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Dr. Christopher Howard, President of Hampden-Sydney College, to speak at luncheon on MONDAY, September 15

Dr. Christopher B. Howard, President of Hampden-Sydney College, will be the featured speaker at the Richmond Bar's luncheon on **MONDAY**, September 15, 2014. 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 Wednesday, September 10th. 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 September luncheon: Hon. M. Hannah Lauck, Hon. Stephen R. McCullough and Hon. Marilyn C. Goss. At the time you make your reservation, please indicate if you would like to be seated at a judge's table.

Dr. Howard, the 24th President of Hampden-Sydney College, is a distinguished graduate of the US Air Force Academy, where he earned a BS in political science. A Rhodes Scholar, he earned his Doctorate in politics at Oxford University and an MBA with distinction from the Harvard Business School. At the Academy he received the Campbell Award (previously known as the Draddy Award), the highest academic award in the country presented to a senior football player.

Before his appointment as President of Hampden-Sydney College in 2009, Dr.



Dr. Christopher B. Howard

Howard served as Vice President for Leadership & Strategic Initiatives at the University of Oklahoma, where he also served as the Director of the Honors College Leadership Center and a President's Associates Presidential Professor.

Dr. Howard was a 2012 honoree of Dominion Power's Strong Men and Women: Excellence in Leadership Series. He was named a 2010 African-American Trailblazer in Virginia History by the Library of Virginia. He has been featured on NPR's All Things Considered and interviewed on CNN, PBS, and PRI's The Tavis Smiley Show.

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Pro Bono service opportunities abound in Richmond

By Sean P. Byrne, Chair, RBA Pro Bono Committee

"Equal justice under law is not merely a caption on the facade of the Supreme Court building, it is perhaps the most inspiring ideal of our society. It is one of the ends for which our entire legal system exists... it is fundamental that justice should be the same, in substance and availability, without regard to economic status."

- Lewis Powell, Jr., U.S. Supreme Court Justice (ret.)

A recent publication by the Virginia State Bar highlighted the growing concern about the "Justice Gap" – the lack of access to needed legal services brought about by lack of economic resources. While legal aid budgets and staff tighten, and needs increase as the poverty population in Virginia grows, the gap widens. As Virginia attorneys we are called to pro bono service, both by our professional values and obligations, and by our formal ethical rule obligations. Rule 6.1 of the Rules of Professional Conduct calls for every Virginia lawyer to render at least 2 percent per year of his or her professional time to pro bono legal services.

Here in the Capital City, there are pro bono service opportunities available in a wide variety of substantive areas to suit any interest and experience level. One barrier often cited by those who want to get involved in pro bono service but do not is that they do not know where to start. We are here to help with that. By highlighting a few

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Twenty-third annual Bench-Bar Conference on Thursday, October 23rd features breakout sessions on mediation/ethics, civil and criminal juries, jailhouse snitches, child support and collateral consequences. Additional details can be found on page 4 or on the Bench-Bar webpage <http://www.richmondbar.org/events/bench-bar-conference/>.

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.

Allen, Allen, Allen & Allen has announce that **Ashley T. Davis** has joined the firm's Richmond office as the Research and Writing Attorney. She will collaborate with the firm's partners throughout the litigation process to identify, analyze and address legal issues that impact client's cases.

Ryan J. Pedraza has joined Troutman Sanders as an associate in the Richmond office. He will focus his practice on public-private partnerships (P3s) both in the region and throughout the country.

Notice from the Chesterfield Circuit Court Clerk's office

Mary E. Craze, Clerk of the Chesterfield Circuit Court, is pleased to announce the following changes, effective August 1, 2014:

- Recording hours will return to 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- The Clerk's Office will revert to prior practices of providing courtesy certified copies of interim court orders upon entry in Civil and Probate cases. In an effort to defray postage costs, parties are asked to include self-addressed, stamped envelopes when submitting sketch orders. Your cooperation in this regard is appreciated.

It is hoped that you find these changes beneficial. Please know that my staff and I are committed to improving service to the legal community and all patrons of the Clerk's Office. Since I assumed office on April 1st, we have performed an extensive review of policies and procedures in an effort to streamline processes and identify areas where changes are needed. If you have comments or suggestions on how we can better serve you, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at crazem@chesterfield.gov or at 804-768-7317.

