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Virginia Tech Athletic Director Whit Babcock is featured speaker at Association's February luncheon

Whit Babcock, Athletic Director at Virginia Tech, will be the featured speaker at the Richmond Bar's luncheon on Thursday, February 20, 2020. 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, February 17th. The Omni Hotel is now strictly enforcing the guarantee policy in our contract; we CANNOT take reservations after the deadline listed above.**

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 **Hon. Phillip L. Hairston** will host a Judges' Table at the February luncheon. In addition, the Young Lawyers Section will



Whit Babcock

host a table for its members. At the time you make your reservation, please indicate if you would like to be seated at one of the reserved tables.

Whit Babcock was formally named Virginia Tech's director of athletics on Jan. 24, 2014. In his introductory press conference at Virginia Tech, Babcock cited three guiding principles for his vision for the athletics department's future: commitment to comprehensive excellence, centering the department's focus on the student-athlete experience and engaging the community.

Babcock received national acclaim for his work as an AD during the 2017-18 academic year, as he was named one of four FBS recipients of the Under Armour AD of the Year. The previous year, Babcock was one of five finalists for the AD of the Year honor handed out by SportsBusiness Journal and SportsBusiness Daily.

During his tenure in Blacksburg, Babcock has displayed an acumen for making great coaching hires during his relatively short tenure in Blacksburg. On the fundraising front, Babcock's 2016 revamping of the Hokie

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U.S. Bankruptcy Court and City of Richmond Judges provide insight on procedures, rules and new programs

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 Judges for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Richmond Division** and **Honorable Judges for the Courts of the City of Richmond**. As in years past, the Judges were gracious with their time and spoke with candor to Committee members regarding new rules and forms, motions and the need for pro bono volunteers.

The Honorable Kevin R. Huennekens and the Honorable Keith L. Phillips *United States Bankruptcy Court*

Representatives of the Administration of Justice Committee of the Richmond Bar Association met with U.S. Bankruptcy Judges Kevin R. Huennekens and Keith L. Phillips, together, on November 6, 2019. Both Judges are pleased with the genial and professional relationship between and among the bankruptcy practitioners.

Members of the bankruptcy bar are reminded that the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia will soon require that all members of the bankruptcy bar also

be admitted to the District Court. A formal announcement regarding this requirement is on the website (https://www.vaeb.uscourts.gov/wordpress/?page_id=7605) and the deadline to submit the affirmation or be admitted is September 1, 2020. With respect to the policies on electronics and security screenings, the Court confirmed that no changes are expected and that security will continue to remain a very high priority of the Courthouse.

In follow up to last year's report on the then proposed amendments to the Local Rules for the Eastern District resulting from

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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

Two attorneys in the Richmond office of Sands Anderson PC have been elected shareholders:

Faith A. Alejandro is a member of the Business, Litigation, and Government Groups, representing companies, nonprofits, and local governments with a focus on supporting their labor and employment needs, both as a counselor and a litigator; and

Matthew D. Green, a member of the Litigation Group, focuses his practice on commercial litigation, professional liability, products liability, and insurance defense.

Whit Babcock to speak at luncheon

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Club, the athletics department's fundraising arm, continues to pay dividends, as the club raised a school-record \$47.7 million overall for the giving cycle ending March 31, 2018. Nearly \$16.8 million is designated for the Hokie Scholarship Fund, which goes toward the rising costs of tuition for the school's more than 550 scholarship student-athletes.

Babcock arrived in Blacksburg following two and a half years as the director of athletics at the University of Cincinnati and five years at the University of Missouri, where he served as the executive associate director of athletics. Prior to his time at Cincinnati, Babcock's 22-year career path included

stops at Missouri, West Virginia, Auburn and James Madison.

With the General Assembly in session, parking is at a premium so plan your time accordingly. Please contact the Bar office if you would like a list of nearby parking decks.

Judges are invited to attend the luncheon free of charge as guests of the Association. However, reservations are required and must be made 48 hours in advance of the program. 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.



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Edited by Lelia N. Martin

Luncheon Registration Form

Please reserve a place for me at the **Thursday, February 20, 2020** 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/events/luncheons/>.

If you require a vegetarian or special dietary meal, please inform us at the time you make the reservation.

Return this form to: Richmond Bar Association, P.O. Box 1213, Richmond, Virginia 23218-1213.

Reservations may be made by calling the Bar office at 780-0700 no later than noon on Monday, February 17 2020.

