



# THE RICHMOND BAR

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## Richmond Times Dispatch political columnist Jeff Schapiro to speak at Bar's November luncheon

*Richmond Times Dispatch* columnist and political reporter Jeff Schapiro will be the featured speaker at the Richmond Bar's luncheon on **Wednesday**, November 16, 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 Friday, November 11th. Cost to attend is \$32.00 for RBA members and \$37 for guests. **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. David J. Novak, Hon. John A. Gibney, Jr., Hon. James S. Yoffy, and Hon. Barbara J. Gaden.** At the time you make your reservation, please indicate if you would like to be seated at a judge's table.

As the political columnist for the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, Mr. Schapiro has covered campaigns and government for more than 30 years, a period during which Virginia has emerged as a decisive swing state prized by the national political parties.

Mr. Schapiro joined the *Times-Dispatch* in 1987 after reporting from the State Capitol for United Press International and Virginia Business magazine.

His column appears in the *Times-Dispatch* Wednesday and Sunday. It is carried by many other Berkshire Hathaway-published newspapers in Virginia. Schapiro's video column is posted Thursday to the Times-Dispatch's website, [timesdispatch.com](http://timesdispatch.com).

Since 1991, Mr. Schapiro has been a correspondent for The Economist, the British



Jeff Schapiro

newsmagazine, writing on Southern politics and culture. He is an analyst for WCVE-FM, the Richmond public radio station.

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.**

## Christopher Malone to receive Bar's Pro Bono Award

Christopher M. Malone, a partner at ThompsonMcMullan, is the 2016 recipient of the John C. Kenny Pro Bono Award. The award is presented annually to an individual or law firm that demonstrates a dedication to furthering the delivery of pro bono legal services to the poor and underserved in the Richmond Metro area. The Association will convey the award to Mr. Malone at the RBA's monthly luncheon meeting on November 16th.

Mr. Malone currently serves as president and managing director of ThompsonMcMullan. He first joined the firm in 1981. His practice includes representation of businesses and individuals in litigation of a wide variety of matters in state and federal courts, with a significant emphasis on construction litigation. Mr. Malone regularly assists clients in resolving commercial disputes through mediation and arbitration. On the business side, he represents the interests of those involved in the formation of commercial entities including corporations, limited liability companies, partnerships, and joint ventures, often serving as counsel to these entities after formation, providing ongoing advice on legal matters in many areas including, contract formation, employment matters, acquisition and merger, real estate acquisition and sale, and related matters. He regularly represents medical professionals and other professionals before state licensing and regulatory boards.

Mr. Malone also has an extensive practice in the area of adoption and family law. As an adoptive parent, he has personal experience of the adoption process. He regularly assists families in initiating and finalizing adoptions in order to establish forever homes for children. He works closely with adoptive parents and child placement agencies to

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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 Joel C. Cunningham (Ret.)** has joined The McCammon Group where he will serve the mediation, arbitration, judge pro tempore, and special master needs of lawyers and litigants throughout the Commonwealth and beyond.

## Chesterfield court case images now available off-site through OCRA

Wendy S. Hughes, Clerk of the Chesterfield Circuit Court, wants members to be aware of the following:

The Chesterfield Circuit Court Clerk's Office is pleased to announce that case images are now made available off-site to the legal community through the secure system called OCRA (Officer of the Court Remote Access). The system contains non-confidential civil and criminal case images filed/received from December 2015 forward. OCRA can be accessed through an internet browser from any device at any time. Access is available to members in good standing with the Virginia State Bar, their authorized agents and pro hac vice attorneys authorized by the court for purposes of the practice of law.

Annual subscriptions are \$100 per user per year. The required Agreement and more information are available on the Clerk's website at: <http://www.chesterfield.gov/content2.aspx?id=8590136234>.



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

### Holiday Cocktail Party

Presented by  
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on

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

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/](http://www.richmondbar.org/events/social-events/).



