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Political columnist Jeff Schapiro to breakdown upcoming elections at Bar's September luncheon

RBA favorite Jeff Schapiro, *Richmond Times Dispatch* political columnist, is back to give his expert insight and no-holds-barred commentary on the upcoming Virginia elections and possibilities on the 2024 national stage. The luncheon will be held on **Thursday**, September 23, 2021 at the Omni Hotel beginning at 12:30 p.m. Reservations may be made by visiting <https://www.richmond-bar.org/events/luncheons/>, returning the enclosed flier or by calling the Bar office at 780-0700. **The deadline for reservations is 12:00 noon on Monday, September 20th.** 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.

As the political columnist for the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*, Mr. Schapiro has covered campaigns and government for more than 30 years, a period during which Virginia has emerged as a decisive swing state prized by the national political 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 appears in the *Times-Dispatch* Wednesday and Sunday. It is carried by many other Berkshire Hathaway-published newspapers in Virginia.

Schapiro's video column is posted Thursday to the *Times-Dispatch's* website, timesdispatch.com, where you also can listen to his podcast, 'Capitol Chat.' On Friday mornings, at 8:45 a.m., Schapiro runs down the week's political news on WCVE News, 88.9 FM.



Jeff Schapiro

Since 1991, Mr. Schapiro has been a correspondent for British newsmagazine, *The Economist*, writing on Southern politics and culture.

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. The Omni Hotel is not running van service at this time.

Members are reminded that a waiting list for individuals who have not made reservations by the deadline will be started at 12:00 noon at the registration table on the day of the event. If space is available, members will be accommodated on a first come, first served basis. There is no guarantee that members on the waiting list will be admitted.

In-person luncheons are back - come see your colleagues!

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, October 28, 2021
Speaker: Hon. Marla Graff Decker

Thursday, November 18, 2021
RBA Awards Luncheon

Thursday, February 24, 2022
Speaker: Author Hon. Martin Clark

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

Pay your Bar dues by September 1 to sign up for a 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). 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. See additional details on our website.

Need MCLE credit? See information for all of the RBA's fall seminars, including the Bench-Bar Conference, beginning on page 8

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

Open[ish] For Business – Navigating Challenges Facing Richmond Businesses, Including Law Firms and the Clients They Serve, in the Evolving Pandemic

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, is the Richmond business community evolving to meet it? How do local businesses meet the marketing, operational and legal challenges posed by this unprecedented outbreak? What are the long-term prospects for the Central Business District and beyond? Please join our distinguished panel for a discussion of these timely issues.

Speakers:

Anedra Wiseman Bourne
Deputy Executive Director, Venture Richmond

Mary Elizabeth (Betsy) Davis
Partner, Whiteford, Taylor & Preston LLP

Nancy Thomas
President & CEO, Retail Merchants Association

Moderator:

Braxton Hill
Partner, Christian & Barton, LLP

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

Social 5:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Program 6:00-7:00 p.m.

One James Center Conference Center
901 E. Cary Street, 2nd floor, Richmond, VA 23219

Cost to attend is \$10

Beer, wine, sodas and light hors d'oeuvres will be provided.
Attendance is limited to the first 50 registrants on a first-come,
first-served basis.

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

*The Association appreciates the generosity of Christian & Barton LLP
for hosting the event.*

Visit us on Facebook, LinkedIn or our webpage, www.richmondbar.org,
for the latest information on luncheons, seminars and socials.



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Edited by Lelia N. Martin

Luncheon Registration Form

Please reserve a place for me at the **Thursday, September 23, 2021** 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, September 20, 2021.

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 September 20th.

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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.



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

NOTICE is hereby given pursuant to Article X, Section 1 of the By-Laws of The Bar Association of the City of Richmond that a proposed amendment to the By-Laws will be considered at a meeting of the Board of Directors to be held on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at Hunton Andrews Kurth LLP. The sections of the By-Laws to which amendments have been proposed, with the proposed amendment marked, appear below. The proposed amendments were recommended by the Board of Directors at its meeting on April 1, 2021. Members are entitled to comment upon the proposed amendments to the Board of Directors before final action is taken and are invited to submit their comments no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, August 27, 2021 to Deanna H. Hathaway, Hathaway Adair, P.C., 710 N. Hamilton Street, Suite 100, Richmond, Virginia 23221; deanna@hathawayadair.com.

