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

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RBA to offer series of wellness events

According to Rule of Professional Conduct 1.1 comment 7, a lawyer's mental, emotional, and physical well-being impacts the lawyer's ability to represent clients and to make responsible choices in the practice of law. Maintaining the mental, emotional, and physical ability necessary for the representation of a client is an important aspect of maintaining competence to practice law.

Your RBA is here to help.

Over the course of the coming year, the RBA will offer events and experiences to support and promote lawyer wellness in a variety of ways. To kick things off, please join fellow RBA members on Monday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m. for Circuit Bootcamp + Hamstrings Hips and Spines with Humble Haven Yoga in Bryan Park. The event, which is sponsored by Christian & Barton, is free for all RBA members.

Practitioners will first move through circuits to warm up the body and work all muscle groups. Humble Haven's foundation is in yoga so circuit bootcamp will be focused on body weight movements to build strength and endurance. The second half of class will focus on stretching the muscles you just worked by creating space in the hamstrings, hips, and spine. Postures will be held longer to allow the body to slowly open and release, ending in total body zen.

Please wear supportive athletic shoes and a yoga mat is recommended. Since we will be outside, a towel is a great alternative to a mat if there isn't one available

Directions & Parking at Bryan Park:

- Arrive at Bryan Park and follow the main road -- Joseph Bryan Road
- Stay on Joseph Bryan Road to cross over the little bridge and head up the hill
- At the top of the hill, turn left onto Rosina's Lane
- You will pass the tennis court (on your right) & we will meet just beyond them
- For parking: keep driving past the tennis courts; parking will be up ahead on the left
- Take a short walk back toward the tennis courts for yoga!

Stay tuned for information on our other wellness programs tentatively scheduled for August, January and March!

Message from T. O'Connor Johnson, RBA President

As you may know I have been asked to serve a second term as RBA President due to the untimely passing of our friend and colleague John Anderson of Spotts Fain who was to be President this bar year. It is an honor for me to serve another term and I will do so with John's legacy in mind.

The RBA has, so far, weathered the pandemic storm that has affected all of us. Thanks to your continued support we aspire to come out of restrictions as a stronger and more active association. The RBA is poised to "get back to normal" in 2021-22. We anticipate a return to in-person events, including our luncheons, section activities and social events. It is my hope that we can all get together in person at a CLE, section event or social event, spend time with one another and put the troubles of the last year behind us. Your continued participation in and support of RBA programming will help make that happen.

I thank you for your continued support of the RBA and I hope to see you all soon.

Pay your Bar dues by September 1 and receive free ethics CLE

Membership in the Richmond Bar gives you an easy, FREE way to satisfy your yearly MCLE ethics requirement. As an added benefit, RBA members who pay their dues by September 1st are now eligible to register for one of the Association's 2-hour ethics programs at no additional charge. Three ethics seminars will be offered: September 23, 2021, October 19, 2021 and April 2022 (date TBA). Program details and registration information will be available shortly via our website, social media and blast e-mails. Due to space limitations, registrations will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Should a conflict arise, members who notify the Bar office at least 3 days in advance of a program will be able to re-schedule to a different date. Members who fail to show up without prior notification forfeit their right to re-schedule.

2021-2022 luncheon dates announced

The RBA's in-person luncheons are back! Mark your calendar with the following dates - luncheons are held at the Omni Hotel beginning at 12:30 p.m.:

Thursday, September 23, 2021
Speaker: Jeff Schapiro
RTD political columnist

Thursday, November 18, 2021
RBA Awards Luncheon

Thursday, February 24, 2022
Speaker: TBA

Monday, May 2, 2022 (Law Day)
Speaker: TBA

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

Merritt Law, PLLC, a new law firm based in Richmond, Virginia, has launched as of March 2021 and is now serving clients from its downtown Richmond office.

Formed by **Craig Thomas Merritt**, the new firm concentrates on trials and appeals in federal and state courts, with a focus on complex business disputes and First Amendment litigation. Contact Mr. Merritt at cmerritt@merrittfirm.com or 804.916.1601 or visit www.merrittfirm.com.

