## VIRGINIA BEACH BAR ASSOCIATION

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

#### **ANNIVERSARIES AND ERAS**

The Virginia Beach Bar Association celebrates its 60th anniversary this year. We will continue our tradition of being a social bar by gathering at Chick's Oyster Bar on Saturday September 9th starting at 3 p.m. for our annual party. The Party will continue after 7 p.m. at the Oceanfront at the "Yard at Ocean 27" behind the new Hyatt House hotel for camaraderie and cocktails overlooking the beach.

This gathering, on our diamond anniversary, will be more than a little bittersweet. It will mark the first time in 20 years – a full third of our organization's entire existence – that Jean Keary, our tireless, ageless Executive Director, will not be with us. Jean passed away on August 19, 2017 after a fight with cancer.

We, as a bar association and individually, grieve for Jean and her family's loss. We mourn the passing of our beloved friend and colleague. For someone who was always there, it is hard to come to terms with the notion that she won't be with us as we gather next week.

A diamond is the traditional gift for a 60th anniversary. The word diamond comes from the Greek word "adamas" meaning unconquerable and enduring. Jean was the enduring force behind the VBBA for 20 years. She gently guided and directed each new board, never allowing them to deviate from the standard that was set by our prior leadership. She was our institutional knowledge, our compass, and our de facto leader. Each President brought their own personality and agenda to the board, but it was Jean who always kept a steady hand on the tiller. She became a confidant to each President and a close friend to many.

There has been no other person who gave more to the VBBA than Jean. Many have done much for the organization - Mark Slaughter was responsible for the bar office and the Virginia Beach Bar Foundation; Judge Shadrick began and guided the Seatack Mentoring program; Tim Quick, a former President and 7 year board member, still volunteers on numerous committees; and Judge Marks founded the CLASS program. Each person listed and the many more I have omitted, gave tirelessly and freely of their time and talents in service of our bar and the public. IN THIS ISSUE (click tab to jump) ANNOUNCEMENTS SHORT CIRCUITS WHAT'S NEW AT WAHAB VBBA NEWS

Jean gave more. For 20 years Jean attended seemingly every CLE event, board meeting, and social occasion, staying late to make sure all details were covered and everything was wrapped up correctly. Her contributions cannot be measured by a timeline or list. Jean was the backbone of the VBBA. We were a far better organization because of her and we are a weaker one in her absence. In partial but insufficient tribute, the bar office at the courthouse will be renamed in honor of Jean's memory.

Without a doubt this is the end of an era. Rest in Peace, Jean.

Respectfully, *The VBBA, its Members and Officers.* 



VIRGINIA BEACH BAR ASSOCIATION

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### VIRGINIA BEACH GENERAL DISTRICT COURT Mental Health Docket

Almost two years ago Tim Quick, on behalf of the Virginia Beach Bar Association, approached me about the possibility of starting a Mental Health Court, similar to Norfolk and some other jurisdictions. After a comprehensive discussion among the judges of our court, as well as staff, it was determined for various reasons that we could not create a new court. However, we recognized serious issues in the mental health field, particularly as they related to incarcerated individuals. We elected to create a Mental Health Docket. We recognized that we could only deal with "capacity to stand trial", rather than attempt to have a treatment court, without proper funding.

Many of you may remember that prior to the creation of our special docket, defendants remained on regular dockets. Cases were often continued numerous times because of treatment and related issues. Witnesses often were subpoenaed numerous times only to learn that the defendant was still being treated at a mental health facility.

In order to solve this complex problem of identification, assessment and treatment, we recognized we would need the assistance of many organizations. Thus, when we organized a Mental Health Docket Committee, we requested volunteer assistance and received it from the following organizations: the Public Defender Office, the Virginia Beach Bar Association, the Commonwealth's Attorney Office, the City Attorney's office, Virginia Beach Mental Health Substance Abuse Department, Adult Correctional Services, the Virginia Beach Sheriff's Department, Virginia Beach Community Corrections, the Veterans Administration, and staff from the General District Court. They all stepped forward to help.

Our first meeting was in May of 2015 and for over a year and a half we met at least twice a month. Recently it was the consensus of the group that because there were so many open and constant lines of communication between the various offices, it was determined that a meeting of the whole committee would only be necessary once a month.

Initially, many of the cases did not have a prosecutor and this created issues for defense attorneys. I sought assistance from the

#### NOTICE FROM VIRGINIA ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

- Eastern Region Legal Office for the Division of Child Support Enforcement has moved.
- Our new office location is Office of the Attorney General, #11 Interstate Corp. Center, 420 North Center Drive, Suite 224, Norfolk, VA 23502.
- Contact Information: Linda Letourneau Ad G. Scott Darnell Sr. Mitch Broudy Sr.

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Admin. Assistant 757-985-3213 Sr. Asst. Atty Gen. 757-985-3209 Sr. Asst. Atty. Gen. 757-985-3207

• Fax # 804-819-7121

Virginia Beach Commonwealth's Attorney, Colin Stolle, and he graciously agreed to provide a prosecutor for every referral to the docket, so that potential conflicts of interest with the defendant and his attorney could be reduced. We are most grateful to Colin and Chief Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney Scott Vachris.



