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Administration of Justice Committee receives feedback from federal judges

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 Administration of Justice Committee recently concluded its annual interviews with the **Honorable United States District Court Judges and United States Magistrate Judges for the Eastern District of Virginia, Richmond Division**. As in years past, the Judges were gracious with their time and spoke with candor to Committee members regarding settlement conferences, discovery matters and familiarity with Local Rules.

The Honorable Henry E. Hudson

Judge Hudson continues to see a lack of civil trials in his courtroom. He attributes this absence to the effectiveness of the Court's Magistrate Judges in settling the cases that he sends to settlement conferences. Judge Hudson remains a firm believer in settlement and encourages parties to take a meaningful role in the process. While Judge Hudson will not necessarily refer every civil case to a settlement conference, he tends to refer the majority of his civil cases to the Magistrate Judges for settlement. Additionally, each year, Judge Hudson will administer a handful of settlement conferences himself if the proper situation presents itself. For pro se litigants, Judge Hudson encourages the use of the recently implemented Pro Se Settlement Conference Program through which attorneys may register to assist pro se litigants during settlement conferences on a pro se basis.

As far as the volume and types of cases on the docket, Judge Hudson has seen a steady increase of employment cases and a rise in the removal of personal injury accident-related cases from state court due to larger ad damnum clauses. Judge Hudson also finds there is a steady flow of Fair Credit Reporting Act cases and continues to see more multidistrict litigation,

especially involving pharmaceutical opioid cases and medical devices. However, there has been a steady decrease in patent litigation, which is increasingly adjudicated at the administrative level.

In contrast to the civil sector, Judge Hudson continues to see 4-5 criminal cases go to trial each year. Judge Hudson commends the Criminal Bar for their efficiency and the collegiality between the government and the defense attorneys in working together to timely disclose evidence and promptly prepare documents. Opioid cases have tapered off due to the fierceness of the prosecution in identifying the issues and putting together an effective task force.

Judge Hudson continues to take on a full caseload despite his senior status. Overall, he finds Richmond lawyers very respectable and appreciates the community the Richmond Bar has fostered. Judge Hudson sees less discovery issues and is infrequently referring these issues to the Magistrate Judges as a result. However, he is hearing more motions than when he started and is finding that cases are being disposed of more commonly through motions to dismiss pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6) and less commonly through motions for summary judgment. Judge Hudson emphasized the importance of the Court's courtesy copy requirement, which varies by Judge.

Judge Hudson encourages young lawyers to find ways to engage in the litigation process. Judge Hudson welcomes young lawyers' attendance at hearings and trials with more veteran lawyers as he has found the best experience a young lawyer can obtain and the only way to learn certain skills is through observation. Additionally, Judge Hudson encourages young lawyers' participation in a case wherever feasible, whether through motions practice or settlement conferences.

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RBA social media channels keep you up-to-date on events

If you haven't connected with us on our Facebook, LinkedIn or Instagram 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.

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2020 Bench-Bar Conference

Save the date!

October has become the trendy month for events in Richmond and due to space limitations, none of the downtown venues can host the popular program. Please note that the 29th annual Bench-Bar Conference will be held on Thursday, September 24, 2020 at the Omni. You don't want to miss it!

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

Hirschler announces the addition of four new attorneys to the firm's Richmond office: partner R. Robert (Rob) Benaicha, and associates Brent A. Ashley, Evan V. Clarke and Sarah T. Mikowski.

