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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this in December, it strikes me that there is a real contrast in emotions at this time of year. Everyone is busy but stress can be high. There are those (I believe just a few) who are all smiles as they have everything in order for the holiday season. Those are the ones who not only have all shopping done by Thanksgiving, but everything is also wrapped. Then there are those who are stressed out due to the normal holiday rush, but also because of client demands for last minute deals that must close by year end. I often wonder if there is anyone who finds the last two weeks of December relaxing. But as you read this, it is all over and hopefully you have made it through for another year. Now it is time to work on those New Year's Resolutions.



**John L. Deal**

You will be pleased to know that the U.S. Government has weighed in on the most popular New Year's Resolutions. See <http://tinyurl.com/3bcjgg> (which will direct you to the usa.gov site). Only two out of the fourteen listed are directly related to work. All of the others are more personal in nature, such as the usual "lose weight," "get fit," "manage debt," etc. The only work related resolutions on that list are "reduce stress at work" and "get a better job." Perhaps success at the first will obviate the need for the second. Another resolution which is often overlooked is to "volunteer to help others." This is where we can really make a difference, all the while helping ourselves.

As the recession deepens, there is much concern about whether non-profit organizations can survive. When people cut back on expenses, charitable donations are often reduced. While we are now in a new tax year, additional contributions are still welcome and necessary. Recently you received a letter from the Norfolk Law Library offering the opportunity to become a Friend of the library. The Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association Foundation is still counting on your help in supporting its mission and specifically in sponsoring an event on January 28, "The Triumph of the Rule of Law Over Massive Resistance: A Community Forum." Please make sure that you and your firm are helping to sponsor this event.

In addition to financial help, you can find ways to volunteer your time to worthy causes. Recently I was asked to pass along information about the Military Pro Bono project, which is an ABA project that will link law firms willing to provide Pro Bono services with low income (E-6 and below) service members who need litigation assistance. Volunteers are needed and more information can be obtained at [www.militaryprobono.org](http://www.militaryprobono.org). There are also many opportunities to volunteer by joining one of our bar association committees. Active participation is the key to a strong association.

As members of our association, I also encourage your attendance at each of our upcoming events. On January 15 we will have Patricia Turner as our guest speaker at our monthly luncheon.

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**NPBA Luncheon**  
Thursday, January 15, 2009 • 11:45 AM  
Hits at the Park, Harbor Park  
Speaker: Patricia Turner, Member of the Norfolk 17

**The Triumph of the Rule of Law  
Over Massive Resistance**  
A Community Forum Moderated by Juan Williams  
Wednesday, January 28, 2009  
Half Moone Cruise Terminal & Celebration Center  
Reception 6:00 PM • Program 7:00 PM

**Breakfast with the Bench**  
with the Honorable Mark S. Davis  
Thursday, February 12, 2009 • 7:30 AM  
Mom's Kitchen

**Criminal Law for Civil Practitioners CLE**  
Thursday, February 12, 2009 • 2:00 - 4:00 PM

**NPBA Luncheon**  
Thursday, February 19, 2009 • 11:45 AM  
Hits at the Park, Harbor Park  
Speakers: Stanley Stein and George E. Schaefer

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## (PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED)

She is one of the Norfolk 17 who will speak about her personal experiences fifty years ago. Then later in the month on January 28 we will be holding our event mentioned above at the Half Moone Cruise & Celebration Center.

At our February luncheon, Assistant City Manager Stanley Stein and Circuit Court Clerk George Schaeffer will be providing us with an update on the new courthouse project. In March, we are privileged to have Judge Rebecca Beach Smith from the U.S. District Court as our speaker. On April 8, Dean Rodney A. Smolla of the Washington and Lee School of Law will be our featured speaker at the annual Bench Bar Conference.

Make one of your resolutions to contribute to our legal community by being involved with the NPBA. Let me know if I can count on you to help us with one of our committees. Happy New Year.

