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Bar's February luncheon features Risa Goluboff, Dean of UVA Law School

Risa Goluboff, Dean of the University of Virginia Law School, will be the featured speaker at the Richmond Bar's luncheon on Thursday, February 16, 2023. 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 804-780-0700. Additionally, you may make a reservation by visiting <https://www.richmondbar.org/events/event/luncheon-3/>. **The deadline for reservations is 12:00 noon on Monday, February 13th. 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 \$38.00 for RBA members and \$43 for guests. **If you require a vegetarian meal or have a dietary restriction, please inform us at the time you make the reservation.**

Risa Goluboff, the Arnold H. Leon Professor of Law, is the 12th, and the first female, dean of the University of Virginia School of Law. She is a renowned legal historian whose scholarship and teaching focuses on American constitutional and civil rights law, and especially their historical development in the 20th century. Goluboff has served as a visiting professor at the London School of Economics and Columbia, Chicago and New York University law schools. Before joining the Law School in 2002, she clerked for Judge Guido Calabresi of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit and Justice Stephen Breyer of the U.S. Supreme Court. She also served as a Fulbright Scholar to South Africa.

Goluboff is the author of *The Lost Promise of Civil Rights* (Harvard, 2007), which won the 2010 Order of the Coif Biennial Book Award and the 2008 James Willard Hurst Prize. Her second book, *Vagrant Nation: Police Power, Constitutional Change, and the Making of the 1960s* (Oxford,



Dean Risa Goluboff

2016) was supported by a 2009 John Simon Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship in Constitutional Studies and a 2012 Frederick Burkhardt Residential Fellowship from the American Council of Learned Societies and received numerous awards including the American Historical Association's 2017 Littleton-Griswold Prize and the 2017 Lillian Smith Book Award.

Goluboff has been quoted or cited by The New York Times, Time, The Atlantic and more, and her commentaries frequently appear in Slate. She has appeared on PBS documentaries and the popular radio podcast "BackStory." She is the co-host of the UVA Law School podcast "CommonLaw." 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.

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 before the luncheon.

RBA Committee meets with judges on Bankruptcy and Richmond Courts

In its continued effort to promote the administration of justice in the Richmond area and to facilitate cooperation between the bench and the bar, the Administration of Justice Committee recently concluded its annual interviews with the **Honorable Judges for the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Richmond Division** and **Honorable Judges for the Courts of the City of Richmond**. As in years past, the Judges were gracious with their time and spoke with candor to Committee members regarding technology, case filings, dockets, video depositions, professional conduct, new judges and changes in procedures in the clerk's office, among other topics.

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Get involved! Serve on a RBA committee

Members who volunteer to serve on Committees and participate in events are the lifeblood of the Association. The new Bar year will begin on June 1, and President-Elect Julie Cillo will be making new appointments to the Committees listed below. If you are interested in serving on a Committee, please contact her at jcillo@owenowens.com or 804-594-1911.

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Share the news

If you’ve recently landed a new job or promotion, share the good news with the Richmond Bar. Include your full name, your company’s name and location, your new title and your areas of concentration in your letter, press release, fax or e-mail. Announcements can be e-mailed to lmartin@richmondbar.org or mailed to Lee Martin, at P.O. Box 1213, Richmond, VA 23218

Kenneth T. Stout has been elected a principal at **Miles & Stockbridge**. With a background in general commercial litigation with a strategic focus on the construction industry, Stout has advised clients on drafting and negotiating contracts, subcontracts and related agreements; assisted with the evaluation of payment claims and defenses; managed numerous mechanic’s lien filings in Virginia; and managed discovery, e-discovery and pretrial motions on complex construction litigation matters.

Gentry Locke has promoted **D. Scott Foster, Jr.** to the partnership. Foster helps businesses with their land use, real estate and corporate law needs. As a member of Gentry Locke’s Legislative Affairs and Solar and Renewable Energy teams, he handles solar and battery storage land use matters across the Commonwealth.

Emily K. Bowles has joined the Health Care Section at **Williams Mullen**. She focuses her practice on the representation of health care providers in a range of regulatory and operational matters. She has particular experience working with behavioral health, substance use disorder and developmental services, as well as licensure, compliance, and medical records issues

Byrne Canaan Law announces the promotion of **Anthony S. Cottone** and **Suzanne M. Lim** to Partners of the firm.

