



# THE RICHMOND BAR

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

## Congratulations to Our 2023 RBA Award Recipients



**Mahlon "Bud" Funk**

*John C. Kenny Pro  
Bono Award*



**Honorable Kevin Huennekens**

*Hunter W. Martin  
Professionalism  
Award*



**Kasey Hoare**

*Young Lawyer of  
the Year Award*



**Justice Stephen McCullough**

*Hill-Tucker Public  
Service Award*

*The RBA was honored to receive so many exemplary nominations for this year's awards. For more information on our award recipients see pages 7-8.*

## Still Need CLE Credit?

There is still time! The RBA will host the following CLE's before October 31st. All seminars will be provided via Zoom, with the exception of the Bench Bar Conference, which will be held in person. Bench Bar details here →

**October 17th** - "The Wild West: Surviving and Thriving in General District Court" | 2.0 credits | 4:00-6:00 | VIA ZOOM

**October 24th** - "Jury Selection in Criminal and Civil Cases" | 2.0 credits | 4:00-6:00 | VIA ZOOM

**October 26th** - "How to Use Embedded Appellate Counsel at Trial" | 2.0 credits | 4:00-6:00 | VIA ZOOM

## COMING UP

On Thursday, October 19, 2023, the Metropolitan area's Bench-Bar Conference will celebrate it's 31st anniversary! The event will take place at the **Greater Richmond Convention Center**. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. with the first break-outs commencing at 9:00 a.m.  
**3.0 CLE Credits**

# PRESIDENT'S COLUMN: Remarks from RBA President

Julie M. Cillo

October is pro bono month. Section 6.1 of our Rules of Professional Conduct provides that we should provide at least two percent (2%) of our professional time to pro bono legal services. We are fortunate to have an active Pro Bono Committee that gives our members opportunities for such service. This month we encourage you to consider how you might become active in a project through our Pro Bono Committee or attend the Greater Richmond Bar Foundation Pro Bono Celebration on October 26, 2023.

Another way to serve our profession is through engaging with our other committees and/or sections. If you are interested in becoming more active, please reach out to us and let us know so we can connect you.



Service in the Association is a great way to improve our profession and the practice of law and give back.

We hope that you have already registered for the Annual Bench Bar Conference October 19, 2023 and the November Awards Luncheon November 15, 2023. We have remarkable members who have given a great deal of time and experience to the Bar. We are lucky to be able to learn from them at the various breakout sessions of the Bench Bar Conference and to celebrate their contributions at the Awards lunch.

-Julie M. Cillo

## Section HAPPENINGS

### Bankruptcy

LUNCHEON & CLE | OCT. 17 | 12:30PM | HILTON DOWNTOWN  
LUNCHEON & CLE | NOV. 14 | 12:30PM | HILTON DOWNTOWN  
HOLIDAY PARTY | DEC. 6 | MCGUIREWOODS

### Business Law

CLE W/ CORP. COUNSEL | OCT. 19 | 5PM | MCGUIREWOODS

### Corporate Counsel

CLE W/ BUSINESS LAW | OCT. 19 | 5PM | MCGUIREWOODS  
FALL HAPPY HOUR | OCT. 26 | 5PM | SHAGBARK

### Environmental & Energy Law

EVENTS COMING SOON!

### Litigation

DETAILS COMING | FALL SOCIAL | NOVEMBER  
DETAILS COMING | CLE W/ FEDERAL BAR | FEB/MARCH 2024

### Real Estate

DETAILS COMING | CLERKS DINNER | FEBRUARY 2024  
DETAILS COMING | SPRING CLE

### Young Lawyers

MORE EVENTS COMING SOON!

## RBA SPOTLIGHT



**SHANNAN M. FITZGERALD**

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### Favorite TV Show

Top Chef

### Biggest Mentor

I was lucky enough to clerk with Honorable Beverly Snukals following law school. Her guidance was essential in giving me the building blocks I needed in research and writing that I use every day in my legal practice.

### Advice for Law Students

Take advantage of your law school's clinics and externships! These opportunities will help you build connections with members of the Richmond Bar that will serve you long after you have finished law school.

# 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

*Harman Claytor Corrigan & Wellman* welcomes **Emily Hager Sutherland** and **Brian P. Ettari** to the firm’s Richmond Office and **Brian M. Touna** to the firm’s Alexandria Office as Associates.

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## Fall Service Project Series

Volunteer  
Opportunity



**WHO** The RBA is partnering with **Beyond Boundaries RVA**, which guides participants with disabilities, veterans, at risk youth, and recovery programs on outdoor adventures.

