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President's Message

"This is a case of litigation run amok. A minor dispute that long ago should have been resolved by the parties without the help of lawyers has been transformed into an attorney-fee-generating machine."



Blackburn v. Goettel-Blanton, 898 F.2d 95, 96 (9th Cir. 1990).

Judge Kozinski of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals made the above comment fifteen years ago, in the context of a case that generated twenty times more billings in attorneys' fees for plaintiffs alone than the damages received. Judge Kozinski was taken aback, as evidenced by his strongly

worded opinion. The court went on to state:

"Lawsuits have become particularly inappropriate devices for resolving minor disputes. They are clumsy, noisy, unwieldy and notoriously inefficient. Fueled by bad feelings, they generate much heat and friction, yet produce little that is of any use. Worst of all, once set in motion, they are well-nigh impossible to bring to a halt."

Id. at 99.

It is worth asking whether in the fifteen years since Judge Kozinski wrote the above opinion, the litigation process has improved. Frankly, I'm not sure that things are much better today.

First, there is the issue of expense. Hourly rates, expert witness fees, court reporter charges, technology costs and other litigation expenses continue to rise. Thus, lawsuits are not becoming any cheaper to prosecute or defend. From a plaintiff's perspective, the cost of going forward frequently results in a decision to accept less than what the case may be worth. On the defense side, clients grudgingly end up paying more than they believe is fair in order to stop the expense meter from spinning wildly.

Obviously, none of the clients are pleased when a case is resolved in this manner. Even if a case is successfully prosecuted through trial, a plaintiff's joy of victory frequently is offset by the unhappiness of having to write a check to cover the final legal bill. Similarly, a defendant who has been vindicated in court may well have

the sweet taste of success turn sour after contemplating the cost of achieving such victory. The case before Judge Kozinski was similar:

"This case is not atypical: A relatively minor dispute mushroomed into a full blown war of attrition in which both sides suffered substantial casualties. The district judge called it "a cold turkey case" and he was right. Yet the parties trudged through four years of expensive and frustrating litigation all the same. As is quite often the case when litigation ends, neither side will be satisfied with the result we reach today." Id.

I am happy to state that Judge Kozinski was not writing about a case that I handled. On the other hand, I have

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to admit that many of the concerns he raises could be applicable in my cases.

If anything, our potential clients' fear of litigation costs is much greater today than in the past. That fear undoubtedly is reflected in the fact that commercial litigation filings are down – both in our local courts and elsewhere. Business owners who have felt burned by past litigation experience are much more likely to look for ways to avoid litigation in the future. I understand that this is a national trend.

I certainly believe it is important for us, as lawyers, to counsel our clients to avoid litigation when a reasonable and economically sensible solution is available without filing suit. While clients may gripe over not achieving a slam-dunk win in those situations, they will be much more happy than if they achieve the same or slightly better result after a huge expenditure of time and money in a lawsuit. Good lawyers know that, in the long run, their role as a counselor will better serve the clients' interests and will be appreciated in the course of a long term relationship.

On the other hand, a reasonable prelitigation settlement presumes the existence of a reasonable opponent. This is not always the case. We have all encountered situations in which filing suit is necessary to have the other side take our client's claim seriously, or become sensible about resolving it. The fact that litigation is necessary or unavoidable, however, does not remove our obligation of continuing to seek reasonable ways to resolve the dispute by agreement, or to conduct the litigation in a professional manner. The zeal that we or our clients may have to "teach the other side a lesson" (no matter how well deserved) does not change the importance of following the rules or being polite in our interaction with opposing counsel and the court.

We all know the temptation of engaging in unreasonable posturing or writing red hot letters, where the real purpose is to convince our clients that they are getting their money's worth. While being a fierce advocate is laudable, we must all guard against crossing the line between zealous advocacy and abusive or disreputable behavior. Aside from giving lawyers a bad name (which is a subject well beyond the scope of this message), such behavior is a primary reason for running up litigation cost in an unreasonable manner.

I believe that one of the greatest dangers to having litigation spin out of control exists in cases involving allegations of fraud, or where strong emotions exist between the clients. Many years ago, I heard a wise lawyer caution of the danger of becoming drawn into the clients' personal animosity, such that the lawyers handling the litigation become at odds with each other. The risk of this scenario exists equally in domestic relations cases, in business fraud cases or in other litigation in which the clients' emotions are highly charged.