The Honorable Randall D. Smith (Ret.) and the Honorable James S. Yoffy (Ret.) have joined The McCammon Group where they will serve the mediation, arbitration, special master, and judge pro tempore needs of lawyers and litigants throughout Virginia, D.C. and beyond.

Harman Claytor Corrigan & Wellman welcomes **Angela R. MacFarlane** to the firm's Richmond office as an Associate. Angela will focus her practice on representing established businesses and individuals in all aspects of civil litigation throughout Virginia.

Byrne Legal Group has become **Byrne Canaan Law**. The new firm, a result of a partnership of **Sean Byrne** and **Jerry Canaan**, will continue to defend health care providers in complex litigation. The firm's new address is 3117 West Clay Street, Suite 200, Richmond, VA 23230. Additional information can be found at <https://byrniecanaanlaw.com/>.

Confidential help available to legal professionals impacted by impairment

The Virginia Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program (VJLAP) provides confidential, non-disciplinary assistance to lawyers, judges, law students, legal professionals, and their family members who are experiencing impairment as a result of substance abuse and/or mental health conditions.

Assistance is designed to:

- Prevent disciplinary problems for the professional
- Promote recovery
- Protect the working professional
- Strengthen the profession
- Support their families and professional associates

VJLAP educates members and prospective members of the legal profession regarding the impacts of chemical dependency and mental health disorders not only on you, but on your loved ones also. Early treatment is key for successful recovery.

For assistance call the VJLAP 24-Hour Confidential Help Line at 1-877-545-4682.

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We're back in-person so save the date!

The twenty-ninth annual Bench-Bar Conference will be held on Thursday, October 28, 2021 at the Omni Hotel.

Breakout sessions in civil, criminal and domestic relations law will be featured.



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Edited by Lelia N. Martin

The McCammon Group

is pleased to welcome our newest Neutral



Hon. James S. Yoffy (Ret.)

Retired Chief Judge, 14th Judicial Circuit Court of Virginia, Henrico County

The Honorable James Yoffy recently retired as Chief Judge of the 14th Judicial Circuit Court of Virginia after over fifteen years of distinguished judicial service in Henrico County. He began his judicial tenure as a Judge of the General District Court in Henrico County where he served for nearly six years. Early in his legal career, Judge Yoffy served as an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney for the City of Richmond and later as Deputy Assistant in that office. He subsequently enjoyed a private law practice in Richmond. Among his many credentials, Judge Yoffy was a member of the Virginia Criminal Sentencing Commission, the Circuit Court Forms Committee, and the Special Committee on Unauthorized Practice of Law and Legal Ethics Opinion. He is a former President of the Richmond Criminal Bar Association and former Chair of the Virginia State Bar Board of Governors Criminal Law Section. Judge Yoffy now brings this record of dedication and accomplishment to The McCammon Group to serve the mediation, arbitration, judge pro tempore and special master needs of lawyers and litigants throughout the Commonwealth.



For a complete list of our services and Neutrals throughout VA, DC, and MD, call 888.343.0922 or visit www.McCammonGroup.com

Welcome new members

The Richmond Bar Association welcomes the following new members:

Stuart C. Craft
Adrienne C. Fleming
Latasha M. James
Edward H. Lebar
Charles R. McCarthy
Taylor A. Moffett

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.

Try the Bar's online Pictorial Directory

Manage your own membership information using the Bar's on-line Pictorial Directory. You can also use the Directory to search for members' contact information, undergraduate and law school affiliations and areas of practice listings, as well as photos if they were previously provided.

To access the Directory visit <http://www.richmondbar.org/> and enter your username (your Virginia State Bar number) and password (default password is RBA2012) in the Membership Directory login box on the right side of the page. Contact the Bar office at 780-0700.