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 February 17th.



*Does the blustery weather have you
dreaming of warmth and sunshine?*

Plan ahead and save the date for the Richmond Bar's popular Spring Cocktail Party. Join your colleagues for good food, spirits and conversation on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Willow Oaks Country Club. You don't want to miss it!



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John McCammon, Dan Lynch and Hon. Tom Hoover

Holiday Cocktail Party at the Virginia Museum



Katie Rockwell, Shannan Fitzgerald and Lindsey Strachan



Craig Curwood, Andy Sherrod, Henry Willet and John Mumford



Bruce Arkema and Jim Cosby



Hon. Kevin & Mary Ellen Huennekens with Gus Epps

Over 400 lawyers, judges and their guests decked the halls at the Bar's Holiday Cocktail Party held on December 11th at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. The Association appreciates the support of The McCammon Group, celebrating 20 years as the exclusive sponsor of the event.



Mary Ann & Ervin Reid, Robert Donnelly and Julie & Mike Goodman



Amanda Bird, Sara Mikowski and Mallory Brennan



Hallie & Roman Lifson with Dave Finkelson



Zelda & Hon. Randall Johnson with Hamilton Bryson



John Cox, Jamie Sexton and Mark Colombell

Judges discuss new rules and forms, no-shows, new eviction

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the Fourth Circuit's decision in *No v. Gorman* as to the requirement that a hearing be conducted before the dismissal of a case, the Judges note the successful implementation of the rules, as well as an additional new rule which provides for a 7-day notice period on voluntary motions to dismiss became effective on November 22, 2019.

On the horizon for the Court is the promulgation of recommended new rules and forms occasioned by the enactment of amendments to the Bankruptcy Code, including the HAVEN Act and the Subchapter V, Small Business Reorganization Act. The Judges anticipate that the Judicial Conference will soon provide recommended new rules for consideration and while approval of any new final rules is pending, corresponding interim rules are expected to be adopted by the various courts by the end of this year. The Judges further note that the addition of Subchapter V amendments also anticipates a role for a trustee and the Office of the U.S. Trustee is seeking applications for same.

With respect to other developments in conjunction with the Office of the United States Trustee, the Judges reported that applications were opened for a new Assistant United States Trustee to replace Robert Van Arsdale, who will retire at the end of 2019. In addition, the Judges are pleased to welcome two new Chapter 7 panel trustees, Jennifer West and Bill Brocius and acknowledge the retirement from the Chapter 7 trustee panel of Bruce Matson, Harry Shaia, and Roy Terry.

The Judges note that bankruptcy filings have increased slightly recently and, without prognosticating on the economy, would reasonably anticipate the trend to continue. Related to which, the Judges expressed their pleasure with the success of the coordinated efforts of Central Virginia Legal Aid and the Bankruptcy Section to provide pro bono services to low and no income debtors, noting that pro se filings in the Richmond division are almost half the number of the Court's other divisions. Similarly, the Judges are pleased that the Credit Abuse Resistance Education program has been rejuvenated, and note that volunteers are sought to visit schools in connection with that initiative. The Judges encourage the members of the Bankruptcy Bar to remain engaged in the success of these efforts.

As CM/ECF NextGen is launched nationwide, the Judges noted that the Eastern District of Virginia is in one of the latest waves. Preliminary behind the scene work is currently scheduled to launch in 2020.

Lastly, the Judges invite suggestions to and from both the Local Rules Committee, localrules@vaeb.uscourts.gov and the Bench Bar Liaison Committee members. All suggestions are reviewed and given serious consideration and attention by the Court.

The members of the Committee thank the Judges for their time and candor and look forward to another year.

The Honorable Joi Jeter Taylor Richmond Circuit Court

Judge Taylor continues to appreciate the civility and integrity of the local bar and emphasizes how fortunate the Richmond bar is to have such great members.

Judge Taylor encouraged members of the Richmond bar to be on the lookout for the Court's pro bono initiative that it is undertaking in conjunction with the Richmond Bar Foundation. This initiative will kick off in 2020 and will encourage practitioners to provide pro bono services in their dedicated practice areas, such as landlord-tenant and domestic relations.

