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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Becoming Citizen Lawyers"



David W. Lannetti

Jon Huddleston, President of the Virginia State Bar, lamented at the January 2010 NPBA luncheon that the online encyclopedia Wikipedia does not have an entry for "citizen lawyer." Jon views this as proof that the term has not yet been accepted in our everyday lexicon; he also sees the unfamiliarity with the expression as an indicator that negative stereotypes regarding lawyers perhaps are exacerbated by the failure of attorneys to tout the good deeds they are doing on a daily basis, a concern that led him to adopt as his presidential theme, "Virginia Is for Good Lawyers." Although I certainly agree that enough is not being done to publicize the extraordinary amount of *pro bono publico* and other volunteer service lawyers already are performing, the reasons why "citizen lawyer" is not part of common parlance—either within the legal profession or among society as a whole—are, in my opinion, more complicated. Nevertheless, developing citizen lawyers and having the general public recognize them and their good deeds remain laudable goals, ones that we all should embrace.

Two years ago, the William and Mary Law School (a.k.a. Marshall-Wythe School of Law) sponsored a conference to explore the citizen lawyer ideal, which generated a good deal of academic literature on the subject (*see generally* 50 *Wm. & Mary L. Rev.* (2009)). The notion of lawyers performing public service is at least as old as our nation. George Wythe, a signer of the Declaration of Independence and delegate to the Constitutional Convention, was recruited by Thomas Jefferson to occupy the first chair of law in America when legal education began at William and Mary in 1779. A quote by Wythe inscribed at the base of a statue of him and John Marshall at the law school's entrance describes his vision and what he saw as the role of the institution: "Here we will form such characters as may be useful in the National Councils of our country."

Such public service was not talked about in the context of citizen lawyers at the time of our country's formation. In fact, as the Citizen Lawyer Conference invitation letter pointed out, the term "citizen lawyer" has never had a fixed meaning. Among other things, a citizen lawyer can be defined as: a lawyer who represents the government; a lawyer who serves full- or part-time as a legislator or public administrator; a lawyer working for organizations that challenge injustice; a private lawyer providing *pro bono* service; or virtually all lawyers, pursuant to the preamble to the ABA Model Rules of Professional Conduct, which defines an attorney as "a public citizen having special responsibilities for the quality of justice." Yale University Law Professor Robert Gordon provides a more generalized definition—"a lawyer who acts in a significant part of his or her professional life with some plausible vision of the public good and the general welfare in mind." He goes on to say that these attorneys "devote time and effort to public ends and values: the

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UPCOMING EVENTS

NPBA Luncheon
Thursday, March 18, 2010 • 11:45 AM
Hits at the Park, Harbor Park
The Honorable Justice S. Bernard Goodwyn
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Immediately following the NPBA Luncheon
The Honorable J. Everett Martin, Chief Judge,
Norfolk Circuit Court

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2010 Bench Bar Conference
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Wednesday, April 7, 2010 • Noon - 5:00 PM
Norfolk Waterside Marriott
NPBA Annual Dinner
Wednesday, May 12, 2010
Location: Norfolk Yacht Club

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service of the Republic, their communities, the ideal of the rule of law, and reforms to enhance the law's efficiency, fairness, and accessibility." Taylor Reveley, former Dean of the William and Mary Law School, has an even more succinct definition of citizen lawyers—"lawyers who will use at least a part of their legal training and experience to work for the common good."

Despite the definitional confusion surrounding citizen lawyers, there appears to be little disagreement that lawyers have attributes that allow them to be competent and desirable leaders while serving their communities and the public at large. We are trained to view and analyze a problem from multiple angles; we know how both the law and the government work; we can communicate effectively and persuasively; and we tend to appreciate the need for and value of process.

Reveley also points out that there are at least four compelling reasons *why* we should be citizen lawyers. First, viewing the legal profession as a calling—and responding to that calling—leads to happiness, satisfaction, pride, and a sense of purpose. Second, American identity and government depend on the rule of law and the roles lawyers play, making our involvement necessary. Third, because of the attributes lawyers possess, we are ideally able to lead for the larger good. And fourth, we should respond gratefully to the general public for its support of our profession, through the establishment of a governmental structure that is dependent on lawyers, by providing what Reveley calls "the 'rent' we pay for public subsidy and protection of the legal profession."