**WHAT** Each week, we'll touch on one of the following topics: rock climbing, community service/clean ups, fishing, knots, leave no trace, etc. You do not need any specialized training or equipment to participate.

**WHEN** Each TUESDAY from October 17 – November 14 from 5:00-6:30 PM. Please feel free to come as your schedule allows, but we are aiming to have at least a few folks each week.

10/17	Dorey Park: <a href="#">2999 Darbytown Rd- Henrico, VA 23231</a>
10/24	Hollywood Cemetery <a href="#">412 South Cherry Street Richmond, VA 23220</a>
10/31	NO ADVENTURE CLUB DUE TO HALLOWEEN
11/7	Bryan Park, Shelter 1: <a href="#">4308 Hermitage Rd, Richmond, VA 23227</a>
11/14	Peak Experiences RVA: <a href="#">1375 Overbrook Rd, Richmond, VA 23220</a>

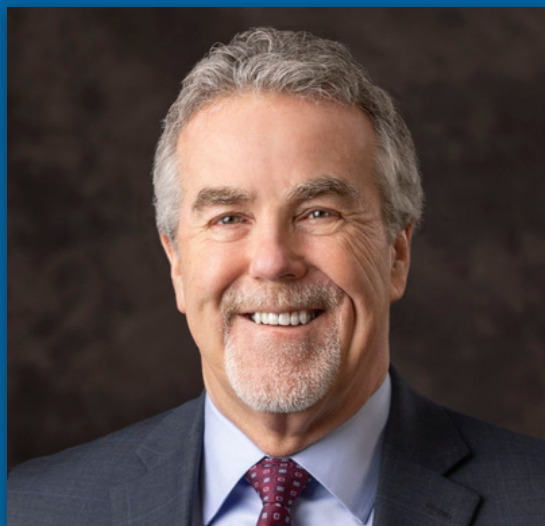
Please email Dylan Bishop at **dbishop@eckertseamans.com** to sign up!

*All volunteers are required to undergo a basic background check and must submit a waiver to participate.*



# The McCammon Group

is pleased to announce our newest Neutral



## **Hon. John W. Brown (Ret.)**

*Retired Chief Judge, 1st Judicial Circuit Court of Virginia, City of Chesapeake*

The Honorable John Brown recently retired as Chief Judge of the 1st Judicial Circuit Court of Virginia after fourteen years of distinguished judicial service to the City of Chesapeake. Prior to his judicial service, Judge Brown enjoyed a successful private practice for twenty-eight years, serving as both plaintiff's and civil defense counsel. He also served the City of Chesapeake as Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney, Commissioner of Accounts, and Commissioner in Chancery for Divorce and Equity Matters. Among his many credentials, Judge Brown is a former President of the Chesapeake Bar Association, former Chairman of the Chesapeake Board of Directors for TowneBank, and a former member of the Board of Directors for the Virginia Sports Hall of Fame and Museum. He now brings this record of excellence and achievement 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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OCTOBER 30 | WILLIAMS MULLEN | 4:00-6:00PM

# PRIVATE CONVERSATION SERIES EVENT

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Moderated By: **William Fitzhugh, Esq.**

**Christopher Piper**

Executive Director, Virginia Public Access Project  
Former Commissioner at VA Dept. of Elections

**Lynette Clements**

current Chesterfield County Electoral Board

**Henry Chambers**

Professor, UR Law | Voting Rights Expert  
Former Special Assistant Attorney General for Redistricting  
Matters for the Commonwealth of VA 2011-2013

**James Nachman**

Attorney, Former Chair of the Richmond Electoral Board



## SAVE THE DATES



### 31ST ANNUAL BENCH-BAR CONFERENCE

October 19, 2023  
9:00AM

Greater Richmond Convention Center  
Cost \$130/member

### PRIVATE CONVERSATION SERIES: ELECTIONS

October 30, 2023  
4:00-6:00 PM  
Williams Mullen  
\$25



### 2023 RBA AWARDS LUNCHEON

November 15, 2023  
12:30PM  
Willow Oaks Country Club  
\$45



### 2023 HOLIDAY COCKTAIL PARTY

December 13, 2023  
6:00PM-8:00PM  
Science Museum of Virginia  
\$75

For more information or to RSVP  
visit [www.richmondbar.org](http://www.richmondbar.org)



## Want to Get Involved in an RBA Committee?

We're always looking for members to get and stay involved in our Committees! If you're interested, please email  
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# 2023 Award Spotlights

