



# THE RICHMOND BAR

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## President's gavel passed, awards presented at Association's Law Day Luncheon

At the Bar's Law Day Luncheon on May 1, President John Burke passed the gavel to Tracy Walker. Mr. Walker, an attorney with McGuireWoods LLP, becomes the Association's 131st president. The Honorable Donald W. Lemons delivered the keynote address and served double duty by administering the oath to the new officers and presenting the John Marshall Foundation's annual awards to Virginia government and civics teachers.



*Chief Justice Donald W. Lemons administers the oath of office.*



*President John K. Burke, Jr. passes the gavel to incoming President J. Tracy Walker IV*



*Clarence M. Dunnville, Jr. receives the Hill-Tucker Public Service Award from President John K. Burke, Jr.*

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

Thursday, September 17, 2015

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

Thursday, November 19, 2015

Thursday, January 21, 2016

Friday, February 19, 2016

Thursday, March 17, 2016

Monday, May 2, 2016 (Law Day)

## 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.

Three lawyers have joined the Richmond office of Allen Allen Allen & Allen:

**Abbigale B. Frederick** joins as Intake Attorney supervising the new case department and working with clients at the earliest stages of their cases;

**R. Christopher Jones** joins as a Trial Attorney whose practice is focused exclusively on personal injury cases including car and motorcycle accidents; and

**Derrick L. Walker** joins as a Trial Attorney working on a wide array of personal injury matters involving wrongful death, tractor trailer accidents, traumatic brain injury, and medical malpractice.

**Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC** has relocated its Richmond operations to the SunTrust Center, Suite 1300, 919 East Main Street.

**Eric M. Page** has joined the firm as a Member of the its Utilities, Telecommunications, Energy and Insurance groups. His practice includes representing regulated and non-regulated utilities and handling a wide range of regulatory and administrative matters for insurance companies and agencies.

Additionally, the firm has elected **William D. Ledoux, Jr.** as a Partner. He focuses his practice in litigation matters in state and federal courts at both the trial and appellate levels, including employment litigation, legal malpractice, contract disputes, commercial litigation, products liability and tort actions.

Ogletree, Deakins, Nash, Smoak & Stewart, P.C. has welcomed **Jeanne Floyd** as of counsel in the firm's Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation practice group. She will focus her practice in the area of employee benefits compliance, counseling clients on all aspects of qualified retirement plans and health and welfare arrangements.

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Setliff & Holland, P.C. announces the addition of **Richard T. Pledger** as a partner and **Thomas J. Moran** as an associate.

Mr. Pledger will lead the firm's Construction Law Practice Group and Fidelity and Surety Practice Group and concentrate his practice in the areas of construction, business, commercial, bankruptcy, and fidelity law.

Mr. Moran will focus his efforts in the areas of civil litigation, surety, construction, real estate, commercial litigation and bankruptcy.

## Welcome new members

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**Hon. Walter S. Felton, Jr. (Ret.)**  
Retired Chief Judge, Court of Appeals of Virginia

The Honorable Walter S. Felton, Jr. retired recently after serving on the Court of Appeals of Virginia for twelve years, concluding his service as the Chief Judge. Prior to his election to the bench, he was first appointed as Deputy Attorney General of Virginia and then as Senior Counsel to the Attorney General. He later served as Counsel to the Governor of Virginia and Director of Policy. Judge Felton is a member of the Boyd-Graves Conference of the Virginia Bar Association and a former Professor of Law at William & Mary Law School. He was the 2014 recipient of the Judicial Council of Virginia's Harry L. Carrico Outstanding Career Service Award. Judge Felton now brings this exemplary record of leadership and achievement to The McCammon Group to serve the mediation, arbitration, judge pro tempore, and special master needs of lawyers and litigants throughout the Commonwealth and beyond.



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## Threat of rain doesn't dampen spirits at Association's



*Julie Cillo and Player Michelsen*



*Candace Blydenburgh, Trish & the Hon. Keith Phillips, and Tom Ebel*

The skies looked threatening, but the sun finally shined on the 300 plus guests who enjoyed socializing at the Bar's Spring Cocktail Party at Willow Oaks Country Club on April 22, 2015. The Association appreciates the generosity of our Select Sponsors: First Capital Bank, Halasz Court Reporting, Minnesota Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company, Protiviti, Inc., Superior Document Services and Tranzon Fox. View more photos at <http://www.richmondbar.org/events/social-events/>.



*Jennifer Ligon and Chris Jones*



*Veronica Neisler and Angela Watson*



*Michelle & Mike Harman*



*Tunstall Bagley, Philip Dean, Neil Talegonokar and Michael & Christy Lantz*

## Spring Cocktail Party at Willow Oaks Country Club



*Tommy Mayfield and Brian Vieth*



*Cheryl and Andy Wood*



*Jennifer Beville and Chris Obenshain*



*Dave Berry, Luke Bresnahan, Malcolm Thomas, Judge Beverly Snukals, Christopher Keegan and Kelly Gibson*



*Jeremy Williams and Amanda DeBerry*



*Doug & Marian Rucker with Ed & Sue Betts*

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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.**

## J. Tracy Walker IV becomes Association's 131st President

J. Tracy Walker, IV was installed as the Association's 131st President on June 1, 2015. Tracy has served the Association in many capacities over the years, including terms on the Executive Committee, the Judiciary Committee, the Finance Committee, and the Bench/Bar Committee, among others.

Tracy is a partner at McGuireWoods, LLP, where he Co-Chairs the Appeals and Issues Team and serves on the Board of Partners. He previously served as Chair of the firm's Product and Consumer Litigation Department. Prior to joining McGuireWoods, Tracy was with Christian & Barton, LLP. He counts among his valued mentors several former presidents of the Association from both firms, including Mike Smith, David Harless, Craig Merritt, Anne Marie Whittemore, and Bill Broadus.

Tracy has a broad litigation practice. He routinely tries cases and handles appeals in state and federal courts throughout the country. Much of his current practice focuses on consumer class action litigation.



J. Tracy Walker IV

Tracy graduated with a degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Virginia in 1987, and he received his J.D. from Harvard Law School in 1990. His wife, MaryMoss, also attended the University of Virginia, and they are both delighted to have their two daughters, McKenzie and Ainsley, now attending UVA. The Walkers are members of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Goochland. Tracy's sister, Melissa Robinson, practices law at Glenn, Robinson & Cathey, PLC in Roanoke.

Tracy has been actively involved in bar activities throughout his career. He served two terms on and chaired the Virginia State Bar Committee on Lawyer Discipline; served two terms on and chaired the District 13 Disciplinary Committee; served on the Virginia State Bar Committee on Access to Legal Services; and chaired the Virginia State Bar Young Lawyer's Conference. He is currently a faculty member of the mandatory Professionalism Course for new admittees to the practice of law in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

## Firm bill dues list

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# CALENDAR

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## 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
- 8 Long Range Planning Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., 2nd floor small conference room

## July

- 3 Bar office closed for the holiday
- 7 Bench-Bar Conference Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 13 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 13 Pro Bono Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 14 CLE Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room

## August

- 4 Bench-Bar Conference Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 10 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 31 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office

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