Judge Taylor relayed several practical comments regarding civil matters in the Richmond Circuit Court. The Court noted that there has been an increase in the number of no-shows of potential jurors. Judge Taylor encourages the bar to contact the Court if attorneys believe they may need more jurors in voir dire, the trial involves issues that some potential jury members may consider sensitive, or if the matter has received unusual pre-trial publicity. This has been an issue particularly in criminal trials where the defendant has been charged with sexual assault. The Court is looking at different ways to increase the available jury pool so that there are ample jurors available for trials.

The Court requires that counsel file motions prior to setting them for hearings and that counsel provide accurate time estimates for motions hearings. In addition to these requirements, Judge Taylor requests when a brief in support or opposition to a motion is filed fewer than seven days before the hearing date that the filing counsel also provide a courtesy copy of the brief to the assigned

judge in chambers.

Judge Taylor expressed concern over the upcoming Navy Hill project and its potential impact on parking. She noted that the lack of parking during construction will undoubtedly be disruptive to all who enter the courthouse unless it is properly addressed by all involved in the development project.

Finally, the Court stresses that it takes security seriously and continues its efforts to further enhance security at the courthouse.

The Honorable L. B. Cann III Richmond General District Court

Judge Cann reports that the Richmond General District Courts are currently quite busy with an overall increased number of filings in 2019 in civil, criminal and traffic matters. Slightly counter to the trend, on the civil side, unlawful detainer filings are down by close to 10% compared to last year (although roughly 1,300 unlawful detainers continue to be filed on a monthly basis).

On the criminal side, Judge Cann wished to commend the Richmond Public Defenders' Office for doing a very good job of investigating and trying cases despite heavy caseloads. While the judges observe and value this contribution to the justice system on a daily basis, they fear that too few members of the bar and public at large fully appreciate the work of these public defenders.

On the civil side, 2019 ushered in two significant developments with landlord-tenant cases. First, the General Assembly revised the Virginia Residential Landlord Tenant Act. The judges have seen these revisions operate smoothly without much confusion from the bench or litigants. One issue that has arisen concerns claims for increased attorneys' fees when landlords amend an unlawful detainer on the return date to capture unpaid rent arising after the initial filing. Judge Cann expects to enter shortly a new standing order on attorneys' fees claims to reflect the Court's practice on such claims over the last several years. Second, the Court is now dealing with a new, voluntary eviction diversion program whereby qualifying tenants who face unlawful detainer actions for nonpayment of rent can, with the consent of their landlords, enter into a structured payment plan to avoid eviction. This voluntary "EDP" is still in its infancy but some landlords and tenants have already taken advantage of the program to

diversion program and launch of P+A=SS program

resolve eviction disputes. The judges have observed that a noteworthy number of pro bono volunteers are assisting the EDP on an almost daily basis. This is due in no small part to efforts of Central Virginia Legal Aid, HOME, the Greater Richmond Bar Foundation and the private "Firms in Service" from law firms around the City.

Judge Cann also referenced a forthcoming initiative, undertaken at the behest of Chief Judge Lemons, in which Richmond state court judges will work to publicize the need for pro bono volunteers and expand the existing framework for connecting indigent civil litigants in the City to legal representation. This initiative would build on a growing body of volunteer attorneys already stepping in to represent otherwise unrepresented litigants. Relatedly, Judge Cann emphasized a need for pro bono volunteers to serve as guardian ad litem. This is a relatively "low stress" service that often helps individuals with disabilities and service members get the help they need. Finally, there are plenty of opportunities for attorneys who want to help outside of the litigation context, such as uncontested divorces, will drafting, and medical bill disputes.

The judges are impressed with the general level of preparedness and professionalism of regular practitioners before the court and they encourage the bar to maintain this high standard. Judge Cann stressed the importance of good communication between attorneys themselves and with the court on a wide range of matters that affect the smooth functioning of a high volume court. He gave several examples. For civil attorneys, especially high volume filers, it is highly recommended that attorneys contact the court the day before or early on the morning of the return date to ensure that the papers are updated for final disposition with current information on damages and credits. For attorneys with only one or a small number of filings, pre-docket call check-in is also advisable. It enables the court, among other things, to call the attorney's case early so that the attorney can avoid sitting idly through a lengthy docket call. Other examples of good communication include contacting the court if an attorney is going to be late or a case has been settled. Settlements will often free up scarce trial dates.

Judge Cann conveyed the general sentiment of his colleagues that they do not wish to be seen as unapproachable or unwilling

to hear the concerns of the bar. The Court has an "open door" policy. If attorneys have concerns regarding the administration of justice, then the judges will meet with them. Insights from the bar have proven quite helpful in the past and continue to be welcome.

