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Bar's March luncheon features remarks by Jack Berry, President & CEO of Richmond Region Tourism

John F. "Jack" Berry, Jr., President & CEO of Richmond Region Tourism, will be the featured speaker at the Richmond Bar's luncheon on Thursday, March 21, 2019. 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 Monday, March 18th. 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 March luncheon: Hon. M. Hannah Lauck and Hon. W. Reilly Marchant. At the time you make your reservation, please indicate if you would like to be seated at a judge's table.

Jack Berry was raised outside of Chicago. He graduated from Georgetown University



Jack Berry

in 1974. In 1975 he moved to Salisbury, Maryland to work for the Independent Players Association. Its Executive Director, the late Bill Riordan, managed Jimmy Connors, and Ilie Nastase, and promoted an indoor men's professional tennis circuit.

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Alexandria Cuff named as Young Lawyer of the Year

Alexandria E. Cuff is the 2019 recipient of the Association's Young Lawyer of the Year Award. The award is presented annually to a member of the Bar's Young Lawyers Section who has excelled in the practice of law to date and who has shown the potential to become a leader in the legal profession. The Association will convey the award to Ms. Cuff on Thursday, March 21, 2019 at the RBA's monthly luncheon meeting at the Omni Hotel.

Ms. Cuff focuses her practice on defending clients in credit card, banking, and bankruptcy matters involving violations of the Fair Credit Reporting Act, Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, Truth in Lending Act, and state law consumer protection statutes in state and federal courts across the country. She's currently helping to develop and launch a consumer financial services-focused blog, Consumer FinSights, that will be launched in 2019.

While earning her law degree from the University of Richmond, Ms. Cuff served as the Lead Articles Editor of the University of

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Notice: Composition of Nominating Committee

The membership is hereby notified that the Nominating Committee is composed of the following members:

Douglas D. Callaway, Chair	Vernon E. Inge, Jr.	J. Tracy Walker IV
Tara L. Casey	Paul D. Hux	Thamer E. Temple, III
	Barbara A. Williams	

To be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Association, scheduled to take place on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at Willow Oaks Country Club, are a President-Elect, a Vice President, an Honorary Vice President, a Secretary-Treasurer and three new at-large members of the Board of Directors, and such other at-large members of the Board of Directors, if any, as may be necessary to fill any vacancies. The Committee will receive and review recommendations for all available positions.

Nominations should be in writing and mailed to Douglas D. Callaway, c/o Richmond Bar Association, P.O. Box 1213, Richmond, VA 23218 or e-mailed to him at doug.callaway@bankatunion.com and must be received by 12:00 noon on **Wednesday, February 27, 2019.**

Thomas F. Farrell II, Chairman, President and CEO of Dominion Energy, Inc., will lead a discussion on the Navy Hill real estate proposal at the Bar's next Private Conversation Series event on March 28th. See page 8 for more information and registration details.

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 or mailed to Lee Martin, at P.O. Box 1213, Richmond, VA 23218.

Harman Claytor Corrigan & Wellman announces the elevation of several attorneys: **Leslie A. Winneberger** and **Robert F. Friedman** have been elevated to Partner. Leslie defends claims involving civil rights, labor and employment, local government, law enforcement, and religious institutions. Rob focuses his practice on insurance coverage litigation.

Saemi Murphy and **Emily P. Bishop** have been elevated to Of Counsel. Saemi defends claims involving civil rights, wrongful death, personal injury, construction defect, logging/trucking accident, malicious prosecution, excessive force, premises and professional liability. Emily focuses her practice on motor vehicle accident cases, local government and law enforcement officials, and landlords and property owners.

In addition, Harman Claytor Corrigan & Wellman welcomes **Simone T. Williams** to the firm as an Associate. She focuses her practice on civil litigation defense including auto, premises and products liability.

Whiteford Taylor & Preston has announced the continued expansion in Richmond with the addition of partners **Katja H. Hill** and **John C. Selbach**, and associates **Jonathan Jones** and **Nicole K. Scott**.

