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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



James A. Metcalfe

Greetings to you, the over 900 members of the Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association, as we begin a new year. When I review the illustrious list of past Presidents of our association, going back to 1900, I am humbled that you have selected me to join such an august group. I will need your support and commitment to continue their legacy. I am particularly grateful to Butch Barr, our immediate past President, and this past year's Executive Committee, and to Donna Bausch, your executive Director, and her "crew" of dedicated employees. You have handed me the reins of a well run and sound organization. I am reminded of the saying "don't fix it if it ain't broke".

The first question I want to address is why join the Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association. The answer to that question is the key to our past and our future. Our mission is to serve the general public and the legal profession by enhancing respect for the rule of law and our system of justice, by education, by example, and by improving the administration of justice, and by providing access to the legal system for all. In doing so, we seek to maintain the highest standards of professionalism and competence of lawyers. Only if we are perceived to achieve that mission in a way that is meaningful to the members of the bar will we continue to attract the vibrant and broad based membership that is vital to continuing to perform our mission. I believe that the achievements of the last year will illustrate how we have performed and why it is important for lawyers to participate in the largest local bar association in the Hampton Roads area.

The functions of the bar are really carried out by the members through committees and sub-committees. To that end, I encourage and indeed urge you to join a committee and participate. Make a meaningful contribution of your time and your ideas. Elsewhere in the Bulletin you will find a list of the 2006-07 committees and their chairpersons and the Executive Committee member who is the liaison to each committee. You will also find a form that will allow you to volunteer your services and lend a hand.

To give you an idea of the great work done by the committees, I have listed a number of their accomplishments this past year below:

The CLE Committee produced 16 live CLE seminars offering 36 CLE credit hours, which over 300 NPBA members have attended to date (as this goes to press there are more scheduled). The seminars are convenient and reasonably priced and are among our primary membership benefits. Members attend CLE seminars at a substantial discount.

The Bench Bar Committee planned the 8th Annual Bench Bar Conference, featuring Gene Nichol, William and Mary President, as keynote speaker. This annual event is a highlight of the year, bringing together judges and practitioners informally for a day of networking and camaraderie, as well as very practical CLE.

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**How to Handle Parallel
Civil and Criminal Proceedings
Thursday, May 11, 2006
1:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.**

**Dominion Tower, 4th Floor Meeting Room
3 CLE Credits**

**Annual Dinner Meeting
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The Program Committee lined up interesting speakers for our edification and enjoyment: Ashley L. Taylor, Jr., Commissioner, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights; Richard C. Conti, Director, National Maritime Center; The Honorable Robert G. Doumar, Eastern District of Virginia; The Honorable Joseph Leafe, Norfolk Circuit Court; VBA President William Van Buren; J. Robert Bray, Virginia Port Authority Executive Director.

The Public Relations Committee coordinated the 15th annual Legal Food Frenzy to benefit the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and instituted a new Mock Trial program in the Norfolk middle schools. They assisted in the selection process for the Walter E. Hoffman Community Service Award.

The Professionalism Committee assisted in the selection process for the Eggleston/ l'Anson Professionalism Award, the Association's most prestigious recognition of sustained superior service. The Committee also assisted the Bench Bar program by providing the insights gained from a 2005 Professionalism Committee survey of judges from all the local state and federal courts.

The Membership Committee worked throughout the year on member recruitment and retention projects and your association has maintained its membership at almost 950, the largest local bar in Southeastern Virginia.

The NPBA Foundation has begun a major fundraising campaign (see the report by Joe Migliozi elsewhere in the Bulletin), awarded two scholarships to high school seniors for their winning essays, and secured grants from the Virginia Law Foundation and The Norfolk Foundation to advance its mission.

The Young Lawyers Section conducted their annual golf tournament whose proceeds are donated to the Norfolk Law Library. They continued the popular Breakfasts with the Bench and initiated a Wills for Heroes project, which provided wills to first responders in Norfolk. They also held their annual fall gathering at the home of Judge Joe Leafe. Those who attended heard an eloquent explanation by Judge Charles Poston of the importance of active membership in your Association (I wish I had taken better notes!).