Cottone specializes in the representation of healthcare providers in medical malpractice suits, administrative investigations and hearings, and general liability litigation.

Lim’s expertise is in the areas of administrative law, regulatory compliance, and licensing matters. She also established the firm’s guardianship practice.

Save the date! Wellness/ethics seminar scheduled for March 28

The RBA will host an ethics CLE seminar focused on attorney wellness on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. via Zoom. It is anticipated that the program, titled Anxiety’s Impact on Our Work and Ethical Responsibilities, Avoiding a Disruptive Cycle, will be approved for 2 hours of interactive, MCLE ethics credit. Details will appear in the March newsletter.



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Edited by Lelia N. Martin

Luncheon Registration Form

Please reserve a place for me at the **Thursday, February 16, 2023** 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. (\$38.00 for RBA members, \$43.00 for guests; payable to “Bar Association of Richmond”)
- ☐ At the door.
- ☐ Member of the Judiciary.

To comply with PCI regulations, credit card payment is not accepted by mail or Fax. For security purposes, you must register online at <https://www.richmondbar.org/events/luncheons/>.

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

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

Reservations may be made by calling the Bar office at 780-0700 no later than noon on Monday, February 13, 2023.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Under the reservation policy, members who make reservations will be expected to pay whether or not they attend. No cancellations or refunds after noon on February 13th.

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is pleased to announce our newest Neutral



Geetha Ravindra, Esq.

Mediator & Vice President of Ombuds Services

Geetha Ravindra has recently joined The McCammon Group to serve as a mediator and as our Vice President for Ombuds Services. Geetha has over 30 years of dispute resolution experience in international, federal, and state organizations. She began her career with the Supreme Court of Virginia where she managed court-connected mediation programs for 11 years. For many years she provided mediation and training for the World Bank Group, and several federal and state agencies. Geetha then served as in-house Mediator and Ombuds for the International Monetary Fund and the Center for Global Development. Most recently, she was Director of Workplace Relations for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. She is an International Ombuds Association Certified Organizational Ombuds and a Virginia Supreme Court Certified Mediator. Geetha is past Chair of the ABA Section of Dispute Resolution, past President of the Virginia Mediation Network, and past Chair of the VSB-VBA ADR Committee. Geetha now brings this wide-ranging background and experience to The McCammon Group to serve the mediation and ombuds needs of lawyers, litigants, and organizations throughout VA/DC/MD and the Nation.

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Empowering Female Attorneys in 2023

Wendy Tamis Robbins, attorney, author, speaker & coach

January 26, 2023 from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. via Zoom

Why not ring in the New Year with re-prioritizing your well-being? This program will provide much needed support and inspiration during a time when female attorneys are struggling more than ever and not prioritizing themselves. We will identify professional women's unique and shared struggles, offer actionable ways to reduce stress and anxiety (beyond exercise and meditation), release difficult emotions and make time in your day to actually do it!

Wendy has 24-years of experience as an attorney specializing in the creation and preservation of affordable housing, social impact financing and investments for under-served communities. She has also been internationally recognized as an anxiety expert, mental health and wellness coach, speaker and advocate. She chronicled her journey to finding freedom from almost 40 years of anxiety, obsessive compulsive and panic disorders in her bestselling book *The Box: An Invitation to Freedom from Anxiety*.

Wendy is also the founder of CAVE Club - an exclusive professional women's wellness community - providing individual coaching, peer support groups, guided meditations, expert workshops and wellness activities. Zoom participants will learn more about CAVE Club and receive a free month (March 2023).

RSVP to Sharon Potter (spotter@richmondbar.org) to receive your Zoom invitation. The deadline for registration is Thursday, January 26th at 12 noon.

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

On November 2, 2022, members of the Administration of Justice Committee of the Richmond Bar Association met with the Honorable Kevin R. Huennekens and the Honorable Keith L. Phillips of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Richmond Division.