## MESSAGE FROM THE YOUNG LAWYERS' SECTION

By Caryn West, Chair

Initially, I would like to thank everyone who attended our 10th Annual Reception. This year, we had the event at the home of the Honorable and Mrs. Charles E. Poston.



We are very grateful to Judge and Mrs. Poston for hosting our reception. It was a great success, and the cold did not appear to keep people away. At the reception, we presented a check to the Norfolk Law Library for \$3,000.00. The donation to the Law Library was made possible by all of our golfers and our sponsors of the golf tournament: Yost



Associates, Document Technologies, Inc., Willcox & Savage, P.C., and Clarke, Dolph, Rapaport, Hull, Brunick & Garriott, PLC.

I would also like to thank our reception sponsor, **Gary Baum**, a valuation analyst at **Wall, Einhorn & Chernitzer, PC**.

In upcoming events, we are having a Breakfast with the Bench on Thursday, February 12, 2009 at 7:30 a.m. at Mom's Kitchen on St. Paul's Boulevard. Our guest judge for this event is the **Honorable Mark S. Davis** of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. If you would like to attend this event, please RSVP to the Bar Association office at 622-3152 or [npba@visi.net](mailto:npba@visi.net).

Finally, I would like to announce a new program that will begin in Fall 2009. We are starting a new mentoring program at **Ruffner Middle School**. We are asking for volunteers from the Bar Association who are willing to commit to meeting with a Ruffner Middle School student twice a month beginning in Fall 2009. There will be a short training session before the program starts. The mastermind behind this project and our contact person is Ms. Gretchen Baker, an attorney at Vandeventer Black. For more information, or to sign up for this program, please contact Ms. Baker at 466-8530 or [GBaker@vanblkm.com](mailto:GBaker@vanblkm.com).

As always, for information on how to get more involved in the Young Lawyers Section, or to be informed of events, please email me at [cwest@clarkedolph.com](mailto:cwest@clarkedolph.com) or call me at 466-0464.



Caryn West

## Tracking the Presidential Transition

Visit the following links for useful information on the transition to the Obama administration.

Links include blogs and RSS feeds, as well as websites to keep you up to date on this complex process.

<http://www.llrx.com/columns/govdomain39.htm>

<http://www.llrx.com/congress/presidentialpatronage.htm>

## Speaking of the Executive Branch...

The Office of the Federal Register has created an Electronic Public Inspection Desk to provide free electronic access to public documents. For the first time in the 72-year existence of the daily Federal Register, documents on file are available for viewing anytime, anywhere. Every Federal

business day, anyone with access to a computer now can read Federal regulations as soon as the documents are placed on file. To view these documents, go to [www.federalregister.gov](http://www.federalregister.gov). See "View Documents on Public Inspection" on the left. This new desk grants the public access to documents that will be published in the next day's Federal Register as early at 8:45 a.m. EST. Previously, such documents could only be seen by viewing the documents physically located at the Office of the Federal Register in Washington, D.C.

## What about Virginia executive branch resources?

Virginia's Office of the Registrar of Regulations is pleased to announce a new website at <http://register.dls.virginia.gov>. The website continues to have online issues of the Virginia Register at <http://register.dls.virginia.gov/issfiles.htm>. (You may also subscribe to the online Virginia Register via RSS feed.)

The Virginia Register of Regulations is Virginia's official state publication of regulations. All regulations must be filed with the Registrar of Regulations for them to take effect. The Register was established in 1984 to enhance public participation in the regulatory process and is published every other Monday.

Once regulations become effective and permanent, they are compiled into the Virginia Administrative Code - the compilation of permanent regulations for the Commonwealth that have the force of law. It was initially published in 1996 by the authority given to the Virginia Code Commission. The online Virginia Administrative Code is updated daily and its new website address is <http://regulations.legis.virginia.gov>.