-- Deanna H. Hathaway, Secretary Treasurer

THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

Section 3. Vacancies. A vacancy occurring in any office except the office of President, for any reason, shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term of said office by the Board of Directors following the ~~upon~~ recommendation of the Nominating Committee. A vacancy in the office of the President shall be filled by the President-Elect, who shall succeed to the office of President for the unexpired term and a one year term thereafter. The Board of Directors in its sole discretion shall determine whether and the manner in which to fill any vacancy occurring in any office except the office of President and may decide to leave a vacancy unfilled if the unexpired portion of the term for that office is less than ninety (90) days. If the Board of Directors determines that a vacancy should be filled, the Board of Directors shall instruct the Nominating Committee to provide its recommendation to fill the vacancy within 60 days.

ARTICLE VII COMMITTEES AND SECTIONS – Preamble

STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 10. Communications Committee. There shall be established a Communications Committee which, in addition to the at-large board members appointed by the President, shall consist of not less than nine members of the Association. The terms of the members (other than at-large board members) shall be staggered such that at least three members shall be appointed for three-year terms by each President of the Association. The Chairperson of the Committee may appoint such subcommittees as may be deemed necessary and appropriate to implement the objectives of the Committee. The duties of the Committee shall be to consult with and assist the Association's staff regarding the content and format of the newsletter, website, social media accounts, publications and other communications to the membership or about the Association to maximize the usefulness of those communications to the Association's membership, its corporate partners and to the public, to revise and keep current the Association's social media policy, and to otherwise undertake such activities and projects as would promote a better understanding and appreciation by the membership and the public as to the objectives, purposes and activities of the Association.

Section 11. Pro Bono Committee. There shall be established a Pro Bono Committee which, in addition to the at-large board members appointed by the President, shall consist of not less than twelve members of the Association. The terms of the members (other than at-large board members) shall be staggered such that at least four members shall be appointed for three year terms by each President. The Chairperson of the Committee may appoint such subcommittees as may be deemed necessary and appropriate to implement the objectives of the Committee. It shall be the duty of the Committee to undertake such activities and projects, and to support non-profit organizations, as will encourage and assist members of the Association and the public to make legal representation and services available to the poor and underserved in the Richmond Metropolitan area.

RBA recognized for role in Virtual Bench-Bar Conference

The VSB's Conference of Local and Specialty Bar Associations has recognized the RBA's contributions to the creation of 2021 Virtual Bench-Bar Conference with an Award of Merit. Due to the pandemic, the popular annual event shifted to a virtual format which featured the Chief Judges and Clerks from each level of court in Chesterfield, Henrico and Richmond. Over 180 people participated in the program. Pictured left to right are Conference Chair Dawn DeBoer and the Hon. Jayne Pemberton, the Honorary Chair.



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.

Nominations for the Following Awards are Now Being Accepted

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.

Recent recipients: George K. Martin (2020), Doris H. Causey (2019), Michael N. Herring (2018), Hon. Mary E. Langer (2017), Jennifer L. McClellan (2016), Clarence M. Dunnville, Jr. (2015), Hon. Tim Kaine (2013), Henry W. McLaughlin III (2010), O. Randolph Rollins (2009), Hon. Elizabeth B. Lacy (2008), John V. Cogbill III (2007), Chief Justice Leroy R. Hassell, Sr. (2006)

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: John W. Anderson* (2021), Barbara A. Williams (2020), 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)

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: Carolyn A. White and Lindsay M. Pickral (2021), Lonnie D. Nunley III (2020), 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)

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.