Much of the success of the program is because the General District Court, without additional state or local funds, dedicated a Deputy Clerk to coordinate the program. Jude Jackson, Judicial Assistant to the Judges, took over the administrative responsibilities of the program from the inception. This docket probably consumes fifty percent of her work schedule.

In 2015, we had 109 cases referred to the mental health docket and in 2016 we had 136 cases referred to the docket. 2017 is on track for about the same. While the Mental Health Docket does not solve underlying problems, it does keep the process flowing and provides for proper medical treatment for challenged individuals, at least for the capacity to stand trial issues. We on the Committee are all determined that no one will die in our jail while in need of mental health services. I will continue to keep the bar association informed of important developments in this area.

Gene A. Woolard, Chief Judge Virginia Beach General District Court



Princess Anne Country Club 12:30am Check-in 1:30pm Shotgun Start Captain's Choice Best Ball

# You're Invited! **Ethical Advocacy in Mediation** CLE Conference

### A Joint Effort of the Virginia Beach Bar Association and The McCammon Group

Thursday, October 19, 2017 3:00 – 5:00 PM CLE Presentation 5:00 – 6:00 PM Complimentary Reception Princess Anne Country Club • 3800 Pacific Ave • Virginia Beach, VA 23451

CLE and Reception offered at no charge, courtesy of The McCammon Group 2.0 hours VA Ethics CLE credit approved

**Featured Panelists** 

Cheshire l'Anson Eveleigh, Esq.Hon. Charles E. Poston (Ret.)Hon. Jerome B. Friedman (Ret.)Hon. F. Bradford Stillman (Ret.)Hon. James C. Hawks (Ret.)Hon. Winship C. Tower (Ret.)

Moderated by John McCammon

### **Registration is required by October 12**

### To register, please go to

www.vbbarassoc.com/events/cle-event-ethical-advocacy-mediation/ or call 888-343-0922

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## **SHORT CIRCUITS**

#### DANGLING" SIGNATURES ON ORDERS; AMENDMENTS TO SUPREME COURT RULE 1:5 FOR ORDERS OF WITHDRAWAL/SUBSTITUTION OF COUNSEL; OCRA AVAILABLE FOR VIRGINIA BEACH CIRCUIT COURT

# "Dangling" signatures on orders – something to avoid

The court regularly receives orders for entry that have what are best described as "dangling" signatures. This occurs when only the signatures of counsel are on the last page with the judge's signature line, with nothing connecting that page with the rest of the order. The concern of the court in entering orders in that format is that the last page, with the judge's signature, could be detached and attached to an entirely different order. Although counsel presumably would not do something like that, others who end up with the order might. The judges remind counsel to be sure that either sufficient text, or a header or footer, is included on the page they sign so that it can be connected with a particular file.

#### Reminder of amendments to Supreme Court Rule 1:5 for orders of withdrawal and substitution of counsel:

Amendments to subsection (d) of Rule 1:5 made earlier this year impose new requirements on orders of substitution or withdrawal of counsel. Orders of substitution now must include the Virginia State Bar number, office address and telephone number of incoming counsel, along with their email address and fax number, if any. Most of this information is already included in the signature line for incoming counsel, so there should not be too big of an adjustment caused by the amendment.

For orders of withdrawal endorsed by the client, the Code has always required the address of the client. Now, however, Rule 1:5 not only continues to require that, but also requires the now pro se party's phone number. Presumably, most attorneys who are withdrawing with an order endorsed by their client have their client's phone number, so it is just a matter of remembering to put that in the order. If you do not know your client's phone number, and the client signing the order refuses to provide it, then stating that in the order will avoid any problems. As in the past, none of this information is required if the client does not sign the withdrawal order.

# Officer of the Court Remote Access ["OCRA"] available for Virginia Beach Circuit Court:

The law clerks and I receive a lot of inquiries regarding the status of an order, or to find out the contents of a correction form. Unfortunately, for a lot of different reasons, it's typically not possible for us to provide that service. However, you can now find out this information on your own and at your convenience, even if it is outside our office hours, because OCRA is now available for the Virginia Beach Circuit Court. Better yet, access is currently at no charge. If you are interested, you can contact the Clerk's Office for an application and additional details.

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## WHAT'S NEW AT WAHAB

### **RENOVATION UPDATE**

Hammers are hammering and saws are sawing in the Wahab Public Law Library. The contractors have started demolishing the old information desk and several walls in preparation for our new layout and desk. The entire process is expected to take approximately three months to complete (but our fingers are crossed for a quicker conclusion).

For the convenience of our customers in the legal community, we have set aside commonly-requested print materials (including the Virginia Code, forms, sentencing guidelines, jury instructions, and select treatises). Attorneys are welcome to access these materials in our satellite office. Additionally, our staff continues to offer legal research services to members of the bar and will be happy to retrieve online resources (from Lexis, Westlaw, and other subscription services) and e-mail that information to our customers; attorneys may submit research requests via llstaff@ vbgov.com or 385-4419.