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Principle of Professionalism #3

To cultivate public respect for the legal profession by acting in a forthright and discreet manner in all endeavors, by demonstrating devotion to the public good through public service in the community, and by defending our system of justice whenever it is challenged unfairly.

Firm bill dues list

If you are affiliated with one of the following firms, your 2021-2022 dues bill was submitted directly to the organization for payment:

Allen, Allen, Allen & Allen
Boleman Law
Burtch Law
Christian & Barton
Duane, Hauck, Gravatt & Campbell, P.C.
Durette, Arkema, Gerson & Gill PC
Florance, Gordon and Brown
Freeborn & Peters
Harman, Claytor, Corrigan & Wellman
Hirschler
Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP
Kutak Rock
McCandlish Holton Morris
MG Law
Midkiff, Muncie & Ross
Parker, Pollard, Wilton & Peadar
Randolph, Boyd, Cherry and Vaughan
Spotts Fain
Thompson McMullan
University of Richmond Law School
Williams Mullen

Nominations are being accepted for all RBA awards!

Previous recipients and nomination deadlines can be found at <https://www.richmondbar.org/bar-association-awards/>

Hill-Tucker Public Service Award

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

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.

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

Young Lawyer of the Year

Established in 2011, the Young Lawyer of the Year Award is presented by the Bar Association of the City of Richmond to a member of its Young Lawyers Section. The Award is given to a young lawyer who has excelled in the practice of law to date and who has shown the potential to become a leader in the legal profession in one or more of the following ways:

- (1) By exceeding the expectations of clients and employers;
- (2) By providing service to the community outside the practice of law;
- (3) By changing and improving perceptions of the legal profession in the Greater Richmond community; and
- (4) By taking a non-traditional path to success in the practice of law.

Liberty Bell Award

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

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

* - 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.

Julie M. Cillo (jcillo@owenowens.com)
R. Braxton Hill IV (bhill@cblaw.com)
Daniel E. Lynch (dlynch@lchslaw.com)

T. O'Connor Johnson (t.oconnor@hundleyandjohnson.com)
Deanna H. Hathaway (deanna@hathawayadair.com)

REFER NEW MEMBERS, REAP THE BENEFITS!

A new Bar year has begun! Promote Association membership and earn incentives during the 2021-2022 membership drive.

Total # of new members recruited/member reward (redeemed during the 2022-2023 Bar year):

1-2	1 free reservation to a 2022-23 luncheon
3-4	1 free reservation to the Spring Cocktail Party
5-6	1 free reservation to the Holiday Cocktail Party
7-9	2 free reservations to the Cocktail Party of your choice
10+	Your 2022-2023 dues are free!

To be eligible, your name must be included on the "referred by" line on the new members application.

Continuing Legal Education courses

Advising Potential Clients Involved in Richmond Metro Traffic Crashes

This program will cover defense of traffic charges, preserving an injury claim, and advice on handling property damage issues. Attendees will learn about the different ways traffic cases and personal injury claims are handled in Richmond Metro area jurisdictions, including the differences between the general district courts, circuit courts, and local law enforcement likely to be involved. Panelists Keith Marcus of Blank & Marcus, LLC and Mike Braggs of Marks & Harrison will give practitioners insights on evaluating personal injury cases shortly after the collision, including the role of property damage, medical bills, liability issues, and the interplay between traffic charge resolutions and personal injury cases.

Thursday, September 16, 2021 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

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

\$75 for members (\$85 after September 9); \$150 for non-members (\$160 after September 9)

\$40 for support staff (\$50 after September 9)

THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE VA MCLE BOARD FOR **2.0 HOURS** OF LIVE, INTERACTIVE CREDIT

An Overview of the Ethical Implications of Social Media

Journey with us through the do's and don'ts of social media for attorneys. Find out what is acceptable and what can immediately lead to a malpractice action. Joyvan Malbon-Griffin, Regional Director and Claims Attorney with Minnesota Lawyers Mutual, and Jeff Geiger, General Counsel at Sands Anderson PC, will explore Rules of Professional Conduct that address the impact of social media on attorneys and suggest the best options to safely maximize your social media usage.