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Edited by Lelia N. Martin

## Luncheon Registration Form

Please reserve a place for me at the **Wednesday, November 16, 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): \_\_\_\_\_

Method of payment (check one):

- Firm billing. Firm: \_\_\_\_\_
- Check enclosed. (\$32.00 for RBA members, \$37.00 for guests; 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 Friday, November 11, 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 November 11th. 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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**Hon. Joel C. Cunningham (Ret.)**  
 Retired Judge, 10th Judicial Circuit of Virginia  
 The Honorable Joel C. Cunningham (Ret.) recently retired after nineteen years of distinguished judicial service. Judge Cunningham first served on the bench of the General District Court for the 10th Judicial District then was elected to serve as a Judge on the Circuit Court of the 10th Judicial Circuit. Prior to his service on the bench, Judge Cunningham served for a decade as Highway Condemnation Counsel for the Virginia Department of Transportation, throughout which time he also enjoyed a successful private practice in Halifax County. Judge Cunningham now brings this distinguished 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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## Chris Malone to receive Association's Pro Bono Award

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navigate the adoption process. When issues of contest arise, Chris represents adoptive parents and child placement agencies in resolving these disputes.

Mr. Malone received multiple letters of nomination. One lawyer writes "Chris dedicates countless hours providing legal services to charitable organizations devoted to homeless services and services for the disabled in the Richmond area. He generously contributes his extraordinary legal talents to help the homeless, the poor, and otherwise marginalized citizens in and around our City. And when Chris is not generously donating legal services, he is liberally volunteering his time to numerous charitable causes that enhance our community's care for those who need it most."

In another nomination letter, an attorney states "Chris was a founding member of both



Christopher M. Malone

CARITAS and Freedom House. His work with these organizations focused on developing and providing homelessness response and

prevention programs. Chris is also an active volunteer with Housing Opportunities Made Equal ("HOME") working to ensure equal access to housing for all people and to seek justice for individuals whose rights have been violated. Chris has represented HOME and several of HOME's clients in cases related to violations of fair housing laws.

An attorney at his firm notes, "One of the best ways to understand why Chris makes the efforts he does as a provider of pro bono services is a comment made by his primary legal assistant and paralegal, Julie Marshall. Ms. Marshall, among all the employees at ThompsonMcMullan, knows him best and says the following about Chris: 'It is not so much about how much pro bono work Chris does or his involvement in the various organizations, it is the passion he has for people in any given situation.'"

## Nominations sought for RBA's Public Service Award

The Committee on Awards and Honors is accepting nominations for the Hill-Tucker Public Service Award. The award, named after Oliver W. Hill and Samuel W. Tucker who received the first award in 1989, is presented to members of the legal profession who render conspicuous public service and otherwise distinguish themselves in service to society beyond law practice.

Recipients include: Jennifer L. McClellan (2016), Clarence A. Dunnville, Jr. (2015), Hon. Tim Kaine (2013), Henry W. McLaughlin III (2010), O. Randolph Rollins (2009), Hon. Elizabeth Lacy (2008), John V. Cogbill III (2007), Chief Justice Leroy R. Hassell, Sr. (2006), Julious P. Smith, Jr. (2005), Hon. Gerald Baliles (2003), John W. Bates III (2002), Tommy P. Baer (2001), Lewis T. Booker (2000), Hon. Harry L. Carrico (1999), Harold M. Marsh, Sr. (1998), Hon. L. Douglas Wilder (1997).

Nominations should be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. on November 22th to Terrence L. Graves, Chair of the Committee on Awards & Honors, at [tgraves@sandsanderson.com](mailto:tgraves@sandsanderson.com).



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## Running & Faith : A Conversation about Attorney Wellness and The Race Before Us

Justice William C. Mims will interview Bruce Matson about his book *The Race Before Us: A Journey of Running and Faith* as he leads a conversation about the "dimensions of wellness" that every lawyer should seek as part of a balanced life. Audience participation in the discussion is encouraged. Mr. Matson's book will be available for signing at the event.

Thursday, November 3, 2016

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

LeClairRyan

Cost to attend is \$10

Beer, wine, sodas and light hors d'oeuvres will be provided. Attendance is limited to the first 50 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.

## 33rd 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.



Rev. Paul D. Scalia

### Thursday, November 10, 2016

Mary, Mother of the Church Abbey  
12829 River Road, Goochland  
6:00 p.m. The Liturgy of the Eucharist  
7:00 p.m. Dinner, Benedictine College Prep Dining Hall  
(\$65 per person)

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

**Homilist and Dinner Speaker:** Rev. Paul D. Scalia  
Episcopal Vicar for Clergy, Diocese of Arlington

For details and to attend, please contact  
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## Refer new members and earn rewards

Promote RBA membership and earn incentives during the 2016-2017 membership drive!

