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## President's Message

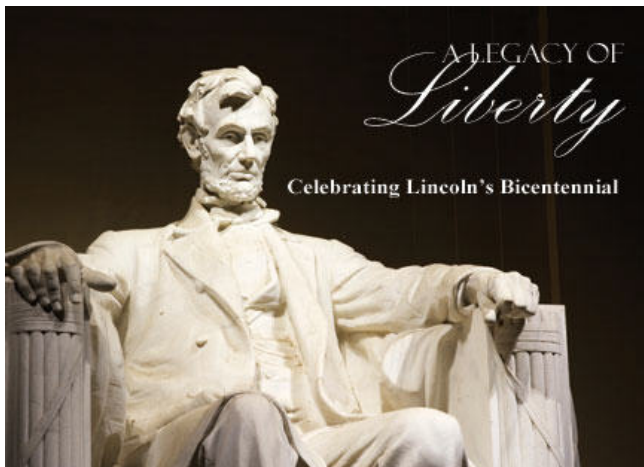
On May 7, 2009, the Virginia Beach Bar Foundation will once again host a Law Day Gala at the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts in the City of Virginia Beach. This year's speaker is Michael Beschloss, the award winning historian and author of eight best selling books on the Presidency.

Mr. Beschloss' presentation, entitled "Lincoln's Bicentennial, A Legacy of Liberty", will focus on President Abraham Lincoln in this the bicentennial of his birth. The festivities start at 5:00 p.m. with a reception for VIP ticket holders and sponsors. The reception, which lasts for an hour and a half, takes place on the stage at the Sandler Center. Mr. Beschloss will be present on stage during the reception to meet and talk with those in attendance. At 7:00 p.m., the presentation starts.

It goes without saying that there is a tremendous amount of work that goes on behind the scenes in order to put on an event like this. Probably in large part due to this fact, events like this are unique for bar associations. I am unaware of any similar event in the state. It would be wrong to suggest, however, that this show is exclusively for lawyers or members of our Bar Association. It is for everyone in the community who has an interest in history and the Presidency.

The purpose of writing this president's message about the Law Day Gala is more than to just try and convince you to buy a ticket and come. I also want to convince you that these types of events are what our Bar Association should be doing. Fortunately, our Association has an active and enthusiastic Bar Foundation which heads up this event, but it truly should be viewed as a presentation to the Hampton Roads Community. Events like this publicize all the

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This is the second year in a row that the Bar Foundation has presented a Law Day event at the Sandler Center for the Performing Arts. If you were fortunate enough to attend last year's presentation, then you already know what a first class event this is. The pre-show VIP reception is a great way to mingle with your colleagues and wind down after a day at the office. The reception offers your favorite food and beverages and sets the stage for a wonderful evening.



### **President's message continued**

good things about our profession and bring positive attention to our Association and our Foundation. The Gala also serves as the single largest fundraiser for the Foundation each year, and its success is vital to furthering the goals and purposes of the Foundation. As all of you know, Law Day is a day set aside each year to celebrate the rule of law in the United States. We often forget what a remarkable achievement it is that disputes in this country, big and small, are decided in a courtroom instead of a battlefield. This year's Law Day topic will remind us that this was not always the case.

Please tell your friends, neighbors, co-workers and anyone you meet on the street about A Legacy of Liberty. Information regarding tickets and sponsorship is available at either the Bar Foundation website, [www.vbbarfoundation.com](http://www.vbbarfoundation.com), or at the Sandler Center's website, [www.sandlercenter.org](http://www.sandlercenter.org). Consider bringing a group of people and purchasing one of the sponsorship packages available for the show. We need your support. I look forward to seeing all of you there!

## Committee Reports

**Medical/Legal Committee** - Our current projects include the continuing work under the Principles of Cooperation, which can be found on the Bar website at [www.vbbarassoc.com](http://www.vbbarassoc.com), providing information to the community regarding the new provisions of the Virginia Code for Advance Medical Directives, and working with law firms for disaster preparedness. The goal of the Principles of Cooperation is to provide a framework for resolving disputes between attorneys and physicians, especially regarding expert testimony. When disputes arise, attorneys can contact members of the Medical/Legal Joint Committee to arrange for speedy resolution of the dispute. Virginia Advance Medical Directives can soon be placed on an internet database, the details of which are in the process of being designed. Our committee would like to assist local law firms in their preparation for disasters. We hope to be able to have a CLE program on this subject in the near future. Any members who have questions, have comments, or are interested in participating in these projects should contact Cliff Love.