Ms. Hill has extensive experience in the acquisition, disposition, leasing and financing of commercial real estate properties, including multi-family apartment complexes, shopping centers and office buildings and represents a variety of companies in connection with their corporate real estate needs.

Mr. Selbach will focus his practice on mergers and acquisitions, debt and equity financings, corporate governance, commercial real estate, public finance and general business counsel.

The Law Offices of Deanna D. Cook, P.C. has moved to the Innsbrook Centre at 4551 Cox Road, Suite 220, Glen Allen, VA 23260. They can be contacted at (804) 273-6415 and www.deannacookdivorcelaw.com.



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Edited by Lelia N. Martin

Luncheon Registration Form

Please reserve a place for me at the **Thursday, March 21, 2019** 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 Monday, March 18, 2019.

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 March 18th. 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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Spring Cocktail Party

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

at Willow Oaks Country Club

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

Cost to attend is \$50 per RBA member

First non-member guest - \$50

additional non-member guests - \$65

Includes an open bar and heavy hors
d'oeuvres

Attire is business casual

Make reservations at <https://www.richmond-bar.org/spring-cocktail-party/>



Administration of Justice Committee members interview

In its continued effort to promote the administration of justice in the Richmond area and to facilitate cooperation between the bench and the bar, the Bar's Administration of Justice Committee recently concluded its annual interviews with the Honorable Judges of the Courts of the Counties of Hanover and Henrico. As in years past, the Judges were gracious with their time and spoke with candor to Committee members regarding the Court's work and the performance of the bar in their courtrooms.

Hon. J. Overton Harris, Chief Judge of the Hanover Circuit Court

Judge Harris reports that he continues to appreciate the civility and professionalism of those who practice before the Court. Judge Harris is pleased that lawyers are increasingly using the Court's technology system in presenting cases. He encourages the continued use of the available technology as he finds it to be an effective tool, especially for juries. The Court encourages parties to contact Stuart Oskins, the Court's technology administrator, at (804) 365-6864 in advance of trial to coordinate technology needs.

Judge Harris discussed the Supreme Court of Virginia's amendment of Rule 4:12 of the Rules of Civil Procedure, which provides for sanctions for failure to make discovery. The amended rule allows the Court to issue discovery sanctions without the prior entry of an order compelling discovery. Judge Harris notes that the Court has issued discovery sanctions under revised Rule 4:12 and indicated that the Court would continue to do so when the facts warrant such sanctions.

Judge Harris advises that the Court schedules motions on a time available basis and that he and The Honorable Patricia Kelly hear cases every day the Court is open. Parties wishing to set motions in a civil case for a hearing may contact chambers at (804) 365-6454. Judge Harris requests that parties be as accurate as possible in estimating the time needed for motions hearings. The Court continues to strive to issue opinions within two-weeks of a hearing. The Court does not have a policy or practice of assigning one judge to a case after he or she hears a motion or otherwise becomes involved in the case, but the court will consider such a request in particularly complicated cases. The Court is happy to set a pretrial conference to address pretrial motions prior to trial if requested by the parties.

Judge Harris advises that multi-day jury

trials are being set approximately 6 months out. Single day trials can be set much more quickly. Judge Harris reminds members of the bar that the Court has adopted local rules, which are available at <https://www.hanovercounty.gov/344/Local-Court-Rules>. He specifically mentioned Local Rule 4, the Court's Continuance Policy, which requires parties requesting a continuance to do so by motion and limits the circumstances under which a continuance will be granted within 30 days of trial.

With respect to the Supreme Court of Virginia's recently issued model policy allowing the public to bring cell phones and other technology into courthouses, Judge Harris notes that Hanover's policy has been, and remains, to allow all members of the public to bring their cellphones into the courthouse.

Finally, Judge Harris reports that Hanover's pilot drug court program has been very successful with a number of the initial participants graduating from the program. Judge Harris hopes to obtain funding to expand the program in the near future.