- Recruit 1-2 new members and receive 1 free reservation to a 2017-18 luncheon
- Recruit 3-4 new members and receive 1 free reservation to the Spring Cocktail Party
- Recruit 5-6 new members and receive 1 free reservation to the Holiday Cocktail Party
- Recruit 7-9 new members and receive 2 free reservations to the Cocktail Party of your choice
- Recruit 10+ new members and your 2017-2018 dues are free!

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

## Announcements

### Bankruptcy Section to hold next CLE/ Luncheon on November 15th

The Bankruptcy Section will host a luncheon/CLE seminar on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 beginning at 12:30 p.m. at the [Hilton Richmond Downtown](#), 501 E. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219. The program will feature a presentation by Carl M. Bates & Herbert L. Beskin, Chapter 13 Trustees entitled "Chapter 13 Plan, Common Issues, Practical Tips, & Forms." It is anticipated that the program will be approved for 1.0 hour of MCLE credit. The Section member and government rate to attend is \$30; the non-Section member rate is \$45. Register using a credit card by visiting <http://www.richmondbar.org/sections/bankruptcy/> or calling 780-0700. Payment by check can be made by returning the form on the flyer that has been mailed to all Section members. Reservations must be received by November 11th; no refunds will be given after this date.

### Bankruptcy Section Holiday Party planned for December 8th

Mark your calendar! The Bankruptcy Section will host its popular Holiday Party on Thursday, December 8, 2016 at McGuireWoods beginning at 6:00 p.m. Additional information and reservation instructions will be sent to members shortly.

### Litigation Section's annual Reception Honoring the Judiciary set for January 25th

Save the date! The Litigation Section's annual Reception Honoring the Judiciary will take place on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 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. Additional information will be sent to members soon.



Michael W. Smith was presented with the Association's Hunter W. Martin Professionalism Award at the September luncheon meeting. Pictured left to right are: Michael W. Smith, President-Elect Douglas D. Callaway and President Vernon E. Inge, Jr.

## Welcome new members

The Richmond Bar Association welcomes the following new members:

Abby Broughton  
Alice Eckel  
Nicole Gram  
Sarah Greene  
Rebecca Lightle  
Alex Lurie  
Davis Robinson  
James Rohde  
Malcolm Thomas  
Audrey Turner  
Robert Vaughan

## Pro Bono Housing Law Training set for December 6th

Join us for the Pro Bono Housing Law Training, co-sponsored by the Richmond Bar and the Legal Aid Justice Center, on Tuesday, December 6, 2016 from 4:00 - 7:00 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.

## Try the Bar's online Pictorial Directory

Manage your own membership information using the Bar's on-line Pictorial Directory. You can also use the Directory to search for members' contact information, undergraduate and law school affiliations and areas of practice listings, as well as photos if they were previously provided.

To access the Directory visit <http://www.richmondbar.org/> and enter your username (your Virginia State Bar number) and password (default password is RBA2012) in the Membership Directory login box on the right side of the page. You will have the opportunity to change the default password from your personal page. If you do not have a VSB number or have questions, contact the Bar office at 780-0700.

# CALENDAR

## November

- 3 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton & Williams, 20th floor
- 3 Judicial interviews, 2:00 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 3 Private Conversation Series, "Running & Faith," 5:30 p.m., LeClairRyan
- 15 Bankruptcy Section luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Hilton Hotel
- 16 RBA Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Omni Hotel  
Speaker: Jeff Schapiro, RTD columnist & political reporter
- 23 Bar office closed ½ day for holiday
- 24-25 Bar office closed for the holiday
- 28 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office

## December

- 1 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton & Williams, 20th floor
- 8 Bankruptcy Section Holiday Party, 6:00 p.m., McGuireWoods
- 14 Holiday Cocktail Party, 6:00 p.m., Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
- 23 Bar office closed for the holiday
- 30 Bar office closed for the holiday

## January

- 2 Bar office closed for the holiday
- 3 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 5 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton & Williams
- 9 Pro Bono Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 10 CLE Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 25 Litigation Section Judges' Reception, 6:00 p.m., The Boathouse
- 30 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office

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