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Hon. Marla Graff Decker to speak at Law Day Luncheon on May 1st

The Honorable Marla Graff Decker, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of Virginia, will be the featured speaker at the Richmond Bar's luncheon on Friday, May 1, 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 Tuesday, April 28th. 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 following members of the judiciary will be hosting Judges' Tables at the May



Judge Marla Graff Decker

luncheon: **Hon. Randall G. Johnson, Jr.** and **Hon. Jacqueline S. McClenney**. In addition, the Young Lawyers Section will host
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Report of the Nominating Committee and Notice of Annual Meeting

Terrence L. Graves, Chair of the Nominating Committee, has reported to the President the following list of nominees recommended by the Committee for the respective positions to be filled at the Association's Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 22, 2020:

President-Elect:	John W. Anderson
Vice President:	R. Braxton Hill IV
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T. O'Connor Johnson, the current President-Elect, succeeds automatically to the office of President for the next Bar year.

The Annual Meeting of The Bar Association of the City of Richmond will be held on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the Willow Oaks Country Club. The meeting precedes the Bar's Spring Cocktail Party, which begins at 6:00 p.m.

Daniel E. Lynch, President

R. Braxton Hill IV, Secretary-Treasurer

Jeff E. Schapiro to receive Liberty Bell Award at luncheon

Richmond Times Dispatch political columnist Jeff E. Schapiro is the recipient of the 2020 Liberty Bell Award. The Award, which will be presented at the Association's Law Day luncheon, is based on criteria established by the American Bar Association to recognize individuals and organizations who have promoted a better understanding and appreciation of the rule of law and encourages a greater respect for law and the courts.

As politics columnist for the Richmond Times-Dispatch, Mr. Schapiro has covered campaigns and government for nearly 40 years, a period during which Virginia has emerged as a decisive swing state prized by the national parties.

Mr. Schapiro joined the Times-Dispatch in 1987 after reporting from the State Capitol for United Press International and Virginia Business magazine. His column
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Chesterfield judges provide input

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 Courts of the County of Chesterfield**. 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 Edward A. Robbins, Jr.
Chesterfield Circuit Court

Judge Robbins reports that the Court continues to appreciate the professionalism of
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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 Richmond Bar Association, P.O. Box 1213, Richmond, VA 23218.

Williams Mullen announces the election of three new partners in its Richmond office:

Ned Turnbull focuses his practice on private company mergers and acquisitions, debt and equity financings, corporate governance and commercial transactions;

Kyle Wingfield focuses his practice on resolving tax disputes for businesses and their owners, including managing audits and handling administrative and judicial appeals with the Internal Revenue Service, Virginia Department of Taxation and other state and local taxing authorities; and

Mark Zaruba represents clients with respect to securities, regulatory compliance, mergers and acquisitions and corporate governance matters, with a particular focus on Regulation D private placement offerings, private equity fund formation and financing transactions for early-stage companies.

Harman Claytor Corrigan & Wellman welcomes **Megan A. Wagner** to the firm's Richmond office as an Associate. She will focus her practice on trucking and transportation litigation, auto liability, premises and product liability, insurance defense, general civil litigation, labor and employment law, and workers' compensation law.

Byrne Legal Group announces the addition of two new lawyers to the firm: **Jerry Canaan** and **Suzanne Lim**.

Mr. Canaan joins the firm as a partner and focuses his practice on government investigations, administrative law, regulatory issues, and health care practitioners' licensing issues.

Ms. Lim is counsel and represents health care providers in licensing and regulatory matters.

The Commonwealth of Virginia's former Chief Deputy Attorney General **Cynthia E. Hudson** will join **Sands Anderson PC** in early March. She will join Sands Anderson's Government Group and reside in the firm's Richmond and Williamsburg offices.



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Edited by Lelia N. Martin

Luncheon Registration Form

Please reserve a place for me at the **Friday, May 1, 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 Tuesday, April 28, 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 April 28th.

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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)

The deadline to submit nominations for this award is 12:00 noon on May 24th.

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)

The deadline to submit nominations for this award is 12:00 noon on June 21st.

* - awarded posthumously

Members are encouraged to nominate any candidates who they believe are qualified for an award. To nominate an individual, contact Lee Martin (lmartin@richmondbar.org) or any member of the Association's Committee on Awards and Honors listed below.