Hon. Hugh S. Campbell, Chief Judge of the Hanover General District Court

The Hanover General District Court now operates two courtrooms on a regular basis. Judge David B. Caddell, Jr. now presides over a civil docket every Monday and the third, fourth, and fifth Tuesdays of the month. On Tuesdays, he presides over a criminal docket in the morning and a civil docket in the afternoon. He also presides over a criminal and traffic docket on the first and third Fridays of the month. As a general reminder, state trooper cases are heard on Thursdays.

Regarding changes in the clerk's office, the office is now handling all aspects of restitution, including the acceptance and distribution of payments. This shift in practice notwithstanding, there continues to be a shortage in the clerk's office similar to those that other jurisdictions are facing. Additionally, the county administrator now makes the decision to close the courts during inclement weather. If the Hanover government is closed, all of the courts are also closed. Likewise, if the Hanover government is delayed, the courts are also delayed, and anything on the docket that was set to occur before the delay will take place once the courts open.

In civil cases, the court generally hears motions the same day as trial. If an attorney

would like a hearing before the day of trial, and has a compelling reason for doing so, the attorney will need to contact the clerk's office for date availability, confirm the date with all parties, and then send a notice of hearing to the court. Please file the motion in enough time for the court to review it in advance of the hearing. When drafting motions, the Court would like to remind attorneys to please provide code sections or case law to support your position. Lastly, all parties are asked to notify the court when a case is being continued on the docket. The court feels more comfortable in moving the date forward when it has correspondence from all parties confirming the new date.

The updated courtrooms in the new courthouse have sophisticated audio-visual capabilities. Each courtroom is equipped with monitors, a USB drive and CD drive. Attorneys can simply plug these devices into the courtroom equipment before a trial starts. There is no need to advise the court beforehand of the need to use this technology. The court is also hoping to conduct more video arraignments with this technology to save the county money by not having to transport defendants from other jurisdictions. Utilizing this technology helps make the administration of justice more efficient and conserves county resources.

Judge Campbell urges young lawyers not to steer away from difficult cases, but rather to deal with them head on. Clients will be more patient with the fact that young lawyers will make mistakes early in their practice and hopefully learn from them. As part of the process, young lawyers should seek out good mentors and take advantage of the opportunities put in front of them.

Hon. Shannon O. Hoelh and Hon. Frank G. Uvanni of the Hanover Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court

Judge Hoehl and Judge Uvanni each expressed how lucky they are to have such good lawyers appear in their Court. Each shared their thanks for the lawyers generally being so well prepared and considerate.

Attorneys who wish to be on the Hanover Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court's court-appointed list must all be qualified to serve as a guardian ad litem ("GAL"). Attorneys are assigned a duty day and the Court does not know if criminal defendants will need counsel or if a GAL will be appointed on any given day. Accordingly, the court-appointed attorneys must be qualified

Hanover and Henrico County judges

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to take both kinds of cases. Attorneys whose offices are located in Hanover County are typically preferred by the Court, as attorneys are sometimes asked to appear in Court the same day as their appointment with little advance notice.

The Hanover Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court's Drug Court has experienced some successes and is off to a good start. However, the Judges did express some lament when some participants return to using drugs without the supervision of the Drug Court, especially juveniles who may not be mature enough to fully understand and appreciate the importance of staying off drugs.

With the current opioid epidemic, drug testing in the 15th District has become more challenging because of a lack of funding and resources to perform the tests. Therefore, Judge Hoehl indicated she will not order drug tests at the beginning of the case. Instead, she will wait for the presentation of evidence before ordering a drug test in those cases where she believes a drug test could make a difference in how she may rule. Judge Hoehl indicated that in many cases it may be preferable to administer a drug test to establish a more complete case history, but the money and resources are just not available.

Judge Uvanni indicated that in certain contested cases and emergency hearings, a drug test may be necessary. Judge Hoehl indicated she will usually authorize a random drug test if a GAL requests one during a pretrial conference. However, if such a test is requested, both Judges prefer that all necessary parties arrive at the courthouse early so the test may be performed in advance of any hearing, which reduces the amount of time spent waiting.

The maximum time set for a hearing is three hours. However, the Court will set a longer hearing if the attorney presents compelling evidence to do so.

The Court's goal is to set cases not more than three months following the pretrial hearing for contested cases, to have the pretrial hearing within 30 days of filing, and to enter final orders rather than temporary ones.

