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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Jeffrey L. Stredler

It is an honor to serve as the President of the Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association. In my first President's Message, I would like introduce our Executive Committee. Although you may already know some of our Executive Committee members, I think it is important for you to see that we have a leadership team with a variety of backgrounds, practice areas, and experience.

We are grateful to have the continued service of Dave Lannetti as Past President. Dave did an outstanding job as President, and his tireless efforts continued to move our Association forward in what continues to be a very challenging economic climate. We all owe Dave a debt of gratitude for his commitment, leadership, and energy, all of which have helped to ensure a strong future for our Association. Whether he

was working to implement the Pro Bono Court Referral Program in Norfolk Circuit Court, hosting our luncheon speakers, helping to coordinate the Rule of Law Project, the Norfolk Middle School Mock Trial Program, or the Pro Bono Outreach Clinic, Dave always devoted a tremendous amount of his time to support the ongoing success of the NPBA. He has been an excellent role model for all of us on the Executive Committee.

Chip Beaman will serve as President-Elect. Many of you may know Chip through his twenty-one years in the Norfolk City Attorney's office. Chip is a Deputy City Attorney and his primary areas of practice are municipal real estate, land use, and development. Chip grew up in Norfolk and is a William & Mary School of Law graduate. Chip's son Rob is a NPBA member and practices with Troutman Sanders in Virginia Beach. Gary Bryant will serve as Treasurer. Gary is a partner with Willcox & Savage and practices commercial litigation, environmental and appellate law. Gary grew up in Norfolk and clerked for Judge Walter Hoffman in Norfolk Federal Court. In addition to his law firm practice, Gary teaches antitrust and environmental law classes as an adjunct professor at Regent University. Virginia VanValkenburg will serve as Secretary. Virginia grew up in Richmond and started her legal career at Breit, Drescher & Breit. In 2003, Virginia joined the United States Attorney's Office, where she defends the government in a wide variety of matters including employment discrimination, medical malpractice, immigration, bankruptcy, habeas corpus, and Social Security disability claims.

Chuck McPhillips is Executive Vice-President of Practice Management at Kaufman & Canoles, where he has practiced corporate law for twenty-five years. Another Norfolk native, Chuck's business law practice includes public-private partnerships, mergers and acquisitions, and general corporate law. Chuck is also Founding Chairman of Saint Patrick Catholic School. Bob Timms also grew up in Hampton Roads and is a partner with Stokes, Timms, Bell, & Vaiden. Bob's practice

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

Legal Guide to Pleasure Boating 3 CLE Credits Thursday, May 27, 2010 1:30 - 4:30 PM Norfolk Yacht & County Club

Young Lawyers Section Golf Event Thursday, June 24, 2010 • 1:00 PM Bide-A-Wee Golf Course Drafting Pleadings: Nuts & Bolts of Basic Pleadings 3 CLE Credits Wednesday, September 15, 2010

Handling a Personal Injury Case: Phone Call to Verdict 3 CLE Credits (1 Ethics) Monday, September 27, 2010

Employment Law Update for the General Practitioner 2 CLE Credits Tuesday, September 28, 2010

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areas are corporate law, real estate, and estate planning. Some of you may also know Bob's wife, Kimberley Timms, an attorney with Vandeventer Black. Both Bob and Chuck bring a valuable business background to our Committee operations.

Wayne Williams grew up in Onancock and in 2008, formed Williams DeLoatche, P.C., where he focuses his practice in insurance defense. Wayne helped organize the successful Mock Trial Program in the Norfolk Middle Schools and also performs volunteer work for the American Lung Association and the Hampton Roads Asthma Walk. As President of the Norfolk Law Library Board, Alan Albert will serve on our Executive Committee again this year. Many of you know Alan through his extensive litigation practice at LeClair Ryan. Alan also serves on the Virginia Board of Conservation and Recreation, which oversees Virginia's park system and conservation programs.