## HUNTER W. MARTIN PROFESSIONALISM AWARD



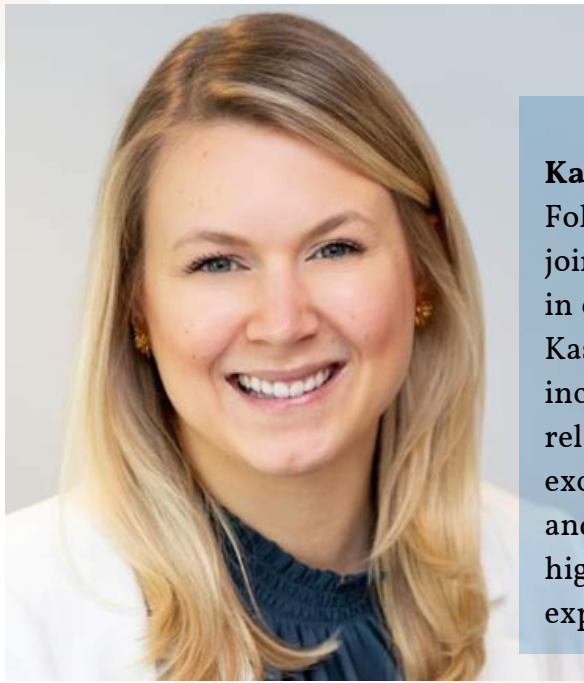
Judge Kevin R. Huennekens has been awarded the 2023 Hunter W. Martin Professionalism Award for his outstanding contributions to the legal profession. With a career spanning private practice and the judiciary, Judge Huennekens exemplifies professionalism, upholding the ideals of the Richmond Bar Association's Principles of Professionalism. He sets a standard for ethical conduct and servant leadership, fostering a culture of civility and acceptance within the local legal community. As a bankruptcy judge since 2006, Judge Huennekens has presided over a multitude of significant cases, earning recognition for his unwavering commitment to ethics, competency, and upholding the rule of law. His dedication to mentoring young attorneys and providing speaking opportunities showcases his commitment to the legal community's growth and development.

## JOHN C. KENNEY PRO BONO AWARD

**Mahlon "Bud" Funk** has been honored with the 2023 RBA John C. Kenney Pro Bono Award for his outstanding commitment to pro bono work. Serving on the Board of Directors for the Greater Richmond Bar Foundation, Bud helps shape the organization's mission of providing access to justice for those without means. He actively recruits, trains, and supports volunteer lawyers and leads the Triage Program, directing legal aid to high-priority cases. Bud personally handles over 100 no fault divorce cases, and since 2017, he has trained lawyers in Richmond and beyond, simplifying the process for handling uncontested divorces. His genuine dedication to pro bono service makes him a truly deserving recipient of this award.



## YOUNG LAWYER OF THE YEAR



**Kasey Hoare** has been named the 2023 Young Lawyer of the Year. Following her tenure as a law clerk for Judge Beverly W. Snukals, Kasey joined Spotts Fain as an associate in the Litigation section, specializing in commercial and business litigation, particularly in employment law. Kasey is actively involved at Spotts Fain, assuming leadership roles, including co-chairing the firm's Diversity Committee. Despite her relatively short time in private practice, Kasey has demonstrated exceptional expertise and growth in her practice areas, earning the trust and confidence of both colleagues and clients alike. She has become a highly effective first chair attorney, consistently surpassing client expectations.

## HILL-TUCKER PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

**Justice Stephen R. McCullough**, recipient of the Hill-Tucker Public Service Award, has dedicated his entire career to public service. Starting as a clerk for Chief Justice Hassell, he later served in the Attorney General's Office and the Solicitor General's Office. Prior to his appointment to the Supreme Court of Virginia, he was a member of the Court of Appeals. Widely recognized as a leading legal writer, Justice McCullough has authored numerous influential opinions. In addition to his role as a presiding Justice, he actively contributes to the Supreme Court of Virginia's initiatives aimed at enhancing access to justice.