I wish I could say I have never fallen into any of the traps listed above – but many of you know otherwise. After twenty-four years of

watching my own mistakes, and occasionally those of others, I have a couple of observations. First, I believe that we lead by example. Our clients should understand that we will pursue their case forcefully, but will not abandon our professionalism in a manner that reflects their own animosity. I believe that most clients will respect us for doing so. Clients who can not accept this approach should be encouraged to seek other counsel.

I believe that, for the most part, other attorneys respond favorably to being treated with dignity and in a forthright manner. Most lawyers would be embarrassed to act in a childish manner before a judge. I believe that respected attorneys, who have a reputation for dealing reasonably and honestly with their opponents, engender similar respect. We can all name certain lawyers who fit this description, and we should strive to be more like them.

I believe that members of the Virginia Beach Bar Association, as a group, tend to get along much better than attorneys in other areas. For the most part, we know each other well (and will have to work together on an ongoing basis in the future). In addition to seeing each other in court and within the community, we have an outstanding level of camaraderie. Our collegiality manifests itself in strong attendance at bar functions and social activities. While we clearly face challenges to civility and ethical behavior, our Bar Association has a well known tradition of getting along. This tradition serves as an ongoing reminder of how we should deal with each other.

For those too young to appreciate this tradition fully, our Association continues to build a strong Mentor Program. In addition, our Young Lawyers Committee is particularly active this year. Having events at which young lawyers will interact with our

judiciary and other members of the bar is an important means of continuing our tradition of civility.

When lawyers respect each other, they are much better able to achieve reasonable and cost-efficient resolution of their clients' legal disputes. In this manner, let's all commit to avoid being a poster child for the next scathing opinion about "litigation run amok".

Committee Reports

GOLF TOURNAMENT

2005 Richard G. Brydges Memorial Courthouse Classic

The Golf Committee is pleased to announce that the annual golf tournament has been renamed in honor of the late Richard G. Brydges, Esquire. While Dick may not have been well known for his golf acumen, the Committee felt Dick's spirit and love for the law should carry on, and what better forum than a golf course full of lawyers? To that end, the annual tournament has been scheduled for Friday, October 14, 2005, with a shotgun start at 12:00 p.m. That's an hour earlier than in year's past, with the hope that we can get all of the golfers in from the green and inside to the awards ceremony a little earlier. We are also bringing back the buffet dinner afterwards in place of the light happy hour food. Of course, the usual and plentiful beverages will stay the same.

The Committee is also pleased to announce that the proceeds from the tournament will be split equally between two charitable organizations, Children's Hospital (CHKD) and the newly created Virginia Beach Bar Foundation. Sponsorships and entry fees will now be tax deductible. In year's past, the absence of a 501(c)(3) cause has made it difficult for the Committee to secure willing sponsors, but hopefully no longer. In that vein, the Committee will be calling upon all law firms to increase their generosity by committing to some level of sponsorship. Please show your support for these two great causes. Stay tuned for details in future newsletters.

For more info contact your Golf Committee: Tim Quick, Mark Del Duca, Paul Thomas, Ben Hamlet, Patrick Connolly

SEATACK MENTORING

Seatack Mentors, please "Save the Date" of Friday, **June 10, 2005 at 11:00 a.m.** for the Seatack Mentoring Program end-of-the-year picnic. The picnic

will be held on **Friday, June 10, 2005 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Law Enforcement Training Academy on Birdneck Road.** Please mark this date on your calendars and more information will be forthcoming as it gets closer to June 10th. Thanks to all who generously volunteer their time. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Norma L. Catoe, Judicial Assistant III at 427-8680.

COMPUTERS

Online Resource Gateway

The Internet has become a powerful research tool for attorneys. You could invest countless hours surfing the Internet to identify helpful web sites, or you could just visit the Resources page of the new VBBA web site (www.vbbarassoc.com/resources.asp).

The VBBA has gathered in one place a number of links to web sites of interest to local attorneys. The Resources page is a gateway to web sites of interest identified by VBBA members. For example, you can find links to all local courts and municipalities, federal, state, and municipal statutes, ordinances and regulations, national, state, and local bar associations, CLE information, legal ethics opinions and summaries, financial calculators, maps, weather information, and free legal research sites.