Thursday, September 23, 2021 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. via Zoom

You will receive confirmation of your registration.

The Zoom invitation and written materials will be sent 1-2 days prior to the program.

Free for RBA members who paid their 2021-22 dues by 9/1/21 (see the registration page for details)

\$75 for members (\$85 after September 16); \$150 for non-members (\$160 after September 16)

\$40 for support staff (\$50 after September 16)

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Uncovering the Truth From Your Client

Too many young attorneys provide legal advice or communicate with opposing counsel before understanding all the facts of their case. Communicating effectively with the client is one of the most important, and often overlooked, skills for any attorney. In this CLE, panelists JB Burtch of Burtch Law PLLC, Mary Hart of the Henrico County Attorney's Office and Ericka Battle of Coates & Davenport, P.C. will address building a case from the first client communication, as well as the art of working with difficult clients, how to set client expectations, how to discuss uncomfortable topics and break bad news, and how to professionally handle untruthful clients.

Thursday, September 30, 2021 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

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

\$75 for members (\$85 after September 23); \$150 for non-members (\$160 after September 23)

\$40 for support staff (\$50 after September 23)

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Continuing Legal Education courses

Hitting a Bulls-Eye: Practical Lessons for Tailoring Communications in Federal Court

Whether talking with your client, your opponent, or the court, effective advocacy often begins and ends by shaping your conversation to best fit a particular listener. This course is an interactive session designed to help you learn and practice the art of tailoring your communications to a particular audience. Speakers are Laura Koenig, Assistant Federal Public Defender, Eastern District of Virginia and Juval Scott, Federal Public Defender, Western District of Virginia.

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

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

\$75 for members (\$85 after October 6); \$150 for non-members (\$160 after October 6)

\$40 for support staff (\$50 after October 6)

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General District Court: How the Recent Changes Can Impact Your Case

Legislative changes have reshaped the General District Court. This CLE presentation features a panel discussion focusing on how the increased jurisdictional limit and other changes can impact decisions on where to file cases, the ability to remand Circuit Court cases to General District Court, and decisions to appeal cases from General District Court. This CLE is intended for new lawyers and lawyers who may need a refresher on the finer points of General District Court practice. Panelists are: the Honorable Matthew D. Nelson, Chief General District Court Judge Chesterfield/Colonial Heights (12th district), Brendan O'Toole, Partner, at Williams Mullen and Peter Heindel, Managing Attorney, Midland Credit Management, Inc.

Thursday, October 14, 2021 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. via Zoom

You will receive confirmation of your registration.

The Zoom invitation and written materials will be sent 1-2 days prior to the program.

\$75 for members (\$85 after October 7); \$150 for non-members (\$160 after October 7)

\$40 for support staff (\$50 after October 7)

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Ethical Advocacy in Mediation

The Hon. Thomas B. Hoover (Ret.) and the Hon. James W. Barkley 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. The Judges will walk you through a mediation session, highlighting your ethical responsibilities regarding opening presentations, negotiations, and settlements. **NOTE: This will be substantially similar to the CLE presented last fall. Attendees of that seminar will not receive CLE credits if they attend the seminar again this year.**

Tuesday, October 19, 2021 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. via Zoom

You will receive confirmation of your registration.

The Zoom invitation and written materials will be sent 1-2 days prior to the program.

Free for RBA members who paid their 2021-22 dues by 9/1/21 (see the registration page for details)

\$75 for members (\$85 after October 12); \$150 for non-members (\$160 after October 12)

\$40 for support staff (\$50 after October 12)

THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE VA MCLE BOARD FOR **2.0 HOURS** OF LIVE, INTERACTIVE ETHICS CREDIT

Continuing Legal Education courses

Motions in the Life Cycle of a Civil Case in Virginia

Civil motions practice can take many different forms over the course of the life cycle of a case. Chris Jones of Sands Anderson, and Jamie Kessel and Ashley Davis of Allen, Allen, Allen & Allen will walk you through the tips and recent developments you need to know to succeed in civil motions practice from the beginning of a case to the end, from the perspective of both a plaintiff and defense attorney. Discussion topics include rules and best practices for navigating responsive pleading motions, discovery and evidentiary motions, summary judgment motions, and post-trial motions. Hon. Beverly Snukals will moderate this panel discussion and provide valuable insights on effective advocacy from the judicial perspective.