We have two new members joining our Executive Committee. Mary Morgan practices with Cooper, Spong & Davis in Portsmouth and focuses her practice in civil litigation. Mary headed up the Bench Bar Committee this year and for those of you who attended the conference you saw what a wonderful job she did in that capacity. Wes Simon will Chair the Young Lawyers Section. Wes grew up in Richmond and began his legal career at the Chesapeake Public Defender's office. Wes recently started his own firm and focuses his practice in the areas of traffic, criminal defense, and personal injury. We are looking forward to having these two new additions to our Executive Committee along with their fresh ideas and contributions.

As for me, I grew up in Virginia Beach and began my legal career with Hofheimer Nusbaum in 1991, where I primarily handled civil litigation matters. Hofheimer Nusbaum subsequently merged with Williams Mullen and I continued to practice with the firm until 2007 when I joined the legal department at Amerigroup Corporation, where I currently work as the company's litigation counsel.

With close to 900 members, our Association has a very diverse membership, and all of us recognize that diversity is important to our Association for many different reasons. We are actively working to promote diversity within our Association at all levels by constantly seeking to add talented individuals to our committees and membership, as well as providing speakers, programs, and volunteer opportunities that appeal to a wide audience. Although we have Executive Committee representatives from large, mid-sized and small firms, a solo practitioner, in-house counsel, government counsel, civil and criminal defense litigators, corporate attorneys, Norfolk firms, and a Portsmouth firm, we are all committed to working towards even more diverse leadership in our Association and we are always looking for individuals who bring different backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives to the activities of our Association. To help us meet this goal, I encourage all of you to become more involved with the NPBA, participate in those committees or programs that interest you, and get involved so that you can help shape the future of our community and our profession.

Once again, thank you for providing me with the opportunity to serve as your President. It is truly an honor, and I welcome your suggestions as to how we can serve you this year.

# Rule of Law Project - Volunteers Needed

NPBA is partnering with the Juvenile Justice Collaborative, the local chapter of the Virginia Women Attorneys Association, and the South Hampton Roads Bar Association to provide presentations covering an introduction to law and the rule of law to Norfolk Public Schools middle school students June 7 - 14, 2010. A PowerPoint presentation will be provided for your use. NPBA members are asked to identify mornings or afternoons during this two-week period that they are available to provide these presentations, which in most cases will be to individual middle school classes. We will assign you to a specific school based upon your availability. This is an excellent opportunity to make a direct impact on

middle school students with minimal investment of time and effort. Please contact Shelly Wood at **sfwood@sfwoodlaw.com** or at 312-0211 and let her know what time periods you are available to assist.

# \* \* \* COURT NEWS

The annual Judicial Conference is scheduled for August 9-10, 2010. The **Norfolk Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court** will have one court available for arraignments and emergency cases only on these dates.

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# **March Luncheon Wrap-Up**

The guest speaker for our March luncheon was Virginia Supreme Court Justice Bernard Goodwyn. Among other things, Justice Goodwyn discussed "behind closed doors" court procedures regarding review of petitions for certiorari and drafting of Supreme Court opinions. Those in attendance clearly got a better appreciation for how to more effectively represent their clients before Virginia's highest court. Perhaps more importantly, they also were given the opportunity to be addressed by perhaps the most personable Supreme Court Justice, who just so happens to live in the local area.

# **Legal Clinic Wrap-Up**

NPBA held what we hope will be the first of many *pro bono* legal outreach clinics at Booker T. Washington High School on April 17th. The effort was a great partnering event between NPBA, the STOP Organization, and Regent University School of Law. The STOP Organization identified and scheduled low-income clients for 30-minute consultations with NPBA volunteer attorneys, while Regent University law students assisted with intake procedures. Volunteer attorneys were available to provide advice in the areas of expungement of records, reinstatement of driving licenses, family law, landlord/tenant

matters, creditor rights, bankruptcy, and estate planning. Special thanks go out to Shalanda Franklin-Verdell and Bonnie Lane, who spearheaded this successful effort.







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# Message from the Young Lawyers Section

By Kevin P. Greene, Chair

#### THE YLS SUMMER PROGRAM

- Tides Game May 25, 2010 The YLS has reserved seats at the 12:15 Business Special Tides Game at Harbor Park. Tickets are \$10. Take the afternoon off and enjoy a spring day at the ballpark! If you are interested, please contact Josh Baker at jeb@emdomain.com or 622-5812. This event is open to all NPBA members.
- Annual Golf Event June 24, 2010 Mark your calendars for the Annual Golf Event to benefit the Norfolk Law Library. The event is open to all members and is scheduled for a shotgun start at Bide-A-Wee Golf Course at 1:00 p.m. As in past years, there are free range balls available at noon. Beverages will be provided during play and there is a barbeque after the event.