*Celebrate this year's Award Recipients at*

# THE RBA AWARDS LUNCHEON

NOVEMBER 15, 2023

WILLOW OAKS COUNTRY CLUB

12:30 PM - 2:00 PM

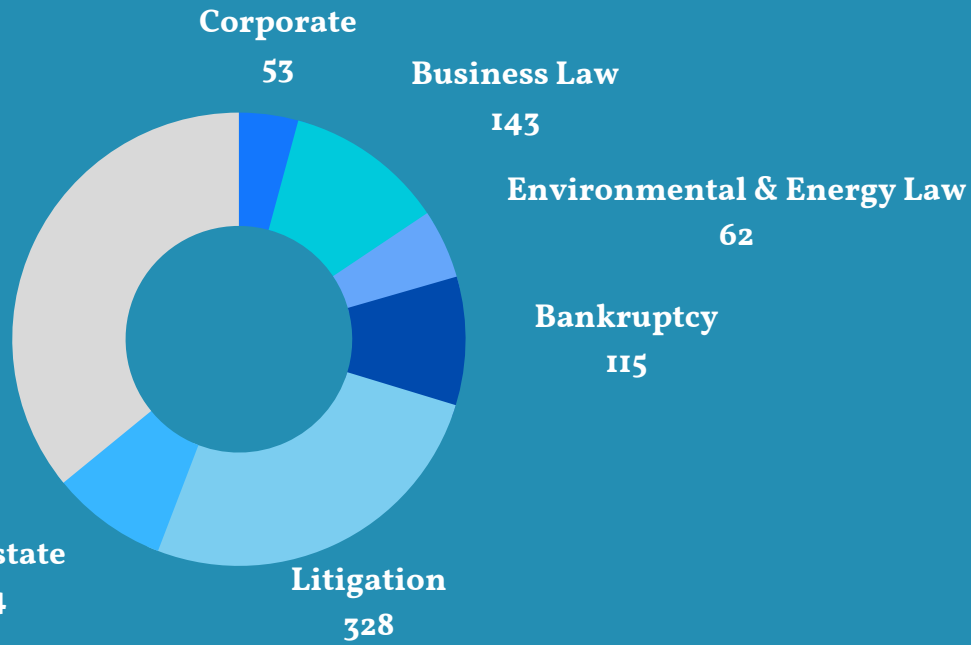
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# THE RICHMOND BAR: BY THE NUMBERS\*

**Total Members**  
1,510

**Law Students**  
63



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Please help us welcome the newest members of the RBA!



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Jessica Beatty	Bradley Reeser
Michael Berdan	Sara Sargent
Sophia Brasseux	Joseph Stiles
Brian Ettari	Connor Symons
Horace Hunter	Mary Catherine Talbott
Alicia Johnson	Austin Tatom
Laura Keohane	Brett West
Cody Murphy	John Yates



Join us for the Pro Bono Housing Law Training, co-sponsored by the Richmond Bar Association and the Housing Justice Program (comprised of CVLAS, LAJC, and VPLC), on **Tuesday, December 5, 2023 from 3:00 – 5:30 p.m., by live webinar.** The training will consist of sessions on landlord/tenant law (evictions, repairs, security deposits), Fair Housing, and some Virginia court procedure. It is anticipated that the program will be approved for 2.5 hours of live, interactive MCLE credit. Register in advance for this training: <https://bit.ly/probonohousing2023>

If you participate in this training, it is expected that you will sign up for a one year pro bono commitment for year 2023 with one of the 3 participating Richmond area legal aid organizations.

Legal Aid Justice Center's Pro Bono Housing Unit commitment consists of volunteering for at least four 1.5 hour appointment slots throughout the year, in which you will advise approximately 3-5 clients per session and offer further representation where necessary. Currently the housing unit has been operating by telephone, but occasionally pro bono attorneys may appear in court if defending against evictions.

Central Virginia Legal Aid's Pro Bono Triage program pairs pro bono attorneys with 2 or 3 security deposit recovery and/or housing repair cases in a year. Each case may be resolved generally with between 2 and 15 hours and with as little as a demand letter or as much as a general district court trial. Cases are available via the [www.JusticeServer.org](http://www.JusticeServer.org) portal. Our Triage Champions assist in recruiting, mentoring and training.

Virginia Poverty Law Center's Eviction Legal Helpline: Volunteer attorneys who help with giving legal advice are the key that allows the Eviction Legal Helpline to serve as many of our neighbors as possible. The time commitment is modest, scheduling shifts is easy and flexible, and all work is done remotely from any place with a phone, an internet connection, and adequate privacy.

## Thanks to our 2023-2024 Select Sponsors



## OCTOBER

17th - Bankruptcy Luncheon | 12:30 | Hilton Dwnth  
19th - Bench Bar Conference | 9:00am | GRCC  
26th - Corp. Counsel Fall Social | 5:00 | Shagbark  
30th - Executive Committee Meeting | 12:30 | Zoom  
30th - Private Conv. Event | 4-6pm | Williams Mullen

## NOVEMBER

2nd - Board Meeting | 12:30 | Hunton Andrews Kurth  
7th - Bar Office Closed  
10th - Bar Office Closed  
14th - Bankruptcy Luncheon | 12:30 | Hilton Dwnth  
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  
5th - Pro Bono Housing Training | 3:00 | Zoom  
7th - Board Meeting | 12:30 | Hunton Andrews Kurth  
13th - Holiday Cocktail Party | 6:00 | Science Museum  
22nd - Bar Office Closed  
25th - Bar Office Closed

### The RBA Website is a Useful Resource



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