Recent recipients: Lindsey A. Strachan (2021), Sean D. Hicks (2020), Alexandria E. Cuff (2019), Devika E. Davis (2018), Amanda E. DeBerry (2017), Lisa J. Hedrick (2016), Joley L. Eason (2015), John A. Merrick (2014), Melanie A. Friend (2013), Kimberly A. Skiba (2012)

* - 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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The Richmond Bar appreciates the patronage of its 2021-2022 Select Sponsors:

2021 Bench-Bar Conference

The Bench-Bar Conference is designed to promote discussion on issues of interest to judges and lawyers and provide an opportunity for each to offer their reactions and feedback. The format features breakout sessions allowing groups of judges and lawyers to actively discuss topics of interest in their individual areas of practice. Included in the cost of the conference is admission to the Richmond Bar luncheon and a continental breakfast reception with members of the judiciary.

Complete program on reverse side.

Thursday, October 28, 2021

LOCATION: Omni Richmond Hotel, 100 South 12th Street, Richmond, VA 23219

COST: \$100.00 (\$110 after October 8th) - fee includes admission to luncheon
*Special rate for lawyers practicing less than 6 years and all public sector attorneys - \$80.00 (\$90 after October 8th)

MCLE CREDIT: This program has been approved by the Virginia Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board for 3.0 hours of credit. *CLE materials will be e-mailed to attendees approximately one week prior to the conference. Participants will also receive materials on a flash drive upon check-in on the day of the event.*

REGISTRATION INFORMATION: Use the form below and indicate your break-out session preferences on the reverse side. You will receive no confirmation of your registration. There will be no refunds after October 8th, 2021. Space is limited. There will be no registration at the door unless there is space available after those who have pre-registered have been admitted.

The conference is sponsored by the following Richmond metropolitan area bar associations: **The Bar Association of the City of Richmond, Chesterfield County Bar Association, Greater Richmond Criminal Bar Association, Henrico County Bar Association, Hill-Tucker Bar Association, Metro Richmond Family Law Bar Association, and the Metropolitan Richmond Women’s Bar Association.**

2021 Bench-Bar Conference - October 28, 2021

PROVIDE THE INFORMATION REQUESTED BELOW AND INDICATE ON THE REVERSE SIDE YOUR PREFERENCES FOR EACH OF THE BREAK-OUT SESSIONS. PLEASE PHOTOCOPY AND RETAIN A COPY OF THIS FLYER FOR YOUR RECORDS AND RETURN THE ORIGINAL, WITH PAYMENT, TO THE BAR OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS GIVEN BELOW.

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/bench-bar-conference-2021/>.
- ◆ By Check
 - \$100.00 - lawyer attendee (\$110 after October 8th)
 - \$80.00 - new lawyers attendee (\$90 after October 8th); Bar #/date admitted to practice: _____
 - \$80.00 Public sector attorney (\$90 after October 8th); Agency: _____
 - Member of the Judiciary

Name _____
 Address _____
 E-mail Address (required) _____
 Phone number _____

Send form and payment to:
 Richmond Bar Association
 P.O. Box 1213
 Richmond, Virginia 23218-1213

2021 Bench-Bar Conference

October 28, 2021

8:00-8:55 a.m. Registration/Continental Breakfast Reception with the Judges
(Sponsored by *Minnesota Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company*)

9:00-10:30 Break-Out Sessions (check the box corresponding to the session that you wish to attend) 1.5 hr. of MCLE credit

- State and Federal Civil Practice - “Evidence and Etiquette”**
Panelists: Hon. Mark R. Colombell; Hon. Jacqueline S. McClenney; Christopher E. Malone
Moderator: T. Michael Blanks, Jr.
- Criminal Practice - “Criminal Legislative Update”**
Panelists: Kristin J. Howard; Maria Jankowski; Hon. Shannon L. Taylor
Moderator: Stephen A. Mutnick
- Domestic Relations Practice - “OMG, Who Do I Call? The Initial Investigative Stage of a Child Abuse Case”**
Speaker: Lisa Wright; Adrienne E. Gardner; Briana Valentino; Gretchen Icard Brown; Toni M. Randall
Moderator: Hon. Mary E. Langer

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break (Sponsored by *Virginia Lawyers Weekly*)

10:45-12:15 Break-Out Sessions (check the box corresponding to the session that you wish to attend) 1.5 hr. of MCLE credit