**Please consider sponsoring a hole.** Law firms can sponsor a hole for \$250, or



Kevin Greene

register a foursome for the event and sponsor a hole for a total of \$500.

#### **Contact:**

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

Before June 18, NPBA members play for \$75. Non-NPBA members and anyone registering after June 18 are \$85.

 Look for the return of the Summer Social in July!

#### YEAR IN REVIEW

It has been my pleasure to serve as Chair

of the Young Lawyers Section this year. I have been privileged to work with an excellent group of people throughout the year whose commitment to the goals of the NPBA and the YLS has been unwavering and always enthusiastic. The YLS has coordinated and sponsored events to provide young lawyers (and, in most cases, all NPBA members) with opportunities to expand their professional networks, participate in *pro bono* and volunteer opportunities, and generally enjoy the community of lawyers in our area.

As pleased as I am with the work done over the past year, I am even more enthusiastic and excited about the future of the YLS. **Wes Simon** is the next Chair of the YLS. Wes will bring great energy to the position, and while continuing many of the traditional YLS programs, I am certain that there are more unique and exciting opportunities and events to come. You are hereby officially invited to join us!

# BENCH-BAR CONFERENCE WRAP-UP

Feedback from this year's Bench-Bar Conference was universally positive, with several participants commenting that it perhaps was the best NPBA Bench-Bar Conference yet. John Jeffries, former dean of the University of Virginia Law School, gave a fascinating talk at the luncheon that focused on judicial selection and former Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell, for whom he had clerked. The CLE sessions, which were diverse, wellattended, and led by local judges and prominent attorneys, were extremely well received. One participant was overheard commenting that the ethics-related CLE was the most enjoyable ethics credit he had ever received. The new conference format, which started with a luncheon and ended with a sponsored social, appeared to be a hit with all. Many thanks to Mary Morgan (chair of the Conference), the Bench-Bar Conference Committee, and our sponsors. Well done!













# PAST-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### "Looking Back"

It's hard to believe that my year as President has passed so quickly (no doubt a sign of my advancing age). It truly has been a privilege to represent this great organization and work with so many talented individuals over the past twelve months. I also greatly enjoyed sharing through the "President's Message" column some of my personal thoughts regarding the Association and the legal profession as a whole. I have handed off the presidency baton to my good friend Jeff Stredler, a longtime activist and supporter of NPBA, and I look forward to his new ideas, fresh perspective, and boundless energy. I am confident that NPBA will continue to grow and better support its members under Jeff's leadership.

I am very proud of what NPBA has accomplished this past year. I also recognize that, to the extent that the Association has enjoyed any success, it resulted from the extraordinary efforts of its committees and those who led them. Indeed, one of the unexpected—and unearned—benefits of leading a large organization is that the organization's figurehead is given credit for the achievements of others. As Stephen Covey put it, "[p]eople are at the foundation of every great company's success," and NPBA is no different. So I want to take this opportunity to open the proverbial curtain and reveal those who actually are responsible for what NPBA has achieved.

Mary Morgan and her committee put on a phenomenal Bench-Bar Conference, leading some to proclaim that it was the best such conference ever. Dean Jeffries was an outstanding speaker, the CLE offerings were topical and involved many local judges, and the afternoon format (with its free Social Hour) was an unqualified hit. The Committee's introduction of sponsorships was key to the success of the event.

Chuck Lollar and the Program Committee lined up an outstanding array of speakers for our monthly luncheons. This diverse and impressive lineup consisted of a joint appearance by Governor Bob McDonnell and his electoral opponent Creigh Deeds at the height of the gubernatorial campaign; Virginia Beach Mayor Will Sessoms; the Honorable Mark Davis, U.S. District Court Judge, Eastern District of Virginia; Virginia State Bar President Jon Huddleston; ODU Head Football Coach



David W. Lannetti

Bobby Wilder; and Virginia Supreme Court Justice Bernard Goodwyn.