In response to the relaxation of the restrictions previously imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Court has amended and continues to amend their practices and procedures. Parties should be vigilant for such changes and visit the Court's website frequently regarding potential changes. Parties should note that among the Eastern District of Virginia, each Division has separate procedures regarding how hearings will be conducted, and each Division maintains a separate page within the vaeb.uscourts.gov website, which pages set forth the related applicable general orders. With respect to the Richmond Division, parties are also encouraged to review the recent entry of General Order 22-2, which provides that hearings will now be held both in-person and via remote video (i.e. hybrid hearings), except in instances of evidentiary hearings, which must be in-person or as otherwise ordered by the Court. Parties are encouraged to review their notices of hearing to ensure that they comply with the new procedures. Similarly, parties are encouraged to set matters for hearing on negative notice or to otherwise seek entry of an order without a hearing, in accordance with General Order 22-2. The Court continues to evaluate matters that may be granted on a negative notice basis if no timely objection is filed, including pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9019.

The Court anticipates the continued use of the Zoom for Government platform without change, although counsel should make sure to stay abreast of any changes which may be implemented, including with respect to the preferred platform and related costs. Parties should continue to consider best practices for attending hearings via remote video, both for counsel and their clients, including timely appearances, the environment in which parties are appearing, and similar matters of professionalism. The Court also advises that in light of the implementa-

tion and use of the Zoom for Government platform, it is anticipated that telephonic conferencing services for hearings will no longer be available. Zoom for Government offers a dial-in feature for parties who do not intend to address the Court. Relatedly, counsel should ensure that clients are made aware that section 341 meetings will be held telephonically and that such parties should coordinate with the responsible trustee and not with chambers regarding dial-in instructions. Trustees and the Office of the U.S. Trustee coordinate regarding such matters.

With respect to the status of filings, although filings overall continue to remain down as compared to pre-pandemic levels, filings are slightly up as compared to 2021 with Chapter 13 filings representing the largest gain.

Judge Phillips advises that starting January 2023, he anticipates that his hearing schedule will be changing and that non-Chapter 13 motions will be heard at 9:30 a.m. instead of the current 9:00 a.m. docket. All other matters, including Chapter 13 motions, will remain the same.

The Judges applaud the continued professionalism and collegiality of the bar, and invite suggestions for improvements to the rules, standing orders, and any related matters. Comments can be given to the Bankruptcy Bar Liaison Committee, whose members can be found on the Court's website.

The members of the Administration of Justice Committee thank the Judges for their time and candor.

**The Honorable W. Reilly Marchant
*Richmond Circuit Court***

Judge Marchant would like to thank the Richmond legal community for its excellent work, both in the courtroom and within the community. Judge Marchant finds that attorneys appearing before the Court are generally well prepared, respectful, and are doing better work than lawyers have ever done. Judge Marchant appreciates this opportunity to provide feedback and recommendations from both himself and the other Judges of the Richmond Circuit Court on both procedural issues and best practices before the Court.

First, Judge Marchant would like the legal community to be aware that the Judges of the Richmond Circuit Court are evaluating how to reduce, by some degree, the days per month that are dedicated to the civil docket given the significant needs of the criminal

docket. Given the significant decline in civil trials due to mediation, and the significant increase of criminal juries, the need to adjust the docket is being evaluated.

If a matter has resolved and is still on the docket for hearing, please notify the Court that the matter settled, and the hearing will not be moving forward. Rule 1:4(l) of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia further provides that counsel of record must include their email address in their signature block along with their VSB number, office address, and telephone number. Judge Marchant encourages attorneys to comply with this Rule so that the Court may also contact attorneys if any issues arise.

The Judges of the Richmond Circuit Court request that the lawyers in the community comply with Rule 4:15(A)(2) in the filing deadlines for hearings on written motions. The Judges note that lawyers have not been complying with this Rule and indicate that the Judges will enforce it. If there is a time sensitive filing, the Judges ask that attorneys send the filings directly to chambers.

The Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia require that parties meet and confer on any discovery disputes prior to coming to Court. Judge Marchant emphasizes that this is more than just one email. Discovery motions are typically intricate and the Court requests that lawyers make a true effort to resolve the matter before filing any motion regarding discovery disputes.