Tuesday, October 26, 2021 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. via Zoom

You will receive confirmation of your registration.

The Zoom invitation and written materials will be sent 1-2 days prior to the program.

\$75 for members (\$85 after October 19); \$150 for non-members (\$160 after October 19)
\$40 for support staff (\$50 after October 19)

THIS PROGRAM HAS BEEN APPROVED BY THE VA MCLE BOARD FOR **2.0 HOURS** OF LIVE, INTERACTIVE CREDIT

Structuring and Negotiating Settlement Agreements

This presentation will address settlement considerations and strategies from pre-suit negotiations through post-settlement enforcement issues, including positioning your case for settlement, considerations for early mediation, effective mediation tactics, essential settlement agreement terms, enforcement options when things go awry, and more. Panelists Hon. Elizabeth Hanes. U.S. Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia, Ashley Davis of Allen, Allen, Allen & Allen and Lindsay Rollins of Hancock Daniel will offer practical strategies and tips from the plaintiff, defense, and judicial perspective.

Wednesday, October 27, 2021 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

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

\$75 for members (\$85 after October 20); \$150 for non-members (\$160 after October 20)
\$40 for support staff (\$50 after October 20)

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RBA members -- Take advantage of the Association's CLE Discount Program and save money! Purchase 6 hours of credit for \$120 or a 12 hour block for \$220, and then register for any RBA seminars (excludes some Section-sponsored CLE and Bench-Bar Conference) conducted through October 31, 2021. Visit www.richmondbar.org and click on "Continuing Legal Education" or call 780-0700 for more details.

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 Registration - (Late Registration)</u>
September 16	Advising Clients in Traffic Crashes	2.0	\$75 (\$85) / \$150 (\$160) / \$40 (\$50) \$ _____
September 23	Social Media Ethics*	2.0*	\$75 (\$85) / \$150 (\$160) / \$40 (\$50) \$ _____
September 30	Uncovering the Truth From Your Client	2.0	\$75 (\$85) / \$150 (\$160) / \$40 (\$50) \$ _____
October 13	Communication in Federal Court	2.0	\$75 (\$85) / \$150 (\$160) / \$40 (\$50) \$ _____
October 14	General District Court	2.0	\$75 (\$85) / \$150 (\$160) / \$40 (\$50) \$ _____
October 19	Mediation Ethics*	2.0	\$75 (\$85) / \$150 (\$160) / \$40 (\$50) \$ _____
October 26	Life Cycle of Civil Case in VA	2.0	\$75 (\$85) / \$150 (\$160) / \$40 (\$50) \$ _____
October 27	Settlement Agreements	2.0	\$75 (\$85) / \$150 (\$160) / \$40 (\$50) \$ _____
Total			\$ _____

How To Register:

- 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.



The RBA's Young Lawyers Section Annual Meeting was a big hit! With COVID restrictions easing, the YLS opted to host the meeting at Brambly Park in Scotts Addition. With beautiful weather and abundant outdoor space, friends and colleagues relished the opportunity to gather in-person after a long hiatus. The Section is planning to host a multitude of events in the coming months including a trail run, socials and community service projects.

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 Richmond Bar Association in these posts. This will provide us with fresh content as well as help grow the Association's presence in the Richmond community.