Dawn Serafine and the Continuing Legal Education Committee organized and put on 27 hours of CLEs this year. Most of these involved local judges as faculty, making our offerings uniquely valuable to our membership. Of note, the local bench has been—and is—extremely supportive of NPBA; we all should pass on our gratitude when we have the opportunity.

Through the tireless efforts of Andy Fox and the Membership Committee, we currently have almost 900 members. The committee organized several socials (in addition to those put on by the Young Lawyers Section), to both recruit new members and provide opportunities for current members to socialize and get to know one another better.

Don Schultz and the Courts of Justice Committee deserve great credit. They continued to usher along the new courthouse project, despite the trials and tribulations associated with the budgetary process in an extremely challenging economy. NPBA members were given the opportunity to view courtroom mock-ups and view detailed architectural plans and models. Although the project ultimately will be delayed, it is still moving forward. The committee also assisted in developing procedures for the recently established Norfolk Circuit Court *Pro Bono* Referral Program.

Kelly St. Clair and the Public Relations Committee put on another outstanding (and expanded) middle-school mock trial program and once again oversaw an extremely successful Food Frenzy. They also assisted in organizing volunteers (from NPBA, the local chapter of the Virginia Women Attorneys Association, and the South Hampton Roads Bar Association) for a Rule of Law training program to be implemented through the Juvenile Justice Collaborative this June in local middle schools. The committee also reviewed nominations and made

recommendations for the Liberty Bell Award (for outstanding contributions to the legal profession by a non-lawyer) and the Walter E. Hoffman Community Service Award (for hands-on community service by an attorney).

Delphine Carnes and the Professionalism Committee reviewed nominations and made recommendations for NPBA's highest award, the Eggleston/I'Anson Professionalism Award. We as an association are extremely fortunate to have several members who truly are exemplars of professionalism and role models for other lawyers, making this process extremely difficult.

Kevin Greene led the Young Lawvers Section to another highly successful year. There were four Breakfasts with the Bench (which allowed our members to meet local judges). a new lawyers reception at Judge Poston's house, a golf tournament to benefit the Law Library, a Tides game outing, and several afternoon socials. Gretchen Baker organized and oversaw the inaugural year of the Ruffner Academy Mentoring Program (RAMP), which provides mentors to middle school students. Shalanda Franklin-Verdell chaired the newly formed Pro Bono Initiative subcommittee to explore possible *pro bono* opportunities for our members, which led to a training seminar for local foster children and a local community legal clinic.

I would be remiss if I did not express my heartfelt gratitude to Donna Bausch, the Association's Executive Director, and her staff. Donna's calming influence, as well as her vast experience and corporate knowledge, simply make her invaluable to NPBA and its president. She truly is the glue that holds all of the organizational parts together. I likely would have floundered without her sage guidance.

One of the most lasting memories of my year as President will be the many opportunities I had to meet and work with local attorneys and judges. I can say with confidence that Hampton Roads has an exceptional bench and bar. Upon reflection, however, I realize that the vast majority of these opportunities were not available only to me in my capacity as NPBA President. They were—and are—available to all of us. If we recognize and seize upon circumstances to get to know one another and work well with each other, we, the legal profession, and our clients all will benefit. I look forward to meeting and working with more of you over the coming years.

### FIRM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christie, Kantor, Griffin, Smith & Shepherd, P.C. is pleased to announce that **Peter V. Chiusano** has joined the firm as a partner. Peter, who was a partner with Willcox & Savage, P.C., will continue his family law, commercial litigation and creditor's rights practices. The firm is now named **Christie, Kantor, Griffin, Smith, Shepherd & Chiusano, P.C.** 

The law firm of **Clarke. Dolph. Rapaport.** Hull, Brunick & Garriott, PLC is pleased to announce that partner Richard E. Garriott, Jr. has earned the peer review rating of AV® Preeminent by Martindale Hubbell. Garriott's litigation practice focuses on divorce, property settlement agreements, pre-marital agreements, and custody. He also represents corporate clients in a variety of civil matters, employment issues, workers' compensation, personal injury, and tax and contract matters. He earned a J.D. from the University of Richmond School of Law, an M.A. from Ball State University, and a B.A. from University of Richmond.

