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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Caryn R. West

By the time of publication of this Newsletter, Chuck Lollar will have been sworn in as your new President. I wish him well as President, and I want to thank the countless individuals who have helped make this year a success. I'd like to thank all of the past presidents that have helped me with advice, the members of the executive committee who are so crucial to the operation of the bar association, Donna Bausch and her excellent staff, the Committee Chairs and each member of each committee, all of whom work together to enable the bar association to continue to offer its members quality programming and other benefits.

When you receive your renewal notice, please take a minute to renew your membership. I also want to remind you of some of the great benefits of NPBA membership, and the committees responsible. Along with the renewal notice, now is also the time to join a committee if you'd like to be more involved.

- **Collegiality** – No member can make every event, but attendance at Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association events is the best way to realize the value of your membership. At events, you will interact with fellow attorneys and build relationships with other members. NPBA events provide opportunities to interact with the local judiciary outside of the courtroom. At bar events, you can interact with opposing counsel in a nonadversarial setting. Although my practice is not primarily litigation, the little litigation that I have done is always more enjoyable and less stressful with a familiar face on the other side.
- **Bench Bar Conference** – Our Bench Bar Conference has become a signature event. This conference presents a great opportunity to interact with our local judiciary. Norfolk judges are very supportive of the bar association in general and we are fortunate to have their support and participation. Our Bench Bar Committee works hard each year to secure an engaging keynote speaker and organize worthwhile and timely continuing legal education presented jointly by our bench and bar. The conference grows each year, and in 2019 we had a record registration of 200.
- **Monthly Luncheon & CLE** - Our monthly luncheons followed by one credit of CLE are included in your dues. This is a monthly opportunity to mingle with other members. Our Programs Committee secures speakers of local and statewide interest for each lunch.
- **Social Events** – Our bar also offers social events such as the Young Lawyers Section Fall Reception, Summer Social, Holiday Party, and this summer we will be hosting a group Tides

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UPCOMING EVENTS

YLS MENTOR EVENT

Thursday, May 23, 2019

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

O'Connor Brewing Company

YOUNG LAWYERS GOLF EVENT

Thursday, June 6, 2019 • Noon

Bide-A-Wee Golf Course

NPBA AFTERNOON AT THE TIDES

Thursday, June 13, 2019 • Noon

\$15 game ticket includes lunch buffet

SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON

Thursday, September 19, 2019

Hon. Mark S. Davis, Chief Judge

U.S. District Court, E.D. VA

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baseball game at Hits at the Park. We are open to other social events or groups that members would like to coordinate – kickball team, book club? If you're interested in forming a small group activity, the NPBA is happy to share these opportunities with our members, either in a blurb in the newsletter or in an email to our members.

- **Discounted CLEs** – A very popular offering is discounted CLE programming including a Season Ticket that provides a year's worth (or more with carryover) of CLE programming. Again, the Norfolk judiciary is supportive in providing judges as CLE presenters.
- **Discounted OCRA Access** – Thanks to Norfolk Circuit Court Clerk George Schaefer, NPBA members receive discounted OCRA access for Norfolk Circuit Court records.
- **Bi-Monthly Newsletter(Bar Bulletin)** – Every two months, NPBA publishes a newsletter that keeps our membership informed regarding bar association events and activities, as well as providing a platform for our members and the judiciary to publish relevant articles. But, if you're reading this, you already know that. I am always happy to hear how many of our members read the newsletter.
- **Pro Bono & Other Volunteer Opportunities** – Our Pro Bono Committee works to organize pro bono programs and liaisons with the Legal Aid Society of Southeastern Virginia to increase our members' awareness of pro bono opportunities available. In addition, the Young Lawyers Section organizes and promotes volunteer initiatives in our local community. The Mock Trial program provides an opportunity to become involved with local middle school students as they compete in the Mock Trial Competition.
- **Young Lawyers Section** – If you are 36 or younger, or have been practicing less than 5 years, you are automatically a member of the Young Lawyers Section. The Young Lawyers Section creates programming targeted toward the needs and interests of our newest attorneys, such as the popular Breakfast with the Bench program and the Summer Social. The Young Lawyer Section also operates the Mentorship Program. If you are interested in mentoring or becoming a mentor, please come to the Young Lawyer Section Mentor Program Kickoff Event on May 23, at O'Connor's. Last year's program was a great success, and I built relationships with new attorneys that I may not have without this program.