Assuming we desire to become citizen lawyers, the next logical question is how to do so. NPBA currently is offering several opportunities to serve the public good. We recently began supporting the Norfolk Circuit Court in providing volunteer attorneys for *pro bono* court-referred representation of low-income litigants; we hope to expand this program to the Norfolk General District Courts in the near future. On April 17, 2010, we will be sponsoring—in conjunction with the STOP Organization and Regent University School of Law—what we hope will be the first of many *pro bono* community legal outreach clinics for low-income individuals. We also hope to partner with other area bar associations and Norfolk Public Schools to provide a "rule of law" presentation to eighth grade civics classes this Spring. Some of our attorneys already are partnering with the Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia to provide *pro bono* legal services and mentoring for foster children about to "age out" of the foster care system. The Ruffner Academy Mentoring Program (RAMP) and the Norfolk Middle School Mock Trial program also are ongoing. Of course, other community service opportunities—both legal and non-legal—are legion, whether serving on area boards of directors or volunteering with any of the numerous charitable entities in our local area; these organizations are eager to identify volunteer attorneys.

Perhaps the fact that Wikipedia does not recognize "citizen lawyers" is understandable in light of the lack of a universal definition or understanding of the term. However, this does not make our calling to become—or continue to be—lawyers who use our training and experience to better society any less important. Nor does it mean that we should shy away from publicity that demonstrates to our communities that we are indeed citizen lawyers. According to Reveley, the decision to become a citizen lawyer ultimately comes down to "whether being a lawyer is simply a way to make a living or also a calling. Whether a lawyer teaches, practices, or judges, is he willing to work to leave the law better than he found it? Using legal training and experience, is a lawyer willing to work to make a difference for the better in the life of the entity that pays her salary, and in the lives of her community, state, nation, and even world?" May we unite to make a positive difference in our communities and serve the public good, and to have society embrace and celebrate citizen lawyers.

February Luncheon Follow-Up

ODU Head Football Coach Bobby Wilder was the guest speaker for the February 2010 NPBA luncheon. As you may know, Coach Wilder led the Monarchs to an unprecedented 9-2 record this past season, the best winning record ever for a first-year collegiate football program. Coach Wilder described to our members the training regime for his athletes, as well as his outlook for the future of ODU football. Perhaps more important, he outlined what he looks for in athletes and his philosophy for training players. As he made clear, he is interested in more than talented football players; Coach Wilder and his staff want to develop individuals who are accomplished scholars, men of character, and future leaders. After competing as an independent team for two years, ODU football will join the Colonial Athletic Association for the 2011 football season. Stand by for more exciting ODU football this fall!

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NORFOLK CIRCUIT COURT NEWS

The Honorable Everett A. Martin, Chief Judge, Norfolk Circuit Court

For a number of years our Local Rule 2(D)(4) has provided in part: "If a brief is filed in support of or in opposition to any demurrer, plea, or motion in any unassigned case, counsel shall request that the Docket Administrator assign the hearing of such matter to a judge." This is rarely being followed. We adopted this so a brief could be presented to a judge and he could have sufficient time to read it before the hearing. It is of little value to a client to have the attorney prepare a brief that the judge first sees at the beginning of a hear-

ing. Please send Mrs. Wendy Spivey a copy of the cover letter filing any brief in any unassigned case. Mrs. Spivey will then assign the hearing on that particular matter to a judge and the hearing date will be set through her.

The second matter involves appeals of criminal convictions. On occasion, counsel retained or appointed to represent a criminal defendant at trial will not be able to represent him on the appeal. The Court is preparing a list of attorneys willing to represent criminal defendants on appeals

in these circumstances. We expect many of the attorneys presently on the court appointed list will be willing to do this, but we thought we would offer the opportunity to members of the Bar who do not regularly practice criminal law. The compensation the appellate courts pay attorneys for appeals is far from generous, and the attorneys might look upon this as a form of *pro bono* service. Should anyone be interested in assisting the Court in this, he should write a letter of interest to Judge Jerrauld C. Jones.