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## **NPBA FOUNDATION NEWS**

By James R. Harvey • President, NPBA Foundation

### **Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association Foundation and NPBA Host Community Forum with Chief Justice Hassell**

Please join us Wednesday, January 28, 2009, when we proudly host "The Triumph of the Rule of Law Over Massive Resistance: A Community Forum" moderated by Juan Williams. This noted civil rights author and National Public Radio and Fox News Analyst will lead a discussion, open to the public at no cost, that will include the Chief Justice of the Virginia Supreme Court and Norfolk native, The Honorable Leroy R. Hassell, Sr.; constitutional and civil rights law scholar, Professor Davison M. Douglas of the William & Mary Law School; and Professor Charles Ford, Chair of the History Department at Norfolk State University. We will gather at the Half Moone Cruise & Celebration Center at 6:00 pm for a reception before the 7:00 pm program.

This is truly an exciting time for the NPBA Foundation as we undertake our biggest event to date commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the End of Massive Resistance in Norfolk. I cannot overstate the importance of this event for our legal community and the Foundation. Our profession has a unique responsibility to remind the public that our system of justice has time and time again been what sets our nation apart and allows change to take place peacefully. The events in Norfolk fifty years ago demonstrated the importance of an independent judiciary, respected by the people, to protect the rights of all persons to participate in society equally. With participation by the Chief Justice and noted scholars on the topic, every lawyer in Hampton Roads should attend this special event.

Fifty years ago, the integration of our schools depended on the use of our legal system. In response to Brown v. Board of Education, the Commonwealth of Virginia adopted a policy of Massive Resistance and strategies to maintain segregated schools, including giving the governor power to close any school that integrated its student body. In September 1958, Virginia Governor J. Lindsay Almond closed six white schools in Norfolk to prevent seventeen black students, who have come to be known as "The Norfolk 17," from entering those

schools as ordered by the courts. On January 19, 1959, in almost simultaneous rulings by the Virginia Supreme Court and by United States District Court Judge Walter Hoffman, the Virginia school-closing law was rendered illegal.

Shortly thereafter, the Norfolk schools reopened with The Norfolk 17 in attendance. While the situation was tense and polarizing, desegregation of the public schools in Norfolk was not marred by the violence which occurred elsewhere in America.

We at the Foundation and the Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association believe it is our role to host such important events for our community. Further, to maximize participation by the public, we have committed to make the event free to the public. However, such commitment carries a significant cost. Now, we need your commitment to make this, as well as our scholarship program for high school seniors, a success. Show your support to our community with an event sponsorship at the Leadership Level of \$2,500, the Advocate Level of \$1,000, the Friends Level of \$500, or the Individual Level of \$100.

Please RSVP today for this historic event and to assist with sponsorship. Call Donna Bausch at the bar office, 622-2910 or email her at [dbausch@norfolklawlibrary.org](mailto:dbausch@norfolklawlibrary.org). Thank you for your help with this important event.

### **COURT NEWS**

Judge Lauri D. Hogge has replaced Judge Jerrauld C. Jones as Chief Judge of the Norfolk Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court for a term to expire on June 30, 2009. Judge Jones left the Court due to his appointment to the Norfolk Circuit Court Bench.

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James R. Harvey

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## Juan Williams to moderate “The Triumph of the Rule of Law Over Massive Resistance”

Juan Williams is one of America's leading political writers and thinkers. He is the senior correspondent for NPR, a political analyst for Fox Television, and a regular panelist for *FoxNews Sunday*. In addition to prize-winning columns and editorial writing for *The Washington Post*, he has also authored six books.



With the release of his sixth book, *Enough – The Phony Leaders, Dead-End Movements and Culture of Failure That Are Undermining Black America- and What We Can Do About It*, Williams has created a national furor and ignited debate everywhere with his point blank analysis of black leadership in this country. He combines a bold, perceptive, solution-based look at African American life, culture, and politics with an impassioned clarion call to do the right thing now and not lose sight of the true values of the Civil Rights Movement.