In closing, thank you for allowing me to serve as your President for the last year. I look forward to remaining active in the NPBA for many years to come with a new appreciation of the members that work to make it so successful.

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*You are invited to attend the
Investiture and Administration of Oath of Office for*

*Cheshire D'Anson Eveleigh
as Judge of Virginia Beach Juvenile and
Domestic Relations District Court*

Tuesday, July 2, 2019, 4:00 pm

*Traffic Courtroom A, Building 10
Virginia Beach Municipal Center*

Reception to follow. Location TBD.

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The Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association created the NPBA Bench-Bar Relations Committee a little more than two years ago. The purpose of the committee is to support and improve the local administration of justice, enhance service to the community, and increase professionalism within the legal system by exploring issues of emerging concern or interest that affect the local bench and bar.

Although the relationship between the bench and bar in South Hampton Roads is robust, there is always room for improvement. To that end, NPBA wants you to feel free to contact any of the committee members with concerns, recommendations, or feedback. Below is a list of the committee members:

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YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION

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

I am excited to serve as Young Lawyers Section Chair during this upcoming term and have several goals for the year:

Strengthening Our Mentorship Efforts

Please join us for our May 23 Mentor/Mentee Social at O'Connor Brewing Company as we encourage our mentor-mentee pairs to gather more frequently to enhance the experience for those participating in the program.

Reinvigorating Community Service Projects

As in past years, we will continue to volunteer with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Virginia, the Ronald McDonald House, the NPBA middle school mock trial program, and plan to reach out to other groups we have not yet served.

Reaching Out to Public Service Lawyers

We look forward to taking greater strides to recruit young Public Defenders, Commonwealth's Attorneys, City Attorneys, and Legal Aid lawyers into the YLS fold.

Building Stronger Relationships with Specialty Bar Associations

We will be rescheduling the JAG mixer and will be inviting new firms to the annual golf tournament as well to the summer social. We also look forward to cosponsoring events with bar organizations like the South Hampton Roads Bar Association and Virginia Women Attorneys Association.

Increasing YLS Membership

In order to increase YLS membership, we will be moving our meetings back to early evenings to accommodate the schedules of more busy young lawyers. Come out to Varia at The Main to learn more. Details to follow.

Thank you to outgoing chair Griffin O'Hanlon and YLS member extraordinaire, Kerry Stolz, for the hard work they put into the organization this past year. And a special thank you to Donna Bausch and the NPBA executive committee for always providing



Jamilah LeCruise

great advice and guidance.

The Young Lawyers Section meets regularly and there are plenty of opportunities to get involved. If you are 36 or younger, or have been practicing for five years or less, I encourage you to become an active member of our section. (Don't forget to join our listserv or update your contact information if you have changed jobs.)

Stay tuned for more information. I look forward to you joining us for an excellent year.

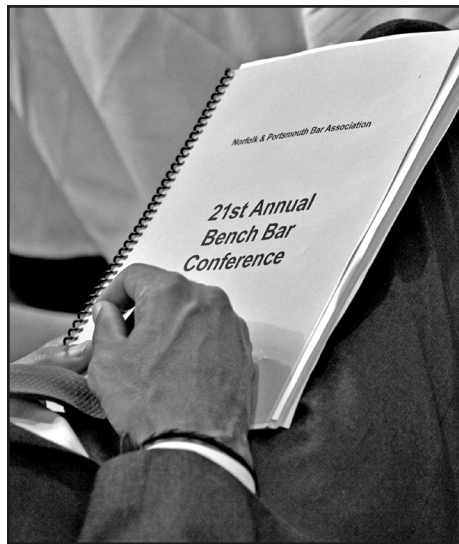


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