The Judicial Endorsements Committee, chaired by Ray King, participated in the process to fill vacancies created by the retirement of Judge Leafe and another committee assisted the Circuit Court in a search for a new Commissioner of Accounts to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Hume Taylor.

All in all, nearly 200 NPBA members participated in committee or section activities and many more attended NPBA sponsored CLEs, meetings and conferences. Yours is an active and vital association, but it can only remain so through your participation.

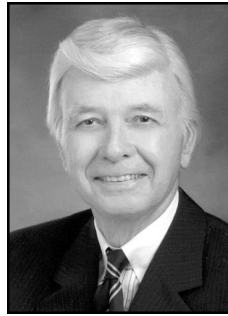
Much work remains to be done. A new Norfolk judicial center is sorely needed for safety and security reasons as well as public trust and confidence in the justice system. The NPBA must continue to provide leadership towards early implementation of that goal and I expect the Courts of Justice Committee, chaired by Marjorie Arrington, with Kelly St. Clair as liaison, to be at the forefront. Our community is also home to the largest congregation of armed forces in the country. With that comes a broad spectrum of military law issues of importance to both military and civilian lawyers. I am confident the Military Law and Lawyers Committee, with Sarah Mowchan as chair and David Buzard as liaison will bring those issues into focus. As always, providing advice and recommendations on judicial appointments remains an important function of our Judicial Endorsements Committee. Within the legal community, there can be no more sacred trust than that we assign to judges. It behooves us to ensure that the legislature has the benefit of the observations of the bar. We are also going to establish a Past Presidents Council to advise the President and Executive Committee. We need the benefit of the wisdom and experience of our past Presidents.

In all these endeavors we need the energy and commitment of each NPBA member to maintain the level of professionalism for which the practicing bar in this area is known. And for these reasons, your membership in the NPBA is one of the best bargains in town. Your membership dues, which have not increased for eight years, pay for luncheon and breakfast meetings, as well as a holiday party. The total actual cost of these seven events, priced individually, would exceed your annual dues of \$185.00. And your dues give you much more by way of discounts for CLE, an opportunity to participate directly in projects affecting the administration of justice, an opportunity to meet with lawyers and judges in mutual endeavors to improve the practice of law, the operation of the courts and justice system, and to develop and maintain the highest ideals of integrity and professionalism within the legal community. We trust you agree and will remain an active part of the region's oldest and largest bar association, the voice of the profession for over 100 years - the NPBA.

Eggleston/I'Anson Professionalism Award

The 2006 recipient of the Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association Eggleston/I'Anson Professionalism Award is Montgomery Knight, Jr. Monty is a partner in the Tax Section at Williams Mullen where his practice is focused on complex commercial tax and fiduciary litigation, condemnation law, estate planning and administration and securities arbitration.

Monty attended Granby High School, graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy, and was awarded a B.A. and J.D. from the College of William & Mary. Shortly thereafter, he entered the United States Air Force



Monty Knight
firm of Doumar, Pincus, Anderson & Knight (later known as Knight, Dudley, Dezern & Clarke). In 1998, he became a principal in

as a Judge Advocate and served on active duty for three years and in the reserves for 27 years, completing his career with the rank of Colonel, USAFR. In the 1960s, he practiced in the law

the firm of Hofheimer Nusbaum, P.C., now Williams Mullen Hofheimer Nusbaum.

Monty served the Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association as President in its centennial year and was instrumental in bringing then Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist as guest speaker at the largest event orchestrated by the Association in its history. In addition to his work as President, Monty has served the Association in nearly every possible capacity and continues to mentor colleagues and foster camaraderie among members of the bar.

His professional affiliations include active involvement in the American Bar Association, Virginia Bar Association, American College of Trust and Estate Counsel, Hampton Roads Estate Planning Council, Hampton Roads Tax Forum and the Board of Governors of the Virginia State Bar Taxation section.

Among his numerous awards and honors are: Fellow, American College of Trust and Estate Counsel; listed in *The Best Lawyers in America* – Trusts & Estates and in *Virginia Business' Legal Elite*; U.S. Court of Appeals, 4th Circuit, Judicial Conference; Permanent Member.

