

VIRGINIA BEACH BAR ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"GOODBYE, FAREWELL AND AMEN"

That was the title of the final episode of M*A*S*H. It was also the only time that a M*A*S*H episode featured an on-screen title. The finale is still the highest rated television event in American history.

As is often the case, in the final message of the year the outgoing president gives a brief overview of the past year and thanks those who were instrumental in the successes. I will not break that tradition, however first I will discuss some changes that we attempted and where I see our organization moving forward.

To the extent the VBBA failed in a task, its mission or to reach a goal, the blame is mine and mine alone. We are all volunteers but I volunteered to be President, and with that position comes the responsibility of making sure the trains run on time. If they didn't, I was the conductor and the fault rests with me.

I wanted to see if a more casual annual banquet would drive attendance - it didn't. Those who attended had a great time but not enough of the membership enjoyed our afternoon at Chick's or the after-party drinks at the oceanfront. Chris Boynton has a wonderful party planned at the remodeled Cavalier Hotel on June 9, 2018 that will see the VBBA return to its more business casual party roots.

I wanted to focus more energies on providing value to transactional attorneys and we were partially successful in those efforts. I believe that will continue to be a focus in the coming years. I invite any transactional attorneys to contact me to give us more direction and focus on the VBBA can do for you.

I wanted to reach out and provide services and support to our military. While no programs were launched in 2017 to address this, a strong foundation was laid and I believe we can launch a very successful relationship soon.

During the beginning of the year, it was clear that we were going to lose Kevin Duffan to the bench. As I said at his investiture, and it bears repeating, the bench was improved with his addition and we were weakened by his absence. His wise words and friendship were missed at our board meetings, however it was a change we could adjust to even though we didn't like not having him around.

Then there was one catastrophic change that nobody had planned for - Jean Keary's passing.

Jean was the rock that for the past 20 years every board member relied upon and who was the keeper of our institutional knowledge and navigator on how to do things correctly. Her importance cannot be overstated. On January 22, 2018 at 4 p.m. at the Courthouse, we will officially rename the VBBA office in Jean's memory. Please plan to attend the renaming ceremony and then follow us to a reception to raise a glass in Jean's memory.

It was in the chaos that followed where the board shined brightest. Chris Boynton took over answering every email, monitoring the bar office and generally keeping the VBBA organized on a daily and weekly basis. He was hands-on every detail. Jonathan Stone immediately tripled his responsibilities as Treasurer and got every task done timely and correctly. Thanks does not begin to properly express my gratitude. Every other board member, without

having to be asked, knew that their work load was increased and no one complained or refused an assignment.

Chris Jacobs and Christy Wood put on another impressive slate of CLEs including a memorable CLE in Las Vegas. If you haven't attend the Vegas trip, plan to get a group together and go in 2018. You can't help but have a great time. In addition to Christy already full plate of programming CLEs for the year, she has adopted Jeff Marks' prior role of promoter, protector, and defender of the CLASS Project.

Three committee chairs really stood out this year and deserve special recognition. First, Ryan Ferguson for his central role in chairing the Golf Tournament. Ryan would be the first to point out that he didn't do it alone. Both Allison Anders and Jeff Marks had essential roles in the event's success. Thanks go to all three. Ryan will start 2018 as one of the two newest directors of the VBBA, so please congratulate him when you have an opportunity.

Second, Christianna Cunningham, as chair of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Committee, ran the best committee in the VBBA (and it isn't close). She continued the hard work and effort that started with Paul Powers. The committee didn't miss a beat and grew in several important areas. In fact, the annual CLE that the J&DR Committee organizes was so large that it has outgrown the current configuration of the conference space where the CLE has been held for the past three years. The VBBA would be remiss if it didn't also recognize and thank the significant efforts and participation of the Judges of Juvenile Court with this committee. The Bench's interactions and advice are welcome and necessary for the VBBA to reach its goals. We thank you.

Last is Ed Booth. Over the past 5 years the VBBA has slowly but deliberately transitioned to a more digital and web-based platform. Those efforts haven't been without costs and hiccups but our progress is undeniable and in the past two years, our significant progress is a direct result of Ed's efforts. His willingness to do anything to get the job done and ease to work with was ever-present. Thank you for all your efforts. He will also be joining the board in 2018 as a new director.

I started practice in 1997 with Stallings & Richardson when there were 5 partners and me. On my first day Sonny told me to get involved in VBBA and it wasn't a suggestion. This marks my 20th year of practice and participation with VBBA with the last 6 serving on the board. I have gotten far more out of my association with VBBA than the time or effort I have committed.

