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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many things in life mystify me. One example is anything that is computer related. As my fellow board members can attest, I remain mostly silent when much needed upgrades of the computer hardware in the bar association's office at the courthouse are discussed and installed, as most of what is being done is beyond my comprehension. I know how to push a few keys on my computer, but I could not begin to explain what is needed to make the computer functional. (It is hoped that those upgrades will be completed and functional soon--stay tuned.)

A second thing that mystifies me is NASA's Juno mission to Jupiter. The Orbiter was launched in 2011. It reached Jupiter in July and began its orbit around that enormous planet. That's one long trip. Yeah, I know this is rocket science, literally, but how NASA can accomplish that is a total mystery to me.

Yet another thing I don't understand is the CERN particle collider in Switzerland. I have read that it smashes together subatomic particles at nearly the speed of light. Apparently experiments are underway where scientists are trying to recreate conditions immediately following the "Big Bang" which gave birth to the universe. Say what? How is that possible? How that can be done is a total mystery to me. Why doing that would be a good thing is another mystery.

These three examples, or at least two out of the three, are indeed difficult to understand. The first one, computer hardware and how it works and what it does, is not a mystery to my fellow board members or to those who have never known a world without computers. But something else that mystifies me is not complicated, and therein lies the mystery. This is the rampant mispronunciation of the name of the street on which our courthouse is located. Unlike rocket science and computer science, we are talking about a simple five letter word.

The garbling of some names is understandable. One of those names is "Staunton" which is a city in the western part of Virginia. One might expect that the "u" is pronounced. As we Virginians know, the "u" is silent, but how did that vowel get there and why is it not pronounced? I don't know the answer. Another mystery.

A second name that is often mispronounced (or is it?) is the name of the city where I sat for the bar exam many years ago. That is "Roanoke." The spelling makes it look like there should be a third syllable, and perhaps for people who do not speak with a southern accent the "a" is pronounced, but I will wager that no native of that

city pronounces "Roanoke" with more than two syllables.

While the pronunciation of the names

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of the two cities in the western part of Virginia might be debatable, the pronunciation of the name of the street on which our courthouse sits is not. "Nimmo" is straightforward. It is pronounced exactly as it looks. A consonant after a vowel means the vowel sound is short rather than long; hence, it is pronounced "nih-mo" and not "nee-mo." Why is it so difficult for people to enunciate it correctly? Did they not learn pronunciation in school? Apparently I went to school long enough ago that pronunciation was still taught. Also, as a long time member of Nimmo Church and having known members of the Nimmo family, I know of what I speak, eh...pronounce. So why people insist on uttering the street's name as if it were a character in a Jules Verne novel or a Disney movie is a mystery to me.

The next time you are giving someone directions to the courthouse, be sure to advise them to find "Nimmo" and not find "Nemo." Although I will allow the mispronunciation of the name is not an offense for which the fictional Captain Nemo in Verne's *Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea* would have you jailed, the mispronunciation is rampant. It is also mystifying.

Peggy Kellam President, Virginia Beach Bar Association



ANOTHER SUCCESSFULL PARTNERSHIP WITH SEATACK ELEMENTARY

For the second year, the VBBA sponsored basic swim lessons for second graders at Seatack Elementary School as part of the Seatack Mentoring Program. From May 31 to June 10, forty-five students (safely) jumped in the pool at the Seatack Recreation Center to receive basic swimming and water safety instruction from American Red Cross certified swim instructors. The students learned fundamental aquatic skills like how to safely enter water, jellyfish and back floats, treading water, how to swim freestyle, and how to get help in the case of an emergency. The students loved participating in the swim lessons.

The VBBA Seatack Mentoring Program for third graders will begin again this Fall. If you are looking for a way to meaningfully contribute to a young student's life, then consider serving as a Mentor at a Seatack. Ask any Mentor and they will tell you that it's a deeply rewarding experience. The program involves spending about one hour a week with your student at Seatack, during which you read with them, play board games or just talk. If you are interested in serving, then please contact Judge Shadrick, Michaela Wayler at Seatack, or Rich Cromwell.