**Mentor Committee: *MENTORS NEEDED!***  
The committee has received positive responses

from new VBBA members wanting a mentor. However, the mentor list is very small. Any senior associate or partner who is interested in acting as a mentor (minimal time commitment) contact Brandon Ziegler at [zeigler@wolriv.com](mailto:zeigler@wolriv.com). We need to rebuild our list of mentors and it is a great way to get a new member of the VBBA involved.

**Golf Committee:** This committee needs a few good men and women to assist with the 2009 Annual Dick Brydges Memorial Golf Tournament. Last year this event raised \$6,000, of which \$3,000 was donated to the Virginia Beach Bar Foundation, \$2,000 to CASA, and \$1,000 to the Virginia Beach Rescue Squad. If interested in a fun and charitable committee, please contact Jon Thornton at [jon@pierceandthornton.com](mailto:jon@pierceandthornton.com) or Kevin Duffan at [kduffan@oca.vbgov.com](mailto:kduffan@oca.vbgov.com)

**CLASS:** The CLASS program has been a huge success thanks to the lawyers who have been volunteering their time and effort. If you are interested in donating a Friday morning once every six months for a truly worthwhile cause, please contact Jeff Marks at 491-4045.

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# Court News - Short Circuits



## GOOD ADVICE ELICITED BY SOME NON-ATTORNEYS: READ THE CODE



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

We recently conducted interviews for next year's law clerks. During the process, one interviewee asked the judges the biggest mistake they see attorneys make. Without hesitation, the answer was "not reading the code." That problem shows up on both sides of the courtroom doors, as many of the corrections requested on "rejected" orders involve an apparent failure to read the code. Everyone is rushed and busy these days, and probably overloaded with whatever cases can be grabbed given all the economic uncertainty. However, most of the time it really does not take that long to find the relevant code provisions and read them. Making time to do that work ahead of time can save you from a lot of problems down the road.

In the same vein, some commentary from a *pro se* litigant inadvertently highlighted why what attorneys do provides value. This person had her divorce rejected because she needed an order for an amended complaint. The materials she had apparently purchased online did not include this. She unsuccessfully inquired at a couple of libraries about an order to amend "form." So, she complained that we told her she needed to "submit another form" but that no one knew what that was or how to find it. Of course, the problem was that was the type of order an attorney could fairly easily draft on his or her own, without using a form book.

This unsuccessful litigant's complaint reminded me of the title of an article that appeared long ago in the VIRGINIA LAWYER. The article concerned some personal planning-type documents, and part of the title was "They Are Not Forms!" That phrase really can apply to almost all areas of the law. Otherwise, there would be no reason for attorneys to go through so much school, and into so much debt, if practicing law involved nothing more than filling in forms. In fact, it often does not go so well when attorneys practice law solely by filling in forms. One time an attorney with a very defective petition for guardian

and conservator called me for help after it was rejected. She admitted that she never read the code provisions, but simply pulled forms from a book and filled them in. That approach did not work, as the form book was either out of date or very poorly done.

So, please take a moment to check the code and read any relevant provisions before you proceed with a case. Be wary of grabbing forms and running with them. Attorneys need to demonstrate to clients the "added value" they get by hiring an attorney, especially with the competition from internet form sellers. Only by actually providing that value can we get the word out that what is available on the internet is not necessarily the best solution.

### **Summary of Recent Virginia Beach Circuit Court Letter Opinions:**

Vincent Joseph v. Jesse S. Joseph, Sr. et al, CL06-2561; Judge Canada 2/5/09 – Plaintiff filed for partition; defendant responded with a counterclaim alleging fraud, breach of fiduciary duty, and conversion, seeking imposition of a constructive trust and damages against the plaintiff. Plaintiff moved in with the 86-year-old, blind defendant to assist him. Among other things, plaintiff obtained a one-half interest in defendant's house, refinanced it, and spent all the proceeds himself. When the parties' relationship deteriorated plaintiff sued for partition. The evidence in this matter was largely contested and the finding of fact rests upon the credibility of the parties. Plaintiff's credibility was damaged by being a convicted felon, and by repeatedly changing his testimony when confronted with proof that his testimony was not accurate. The court found for the defendant, dismissing the partition suit and imposing a constructive trust in favor of defendant on plaintiff's interest in the property. The court also found a breach of fiduciary duty by the plaintiff, but found that damages were only proven in the amount of \$3,500.00, and awarded judgment in that amount.

