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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Lamont Maddox

As I look forward to the new year, I can't help but reflect on the course of the preceding year. It was a very eventful year, to say the least, but the global pandemic resulting from the coronavirus outbreak is for sure the main event to define 2020 for the world and change our lives in ways we probably never expected. "Zoom" used to be a feature of a camera lens to get a closer focus, but is now jargon for a common video communication platform for remote interaction over the internet. "Social distancing" might have been something you would have done to avoid an obnoxious colleague, but is now a health precaution for all physical human encounters outside of our household.

"Teleworking" was perhaps an occasional temporary home office or mobile set-up to get some work done while away from the office, but is now an accepted mainstay among most professional fields. Nevertheless, the rollout of effective vaccines offers a promise of eradicating the coronavirus threat and eventually returning us to some sense of normalcy.

We would all welcome an end to the pandemic. Some things, like donning face masks, may go back to normal, but some others, like remote working, may remain to a certain extent as the "new normal". Regardless, let us not forget how truly vulnerable we were. Hopefully, the pandemic will serve as a wake-up call for how many things are beyond our control, and while we may not necessarily be able to control what happens at times, we can control how we react to it. We have a choice to express a positive attitude and seek out creative solutions to overcome challenges. Instead of focusing on only ourselves, we can choose to consider how others may be impacted by difficult situations in their lives and how we may help one another. We can set aside our fear of change to embrace new ways of thinking and functioning in a diverse and evolving society. We can reassess our work/ life balance to realize that we can still be productive and effective by spending more time away from the office and more time focusing on family, loved ones, and our own wellbeing.

Crises sometimes have a way of putting things into perspective so that we can see what is really important in life. The challenges of yesterday and today may be daunting, but tomorrow brings the opportunity to be a better version of ourselves shaped by those experiences. So, here's wishing you a renewed outlook on life and all the best in the coming year.

UPCOMING EVENTS

VIRTUAL JANUARY LUNCHEON SPEAKER

Thursday, January 21, 2021 • 11:55 AM - 12:30 PM • Zoom Videoconferencing
Speaker: Vivian Hamilton, *Professor of Law, William & Mary Law School*
REGISTER HERE: <https://norfolkandportsmouthbar.org/event-4102485>

VIRTUAL JANUARY POST-LUNCHEON CLE

Thursday, January 21, 2021 • 1 - 2 PM • Zoom Webinar
"Veil Piercing and Alter Ego Liability in Virginia"
Presenter: Jason Ohana, *Willcox & Savage, P.C.*
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Recent Court Orders

[Supreme Court of Virginia extension of the Declaration of Judicial Emergency through January 24, 2021](#) [December 18, 2020]

Norfolk Circuit Court Continuance of All Jury Trials in January 2021 [December 15, 2020]:

[Continuance Order Amended—Criminal Cases](#)
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YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION

By Kerry Stolz, Chair • kstolz@pendercoward.com • 490-6277



Kerry Stolz

YLS is really looking forward to our upcoming winter and spring 2021 events. In the spirit of the holidays, we are holding a holiday drive to benefit ForKids, a local organization that provides emergency shelter to families and children.

The YLS attendees from the November 9th meeting selected ForKids from a list of several worthy, local causes. We are collecting both monetary donations as well as gift card donations from Target, WalMart, pharmacies, and grocery stores. Our holiday drive goes through January 15, 2021.

Please mail or drop off your donations to YLS Social Chair, Kate Lennon, Fraim & Fiorella, 150 Boush Street, Suite 601, Norfolk, VA 23510. Thank you in advance for your generosity during this holiday season! YLS members will deliver the donations to ForKids in the middle of January.

While our Fall Reception was postponed due to COVID, YLS will be hosting the much-loved event in the springtime. YLS will also be hosting a virtual social event and another Breakfast with the Bench event by Zoom in the first two months of the year. Invitations for all of YLS's upcoming events will be sent to membership after the first of the year. Happy New Year!

Welcome New Members

Marina G. Batalias
Willcox & Savage, P.C.

William La Salle
Glow In The Dark Law PLLC

Caine J. Caverly
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Emily Miller
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Dear Members of the NPBA,

Due to the current increase in COVID-19 transmission, the Norfolk Law Library closed to in-person services beginning Monday, December 14, 2020. Staff will be monitoring the state of the pandemic and the library will resume in-person services when it is safe to do so. Please visit the library website or call for updates on operations.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause. During this time, library staff will continue to be available to assist with research and citation retrieval. Please contact us with any questions that you may have and we can discuss the available options and library resources that we can provide remotely.

Remote services via phone and email are available 9:30 am – 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. Please contact us at (757) 622-2910, by email staff@norfolklawlibrary.org, or via the Contact Us page at <https://norfolklawlibrary.org/contact-us/>.

Best regards,
Isaac Needell
Law Librarian

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PRO BONO CORNER

Caryn R. West, Chair, Pro Bono Committee

Pro Bono Week looked a little different this year. We had two virtual clinics. We hosted a Senior Law Day concentrating on Guardianships, Conservatorships, and how to avoid them with Powers of Attorney, featuring M. Bradley Brickhouse of Oast & Taylor and Jessica A. Hayes of Wolcott Rivers Gates. Thank you to both of them for making our program a success, and to Senior Services of Southeast Virginia for coordinating and “hosting” our program.

The second program was a Legal Answers Telephone Clinic. The program was anonymous and paired volunteer attorneys with clients for a short consultation. The law library collected forms from members of the public that visited the Law Library for assistance, then the attorneys were paired according to practice area. We are looking for volunteers so that we can host another Legal Answers Telephone Clinic on January 25, 2021 from 4-5 pm. You will be given 1-2 forms with clients to contact during that hour. If you'd like to volunteer, please email contact@norfolkandportsmouthbar.org. If you aren't available on January 25, but you'd like to volunteer in the future, please let us know that as well.

Did you receive a Holiday Gift that you don't need or want?

Put the item to good use and donate it to our Legal Aid fundraiser for raffle or auction.

If you have items to donate, please contact me at cwest@pzl原因.com or 757-427-4411, or drop them off at the Law Library.

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This App allows NPBA members to view and edit their Profile, see Events, and easily add your NPBA Events to your phone's calendar apps. Along with the website, we will be continuing to add functionality and content to the App. Please feel free to pass along any feedback or ideas: contact@norfolkandportsmouthbar.org or (757) 622-3152.



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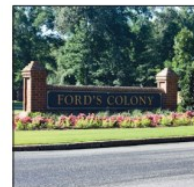
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