The Resources page also is a living resource – the VBBA welcomes suggestions for new online resources that can be added to the Resources page.

Please visit the new web site and bookmark the Resources page as your online resource gateway.

In addition, **please visit the new VBBA web site and update your Member Profile.** Instructions for doing so are found below.

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If you have any questions, concerns, or difficulties, please contact Joel Ankney at 216-4578 or joel@rjalawfirm.com. Thank you.

For efficiency in notifying Bar Members of events, the Board requests that you send your email address to vbba@infionline.net.

YOUNG LAWYERS

The Young Lawyers Section of the VBBA will be having a social June 9, 5:30-7:30 at the TPC Grill. Contact Sandra Sampson at 490-8094 or Ken Whitehurst at 687-7738 for more information.

GENERAL DISTRICT LIAISON

Delays in processing the paperwork for garnishment proceedings which, in some cases, is taking as long as six months, have caused concerns among collection practitioners as well as local business people. The Committee has requested the opportunity of working, under the direction of the judges, with the Clerk's office to explore possible solutions. A suggested alternative is for larger firms to donate staff to the clerk's office on a periodic basis.

The continued concern over delays in preliminary hearings prompted the Committee to request that the judges warn any attorney not prepared in a timely manner. The Committee would work directly with anyone receiving a second warning. Again, we stress the need for all attorneys to check in with the court and let the clerk know where you will be.

AWARDS

Call for Nominations for the Liberty Bell Award

The VBBA is seeking nominees for its Liberty Bell Award which recognizes a non-attorney's efforts to support law and improve the justice system. This award is to honor a deserving private individual or a community group. Judges, lawyers and elected and appointed members of the legislative and executive branches of the government are not eligible. The Liberty Bell Award recognizes outstanding service and activities that:

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4. Contribute to the effective functioning of our institutions of government; and/or
5. Convey a better understanding and appreciation of the rule of law.

Nominations should be made by June 20, 2005 and include a statement or other information as to why that

person(s) should be considered for the 2005 Liberty Bell Award. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Richard Beale - tel: 687-7787 fax: 687-1511 email:

Court News

Virginia Beach Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court

Attorney Window Contact Person

In an effort to provide better customer service for attorneys doing business with the Virginia Beach Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, **Julie Smith** has been assigned as the primary contact person to handle all business at the front counter Attorney Window. Ms. Smith has been with the JDR court for 6 years and is presently assigned as the Front Counter Team Leader responsible for overseeing the operation of the JDR court front counter staff.



We would also like to welcome our new Post Court Manager, **Dee Gilchrist**. She can be reached at 427-4266.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Attorney filings must be on state forms

Effective immediately, the Virginia Beach Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court will require all attorney pleadings for Support, Custody, Visitation, Motion for Show Cause Summons or Capias and Motions to Amend/Review MUST be filed on state forms. The forms needed to file the following are:
Support: DC-610/petition and DC-418/affidavit
Custody/Visitation: DC-511/petition and DC-511/affidavit (Requires payment of \$25 per family.)
The above forms will be located at the VA Beach Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Clerk's Office.

The below forms for the following will be online at <http://www.courts.state.va.us>
Motion for Show Cause Summons or Capias: DC-635
Motions to Amend/Review: DC-630- Please use this form for ALL miscellaneous motions.
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Court News - Short Circuits

Practice tips from the Circuit Court
By: Amy H. Jones
Staff Attorney

SOME IMPORTANT STATUTORY CHANGES EFFECTIVE JULY 1

Plus pendente lite custody hearing information and an update on the court reporter requirement

Every year I try to check for legislative changes that affect court procedures or order review. This year's search produced small numbers but a big impact. To see the changes for yourself, visit <http://leg1.state.va.us/>.

Attorneys cannot place social security numbers or account numbers on pleadings, orders, agreements etc. filed in divorces

This is probably one of the biggest changes coming into effect. Under new § 20-121.03, no petition, pleading, motion, order, decree, transcript, or agreement filed in a divorce proceeding may contain the social security numbers of the parties or any child. Nor can these documents contain "identifying account numbers" for assets, liabilities, accounts, or credit cards. Instead, all of this information must be provided in a "separate addendum". Only the parties, counsel, and others authorized by the court may have access to this "Addendum".