***Circuit Court Opinions by Amy Jones continued***

Malissa H. Mayo v. Kenneth R. Mayo, CL06-6426; Judge Canada 3/5/09 – various divorce issues addressed. Both parties sought a divorce on the grounds of desertion. Evidence showed wife asked husband to leave because she was uncomfortable with his relationship with his assistant, and he acquiesced. Desertion not proven and divorce granted on one-year separation. Legal custody of the parties' sixteen-year-old son awarded to both parties, with physical custody to father, who the child said he preferred to live with. Guideline child support ordered, along with retroactive support based on the guidelines beginning July 21, 2008, when husband was awarded primary custody. Retroactive support is mandated by § 20-108.1(B). Marital property to

be equally split. Neither party is entitled to a claimed credit for improvements made to the marital home from separate funds, as neither established the value added by such improvements. Husband's request for reimbursement from wife for the rental value of the marital home for the period that she had exclusive use and possession is also denied. This case is distinguishable from the case husband relies upon, *McIlwain v. McIlwain*, 52 Va. App. 644 (2008), as the parties contributed relatively equally to the finances of the marriage and the wife's exclusive possession of the house was pursuant to court order. No award of attorneys' fees to either party, as both parties filed motions with varying success and there was no clear evidence as to who was at fault with regard to the settlement falling through.



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**When: Month of  
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# VIRGINIA STATE BAR

At its regular meeting on February 28, 2009, the Virginia State Bar Council heard the following significant reports and took the following actions:

**ALPS** - Robert W. Minto Jr., president and chief executive officer of ALPS – the VSB’s endorsed legal malpractice insurance carrier – reported that the company is in good financial condition and profitable. Since 2006, Virginia claims have increased in frequency and severity, primarily in the areas of real estate and plaintiffs’ personal injury. In 2008, Virginia’s loss ratio was 77.26% and the claims frequency was 4.32%; both are higher than ALPS’s overall book of business. The trend may result in higher premiums for lawyers in higher-risk practices.

**Professional Guidelines** - The VSB is reformatting the online version of the *Professional Guidelines* to html, so the rules can be searched more easily and updated on an ongoing basis. With those improvements at VSB.org, the print version will not be mailed to all members, but will be distributed to volunteers and anyone who requests a copy, for a savings of \$38,000 annually.

**Web Postings of Disciplinary Cases** - The Supreme Court has authorized the VSB to resume posting public disciplinary information on the bar’s website following a probable cause determination. The information must include the status of the proceeding and whether an appeal has been filed.

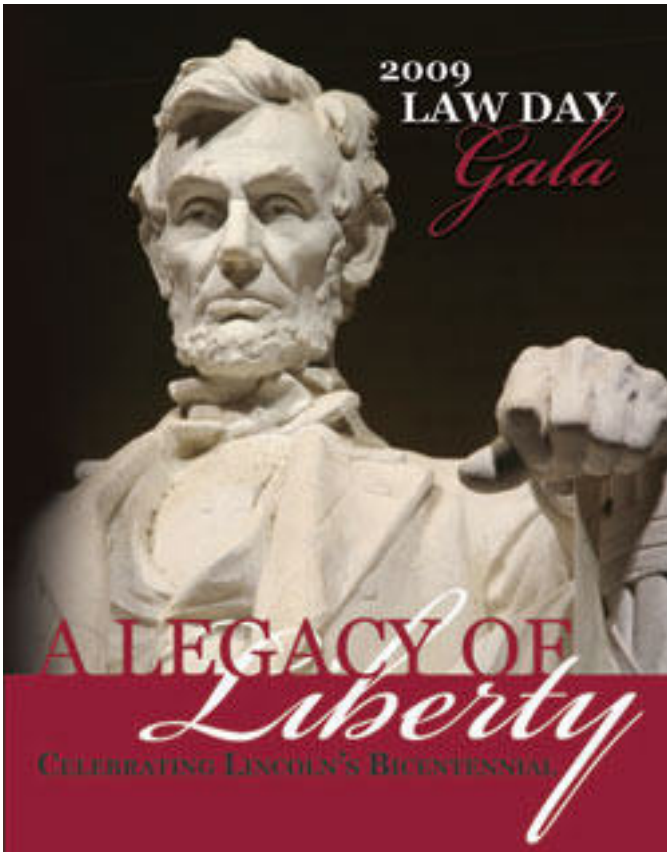
**CPF Notices to Be Sent by Regular Mail** - The council dropped a requirement that Clients’ Protection Fund petition notices be sent to the lawyer by certified mail with a return receipt request, at a cost of \$4.90 per item currently and \$5 per item beginning in May. Under the new procedure, the petition will be sent by regular mail to the lawyer’s address of record and to any additional address known to the bar.