R. Robert (Rob) Benaicha joins as a partner in the firm's Commercial Real Estate, and Land Use and Zoning Practice Groups, where he represents developers, investors and lenders seeking to sell, lease, develop and finance all types of property for all types of uses, with extensive experience in utility-scale wind, solar, hydro and natural gas electric generation facilities;

Brent A. Ashley joins the Mergers & Acquisitions, Finance and Capital Markets Practice Group as an associate, concentrating on corporate transactions and acquisitions financing with a focus on helping entrepreneurs, closely held entities, middle market companies, tax-exempt organizations and private equity sponsors with general business matters;

Evan V. Clarke joins as an associate in the firm's Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution Practice Group, focusing on business disputes, dispute avoidance and litigation in a wide spectrum of legal concerns, including employment law, business torts, and business and real estate disputes; and

Sarah T. Mikowski joins as an associate, providing corporate and business-related legal services to closely held companies and individuals with a focus on general corporate law, employment law and trust and estate work.

Attorneys **Sean Byrne, Roxanne Millan, Phylcia Preston, Davis Powell** and **Tony Cottone** have joined together to form a new firm, **Byrne Legal Group**. The firm will focus on litigation defense for health care professionals including medical malpractice, board of medicine and white collar criminal defense. The firm's office is located at 313 East Broad Street, Suite E, Richmond, VA 23219; their website is <https://www.byrnelegalgroup.com/>.

Harman Claytor Corrigan & Wellman welcomes **Kelsey J. Elling** to the firm's Richmond office as an Associate. Kelsey will focus her practice on general civil litigation.

Sara Tandy has joined **Williams Mullen's** Richmond office as an Associate in the firm's Labor, Employment & Immigration Section. She advises clients on a broad range of labor and employment matters, including workplace discrimination, fair labor standards, wage and hour issues, family and medical leave policies, wrongful discharge and restrictive covenants.

Eckert Seamans is pleased to welcome **Benjamin A. Beliles** as an associate in the firm's Richmond office and White Collar Defense & Internal Investigations Group. He focuses his practice in white collar crime and complex civil litigation matters.

Williams Mullen welcomes three new attorneys to the firm:

Tarpley Ashworth joins the firm as a senior associate in its Corporate Section where he works with public and private clients on a variety of commercial transactions, including mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and leasing;

Parisa Tabassian joins the firm as an associate in its Corporate Section assisting companies with a variety of business transactions, including commercial contracts, agreements, mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, affiliations and divestitures; and

Alex Castellano joins the firm as an associate in its Finance & Real Estate Section assisting clients in several areas including commercial and residential real estate, finance/banking, corporate law, creditors' rights, contract law and civil litigation.



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Edited by Lelia N. Martin

Notice of proposed amendments to the By-Laws of The Bar Association of the City of Richmond

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Article X, Section 1 of the By-Laws of The Bar Association of the City of Richmond that a proposed amendment to the By-Laws will be considered at a meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP. The section of the By-Laws to which an amendment has been proposed, with the proposed amendment marked, appears below. The proposed amendment was recommended by the Board of Directors at its Quadrennial Retreat held on November 1-2, 2019.

Members are entitled to comment upon the proposed amendment to the Board of Directors before final action is taken and are invited to submit their comments no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, January 3, 2020 to R. Braxton Hill IV, Christian & Barton LLP, 909 E. main Street, Suite 1200, Richmond, VA 23219.

-- R. Braxton Hill IV, Secretary Treasurer

THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE V

Section 2. Qualification and Number. To be eligible to serve as a member of the Board of Directors, a person shall be a member of the Association in good standing. The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than twelve or more than twenty seven individuals. The Board of Directors shall consist of: (1) the President, President elect, Vice President, Honorary Vice President, the Secretary Treasurer, the Immediate Past President, the Chairperson of the Young Lawyers Section, **the Chairperson-Elect of the Young Lawyers Section**, a Virginia State Bar Council representative from the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, and the Chairperson of such other Sections of the Association as may from time to time be established, all of whom shall serve as ex officio members of the Board of Directors; and (2) twelve directors elected at large from the membership of the Association. The members of the Board of Directors shall serve without compensation. The President shall serve as Chairperson of the Board of Directors.



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The Honorable John A. Gibney, Jr.