Last year, the criminal docket was expanded so that criminal cases are heard not only on Thursdays but also on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month.

Hon Richard S. Wallerstein, Jr., Chief Judge of the Henrico Circuit Court

According to Judge Wallerstein, the over-

all quality of lawyering he sees in Henrico County Circuit Court is very high, which makes being a Circuit Court judge a great job. While he has no complaints about the bar, Judge Wallerstein believes it is worth reminding lawyers of a few things that most already know.

- Civil practice should be civil. Judge Wallerstein cautions attorneys not to engage in "gotcha" litigation, but prefers that attorneys treat opposing counsel the way they would want to be treated. As such, there is no excuse for sending an impolite or disrespectful email or letter.
- Attorneys should also be realistic when estimating how long a hearing or trial will take because the Court will rarely have the luxury of going over the allotted time. Accordingly, attorneys should avoid "piggy-backing" a new motion on a hearing set for another motion, unless an attorney is able to extend the hearing time to account for the additional motion. As a reminder, domestic case motions are heard on Mondays and non-domestic civil case motions are heard on Fridays.
- Judge Wallerstein cautions all attorneys to comply with Rule 4:15(c) deadlines for filing briefs so the Court has time to understand the issues prior to the hearing. In addition, attorneys should provide a courtesy copy to the judge's chambers.
- Attorneys should make a real effort to resolve matters before requesting relief from the Court. Judge Wallerstein encourages attorneys to talk to one another instead of sending an email threatening a motion if the other side does not meet an attorney's demand.
- Criminal defense attorneys should remember that the Court does not have available drug treatment programs for alternative sentencing, and the Court cannot create a drug treatment plan for defendants. In those cases where the appropriate sentence would involve a drug treatment program, defense counsel needs to come to court with a specific plan in place for the client's treatment.
- The experienced lawyers in this bar, when asked, are generally willing to advise younger lawyers. This can be very helpful, particularly when an attorney is about to appear before a new judge or handle a new issue for the first time.
- Judge Wallerstein encourages newer attorneys to sit in on hearings and trials

handled by more experienced lawyers.

- Multi-day cases are generally assigned to specific judges for hearings and trial. Once a judge hears a substantive motion in a case, that judge will usually handle the rest of the case, including trial.
- Important people to know at the courthouse:
 - Donna Sandefur—Court Administrator/responsible for all criminal matters
 - Elsie Holmes—Administrative Assistant for civil cases
 - Tammy Damon—Administrative Assistant for domestic cases

Hon. B. Craig Dunkum, Chief Judge of the Henrico General District Court

Chief Judge Dunkum stated there have been four major changes in the court's procedure since last year's report. First, the court has implemented a system of rotating clerks. This system ensures that all clerks are trained in the courtroom to combat against turnover and to ensure the consistency of knowledge and overall efficiency of the office.

Second, the court now conducts two criminal dockets and three traffic dockets each day. The court has made efforts to increase the number of preliminary hearings that it handles to ensure that such hearings are completed within ninety days of arrest. However, the court will not continue a case just because a lab has not been returned from the Department of Forensic Science. In some cases, labs are taking seven to eight months to be filed, and there is other evidence that can be used to establish probable cause.

Third, the court has revamped its system for appointing attorneys so that court-appointed attorneys are assigned cases one day per week. These dates are assigned well in advance to ensure that attorneys will be on time and prepared to represent their respective clients in the Henrico courthouse.

Lastly, the court has implemented a new document policy for the civil division. The policy states that the court will no longer accept for filing any documents that are not required to be filed by statute or the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia. For example, in bodily injury cases, the court will accept medical records affidavits for filing, but will not file corresponding medical records prior to trial. This policy has been implemented because the Supreme Court of Virginia mandates that general district courts store all documents they receive; however, general

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Judges provide valuable feedback to Bar Committee

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district courts do not have the resources or storage space to accommodate this mandate and, therefore, must limit filings to essential documents. A complete copy of the new policy can be obtained from the clerk's office.