Significantly, the statute puts the burden on counsel to keep the specified information out of pleadings, etc. It provides that the attorney preparing a filing "shall ensure that any information protected pursuant to this section is removed prior to filing". So, if you automatically include the parties' social security numbers in the style of the case on pleadings and orders, you need to stop. Also, once the addendum is required, you will need to clearly indicate to the clerk's office what part of your filing is intended to be the addendum.

The new statute also creates a trap for the unwary, as no changes were made to code sections that require social security numbers (e.g., § 20-91(B) and § 20-60.3). Anyone checking only those code sections for changes will miss the new requirements. Nonetheless, the passage of § 20-121.03 creates an indirect amendment of these sections.

As of this writing, the Supreme Court is still working on procedures and forms to implement this new requirement. Unfortunately, that means I cannot give guidance that is more concrete on how to comply

with § 20-121.03. However, "forewarned is forearmed" – so start working on "sanitizing" your standard documents now. Just remember that social security numbers are still required in final decrees until July 1.

Name change statute now specifies how non-consenting parents are to be served

The name change statute, § 8.01-217, has always required service of notice of the petition when one parent seeks the change the name of a child and the other parent does not consent. However, the statute did not previously state how service was to be effected. This court has always required personal service, and now the statute likewise specifically requires that the non-consenting parent be served "pursuant to § 8.01-296".

Agreement or good cause required for referral to a commissioner in chancery

In a long anticipated change, § 8.01-607 has been amended to eliminate automatic referral of matters to a commissioner. After July 1, either all parties and the court must agree that the matter be referred, or good cause must be found for the referral. Absent agreement, the good cause requirement applies even if the referral is requested by one of the parties. Presumably, in that situation good cause may be found when the other side has signed a waiver, has never entered an appearance, or otherwise makes no objection to the referral.

Assessment of attorneys' fees for attorneys appointed pursuant to the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act

In civil matters, if a defendant is in the military and either fails to appear or does not waive his rights under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, an attorney must be appointed to represent him. However, state and federal statutes have not previously addressed who pays for the appointed attorney. Now, as of July 1, § 8.01-15.2(B) allows the court to order one of the parties to

pay the fees of the appointed attorney, along with costs.

No trustees for incorporated churches

Churches in Virginia traditionally were not allowed to incorporate. Instead, § 57.1-7.1 *et seq.* provided that church property was held by trustees. As a result, whenever a church wanted to engage in a real estate-related transaction (convey, encumber, etc.), it had to petition the court for an order appointing trustees. Several years ago, the Fourth Circuit held that it was unconstitutional to prohibit churches from incorporating. The statutes have now caught up with that ruling to address whether or not trustees are required for incorporated churches. The answer under § 57-8 is that trustees cannot be appointed for incorporated churches. They are still required for unincorporated churches. So, if one of your clients is a church, you will only have to petition the court to appoint trustees if the church is not incorporated.

Not in effect until January 1, 2006, but a major change: no more law side/chancery side distinction

Virginia will have a single form of pleading for civil actions beginning January 1, 2006, pursuant to Senate Bill 1118. The most basic change will be the elimination of the titles “Motion for Judgment” and “Bill of Complaint”. Instead, those pleadings will simply be called a “Complaint”. There will still be “equitable claims”, and traditional limitations on when

such claims may be tried before a jury, but there will no longer be separate chancery jurisdiction. A number of statutes were amended to accommodate this change, and many of the Rules of Court will have to be rewritten.

Recent frequently asked question: can contested motions for custody pendente lite be set on the Friday docket

The answer is no, because hearings on Fridays are limited to thirty minutes, which is an insufficient amount of time to address contested custody. Therefore, a request for a custody award *pendente lite* that is contested should generally be set for a regular trial date. It is possible to set it on the duty judge docket, but those hearings are limited to an hour absent permission from a judge for a longer period.

Modifications to the court reporter requirement

The court reporter requirement announced in the last edition of this newsletter has been slightly altered and clarified. The same parties are responsible for ensuring a court reporter is present for trials (plaintiff, appellant, or the party that applied for removal). However, who actually pays the court reporter’s appearance fee can be resolved by agreement or by motion to the court. Further, payment for any transcripts that are ordered is the responsibility of the ordering party.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

To: All Criminal Defense Attorneys
From: Virginia Beach Circuit Court Judges
Re: Criminal Statistics

Many of you will remember that on January 1, 2002, this court, along with the General District Court, with the approval of the Commonwealth’s Attorney, Public Defender and representatives of the Defense Bar, implemented policies aimed at increasing the percentage of criminal cases adjudicated within 120 days of arrest.