Judge Gibney is very pleased with the overall quality of the lawyering and professionalism of the Richmond bar. Judge Gibney finds that Richmond lawyers are well-prepared, familiar with their cases, and generally do a good job, which he greatly appreciates. Judge Gibney notes that the criminal bar does a nice job of working together and fostering a cooperative relationship.

Judge Gibney continues to remind attorneys that they should not play games with discovery, as these tactics often backfire and do not help the client or the case. Judge Gibney handles all discovery-related disputes personally. He specifically noted overly-inclusive privilege logs as the most common problem that he has observed as of late. Judge Gibney encourages parties to work out their discovery disputes without the Court's intervention, but should a discovery dispute require a ruling, Judge Gibney is happy to hold an informal teleconference with parties to resolve the dispute when practicable. Judge Gibney also emphasized the importance of educating out-of-town lawyers that he will set cases for trial in a timely fashion and that discovery is a cooperative process, not a motions-heavy exercise.

Judge Gibney reports seeing a low number of civil trials. In particular, Judge Gibney has observed a decrease in the number of patent cases due to recent changes in patent laws. He attributes the low number of trials to the effectiveness of court-ordered settlement conferences. Judge Gibney, though, is currently referring a lower number of cases for settlement conferences due to the Court's current Magistrate Judge vacancy. Despite the low number of civil trials, the Court continues to maintain a full caseload and will continue to assign cases randomly among the judges with the appointment of Judge Novak.

Judge Gibney encourages practitioners to allow less-experienced attorneys to argue motions to gain courtroom experience. He is willing to grant oral argument on motions on which he otherwise might not grant oral argument in order to provide newer litigators a chance to argue in his Court. Those interested in requesting such hearings should contact chambers. Judge Gibney also welcomes the opportunity for

civil lawyers to get additional litigation experience through court-appointed cases.

The Honorable M. Hannah Lauck

Judge Lauck began by emphasizing the quality of the legal work in the Richmond bar and the civility with which the attorneys practice: they fight hard, with civility. She did not have any concerns to express with regard to standards of practice, but did express that not every case requires a motion to dismiss. Though many such motions are filed, very few are ultimately granted. Judge Lauck understands that clients may wish to push such a motion, but a party that chooses not to pursue a motion to dismiss should not be perceived as "losing" or being a pushover.

Judge Lauck described her docket as consisting of roughly 90% civil cases and 10% criminal cases, with approximately 200 cases pending at any time. Many of Judge Lauck's cases this year have related to issues of first impression, and while she prefers to rule as quickly as possible, her priority is making a well-reasoned opinion.

Judge Lauck requires precision in the parties' submissions, especially when it comes to the citation and application of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the Local Rules of the Eastern District of Virginia. She emphasized the role of local counsel in this regard, including the importance of ensuring local counsel's attendance at the initial pretrial conference. Judge Lauck also emphasized the importance of citing the specific law that will drive an opinion. For example, if a party seeks to remove a case in which it has filed a demurrer, Judge Lauck will look to the removing party to provide the specific sub-paragraph of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b) that warrants dismissal of the action. To Judge Lauck, it is essential that the parties lay out the framework under which they wish to proceed.

Though Judge Lauck was clear that this has not been a problem with local practitioners, she did emphasize the importance of accuracy in the application of the law to facts and with the parties' representation of the record. She stated that it is best to be forthcoming about the record, and cases that might present negative authority. Judge Lauck and her clerks read every submission and diligently research the issues presented, going beyond the cases cited in the parties'

submissions. Though opposing counsel might not find a particular case that could support their argument, it is likely that Judge Lauck will become aware of it. Addressing negative authority and stating why it does not apply—for example, because it is factually distinguishable—is an exercise in humility that reflects positively upon counsel and may assist their argument.