The Richard B. Campbell Richmond Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court

Members of the Administration of Justice Committee had a delightful visit with Judge Campbell in late November 2019. Judge Campbell will finish his term as Chief Judge in July 2020 when Judge Marilynn C. Goss-Thornton will assume the responsibilities.

One of the Court's highlights of the past year was welcoming Judge Brice E. Lambert in July 2019, making a total of five judges for the court. Judge Lambert's presence has helped with caseloads and the court hopes has also helped to reduce delays for litigants. Judge Mary Langer has been a key player in the launch of the court's P+A=SS (Parents + Attendance = School Success) docket. The first PASS docket was held in August 2019 at Martin Luther King Middle School instead of in the courthouse. The program was created to address allegations of parents failing to cooperate with schools to correct their child's attendance problems. The alternative docket is intended to better address the obstacles to school attendance that parents face. Parents and service providers will be gathered at the alternative location to address/intervene in the underlying causes of school absences. Recognizing that chronic absenteeism increases the likelihood of negative outcomes for students, P+A=SS is held at the middle school to encourage parents to engage with the school to provide their child with the education he or she deserves. While it will be a Court proceeding, the setting is intended to message to the parents that resolving the problems will be a collaborative effort. Other agencies providing time and resources towards this endeavor include Richmond Public Schools: Behavioral Support, Health Services, School Social Work Services, School Climate/Safety Division, Richmond Behavioral Health Authority, McKinney-Vento Act workers, the Greater Richmond Trauma Informed Care Network, Richmond Department of Social Services,

University of Richmond Children's Defense Clinic, and the Richmond Sheriff's Office.

Judge Campbell noted that court remains conscious of security issues with the Richmond Sheriff's Office Deputies providing excellent service at the courthouse. The front entry has been updated to reflect the focus on security, and the court appreciates all attorneys complying with the new requirements for screening for all entrants. While the court does allow for attorneys to bring in their electronic devices, counsel are reminded that this is a privilege not extended to the general public. The court requests that if counsel has extensive work to complete on their phone, they utilize the areas outside the courtroom to complete such work and to display professional behavior as to the use of phones in the courtrooms.

Judge Campbell emphasized that the court continues to value and respect the members of the bar that practice in the court. He encourages new and younger attorneys to consider training as GALs or to join the court appointed counsel list. The court has noted some issues with timeliness of attorneys appearing. The court recognizes that many attorneys appear in multiple jurisdictions, but Judge Campbell noted that it is important for counsel to remember to be punctual and maintain appropriate courtroom decorum. The court has a high case load, and a failure to be available timely has an impact on not only an attorney's client, but also the court, opposing counsel, and the docket in general.

While some neighboring jurisdictions are beginning to participate in an Electronic Voucher Pay System, Richmond does not yet have a launch date for the process in its court. The court does anticipate having a new text notification system in place in early 2020 to notify and remind parties of upcoming hearing dates in Richmond. In addition, in 2020 in conjunction with the Virginia Supreme Court Chief Justice's Pro Bono initiative in the 13th District, the Richmond JDR Court will partner with the Circuit and General District Court to launch this initiative. Judge Campbell is working with the Chief Judges of those courts to involve the University of Richmond Law School, Central Virginia Legal Aid, and various practitioners in this project. The project will provide many opportunities for those not normally in court to represent those who could not otherwise afford representation. More to come on this project in the near future.



6TH ANNUAL JAZZ 4 JUSTICE© BENEFIT CONCERT
 Friday, February 7, 2020
 VCU's W.E. Singleton Center for the Performing Arts
 7:00 pm Reception / Concert begins at 8:00 pm
 Benefiting the Greater Richmond Bar Foundation
 & the VCU Jazz Studies Program

The Greater Richmond Bar Foundation and the VCU Department of Music present the 6th Annual Jazz4Justice event, a benefit concert to support local access to justice efforts and the development of future jazz artists. The concert features students & faculty from the VCU Jazz Studies Program and is directed by Antonio Garcia. This year Richmond's Commonwealth Attorney, Colette McEachin will join us on stage as our special Guest Conductor! A jam session will follow the concert, so bring your instruments! Visit www.grbf.org for more information.



