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President's Message

By John Sawyer

There's a lot happening at the NPBA. First, join me in welcoming Organization Management Group (OMG) to the NPBA as our new administrative and financial services provider. OMG brings significant experience and capabilities, and we are excited and relieved to have them on board. They also bring stability. In this challenging labor market, the Executive Committee extended offers to two candidates for the Executive Director position. Both accepted their offers, and both ultimately backed out. It's been a time-consuming and frustrating process. With OMG, you'll see a new look to publications and communications. Their office is in Chesapeake, and mail is routed to there for efficiency. So, don't be surprised by that. Meanwhile, the Norfolk Law Library continues its mission and is available to NPBA members. When you see OMG staff members, please extend a warm welcome.

The Bench Bar Conference held at the Waterside Marriott was a great success. We were honored to hear from Chief Justice S. Bernard Goodwyn who reminded us of the importance of pro bono work and service to the community. The CLE's were on a variety of current topics including the newly expanded Court of Appeals. It was wonderful to gather again and to see so many members. Meanwhile, the Professionalism Committee has been hard at work and recommended recipients of the NPBA's three signature awards. I am pleased to report that Greg Summy is this year's recipient of the Eggleston/T'Anson Professionalism Award and Kristopher McClellan is the recipient of the Walter E. Hoffman Community Service Award. As I write this, our Liberty Bell Award winner has not yet been announced. Please join us at the Norfolk Yacht & Country Club on May 18, 2022, at 6:00PM to recognize all three award recipients. Like last year, our Annual Meeting will remain an opportunity to socialize rather than a formal dinner event. The food will be plentiful, the bar open, and the presentations short. I look forward to seeing you there.

This is my final message to you as president, and while it has been a trying year of transition, it has been a true honor to serve. The NPBA has a great deal to offer, so please take full advantage of your membership and attend lunches, CLE's, and our annual events. I look forward to seeing many of you on May 18 at the NYCC, and as always, thank you for your membership and support of the NPBA.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY 18 - [NPBA Annual Meeting at Norfolk Yacht & Country Club](#)
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

JUNE 2 - Young Lawyers Section (YLS) Meeting and Trivia Night
6:00 p.m. at Elation Brewing
5104 Colley Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23508

ANNOUNCEMENTS



NPBA President John Sawyer presents a gavel to The Honorable Tasha D. Scott of the Norfolk Circuit Court.



24th Annual Bench Bar Conference

John Sawyer and Delegate Don L. Scott, Jr.



Chief Justice S. Bernard Goodwyn addresses the conference attendees.



Judge Lannetti teaching at the Supreme Court of Virginia's Pre-Bench Orientation for Newly Appointed Judges. April 28, 2022, Richmond Marriott Short Pump.



Greg Summy receives announcement of being the 2022 recipient of the Eggleston/T'Anson Professionalism Award.



Kristopher McClennan receives announcement that he is awarded the Walter E. Hoffman Community Service Award.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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WELCOMES PATRICIE DRAKE



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Bischoff Martingayle P.C. is pleased to announce that Patricie Drake has joined the firm as an associate attorney. Ms. Drake will practice in our Virginia Beach office and handle civil litigation, administrative law and appeals.

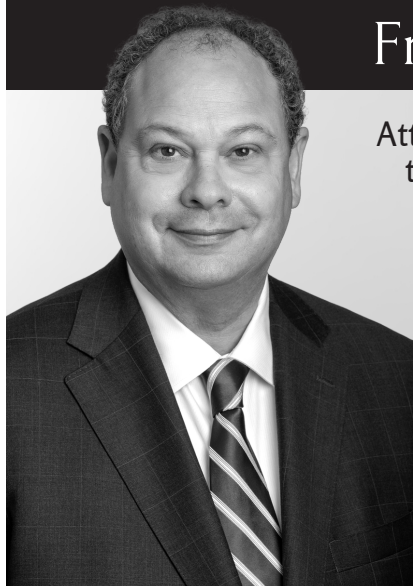
Ms. Drake, who is also licensed in New York, is fluent in Czech and Slovak languages. She is a graduate of PACE University School of Law.

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Attorneys John Cooper and Bailey Gifford discuss the top questions they hear from our attorney referral partners which include:

- How are litigation costs split?
- How do I know my client will be taken care of?
- Is there a cap on how much you'll advance in costs?



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YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION

By Margaret Kelly, Chair
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These past couple months have been a busy time for the Young Lawyers Section. The Honorable Junius P. Fulton, III, of the Court of Appeals of Virginia, afforded us the privilege of hosting him as our speaker at the March YLS Breakfast with the Bench. The YLS is sincerely grateful to Judge Fulton for giving our young lawyers this opportunity. Judge Fulton's career as a member of the bar, the bench, and the community is admirable, and he was able to find the perfect words to both inspire and challenge our young lawyers as we figure out what kind of lawyers we want to be.

Additionally, I am delighted to announce the results of the Young Lawyers Section elections for the upcoming year. By unanimous agreement, Katherine Lennon of Fraim & Fiorella will serve as the 2022-2023 YLS Chair and Garry Hartlieb of the U.S. Attorney's Office will serve as Treasurer. YLS will be in excellent hands under their leadership and we can all look forward to a great year.

The Young Lawyers Section meets monthly and we are always looking for people to get involved. If you are under 36 or have been practicing for five years or less your membership to the NPBA is your automatic membership to the YLS. There are no extra fees, just extra opportunities! As one of my last acts as Chair, I will be emailing out a short survey to the lawyers that we have listed as YLS members. Please take the time to respond so our YLS can continue to grow and meet the current needs of our members. And if anyone knows of young lawyers who should be on our list, please encourage them to reach out.

The next Young Lawyers Section meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 2, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. at Elation Brewing, with trivia to follow at 6:30 P.M. Any young lawyer is welcome, even if you are just considering joining the NPBA. We hope to see you there.



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NPBA ANNUAL MEETING 2022



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