



# THE RICHMOND BAR

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A newsletter for members of The Bar Association of the City of Richmond

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## RTD's political columnist Jeff Schapiro back by popular demand as Bar's November 14 luncheon speaker

Jeff Schapiro, political columnist for the *Richmond Times Dispatch*, will dissect the state of politics in the Commonwealth and country following the recent elections at the Richmond Bar's luncheon on **Wednesday**, November 14, 2018. 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 <https://www.richmondbar.org/luncheons/>. The deadline for reservations is 12:00 noon on Friday, November 9th. 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. John A. Gibney, Jr.** and **Hon. Beverly W. Snukals**. 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), where you also can listen to his podcast, 'Capitol Chat.' On Friday mornings, at 8:45 a.m., Schapiro runs



Jeff Schapiro

down the week's political news on WCVE News, 88.9 FM.

Since 1991, Mr. Schapiro has been a correspondent for *The Economist*, the British newsmagazine, writing on Southern politics and culture.

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.

## Ann T. Burks to receive Bar's Pro Bono Award

Ann T. Burks is the 2018 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 under served in the Richmond Metro area. The Association will convey the award to Ms. Burks at the RBA's monthly luncheon meeting on November 14th.

Prior to retiring, Ms. Burks served as Assistant Counsel at Ethyl Corporation from 1994-2004 and New Market Services Corporation 2004-2008. She had previously practiced at Hunton & Williams from 1984-1994. She holds a J.D. from T.C. Williams School of Law, an Ed.D. from North Carolina State University, a M.A. from Florida State and a B.A. from the University of North Carolina.

Ms. Burks has been actively involved with numerous bar organizations including the Virginia Bar Association, The Metropolitan Richmond Women's Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar, the John Marshall Inn of Court and the

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*The RBA's Holiday Cocktail Party is less than 8 weeks away! This is the RBA's premier social event of the year so you don't want to miss it. See you Wednesday, December 12th at the Virginia Museum! Details can be found on page 7.*

## Share the news

If you've recently landed a new job or 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 Richmond office of Kutak Rock announces the hiring of **Brian Richardson**. He joins the firm's bankruptcy practice group. Before joining Kutak Rock, Mr. Richardson was a Judicial Law Clerk to the Honorable Rebecca B. Connelly, United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Virginia.

Join us for the next program in the Association's  
"Private Conversation Series"

### Cannabis Comes to the Commonwealth - A Comprehensive Overview of Virginia's Medical Marijuana Landscape

In 2018 the Virginia General Assembly dramatically expanded the Commonwealth's medical cannabis program, allowing doctors to make recommendations for any diagnosed condition or disease. 2019 will bring the long-awaited medical cannabis oils to retail shelves. This discussion combines industry, policy, and legal perspectives on the new law and how it is being implemented.

Speakers:

The Honorable Siobhan S. Dunnavant, Senate of Virginia  
Kaitlyn O'Connor, The Nixon Law Group

Jenn Michelle Pedini, Executive Director of Virginia NORML and  
Co-founder and Managing Partner of Virginia Cannabis Group

Sara M. Gaborik, Law Offices of Sara M. Gaborik

**Wednesday, November 7, 2018**

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Williams Mullen,  
200 South 10th Street, 16th floor, Richmond, VA 23219

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://www.richmondbar.org/private-conversation-series/>  
or by calling 780-0700.

The Association appreciates the generosity of **Williams Mullen** for hosting the event.



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## Luncheon Registration Form

Please reserve a place for me at the **Wednesday, November 14, 2018** 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 <https://www.richmondbar.org/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 9, 2018.

**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 9th. 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 Association membership and earn incentives during the 2018-2019 membership drive.**

**Total # of new members recruited/member reward (redeemed during the 2019-20 Bar year):**

<b>1-2</b>	<b>1 free reservation to a 2019-20 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 2019-2020 dues are free!</b>

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



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Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys, among others. She has held various leadership positions within the Richmond Bar, including serving as President during the 2003-2004 Bar year.

Ms. Burks' volunteer activities extend well beyond participation in bar association activities. For many years, she has volunteered at Central Virginia Legal Aid Society for one afternoon each week working on unemployment and housing cases, among others. She continues to work on various assignments including drafting opinion letters, damages spreadsheets, motions in limine and discovery. Ms. Burks has also served on the Campaign for Legal Aid Advisory Committee for many years.