MESSAGE FROM THE YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION

By Kevin P. Greene, Chair

HAPPY HOUR – The YLS hosted its first Happy Hour of 2010 on February 18 at The Big Easy. Thanks to all who attended, and to **Josh Baker and Christi Cassel** for coordinating the event. We look forward to seeing you at our next happy hour - to be announced soon!

BREAKFAST WITH THE BENCH – The YLS continued its Breakfast with the Bench series on February 23 at D'Egg. **Judge Bruce Wilcox** was the featured speaker. Special thanks to Judge Wilcox and all who attended, as well as **Gretchen Baker** for coordinating the event.

ANNUAL GOLF EVENT - JUNE 24, 2010 – Mark your calendars – the Annual YLS Golf Event is set for **Thursday, June 24, 2010 at Bide-A-Wee Golf Course** in Portsmouth. As always, the proceeds of the event benefit the Norfolk Law Library.



Kevin Greene

Contact David Crain (dcrain@wilsav.com) or Joe Moriarty (jmoriarty@wilsav.com) to register to play.

As in past years, there are free range balls available at noon, and the event will begin with a shotgun start at 1:00. There will be beverages provided during play and a barbeque after the event. The charge for NPBA members who register before June 18 is \$75. The charge is \$85 for non-NPBA members and members who register after June 18.

Sponsorship Opportunities – We ask that you consider sponsoring a hole at the event, or let us know if you have ideas about potential sponsors we should contact. We offer several levels of sponsorship:

- \$500 Gold sponsors
- \$400 Silver sponsors
- \$300 Bronze sponsors
- \$250 Law Firm Sponsors (or \$500 to sponsor a hole and register a foursome)

As always, if you are interested in learning more about the YLS or have ideas about programs or events, please feel free to contact me at kgreene@wilsav.com.

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MARCH LUNCHEON MEETING

Thursday, March 18, 2010
Hits at The Park, Harbor Park
11:45 AM



The Honorable Justice S. Bernard Goodwyn, Virginia Supreme Court

In October 2007, S. Bernard Goodwyn became the first Hampton Roads-based judge to be appointed to the Virginia Supreme Court in 49 years. A former partner at Willcox & Savage, Justice Goodwyn was

first appointed to the bench in 1995, where he served as a General District Court Judge for the City of Chesapeake until his elevation to the Chesapeake Circuit Court on July 1, 1997. In announcing his appointment to the Virginia Supreme Court, Governor Tim Kaine said, "He approaches the law with an appropriate balance of intellectual insight and an understanding of its real-world impact on our citizens." His appointment received wide praise from both Democrats and Republicans. Governor Bob McDonnell described Justice Goodwyn as "a Virginia success story" whose "rulings are shaped by his intellectual achievements and his respect for the rule of law." His highest accolades, however, were from his mother, who described him as "very respectful, very humble" and a good son, father and friend.

Justice Goodwyn still spends at least one night per week in his home town of Southampton County, visiting his mother, 82 year old Dolly Goodwyn.

Justice Goodwyn is a graduate of Harvard University and the University of Virginia School of Law. He remains active in the Hampton Roads community, serving as a Deacon at Galilee Baptist Church in Chesapeake, on numerous judicial committees, and as a lecturer or panelist on various legal programs. He resides in Chesapeake with his wife, Sharon, a partner at Hunton & Williams in Norfolk, and his two teenage children. It is our honor and privilege to welcome Virginia Supreme Court Justice S. Bernard Goodwyn as our speaker for the March NPBA luncheon. Call 622-3152 to register today.

WHY BEING FACULTY FOR AN NPBA CLE IS GOOD FOR YOU: WHAT'S IN IT FOR YOU?

Dawn Serafine, CLE Committee Chair

Offering relevant, affordable CLEs is one of the most important things the NPBA does for its members. It is also one of the most important ways the NPBA raises funds and keeps your annual dues low. Serving as faculty to present CLEs is one of the most rewarding things *you* can do for your NPBA. Don't stop reading here: This isn't just an "ask what you can do for your bar association" article. Being a CLE faculty results in real benefits to *you*.