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Daniel E. Lynch (dlynch@lchslaw.com)
R. Braxton Hill IV (bhill@cblaw.com)

Jeff Schapiro to receive Liberty Bell Award at Bar's March luncheon

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appears in the Times-Dispatch Wednesday and alternate Saturdays and Sundays. It is carried by many other Lee Enterprises-published newspapers in Virginia.

His video column and podcast are posted on the Times-Dispatch website. On Friday mornings, at 8:45, Schapiro runs down the week's political news on VPM News, 88.9 FM. He can be followed on Twitter and Facebook.

Since 1991, Mr. Schapiro has been a correspondent for The



Economist, the British newsmagazine, writing on Southern politics and culture.

In the letter nominating Mr. Schapiro, a member states, "He is the dean of political reporters in Virginia. His columns have often cleared the fog of politics to place the root issues of Virginia government directly before the people in their stark reality."



Spring Cocktail Party

Wednesday, April 22, 2020
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 <http://www.richmondbar.org/events/social-events/>

Judge Decker to speak on Law Day

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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.

Chief Judge Marla Graff Decker is a graduate of Gettysburg College and received her J. D. from the University of Richmond Law School. Judge Decker began her career in 1983 as an Assistant Attorney General, where she tried cases in state and federal court and defended convictions on appeal. Decker later served as a Section Chief of the Special Prosecutions Section, which consisted of the Medicaid Fraud Control, Organized Crime, Environmental and Health Professions Units. She was promoted to Deputy Attorney General of the Public Safety and Enforcement Division and managed the Criminal Litigation, Correctional Litigation, Special Prosecutions and Medicaid Fraud Control Sections.

In January of 2010, Decker was appointed by the Governor to serve as Secretary of Public Safety. In that role, she was responsible for eleven state agencies, including the Departments of State Police, Corrections, Juvenile Justice, Criminal Justice Services, Forensic Science, and the Virginia National Guard. She also advised the Governor on all public safety matters and spearheaded his administration's criminal justice legislative agenda. On November 1, 2013, Decker was appointed to the Court of Appeals of Virginia. In January of 2014, she was elected by the Virginia General Assembly to an eight-year term as a Judge on the Court of Appeals. The Court elected Judge Decker to serve as Chief Judge beginning January of 2019.

For many years, Judge Decker has served as an evening Adjunct Professor for the University of Richmond Law School where she teaches Appellate Advocacy. She also taught a variety of courses at the University of Richmond School of Continuing Studies. Judge Decker is a life member of Tuckahoe Volunteer Rescue Squad.

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.

Chesterfield judges offer comments on new technology,

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the local bar. Civil, criminal, and family law attorneys as a group all practice at a high level.

The Court wishes to continue to remind the bar to be respectful of the Court's and hearing participants' time by being punctual. The Court continues to stack jury trials. Judge Robbins requests that parties notify the Court of settlements as soon as possible. Sufficient notification of settlement allows other parties to try their case without delay.

Judge Robbins also urges parties to contact an individual judge's law clerk or administrative assistant regarding each judge's preferences as to courtesy copies and other case administrative matters. The Court welcomes inquiries from practitioners in this regard. Judge Robbins does note, though, that parties must file all pleadings with Clerk's office in advance of hearings irrespective of providing courtesy copies to chambers. The Clerk's Office accepts filings via mail, courier, and hand delivery. The Court does not accept filings via the internet, email, or fax. The Clerk's Office public service hours are 8 AM – 4 PM. Sliding pleadings through the door of the Clerk's Office or Judge's Chambers after hours is not acceptable for filing.

Court-appointed lawyers continue to do good work. The most frequent complaint that the Court continues to hear from clients of court-appointed counsel is that counsel has not communicated adequately with the client. Judge Robbins urges court-appointed counsel to confer with their clients sufficiently in advance of court appearances and most certainly prior to the date of trial.

The Court is very excited to report to the bar that it is in the process of installing state-of-the-art courtroom technology in all courtrooms, thanks to resources that Chesterfield County has provided. The General District and Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts of Chesterfield County are also undergoing a similar upgrade.

The Court's upgrades include a courtroom audio-visual system that allows counsel to connect laptops to screens throughout the courtroom, including in the jury box, from counsel's table and the podium via HDMI connection. Courtrooms will also receive easy-to-use document viewers that allow projection of documents and other objects (ranging from contract documents to phones showing text messages) onto screens throughout the courtroom.