His community involvement includes the Cedar Point Club, Chesapeake Athletic Club, Eastern Virginia Medical School Board of Visitors, Norfolk Sports Club, Tidewater Professional Sports and the Virginia Club.

The Centennial Edition of Law Matters states that Monty "is most proud of his wife Jerry...and is also proud of his son Paul, and his daughter Kim, a partner at Alston & Bird in Atlanta." . . . and his grandsons, Miles and Tyler.

Bob Rigney's letter of nomination stated, "Monty Knight exemplifies the concept of professionalism and respect for the law...there is no one more honest, competent or deserving of this award than Montgomery Knight, Jr."

Montgomery Knight, Jr. will receive the Eggleston/I'Anson Professionalism Award at the Annual Meeting of the Association on Thursday, May 18, 2006.

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FEBRUARY BREAKFAST MEETING



VBA President Bill Van Buren, speaker, and NPBA Treasurer John Deal

MARCH LUNCHEON MEETING



The Honorable Hal J. Bonney, The Honorable Joseph A. Leafe, speaker, and NPBA Secretary Dave Lannetti

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Mark V. Pascucci has joined the law firm of **Wolcott Rivers Gates**. Mr. Pascucci practiced as a Certified Public Accountant before earning his law degree from William and Mary School of Law in 2004. As a C.P.A., he provided auditing and tax services to individuals, public charities and privately held corporations. Prior to joining Wolcott Rivers Gates, Mr. Pascucci worked for a boutique estate planning and elder law firm.

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The **McCammon Group** is pleased to announce our newest Member, **Honorable Joseph A. Leafe** (Retired), formerly Chief Judge of the Norfolk Circuit Court. Judge Leafe's eight years on the bench were preceded by a distinguished public service career as well as a broad civil litigation career. He served in the Virginia House of Delegates, Norfolk City Council and was mayor of the City of Norfolk for eight years.

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The Court has started hearing juvenile arraignments in the Virginia Beach Detention Home by video conferencing. The Judge will conduct the hearing in Courtroom #7 at 1:00 p.m. by video on all juveniles detained for arraignments only. Attorneys who are retained must report to the Virginia Beach Detention Home and the parents must report to Courtroom #7, all parties must report to each locality by 1:00 p.m.

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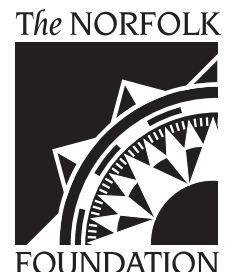
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NPBA FOUNDATION REPORT

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The Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association Foundation was incorporated in 1987 with Guil Ware, Charlie Tucker, Toy Savage and Leroy Canoles as its first officers and principal benefactors. Over the years, the Foundation has operated from the nest egg of the initial benefactors, the annual contributions made by renewing bar members and from several small grants. These funds have sustained the Foundation's mission to promote the administration of justice, educate the public about the importance of law in their daily lives, and enhance the image of the legal profession in our community.



Joe Migliozi

In the past two years, the Foundation has awarded \$7,000 in scholarships to high school seniors to apply to their first year's college tuition. Area high school seniors participated in what has become an annual writing contest on topics of current legal interest. Once again our recipients will be recognized at the NPBA Annual Meeting, on May 18th. The Foundation has also made a \$3,000 grant to the Norfolk Law Library to assist in updating the Library's website.

The annual giving as a check-off on bar dues renewals, however, has not generated sufficient funds to carry out the Foundation's mission. The current Board of Directors has recognized the need to strengthen the financial status in order to better carry out the Foundation's purposes. While contributions at any level are always welcome, the Board has instituted a Fellows of the Foundation program to increase funding and to recognize those who have made significant financial commitments to the foundation.

Therefore, on behalf of the Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association Foundation, it is with great enthusiasm that I invite fellow lawyers and all members of the legal community to become Fellows of the Foundation. The Fellows program recognizes those persons and organizations that share the Foundation's philanthropic vision and are willing to financially commit themselves to the success of this mission.