- State and Federal Civil Practice - “Civil Legislative Update”**
Panelists: Joyvan Malbon-Griffin; Leslie A.T. Haley; Michael Yager
Moderator: Darius K. Davenport
- Criminal Practice - “Sentencing: Alternatives to the Big House”**
Panelists: Hon. Matthew J. Quatrara; Hon. William E. Jarvis; Meredith Farrar-Owens
Moderator: Hon. Randall G. Johnson, Jr.
- Domestic Relations Practice - “The Child Has Spoken. Now, How Do I Get the Evidence Admitted?”**
Panelists: Hon. Frederick G. Rockwell III; Hon. Stuart L. Williams, Jr.; Mathew R. Morris; Michael HuYoung; Jeannine Panzera; Jill A.F. Gasper
Moderator: Lauren K. Grant

12:30-1:45 Richmond Bar Association Luncheon - remarks by the Hon. Marla Graff Decker, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of VA (no MCLE credit offered) (Sponsored by *The McCammon Group*)

Law Firm Sponsors of the Conference are:

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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. 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 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)

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

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. 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 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. 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 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. James S. Yoffy (Ret.) and the Hon. Beverly W. Snukals (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. 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)

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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.

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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. 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 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

PLEASE NOTE: Due to new pandemic restrictions at the 8th & Main Building, programs previously advertised as in-person events will now be held virtually. All regular RBA Fall seminars will be conducted via Zoom.

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.

RBA SPOTLIGHT



MALLORY BRENNAN
Member since 2019

Firm: Owen & Owens, PLC. I focus my practice on family law matters, such as divorce, child custody, visitation, and support.

Favorite Richmond restaurant: Kuba Kuba. I love the food and the atmosphere. I also loved Mamma Zu, which to my knowledge has been closed since last year. The food at Mamma Zu was always worth the wait in line outside.

Advice to a law student: If I could give one piece of advice to a law student, it would be to take every opportunity you get to network and to gain real life legal experience while in law school. I have found both to be invaluable to my career. When I was a student at the University of Richmond School of Law, we were provided ample opportunities to network and gain experience through clinical and externship programs; we were also encouraged to seek out these opportunities on our own. If you have trouble finding these opportunities on your own, you should be able to seek guidance from your Career Development Office.

Person/mentor who influenced the member the most: It is so hard to choose just one, so I will choose two:

- Julie Cillo. I cannot thank her enough for all of the support and guidance she has given me over the past two years. She is an amazing mentor and colleague.
- Renu Brennan. She has been a positive influence in all aspects of my life for a long time now. I greatly admire her and appreciate both her integrity and dedication to the law.

Favorite movie or TV show: My favorite TV show is 48 Hours, though I enjoy most investigative crime shows.

Welcome new members

The Richmond Bar Association welcomes the following new members:

- Spencer S. Allen
- Brandy M. Brown
- Tyler S. Butt
- Spencer M. Cox
- Carolyn E. Dahlberg
- John G. Danyluck
- Camera Elliott
- Samantha J. Q. Forsyth
- Alexis A. George
- Darrell J. Getman
- Lilias M. Gordon
- Emily M. Guillaume
- Briana M. Jackson
- William La Salle
- Daniel J. Laws
- Samuel Y. Lee
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- Angela R. MacFarlane
- Thomas C. Mason
- Emily J. Messer
- Trang Tiffany Ngo
- Caroline G. Perrin
- Matthew G. Rosendahl
- Gregory Sagstetter
- John L. Spilman
- Brendan Staley
- Mary Thexton
- Hailey A. Wilkes
- Meghan H. Wills
- Steven A. Witmer
- John J. Woolard

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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Save the date! The Richmond Bar's popular Holiday Cocktail Party will be held on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Marble Hall at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. Invitations will be mailed soon. The Association appreciates the generosity of The McCammon Group, sponsor of the event.

Looking for the most current judicial Orders and information on Court procedures during the pandemic? The RBA has added a special page on its website highlighting news released from the Supreme Court of Virginia, Court of Appeals of Virginia and local state courts in the Metro area. Use this link <https://www.richmondbar.org/local-court-orders/> or access the page from the bar's website (www.richmondbar.org) by hovering over the "News" tab at the top of the home page and click on Local Court Orders.