It keeps NPBA dues low.

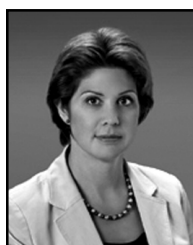
With volunteer faculty, the NPBA is able to put the revenue generated from CLEs into its operating budget, rather than having to pay faculty.

It gives you bonus CLE credits.

For each hour of credit, you earn a multiple of hours for preparation time. Present a seminar each year, and you'll be well on your way to completing your CLE requirements.

You get to showcase your knowledge and experience in a particular area of the law to your fellow attorneys.

These are the same attorneys who may need a referral for a matter outside their own area of expertise, or who may



Dawn Serafine

need to refer a client to another attorney because of a conflict.

It gives you something new

to add to your biography on your firm's website, or a reason to update your social and professional networking profile.

You increase the knowledge of the local bar.

At first, you may not see how this helps you. You even may think it works to your disadvantage. But having opposing counsel who lacks sufficient understanding of either the substantive or procedural law at issue can result in unnecessary (and, for your client, costly) trips to the courthouse and missed opportunities for early resolution. (This is one of the reasons the CLE Committee is so appreciative of our

local judges' willingness to serve as faculty, especially for CLEs concerning procedure – who better knows what lawyers should, but sometimes don't, know before coming into their court room).

You refresh and increase your own knowledge.

There is no better way to learn, and re-learn, a subject than to teach it.

Serving as faculty for a CLE does take some effort. Written materials are required to obtain CLE credit. But you will find the effort is well worth the small amount of time it will take, and you receive extra CLE credit for this preparation time. If you have a CLE or presentation that you have provided in the past to other organizations or in-house at your own firm, if there is a particular area of the law in which you have some expertise that you would be interested in presenting, or if you just want to recommend faculty and topics for upcoming CLEs, please email me at dawn.serafine@troutmansanders.com or Donna Bausch at dbausch@norfolklibrary.org. The CLE committee is preparing now for fall 2010 CLE offerings to be held in September and October.

FIRM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bonnie P. Lane has joined **Clarke, Dolph, Rapaport, Hull, Brunick & Garriott PLC**. Lane practices civil defense litigation, in both state and federal courts, in the areas of worker's compensation, insurance defense, product liability, premises liability and asbestos. She received her undergraduate degree at the College of William and Mary and her law degree at Widener University School of Law.

Crenshaw, Ware & Martin, PLC is pleased to announce the inclusion of two of its partners in Virginia Business Magazine's Legal Elite. **Ann K. Sullivan** is recognized for her work in Employment and Labor Law and **Donald C. Schultz** for his work in Bankruptcy Law.

Glasser and Glasser, P.L.C. is pleased to announce that the following attorneys have joined the firm as associates in the Creditors' Rights Division: **Daniel Bengston** will focus on Collections. He is a graduate of Regent University and was formerly with the Law Office of John P. Frye, P.C. **Melissa Watson-Goode** will focus on Bankruptcy. She is a graduate of Regent University and was formerly with Merna Law Group, P.C. **Erin Quinn** will focus on Foreclosure. She is a graduate of Washington and Lee School of Law and was formerly with Troutman Sanders.

Reeves Mahoney, a shareholder in the law firm of **Huff, Poole & Mahoney, P.C.**, has been selected as 2010 Family Lawyer of the Year by Best Lawyers in America.

Kaufman & Canoles, P.C. is pleased to announce that the following attorneys were selected as the top attorneys in litigation for inclusion in Virginia Super Lawyers, Corporate Counsel Edition 2010: **Terence Murphy**, Construction Litigation; **Stephen E. Noona**, Intellectual Property Litigation; **W. Edgar Spivey**, Securities Litigation.