His previous book, *My Soul Looks Back in Wonder*, presents stirring, eyewitness accounts of history-making movements for Black, Hispanic, and Women's rights, as well as other successes at creating a better

America. Previous books include the non-fiction bestseller, *Eyes on the Prize*, and the critically acclaimed biography, *Thurgood Marshall: American Revolutionary*, which *The New York Times* selected as a notable book of the year. *Time* magazine described *American Revolutionary* as a “magisterial” work of American history, and the book was reissued in 2004 with a new epilogue to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court's historic Board vs. Brown decision. His other books include *I'll Find a Way or Make One*, *A History of Historically Black Colleges and Universities*, and *This Far By Faith*, a history of the Black religious experience in America – which was accompanied by a six part PBS series. As one of the nation's most influential journalists, Williams is in constant contact with American political leaders from the President to members of Congress and the Supreme Court. His understanding of American history and his inside access to Washington politics gives him a unique and informed voice as an analyst of current events. In 2000, NPR selected Williams to host their afternoon talk show, “Talk of The Nation,” and in two years he brought the show's ratings to record heights. His daring perspectives on American politics, race, and culture are based on his historical understanding, political expertise, and knowledge of diversity.

Prior to writing bestsellers, Williams

was a political columnist and national correspondent for *The Washington Post*. In a 21-year career at *The Post* he served as an editorial writer, op-ed columnist, and White House correspondent. He won several journalism awards for his writing and investigative reporting. He also won an Emmy Award for TV documentary writing. He was given widespread, critical acclaim for a series of documentaries including *Politics-The New Black Power*. His documentary on A. Phillip Randolph was featured on PBS.

Because of Williams' expertise, the President's commission chose him as the keynote speaker at the start of the Smithsonian Museum's celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Brown decision. Williams was also selected as the first speaker in 2003 for CSPAN's nationally televised series, *Students and Leaders*. Williams is renowned as an expert moderator. His evenhanded view of American politics, diversity in the workplace, and changing American demographics have made him an ideal host for debates and seminars.

As senior correspondent for NPR's “Morning Edition” and host of “America's Black Forum,” a nationally syndicated weekly news program, Williams is at the cutting edge of America's culture and politics.

## JANUARY LUNCHEON MEETING

**Thursday, January 15, 2009**  
**Hits at The Park, Harbor Park**  
**11:45 AM**



**Patricia Turner of the Norfolk 17 speaks on her experiences in 1959 – 50 Years Later**

Patricia Turner entered Norview Junior High School in 1959, with her brother James and three other African-American children. She was 14 years old, entering her final semester as an 8th grader.

On the first day of school, her mother

woke her and made her promise to hold her brother's hand and her head high. With that in mind, they crossed the imaginary line between blacks and whites on Sewells Point Road and continued on to Norview Junior High.

“I looked so cute in my little white jacket,” she said, her voice wavering. She remembered how badly she had wanted the waist-length coat. Her parents had saved up for the gift. “By the time I got home from school that day, that little white jacket wasn't white anymore,” she said.

No one spoke to her — except to call her names, spit on her, throw gum in her hair. But even worse than that was the behavior of her teachers. Her experiences during the desegregation in Norfolk were peppered with white students scattering from nearby seats, teachers using gloves to touch her papers and acknowledgement of her existence coming only during slavery discussions. Turner moved through

school with safety in mind, sitting near doors for a quick escape and sitting in the front row so that if something happened to her, someone was bound to see. Even though she qualified to play field hockey and was good at it, she never got to play because no other teams would play Norview if Patricia was going to play.

Despite all her hardships, Ms. Turner graduated in the top ten of over 400 seniors at Norview High School. She earned degrees from Norfolk State University and Old Dominion University and taught at Blair Middle School in Norfolk from 1992 until her retirement in 2008.

“Our children must realize that education is the key,” she said. “Education is the key to success and until we can prove how smart we are, we are going to go nowhere.”

Hear this first person account of this dark chapter in Norfolk's not so distant history we refer to as Massive Resistance from one of the Norfolk 17. Call 622-3152 to register.