In addition to serving on the Board of Medicine for the Commonwealth of Virginia (2005-2009) and the Board of Directors of the YWCA (19998-2001), Ms. Burks has been



Ann T. Burks

an active member of multiple community organizations including the World Affairs Council, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Historic Richmond, Chesterfield Historical Society, the Valentine Richmond History Center and Maymont. Through her work with the Richmond Symphony Orchestra League (RSOL), she has helped organize fund-raising projects and participated as a docent at the Designer House. She currently serves as RSOL President. She has served for numerous years as a Trustee for her church, Mt. Pisgah United Methodist Church.

In support of her nomination of Ms. Burks, a member writes, "Anyone who is acquainted with Ann knows that she has worked tirelessly in the Richmond area to both support those in need and to further our community's civic interests. Her work long predates her retirement from active legal practice, and has continued even since that time."

## Be a part of the RBA social media community!

In an effort to deliver the best experience possible to current members, we have revamped our social media pages and even created a new LinkedIn page. These changes will allow us to better serve you as a community and attract more individuals to our ever-growing association.

If you haven't connected with us on OUR NEW LinkedIn or our current Facebook pages, what are you waiting for? By following our social channels, you'll no longer need to wait for e-mail or snail mail communication – get instant updates on RBA events by joining us online.

Join our new LinkedIn company page here: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/richmond-bar-association/>

Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RichmondBarAssociation/>

Congratulations to the following members who are winners of our free CLE giveaway for our social media followers!

Jace Padden  
Roger Bowers  
Frances Hiles  
Mark Dix  
Faisal Qureshi

Patricia McCullagh  
Michele Mulligan  
Brent Timberlake  
Raymond Doggett  
Britt Anderson

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## Pro Bono Housing Law Training set for December 4th at Williams Mullen

Evictions in America are occurring at an alarming rate. In 2016 alone, an estimated 2.3 million evictions were filed in the United States - a rate of four every minute. This crisis affects more than just housing. Families that have been evicted or are facing eviction struggle to obtain affordable healthcare, quality education, gainful employment, and an overall sense of stability. Unfortunately, according to an article published by the New York Times earlier this year, Richmond has the second-highest eviction rate in the entire country, with one out of every nine families facing an eviction in 2016.

Each year, the Legal Aid Justice Center receives over 500 requests by low income tenants for legal assistance with housing issues. To help meet this growing and important need, the RBA's Housing Law Program, which has been making a difference in the community since 1990, needs dedicated volunteers to help people stay in their homes.

Please join us for the Pro Bono Housing Law Training, co-sponsored by the Richmond Bar Association, Legal Aid Justice Center and Central Virginia Legal Aid Society on Tuesday, December 4, 2018 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m., at Williams Mullen, 200 South 10th Street, 16th Floor. The training will consist of sessions on landlord/tenant law, Virginia procedure in housing law, federally subsidized housing law, and the opportunity to sign up for the 2019 Housing Clinic calendar. It is anticipated that the program will be approved for 3.0 hours of MCLE credit. Pizza, beer and soft drinks will be provided. To attend please register today as spaces are limited <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/housing-clinic-training-mcle-credits-30-tickets-50919004112> or or email Aaron Siegrist at [asiegrist@williamsmullen.com](mailto:asiegrist@williamsmullen.com).

## Nominations sought for RBA's 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 law.

Members are encouraged to submit nominations for this year's award recipient. Nominations and any supporting documentation should clearly describe how the nominee meets the award criteria. Nominations are due by December 3, 2018 and should be e-mailed to Amanda DeBerry, YLS Chair at [aedeberry@bolemanlaw.com](mailto:aedeberry@bolemanlaw.com) or Lee Martin at [lmartin@richmondbar.org](mailto:lmartin@richmondbar.org).