Please do not hesitate to stop by and see the progress on our new space. Library staff are operating out of a satellite office next door to the law library during the renovation. Simply look for our sign and the newspaper rack! We have a table and chairs available for customers while they conduct research or read the paper. Our operating hours and contact information remain the same.

### WAHAB RENOVATION:

Wahab Public Law Library--along with all branches of the Virginia Beach Public Library--will be closed all day on March 8, 2017, so that staff can attend a system-wide training day.

### HOLIDAY CLOSURES:

The Wahab Public Law Library's satellite office and all Virginia Beach Public Libraries will be closed Monday, September 4, for Labor Day.



Location: Wahab Public Law Library is located at Virginia Beach Judicial Center, Building 10B, on the ground floor.

Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm Address: 2425 Nimmo Parkway, Bldg. 10B Virginia Beach, VA 23456-9062

Phone: (757) 385-4419

E-mail: llstaff@vbgov.com

Website: www.vbgov.com/law-library



## **VBBA NEWS**

### VBBA PROVIDED 10 HOURS OF SWIM LESSONS TO 80 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADE STUDENTS FROM SEATACK'S ACHIEVABLE DREAM ACADEMY.

The VBBA was proud to once again support the "Students on the Swim" program at Seatack Elementary School. The students and teachers continue to share their excitement, and we see successes at every visit. The VBBA was honored to receive the CLBA Award of Merit at the Virginia State Bar's Annual Meeting this summer for our sponsorship of this terrific program.

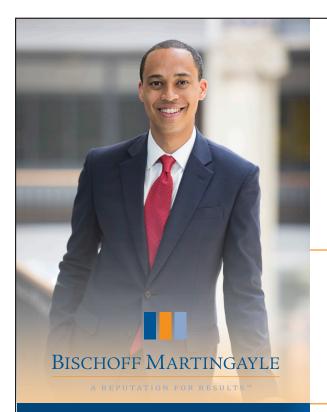








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WELCOMES JERRAULD "JAY" JONES **Bischoff Martingayle P.C.** is proud to announce Jay Jones has joined the firm as a partner. Jay graduated from the College of William and Mary in 2010 and from UVA Law School in 2015. A lifelong resident of Norfolk who is actively engaged in the civic life of his city and region, Jay will specialize in civil and commercial litigation, helping achieve positive results for clients of Bischoff Martingayle.

Jay joins Emily Munn in the firm's new Norfolk location in Monticello Arcade.



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## SAVE THE DATE SEPTEMBER 21, 2017: 8:30AM-5PM



### JDR **SUBCOMMITTEE ANNUAL CLE Advanced Technology** Center (VB-TCC)

Tentative Agenda will focus on mental health issues involved in juvenile and family (criminal and civil cases) before the JDR Court. CLE/IDC/GAL credit pending agenda confirmation.

\*CLE is free to VBBA members.

\*Registration Fee for Non-Members is \$50.00 for licensed attorneys and \$10.00 for Non-Attorney Participants (paralegals, social workers, family services specialists, etc.)

\*CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST, LUNCH, & AFTERNOON SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED.

### **YLC IS HOSTING** JUDGE'S RECEPTION October 21, 2017

from 1-4 pm Refreshments will be provided.

ALL ATTORNEYS ARE WELCOME **BUT NEWLY-ADMITTED ATTORNEYS ARE ESPECIALLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!** 

Please contact Kathleen Keffer (757-385-4099) or Brad Hudgins (757-385-8067) for more information

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deadline is December 15, 2017. Contact Christopher Boynton,	
cboynton@vbgov.com	

### **VIRGINIA BEACH BAR ASSOCIATION'S COMMITTEES, CHAIRS AND LIAISONS**

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Circuit Court	Rich Cromwell	N/A	Mary M. Kellam
Golf Tournament	Ryan Ferguson	Allison Anders	Brandon H. Zeigler
General District Court	Kathryn Byler	N/A	Jonathan Stone
Young Lawyers	Kathleen Keffer	Brad Hudgins	Christy Wood
Pro-Bono Seatack	Stephen Pfeiffer	Rich Cromwell	Chris Jacobs
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### VIRGINIA BEACH GENERAL DISTRICT COURT

### **2017 FINAL CALENDAR**

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Arraignments at 10:00 a.m. on: August 28th, 29th, 30th, November 7th, 22nd, December 8th & 22nd On all other dates arraignments will be at 2:00 p.m. in Traffic D ONLY BOND HEARINGS & ARRAIGNMENTS ON NOVEMBER 7th, 22nd, DECEMBER 8th & 22nd



### VIRGINIA BEACH GENERAL DISTRICT COURT 2018 INTERIM CALENDAR

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UPDATED 6/9/17

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On the following dates: August 6, 7, 8, November 6, 21, December 7 and 24 the arraignments will start at 10:00 a.m.

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