Over the last year, the court has seen a decrease in prostitution cases, although DUI cases have remained about the same. The court is also working to streamline the protective order process. In civil dockets, if requested, the court can typically accommodate having a trial within sixty days of the return date. The court typically sets three to five trials per day with the understanding that not all trials will move forward.

In terms of general advice to the bar, Judge Dunkum reminds all attorneys to be prepared. Know your own evidence. Talk to one another before trial to determine the true issues in controversy and relay those issues to the court at the start of the trial. As always, be on time. Judge Dunkum urges attorneys to call the main clerk's office number for general inquiries and not to call supervisors directly. Most clerks can answer most questions.

Randall G. Johnson, Jr., Chief Judge of the Henrico Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court

The Court has converted one of its traditional criminal dockets to civil due to fewer juvenile delinquency petitions being filed. The new civil docket will handle preliminary

hearings and motions. It is anticipated that this change will decrease the amount of time civil litigants have to wait before their initial hearing. While this is a relatively recent change, Judge Johnson believes it to be working.

The number of protective order filings continues to increase significantly. The Court is currently in the process of reviewing its dockets to accommodate the increase, while at the same time considering ideas to ensure that attorneys and litigants do not wait too long for their case to be called.

The Court has eliminated its truancy docket due to a decrease in truancy petitions. Truancy cases are now handled as part of the Court's criminal or social services docket. Similarly, the Court has eliminated its domestic violence docket. These cases will be heard on one of the regular criminal dockets. None of the changes to the Court's docketing procedures will have an adverse effect on its ability to handle criminal cases in a timely manner.

The Court would like attorneys and guardians ad litem to be knowledgeable of the many services available to their clients and to be prepared to recommend programs and services specific to their clients' needs. Several programs have received specific notoriety for their success, including the PEARLS ("Promoting Empowerments and Resiliency through Learning Strengths") program operated through funding provided by the Virginia Juvenile Community Crime

Control Act (VJCCCA). Initiated by Judge Herman, the program serves female adolescents and addresses the underlying reasons for delinquent and unhealthy behavior. The Court is also pleased to note that it recently had its first graduation of its drug court docket. The Court encourages attorneys and guardians ad litem to take advantage of all programs offered.

The Court appreciates the hard work and diligence exhibited by an overwhelming majority of the attorneys who practice before the Court. On those occasions, however, when an attorney knows he/she will be late for a hearing or has cases set in multiple courtrooms at the same time, the Court expects the attorney to communicate that fact to the Court so arrangements can be made in consideration of the Court's docket and other attorneys' schedules. Judge Johnson encourages each attorney to carefully review their case prior to scheduling the case for trial so the proper amount of time can be recommended for trial. This assists the court in managing its docket and is considerate to other litigants and attorneys who also have cases set on the same docket. Finally, the Court encourages early resolution and/or settlement of cases. If your case settles or you know it will be resolved without going to trial, you should notify the Court as soon as possible so the hearing date and time can be offered to other litigants.

Alex Cuff to receive Young Lawyer of the Year Award

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Richmond Law Review. She received the Best Brief Award in the Carrico Moot Court Competition and was inducted as a member of the McNeill Honors Law Society.

Pro bono service is very important to Ms. Cuff. For more than five years, she has supported local residents through her volunteer work at the Legal Aid Justice Center's Housing Law Clinic. She counsels clients at this clinic almost monthly and frequently takes matters to General District Court on behalf of clients retained following clinic consultations. She is also active in the Virginia Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division, where she has demonstrated her leadership as well as her commitment to her community by helping to lead the annual statewide Legal



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Food Frenzy campaign. In 2018, the VBA YLD won a prestigious Next Generation of Philanthropy Award in recognition of Alex and her co-organizers' efforts on behalf of the Federation of Virginia Food Banks.

Ms. Cuff currently serves on the Richmond Bar's Administration of Justice Committee and is Secretary-Treasurer of the Young Lawyers Section. She is a former Chair of the metropolitan Bench-Bar Conference.