Judge Marchant would also like the community to understand the purpose and use of Requests for Admission. Case law from the Supreme Court of Virginia clarifies that Requests for Admission are meant for perfunctory issues, to avoid having to prove facts that no party contests at trial. Requests for Admission are not meant to admit away the basic and contested issues of the case, and the Court will not automatically give a judgment based on a failure to respond to Requests for Admission. Judge Marchant directs the community to General Accident Fire & Life Assurance Corporation, Ltd. v. Cohen, 203 Va. 810 (1962) and Shaheen v. Cnty. of Mathews, 265 Va. 462 (2003) for authority on this issue.

Judge Marchant recommends that attorneys bring three sets of jury instructions to trial – two copies for the lawyers with the applicable authority listed, and a clean copy for the Court.

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video depositions, professional conduct and other issues

The Judges have noticed an increased use of de bene esse video depositions at trial. The Judges understand that there are situations where video depositions are necessary; however, the Judges caution against their overuse. As opposed to live testimony, de bene esse video depositions tend to lose their effectiveness and jurors often struggle to pay attention.

Lastly, and this may be obvious on its face, but do not appear disinterested in your own trial. When you are asking the jury to sit through lengthy video deposition testimony, the least you can do is stay alert and focused on what is going on in the courtroom. If the attorney doesn't pay attention to a witness's testimony, why should the jurors?

**The Honorable David M. Hicks
*Richmond General District Court***

Judge Hicks reports that the Richmond General District Court is now fully staffed with six judges with the arrival of Judge Paulk to the bench in the spring. Judge Hicks commends the bar for their patience and level of preparedness during the historic state of transition the Court has experienced. The Court has seen half of its judges elevated to the Circuit Court in the past two years. As a result, the Court had relied on substitute and retired judges. Now with six full-time judges, the Court is implementing a docketing change to aid a quicker resolution of civil cases.

Starting on December 5, 2022, Judge Paulk will hear civil cases in the John Marshall Courthouse on Mondays and Fridays. As a result, the Court will have three civil dockets on those days. Judge Hicks expects the change to result in the Court hearing 20 percent more civil cases. The increase in civil dockets will aid in clearing the backlog of landlord-tenant cases by Spring 2023. The Court also expects that the increase in civil dockets will allow parties to schedule trial dates more quickly.

The Court can increase its civil docket because the volume of the Court's criminal/traffic docket is lower than pre-COVID levels. Judge Hicks attributes the lower criminal/traffic docket to the Richmond Police Department's staffing shortage.

Judge Hicks reports that the back-office changes in the Clerk's office are complete. Now, the Court's civil, traffic, and criminal divisions are overseen by one of Clerk of Court, Cecilia V. Garner. The combination of

the Clerk's offices across the General District Court's divisions at Manchester and John Marshall have resulted in greater efficiency. The Richmond Clerk's office is now the third largest in the state. The most immediate impact of this change for practitioners is that all letters to the Court can be addressed to the same clerk.

Judge Hicks reminds the bar that collegiality and professionalism is the expectation for all who appear in the Richmond General District Court. The professionalism and collegiality of the bar makes practicing in Richmond special. The Court expects all lawyers to appear on time and to be prepared. Judge Hicks requests that a practitioner notify the Clerk's office if he or she is running late. The Court has been impressed with the general level of preparedness and professionalism of regular practitioners and encourages the bar to maintain this high standard.

**The Honorable Mary E. Langer
*Richmond Juvenile & Domestic
Relations District Court***

Judge Langer is pleased to report that the past year has felt like more of a return to normal from the upheaval the court faced due to COVID. That's not to say there aren't lingering effects: litigants and attorneys alike may seem quicker to anger because they've been operating at a high level of stress for so long, and the court continues to deal with the downstream consequences of gaps in the services available to citizens. Nevertheless, there is optimism in the light at the end of the tunnel. Masks are no longer required in the Richmond Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, though Judge Langer and her colleagues ask that those displaying cold or allergy symptoms mask up. As always, individuals who prefer to wear a mask are still welcome to do so.

One aspect that has not returned to its pre-pandemic norm is that incarcerated individuals are not transported to the court, except upon their attorney's request. Incarcerated individuals who are transported to the courthouse potentially face lengthy quarantines upon return to incarceration. This policy was instituted to balance the due process rights of each defendant against that risk of quarantine. Attorneys who wish to request that their incarcerated clients be transported to the courthouse should do so at least several days in advance so those individuals can be integrated into the transport schedule. For

logistical reasons, same-day requests cannot be accommodated.