Judge Lauck has not made any recent changes to her scheduling order. She noted that she is willing to modify expert disclosure deadlines, if the parties agree, depending on the trial date. Judge Lauck also discussed the possibility of standardization of scheduling orders, stating that various judges in the EDVA's Richmond district have different ways of running their courtrooms, and so standardization of orders is unlikely to occur. For example, Judge Lauck noted that while other judges prefer to refer discovery matters to magistrate judges or have a phone call to resolve the dispute, she has found her procedure regarding discovery disputes significantly narrow the issues and gives the parties time to focus on the heart of the dispute. With regard to updates in courtroom technology, Judge Lauck stated that a new courtroom technology system is in the works for the courthouse and that details regarding the new system will be forthcoming.

Judge Lauck discussed her favorite parts of her job, and cited naturalization ceremonies as a highlight. She also enjoys interacting with litigants directly, and expressed that the wide variety of cases she hears ensures that she is always learning. Judge Lauck also writes her opinions very carefully with an eye toward client expectations, trying to avoid legalese and sometimes addressing an issue that could otherwise be quickly dismissed if it is clear that that issue is particularly important to the client.

In closing, Judge Lauck stated her appreciation for the formality of the federal court system, which conveys to the parties that their case is being taken seriously. The lawyers in the Richmond division model the respect that is required in the federal court system, particularly with the formality of their submissions and in their appearances before the judges. Though she recognizes that litigation can be heated, she is most impressed by those who uphold the dignity of the profession in their words and actions.

comments and guidance on court procedures

The Honorable David J. Novak

Judge Novak appreciates the professionalism and courtesy that the Richmond Bar demonstrates when practicing before him. Judge Novak notes that Richmond lawyers both zealously represent their clients yet remain collegial with and respectful to opposing counsel.

Of particular import, Judge Novak highlighted the success of the Pro Se Mediation Project. The result of a partnership between the Richmond Bar Association, the Federal Bar Association (Richmond Chapter), and the University of Richmond Law School, the Pro Se Mediation Project offers pro se litigants the opportunity to obtain pro bono attorney representation in matters referred to United States Magistrate Judges for settlement conference. Pro bono attorneys are chosen from a volunteer list. They meet with the pro se clients, prepare for the settlement conference, and represent the client during the settlement conference. The representation is limited solely to the settlement conference. If settlement is not reached during the settlement conference, the pro bono attorney has no obligation to remain as counsel for the remainder of the case. According to Judge Novak, the program has been an overwhelming success for all involved. He encourages young lawyers to continue to volunteer, as it gives them an excellent opportunity to get to know the Judges. He also encourages the Richmond Bar to find ways to expand the program given that there are currently more volunteers than opportunities to participate.

Judge Novak relies upon lawyers serving as local counsel to advise out-of-state lawyers on the practices of this district. It is important that local counsel actively guide out-of-state lawyers so that there are no surprises given how different our district is from others around the country.

Further, the Court stressed the importance of settlement conferences. In his experience, Judge Novak found that the overwhelming majority of cases are appropriate for settlement by the time they reach a settlement conference. Each Magistrate Judge typically handles 3-4 settlement conferences per week. While many are familiar with the process, practitioners should treat court-ordered settlement conferences differently than a mediation conducted by a private mediator. Counsel must understand that

a Magistrate Judge's role is to settle cases quickly and efficiently. The process is time-sensitive, as magistrate judges must balance a limited amount of time between settlement conferences and their docket. As such, the Federal Magistrates rely heavily on the parties' submissions, and work hard to quickly establish the parameters of the settlement discussion. There is not much time for the usual introductory "dance" of unrealistic settlement offers and demands. Usually these conferences conclude by noon when the criminal docket takes precedence. Counsel should prepare their clients and themselves for a more direct, cut-to-the-chase style of settlement conferences. Further, Judge Novak encourages counsel to agree to settlement conferences early in the process in order to save litigants time and money.