Kaufman & Canoles, P.C. is pleased to announce that **Alfred M. Randolph, Jr.** has been inducted into the 2010 Class of Fellows of the Virginia Law Foundation. Membership in the Fellows recognizes excellence in the practice of law and public service and is limited to one percent of the active and associate membership of the Virginia State Bar. Mr. Randolph is a

partner in the firm's Norfolk office. He is Vice President for associate recruitment and retention and the co-chair of the firm's lender representation group. His practice includes general business law, lender representation, corporate and commercial transactions, and intellectual property law. His civic involvement includes serving on the Board of Trustees of Norfolk Academy and the Board of Directors of Virginia Beach Vision and Tidewater Scholarship Foundation (ACCESS).

LeClairRyan is pleased to announce the following promotions: **Leslie F. Spasser**-Shareholder, **J. Neal Insley**-Special Counsel; **Daniel R. Quarles**-Partner.

LeClairRyan is pleased to announce that the following attorneys from the Norfolk office were selected for inclusion in 2009's Legal Elite: **Alan D. Albert** - Criminal Law, **Neal P. Brodsky** - Taxes/Estates/Trusts/Elder Law, **Patrick J. Hurd** - Health Law, **Stephen R. Romine** - Real Estate/Land Use.

Amy Pesesky, a trusts and estates attorney, has been named to the Board of Directors of ForKids. She is a past advisory board member for the March of Dimes.

Tavss Fletcher attorneys **John R. Fletcher** and **Scott J. Flax** were named in Virginia Business Magazine's 2009 Legal Elite in the practice of Criminal Law. Mr. Fletcher, Mr. Flax, and **A.T. Mayo, Jr.** were among the lawyers listed in the 2009 Virginia Super Lawyers Magazine. Mr. Fletcher: plaintiff's personal injury; Mr. Flax as a rising star in the same area of practice; A .T. Mayo, Jr.: general litigation.

Taylor & Walker, P.C. is pleased to announce that **Temple W. Cabell** and **William R. "Rob" Sievers**, formerly of Schaffer & Cabell, PC, have joined the Richmond office as partners. **Richard W. Schaffer** will be Of Counsel. In addition, **Dannielle Hall-McIvor** and **Greg W. Klein** have joined the Norfolk office as associates. Ms. Hall-McIvor is a graduate of the Regent University School of Law, and was formerly with Kaufman & Canoles. Mr. Klein was with The Dickerson and Smith Law Group and is also a graduate of the Regent University School of Law.

Troutman Sanders is pleased to announce that three new attorneys have joined its Hampton Roads offices. Associates **Maryia Y. Jones** and **Elizabeth S. Flowers** in Virginia Beach and **Adam Harrison** in Norfolk. Maryia Jones is an associate in the Securities & Corporate Governance practice area. She received her law degree from the College of William and Mary, a bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, from Belarusian State University and is fluent in Russian. Elizabeth Flowers is an associate in the Complex Litigation practice group. She received her law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law, where she served as a Dillard Teaching Fellow. She holds an undergraduate degree, magna cum laude, in Finance from James Madison University. Adam Harrison is an associate in the Transportation practice group in the area of admiralty and maritime law. Adam holds a law degree from the College of William and Mary, and a bachelor's degree from Cornell University.

Willcox & Savage is proud to announce that **Kevin P. Greene** has been elected as a partner of the firm effective January 1, 2010. He practices in the Products Liability Group. Kevin's practice focuses on the defense of premises owners, theme parks, resorts, asbestos and other product manufacturers, as well as general personal injury and insurance defense litigation. Kevin also handles commercial landlord-tenant disputes and related litigation. Kevin was recently recognized for his professional accomplishments and commitment to the community by being named one of the area's "Top 40 Under 40" by Inside Business magazine. He currently serves as state Co-Chair and Hampton Roads Regional Coordinator of the YMCA/Virginia Bar Association Model Judiciary Program, which provides high school students across the state with the opportunity to learn about the judicial process. Kevin is a member of the Virginia Bar Association Young Lawyers Division Executive Committee and is Chair of the NPBA Young Lawyers Section. Kevin graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law in 2002. He received his B.A. from George Mason University in 1999.