Please be on the lookout for updates from

the Court on training sessions for the Court's new technology. The Court hopes that parties will make good use of the Court's major technological upgrades. The Court, though, urges all parties to test courtroom technology before the day of trial by working with the Court to schedule a pretrial courtroom visit. The Court cannot accommodate technological delays on the day of trial.

Bar members and their staff should consult the Court's website at <https://www.chesterfield.gov/1127/Circuit-Court-Clerk> for additional information regarding docketing procedures as well as the Court's technology rollout.

The Honorable Keith N. Hurley Chesterfield General District Court

A representative of the Administration of Justice Committee of the Richmond Bar Association met with Chief Judge Keith N. Hurley of the Chesterfield General District Court on January 28, 2020. Judge Hurley expressed his excitement with the technological developments in the courtrooms, his general pleasure with the practitioners in his court and the remarkable efficiency of the clerk's office at a time when they are understaffed.

The technological upgrades that have been made thus far are part of a three million dollar program bringing improvements to the general district, circuit, and juvenile and domestic relations courtrooms. Included among those improvements are new audio equipment and video screens that will, among other functions, allow documents to be placed under a reader and projected onto a screen on the bench. Those documents can then be examined, marked up, and printed from the bench for admission into evidence. Likewise, litigants who maintain documents on their cell phones will be able to place those phones under the document camera and the presiding judge will be able to view same without risking alterations to the phone itself. Judge Hurley notes that this is particularly useful in personal injury cases and early feedback suggests attorneys are also pleased with the improvements. Other areas in which the upgrades are expected to have impact include conducting pre-trials via video allowing all parties to communicate, helping unrepresented litigants present evidence, and, in the future, could allow sign language and other interpreters to assist remotely from their offices.

Like any large project, while the logistics of installing the improvements are a chal-

lenge, Judge Hurley is hopeful the upgrades will be completed over the summer. With respect to learning the new system, Judge Hurley notes that it is relatively easy and encourages any practitioner who would like to take advantage of the technology to arrive a few minutes early to familiarize themselves with the program.

While volume in the court has continued to increase, in particular on the civil side, the Chesterfield County General District Court Clerk's Office has been recognized across the state as a role model of a high-performance clerk's office for its ability to handle the increased workload. Notwithstanding their demonstrated efficiency, the clerk's office remains understaffed and while the need for twelve to fourteen additional clerks has been identified, the proposed budget only has funding for an additional thirty clerks this year, and thirty clerks next year, statewide. Judge Hurley is hopeful that Chesterfield will receive funding for at least two positions should that budget pass.

In follow up to last year's report on the then recent scheduling changes, Judge Hurley reports that those have worked well, especially on the civil side, and notes that they still watch traffic and criminal to avoid back-ups on the docket. With respect to the civil dockets, he further notes that there is an increased availability of trial dates and that trials can be scheduled relatively quickly should the litigants so choose.

Judge Hurley again commends the professionalism of the practitioners who appear in his court. He encourages any attorney who appears in Chesterfield to first check in with the courtroom clerk. That way should the attorney be delayed in another courtroom when their matter is called, the court can then be made aware that the attorney is at least present in the courthouse. Further, he reminds all practitioners, especially new attorneys, to always introduce themselves to the court. Chesterfield is a collegial bar and while it is easy to become familiar with those who frequently appear, it is helpful to all participants be reminded of names in case someone has forgotten.

Lastly, for anyone interested in being included in the court appointed panel, please submit a letter to the court and introduce themselves to the judges. Judge Hurley compliments the members who are part of the court appointed panel and encourages those who are interested to apply.

scheduling changes, punctuality and Clerks' offices

¹ *Cell phones are not allowed in the courthouse, and only in certain matters may a litigant obtain permission, verify same with the sheriff's deputy before bringing the phone into the courthouse, and then be escorted with the phone to the courtroom.*

The Honorable Scott D. Landry Chesterfield Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court

Judge Landry advised on behalf of the Judges of Chesterfield County and City of Colonial Heights Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court appreciation for the opportunity to address the members of the Richmond Bar Association and to provide information about practice in the Twelfth Judicial District. Consider visiting the Court's docketing policies, schedules, contact information and resource material. Also, please feel free to contact the Clerk of Court, Laura Griffin (Chesterfield County) at 804.748.1379 or Evelyn Hall (Colonial Heights) at 804.524.8741 for copies of forms mentioned or to inquire about any matter pertaining to the Court.