Becoming a Fellow of the Foundation is itself an honor, publicly acknowledging the individuals and firms who have made

important financial contributions to the work of the Foundation. The Fellows initiative is divided among various levels of giving, each level requiring a specific pledge that may be satisfied in annual payments. Charter Fellows and Charter Law Firms will be challenged to make a one-time contribution before December 31, 2006. The Foundation Board members have committed their time and resources to personally meet with as many bar members as possible to discuss the Fellows initiative. I encourage you to welcome these representatives of your Foundation and fellow lawyers into your office or firm so that they may more thoroughly address any questions you may have regarding this exciting program. We also seek your advice and counsel on programs that you think the Foundation should support or develop.

With the fundraising campaign underway, the Foundation has started planning a variety of projects it hopes to support or fund in the near future. The Foundation plans to continue and expand the scholarship program that has been such a success. Other initiatives the Foundation hopes to support include regular speaking forums, a legal conference for journalists, a program facilitating pro-bono legal service by retired senior attorneys and a community forum/discussion regarding the construction of a new courthouse complex for the City of Norfolk. The Foundation should also be able to fund programs of the Association that carry out the mission and philanthropic purposes of the Foundation.

The Foundation, its board and supporters are excited about future involvement in our local community. Yet, this Foundation cannot exist without your support and financial contributions. I ask that every member of the Association, whether recently admitted to the practice of law or an experienced lawyer, or a person or organization who shares the Foundation's goals, to consider making a financial contribution to the future of the Foundation ... and to the promotion of justice and the rule of law in the Hampton Roads area.

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A Job Well Done

For nearly five years, **Sylvia Sykes** has provided exemplary service to the Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association as its Administrative Assistant. Her dedication, detail-orientation and genuine interest in getting to know our members and serve their needs to the fullest made her truly invaluable, as anyone who has served on a committee or attended an NPBA event will attest. Just as Sylvia came to know and care about our members as individuals, we have all come to know and care for Sylvia. She will truly be missed.

Her knowledge of the local area, having been born and raised in South Norfolk, combined with her varied and extensive work and life experience, determination and sticktoitiveness, made her perfect for her role with our small staff. We were able to rely upon Sylvia with full confidence in her professionalism, judgment and communication skills. How fortunate we have been to have Sylvia as a colleague.

Sylvia hopes to travel extensively (Scotland, anyone?) and spend more time with her family, especially her grandchildren. We wish her all the very best as she transitions to the richly deserved rewards of retirement.

Thank you, Sylvia, for a job well done!

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The students were given a set of facts for a criminal case involving vandalism, damage to property, and a computer crime committed by a student against a local high school. The instructors began by teaching the participants about our system of justice, jury voir dire and plea agreements. Then, during each week of class, a specific portion of the trial process was covered – Opening Statements, Direct Examination, Cross Examination, and Closing Arguments. During the final weeks, the participants put the entire trial together and practiced the new skills involved.

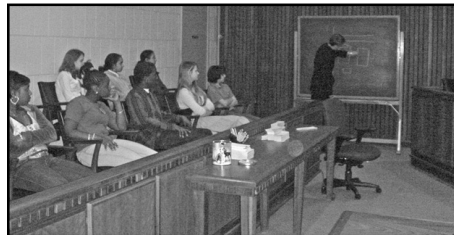
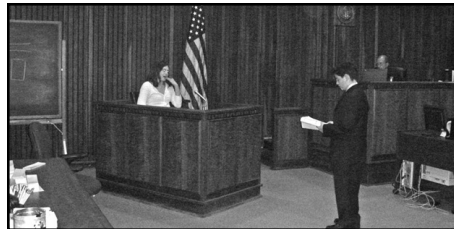
On March 14, 2006, participants from both schools met at the Norfolk Circuit Court and conducted their trials in front of our judge volunteers, the Honorable Norman Thomas (Circuit Court Judge) and

the Honorable George Schaefer (Clerk of the Norfolk Circuit Court) and juries of their actual peers (student volunteers from each of the middle schools). After lengthy deliberations, one jury resulted in a “hung” verdict and the other jury returned a verdict in favor of the defendant. Judge Thomas and Judge Schaefer offered the students analysis of the case and additional information on court procedures and objections. The program was able to provide the students with a real hands-on experience of how the criminal justice process

works in Virginia while still allowing everyone involved, from the students participating, to the attorney instructors and the courthouse volunteers, to have fun.

