



# THE RICHMOND BAR

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## Chief Alfred Durham of the Richmond Police Department to speak at Bar's November luncheon

Alfred Durham, Chief of Police for the City of Richmond, will be the featured speaker at the Richmond Bar's luncheon on Thursday, November 19, 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 Monday, November 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 November luncheon: **Hon. Henry E. Hudson and Hon. Clarence N. Jenkins, Jr.** At the time you make your reservation, please indicate if you would like to be seated at a judge's table.

Chief Durham has nearly 28 years of service to law enforcement. After serving four years of active duty with the United States Marine Corps, he began his law enforcement career with District of Columbia Metropolitan Police Department in 1987. From 2000-2005, he served as Boating Law Administrator for the District of Columbia. In 2004, he was responsible for the planning and execution of the security operations for the 2005 55th Presidential Inauguration. In 2005, Chief Durham left the D.C. Police Department to serve as the chief of staff with the Richmond Police Department.

In 2007, Chief Durham returned to the Metropolitan Police Department and was appointed to the rank of assistant chief of police where he served as the Executive Officer of the department. In this role, he was second in command of the police force and



*Chief Alfred Durham*

was responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the department. The department had a sworn strength of 3,975 officers and 431 civilian personnel and an operating budget of more than \$508 million dollars.

In 2014, Chief Durham returned to the Richmond Police Department as a deputy chief in charge of Administrative Services. On February 2, 2014, Mayor Dwight C. Jones named Alfred Durham the Chief of the Richmond Virginia Police Department.

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.

## Claire G. Cardwell to receive Bar's Professionalism Award

Claire G. Cardwell, a partner at Stone, Cardwell & Dinkin, PLC, is the recipient of the Association's Hunter W. Martin Professionalism Award, which will be presented at the luncheon on Thursday, November 19, 2015. The award is presented annually to members of the legal profession, who throughout their lives and careers in the law, have best exemplified conduct and high ideals embodied in the Bar's Principles of Professionalism.

Claire Cardwell graduated in the top of her class from the University of Richmond Law School. For the first ten years of her career, Cardwell maintained a busy private practice trying hundreds of cases throughout Virginia in state and federal courts. In 1994, Ms. Cardwell was named Chief Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney for the City of Richmond, where for the next eight years she tried homicide and other profile cases. Since returning to private practice in 2002 she has concentrated on criminal defense trials and appeals, personal injury and other general litigation.

Ms. Cardwell currently serves as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Richmond Law School and the University of Virginia School of Law Innocence Project Clinic. In addition to participating on the Advisory Committee on Rules of Court and in the Virginia Criminal Justice Conference, Ms. Cardwell currently serves on the Board of Directors of Lawyers Helping Lawyers and of the Virginia Capital Representation Resource Center. She has served as guest lecturer at Public Defender Conferences, and the Richmond area Bench-Bar Conference, as well as seminars sponsored by the Virginia State Bar and Virginia CLE. She

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## 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.

**The Honorable LeRoy F. Millette, Jr. (Ret.)** has joined The McCammon Group where he will serve the mediation, arbitration, and judge pro tempore needs of lawyers and litigants in the mid-Atlantic region.

**Robert W. Partin** has joined the Business & Professional Litigation Group and the Business Group at Sands Anderson. His practice will concentrate in the areas of family law and construction litigation.

**E. Brandon Ferrell** has joined Carter & Shands, P.C. as an Associate. He will focus his practice on insurance defense.

Troutman Sanders Strategies, the governmental relations and issue management arm of the law firm Troutman Sanders LLP, has announced that **Karin Talbert Addison** has joined the group as a Director in its Richmond, Virginia office. She will specialize in healthcare policy and assist clients with legislative, budget and regulatory issues in other areas.

**Ian A. Spreat** joins Midkiff, Muncie & Ross, P.C. as an associate. He will provide representation to the insurance community in the defense of workers' compensation and other insurance defense matters.



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Edited by Lelia N. Martin

## Luncheon Registration Form

Please reserve a place for me at the **Thursday, November 19, 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 Monday, November 16, 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 November 16th. Reservations made by credit card payment are subject to a 5% service fee if cancelled by the appropriate cut-off date.**

The Bar Association  
of the City of Richmond  
cordially invites you to attend its

Holiday Cocktail Party

*Presented by  
The McCammon Group*

on

Wednesday, December 16, 2015

from

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

at

The Virginia Museum of Fine Arts  
The Marble Hall, West Wing

Invitations will be mailed shortly.  
Reservations using a credit card can  
be made at <http://www.richmondbar.org/events/social-events/>.