"We're Grateful"

The Judges of the Chesterfield County and Colonial Heights JDR Court are very grateful for the service provided by attorneys and quality representation they see daily. The Judges look forward to continue to work with attorneys who are on time, prepared, aware of local rules and practice, endeavor to know the rules of evidence and procedure, and extend courtesy to the bench, opposing counsel, court personnel, and the public.

"We Appreciate Feedback"

The Judges of the Chesterfield County and Colonial Heights JDR Court hope you feel vested in assisting the Court in serving the public better and would like to receive constructive feedback.

In 2018, all six judges, the Clerks of Court (Chesterfield County and City of Colonial Heights) and the supervisors for pre and post clerks met for several hours for the Court's first "Consistency Summit". The lengthy summary of survey responses from several stakeholder groups (deputies, clerks, DCSE and DSS counsel, CCS and CSU officers, etc.) pertaining to several topics was discussed in detail to learn of any observed variance, consider the impact of varied approaches and contemplate a uniform approach. The bench appreciates that in many instances predictability of approach assists the public

served, members of the Bar and the extended Court community. The bench also honors the ability of each judge to serve as their experience and sound discretion dictates. The next "Consistency Summit" has been scheduled for early 2020.

In advance of the next "Consistency Summit" stakeholders will be sent an e-mail asking for feedback. All responses are sent to the Clerk and then provided anonymously to the Judges. Each and every response will be reviewed at the "Consistency Summit" so Judge Landry asks that you please respond to this e-mail so that as many suggestions as possible can be reviewed and considered.

Chesterfield County and Colonial Heights JDR Court is one of 20 courts nationwide participating in the "Implementation Sites Project" through National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ). The project is committed to improve dependency, foster care, and CHINS cases though collaborative teams formed from courts across the country. Teams compare notes and ideas on how family law cases are handled in their respective court. A representative from the project has already made a site visit in Chesterfield and met with stakeholders with an effort to gather data on how the court is serving the public.

"Consider How You Practice Law"

Of great import Judge Landry offered was how you practice law impacts others. For example, how you practice law impacts clerks being able to complete their job.

The Chesterfield County and Colonial Heights JDR Court is the third largest court in the state for filings. In 2018, the court had approximately 19,000 filings and 50,000 hearings. So far this year, the clerk's office has received 35,000 calls to the main phone number and the clerk's office pre-court staff have each spent 400 hours on the phone. Each pre-court clerk has duties to perform and they also rotate time at the front window. Members of the clerk's office are already staying late and working weekends – up to 5 people working on a Saturday – to get through all the matters filed with the Court.

There are 23 total clerks, including the Clerk of Court and two supervisors, working in the Chesterfield Juvenile Court Clerk's office. According to the last needs assessment, they should have 4 more. With vacation, sick days, and some working part-time schedules, there are 17 clerks on average working on any given day with 6 of those clerks needed

to be in the courtrooms, 2 working the front counter, and others needed to process the cases before the court.

To assist the Clerk, the Court recommends the following:

- Use state-provided district court forms which are designed for faster processing than drafting your own motions.
- Get back in touch with the Clerk's office when you receive a call so they can set hearings, issue process, etc. Email is the preferred method of communication.
- Keep continuance requests to a minimum. Continuance requests take a lot of time and resources to process the request and take that case out of the normal order of operations.

"Improvements to courtrooms and other courthouse spaces"

Judge Landry offered thanks to the efforts of many and the receptive Chesterfield County administration for support of significant technological upgrades/improvements for Circuit, General District and JDR Courtrooms and conference rooms which have been approved and funded. Improvements are now being made. Judge Landry's courtroom is currently being equipped to display digital evidence in an effective and secure manner.

The training room is now equipped with video presentation capabilities and the space is being used by different groups, including the "Hope and Resilience Art Show" which presented artwork and poetry by children in detention and at the Child Advocacy Center. The artists and their families were invited to attend and participate with other stakeholders in the art show. Judge Landry thanked the Chesterfield Bar Association for providing water and snacks. The children's artwork and poetry is still currently on display. The Court hopes to repeat the art show each year.