**Proposed Amendment re Communication of Specialty Certification** - Council approved a proposed amendment to Rule 7.4(d) that would allow a lawyer to advertise a specialty certification, without a disclaimer, if the certification were granted by an American Bar Association-accredited organization. The current rule permits a lawyer to advertise a specialty certification only if the advertisement contains a disclaimer indicating that there is no Virginia procedure for approving certifying organizations. The motion to approve the amendment and recommend it to the Supreme Court passed by a vote of 30 to 25.

**Proposed Amendments to Paragraph 13** - Council voted unanimously to approve and recommend to the Supreme Court the following changes to Paragraph 13: (1) that the definition of “terms” contained in Paragraph 13(A) be amended to allow imposition of terms for certain suspensions; (2) that the definition of “costs” contained in Paragraph 13(A) be amended to include electronic and telephonic conferencing costs; and (3) that Paragraph 13(I)(8)(b) be amended to increase the reinstatement bond from \$3,500 to \$5,000.

**Proposed Amendments to Paragraph 19** - Council voted to approve and recommend to the Supreme Court the following changes to Paragraph 19: (1) that an additional \$100 delinquency fee be imposed for failure to comply with Mandatory Continuing Legal Education certification by February 1; and (2) that the certified mail requirement for initial notice of noncompliance with membership obligations be deleted.

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**Celebrate Law Day with the Virginia Beach Bar Foundation at its Law Day Gala Event on May 7, 2009. President Eisenhower proclaimed the first Law Day as a "day of national dedication to the principle of government under law".**

**In celebration of Law Day, on May 7, 2009, we will celebrate the bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, regarded by many as our nation's greatest and most elegant president and his "Legacy of Liberty" at the beautiful new Sandler Center for the Performing Arts, with a presentation by acclaimed historian, Michael Beschloss. Newsweek has called Beschloss, "the nation's leading presidential historian" and recently, he was appointed as the NBC News Presidential Historian, the first person with that title in the history of NBC. Mr. Beschloss also makes regular appearances on Meet the Press, The Today Show, PBS' The News Hour with Jim Lehr and other network programs.**

**Be a part of the Virginia Beach Bar Foundation's celebration of Law Day by purchasing tickets or a sponsorship package by visiting the Sandler Center for Performing Arts website at [www.sandlercenter.org](http://www.sandlercenter.org) , or by calling 757.282.6938. Law Day Gala events will begin at 5pm with a cocktail reception with heavy hors d'oeuvres for VIP sponsors and guests, followed by Michael Beschloss' performance.**

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**Philip L. Bradfield** was named an associate at **Marcari, Russotto, Spencer & Balaban** in Chesapeake, Virginia. He was formerly an associate with Moody, Strople, Kloeppel & Higginbotham, in Portsmouth, Virginia. He will

specialize in Plaintiff's Personal Injury Recovery Litigation and Virginia Workers Compensation Claims for the Law Firm. A Graduate of William & Mary, Marshall-Wythe School of Law, Mr. Bradfield has been practicing law in Virginia for nearly 20 years.

**The Rack Law Firm, P.C.** announces that **Flora Townes Hezel** has

as an associate, her practice in tax controversies, and advanced and administration. previously an Attorney General in



joined the Firm concentrating compliance and estate litigation and estate planning Ms. Hezel was Assistant

the Office of the Attorney General of Virginia, where she was agency counsel for the Virginia Department of Taxation. Ms. Hezel earned her Master of Laws in Taxation from Georgetown University Law Center and her Juris Doctor from T.C. Williams School of Law, University of Richmond. She holds her Bachelor of Science degree in Speech Communication from James Madison University.



**Richard W. Hartman III** also joined The Rack Law Firm as an associate, where he will concentrate his practice in probate and trust administration, fiduciary accountings, estate planning and the formation and representation of business

entities. Mr. Hartman earned his J.D. at Washington and Lee University School of Law, and received his Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, with a concentration in Business Management, from Radford University.