## REFER NEW MEMBERS, REAP THE BENEFITS!

**A new Bar year has begun! Promote Association membership and earn incentives during the 2015-2016 membership drive.**

**Total # of new members recruited/member reward (redeemed during the 2016-17 Bar year):**

<b>1-2</b>	<b>1 free reservation to a 2016-17 luncheon</b>
<b>3-4</b>	<b>1 free reservation to the Spring Cocktail Party</b>
<b>5-6</b>	<b>1 free reservation to the Holiday Cocktail Party</b>
<b>7-9</b>	<b>2 free reservations to the Cocktail Party of your choice</b>
<b>10+</b>	<b>Your 2016-2017 dues are free!</b>

**To be eligible, you must sign the new member's application on the "referred by" line.**



# The McCammon Group

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**Hon. LeRoy F. Millette, Jr. (Ret.)**  
 Former Justice, Supreme Court of Virginia

The Honorable LeRoy F. Millette, Jr. recently retired after seven years of distinguished service as a Justice on the Supreme Court of Virginia. Prior to his tenure on the high court, Justice Millette served at every level of the Commonwealth's judicial system, including serving two terms as Chief Judge during his fourteen years on the Circuit Court of Prince William County. Justice Millette is a Master of the TAnson-Hoffman American Inn of Court and a Former Master of the George Mason American Inn of Court. He is a Member of the Boyd-Graves Conference and a Former Member of the Virginia Criminal and Civil Benchbook Committee. Justice Millette now brings this exemplary record of dedication 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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"Private Conversation Series" Event:

## Change in Richmond and America: Richmond Lawyers' Roles in the Struggle for Civil Rights

From the conflict surrounding the Brown decision to affirmative action in the 70's and beyond, Clarence M. Dunnville, Jr. will describe the crucial role that Virginia lawyers played in changing America. The program will be moderated by John K. Burke, Jr. of Setliff & Holland.

Wednesday, October 28, 2015 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

LeClairRyan, 919 E. Main Street, 24th Floor

Cost to attend is \$10

Beer, wine, sodas and light hors d'oeuvres will be provided. Attendance is limited to the first 70 registrants on a first come, first served basis.

Reservations may be made by visiting <https://richmondbar.org/events/private-conversation-series/> or by calling 780-0700.

*The Association appreciates the generosity of LeClairRyan for hosting the event.*

## Pro Bono Housing Law Training set for December 1st

Join us for the Pro Bono Housing Law Training, co-sponsored by the Richmond Bar and the Legal Aid Justice Center, on December 1, 2015 from 4:00 - 7:30 p.m., at Williams Mullen, 200 South 10th Street, 16th Floor. The training will consist of lectures on landlord/tenant law, Virginia procedure in housing law, and federally subsidized housing law. It is anticipated that the program will be approved for 3.0 hours of MCLE credit. Pizza, beer and soft drinks will be provided. Space is limited, so reserve your spot soon! Please RSVP to Ben Pace at [wpace@williamsmullen.com](mailto:wpace@williamsmullen.com) or 804.420.6932.

## Lawyers Helping Lawyers offers support groups for attorneys

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**32nd Annual Red Mass and Dinner**

The Most Reverend Francis X. DiLorenzo, Bishop of Richmond

**AND**

The Saint Thomas More Society of Richmond

*Invite you to join us as we petition our Lord for guidance and pray for the Blessings of the Holy Spirit on the Judiciary, legal practitioners and law students.*

**Wednesday, November 4, 2015**

Saint Benedict Parish  
 300 North Sheppard Street, Richmond  
 5:30 p.m. The Liturgy of the Eucharist  
 7:00 p.m. Dinner, Halsey Hall at the Virginia Historical Society  
 (across the street from the church - \$50 per person)

**Red Mass Celebrant:** Rev. Monsignor R. Francis Muench, J.C.L.  
 Judicial Vicar, Diocese of Richmond

**Dinner Speaker:** Ryan T. Anderson, Ph.D.  
 A Senior Research Fellow in American Principles and Public Policy at The Heritage Foundation who researches and writes on marriage and religious liberty.