## FEBRUARY LUNCHEON MEETING

**Thursday, February 19, 2009**  
**Hits at The Park, Harbor Park**  
**11:45 AM**

**Topic: Plans for the New Courts  
 Complex in Norfolk**

**Speakers: Stanley Stein**  
**Assistant City Manager**

**Hon. George E. Schaefer**  
**Clerk, Norfolk Circuit Court**

Stanley Stein is an Assistant City Manager for the City of Norfolk. With more than 33 years of experience, coupled with being born and raised in Norfolk, Stein has accumulated a vast knowledge of the internal workings of the City's operations and an appreciation of the history of development during that period. His experience within government extends to operations in parks, recreation, the Zoo, Botanical Garden, real estate, marina and golf course operations, parking system, building maintenance, fleet maintenance, economic development, and a long list of diverse project developments.



Hon. George E. Schaefer has served as Clerk of the Norfolk Circuit Court since 2004. He was awarded a J.D. from Ohio Northern College of Law in 1984 and a B.S. from SUNY Brockport in 1978. Schaefer is a member of the Virginia State Bar and the NPBA. His career prior to becoming Clerk included service in the Norfolk Commonwealth Attorney's Office, the Norfolk Sheriff's Office and as a social studies teacher at Granby High School. His wife, The Honorable Paula J. Miller represents the 87th District in the Virginia House of Delegates. Schaefer's many civic leadership activities, past and present, include service with the Holy Trinity School Board, the Mayor's Task Force for Ocean View, the Northside Middle School Advisory Board, the Knights of Columbus Council #3548, Kids Voting Virginia Board, Greater Pinewell Civic League, Willoughby Civic League, Bishop Sullivan High School Board, Heritage Bank Advisory Board, Commission on Virginia Courts in the 21st Century and the E-Filing Committee of the Supreme Court of Virginia.



Join us for an update on what the future holds for court facilities in Norfolk. Call 622-3152 to register today.

## Nominations Sought for the Liberty Bell Award

The NPBA is pleased to invite nominations for the Liberty Bell Award to recognize a non-lawyer who, by extraordinary efforts and selfless contributions to the local community, has strengthened the effectiveness of the American system of justice.

The Liberty Bell Award will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Association in May to an individual:

- who promotes a better understanding and appreciation of the rule of law
- who encourages a greater respect for law and the courts
- who stimulates a sense of civic responsibility
- who contributes to the effectiveness of our institutions of government

The 2008 recipient of the Liberty Bell Award was Joshua P. Darden, Jr.

Nominations by letter should be submitted to the NPBA office by February 28, 2009.

## MARCH LUNCHEON MEETING

**Thursday, March 19, 2009**  
**Hits at The Park, Harbor Park**  
**11:45 AM**



**Speaker: Hon. Rebecca Beach Smith**

The Honorable Rebecca Beach Smith, Judge, U. S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia, was born in Hopewell, VA and received a B.A. from the College of William and Mary, an M.A. from the University of

Virginia, and a J.D. from the College of William and Mary School of Law. She served as Law Clerk to the Hon. J. Calvitt Clarke, Jr., U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia, 1979-1980 and was in private practice in Norfolk from 1980-1985. She then served as U.S. Magistrate, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, 1985-1989 and was nominated by President George H.W. Bush on August 4, 1989, to a seat vacated by D. Dortch Warriner, confirmed by the Senate on October 24, 1989, and received commission on October 25, 1989.

It is our honor and privilege to welcome Judge Smith as our speaker for the March NPBA Luncheon. Call 622-3152 to register today.



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**The Law Office of John W. Bonney, P.C.** is pleased to announce that **Laura C. Turnmire** has joined the firm as an associate. Her primary areas of practice will be criminal and civil litigation, family law, and bankruptcy law. She received her law degree from Regent University School of Law and her undergraduate degree from Virginia Commonwealth University.