Thomas M. Lucas, who recently joined **Jackson Lewis LLP** in Norfolk as partner, has 30 years' experience representing and advising clients in all aspects of traditional labor law as well as employment law. As a former National Labor Relations Board trial specialist and deputy assistant general counsel, Lucas trains managers in union avoidance techniques and counsels and defends corporate clients in union campaigns, collective bargaining and related litigation. For years Lucas has been listed in Best Lawyers in America for Labor and Employment Law and has been named to "Virginia's Legal Elite" by Virginia Business magazine. He is a fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Law. He earned a J.D. from Catholic University of America. a master's degree in labor relations from Cornell University and a bachelor's degree from Hobart College. Lucas came to Jackson Lewis from Willcox & Savage, P.C.

Kaufman & Canoles, P.C. is pleased to announce that Michael E. Barney and Robert E. Farmer III were selected as the top attorneys in real estate for inclusion in Virginia Super Lawyers, Corporate Counsel Edition 2010. Super Lawyers, Corporate Counsel Edition is an annual listing of outstanding lawyers who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional

achievement within the corporate counsel area of law.

Kaufman & Canoles, P.C. is pleased to announce that Amy L. Harman is the recipient of a 2010 YWCA Women of Distinction Award. The Awards celebrate outstanding women who have made significant contributions to the South Hampton Roads community by demonstrating a commitment to the YWCA's mission of eliminating racism and empowering women. Ms. Harman is a partner in the firm's Norfolk office. She earned her B.S.B.A. and J.D. degrees, cum laude, from the University of Richmond. Ms. Harman is a member of the firm's Real Estate Strategies, Lender Representation, and Mergers. Acquisitions & Strategic Alliances Practice Groups. Her practice primarily focuses on commercial real estate development, leasing, and finance transactions.

**Kaufman & Canoles, P.C.** is pleased to announce that Stephen E. Noona has become a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers, one of the premier legal associations in America. Founded in 1950, the College is composed of the best of the trial bar from the United States and Canada. Fellowship in the College is extended by invitation only and after careful investigation to those experienced trial lawvers who have mastered the art of advocacy and whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct, professionalism, civility, and collegiality. Lawyers must have a minimum of 15 years trial experience before they can be considered for Fellowship. Membership in the College cannot exceed one percent of the total lawyer population of any state or province. Mr. Noona is a partner in the firm's Norfolk office. He is the head of the Litigation Section and Chair of the Intellectual Property & Franchising Practice Group. Mr. Noona has spent nearly 25 years trying complex cases involving intellectual property and technology law across the country. The newly inducted Fellow is a graduate of both the University of Virginia School of Law and the University of Virginia.

Norfolk Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Lynda Bryant is the recipient of the 2010 Virginia S. Duvall Distinguished Prosecutor Award, given for excellence in the prosecution of juvenile and domestic vio-

lence cases. Bryant joined the Norfolk commonwealth's attorney's office in 1996 and, in addition to handling her own caseload, manages a team responsible for prosecuting violent offenses involving juveniles and family members. She is also a member of the Norfolk Juvenile Justice Collaborative and the Norfolk Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team. The award was created last year in honor of Ginny Duvall, a juvenile court prosecutor in Richmond and Chesterfield County, who died in 2007.

**Michael L. Goodove**, a partner in the Norfolk law firm of **Rabinowitz**, **Swartz**, **Taliaferro**, **Swartz & Goodove**, **P.C.**, was recognized as a "Virginia Super Lawyer" in 2010 in the area of personal injury law. The top 5% of all Virginia attorneys are selected by their peers for this honor. Mr. Goodove specializes in personal injury law.

**Thomas & Associates, P.C.** is pleased to announce that **Brian A. Thomasson** has joined the firm. Thomasson was formerly with the Norfolk City Attorney's Office. His practice will include family law, social services law, personal injury, civil litigation, traffic and criminal law.