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**Clarke, Dolph, Rapaport, Hull, Brunick & Garriott, PLC** is pleased to announce that **Caryn R. West** became a Member of the Firm on January 1, 2009.



**John T. Midgett** has been elected a Fellow of The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel. Mr. Midgett is an attorney with the law firm of **Midgett & Preti P.C.** The American College

of Trust and Estate Counsel ("ACTEC") is a national professional organization of more than 2,600 lawyers who have made outstanding contributions to the field of trust and estate law.

The Virginia Beach Bar Association is pleased to announce that the **Honorable Lesley L. Lilley**, former City Attorney for the city of Virginia Beach and past President of the Virginia Beach Bar Association, was commissioned by Governor Timothy Kaine as a Judge of the Circuit Court of the City of Virginia Beach on March 1, 2009.



The Virginia Beach Bar Association is also pleased to announce that the **Honorable Steven C. Frucci**, formerly of the law firm of Stallings & Bischoff, P.C., was commissioned as a Judge of the General District Court of the City of Virginia Beach on April 1, 2009.

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# Wahab Law Library

**NOTICE** The Wahab Public Law Library hours of operation are Monday – Friday, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Any fax, e-mail, or phone request received after closing will be processed the morning of the following work day.

## What's New?

### Legal Reference Materials



*Access to Utility Service*

National Consumer Law Center, 2008

*American Jurisprudence Proof of Facts, 3d Series, Volume 105*

Thomson Reuters/West, 2009

*Bankruptcy Code, Rules and Forms*

2009 Edition

*Chapter 13 Bankruptcy*

Nolo, 2008

*Consumer Arbitration Agreements, 2008 Supplement*

National Consumer Law Center, 2008

*Consumer Bankruptcy Law and Practice, 2008 Supplement*

National Consumer Law Center, 2008

*Consumer Law Pleadings*

National Consumer Law Center, 2008

*Covenants Not to Compete: A State-by-State Survey, Volumes 1-3*

American Bar Association, 2008

*Criminal Offenses and Defenses, Virginia Practice Series*

2008-2009 Edition

*Criminal Procedure Forms, Virginia Practice Series*

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*Fair Credit Reporting, 2008 Supplement*

National Consumer Law Center, 2008

*Family Law: Theory, Practice, and Forms, Virginia Practice Series*

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*A Guide to Evidence in Virginia*

Virginia CLE, 2008

*Handbook of Virginia Local Government Law*

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*Military Criminal Justice Practice and Procedure*

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*The Rocket Docket: Trying Cases in the Eastern District of Virginia*

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*Student Loan Law, 2008 Supplement*

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*Virginia Circuit Court Opinions, Cumulative Index*

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*Virginia Circuit Court Opinions, Volume 75*

LexisNexis, 2009

*Virginia Court of Appeals Reports, Volume 52, May 7, 2008 through November 4, 2008*

West Group, 2008

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# Tech Tips from Wahab Public Law Library

## Featured Blog - Jallenlawtek – <http://www.jallenlawtekblog.com/>

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## Featured Tool - Twitter and the Law – <http://twitter.com/>

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Legal Blog Watch - <http://twitter.com/LegalBlogWatch>

Legal News: Hot Docs - [http://twitter.com/Legal\\_News](http://twitter.com/Legal_News)

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Deadline - The deadline for the April Newsletter is May 15, 2009.

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# Virginia Beach Bar Foundation Corner

The Virginia Beach Bar Foundation serves as the charitable arm of the Virginia Beach Bar Association. The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization with the purpose of promoting and supporting charitable work of the VBBA and activities in furtherance of justice and legal education. Such activities include, without limitation, the facilitation of programs to improve the quality of life and help meet the legal needs of the indigent and under-served in the Virginia Beach community; the provision for law related educational opportunities and scholarships for the community and legal profession; and the education of the public about the importance of law in their daily lives and in the protection of their freedoms.

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**In memory of John A. Tilhou:**

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If you would like to give something back to the Virginia Beach community and help enhance the image of the legal profession, please make one of the above contributions to: the Virginia Beach Bar Foundation, c/o Mark Slaughter, Esquire, Treasurer, *Troutman Sanders LLP*, 222 Central Park Avenue, Suite 2000, Virginia Beach, VA 23462

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