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for Seatack Mentoring Program.

IF INTERESTED, THEN CALL RICH CROMWELL AT (757) 640-3775.



VSB RESOLUTION OF FEE DISPUTES MEDIATION & ARBITRATION TRAINING SESSIONS

Richmond • September 8, 2016 Roanoke • September 14, 2016 Northern Virginia • October 14, 2016 Norfolk • October 20, 2016

The Special Committee on the Resolution of Fee Disputes is looking for volunteers (lawyers and nonlawyers) to serve on its Circuit Committees on the Resolution of Fee Disputes. There are currently 11 active CCRFDs in Virginia; they serve the 2nd, 10th, 16th, 18th, 19th, 23rd, 24th, 28th and 31st circuits, as well as the Richmond metro and Norfolk/Portsmouth areas.

The Special Committee would also like to establish CCRFDs in the 9th/15th (combined), 19th, 25th, 26th, and 27th circuits. Lawyer volunteers must have been a member of the Virginia State Bar for at least five years and be in good standing. If you or someone you know would like to volunteer to serve on one of these panels, please send in the registration form on this page. Thank you!

The Virginia State Bar is pleased to announce that it is offering free Resolution of Fee Disputes training in four locations. If you are currently serving on a fee dispute circuit committee, or have an interest in serving, please register using the form at the bottom of this page. Your registration will serve as a request to be appointed to a local committee if you are not already serving on one.

Court-certified mediators who have expressed an interest in participating will also be involved in these training sessions. If you would like more information about the Fee Dispute Program, please contact Stephanie Blanton at (804) 775-0576 or blanton@vsb.org.

LOCATIONS:

Richmond • September 8, 2016 – Bank of America Building, 1111 E. Main Street, 3rd Floor Conference Room Roanoke • September 14, 2016 – Roanoke Higher Education Center, 108 North Jefferson Street NoVA • October 14, 2016 – George Mason Regional Library, 7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale Norfolk • October 20, 2016 – Dominion Tower Building, 999 Waterside Drive, 4th Floor Conference Center

SCHEDULE:

10:00–10:20 a.m.Program Background and Development; Case Handling Procedures10:20–10:45 a.m.Program Rules and Guidelines for Mediators, Arbitrators and Participants10:45–11:35 a.m.Ethics11:35–11:50 a.m.Break *11:50 a.m.-12:30 p.m.Mediation and Arbitration Processes12:30–2:00 p.m.Mediation and Arbitration Simulation

* Pick up your free box lunch during the break for a working lunch during the next portion of the program. 3 hours CLE (1 Ethics) – Pending

I plan to attend the fee dispute training session in		on	_, 2016.
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By submitting this registration form, I agree to be appointed	as a panel member to partic	ipate in arbitrations	in my area.
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Please complete and return this form, on or before **August 31, 2016**, to Stephanie Blanton:

Virginia State Bar, 1111 E. Main Street, Suite 700, Richmond, Virginia 23219-0026; or by fax to (804) 775-0501; or e-mail blanton@vsb.org.

Confirmations, as well as directions, will be forwarded upon receipt of your response.



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CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH PUBLIC SAFETY ATTORNEY

The Virginia Beach City Attorney's Office seeks an experienced applicant for the position of Public Safety Attorney. Duties include advising the City's public safety agencies, preparing written opinions, drafting ordinances and contracts, and representing the City in court. Excellent writing skills, sharp analytical skills, and strong research abilities are essential. Candidates with law enforcement or prosecutorial experience are preferred. Starting salary is \$85,584, plus City benefits. Virginia State Bar membership required. Submit City application, cover letter, resume, writing sample, and law school transcripts at www.vbgov.com. EOE.