When scheduling trials and deadlines, Judge Novak stressed the importance of counsel working together. They should discuss reasonable schedules for discovery and trial. Judge Novak expects counsel to articulate their thoughts when setting a trial date at a pretrial conference. As such, he provides attorneys some leeway in setting the trial date; however, he points out that once the trial date is set it is exceedingly rare that a continuance will be given.

(At the time of the interview, Judge Novak was serving as a Magistrate Judge. On October 16, 2019, the United States Senate confirmed Judge Novak's nomination for the USDC, Eastern District of Virginia.)

The Honorable Roderick C. Young

Through a partnership with the Federal Bar Association and the Richmond Bar Association, the Court has implemented a program whereby attorneys may register to assist pro se litigants during settlement conferences on a pro bono basis. The program has achieved at least two of the goals it set out to achieve—involving younger lawyers in the settlement conference process and counseling unrepresented parties through that process. The program has increased the likelihood that cases will be resolved at the settlement conference and the Court has experienced greater success in mediating pro se cases as a result. Judge Young is a zealous advocate of the pro se mediation project, and he appreciates the time and effort the bar has devoted to the initiative.

Attorneys are taking their roles seriously, and the program has provided a tremendous benefit to the parties, the attorneys, and the Court. Judge Young encourages members of the bar to participate and welcomes new participants to sign up for the Court's February training session.

Judge Young also set forth his expectations for judicial settlement conferences. First, clients must attend in person. The Court does not allow participation by phone. Second, attorneys are encouraged to submit a strong written product demonstrating that the party understands the particular strengths and weaknesses of the case. Third, attorneys need to explain the process to their clients. This includes having a realistic discussion about your client's goals, how the other side values the case, and where your client sees the case settling. Judge Young has seen a number of attorneys who don't know at the beginning of the settlement conference where their clients see the case settling. Attorneys need to have realistic conversations with their client to make sure they are on the same page. Judge Young will engage earlier with clients when he does not believe that their expectations match up with the facts of the case. Finally, Judge Young notes that some lawyers do not take the time to read the Court's orders. Counsel are encouraged to read all applicable orders before contacting his Chambers to ask questions that are directly addressed in his orders (e.g., pre-mediation deadlines and procedures).

Finally, Judge Young would like to compliment the Richmond bar regarding the role its attorneys play with respect to foreign attorneys and lead counsel. Richmond attorneys provide valuable insight regarding what to expect before the Eastern District, including the pace of civil actions and settlement conferences.

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See the February newsletter for reports from the Judges of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court and the Judges of the Courts for the City of Richmond

RBA members receive awards at Fall luncheons



The Richmond Bar Association bestowed some very important awards at two of its Fall luncheon programs:

On October 24th, RBA President Dan Lynch presented the Hunter W. Martin Professionalism Award to James C. Shannon. Mr. Shannon, who recently retired from Midkiff, Muncie & Ross, P.C., was recognized for his longstanding leadership, professionalism and willingness to mentor young attorneys.

Tennille J. Checkovich, a partner at McGuireWoods LLP, received the John C. Kenny Pro Bono Award on November 14th. She was recognized for being a driving force in the appeal of *Stinnie v. Holcomb*, which challenged Virginia's practice of suspending the driver's licenses of individuals unable to pay court fees and costs, and in the representation of incarcerated youth in serious offender review hearings.

Committee seeks nominations for Liberty Bell Award

The Committee on Awards and Honors is accepting nominations for the Liberty Bell Award. The 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.

Recipients include The John Marshall Foundation (2018), S. Buford Scott (2013), Thomas A. Silvestri (2011), the Hon. Susan Clark Schaar and the 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), Susanna M. Capers (1992).

Nominations for the Liberty Bell Award are due by 12:00 noon on January 24, 2020 and should be emailed to John Anderson, Chair of the Committee on Awards & Honors, at janderson@spottsain.com or Lee Martin at lmartin@richmondbar.org.