Dana Adler Rosen has been appointed an Administrative Law Judge with the United States Social Security Administration. She was formerly a partner with the law firm of Clarke, Dolph, Rapaport, Hull, Brunick and Garriott, and law clerk to Chief Judge Theodor von Brand. She was a past president of the Women's Bar Association, Hampton Roads chapter. Judge Rosen is the daughter of S. Beryl Adler, past President of the Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association and wife of attorney Jeff Rosen.

The United Way of South Hampton Roads Foundation Board of Trustees has elected **Anita O. Poston** of **Vandeventer Black, LLP** as its Chair and **Montgomery Knight, Jr.,** of **Williams Mullen, P.C.** as its Vice Chair and Chair of its Professional Advisory Committee for 2010.

Best Lawyers in America has named **Willcox & Savage** lawyer **Toy D. Savage**, **Jr.** as the "Norfolk Best Lawyers Corporate Lawyer of the Year" for 2010. Mr. Savage regularly represents financial institutions, manufacturers, U.S. subsidiaries of foreign corporations, charitable foundations and family businesses.

# **Scholarship Contest Winners Selected**

The Scholarship Committee of the NPBA Foundation, chaired by Robert H. Powell III, is pleased to announce that John L. Lovering III and John C. White have been selected as this year's scholarship winners. Lovering will receive a \$2,500 scholarship and White will receive a \$1,000 scholarship. This year's section committee was chaired by Judge Richard S. Bray, a former Portsmouth Circuit Court and Court of Appeals Judge who is now serving as President of the Beazley Foundation. Judge Robert J. Humphreys of the Court of Appeals of Virginia and Judge James C. Hawks of the Portsmouth Circuit Court served with Judge Brav.

Lovering, a First Colonial High School senior, has been in the Legal Studies Academy ("LSA") at First Colonial for his 4 years of high school, having been named Student of the Year in two of his LSA classes. In addition to his scholastic achievements (he has a cumulative GPA of 4.0297 and ranks 22nd in his class of 442), Lovering is an accomplished piano player as well as an excellent athlete. He received 4 awards of "Superior Plus" in the American College of Musicians Piano Guild for his piano playing and has been a starter on the varsity soccer team for the past three years. Lovering has still found time to devote significant hours to volunteering outside of school working with Outreach for Christ, tutoring at local elementary schools, and volunteering at the Food Bank. One of Lovering's teachers in the LSA described him as follows: "He continues to be a student who goes above and beyond on every task he is given. Status quo, average, and typical are foreign concepts to him. Quite simply, he expects more and gives more than most students in high school. ...[He] is one of the best students I have." It is easy to understand why Lovering was the unanimous choice of the judges for the first place award.

White, a senior at Nansemond Suffolk Academy ("NSA"), has achieved an excellent academic record with a current GPA of 94.41 on a scale where 92-100 is an "A" and was elected a member of the National Honor Society. White has played varsity lacrosse for the past three years. He was selected by his peers as the first school mascot and when not playing lacrosse he appears as Bernie the dog at NSA athletic events. Well respected by his peers, White serves as President of his senior class, a position he has held for the past three years. His peers also selected him to serve as their representative on the Judicial Committee, a group that meets with students and faculty to make recommendations for serious disciplinary infractions at school. A regular volunteer at the Hoffler Wildlife Reserve cleaning trails and other odd jobs and at Oasis Social Ministries, an organization that feeds the homeless in downtown Portsmouth, he tirelessly gives back to the community in which he resides. The faculty at NSA selected White to receive the prestigious William and Mary Leadership award given to the senior who best demonstrated inspirational leadership, scholarship, and school loyalty. Described by his teachers as sincere, polite, soft spoken, thoughtful, and witty with an agile mind and mature personal skills, White is a deserving winner.

# Arnold B. McKinnon Honored as Foundation Fellow

At its March 18th luncheon meeting, Dave Lannetti, NPBA President, and Joseph T. "Ted" McFadden, NPBA Foundation President, jointly presented Oriana B. McKinnon, along with her son Colin M. McKinnon and his wife Patt, with a certificate posthumously recognizing Arnold B. McKinnon as the newest Fellow of the NPBA Foundation.

A member of the law review at Duke as well as a member of 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.