The clerks and courthouse staff now have the benefit of a "Wellness Room," designed provide those working in the courthouse a break from the stress of the job. Vicarious trauma is experienced by many in the courthouse and the space is designed with a wall to draw on, relaxing places to sit and rest, and information on self-care.

The Chesterfield Juvenile courthouse now has a bi-lingual (Spanish and English) directional sign just beyond the metal detectors at the front door. The Court hopes to add additional bi-lingual signs in other areas of the courthouse.

Continuing Legal Education courses

Ethical Advocacy in Mediation

The Hon. Richard D. Taylor (Ret.) and The Honorable Thomas B. Hoover (Ret.) of The McCammon Group discuss ethical responsibilities regarding mediation, including competence, communication, scope of representation, and diligence. Topics include how you can best talk with your client about mediation and how to prepare yourself and your client for a productive and successful mediation session. Judge Taylor and Judge Hoover will walk you through a mediation session, highlighting your ethical responsibilities regarding opening presentations, negotiations, and settlements.

Wednesday, April 28, 2020 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

8th & Main Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 707 E. Main Street, Richmond VA

Free for RBA members who paid their 2019-20 dues by 9/1/19 (see the registration page for details)
 \$75 for members (\$85 after April 21); \$150 for non-members (\$160 after April 21)
 \$40 for support staff (\$50 after April 21)

2.0 hours of live ethics credit pending in Virginia

CLE Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____

<u>Date</u>	<u>Seminar Title</u>	<u>CLE Hours</u>	<u>Members / Non-Members / Support Staff</u> <u>Registration - (Late Registration)</u>
April 28	Ethical Advocacy in Mediation	2.0	\$75 (\$85) / \$150 (\$160) / \$40 (\$50) \$ _____
		Total	\$ _____

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- By Credit Card - 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/cle/registration/>.
- By Check - Return this form with payment to Richmond Bar Association, P.O. Box 1213, Richmond, VA 23218
- I participate in the CLE Discount Program. Please deduct ____ hour(s) from my balance.
- *I paid my dues by September 1st and am eligible to receive 2.0 hours of ethics credit free of charge.

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

Cancellation of registration for continuing legal education seminars is allowed up to one week prior to the seminar. Refunds or credits to a member's discount program account will be given up to one week prior to the date of the seminar.

Metro Pro Bono Sampler

Justice Server Ali Fannon 780-2600
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

Legal Aid Justice Center Housing Law Program Marcel Slag 643-1086
Provides pro bono legal assistance with housing issues ranging from eviction notices to unlawful detainers

Hunton Andrews Kurth Churchill Office Cassandra Reynolds 775-2248
Provides pro bono services to financially limited persons in the areas of family law, housing & real estate, guardianships and domestic violence.

Pro Bono Clearinghouse Ali Fannon 780-2600
A service of the Greater Richmond Bar Foundation that provides pro bono legal services to non-profit organizations

CancerLINC Chris Williams 562-0371, ext. 6
Information, counseling and referral for legal assistance with issues arising from the diagnosis and treatment of cancer

Richmond Domestic Violence Project Robbi Gray 775-1227
Represents victims of domestic violence in obtaining protective orders in Richmond J&DR Court

Harry L. Carrico Center for Pro Bono Services (UR Law) Tara Casey 287-1207
Pro Bono services provided by law students and attorneys

No Fault Divorce Program Tara Casey 287-1207
Pairs volunteer attorneys with law students who together represent clients seeking no-fault divorces

Central Virginia Legal Aid Society Emergency Lawyer Program Steve Dickinson 648-1012
Provides volunteer attorneys to assist CVLAS in emergency cases

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

We want to see what the RBA means to you!



Whether you're networking on your own or at an RBA event, share photos and short videos on your personal social media channels. Please tag the RBA in these posts - @richmondbarassociation. This will provide us with fresh content as well as help grow the Association's presence in the Richmond community.



RBA members receive 50-Year Awards



Many RBA members receiving 50-Year Awards attended the Association's March luncheon on February 20th. Congratulations to all who are celebrating the anniversary of their 50th year of practicing law: John Sykes Barr, Hon. James W. Benton, Jr., Thomas Wilcox Blue, James K. Cluverius, Richard E. Craig, Harley W. Duane III, Barry A. Hackney, William H. Hoofnagle III, John B. Mann, J. Thomas McGrath, Charles F. Midkiff, Daniel T. Murphy, David Lawrence Norton, David Dudley Redmond, Michael Willis Smith, Thomas D. Stokes III, Sandy T. Tucker, William Carter Younger.

