

# THE RICHMOND BAR

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

# Honorable David B. Albo Announced as 31st Annual Bench-Bar Conference Keynote Speaker



David B. Albo was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates in 1993 and represented the people of southern Fairfax County until his retirement in 2017. From 2012 to 2017, he was Chairman of the House Courts of Justice Committee, making him the longest serving Chairman of Court of Justice Committee in the state's 400+ year history.

After graduating from the University of Virginia in 1984 with a degree in Economics, he earned his law degree from the University of Richmond in 1988.

In the past, Delegate Albo has served as Prosecutor for the City of Fairfax & Partner at his own law firm of Albo & Oblon, primarily doing criminal defense. Presently, he is a Government Relations Attorney with the law firm of Williams Mullen, assisting his clients with state and local government legislation, regulation and procurement.

More Bench-Bar Conference info coming soon!



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### **UPCOMING ETHICS CLE'S**

Mark your calendar for the following RBA Ethics CLEs

"To Present or Not to Present"

Ethical & Strategic Consideration for the Opening Session in Mediation

September 14, 2023 Credits - 2.0

Format - Live

"2023 Top Malpractice Claims"

Speaker: Joyvan Malbon

October 4, 2023 Credits - 2.0 Format - Zoom

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### 2023 RBA Award Nominations Now Closed

As the bar year unfolds, we find ourselves amidst a remarkable gathering of legal minds, an assembly of professionals who embody the true spirit of justice, service, and dedication to the community. The Richmond Bar Association's prestigious annual awards serve as a beacon, illuminating the path for us to recognize and appreciate the exceptional contributions of legal practitioners who go above and beyond the call of duty.

The RBA is immensely grateful to our members for their enthusiastic participation and support in the nomination process for the 2023 RBA Awards. It is through your keen insights and astute observations that we are able to celebrate individuals who have shone brightly in their respective domains. Each nominee represents a unique story of perseverance, compassion, and dedication, embodying the principles that underpin the Richmond Bar Association's values.

As the anticipation builds towards the Awards Luncheon, we extend our sincerest appreciation to all the nominators. Your invaluable input has played a crucial role in ensuring that the recipients of the 2023 RBA Awards truly reflect the exceptional qualities that define the legal profession in its finest form.

### PRESIDENT'S COLUMN: Remarks from RBA President

Julie M. Cillo

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The term "lazy days of summer" did not apply to the RBA over the past few months.

We had several successful events including our Private Conversation discussing the January 6th Select Committee, and our upcoming evening at the Squirrels game is a sell out!

We welcomed the Class of 2026 to the University of Richmond School of Law and welcomed the law school's Class of 2023 to the ranks of alumni and hopefully members of the RBA.

It also was great to see many of you at the state bar meeting in June. Hopefully, in addition to CLEs, you were able to hear about what other lawyers are doing in their bar associations.



Please share those stories and ideas with us as we continue efforts to collaborate and expand the opportunities we offer to you.

As we look toward our activities in the fall, please encourage members of your firm, friends from law school, opposing counsel to join the RBA. We are in the midst of our 2023-24 membership drive; and we want our Member Appreciation Event on September 7 to be jam packed with renewing members and new members. It's a great way to kick off the fall, reconnect with people, and have a lot of fun.

-Julie M. Cillo

# **Coming Soon**

The Richmond Bar Staff is working hard on an updated Calendar which will show all scheduled RBA functions. These include Board meetings, Newsletter copy deadlines, Section events, RBA events such as the Private Conversation Series events or Wellness events, and so much more! Be on the lookout for this calendar to show up in your inbox by *late-September*.

Curious about Pro Bono opportunities? Beginning next month, the RBA will highlight upcoming Pro Bono opportunities in the greater Richmond region and acknowledge those who are advocates for Pro Bono work in the Newsletter.



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**McGuireWoods** 

**Favorite RVA Restaurant** 

Stella's

**Current Netflix Binge** 

Bridgerton

#### **Favorite Hobby**

I love staying active! So, I spend time going on runs or taking classes at
OrangeTheory. I also enjoy spending time with friends and family!

Favorite Vacation Spot

Anywhere by the beach!
I recently went to Punta
Cana in the DR and it was
beautiful!