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WILLS FOR HEROES – A YOUNG LAWYERS' SECTION PROJECT

By Tricia Batson, Immediate Past Chair

During the months of January, February and March, the NPBA Young Lawyers Section, in conjunction with the Virginia State Bar Young Lawyers Conference and the Virginia Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, conducted the Wills for Heroes program in Norfolk. Wills for Heroes was designed as a response to the tragedy of September 11. Through the program, young lawyers around the country implemented a program to provide wills, powers of attorney and advance medical directives to first responders.

In implementing this program in Norfolk, I was amazed by the support provided by the bar association and its members. As we all are aware, although community service is an integral responsibility of being an attorney, it is often easy to be wrapped up in day-to-day responsibilities. However, the response for support for this program was overwhelming. Over 70 attorneys and 68 legal staff members volunteered to as-



Tricia Batson

sist in some capacity. I would like to thank each of you for making the program a rewarding and enjoyable experience.

The volunteers provided estate planning services to over 100 members of the Norfolk police, sheriff and fire departments. As program chair, I had the pleasure of speaking with many of these officers and they were thankful and appreciative of the services provided.

A special thanks goes to several trust and estates specialists who answered my many questions and provided me with the legal tools necessary to provide this ser-

vice to the first responders. Amy Pesesky, Leigh Anne Bowling and Neil Rose gave numerous presentations at a CLE for the attorney volunteers and information sessions for the first responders. They also acted as on site experts at several will signing sessions to provide advice to the volunteer attorneys.

An additional vote of thanks goes to the law firm of Kaufman & Canoles, P.C. for assisting with some of the costs of the program. I could not have coordinated this program without the support of a committee that helped with planning and coordinating. Several of them participated in numerous conference calls to plan the events, coordinated volunteers and dedicated much time to assisting with the numerous sessions for the first responders. Thank you to my committee: Tiffany Hansen, Derek Myers and Sarah Mowchan.

Again, thank you all for your dedication in making this program a success.

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HOFFMAN COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The 2006 recipient of the Walter E. Hoffman Community Service Award is Tricia Batson. Tricia was nominated to receive the Hoffman Award by her fellow Young Lawyers Section Board members Tiffany Hansen, Andy Fox and Derek Myers. Hansen wrote: "Tricia Batson should win this prestigious award because of her zeal for helping those less fortunate." Even though Tricia's "day job" with the Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia involves public service, her numerous volunteer commitments also benefit the community in significant ways.

As Chair of the NPBA Young Lawyers Section, Tricia found the time to launch and implement the Wills for Heroes Program, which provided simple wills and durable powers of attorney to local first responders. From inception to implementation, Tricia took the lead and worked in the trenches. Her efforts were a model of bar leadership and volunteerism. The initiative, time and effort she devoted to this project was exemplary. Tricia took the lead in other YLS projects ranging from Youth Service Day to the Golf Tournament to Breakfasts with the Bench since 2004, and served as its Treasurer and Chair.

Tricia served as a volunteer judge for mock trial and negotiation competitions at Regent Law School. She is working to amend legislation regarding domestic violence victims' access to utilities when the abusing party terminates the account.

Hansen wrote: "Tricia has touched hundreds of lives in the Hampton Roads area. She has inspired many of us to step outside of our comfort zone and reach out to underserved populations." Tricia has led with grace and good humor. Her leadership style is inclusive and collaborative. Though a busy wife and mother, Tricia continues to carve out the time to selflessly serve her community, and, thereby enhance the image of the legal profession.

The Award is named for the Honorable Walter E. Hoffman who served as a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia for many years. Judge Hoffman helped initiate the "rocket docket" system that made the Eastern District of Virginia one of the most efficient federal courts in the country. The NPBA first gave this award in 1996. The criteria for the award are that the recipient be an active practicing member of the NPBA, less than Forty (40) years of age and an active

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In 2006, Tricia Batson joins this illustrious group.

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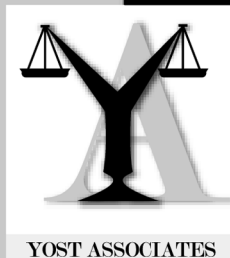
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