Nominations sought for RBA's Pro Bono Award

Nominations are being accepted for the Bar's John C. Kenny Pro Bono 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 metropolitan area.

Nominations should be submitted no later than 4:00 p.m. on October 10th to Vern Inge, Chair of the Committee on Awards & Honors, at vernon.inge@leclairryan.com or fax: 343-4095.



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Edited by Lelia N. Martin

Luncheon Registration Form

Please reserve a place for me at the **MONDAY, September 15, 2014** 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. (\$28.00 per person, payable to "Bar Association of Richmond")
- At the door.
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card number _____ expiration date _____
name on card _____
- Member of the Judiciary

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 Wednesday, September 10, 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 September 10th. Reservations made by credit card payment are subject to a 5% service fee if cancelled by the appropriate cut-off date.

REFER NEW MEMBERS, REAP THE BENEFITS!

A new Bar year has begun! Promote membership in the RBA and earn incentives during the 2014-2015 membership drive.

Total # of new members recruited/member reward (redeemed during the 2015-16 Bar year):

- 1-2 1 free reservation to a 2015-16 luncheon**
- 3-4 1 free reservation to the Spring Cocktail Party**
- 5-6 1 free reservation to the Holiday Cocktail Party**
- 7-9 2 free reservations to the Cocktail Party of your choice**
- 10+ Your 2015-2016 dues are free!**

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

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Bench Bar Conference

The Bench-Bar Conference is designed to promote discussion on issues of interest to judges and lawyers and provide an opportunity for each to offer their reactions and feedback. The format for this year includes a panel discussion with audience participation and breakout groups in which groups of judges and lawyers will be able to discuss topics in their individual areas of practice. Included in the cost of the conference is admission to the Richmond Bar luncheon and a continental breakfast reception with members of the judiciary.

Complete program on reverse side.

Thursday, October 23, 2014

LOCATION: Omni Richmond, 100 South Twelfth Street

COST: 90.00 (\$100 after October 3rd) - fee includes admission to luncheon
Special rate for lawyers practicing less than 6 years - \$70.00 (\$80 after October 3rd)

MCLE CREDIT: This program has been approved by the Virginia Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board for 3.0 hours of credit. **CLE materials will be e-mailed to attendees approximately one week prior to the conference. Participants will also receive the materials on a flash drive upon check-in on the day of the event.**

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: Use the form below and indicate your break-out session preferences on the reverse side. You will receive no confirmation of your registration. There will be no refunds after October 3, 2014. Space is limited. There will be no registration at the door unless there is space available after those who have preregistered have been admitted.

The Conference is sponsored by the following Richmond metropolitan area bar associations: The Bar Association of the City of Richmond; Chesterfield Bar Association; Hanover County Bar Association; Henrico County Bar Association; Metro Richmond Family Law Bar; Metropolitan Richmond Women’s Bar Association; Hill-Tucker Bar Association; and Richmond Criminal Bar Association.

PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW AND INDICATE ON THE REVERSE SIDE YOUR PREFERENCES FOR EACH OF THE BREAK-OUT SESSIONS. PLEASE PHOTOCOPY AND RETAIN A COPY OF THIS FLIER FOR YOUR RECORDS AND RETURN THE ORIGINAL, WITH PAYMENT, TO THE BAR OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS GIVEN BELOW.

- Member of the Judiciary
- \$90.00 - lawyer attendee (\$100.00 after October 3)
- \$70.00 - new lawyer attendee (\$80.00 after October 3) Bar #/date admitted to practice: _____
- I enclose a check in the amount of \$ _____.
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 - Visa or Mastercard _____ card number _____ expiration date _____
 - _____ name on card

Name _____
Address _____
E-mail Address (required) _____
Phone number _____

Send form and payment to:
Richmond Bar Association
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Richmond, Virginia 23218-1213

Bench Bar Conference

October 23, 2014

8:00-8:55 a.m. Registration/Continental Breakfast Reception with the Judges
(Sponsored by Minnesota Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company)

9:00-10:30 Break-Out Sessions (check the box corresponding to the session that you wish to attend) 1.5 hr. of credit

- State and Federal Civil Practice - "A View from the Jury Box"**
Panelists: Former jurors from recent trials will share their experiences
Moderator: Stanley P. Wellman of Harman Claytor Corrigan & Wellman
- Criminal Practice - "A Fly On The Wall: Inside the Jury Room"**
Speakers: Former jurors from recent trials will share their experiences
Moderator: Craig S. Cooley
- Domestic Relations Practice - “Child Support: I Have To Pay HOW Much?!?!”**
Panelists: Hon. A. Ellen White of the Campbell County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, Craig M. Burshem of the VA Department of Child Support Enforcement, Robert W. Partin of McCandlish Holton, P.C.