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Announcements

Bankruptcy Section schedules Spring events; Nominating Committee appointed

The Bankruptcy Section will hold its Annual Meeting in conjunction with a luncheon/CLE Seminar on Thursday, May 14, 2020 beginning at 12:30 p.m. at the Hilton Richmond Downtown, 501 E. Broad Street, Richmond, VA, 23219. The program will feature a presentation by the Hon. Keith Phillips and the Hon. Brian Kenney titled "Great Bankruptcy Debates of 2020: Should Debtors who filed before February, 2020, be able to elect Subchapter V? Is it time for venue reform?"

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 Friday, May 8th; no refunds will be given after this date.

The Bankruptcy Section of the Richmond Bar is soliciting nominations for persons interested in serving on the section's Executive Committee to be elected during the May meeting. Nominations for the Executive Committee (one Executive Committee member and one Young Lawyer representative), along with a brief summary of the candidates interest and qualifications, should be forwarded to Elizabeth Gunn via email to Elizabeth.Gunn@dss.virginia.gov no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 10, 2020. Questions may also be directed to Sarah Boehm (sboehm@mcguirewoods.com) or Elizabeth Gunn.

The Nominating Committee consists of Elizabeth Gunn, Jennifer West, and Veronica Brown-Moseley.

YLS Report of Nominating Committee; Spring Social/ Annual Meeting date set

Pursuant to Section 5.01 of the By-Laws of the Young Lawyers Section of The Bar Association of the City of Richmond, notice is hereby given that, on Thursday, May 14, 2020, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., the Young Lawyers Section will convene its Spring Social and Annual Meeting at Hof Garden, 2818 W. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23230. Complimentary drinks and appetizers will be provided.

Pursuant to Section 4.07 of the By-Laws of the Section, a Nominating Committee was appointed to nominate officers and Executive Committee members for election at the Section's Annual Meeting and nominated the following individuals for their respective positions:

Officers:

Alexandria E. Cuff, Chair	Allison F. Rienecker, Chair-Elect
Joel R. McClellan, Secretary	Kyle R. Elliott, Immed. Past Chair

Executive Committee Members:

Reilly C. Moore	William J. Egen	Douglas E. Pitman
Shannan M. Fitzgerald	Barry D. Gabay	Shevarma T. Pemberton

At the Section's Annual Meeting, the officers and Executive Committee members named above will be presented for election.

Welcome new members

The Richmond Bar Association welcomes the following new members:

Douglas M. Atkins
Dylan D. Bishop
Clarke J. Bonney
Matthew P. A. Chriss
Christina R. Dimeo
Emily J. Fahey
Brandon K. Galindo
Douglas P. Holdsworth
Christian W. Lansinger
William A. MacIlwaine
Wesley R. Morgan
Marcus E. Nelson
Christopher W. Roberson
Cameron Rountree
Nathaniel S. Shepherd
Eva R. Swanston
Oliver T. Ward
Ye Yuan

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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YLS presents scholarships to U of R law students

Christina Dimeo, Christian Jones, and Marcus Nelson, law students at the University of Richmond School of Law, are the recipients of this year's Young Lawyers Section scholarships. They were selected from a pool of many qualified candidates. The students will be recognized for their accomplishments at the Bar's luncheon meeting on March 26th.



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Save the date! The twenty-ninth annual Bench-Bar Conference will take place at the Omni Hotel on Thursday, September 24, 2020. Breakout sessions will include civil, criminal and domestic relations topics.

CALENDAR

April

- 1 Bankruptcy Section Roundtable, 3:30 p.m., Bolling Haxall House
- 2 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton Andrews Kurth, 20th floor
- 7 Finance Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 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
- 28 CLE seminar: "Ethical Advocacy in Mediation," 4:00 p.m., 2nd floor conference room

May

- 1 RBA Law Day Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Omni Hotel
Speaker: Hon. Marla Graff Decker, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals 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
- 11 Pro Bono Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 12 CLE Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 14 Bankruptcy Section Luncheon/Annual Meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hilton Hotel
- 14 Young Lawyers Section Annual Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Hof Garden
- 25 Bar office closed for the holiday

June

- 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

July

- 3 Bar office closed for the holiday
- 7 Bench-Bar Conference Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 14 CLE Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room

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