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), Arnold exemplified those characteristics to which all attorneys 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. Clearly his recognition as a Fellow of the NPBA Foundation was richly deserved. He joins a distinguished list of Fellows including Buddy Canoles, Les Cox, Shields Parsons, Toy Savage, and Guil Ware.

The Foundation is especially appreciative of generous contribution from the Beazley Foundation, the Norfolk Southern Foundation, W. Shep Miller, III, and a number of Arnold's friends and peers in the legal community that made the recognition possible. These gifts and other similar gifts have permitted the Foundation to grow and its activities, including it's annual scholarship competition for high school seniors, to expand.

# WELCOME NEW NPBA MEMBERS

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# **2010 Legal Food Frenzy Results**

Virginia's legal community raised more than 1.7 million pounds of food in the 2010 Food Frenzy, bringing in 36 tons more than in 2009. One hundred ninety-seven firms participated in the competition statewide.

The Legal Food Frenzy started as an effort by the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and law firms in South Hampton Roads to fill in a traditionally slow period for donations to food banks.

2010 Local Legal Food Frenzy Winners:

Small Law Offices (1-20)	Employees	Per Capita	Award
B. Cullen Gibson ( <b>Best Overall</b> )	$\frac{1}{2}$	$630\overline{0}$	1st Place
Jackson Lewis	6	4250	2nd Place
Law Offices of David A. Greer, PLC	2	2512.5	3rd Place
Medium Law Offices (21-100)			
McKenry, Dancigers, Dawson & Lake, PC	40	1284.19	1st Place
Williams Mullen (Virginia Beach)	86	656.4	2nd Place
Williams Mullen (Norfolk)	53	644.3	3rd Place
Large Law Offices (101 and up)			
Vandeventer Black, LLP	107	589.4	1st Place
Kaufman and Canoles, PC (Norfolk)	160	314.89	2nd Place
Willcox & Savage, P.C.	136	237.68	3rd Place

Our local Frenzy raised \$106,595.31 in cash contributions and 6,991 pounds of food, which equates to 433,372 pounds. This represents an increase from last year's results of \$90,817.00 in cash and 11,553 lbs. food - or 374,821 total pounds. **Great job NPBA!** 

# Scenes from the Legal Food Frenzy







# Norfolk Middle School Mock Trial Program 2010 - Wrap-Up

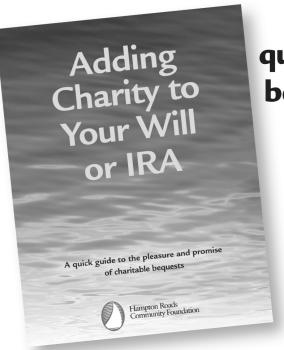
For the fifth year, NPBA members taught basic trial skills to Norfolk Public School middle-school students. The program, which began with two schools, has grown to eight schools with 90 students participating. The schools that participated were Lafayette-Winona, Azalea Garden, Blair, Lake Taylor, Meadowbrook, Northside, Rosemont and Ruffner. The program began in late January and students met weekly with volunteer lawyers who taught lessons on opening statement, direct examination, cross examination, and closing argument. The students were assigned roles as attorneys and witnesses for

the mock trial case, *Brooks v. Lawrence & the Metro City Police Department*, a civil case seeking damages against the police department for battery, false arrest, and intentional infliction of emotional distress. Thanks to the support of the Norfolk Circuit Court, the program concluded with mock trials in five separate courtrooms on March 26, 2010, pitting the plaintiff team from one school against the defendant team from another. Judges Norman Thomas and Mary Jane Hall of the Norfolk Circuit Court, Judge William Williams of the Norfolk Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court, and NPBA members Kelly St. Clair

and Linda Laibstain sat as judges. Following the trials, verdicts were rendered and the judges provided valuable feedback to the students on their performances. Each of the participating students received medals for their efforts. The mock trial program is overseen by the NPBA Public Relations committee, and this year's program was coordinated by Wayne Williams, who wishes to thank all the great attorney volunteer teachers, Sandy Claxton of the Norfolk Circuit Court, and the presiding judges for their vital roles in educating students and developing future attorneys.



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