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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - *COPING WITH COVID-19*



Charles M. Lollar

These are challenging times. Not just to the legal profession; throughout the world. My year as president began last May rather routinely, without surprises. It is ending with a surprise very few anticipated.

I am worried. We are all worried. Although most of us may not know anyone who has succumbed to the Coronavirus, you may know someone who tested positive. I do. A local friend was released recently from the Sentara Leigh COVID-19 Ward to continue his recovery at home. He voiced nothing but praise for the treatment he received from the committed health care workers while hospitalized. My thoughts, and I have many, are that we are in one of the best places on the planet to ride out this virus storm. Hampton Roads has incredible health care and a cutting-edge approach to illness treatments.

I worry about the impact upon our local economy and our profession. With so many out of work, we all suffer. I am encouraged by the response of our federal, state and local governments. But for that, the financial impact would be much worse. I am also encouraged by the volunteer response of our local private sector. We have come to expect, maybe take for granted, that local health care workers and first responders regularly risk their personal health attending the health of others. It's not expected of the rest of the population, but folks are stepping up. Lawyers are doing their part to support our community by adapting to the altered work environment to serve their clients and many are preparing themselves for the type of legal needs that will most certainly rise among the impoverished and less fortunate through training workshops like those offered by the Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia.

This time of world crisis seems an odd time to hand off the baton of leadership. However, I want to reassure my successor that the Association will persevere through the next twelve months, as he has demonstrated throughout this past year that he has the "Right Stuff" to keep us moving forward.

As I turn our bar leadership over to the capable hands of President-Elect Lamont Maddox, I want to thank first all the hard-working NPBA committee members and chairs for making this year a success. We have maintained our membership in a difficult and changing professional environment. I also want to thank the members of our Executive Committee (listed on the next page) for their outstanding leadership and the motivation that they provided to their assigned liaison Bar Committees.

We have a new Executive Director in Isaac Needell. He is doing a great job, having jumped into the driver's seat seeing a road with many curves. Isaac, like his predecessor, also serves our

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UPCOMING EVENTS

ANNUAL DINNER MEETING

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday, August 4, 2020
Norfolk Yacht & Country Club

PRO BONO WEEK 2020

SAVE THE DATE

October 25-31, 2020

BENCH BAR CONFERENCE

Monday, September 21, 2020, Noon
Norfolk Waterside Marriott

Keynote Speaker: Hon. Mark Martin,
Dean, Regent University School of Law,
former Chief Justice, North Carolina Supreme Court

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community as librarian of the Norfolk Law Library. And last, but certainly not least, I must recognize Donna Bausch. Having retired after 27 years of service to the Norfolk Law Library and the Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association, she leaves us a far better, more modern volunteer professional organization.

To all our members, please stay safe. In the months ahead, don't forget your sunscreen around the mask and gloves and over the sanitizer (a little levity never hurts). Most of all stay upbeat and happy, knowing this pandemic too will pass.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Court orders related to the Judicial Emergency in response to COVID-19 can be found on the bar association website: <http://www.norfolkandportsmouthbar.org>

Free legal resources regarding COVID-19 from Westlaw, LexisNexis, Bloomberg, and many others can be found on the Norfolk Law Library website: <https://norfolklawlibrary.org/>

The Virginia Bar Association's Domestic Relations Section, the Virginia State Bar's

Family Law Section, the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, and the Virginia Family Law Coalition have formed a joint work group to address issues of concern to lawyers relating to the judicial emergency. Attorneys with concerns relating to the judicial emergency that they believe are not being addressed, or solutions you believe would be beneficial to the family law bar and its clients, can submit a comment at the following website: https://www.vba.org/page/dr_comment

YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION

By Jamilah D. LeCruise, Chair • jdlcruise@lecruiselaw.com • 627-5215

It has been an honor to serve as Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association Young Lawyers Section Chair. Thank you to the lawyers of all ages and the wonderful firm sponsors who supported our section, especially with regard to our community service efforts. Overall, we have had an excellent year.

In May, we held our Mentoring Program Kickoff at O'Connor Brewing Company in Ghent. A special thank you to the senior lawyers who volunteered their time to mentees. Our program became the model for the Virginia State Bar mentoring program. The June Annual YLS Golf Tournament at Bide-a-Wee golf course in Portsmouth was sponsored by **Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers, Willcox Savage, and Pierce & Thornton**. Members of the Virginia General Assembly attended and played as well.

In August, **Veteran Reporters** hosted our Annual Summer Social in Virginia Beach and NPBA members donated enough money to send several children to the local Boys & Girls Club. Our October Annual Fall Reception was sponsored by **The McCommon Group, Kalfus & Nachman, John Coggeshall, Swartz, Taliaferro, Swartz & Goodove, Ramin Fatehi, and the Law Office of J. D. LeCruise**.

YLS was able to donate to the Foodbank of



Jamilah LeCruise

Southeastern Virginia and the Eastern Shore twice this year. NPBA members who attended the December holiday party donated toys and in-kind gifts to brighten the season for the Tidewater Park Boys & Girls Club. In February, we hosted our inaugural Winter Mixer at Grace O'Malley's in downtown Norfolk and collected donations for ForKids.

Thank you to all of the involved YLS members who assisted in organizing events and the biggest thank you to the one and only **Donna Bausch** for her years of service to NPBA as well as her guidance and words of wisdom. Congratulations to **Kerry Stolz** who will be taking over the reins as YLS chair for the upcoming year. NPBA is so fortunate to have her dedication and leadership beginning this month.

Be safe and have a great summer.

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Best regards,
Isaac Needell
Law Librarian

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