Judge Langer also emphasized the outsized impact that punctuality has at the J&DR Court. Cases generally start on time and proceed efficiently, so arriving at 9:10 for a case scheduled for 9:00 can lead to extensive timing issues. Judge Langer respectfully requests that attorneys arrive at least a few minutes ahead of schedule to keep things running smoothly.

One resource that Judge Langer hopes to draw attention to is the Hope Card program. Anyone with a final protective order issued in any district or circuit court in the Commonwealth with a duration of 12 months or longer is eligible to obtain a Hope Card. The Hope Card contains all the important information from a final protective order on a plastic, wallet-sized card, issued at no charge, for a convenient way to keep the pertinent information readily available to present to law enforcement if an issue arises.

Over the past year, Judge Richard Campbell was elevated to the Circuit Court of Richmond and Judge Alexis Fisher-Rizk joined the Richmond J&DR Court. While leadership has remained steady, the court is always seeking excellent employees: especially deputy clerks. There is also plenty of room for attorneys to join the court-appointed list for counsel and guardians ad litem.

Finally, Judge Langer expressed thanks to everyone for their patience and understanding throughout the uncertainty and shifting expectations of the past year. From the sheriffs who have had to enforce evolving protocols to the clerks who have kept up with changing filing requirements, everyone has done their best to implement policies that are fair and protect our citizens – and that is something to be proud of.

Looking for the most current judicial Orders and information on Court procedures? 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. Visit <https://www.richmondbar.org/local-court-orders/>.

Holiday spirit and collegiality abound at the RBA’s



Allison Rienecker, Ian Lambeets and Alex Cuff



Rich Huffman of the McCammon Group with Brack Hill

Over 300 lawyers, judges and their guests celebrated the season at the Bar’s Holiday Cocktail Party held on December 14th. The Association appreciates the continued support of the exclusive event sponsor, The McCammon Group.



Crystal Tyler, Harris Butler and Craig & Teri Curwood



Trish Phillips, David Ruby and Judge Keith Phillips



Steve Benjamin and Betty Layne DesPortes

Holiday Cocktail Party at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts



Monica Malouf, Alyson Brown, Katie Rockwell and Matt LeGarde



Misty Whitehead, Brooke Taylor and Katina Whitfield



Parker Allen, John Siegner and Judge Tracy Thorne-Begland



Catrina Waltz, Samantha Forsyth and Grant Shea



Halie & Roman Lifson with Anne & Charlie Scher



Wyatt Taylor, Melanie Friend and Will Fitzhugh

RBA SPOTLIGHT



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Favorite place to vacation:

St. Croix, USVI. I am originally from St. Croix, so I am biased - beautiful beaches, fun filled activities, great food and culture and the added bonus of childhood memories.

Favorite book:

Fervent by Priscilla Shirer – a book on faith that always keeps me grounded.

Person/Mentor who influenced you the most:

Amrill Alonzo, Esq. - a NJ attorney and family friend. Growing up, she was the first person who showed me that not all lawyers were cutthroat and aggressive like you see on TV. She was kind, and soft spoken, but a great advocate for her clients. She showed me that there were multiple different ways to be a lawyer. She served as a mentor to me since high school and has always provided great career and life advice.

Favorite Richmond Restaurant: NuVegan

Favorite TV show or Movie: The Adjustment Bureau

Advice you'd give to a law student:

The advice I would give is two-fold – take the time early to try to determine what works for you and identify your career interests. As to preparation, it is important to find the study and preparation methods that work for you and consistently use them. Having a system in place helps to eliminate lots of stress. Looking forward to your career, law school is the time to explore with classes and internships the areas that you may want to pursue in your career. Don't spend your time on courses and activities that will prepare you for a career that you don't want. A resume that demonstrates an interest may also help you find a job!



