VIRGINIA BEACH BAR ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

At the beginning of the year, our Executive Board adopted a mission statement for the Virginia Beach Bar Association. Simply put, our mission is "to be an inclusive and diverse organization that fosters legal excellence, encourages a culture of integrity, honor, collegiality, professionalism, and civility among the bar and the bench, promotes justice and fair play in the legal system, provides public service opportunities to its members, and serves its membership and the public with distinction."

A foundational goal for us, then, is to foster professionalism and civility among the members of our bar and the bench. We work to accomplish that goal in many ways, in large part by offering a broad array of professional education and social events that create opportunities for networking and collegiality.

But perhaps mirroring the coarseness of our country's current civic and political discourse, there has been a steady erosion of civility among litigants and their attorneys in Virginia's courts. Unfortunately, Virginia Beach is no exception to this trend. More needs to be done.

It is undoubtedly difficult for litigants themselves to manage their emotions and maintain their composure during some of life's most stressful moments: Divorces. Child Custody Disputes. Personal Injury Claims. Criminal Prosecutions. Real Estate and Contract Disputes.

It is therefore incumbent upon their legal counsel – all of us – to be the steady hand during their storm. It may not come naturally to us. We invest ourselves professionally and sometimes personally in the outcomes of our cases and the fates of our clients. But we are in the dispute resolution business. We are professionals. Escalating the rhetoric and amplifying the incivility does not serve our shared professional goal of reaching resolution – either in court or outside of it. IN THIS ISSUE (click tab to jump) ANNOUNCEMENTS VBBA NEWS NOTICES

For these reasons, on Wednesday, October 10th at the Museum of Contemporary Arts, we will assemble a blue ribbon panel, led by Hon. Glen A. Huff, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of Virginia, to renew our focus upon Professionalism & Civility within our profession. We anticipate offering 2.0 hours of Ethics credit, and strong attendance from and participation by our Circuit Court and other benches, who too frequently find themselves refereeing incivility as much as adjudicating disputes.

Similar to the Navy's process after a critical incident, we consider this a safety stand-down of sorts. There are very many of you in our membership to whom we will be "preaching to the choir." But it is a call to all of us to reflect on how we might better serve as part of the solution for our clients, rather than an accelerant of their discord.

We look forward to seeing you at MOCA on October 10th. As always, there will be a cocktail hour, appetizers, and abundant

opportunities to connect and confer after the event. And finally, a sincere thanks to each of you for the role you play in ensuring that civility, professionalism, and collegiality remains the hallmark of the Virginia Beach Bar Association.

~ Christopher S. Boynton, President





CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!!

An initiative of the VBBA that provides representation to victims of romantic partner domestic violence at protective order hearings. Each Friday morning, the CLASS program provides two volunteer attorneys to meet with qualified victims and represent them for their request for a protective order.

Please consider donating your time to this important program! The time commitment is minimal – 8:30am to around 12:00pm, once or twice a year – but the impact on the lives of those represented is significant.

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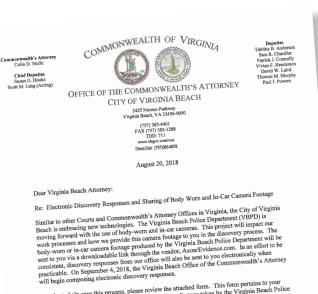
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VIRGINIA BEACH BAR ASSOCIATION

Similar to other Courts and Commonwealth's Attorney Offices in Virginia, the City of Virginia Beach is embracing new technologies. The Virginia Beach Police Department (VBPD) is moving forward with the use of body-worn and in-car cameras. This project will impact our work processes and how we provide this camera footage to you in the discovery process. The body-worn or in-car camera footage produced by the Virginia Beach Police Department will be sent to you via a downloadable link through the vendor, Axon/Evidence.com. In an effort to be consistent, discovery responses from our office will also be sent to you electronically when practicable. On September 4, 2018, the Virginia Beach Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney will begin composing electronic discovery responses.

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Colin D. Stolle Commonwealth's Attorney

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VISION STATEMENT

The Virginia Beach Bar Association will be viewed as the "best in class" local bar association – an exemplary benchmark. It will be known within the legal community and the community-at-large as a bar association that provides excellent professional development, leadership, service, networking, and social opportunities that are timely, relevant, and continuously improving. It will be considered an invaluable "must-join" bar association for any attorney residing in or providing legal services in or around Virginia Beach. The association will utilize best practices in communications and technology to provide our membership with efficient and cost-effective services that maximize their membership investment. The association will display pride and excellence in all of its activities and services.

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2019 VIRGINIA BEACH GENERAL DISTRICT COURT INTERIM CALENDAR

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