Willcox & Savage is pleased to announce that **Cher E. Wynkoop** has joined the firm

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as a partner in our Employee Benefits Group. Cher was formerly a partner and the Deputy Practice Group Leader with Reed Smith in Pittsburgh. She has extensive experience in designing, implementing and maintaining complex employee benefits programs, including retirement, health and welfare and executive compensation programs. Cher also regularly counsels clients on complicated ERISA issues related to mergers, acquisitions, collective bargaining agreements and retiree health plans. Cher graduated from Capital University with a J.D. and an LL.M. in Taxation. She received her B.S. from the United State Air Force Academy and is a retired Air Force Captain.

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LEGAL OUTREACH CLINIC NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer attorneys are needed to provide legal advice and assistance to individuals from our community at an NPBA Young Lawyer Section sponsored legal outreach clinic. The clinic will give individuals with low income an opportunity to consult with an attorney about their legal problems.

What is the time and date for the clinic?

Date: Saturday, April 17, 2010

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Place: Booker T. Washington High School
1111 Park Avenue, Norfolk

How does the clinic work?

The clinic will consist of six half-hour consultation sessions. During each session, volunteer attorneys will each meet with a clinic participant who seeks legal advice related to the attorney's practice area.

What practice areas will be involved at the clinic?

- Domestic Relations
- Wills & Estate Planning

- Real Estate
- Consumer Fraud/Abuse
- Creditor Debtor
- Military Rights & Benefits
- Landlord/Tenant
- Ex-Offender Rights
- Bankruptcy
- Immigration

Must a volunteer attorney be available all three hours?

No. Attorneys may volunteer their time for a single half-hour session, stay for the entire event, or anything in between.

Are volunteer attorneys obligated to continue representation after the clinic?

No. At the end of each session, the volunteer attorney may elect, but is under no obligation, to continue representing a clinic participant.

How can I volunteer?

Where I can get more information?

Contact Shalanda Franklin-Verdell at sfranklinverdell@vanblk.com or 446-8653.

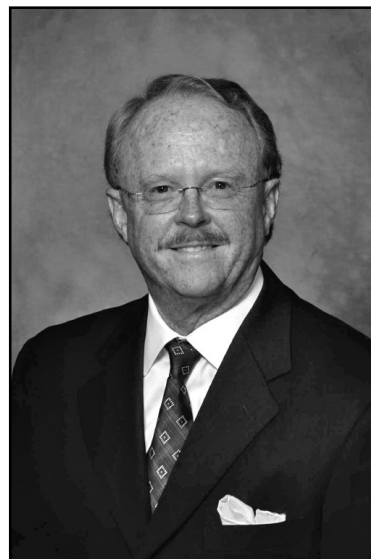
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ARNOLD BORDEN MCKINNON TO BE POSTHUMOUSLY RECOGNIZED AS A FELLOW OF THE NORFOLK AND PORTSMOUTH BAR ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION

Thanks to generous contributions from The Beazley Foundation and a number of former co-workers, friends, and peers, Arnold Borden McKinnon will be posthumously recognized as a Fellow of the NPBA Foundation at the NPBA luncheon meeting scheduled at Hits at the Park on March 18th.

Arnold was born in Goldsboro, North Carolina, in 1927 and earned his undergraduate and law degrees at Duke University; he was a member of the law review and Order of the Coif. He joined the law department of Southern Railway Company

in 1951, where his extraordinary legal abilities and exceptional personal qualities led to rapid promotions, culminating in his election as Southern's Executive Vice President-Law and Finance in 1981. In 1987, he was elected Norfolk Southern Corporation's second Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, and he remained a director of the Corporation until 2000.

Consistent with his and his family's strong commitment to enhancing the quality of life in their community, Arnold was active in a wide variety of important civic

organizations including The First Presbyterian Church, the Chrysler Museum (of which he was a Trustee), the Virginia Symphony (of which he was a Director), and Old Dominion University (of which he was Rector).

In sum, Arnold exemplified those characteristics to which all of us aspire: consummate professionalism, a passionate devotion to his family and community, an ability to bring out the best in those with whom he worked and those who worked for him, and an exuberance for life that touched and bettered all who knew him.