RBA Spring Cocktail Party

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

at Willow Oaks Country Club

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

\$55 per RBA member

First non-member guest - \$55

further non-member guests - \$70

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[https://www.richmondbar.org/
events/event/scp-4-19-23/](https://www.richmondbar.org/events/event/scp-4-19-23/)

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Jazz for Justice benefit concert set for March 17

The 9th Annual Jazz4Justice to benefit the Greater Richmond Bar Foundation & the VCUArts Jazz Studies Program will take place on St. Patrick's Day, Friday, March 17, 2023. A reception will be held at 7 p.m. followed by a concert beginning at 8 p.m. featuring the Jazz Orchestras I & II & a Vocal Chamber Ensemble with an open jam session to follow for anyone to join.

All ticket sales & sponsorship revenues benefit GRBF & fund scholarships to deserving students awarded during the concert. Tickets will go on sale mid-February and include admission, hor d'oeuvres, non-alcoholic drinks, & desserts, coffee, & tea at intermission; full bar available.

Details are still being finalized - visit <https://www.jazz4justice.com/> for more information.

Announcements

Bankruptcy Section to host virtual CLE program on January 24th

Saddle up for a lunchtime Zoom experience and explore the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Virginia with the Honorable Rebecca B. Connelly and her career law clerk, Caleb Chaplain. The discussion will take place on January 24, 2023, from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. via Zoom. It is anticipated that the program will be approved for 1.0 hour of live, interactive MCLE credit.

The CLE is free for Section members and personnel from the U.S. Bankruptcy Court, U.S. Trustee's office, and Clerk's office, but reservations are required; RSVP to spotter@richmondbar.org to receive your Zoom invitation.

The non-Section member rate is \$30. Register using a credit card at <https://www.richmondbar.org/bankruptcy/>; no refunds will be given after January 20th. Reservations must be received by January 20th.

The Section appreciates the generosity of the sponsor of the event: [FTI Consulting](#)

Litigation Section Reception for the Judiciary set for January 25th

The Litigation Section's annual Reception Honoring the Judiciary will take place on Wednesday, January 25, 2023 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Shagbark (4901 Libbie Mill East Blvd, Suite 175). The event will feature heavy hors d'oeuvres and an open bar. Cost to attend is \$50 for Section members and \$65 for non-Section RBA members. Register using a credit card by visiting <https://www.richmondbar.org/litigation/>. Checks can be mailed to the Richmond Bar Association at P.O. Box 1213, Richmond, VA 23218. Reservations must be received by January 20th; no refunds will be given after this date.

The Section appreciates the generosity of the sponsors of the event: [CS Disco](#).

Welcome new members

The Richmond Bar Association welcomes the following new members:

Wyatt Burr
Sarah Caro
Brenda Castaneda
Kimberly Castleman
Caine Caverly
Holly Cerasano
Yuan Max Chu
Madeline Culbreth
Michael Hart
Troy Johnson
Miriam Mays
John McInnis
Brenden McNamara
Joshua Moger
Austin Palmore
Rebecca Peters
Ashley Phillips
Sapir Shoshan
Caitlin Turner-Lafving
Catrina Waltz

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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February

- 2 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton Andrews Kurth
- 16 RBA Luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Omni Hotel
Speaker: Risa Goluboff, Dean of UVA Law School
- 21 Bankruptcy Section luncheon, 12:30 p.m., Hilton Downtown Hotel
- 28 Nominating Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., location TBD

April

- 3 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., via Zoom
- 4 Bench-Bar Conference Committee meeting, 4th floor conference room
- 6 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton Andrews Kurth
- 19 Annual Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Willow Oaks Country Club
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- 24 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., via Zoom

March

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- 14 CLE Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., via Zoom
- 20 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., via Zoom
- 23 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton Andrews Kurth
- 28 CLE Seminar: Anxiety's Impact on Our Work and Ethical Responsibilities, 4:00 p.m., via Zoom

May

- 1 RBA Law Day Luncheon, Omni Hotel, 12:30 p.m.
Speaker: Hon. Wesley Russell, Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia
- 2 Bench-Bar Conference Committee meeting, 4th floor conference room
- 4 Board of Directors meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hunton Andrews Kurth
- 8 Pro Bono Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., via Zoom
- 9 CLE Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., via Zoom
- 10 Executive Committee meeting, 12:30 p.m., Bar office
- 23 Bankruptcy Section Luncheon/Annual Meeting, 12:30 p.m., Hilton Hotel
- 29 Bar office closed for the holiday

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