A member who nominated her states, "Alex is also an active member of our firm's Women's Lawyer Network and is generous with her time in mentoring other young women lawyers in our firm. She is a great role model of community service and commitment to client service for our new associates."

Continuing Legal Education course

2019 Legislative Update

The Bar's Legislative Update seminar is back by popular demand! Meade A. Spotts of Spotts Fain PC is assembling and will moderate a panel covering the legislation enacted or amended by the General Assembly during the 2019 legislative session. Join him and a panel of Senators and Delegates as they bring you up to date on the hot topics in business, real estate, commerce and labor legislation.

- DATE:** Tuesday, April 30, 2019
- TIME:** 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- LOCATION:** 2nd Floor Conference Room, 707 E. Main Street
- COST:** \$75 for members (\$85 after April 23)
\$150 for non-members (\$160 after April 23)

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

CLE Registration Form

Name: _____

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Seminar Title</u>	<u>CLE Hours</u>	<u>Members</u> <u>(Registration/Late Registration)</u>	<u>Non-Members</u>	
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- By Check - Return this form with payment to Richmond Bar Association, P.O. Box 1213, Richmond, VA 23218
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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.

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

A Discussion on a New Coliseum and Related Real Estate Development in the City of Richmond: Status, Challenges, and Opportunities

Proponents of the proposed Navy Hill real estate project contend that it is a progressive, thoughtful, and inclusive way to create a neighborhood in the 10-block downtown area that runs from 5th to 10th Streets and Marshall to Leigh Streets, with affordable apartments, easy access to public transit, a new state-of-the-art arena to replace the existing Coliseum, and neighborhood retail. Thomas F. Farrell, II, Chairman, President & CEO of Dominion Energy, Inc., and member of the nonprofit development group that has proposed the project, NH District Corp., will lead a discussion on the real estate proposal, including its status, issues, and objectives.

Speaker:

Thomas F. Farrell II
Chairman, President & CEO of Dominion Energy, Inc.

Thursday, March 28, 2019
5:30 - 6:00 p.m. - reception; 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - presentation

McGuireWoods, LLP
800 East Canal Street, 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 75 registrants on a first-come, first-served basis.

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

The Association appreciates the generosity of McGuireWoods for hosting the event.

Notice of RBA Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of The Bar Association of the City of Richmond will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 beginning at 5:30 p.m. preceding the Bar's Spring Cocktail Party at Willow Oaks Country Club. Members will be asked to elect new officers and directors and transact other such business as may properly come before the meeting.

March luncheon features remarks by Jack Berry

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In 1979 Norfolk SCOPE hired Berry as the Promotion and Sales Manager of the multi purpose facility. He moved to Richmond, Virginia in 1988 to become Director of Marketing & Sales for the Richmond Centre for Conventions & Exhibitions. The City promoted him to General Manager in 1990. In December 1992 he was named President & CEO of the Richmond Metropolitan Convention & Visitors Bureau – today known as Richmond Region Tourism.

Mr. Berry serves in numerous leadership capacities including the Henricus Board of Directors; the James River Advisory Task Force, Committee Member; the Retail Merchants Association Board of Directors; the Richmond Region Hospitality Association Board of Directors; the Richmond Strikers Soccer Club, Inc. Board of Directors; the Virginia Capital Trail Foundation Board of Directors; the Virginia Civil War Trails, Past Chairman of the Board; and Virginia Green Board of Directors, Chairman of the Board.

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.

Get involved - serve on a RBA committee

Members who volunteer to serve on Committees and participate in events are the lifeblood of the Association. The new Bar year will begin on June 1, and President-Elect Dan Lynch will be making new appointments to the Committees listed below. If you are interested in serving on a Committee, please contact him at 967-9090 or dlynch@lchslaw.com.

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Nominations for the Following Awards are Now Being Accepted

Hunter W. Martin Professionalism Award

Established in 1993, the Hunter W. Martin Professionalism Award is named after the first recipient, Hunter W. Martin. This award was created to be presented to members of the legal profession who, throughout their lives and careers in the law, have best exemplified the conduct and high ideals embodied in the Bar's Principles of Professionalism. Nominees should possess an understanding of, and adherence to high ethical standards of conduct and tolerance, respect and civility toward clients, opposing parties, colleagues and the judiciary.