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break
(Sponsored by Virginia Lawyers Weekly)

10:45-12:15 Break-Out Sessions (check the box corresponding to the session that you wish to attend) 1.5 hr. of credit

- State and Federal Civil Practice - " The Intersection of Ethics and Mediation"**
Panelists: Professor John G. Douglass of the University of Richmond School of Law, John B. McCammon of the McCammon Group, Morna P. Ellis of Commonwealth Mediation Group
- Criminal Practice - “Snitches: Cautionary Tales”**
Speaker: Douglas A. Ramseur of the Office of the Capital Defender
- Domestic Relations Practice - " Collateral Consequences: What You Don’t Know Can Kill Your Client’s Future”**
Panelists: Hon. Angela E. Roberts of the Richmond Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, Hon. Edward A Robbins, Jr. of the Chesterfield Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, Mary E. Langer of the Richmond Commonwealth’s Attorneys’ Office, Julie E. McConnell, Director of the Children's Defense Clinic, University of Richmond School of Law; Gregory R. Sheldon of BainSheldon

12:30-1:45 General Session & Richmond Bar Association Luncheon - featuring remarks by the Honorable Walter S. Felton, Jr. (no CLE credit offered)

Flash drives for CLE materials provided by Superior Document Services

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Continuing Legal Education courses

Making Sense of the Numbers: Specialized Topics in Litigation

Suzanne Roski and Alicia Loza of Protiviti, Inc. will discuss damage calculation concepts. The learning objectives are to assist attorneys in understanding, assessing and analyzing various methods of damage calculations and how they may apply to various cases. The presentation will address the time-value of money and its application to litigation scenarios, different types of damages at issue in litigation matters, and the application of damage calculation techniques.

DATE: Thursday, October 2, 2014

TIME: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: 2nd Floor Conference Room, 707 E. Main Street

COST: \$50 for members (\$60 after September 25)
\$65 for non-members (\$75 after September 25)

MCLE CREDIT: THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE VIRGINIA MCLE BOARD FOR **2.0 HOURS** OF CREDIT

Business Law Basics

Join us for an informative panel discussion of basic Virginia business law concepts. A variety of issues will be discussed, from choice of entity and formation, to ongoing business issues, to litigation and bankruptcy. Panelists will discuss common client questions and concerns regarding their current and future businesses. Speakers include Bernard C. Dietz with the Law Office of Bernard C. Dietz, PC, Richard C. Lawrence of MeyerGoergen PC, and Robert A. Canfield of Canfield, Baer & Heller, LLP. The panel will be moderated by Keith Harvey of Harvey Law PLC.

DATE: Tuesday, October 7, 2014

TIME: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: 2nd Floor Conference Room, 707 E. Main Street

COST: \$50 for members (\$60 after September 30)
\$65 for non-members (\$75 after September 30)

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Continuing Legal Education courses

Not a Minor Matter: Issues Regarding Juveniles in J&DR Courts

Whether you are representing a juvenile or representing a parent in a divorce that involves children, there are many issues that you need to consider to get the best result possible for your client. Three important topics will be discussed in this presentation: (i) Education law issues and how they impact your case, (ii) a juvenile's mental health issues and how to present such evidence in delinquency, CHINS and custody/visitation cases, and (iii) how the Guardian Ad Litem can help or hurt your case. Judge D. Gregory Carr of Chesterfield, Judge Randall G. Johnson, Jr. of Henrico and Judge Angela E. Roberts of Richmond J&DR Courts will discuss their thoughts and experiences on these topics. This will be a very interactive program - please bring stories your questions for the Judges panel.

DATE: Wednesday, October 8, 2014

TIME: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION: 2nd Floor Conference Room, 707 E. Main Street

COST: \$50 for members (\$60 after October 1)
\$65 for non-members (\$75 after October 1)

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In Transition: the Ethics of Switching Firms

Join James M. McCauley, Ethics Counsel with the Virginia State Bar, at this one-hour ethics CLE seminar that will address the ethical issues arising when lawyers move between firms. This program also focuses on a client's rights with respect to the departing attorney. Get the facts now before you or your firm is faced with this precarious predicament.