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THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER 7

6:00-8:00PM

820 Sanctuary Trail Dr, Richmond, VA

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# **RBA SECTION NEWS**

THE YOUNG LAWYER SECTION FINISHED OUT ANOTHER GREAT KICKBALL SEASON



From right to left: Mary Fritz, Jeremy Williams, Becca Lovelace, Bryant Crain, Grant Cokeley, Andrew Landrum, and Eric Wilson.

The Richmond Bar Bankruptcy Section's

### KICKOFF LUNCHEON & CLE

September 19. 2023

12:30pm

Hitton Richmond Downtown

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FEATURED SPEAKER | HON. KEVIN R. HUENNEKENS

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### 31ST ANNUAL BENCH-BAR CONFERENCE

October 19, 2023 9:00AM

Cost \$130/member

### **2023 RBA AWARDS** LUNCHEON





### 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.

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# **NEW MEMBERS**

Please help us welcome the newest members of the RBA!

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# Meet the RBA Real Estate Section



Adam Young Section Chair

"Joining the real estate section is a great opportunity because of the collegiality it offers. In our practice area, we routinely end up on the other side of a transaction with the same attorneys all the time. It's nice to get to know those other attorneys in a more informal setting. It ultimately helps all of us work together better, especially when difficult situations arise."



Jonathan Kastenbaum Section Chair-Elect

"I've been a member of the Real Estate Section for the last six years and a member of the Executive Committee for the last four years. Joining the Real Estate Section provides a great opportunity to expand your network and foster valuable connections that can lead to referrals, collaborations, and shared knowledge. We host several events throughout the year where you can connect with other members outside the office and occasionally complete CLE hours. It has been wonderful to meet attorneys in person who I usually only have the opportunity to communicate with on the phone or via email."

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# Batter up!

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NIGHT WITH THE SQUIRRELS



THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

@ THE DIAMOND

FIRST PITCH: 6:35PM

### 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 aholland@richmondbar.org or mailed to Annie Holland, at P.O. Box 1213, Richmond, VA 23218.

**Joanna Suyes** is pleased to announce the opening of *Suyes Law, PLLC*, in Carytown, where she concentrates on Social Security Disability and SSI claims. Due to the magic of Zoom, she can assist your clients anywhere in the US.

Harman Claytor Corrigan & Wellman welcomes Leanna C. Minix, Haley D. Santos, Victoria D. Pretlow, and Julian P. Viscidi to the firm's Richmond Office as Associates.

**Joseph L. Stiles** has joined *Christian & Barton, L.L.P.* where he will focus his legal practice on commercial real estate development and finance, and general corporate matters. He holds degrees from the University of Richmond School of Law and Hampden-Sydney College.

# This Month in RBA History 95 years ago...

At a quarterly meeting of the RBA in October of 1928, the **Programs Committee** was appointed.

From the Minutes of the October 11, 1928 Quarterly Meeting held at the Circuit Court of the City of Richmond:

"John B. Welsh, chairman of special committees, presented report on increasing interest in Association's activities. Among other things, the report suggests that quarterly dinner meetings be held, that a special meeting (social gathering), be held at the Country Club, that a program committee be created to make provisions for meetings, and that at least two nominees be offered for the offices of President and Vice-President each year to make elections more exciting."



# The RBA sends special thanks to the 2023 Bench-Bar Corporate Sponsors







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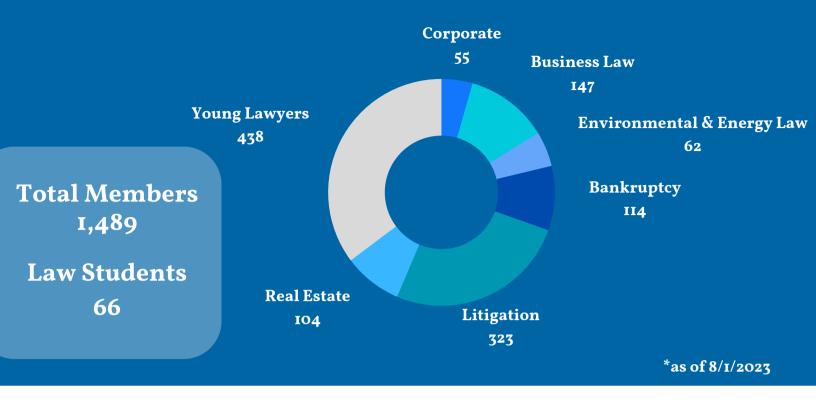