For details and to attend, please contact James Schliessmann, President The Saint Thomas More Society  
 804.873.1035 or [jeschliessmann@hotmail.com](mailto:jeschliessmann@hotmail.com)

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## Claire Cardwell to receive Professionalism Award

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has been an instructor at the Richmond Police Training Academy and the Murder One School sponsored by the Commonwealth's Attorney's Services Council.

Ms. Cardwell has received numerous awards including the Virginia State Bar's Harry L. Carrico Professionalism Award, the Richmond Criminal Bar's Craig Cooley Award, the Metropolitan Richmond Women's Bar Association's Women's Achievement Award.

One nomination letter from an attorney who has worked "with, for and against Claire in each of the many phases of her legal career" states:

I have tried cases against Claire in her capacity as a defense attorney. She works tirelessly, challenging the government both to meet its burden of proof and to afford her clients all of the rights, privileges and immunities to which they are entitled. I also had the



Claire G. Cardwell

pleasure of working for Claire during her tenure as Chief Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney. She was of course an inspiration to all of the attorneys in the office. More importantly, she was exceedingly generous with her time and energy as a mentor to the younger prosecutors. She insisted on strict compliance to the rules of discovery, trust in communications among lawyers, and she was the epitome of poise and credibility before the Court.

As reflected in her impressive firm bio, Claire has enjoyed success and recognition in each of her professional endeavors. This is due in part to her skill as an advocate. In my opinion, however, her success is just as much a by-product of the respect she shows and receives from her colleagues in the course of her practice."

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## Announcements

### Bankruptcy Section Holiday Party set for December 10 at McGuireWoods

The Bankruptcy Section will host its popular Holiday Party on Thursday, December 10, 2015 at McGuireWoods beginning at 6:00 p.m. Additional information and reservation instructions will be sent to members shortly.

### Litigation Section's Reception Honoring the Judiciary set for January 28th

The Litigation Section's annual Reception Honoring the Judiciary will take place on Thursday, January 28, 2016 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at The Boathouse at Rocketts Landing (4708 E. Old Main Street, Richmond, VA 23231). The event will feature heavy hors d'oeuvres and an open bar. Cost to attend is \$50 for Section members and \$65 for non-Section members. Register using a credit card by visiting <http://www.richmondbar.org/sections/litigation/> or calling 780-0700. Payment by check can be made by returning the form on the flyer that will be mailed to all Section members. Reservations must be received by January 25th; no refunds will be given after this date.

The Section appreciates the generosity of PartnerJD, the sponsor of the event.

## Welcome new members

The Richmond Bar Association welcomes the following new members:

Martha R. Bailey  
Alan D. Bart  
Elizabeth C. Brogan  
Katherine M. Clafin  
James M. Flaherty  
Jason M. Floyd  
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## Nominations sought for Young Lawyer of the Year Award

The Young Lawyers Section is accepting nominations for the Young Lawyer of the Year Award, presented annually to a Richmond Bar Association member 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 are: Joley L. Eason (2015), John A. Merrick (2014), Melanie A. Friend (2013) and Kimberly A. Skiba (2012).

Members are encouraged to submit nominations for this year's award recipient. Each nomination should be accompanied by a short letter of recommendation describing how the nominee meets the award criteria. Nominations are due by November 16, 2015 and should be e-mailed to John Merrick, YLS Chair at [jmerrick@hccw.com](mailto:jmerrick@hccw.com).

# CALENDAR

## November

- 2 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 6-7 Quadrennial Retreat, Wintergreen Resort, 12:00 noon
- 9 Pro Bono Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 12 Bankruptcy Section CLE/Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Marriott Hotel
- 19 RBA Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Omni Hotel  
Speaker: Chief of Police Alfred Durham
- 25 Bar office closed ½ day for holiday
- 26-27 Bar office closed for the holiday
- 30 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office

## December

- 1 Pro Bono Housing Law Program training, 4:00 p.m., Williams Mullen
- 3 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton & Williams, 20th floor
- 10 Bankruptcy Section Holiday Party, time 6:00 p.m., McGuire Woods
- 16 Holiday Cocktail Party, 6:00 p.m., Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
- 24-25 Bar office closed for the holiday

## January

- 1 Bar office closed for the holiday
- 4 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 7 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton & Williams
- 11 Finance Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m. 2nd floor conference room
- 12 CLE Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 21 RBA Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Omni Hotel  
Speaker: TBA
- 28 Litigation Section Judges' Reception, 6:00 p.m., The Boathouse

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