyers Section to sponsor social at U of R Law School on February 20th

On Thursday, February 20, 2014, the RBA Young Lawyers Section will be hosting a social at the University of Richmond School of Law. The social is open to University of Richmond law students and to members of the Young Lawyers Section, with the goal of providing an opportunity for law students to meet and speak with young lawyers in the Richmond area. The social, featuring an open bar with beer and wine and very light hors d'oeuvres, will be held in the law school's atrium between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.

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

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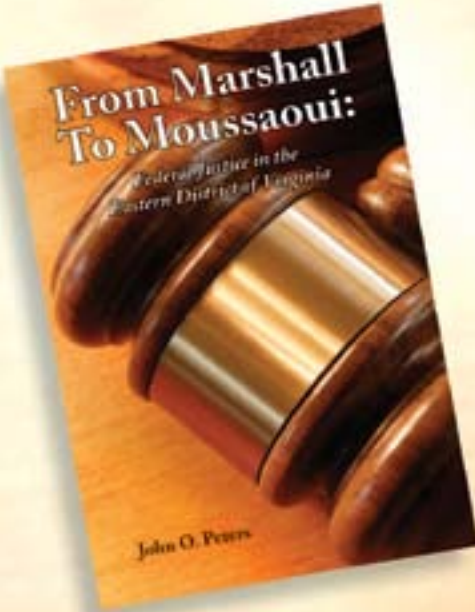
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January

- 6 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 9 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton & Williams
- 13 Pro Bono Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 14 Bankruptcy Section Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Marriott Hotel
- 14 CLE Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 20 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 21 Real Estate Section Dinner, 6:00 p.m., The Hard Shell Bellgrade
- 23 RBA Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Omni Hotel
Speaker: Alex Nyerges, Director of the VA Museum of Fine Arts
- 30 "A Private Conversation with Judge Hudson and John Peters,"
5:30 p.m., Williams Mullen

February

- 3 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 4 Business Law Section CLE, 4:30 p.m., Chez Foushee
- 6 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton & Williams
- 17 Bar office closed for the holiday
- 17 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 20 RBA Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Omni Hotel
Speaker: Shawn Boyer, Founder and Chairman of Snagajob
- 20 Young Lawyers Section Social, 6:30 p.m., University of Richmond Law School
- 25 Nominating Committee, 12:30 p.m., Bar office

March

- 3 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
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- 10 Pro Bono Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 11 CLE Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 17 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
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