Recent recipients: Hon. Douglas O. Tice, Jr. (2018), Everette G. Allen, Jr.* (2017), Michael W. Smith (2016), Claire G. Cardwell (2015), Thomas G. Slater, Jr. (2014), Hon. Dennis W. Dohnal (2013), Philip B. Morris (2012), Russell V. Palmore (2011, awarded posthumously), Wyatt B. Durrett, Jr. (2010), Frank B. Miller III (2009), Robert E. Eicher (2008),

Hill-Tucker Public Service Award

The Hill-Tucker Public Service Award is named after Oliver W. Hill and Samuel W. Tucker who received the first award in 1989. This award was created to be presented to members of the legal profession who render conspicuous public service and otherwise distinguish themselves in service to society beyond law practice.

Recent recipients: Doris H. Causey (2019), Michael N. Herring (2018), Mary E. Langer (2017), Jennifer L. McClellan (2016), Clarence M. Dunnaville, Jr. (2015), Hon. Tim Kaine (2013), Henry W. McLaughlin III (2010), O. Randolph Rollins (2009), Hon. Elizabeth B. Lacy (2008), John V. Cogbill III (2007), Chief Justice Leroy R. Hassell, Sr. (2006)

John C. Kenny Pro Bono Award

In 1989, the Bar Association of the City of Richmond established its Pro Bono Publico 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.

Recent recipients: Ann T. Burks (2018), W. Benjamin Pace (2017), Christopher M. Malone (2016), The Pro Bono Clearinghouse (2015), John M. Robb III (2014), Benjamin R. Lacy IV (2013, awarded posthumously), Harry M. Johnson III and Scott C. Oostdyk (2012), UR Downtown and the Carrico Center for Pro Bono Services (2011)

Liberty Bell Award

The Liberty Bell Award is based on criteria established by the American Bar Association to recognize persons outside the legal profession who have served to promote a better understanding of our government. The award is given to persons who:

- (1) Promote a better understanding of our form of government, especially the Bill of Rights;
- (2) Encourage a greater respect for law and the courts;
- (3) Stimulate a deeper sense of individual responsibility to the end that citizens recognize their duties as well as their rights;
- (4) Contribute to the effective functioning of our institutions of government; and
- (5) Inculcate a better understanding and appreciation of the rule of law.

Recent recipients: S. Buford Scott (2013), Thomas A. Silvestri (2011), Hon. Susan Clark Schaar, Hon. Bruce F. Jamerson (2010), Laura Sanchez-de Solar (2008), Sister Cora Billings, Rev. Benjamin Campbell, Dr. Jack Spiro (2006), Dr. Warren Stewart (2005), Vernard W. Henley (2002), James E. Ukrop & Robert S. Ukrop (2001), Charlie McDowell (1999)

Members are encouraged to nominate any candidates who they believe are qualified for an award. To nominate an individual, contact Connor Johnson, the Chair of the Association's Committee on Awards and Honors at t.oconnor@hundleyandjohnson.com.

Metro Pro Bono Sampler

Justice Server <i>Provides pro bono attorney volunteers with an on-line case management and referral system that enables them to accept and work on pro bono cases right from their own computers</i>	Ali Fannon	780-2600
Legal Aid Justice Center Housing Law Program <i>Provides pro bono legal assistance with housing issues ranging from eviction notices to unlawful detainers</i>	Marcel Slag	643-1086
Hunton Andrews Kurth Churchill Office <i>Provides pro bono services to financially limited persons in the areas of family law, housing & real estate, guardianships and domestic violence.</i>	Cassandra Reynolds	775-2248
Pro Bono Clearinghouse <i>A service of the Greater Richmond Bar Foundation that provides pro bono legal services to non-profit organizations</i>	Ali Fannon	780-2600
CancerLINC <i>Information, counseling and referral for legal assistance with issues arising from the diagnosis and treatment of cancer</i>	Chris Williams	562-0371, ext. 6
Richmond Domestic Violence Project <i>Represents victims of domestic violence in obtaining protective orders in Richmond J&DR Court</i>	Robbi Gray	775-1227
Harry L. Carrico Center for Pro Bono Services (UR Law) <i>Pro Bono services provided by law students and attorneys</i>	Tara Casey	287-1207
No Fault Divorce Program <i>Pairs volunteer attorneys with law students who together represent clients seeking no-fault divorces</i>	Tara Casey	287-1207
Central Virginia Legal Aid Society Emergency Lawyer Program <i>Provides volunteer attorneys to assist CVLAS in emergency cases</i>	Steve Dickinson	648-1012