Announcements

Bankruptcy Section kicks off new year with CLE seminar/luncheon on January 14th

The Bankruptcy Section will host a luncheon/CLE seminar on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 beginning at 12:30 p.m. at the Hilton Hotel, 501 E. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219. The program will feature a panel discussion featuring Robert McIntosh, Assistant United States Attorney; Kenneth Whitehurst, Assistant United States Trustee, Norfolk (and Acting Richmond, Effective 1/1/2020); Robert McEntee, Senior Assistant Attorney General; and Elizabeth Gunn, Assistant Attorney General (moderator) It is anticipated that the program, titled "When the Opposing Party is a Government Entity: A Panel Discussion with Attorneys from the United States Attorney's Office representing the IRS, Office of the U.S. Trustee, and the Virginia Office of the Attorney General," 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/bankruptcy/> Checks can be mailed to the Richmond Bar Association at P.O. Box 1213, Richmond, VA 23218. Reservations must be received by January 10th; no refunds will be given after this date.

The Section appreciates the generosity of the sponsor of the event, [RealMarkets](#).

Litigation Section to host Reception Honoring the Judiciary on January 29th

The Litigation Section's annual Reception Honoring the Judiciary will take place on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Shagbark (4901 Libbie Mill East Blvd, Suite 175). The event will feature heavy hors d'oeuvres and an open bar. Cost to attend is \$50 for Section members and \$65 for non-Section RBA members. Register using a credit card by visiting <https://www.richmondbar.org/litigation/>. Checks can be mailed to the Richmond Bar Association at P.O. Box 1213, Richmond, VA 23218. Reservations must be received by January 24th; no refunds will be given after this date.

The Section appreciates the generosity of the sponsors of the event: [Planet Depos](#) and [Spotte Fain PC](#).



A great time was had by all at the Young Lawyers Section Fall Social held at Veil Brewing Co. on October 17th. See the February newsletter for information on their Winter Social.

Welcome new members

The Richmond Bar Association welcomes the following new members:

Nicholas G. Balbontin
Benjamin A. Beliles
Sydney M. Coelho
Debara D. Corcoran
Kelsey J. Elling
Tia-Marie Lane
Matthew T. Paulk
Anne C. Saunders
Christopher Stock
Andrew S. Willis

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.

RBA's Young Lawyers Section recognized by ABA

Congratulation to the RBA's Young Lawyers Section for being recognized as an Affiliate Star of the Quarter by the ABA Young Lawyers Division at its Fall Meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana. The ABA YLD Council praised the success of the Section's participation in a recent school beautification project at Fairfield Court Elementary School. Great job YLS! Keep up the good work!



Save the date! The Richmond Bar's popular Spring Cocktail Party will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Willow Oaks Country Club.

CALENDAR

January

- 1 Bar office closed for the holiday
- 3 Novak investiture, 2:00 p.m. U.S. District Courthouse (Judge Hudson's chambers)
- 6 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 9 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton Andrews Kurth, 20th floor
- 13 Pro Bono Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 29 Litigation Section Judges' Reception, 6:00 p.m., Shagbark

February

- 3 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 6 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton Andrews Kurth, 20th floor
- 11 Bankruptcy Section luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Hilton Downtown Hotel
- 20 RBA Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Omni Hotel
Speaker: Whit Babcock, Athletic Director at Virginia Tech

March

- 2 Personnel Committee meeting, 12:00 noon, Bar office
- 2 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 3 Nominating Committee, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 5 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton Andrews Kurth, 20th floor
- 9 Pro Bono Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 26 RBA Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Omni Hotel
Speaker: TBA
- 25 Real Estate Section Social, 6:00 p.m., The Wine Loft
- 30 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office

April

- 2 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton Andrews Kurth, 20th floor
- 7 Bench-Bar Conference Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 22 Annual Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Willow Oaks Country Club
- 22 Spring Cocktail Party, 6:00 p.m., Willow Oaks Country Club

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