**Cyrus A. Dolph, IV**, a senior partner at **Clarke, Dolph, Rapaport, Hull, Brunick & Garriott PC**, has been named in *Virginia Super Lawyers 2008*.

**Glen A. Huff** and **Reeves W. Mahoney** with the law firm of **Huff, Poole & Mahoney PC** have been selected by their peers to be included in the 2008-2009 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. Huff was selected in the category of product liability and Mahoney was selected in the area of family law.

**L. Ashley Brooks** has become an associate of the law firm of **Huff, Poole & Mahoney, P.C.** where she will focus her practice in the areas of trusts and estates and business planning. Ms. Brooks earned her bachelor's degree from Liberty University, and her juris doctorate from Regent University School of Law. Ms. Brooks will practice in our new office in Chesapeake starting January 2009.

**Kaufman & Canoles, P.C.** is pleased to announce that **Stephen E. Story**, Chairman of its Franchise Group, has recently been named to *Virginia Super Lawyers 2008* in Franchise/Dealership Law by *Law & Politics*; the only lawyer in Hampton Roads to achieve this distinction. He was the only lawyer in Hampton Roads named one of the *Best Lawyers in America* (2008) in franchise law. Mr. Story is a former Chair of the Board of Governors of the Virginia State Bar Antitrust, Franchise and Trade Regulation Section. He is also a member of the International Franchise Association's (IFA) Legal/Legislative Committee. The IFA is the world's leading franchise organization and its Legal/Legislative Committee is a select group of approximately 100 prominent franchise lawyers. Mr. Story is the only Hampton Roads attorney on the Committee. Mr. Story represents franchisers and franchisees in all aspects of franchise law.

**John T. Midgett**, founder of **Midgett & Preti, P.C.** in Virginia Beach, has been listed in the 2009 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. Representing 57 specialties, the Best Lawyers list is compiled through a peer review survey in which thousands of lawyers nationwide evaluate their professional peers. Midgett limits his practice to the areas of estate planning and taxation, estate administration, estate litigation, and small business planning. Midgett received his Bachelor of Arts undergraduate degree with distinction from the University of Virginia and is a graduate of the T.C. Williams Law School at the University of Richmond, where he was a member of the Law Review. Midgett has received a peer-review rating of "AV" in Martindale-Hubbell. He is Chairman of the Trusts and Estates Section of the Virginia State Bar Association, serves as Vice-Chairman of the Hampton Roads Estate Planning Council, is a Past President of the Hampton Roads Gift Planning Council, and is actively involved in the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys and the Duke Estate Planning Council.

**Joseph R. Lassiter, Jr.** has been elected to Old Point National Bank's Newport News regional board. Mr. Lassiter is a lawyer for the law firm of **Roussos, Lassiter, Glanzer, PLC**. He earned a bachelor's in political science/religion from the University of Richmond and a juris doctorate from the College of William and Mary. He is involved in several professional organizations, including the Virginia State Bar, United States Fourth Circuit Judicial Council, American Bar Association, Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association, American Trial Lawyers Association and the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association. Lassiter has been president of the d'Art Center and the Tidewater Artists Association, having served on the board of directors of both organizations for many years. He has also served on the board of Hope House Foundation.

**Taylor and Walker, P.C.** is pleased to announce that **James E. Brydges, Jr.** has been chosen as the 2008 recipient of the Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys' Award for Excellence in Civil Litigation for demonstrating, throughout his distinguished career as a trial lawyer the highest standards of ethics, professionalism and tempera-

ment; exemplary conduct inside and outside the courtroom; courtesy and fairness in dealing with others; legal work of the highest quality; devoted service and leadership to the bar; and an unfailing commitment to educating Virginia lawyers about the law.

**Troutman Sanders LLP** is pleased to announce that 28 of its Virginia attorneys were selected as *2008 Legal Elite* by *Virginia Business* magazine, including NPBA members **Thomas F. Betz, Jr.** and **Jeffrey Gray**.

