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President's Message

By Kristan Burch

As we see another year of new associates passing the bar and starting work at our office, I have been thinking about how lunch time has changed over the twenty plus years that I have worked at Kaufman & Canoles, PC.

When I started as an associate in September 1999, the two senior partners who had corner offices on my side of the litigation floor went to lunch together almost every day. Sometimes, they had court or had meetings with clients, but if they were in the office and available at lunch time, they went out together to sit down and eat at a restaurant. Sometimes, other partners joined them for lunch, and sometimes they took associates with them. It was a right of passage to be invited and to listen to their war stories over lunch each week.

Since these two senior partners retired several years ago, that tradition of daily lunches has long since faded from my floor at the office. Sure, I go to lunch sometimes with other lawyers in my firm, but it usually is for a lunch scheduled days or weeks in advance. And I still eat lunch with other lawyers outside of my firm and with clients, again usually scheduled days or weeks in advance, similar to how our NPBA luncheons are handled.

These days, I rarely see partners on my floor walking door-to-door at lunch time asking who wants to grab lunch. And I never see anyone younger than me asking, on a spontaneous basis, to have lunch. Instead, it seems more and more younger lawyers either bring their lunch or order food that they eat at their desks. I acknowledge I, too, am guilty of eating my lunch at my desk multiple days each week to catch up on work.

So, my questions are these. What is the reason lunch time has changed so much from 1999 when I started working in downtown Norfolk? And have other lawyers seen similar trends in their offices?

If you are one of the people who still reads the Bar Bulletin, and you have an opinion on this topic, please get in touch with me. You can call me (757) 624-3343 or email me at kbburch@kaufcan.com. If anyone reads this column and contacts me, I will report back in the next Bar Bulletin what I learn. I have my theories on what has caused this change, but I do not want those theories to influence your opinions on this topic.

Our next NPBA lunch is November 17, 2022 so please put it on your calendar now if you are able to attend. We will welcome Stephanie Grana, President of the Virginia State Bar, as our luncheon speaker. And our holiday party will return on December 8, 2022 at Hits at the Park.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**NPBA Luncheon with Stephanie Grana,
President of the Virginia State Bar**
To be rescheduled

Pro-Bono Legal Answers Telephone Clinic
12/6/22 4:00pm

NPBA Holiday Party at Hits at the Park
12/8/22 6:00pm

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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MONTHLY LUNCHEONS

NPBA's first luncheon took place on October 20 with guest speaker, Jessica Aber, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia presenting to a full house. The NPBA luncheons are an opportunity to hear from local and state leaders while socializing with your peers. Luncheons are held on the third Thursday of the month at the Norfolk Courthouse, 8th Floor Rotunda, from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. The luncheons are FREE TO ALL MEMBERS, but you must register as seating is limited. Registrations are open for the November luncheon.

November 17

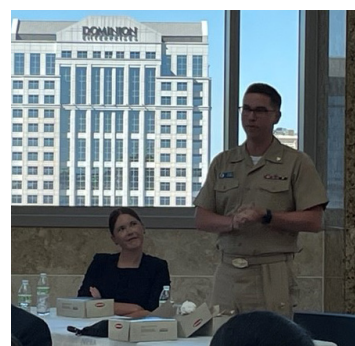
Stephanie Grana, President of the Virginia State Bar
<https://norfolkandportsmouthbar.org/event-4955525>

Luncheon Photos, October 20

Jessica Aber, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia



NPBA President, Kristan Burch invited new members and guests to introduce themselves.





YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION

By Katherine M. Lennon, Chair
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The camaraderie in the local legal community is one main reason that I decided to practice law in this area. As we navigate our practice, I find it invaluable to attend events that provide easy access to discussions with judges and lawyers from all facets of the local bar. We were lucky enough to hold two of these such events in the past couple of months.

Many of us came together at the Annual Summer Social at Luna Maya on September 8, 2022. We enjoyed conversation with new faces and familiar faces from a wide range of backgrounds. YLS also collected donations for the ForKids organization. Thank you to everyone who attended and/or donated.

On October 16, 2022, we hosted the Annual Fall Reception. The Young Lawyers would like to extend immense thanks to the Honorable Mary Jane Hall and Mr. John Hall for welcoming us into their beautiful home and yard. It was a beautiful day to enjoy such an amazing view. The event was open to all NPBA members. We were pleased to enjoy nourishments from Yummy Goodness Catering and partake in conversation with many members of our local bar. YLS would also like to express gratitude to our sponsors, without whom the event would not have been possible:

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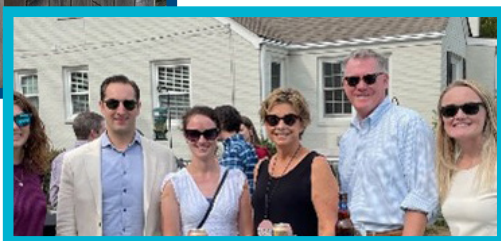
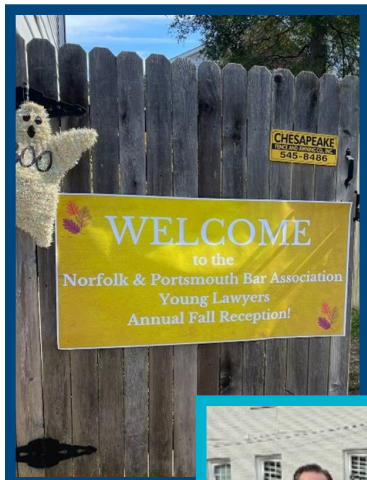
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We have several ideas in the works for the coming months, including the resumption of our Breakfast with the Bench series. Please keep a lookout for e-mail invitations for our future events. We also invite you to attend our monthly meetings to weigh in on ideas and chat with friendly faces. As always, please feel free to reach out to me directly with any thoughts or questions: kate.lennon@wrvblaw.com.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NPBA Bench-Bar Relations Committee

The purpose of the NPBA Bench-Bar Relations 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 and renowned, there is always room for improvement. To that end, feel free to contact any of the following committee members with concerns, recommendations, or feedback:

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Jason Davis
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Cara Purvis

Additionally, committee meetings are open to all NPBA members. If you would like additional information regarding when the committee will meet, feel free to contact NPBA.

Upcoming CLE courses: It's never too early to start on your next year's CLE credits!

Our next CLE course will be held on November 17, 2022 from 1:15 pm – 2:15 pm: How to Challenge an Officer's Training on DWI Detection – Focusing on the Detection Phases and the HGN Test. Presented by Mark A. Andrews and Stephen Pfeiffer of Wolcott Rivers Gates. Register here: <https://norfolkandportsmouthbar.org/event-4954934>

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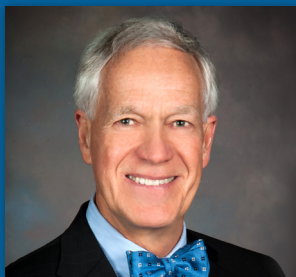
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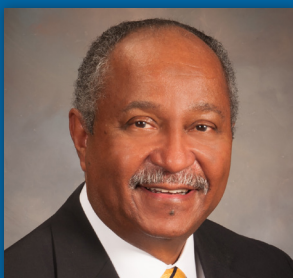
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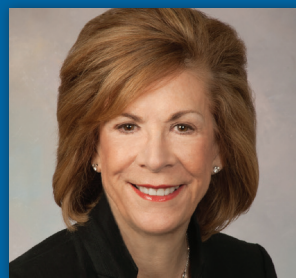
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