DATE: Tuesday, October 21, 2014

TIME: 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

LOCATION: 2nd Floor Conference Room, 707 E. Main Street

COST: \$25 for members (\$35 after October 14)
\$37.50 for non-members (\$47.50 after October 14)

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The Bar's on-line Pictorial Directory allows you to manage your membership information and search for other members' contact information, undergraduate and law school affiliations, and areas of practice listings.

To access the Directory visit <http://www.richmondbar.org/>. In the login window in the upper right corner, type in your Virginia State Bar number as your username and the default password, RBA2012 (password is case sensitive). You will have the opportunity to change the password from your personal page. If you do not have a VSB number, contact the Bar office at 780-0700 for special instructions.

Continuing Legal Education courses

Warning Signs: Attorney Impairment

This one-hour ethics CLE program addresses attorney impairment, including substance abuse and mental health issues. This seminar also addresses impairment proceedings. Panelists are the Honorable William C. Mims, Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Barbara Ann Williams, Deputy General Counsel at McGuireWoods LLP and James M. McCauley, Ethics Counsel at the Virginia State Bar.

DATE: Tuesday, October 21, 2014
TIME: 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
LOCATION: 2nd Floor Conference Room, 707 E. Main Street
COST: \$25 for members (\$35 after October 14)
\$37.50 for non-members (\$47.50 after October 14)
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Common Young Lawyer Mistakes (and How to Avoid Them): Advice from the Bench

This program is designed to help new practitioners (and seasoned attorneys) avoid the common mistakes that young lawyers have made inside and outside of the courtroom. The panelists will include the Honorable Barbara J. Gaden of the Richmond General District Court, the Honorable Richard D. Taylor of the Richmond Circuit Court, and the Honorable B. Waugh Crigler (Ret.).

DATE: Wednesday, October 22, 2014
TIME: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
LOCATION: 2nd Floor Conference Room, 707 E. Main Street
COST: \$50 for members (\$60 after October 15)
\$65 for non-members (\$75 after October 15)
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Cocktail Party Law I: Drunks & Dogs: A Basic Primer in DUI, Traffic, and Animal Law

This CLE, first in a two-part series on common legal questions which nonlawyers may ask lawyers in a social context, will provide basic knowledge to all practitioners about the relevant law and procedures when a client gets a DUI or another related traffic offense. It will also include basic information about your rights and responsibilities related to dangerous dogs, dog bites, and animal neglect. Speakers are Chris A. Bain of BainSheldon and K. Michelle Welch of the Virginia Attorney General's Office.

DATE: Thursday, October 30, 2014
TIME: 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
LOCATION: 2nd Floor Conference Room, 707 E. Main Street
COST: \$50 for members (\$60 after October 23)
\$65 for non-members (\$75 after October 23)
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CLE Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

<u>Date</u>	<u>Seminar Title</u>	<u>CLE Hours</u>	<u>Members</u> <u>(Registration/Late Registration)</u>	<u>Non-Members</u>	
October 2	Making Sense of the Numbers	2.0	\$50/\$60	\$65/\$75	\$ _____
October 7	Business Law Basics	2.0	\$50/\$60	\$65/\$75	\$ _____
October 8	Issues Regarding Juveniles	2.0	\$50/\$60	\$65/\$75	\$ _____
October 21	The Ethics of Switching Firms	1.0 (ethics)	\$25/\$35	\$37.50/\$47.50	\$ _____
October 21	Attorney Impairment	1.0 (ethics)	\$25/\$35	\$37.50/\$47.50	\$ _____
October 22	Common Young Lawyers Mistakes	2.0	\$50/\$60	\$65/\$75	\$ _____
October 30	Drunks & Dogs	2.0	\$50/\$60	\$65/\$75	\$ _____
			Total		\$ _____

Payment:

_____ I participate in the CLE Discount Program. Please deduct _____ hours from my balance.

_____ I wish to pay by credit card:

Visa or Mastercard _____
(check one) card number expiration date

_____ I have enclosed a check or money order.

Detach and send form and check to: Richmond Bar Association, P.O. Box 1213, Richmond, VA 23218-1213
(804) 780-0700 (phone); (804) 648-7118 (fax).

Save time and postage - visit <http://www.richmondbar.org/cle/schedule-class-descriptions/> to register online.