Sections elect new officers for 2021-2022

Bankruptcy Section

Officers:
 Peter J. Barrett, Chair
 Amanda E. Koehn, Chair-Elect
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Executive Committee:
 Julia B. Adair Justin F. Paget
 Hunter R. Wells Jennifer M. McLemore
 Nisha R. Patel

Business Law Section

Officers:
 Edward R. Turnbull, Chair
 L. Daniel Bidwell, Chair-Elect
 Clay M. Bennett, Secretary
 Sarah R. Pylant, Immediate Past Chair

Executive Committee:
 Brian J. Daly Rebecca C. Bowen
 W. Ashley Burgess Edward B. Lumpkin
 J. Thomas O'Brien, Jr. John L. Spilman, Jr.
 Clarke J. Bonney

Corporate Counsel Section

Officers:
 Sean M. Beard, Chair
 Jessica E. Barile Chair-Elect
 Ken C. Clendenin, Secretary
 Heath H. Galloway, Immediate Past Chair

Executive Committee:
 Nicholas Klaiber Katherine R.F. Jimenez
 Gregory J. Sagstetter Tyler C. Green

Environmental & Energy Law Section

Officers:
 Viktoriia A. De Las Casas, Chair
 Ellen Egan, Chair-Elect
 Jennifer M. Coleman, Secretary
 Patrick J. Fanning, Immediate Past Chair

Executive Committee:
 Shawn J. O'Brien Timothy L. McHugh
 Emily M. Guillaume

Litigation Section

Officers:
 Jace M. Padden, Chair
 Edward E. Bagnell, Chair-Elect
 Elizabeth S Turner, Secretary
 Meagan A. Mihalko, Immediate Past Chair

Executive Committee:
 Meredith M. Haynes John J. Siegner III
 Scott A. Siegner Ryan E. Wind
 D. Patrick Callahan Justin S. Feinman

Real Estate Section

Officers:
 Joseph A. Perini, Chair
 Callaghan S. Guy, Chair-Elect
 Adam S. Young, Secretary
 Faisal S. Qureshi, Immediate Past Chair

Executive Committee:
 Sean D. Hicks Lisa K. Tully
 Jonathan G. Kastenbaum Kimberly A. Keith
 Mark H. Miller Marieke van Rijn
 Henry R. Pollard V

Young Lawyers Section

Officers:
 Allison F. Rienecker, Chair
 Joel R. McClellan, Chair-Elect
 William J. Egen, Secretary
 Alexandria E. Cuff, Immediate Past Chair

Executive Committee:
 Shannan M. Fitzgerald Barry D. Gabay
 Reilly C. Moore Shevarma T. Pemberton
 Douglas E. Pittman Katherine M. Rockwell

COVID-19 didn't stop our resilient Sections from holding their Annual Meetings to elect new officers and transact business. While most were held via Zoom, some incorporated fun events (kudos to the Corporate Counsel Section for hosting a virtual beer tasting!). The Young Lawyers Section (see photos to the left) held an in-person, socially distanced meeting at Brambly Park. Congratulations to all of those elected!

CALENDAR

June

- 1 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., TBD
- 1 Bench-Bar Conference Committee meeting, 5:00 p.m. via Zoom
- 3 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., TBD
- 9 LRPC/Board Liaison meeting, 12:30 p.m., Zoom
- 14 RBA Wellness program - Circuit Bootcamp, 6:30 p.m., Bryan Park
- 23 Programs Committee meeting, 10:00 a.m., via Zoom
- 24 RBA Wellness Program – Capital Trail/Canal Walk Run, 6:00 p.m., Stone Brewing Co.

July

- 5 Bar office closed for the holiday
- 6 Bench-Bar Conference Committee meeting, 5:30 p.m., via Zoom

August

- 30 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., TBD

September

- 2 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., TBD
- 6 Bar office closed for the holiday
- 16 CLE seminar: Advising Clients Involved in Traffic Crashes, 4:00 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 23 RBA Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Omni Hotel
Speaker: Jeff Schapiro, RTD political columnist
- 23 CLE seminar: Ethical Implications of Social Media, 4:00 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 30 CLE seminar: Uncovering the Truth from Your Client, 4:00 p.m., 2nd floor conference room

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