Announcements

Bankruptcy Section in-person luncheons return; first event set for September 21st

The Bankruptcy Section will host a luncheon/CLE seminar on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 beginning at 12:30 p.m. at the Hilton Hotel, 501 E. Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219. It is anticipated that the program, titled "2021 State of the Court and Recent Developments," will be approved for 1.0 hour of MCLE credit. Presenters Hon. Kevin R. Huennekens and Alexandra DeSimone will first discuss the state of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia for Fiscal Year 2021, including recent rule changes and filing trends. They will then focus on noteworthy cases that have been published in the past year, with particular focus on decisions binding in the Eastern District of Virginia."

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/events/event/bankruptcy/>. Checks can be mailed to the Richmond Bar Association at P.O. Box 1213, Richmond, VA 23218. Reservations must be received by September 17th; no refunds will be given after this date.

The Section has additional luncheons planned for October 12th and November 2nd so mark your calendar and plan to attend!

YLS James River Clean Up project on August 28th open to all RBA members

For community service, networking and social opportunities, look no further than the Young Lawyers Section's Fall calendar of events.

On August 28th the Section will sponsor a James River Clean-Up, which is open to all RBA members, from 10:00-12:00 starting at Texas Beach. JRPS will provide trash grabbers, trash bags, gloves, and hand sanitizer. Volunteers are responsible for bringing water, snacks, bug spray, and sunscreen. Closed toe shoes will be required. You will not need to get in the water, but adventurous volunteers may be rock-hopping. After the clean-up, participants are invited to join the YLS leadership for a nearby beverage.

Please email Barry Gabay at barry@burchlaw.com for more information and if you'd like to participate.

Celebrate with the All-Stars at the RBA's annual Awards Luncheon!

Thursday, November 18, 2021 at the Omni Hotel beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Recipients are:

Carolyn A. White and Lindsay M. Pickral
John C. Kenny Pro Bono Award

John W. Anderson (posthumously)
Hunter W. Martin Professionalism Award

Lindsey A. Strachen
Young Lawyer of the Year Award

Also featuring the John Marshall Center Teacher Awards

Full details will appear in the November newsletter

EELS to host social on September 23rd

Save the date! Members of the Bar's Environmental & Energy Law Section are invited to a Fall Social on Thursday, September 23, 2021 beginning at 5:30 p.m. The event is tentatively scheduled to take place outdoors at Brambly Park Winery in Richmond. The venue is subject to change in case of inclement weather. The Social will include beverages and appetizers and is free of charge for all EELS members, but reservations are required. Additional information will be sent to Section members soon.

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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.



CALENDAR

September

- 2 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton Andrews Kurth
- 6 Bar office closed for the holiday
- 13 Pro Bono Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., via Zoom
- 16 CLE seminar: Advising Clients Involved in Traffic Crashes, 4:00 p.m., via Zoom
- 20 Finance Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., via Zoom
- 21 Bankruptcy Section luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Hilton Downtown Hotel
- 22 Membership Committee, 12:30 p.m., via Zoom
- 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., via Zoom
- 27 Succession Planning Committee, 12:30 p.m., 2nd floor conference room
- 29 Administration of Justice Committee, 12:30 p.m., via Zoom
- 30 CLE seminar: Uncovering the Truth from Your Client, 4:00 p.m., via Zoom

October

- 4 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., via Zoom
- 7 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton Andrews Kurth
- 12 Bankruptcy Section luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Hilton Downtown Hotel
- 13 CLE seminar: Tailoring Communications in Federal Court, 4:00 p.m., via Zoom
- 14 CLE seminar: Recent Changes in GDC, 4:00 p.m., via Zoom
- 19 CLE seminar: Ethical Advocacy in Mediation, 4:00 p.m., via Zoom
- 26 CLE seminar: Motions in a Civil Case in VA, 4:00 p.m., via Zoom
- 27 CLE seminar: Settlement Agreements, 4:00 p.m., via Zoom
- 28 Bench-Bar Conference, 9:00 a.m., Omni Hotel
- 28 RBA Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Omni Hotel
Speaker: Hon. Marla Graff Decker, Court of Appeals of VA
- 29 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., via Zoom

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