**Vandeventer Black** lawyer **Deborah M. Casey** has been elected Chair of the Virginia Legislative Action Committee of Community Associations Institute (VALAC). VALAC is dedicated to monitoring and influencing legislation that affects community associations in Virginia, protecting more than 500,000 homeowners residing therein. VALAC reviews all House and Senate Bills which will affect the Virginia Condominium Act, the Virginia Nonstock Corporation Act and the Virginia Property Owner's Association Act. Casey is one of a small number of attorneys in the country practicing community association law. She is past president of the Community Associations Institute (CAI), Southeastern Virginia Chapter and is the only lawyer from Southeastern Virginia to be admitted to CAI National's prestigious College of Community Association Lawyers.

**Shalanda Franklin-Verdell** has joined **Vandeventer Black's** Norfolk office. Franklin-Verdell concentrates her practice in estate planning and administration, labor and employment, business transactions, creditor's rights and general litigation. Franklin-Verdell earned her J.D. from The College of William and Mary School of Law, where she received the Gambrell Professionalism Award, was president of the Black Law Students Association and a student member of I'Anson Hoffman Inns of Court. She earned her B.S. from Pennsylvania State University.

**Willcox & Savage** is pleased to announce that the U.S. Secretary of Commerce has appointed **Timothy J. Lockhart** to serve a three-year term on the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) Trademark



Public Advisory Committee (TPAC). The TPAC advises the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the USPTO on the management of trademark operations, including goals, performance, budget, and user fees. Committee members are selected based on their leadership and involvement with intellectual property law issues in the United States and abroad. Mr. Lockhart is the head of Willcox & Savage's Intellectual Property Group and is an active member of the International Trademark Association.

**Willcox & Savage** is pleased to welcome three new associates to the firm. **Stephanie J. Novak** is focusing on commercial real estate matters. She is a 2008 graduate, Order of the Coif, of the William & Mary School of Law. She earned her B.A. degree, *summa cum laude*, in Economics and Political Science from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 2004. **Trey T. Parker** is focusing on corporate matters. He is a 2008 graduate of the Washington and Lee University School of Law. He earned his B.S. degree, *summa cum laude*, in Political Science from Old Dominion University in 2004. **Bryan C.R. Skeen** is focusing on employment matters. He is a 2008 graduate of the William & Mary School of Law. He earned his B.A. degree, *magna cum laude*, in Broadcast Communications and Journalism from Elon College in 2000. Prior to law school, Bryan worked at Fox Sports Net in Atlanta.

**Wiley F. Mitchell, Jr.**, attorney with **Willcox & Savage**, received the Oak Leaf Award from The Nature Conservancy, an international conservation organization. The award is given every two or three years to an individual whose volunteer efforts have contributed significantly to the cause of conservation. Mitchell received the award because of his pro bono representation of the wildlife and conservation interests of The Nature Conservancy in Virginia's first wind energy case.

Twenty-three attorneys from **Willcox & Savage** have been selected as members of Virginia's 2008 Legal Elite. Attorneys recognized include: **Susan R. Blackman, Gary A. Bryant, Peter V. Chiusano, Glenn R. Croshaw, Robert L. Dewey, Allan G. Donn, William M. Furr, Henry J. Huelsberg III, Thomas C. Inglima, Thomas G. Johnson, Jr., Michael R. Katchmark, Timothy J. Lockhart, John D. McIntyre, Wiley F.**

**Mitchell, Jr., Hugh L. Patterson, Brian C. Purcell, William E. Rachels, Jr., Ross C. Reeves, Neil L. Rose, Conrad M. Shumadine, Brett A. Spain, and John S. Wilson.**

**Robert C. Nusbaum** of Norfolk received the second Barron F. Black Community Builder award from The Norfolk Foundation. The award honors Nusbaum for his support of philanthropy and dedication to improving life in Hampton Roads. Nusbaum is a partner in **Williams Mullen** and has practiced law for 60 years. In addition to helping area residents with the charitable plans, he has chaired the boards of the Norfolk State University Foundation, Virginia Wesleyan College, Ohef Sholom, Norfolk Law Library, Alison J. and Ella W. Parsons Foundation, and the Jones Institute Foundation. In 1958, he supported efforts to bring an end to massive resistance, which closed Norfolk's segregated public schools. More recently, he helped establish Virginia Wesleyan College's Center for the Study of Religious Freedom. As part of the award, The Norfolk Foundation presented a \$5,000 grant in Nusbaum's honor to Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Virginia, where Nusbaum currently serves on its advisory board.