### Michael E. Harman is now available full-time.

Mike Harman has been a part-time Neutral with The McCammon Group for over a decade while simultaneously serving as one of Virginia's most trusted and respected trial lawyers. He recently retired from Harman, Claytor, Corrigan & Wellman and is now committing his energies to mediation full-time. During his part-time tenure with The McCammon Group, he successfully served as a Neutral in over 100 cases. That experience, combined with decades of litigation experience, gives Mike a rich background in a wide variety of civil disputes, including personal injury, professional malpractice, product liability, trucking, and employment matters. Mike is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers and a Fellow of the Virginia Law Foundation. Known for his warm demeanor and ethical conduct, he was the 2019 recipient of the VADA-VTLA Civility and Professionalism Award. Mike now makes these talents and experience available full- time to serve the mediation needs of lawyers and litigants throughout Virginia and beyond.



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# **Upcoming CLE Seminars**

*Business Law & Corporate Counsel CLE held from 5:00-7:00pm. All CLEs (unless noted otherwise) are held beginning at 4:00pm.		
October 26	- How to Use Embedded Appellate Counsel at Trial	- Hybrid - 2.0 Credits
October 24	- Jury Selection in Criminal & Civil Cases	- Zoom - 2.0 Credits
October 19,	- Business Law & Corporate Counsel: The Corporate Transparency	Act*- Live - 1.0 Credit
October 19	- Bench Bar Conference 8AM-2PM	- Live - 3.0 Credits
October 17	- The Wild West: Surviving & Thriving in General District Court	- Zoom - 2.0 Credits
October 12	- Cocktail Party Law: Crimes, Divorce, and Real Estate	- Live - 2.0 Credits
October 11	- Virginia Employment Law Update 2023	- Hybrid - 2.0 Credits
October 10	- Microsoft Office Tips & Tricks	- Hybrid - 2.0 Credits
October 4	- Top 2023 Malpractice Claims (ETHICS)	- Zoom - 2.0 Credits
September 26	- Effective Cross Examination	- Zoom - 2.0 Credits
September 19	- Bankruptcy Section Kickoff CLE 12:30PM	- Live - 2.0 Credits
September 19	- Taking & Defending Depositions	- Zoom - 2.0 Credits
September 14	- To Present or Not to Present (ETHICS)	- Live - 2.0 Credits

### **SEPTEMBER**

ıst - October Newsletter Deadline

4th - Bar Office Closed

5th - Executive Committee Meeting | 12:30 | Zoom

7th - Board Meeting | 12:30 | Hunton Andrews Kurth

7th - Member Appreciation Social | 6-8 | Hardywood West Creek

11th - Pro Bono Committee Meeting | Zoom

19th - Bankruptcy Section Lunch & CLE | Hilton | 12:30

21st - Business Law Section Fall Social | Bar West | 5:30

### **OCTOBER**

2nd - Executive Committee Meeting | 12:30 | Zoom

5th - Board Meeting | 12:30 | Hunton Andrews Kurth

6th - November Newsletter Deadline

9th - Bar Office Closed

19th - Bench Bar Conference | 9:00am | GRCC

30th - Executive Committee Meeting | 12:30 | Zoom

### **NOVEMBER**

2nd - Board Meeting | 12:30 | Hunton Andrews Kurth

7th - Bar Office Closed

10th - Bar Office Closed

15th - Awards Luncheon | 12:30 | Willow Oaks CC

20th - December Newsletter Deadline

22nd - Bar Office Closed | Half Day

23-24 - Bar Office Closed

### **DECEMBER**

4th - Executive Committee Meeting | 12:30 | Zoom

7th - Board Meeting | 12:30 | Hunton Andrews Kurth

13th - Holiday Cocktail Party | 6pm | Science Museum

22nd - Bar Office Closed

25th - Bar Office Closed

For a complete list and detailed information regarding RBA events, please visit our website at richmondbar.org