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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 Richmond Bar members 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: James C. Shannon (2019), 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), Wyatt B. Durrett, Jr. (2010), Frank B. Miller III (2009), Robert E. Eicher (2008), Hon. Robert A. Pustilnik (2007), Hon. Randall G. Johnson* (2006), James W. Morris III (2005), Malcolm M. Christian (2004), Anne Marie Whittemore (2003), Hon. Robert W. Duling (2002), Meredith A. House (2001), Robert M. Patterson (2000), R. Harvey Chappell (1999), Hon. Robert R. Merhige, Jr. (1998)

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 Richmond Bar member 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: Tennille J. Checkovich (2019), Ann T. Burks (2018), W. Benjamin Pace (2017), Christopher M. Malone (2016), The Pro Bono Clearinghouse (2015), John M. Robb III (2015), Benjamin R. Lacy IV* (2014), Harry M. Johnson III and Scott C. Oostdyk (2013), Lakshmi Challa (2012), UR Downtown and the Carrico Center for Pro Bono Services (2011), G. Andrew Nea, Jr. (2010), Stephen A. Northup (2009), Robert F. Redmond, Jr. (2008), Lawrence M. Cohn (2007), Tara L. Casey (2006), Andrew W. Wood (2005), Allison L. Held (2004), John M. Oakey, Jr. (2003), Sheila C. Marsh (2002), George H. Hettrick (2001), Phyllis C. Katz (2000), Nina E. Olson (1999)

* - awarded posthumously

Members are encouraged to nominate any candidates who they believe are qualified for an award. To nominate an individual, contact any member of the Association's Committee on Awards and Honors listed below.

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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>	Miriam Torian	340-7741
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/>.

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Announcements

Next Bankruptcy Section luncheon/ CLE seminar set for February 11th

The Bankruptcy Section will host a luncheon/CLE seminar on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 beginning at 12:30 p.m. at the Hilton Hotel, 501 E. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219. The program will feature a presentation by Christopher J. Flynn (Boleman), Lynn L. Tavenner (Tavenner and Beran; Chapter 7 Trustee), and Klementina V. Pavlova (Sands Anderson) titled "Chapter 7 Asset Cases from All Perspectives." 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/bankruptcy/>. Checks can be mailed to the Richmond Bar Association at P.O. Box 1213, Richmond, VA 23218. Reservations must be received by February 6th; no refunds will be given after this date.

Real Estate Section to host An Evening with the Circuit Clerks on February 6th

Join your colleagues at the Real Estate Section's "An Evening with the Circuit Court Clerks" on Thursday, February 6, 2020 at Willow Oaks Country Club (6228 Forest Hill Avenue, Richmond, VA 23225). The evening will kick off with cocktails at 5:15 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m. At 6:45 p.m. the Clerks will make brief remarks with time allowed for a question and answer session.

Cost to attend is \$55 for Section members and \$60 for guests. Reservations and payment can be made online at <https://www.richmondbar.org/real-estate/>. Checks can be mailed to the Richmond Bar Association at P.O. Box 1213, Richmond, VA 23218. Reservations must be received by February 4th; no refunds will be issued after this date.

The Section would like to thank [Fidelity National Title Insurance Company](#) and [South State Bank](#) for their sponsorship of this event.



On January 8th, 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 to receive free guidance on their legal questions.

Pictured are (front) Joel McClellan, Kyle Elliott; (back) Shannan Fitzgerald, Doug Pittman; (standing) NBC 12's Diane Walker.

Welcome new members

The Richmond Bar Association welcomes the following new members:

- Daniel J. Abrams
- Alyson M. Brown
- Alexander E. Castellano
- Vincenzo Chiariello
- Evan V. Clarke
- Anthony Cottone
- Emma C. Greger
- Madison P. Harrell
- Joseph B. Herbert
- Sarah T. Mikowski
- Roxanne C. Millan
- Mara E. Shingleton
- Connor M. Thompson

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.

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 Connor Johnson will be making new appointments to the Committees listed below. If you are interested in serving on a Committee, please contact him at 262-9000 or t.oconnor@hundleyandjohnson.com.

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CALENDAR

February

- 3 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 5 Finance Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., small 2nd floor conference room
- 6 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton Andrews Kurth, 20th floor
- 6 Real Estate Section Dinner, 5:15 p.m., Willow Oaks Country Club
- 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

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

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
- 3 Bench-Bar Conference Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 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
- 30 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office

May

- 1 RBA Law Day Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Omni Hotel
Speaker: Hon Donald Lemons, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia
- 4 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 5 Bench-Bar Conference Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 7 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

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