The following attorneys have joined **Williams Mullen** as associates in its Norfolk Office. **Preston Lloyd** focuses his practice on commercial real estate transactions and matters related to land use. Prior to joining the firm, Lloyd was summer law clerk to Judge Charles E. Poston and Judge Lydia Calvert Taylor in the Norfolk Circuit Court and served in the office of Gov. Mark R. Warner as a governor's fellow to the secretary of commerce and trade. Lloyd received a juris doctor degree from the University of Virginia School of Law. While there, Lloyd was chief justice of the William Minor Lile Moot Court Board. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in politics and history from U. Va. **Courtney Miller** focuses her practice on general health care and business matters. Miller received a juris doctor degree from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary. She earned a bachelor's degree from James Madison University. **Scott Miller** focuses his practice on corporate and commercial litigation matters. Prior to joining the firm, Miller worked in the offices of then-Congressman (now Sen.) Mark Udall of Colorado and Sen. John Warner of Virginia. Miller received a juris doctor de-

gree from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary. While in law school, he was recognized for excellence in research, writing, analysis and client relations. Miller earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Virginia. **Carl Peterson** focuses his practice on general corporate and business law matters, including mergers and acquisitions, securities, venture capital transactions, partnerships, limited liability companies and corporate governance. Peterson received a juris doctor degree, cum laude, from the University of Richmond School of Law. While there, he placed first in the 2005 University of Richmond Negotiation Competition and was president of the Client Counseling and Negotiation Board. He was also elected a justice on the school's honor council. Peterson holds a bachelor's degree from Grand Valley State University.

## HARVEST FOR THE HOMELESS 2008

Thanks are again due to all participants in the Harvest for the Homeless. The total number of bags of clothes and toiletries collected was 354. Nonprofit organizations benefiting from this drive included The Dwelling Place, ForKids, Samaritan House and Union Mission. Shawn Voyles once again served as coordinator for this community service project.

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## MIDDLE SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL PROJECT - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The NPBA Public Relations Committee is again looking for volunteer attorneys to assist in the 4th Annual Model Judiciary Program for Norfolk Public Schools. The program was started three years ago at Blair and Meadowbrook Middle Schools, where students were taught basic trial skills and conducted mock trials in Norfolk Circuit Court. The program has been a great success due to the enthusiasm and hard work of the students and participating attorneys and has grown to four middle schools. It is expected that the middle schools participating this year will be Blair, Meadowbrook, Ruffner and Northside. It is scheduled to be an eight to ten week program starting at the end of January 2009. Students will receive instruction one day a week after school between 3:00 and 4:30 p.m. The trials matching one school's team against another's are scheduled for a yet to be determined date in late March in Norfolk Circuit Court. At least 20-26 attorneys are needed so that a minimum of 4-6 attorneys can be assigned to each school. With that many attorneys at each school, your commitment can be minimal, one hour a week every other week. Previous volunteers have commented on how well

the students have done and on their enjoyment of watching the students' growth throughout the process. The experience of working with the children is very rewarding as they are so appreciative of being able to work with attorneys. If you are interested, please call the Bar Office at 622-3152 so that scheduling details with the schools can be completed to ensure proper support of the program. Thanks in advance for your assistance with this worthwhile program.

### NOVEMBER LUNCHEON



Speaker: John Quarstein

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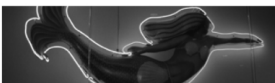
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