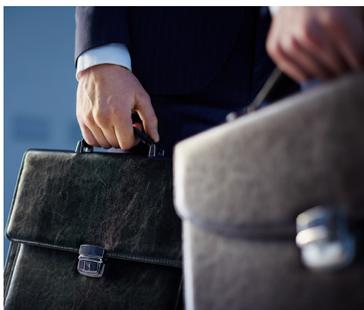
THANK YOU AND GOODBYE, FAREWELL AND AMEN.
Brandon H. Zeigler, President



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CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!!

CONCERNED LAWYERS ADVOCATING SPOUSAL SAFETY (C.L.A.S.S.)

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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DEDICATION OF VIRGINIA BEACH BAR ASSOCIATION OFFICE IN MEMORY OF JEAN W. KEARY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



JANUARY 22, 2018 AT 4 PM

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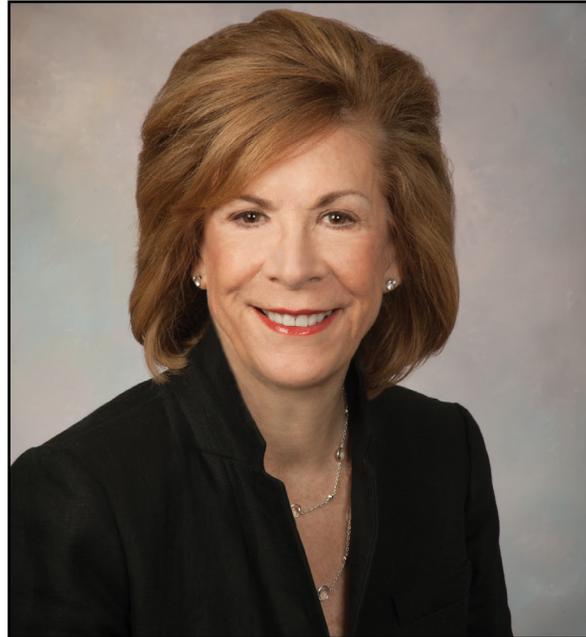
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Retired Judge, Virginia Beach
Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court

The Honorable Winship C. Tower recently retired after sixteen years of distinguished judicial service. Judge Tower is a Fellow of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, and she practiced finance and family law in Hampton Roads for twenty years prior to her appointment to the court. She is a member of The Boyd-Graves Conference and a former member of the I'Anson-Hoffman Inn of Court. A statewide leader in family law, Judge Tower is Past Chair of the Board of Governors of the Family Law Section of the Virginia State Bar and Past Chair of the Domestic Relations Section of the Virginia Bar Association. Judge Tower now brings her extensive family law experience to The McCammon Group to serve the mediation, arbitration, and judge pro tempore needs of lawyers and litigants throughout the Commonwealth.



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VBBA NEWS

END OF YEAR WRAPUP- VBBA JDR COMMITTEE

2017 was again a very productive year for the JDR Committee! The Committee continued to host brown bag CLEs at the courthouse, began a “clerk’s appreciation” breakfast, and held the largest attended JDR CLE at the Advanced Technology Center in September. The Committee continues to refine its work with the Noblemen on providing opportunities for at-risk youth in Virginia Beach as well as expanding the Committee’s overall service to families before our Court.

THE COMMITTEE WILL BEGIN ITS 2018 YEAR WITH A MEETING IN JANUARY AT FINN MCCOOLS.

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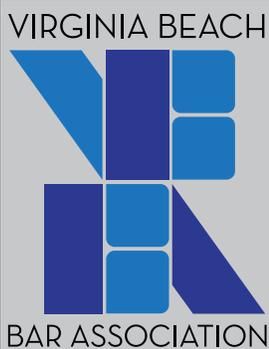
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Join us in Traffic C at 4:00 PM on Thursday, December 7th for an opportunity to review the new pretrial risk assessment and supervision changes. Allison Kronenburg, Community Corrections Pretrial Supervisor, will be joined by Chief Judge Woolard, Scott Lang, Office of the Commonwealth Attorney, and Cal Bain, Public Defender. Allison will highlight the changes and the panel will be available to comment and/or answer your questions. CLE Pending

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Circuit Court	Rich Cromwell	N/A	Mary M. Kellam
Golf Tournament	Ryan Ferguson	Allison Anders	Kevin Duffan
General District Court	Kathryn Byler	N/A	Jonathan Stone
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VIRGINIA BEACH GENERAL DISTRICT COURT 2017 FINAL CALENDAR

UPDATED 05/02/17

■ HOLIDAY, NO COURT, CLERK'S OFFICE CLOSED

★ NO COURT CLERK'S OFFICE OPEN

■ CONFLICT DOCKET - Civil A *and* SMALL CLAIMS COURT - Civil B

■ MENTAL HEALTH CASES

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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

UPDATED 6/9/17

■ HOLIDAY, NO COURT, CLERK'S OFFICE CLOSED

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■ CONFLICT DOCKET - Civil A and SMALL CLAIMS COURT - Civil B

■ MENTAL HEALTH DOCKET

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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.** ★