For a comprehensive list of organizations and opportunities, visit the Bar's Pro Bono Resources page at <https://www.richmondbar.org/pro-bono-resources/>.

Announcements

Save the date for the Bankruptcy Section Roundtable Program!

Save the date for the Bankruptcy Section of the Richmond Bar Association's 17th Annual Honorable Douglas O. Tice Jr. Judicial Roundtable on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 beginning at 3:30 p.m. Both the CLE seminar and reception will be held at the Bolling Haxall House, 211 East Franklin Street, Richmond, VA. The roundtable will feature 1.5 hours of CLE with an opening cocktail reception during registration and heavy hors d'oeuvres and open bar after. All six judges from the Eastern District of Virginia are scheduled to participate! Additional information will be sent to Section members soon.

YLS: Notice of Appointment of Nominating Committee

Pursuant to Section 4.07 of the Bylaws of the Young Lawyers Section of The Bar Association of the City of Richmond, notice is hereby given that a Nominating Committee has been appointed to consider candidates and nominate officers and Executive Committee members for election at the Section's Annual Meeting. The members of the Nominating Committee are as follows:

Jeremy Williams	John Merrick
Amanda DeBerry	Nisha Patel
Christina Parrish	Ross Phillips

Any group of 10 or more members of the Section may make nominations by submitting the name of any nominee to the undersigned Secretary of the Section by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 18, 2019. In addition, any member of the Section may suggest candidates for consideration by the Nominating Committee. Suggestions for consideration shall be made by notifying the undersigned.

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Welcome new members

The Richmond Bar Association welcomes the following new members:

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Elizabeth C. Burneson
Nicole R. Canale
Caitlin G. Cooke
Bennett T. W. Eastham
John H. Greenbacker
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Hobart F. Reed III
James E.B. Stuart
Erin P. Walsh
Brooke A. Weedon
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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.



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On January 16th, members of the Association's Young Lawyers Section participated in NBC Channel 12's "Call 12." The program allows members of the public to phone-in and ask questions free of charge. The "no bills night" is extremely popular and provides a much needed service to the community.

Pictured are (left to right seated) Amanda DeBerry, Lindsey Strachan, Joel McClellan, Will Egen and NBC 12's Diane Walker (standing).

CALENDAR

March

- 4 Personnel Committee meeting, 12:00 noon, Bar office
- 4 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 5 Nominating Committee, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 7 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton Andrews Kurth, 20th floor
- 11 Pro Bono Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 19 CLE Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 21 RBA Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Omni Hotel
Speaker: Jack Berry, President & CEO of Richmond Region Tourism
- 28 Private Conversation Series: "Real Estate Development in the City of Richmond" featuring Tom Farrell; 5:30 p.m., McGuireWoods

April

- 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, 12:30 p.m., Hunton Andrews Kurth, 20th floor
- 9 Bankruptcy Section Roundtable, 3:30 p.m., Bolling Haxall House
- 17 Annual Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Willow Oaks Country Club
- 17 Spring Cocktail Party, 6:00 p.m., Willow Oaks Country Club
- 29 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 30 CLE seminar: "2019 Legislative Update," 4:00 p.m., 2nd floor conference room

May

- 1 RBA Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Omni Hotel
Speaker: G. Zachary Terwilliger, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia
- 2 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton Andrews Kurth, 20th floor
- 7 Bankruptcy Section Luncheon/Annual Meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hilton Hotel
- 7 Bench-Bar Conference Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 9 CLE Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 13 Pro Bono Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room

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