— Robert H. Powell III

Pro Bono Initiative - Foster Care Project

Members of the NPBA Pro Bono Initiative held a "Your Legal Rights" seminar for Norfolk young adults about to age out of the foster care program on Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at the Norfolk Department of Human Services (NDHS). **Heather Kelley** of the Norfolk City Attorney's Office and **Amy Taipalus McClure** of Crenshaw, Ware & Martin teamed up with Delilah Collins of NDHS to organize the event and provide speakers to address difficulties children may face as they leave foster care and begin their journeys into independent living.

Phil Boone and **Ray Hartz** of the Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia spoke to the children about consumer issues, explaining how cellular phone contracts and high-interest automobile financing can negatively affect their credit scores. Mr. Boone then joined **Elaine Inman Hogan** of Crenshaw, Ware & Martin to address landlord-tenant issues. The pair thoroughly explained the responsibilities attendees

may have under their leases, the obligations they can expect landlords to fulfill, and what actions to take should they be served with a summons for unlawful detainer. **Linda McCausland** of the Office of the Public Defender and Mr. Hartz provided useful information relating to both civil and criminal aspects of family law and domestic violence.

The *Pro Bono* Initiative, headed by **Shalanda Franklin-Verdell** of Vandeventer Black, hopes that this event will help open channels of communication between foster care young adults and attorneys willing to provide them with *pro bono* services. If you are interested in providing pro bono services to young adults aging out of foster care, please contact Amy Taipalus McClure at amcclure@cwmm-law.com. The initiative extends a special thank you to all of the speakers as well as the individuals at NDHS who helped make the program a success.

JANUARY LUNCHEON FOLLOW-UP

The guest speaker for the January NPBA luncheon was Virginia State Bar President Jon Huddleston. In addition to providing our members an update regarding current issues being considered by the state bar, Mr. Huddleston spoke about an issue he has adopted during his year as president—highlighting Virginia attorneys who are volunteering in numerous capacities all over the Commonwealth without recognition. As he pointed out, Virginia lawyers are extremely involved in their communities, volunteering in all types of capacities. Many serve "in the trenches," eager to work directly with those who will benefit from their service. In addition to speaking to various groups about these attorneys, Mr. Huddleston is developing a series of interviews that will be available both on the VSB website and on YouTube. He hopes that by spotlighting what Virginia's "good lawyers" are doing, we as a profession can make inroads in fighting negative stereotypes regarding attorneys.

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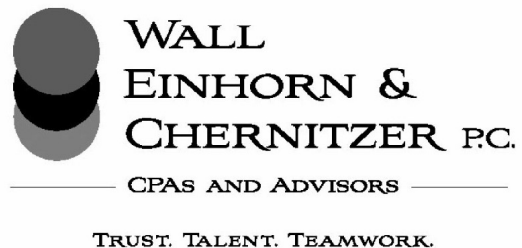
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NPBA has several programs for which volunteers are needed. Please mark below those programs on which you would like more information or with which you are interested in working, and return this form to the NPBA Bar Office. We will see to it that the appropriate individual contacts you to discuss exactly how you can help. ***You really can make a difference!***

- ☐ Pro Bono Circuit Court Referral Program – This is a new program where you agree to be put on a referral list maintained by NPBA and occasionally be assigned *pro bono* cases involving low income litigants, who are referred by Norfolk state court judges; assignments will be based on practice area and can be turned down at your discretion.
- ☐ Pro Bono Legal Outreach Clinic – This is a new program designed as a *one-day* clinic to provide *pro bono* legal advice and assistance to low income individuals (in partnership with STOP Organization and Regent University Law School); it is scheduled for Saturday, April 17, 2010 from 10 AM to 1 PM at Booker T. Washington High School.
- ☐ Rule of Law Project – This is a new program developed by the VBA where volunteers participate in a *one-day* presentation to middle school civics students to help them understand and appreciate the significance of the rule of law in their daily lives (training materials provided); it is planned to take place on a weekday in late April in anticipation of Law Day 2010.

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