Cancellation of registration for continuing legal education seminars is allowed up to one week prior to the seminar. Reservations made by credit card payment are subject to a 5% service fee if cancelled by the appropriate cut-off date. Refunds or credits to a member's discount program account will be given up to one week prior to the date of the seminar.

RBA members -- Take advantage of the Association's CLE Discount Program and save money! Purchase 6 hours of credit for \$100 or a 12 hour block for \$180, and then register for any RBA seminars (excludes some Section-sponsored CLE and Bench-Bar Conference) conducted through October 31, 2014. Visit <http://www.richmondbar.org/cle/cle-discount-program/> or call 780-0700 for more details.

Pro Bono needs are great - programs to help are available

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opportunities here, we invariably neglect many worthy alternatives. But hopefully by shining a spotlight on a few examples, we spark an interest and encourage a few more of you to get involved in pro bono legal work.

Technology has made pro bono work easier and more accessible. JusticeServer is an exciting new technology that allows attorneys to accept and work on pro bono cases right from their own computers. It is a collaboration of the [Greater Richmond Bar Foundation \(GRBF\)](#), the [Legal Aid Justice Center \(LAJC\)](#) and [Central Virginia Legal Aid Society \(CVLAS\)](#). The on-line case management and referral system offers volunteer attorneys the opportunity to partner with Legal Aid to provide services to non-profit organizations in areas including consumer, education, elder, employment, family, and housing law in Richmond, Petersburg, Charlottesville, and surrounding cities and counties. Participating is easy – from the [JusticeServer](#) webpage an attorney can register and then begin accepting cases from the online database as time and interest permit. Most of the cases take between 5-15 hours to complete, and on-line training and resources are available in each of the substantive areas.

Serving alongside students is a rewarding aspect of this work, and we are fortunate to have a great resource in Richmond. Since 2007, the Harry L. Carrico Center for Pro Bono Service has worked to connect University of Richmond Law Students with pro bono programs throughout the community under the leadership of Director Tara Casey. You can find a description of the various projects and information on how to get involved on the [Center's website](#). The examples below highlight the diversity of these impactful programs.

Ben Pace, Esq. is a litigator at Williams Mullen who volunteers at the LAJC's Housing Project and the CVLAS No Fault Divorce Program. These cases can involve everything from trial and appellate work, to providing some legal advice to help a client resolve a dispute with a landlord. He is also Williams Mullen's Pro Bono Committee Chair, a role that allows him to help others fulfill their pro bono obligations. Ben described the value of his work: "First and

foremost, I enjoy doing real legal work for real people. Commercial litigators are often isolated from the real world, where people are fighting in the same legal system we work in simply for a roof over their heads. Also, as a litigator, any work that gets you in court is good for you."

Cullen Seltzer, Esq. practices in the Business and Professional Litigation group at Sands Anderson. His pro bono service includes work with the Criminal Appeals Program, partnering with Richmond Law Students through the Carrico Center. "I like two things mainly. First, working with law students is lots of fun. Explaining to a new lawyer why it is we do this thing and not some other thing forces you to think through those choices and figure out how to explain them aloud. I hope it's a learning experience for the students. I know it is for me. Second, criminal appellate litigation is interesting work. Thinking and writing about the Constitution and about the interplay of the government and its citizens is a pretty remarkable opportunity. Being able to apply skills and training to a project like that, to clients who have a demonstrable need (and who, incidentally, are none too popular) is a real privilege."

Catharyn Oroszlan, Esq. has been practicing at Brown Greer since 2012. She represents domestic violence victims at protective order hearings. Catharyn became involved with this work through the Domestic Violence Project ("DVP"), a committee of the Virginia Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division, which she now chairs. The DVP, in partnership with McGuireWoods LLP, coordinates pro bono representation to domestic violence victims seeking protective orders who qualify for assistance from the Central Virginia Legal Aid Society ("CVLAS"). "I find that protective orders are well-suited for pro bono service because these matters involve a short-term representation, usually requiring a single court appearance. This means that the time I dedicate to pro bono work is based primarily on the quantity of pro bono cases that I accept rather than the complexity of the case. In addition, due to the quick turn-around on protective orders, I usually receive a referral from CVLAS the week before the hearing. At that point, I already know what I have scheduled for the following week and can easily determine my availability."