In 2002, we made substantial progress, from 44% in 2001 to 57% in 2002, and then to 58% in 2003. Regrettably, in 2004 our percentage decreased to 54%.

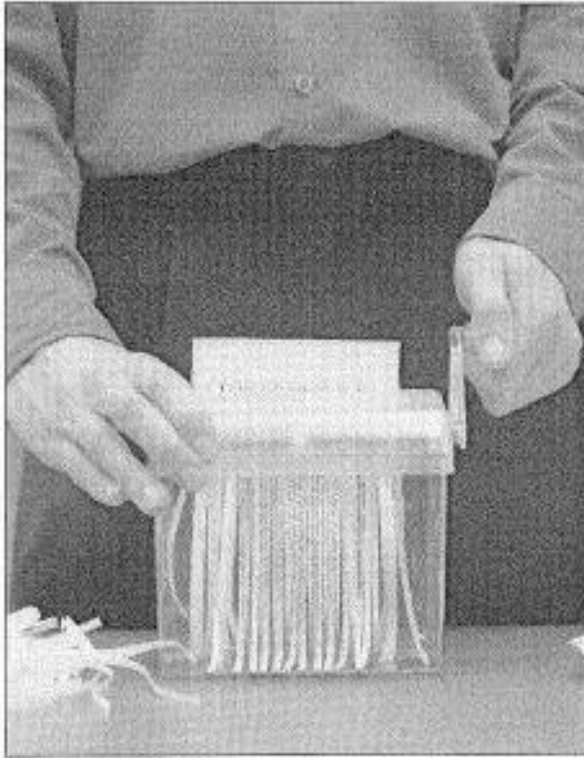
Some of this may be attributed to attorneys leaving and new attorneys joining the Commonwealth’s Attorney’s office as well as the Public Defender’s office. However, the judges of this court are very reluctant to see this downward trend continue. It is certainly worth noting that our percentage for 2004 was

lower than the other Southside Virginia cities.

With the above in mind, we will concentrate on the following two policies which were implemented in 2002 but seem to have been relaxed over the last three years: 1. All cases set at criminal docket call will be set within 120 days of arrest unless prior approval has been obtained from a judge. 2. There will be no agreed continuances granted outside of the 120 period without prior approval of a judge. In this regard, please note that the date of arrest must be filled in on all continuance orders.

Both the Commonwealth’s Attorney and the Public Defender have been asked to notify their respective staffs of these policies.

Thank you all for your anticipated cooperation. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Honorable Frederick B. Lowe at 427-8680.



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Wahab Law Library

Exploring the Library of Virginia – and Finding a Wealth of Information

by Pat Jones/Wahab Public Law Library



Recently, I was offered the opportunity to attend a lecture presented by Dr. Jean Preer at the Library of Virginia regarding the American Library Association's 1936 meeting in Richmond. This conference was important for three major reasons because it raised concerns about federal assistance to libraries, introduced new technologies, and highlighted the effect of the controversy surrounding racial segregation in Richmond and the South in general.

During my visit to the Library of Virginia, I was able to tour the research collection and the State and Federal Documents room. While browsing these materials, I noticed that there were superseded volumes of the *Code of Virginia*, much like those archived at the Wahab Public Law Library. What intrigued me was both the print and microfiche that contains the content of the *Code of Virginia* before the 1950 version, especially since we currently own a single 1887 volume.

I learned from the Government Document librarian that

they offer a fax service and are able to copy and send specific pages from these formats upon our request. So, if you are in need of superseded sections from the *Code of Virginia*, please think of us. If the needed content is not included in our collection, we can forward your request to the Library of Virginia. The Library of Virginia - <http://www.lva.lib.va.us/>

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Did you know about the proposed reorganization and renumbering of the *Code of Virginia*?

by Pat Jones/Wahab Public Law Library

Those familiar criminal, civil, and motor vehicle title and section numbers that you know so well may be changing soon. As of October 2007 (the projected distribution date by LexisNexis for the new volumes) individual sections such as §18.2, §8.01, and §46.2

may be renumbered and the titles may be reorganized by related materials, rather than alphabetically.