Criteria for award recipients:

Established in 2011, the Young Lawyer of the Year Award is presented by the Bar Association of the City of Richmond to a member of its Young Lawyers Section. The Award is given to a young lawyer 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: Devika E. Davis (2018), Amanda E. DeBerry (2017), Lisa J. Hedrick (2016), Joley L. Steffens (2015), John A. Merrick (2014), Melanie A. Friend (2013), Kimberly A. Skiba (2012)

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*Principle of Professionalism #1*

*To be good stewards of the legal profession by maintaining and enhancing our knowledge of and respect for the law.*

## Announcements Plans finalized for Bankruptcy Section November luncheon/CLE and December CLE/Holiday Party

The Bankruptcy Section will host a luncheon/CLE seminar on Thursday, November 1, 2018 beginning at 12:30 p.m. at the Hilton Hotel, 501 E. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219. The luncheon will feature a discussion by Henry P. "Toby" Long III of Hunton Andrews Kurth; Jennifer M. McLemore of Christian & Barton; Jeremy S. Williams of Kutak Rock and Sarah B. Boehm of McGuireWoods (moderator) titled "Hot Topics in Chapter 11 - A Panel Discussion." 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 <https://www.richmondbar.org/events/event/bankruptcy-section-luncheon/cle/>. 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 October 26th; no refunds will be given after this date.

On Wednesday, December 12th, the Section is planning a special CLE seminar from 2:00-5:00 p.m. to be held at McGuireWoods in conjunction with their annual Holiday Party. The seminar, entitled "Student Loans: Basics, Bankruptcy and Beyond!", will feature an expert panel: Rich Parker of Parker, Butte & Lane, P.C. (Portland, Oregon) and Alane Becket of Becket & Lee, LLP (Malvern, PA). Carl M. Bates, Chapter 13 Trustee, Richmond Division, Eastern District of Virginia Bankruptcy Court, will serve as moderator. Cost to attend the CLE program is \$30 for Section members and \$45 for non-members.

The Section's Holiday Party, held in conjunction with the IWIRC – Virginia Network and TMA Chesapeake, will follow the CLE presentation. Cost to attend is \$35. Registration information for the events on December 12th will be mailed to Section members soon.



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 12, 2018

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 soon.

Reservations using a credit card can be  
made at <https://www.richmondbar.org/events/holiday-cocktail-party/>.



## Welcome new members

The Richmond Bar Association welcomes the following new members:

Clay M. Bennett  
Caroline S. Burton  
Sheila Holmes  
Caitlyn A. Huffstutter  
Alexander R. Kalyniuk  
Paul B. Michelle  
Andrea I. Mousouris  
Mary Napier  
Tom C. Narvaez  
Klementina V. Pavlova  
Lindsay M. Pickral  
Matthew A. Winder

Each new member is contacted by a member of the Board of Directors to encourage them to become active in Bar activities. We invite all RBA members to reach out and welcome our new members.

## Applications sought for Director of Career Development, Public Sector Careers

The University of Richmond School of Law has an opening for Director of Career Development, Public Sector Careers. The incumbent will design and implement a comprehensive career development program for students pursuing opportunities within government agencies, non-profit organizations, and the judiciary. The Director also will design and implement a state and federal judicial clerkship application and advising program in collaboration with the faculty judicial clerkship committee.

A J.D. is required. 3-5 years of law practice experience within a public interest organization or governmental agency and judicial clerkship experience is strongly preferred. Experience in higher education administration plus. Necessary skills include creativity, initiative, energy and professionalism, combined with strong interpersonal and oral and written communication skills and the ability to juggle multiple projects effectively, among others.

To view the full position description visit the online application portal: <https://hr.richmond.edu/careers/index.html>.

# CALENDAR

## November

- 1 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton Andrews Kurth, 20th floor
- 1 Bankruptcy Section luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Hilton Hotel
- 7 Private Conversation Series event: Medical Marijuana, 5:30 p.m., Williams Mullen
- 12 Bar office closed for the holiday
- 14 RBA Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Omni Hotel  
Speaker: Jeff Schapiro, RichmondTime Dispatch political columnist
- 21 Bar office closed ½ day for holiday
- 22-23 Bar office closed for the holiday

## December

- 3 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 6 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton Andrews Kurth, 20th floor
- 12 Bankruptcy Section CLE seminar and Holiday Party, 3:00 p.m., McGuireWoods
- 12 Holiday Cocktail party, 6:00 p.m., Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
- 24-25 Bar office closed for the holiday

## January

- 7 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 10 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton Andrews Kurth, 20th floor
- 15 Bankruptcy Section luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Hilton Downtown Hotel
- 14 Pro Bono Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 30 Litigation Section Judges' Reception, 6:00 p.m., Shagbark

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