Catharyn shared some advice on getting started with pro bono service: "It is much easier to get involved with pro bono work than one might think, and it does not need to become a huge time commitment. I started just by attending a free CLE training for protective orders. I was able to learn the basics of protective orders before deciding to become involved with the DVP, and from there I decided on my level of involvement. There are many other similar pro bono opportunities that allow for discrete time commitments and do not require significant training."

The rewards of a job well done are many. "Most recently, I was able to obtain a two-year protective order for a woman whose ex-husband physically abused her following the finalization of their divorce. She feared for her own safety, but she did not want her children to lose contact with their father. We asked that the court grant her a two-year protective order against her ex-husband that provided for supervised visits only with their children, which the court granted. We were both pleased with the outcome because it provided her with the protections that she wanted and allowed her children to maintain a relationship with their father while ensuring their physical safety."

Mahatma Gandhi famously said: "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others." Your training and talents as an attorney give you a unique opportunity to serve others in a way that can dramatically impact their lives for the better. The Richmond Bar Association website contains a helpful list of pro bono service resources and contacts to get you started on this important privilege and obligation of our profession. Check it out today, and enrich your career with pro bono service.

For more information about Pro Bono opportunities in the Metro area, visit the Bar's Pro Bono Resources page:
<http://www.richmondbar.org/court-rulesresources/pro-bono-resources/>

Announcements

Business Law Section's Fall Cocktail Party set for October 8th

Save the date! The Business Law Section will host its Fall Cocktail party on October 8, 2014 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Hardywood Park Craft Brewery. Additional information on the event will appear in the October newsletter.

Real Estate Section to hold CLE/dinner on September 17th

The Real Estate Section's first meeting of the 2014 -2015 Bar year will take place on September 17, 2014 beginning at 4:00 p.m. at the Jefferson Lakeside Country Club, 1700 Lakeside Avenue, Richmond, Virginia 23228. The program will kick off with a CLE seminar that will be followed by cocktails and dinner. It is anticipated that this seminar will be approved for 1.0 hour of MCLE credit. Section members and guests are invited to play golf or tennis before the Seminar with use of all clubhouse facilities. Special rates apply. Additional information and registration form will be sent to all Section members soon.

The Section would like to thank its title company sponsor, [WFG National Title Insurance Company](#), Bob Obdycke and Tom Klein for their sponsorship.

Welcome new members

The Richmond Bar Association welcomes the following new members:

David P. Abel
Jesse A. Baez
John P. Brown
Ashley T. Davis
John M. Erbach
Gillian A. Ferguson
Amber L. Ford
Kristin L. Gray
Christopher K. Jones
Aubrie K. Kiel
Mark C. Leffler
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Brian R. Pitney
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David C. Teit
Hunter R. Wells
Kevin M. Wheatley

Dr. Howard to speak at September lunch

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In addition to being nominated by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the United States Senate to serve as a member of the National Security Education Program Board, Dr. Howard serves on the Boards of numerous educational and business organizations. Recently, he has co-authored a new book with David Snider, *Money Makers: Inside the New World of Finance and Business*.

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.

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CALENDAR

September

- 1 Bar office closed for the holiday
- 2 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 8 Pro Bono Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 9 CLE Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 11 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton & Williams, 20th floor
- 15 RBA Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Omni Hotel
Speaker: Dr. Christopher Howard, President of Hampden-Sydney College
- 17 Real Estate Section CLE/dinner, 4:00 p.m., Jefferson Lakeside Country Club
- 29 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office

October

- 2 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton & Williams, 20th floor
- 2 CLE seminar: "Making Sense of the Numbers," 4:00 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 7 CLE seminar: "Business Law Basics," 4:00 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 8 CLE seminar: "Issues Regarding Juveniles," 4:00 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 8 Business Law Section Fall Cocktail Party, 6:00 p.m., Hardywood Park Craft Brewery
- 20 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 21 CLE seminar: "Ethics of Switching Firms," 4:00 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 21 CLE seminar: "Attorney Impairment," 5:00 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 22 CLE seminar: "Common Young Lawyer Mistakes," 4:00 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 23 Bench-Bar Conference, 9:00 a.m., Omni Hotel
- 23 RBA Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Omni Hotel
Speaker: Hon. Walter S. Felton, Jr., Court of Appeals of Virginia
- 30 CLE seminar: "Dunks & Dogs," 4:00 p.m., 2nd floor conference room

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