The names of the group working on this project are provided from the site listed below, should you be interested in contacting them on this matter with your questions and concerns. You may also read the minutes of their meetings.

Virginia Code Commission – 2007 Code Project

<http://legis.state.va.us/codecomm/2007code/2007code.htm>

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 388

Advising the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia of the intention of the Virginia Code Commission to publish a 2007 Code of Virginia.

Agreed to by the Senate, February 2, 2005

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 24, 2005

WHEREAS, pursuant to §

[30-146](#) of the Code of Virginia, the Virginia Code Commission is charged with publishing and maintaining the Code of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Virginia Code Commission has statutory authority relating to the form, makeup, arrangement and numbering of the Code of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the Code of Virginia has not been completely renumbered and reformatted since 1950 when it was adopted by the General Assembly as the official Code of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, the numbering system for the Code of Virginia is becoming increasingly convoluted and disorganized as chapters and titles are renumbered or deleted entirely from the Code; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated by the contract publisher that the republishing of the 1950 Code of Virginia could be accomplished at no additional annual cost to the user of the Virginia Code than is currently paid for annual updates to the Code; and

WHEREAS, the Division of Legislative Services will provide staff to the Virginia Code Commission to complete the project in a timely manner; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia are advised that the Virginia Code Commission will during 2005 and 2006 reorganize and renumber the 1950 Code of Virginia and publish it as the 2007 Code of Virginia.

What's New?

Legal Reference Materials
May 2005
By Rebecca Day

Annual Divorce Practice Seminar: Experts, Evidence, and Ethics in Your Child Custody Case
Virginia CLE, 2005

Closing Arguments: The Art and the Law
Thomson West, 2nd Edition

Defending Criminal Cases in Virginia
Virginia CLE, 7th Edition

Enforcement of Liens and Judgments in Virginia
Virginia CLE, 5th Edition

Federal Civil Judicial Procedure and Rules
Thomson West, 2005 Edition

15th Annual Bankruptcy Seminar
Virginia CLE, 2005

Fourth Circuit Criminal Handbook
LexisNexis, 2005 Edition

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Nolo, 8th Edition

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Nolo, 7th Edition

9th Annual Advanced Real Estate Seminar
Virginia CLE, 2005

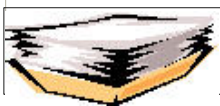
Rights of Juveniles
Thomson West, 2005 Edition

Notices and Announcements

The Virginia Beach Bar Association is pleased to announce the Judicial Recommendation Panel members who will begin serving their terms June 1, 2005. The Bar Members have elected Bobby W. Davis to a two year term and Thomas M. Murphy to a one year term. The Board has appointed James C. Lewis to a two year term and Carollynn C. Cox to a one year term. The Virginia Beach Democratic Committee has selected Afshin Farashahi. The Virginia Beach Republican Committee had not announced their selection at time of print. Mark E. Slaughter, Immediate Past President will serve



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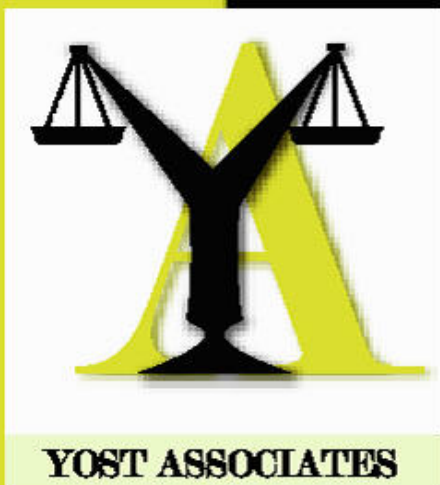
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CALENDAR

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE IMPORTANT EVENTS

- June 9 Young Lawyers Social at TPC
Grill from 5:30-7:30
- June 10 Seatack Mentoring End of Year
Picnic 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at
the Law Enforcement Training
Academy on Birdneck Road
- June 16 VSB Annual Meeting
- 19 in Virginia Beach
- July 14 Legislative Update CLE
- Oct 14 Golf Tournament - VBBA Annual
Courthouse Classic - Noon at
Hell's Point
- Nov 17 Introduction to the Courts CLE