SENIOR/ASSOCIATE CITY ATTORNEY CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

The Virginia Beach City Attorney's Office seeks an experienced civil litigator. The successful applicant must have 5 years civil litigation experience representing clients in both state and federal courts, and must be admitted to practice in Virginia and the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. Typical cases involve police activities, civil rights matters, personal injury claims, and employment litigation, and will also include administrative proceedings and preparation of legal opinions. First chair jury trial and federal court litigation experience strongly preferred. The position will be filled as either a Senior City Attorney or an Associate City Attorney with commensurate salary depending on experience. Submit application, cover letter, resume, writing sample and law school transcripts at www.vbgov.com. Position will remain open until filled. EOE.

NEWS FROM THE GDC JUDICIAL LIAISON COMMITTEE

KATHRYN N. BYLER, CHAIR

Effective 7/1/16 plaintiff's attorneys are required to provide the names of three attorneys willing to be a Guardian Ad Litem for civil litigants that qualify under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. The presiding judge will appoint an attorney. (VA Code § 8.01-15.2)

Attorneys wishing to have their names added to the GAL list should notify Clerk David O'Dell promptly. All interested persons must be members of the VBBA and in good standing with VSB.

Also, effective 7/1/16, there is an additional \$2 civil filing fee to be used for courthouse maintenance.

The GDC Judicial Liaison Committee is available to receive any comments members of the VBBA may have regarding concerns or suggestions for better operations of the General District Courts and GDC judges. Your comments can be addressed with anonymity.

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WHAT'S NEW AT WAHAB

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Wahab Public Law Library received new short URL earlier this year: http://www.vbgov.com/law-library. Use this link to access our rapid online reference service, Ask the Law Library.

PUBLIC PROGRAM

At noon on September 13, Wahab is hosting an educational program about Predatory Lending, made possible by a grant from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation. This program is free and open to the public. For more information, go to www.VBgov.com/library-events.

KNOW YOUR RESOURCE: VIRGINIA FORMS

Virginia Forms is an indispensable resource for both new and experienced practitioners. This multivolume collection contains thousands of forms and templates in many areas of law, including civil & criminal litigation, negligence & medical malpractice, commercial law, corporations & business entities, domestic relations, wills & trusts, and real estate transactions.

For instance, what if you have never represented a minor child before and need to know how to draft legal documents in that capacity? Virginia Forms provides, among other items, templates for styling infants' actions by "next friends" and guardians, drafting infant compromise orders, and asserting special defensive pleadings on behalf of infants. Or perhaps you want to review a few different ways to draft Advance Medical Directives? Virginia Forms has several examples of AMDs and provides information for how to register an advance medical directive on the Virginia Advance Health Care Directive Registry.

Moreover, in addition to the hardbound volumes, the Law Library has access to Virginia Forms through our subscription to Lexis Advance. If you find a form or template in Virginia Forms which suits your needs, simply ask a staff member for assistance in downloading, e-mailing, or printing the material.

BOOKS / TREATISES

- Fourth Circuit Criminal Handbook, 2016
- Horn's Federal Criminal Jury Instructions for the Fourth Circuit, 2016
- NCLC Consumer Bankruptcy Law and Practice, 2 Volumes, 2016
- Sources of American Law: An Introduction to Legal Research (CALI)

VIRGINIA CLE MATERIALS

- 32nd Annual Advanced Family Law Seminar, 2016
- 43rd Annual Advanced Business Law Conference, 2016
- Appellate Practice—Virginia and Federal Courts, 2016
- Best Practices for Workers' Compensation Attorneys, 2016
- The Douglas W. Conner 37th Annual Advanced Estate Planning & Administration Seminar, 2016
- Immigration Law Essentials for Virginia Practitioners, 2016
- Organizing and Operating Nonprofits, 2016

HOW TO FIND US:

The Wahab Public Law Library is located within the Virginia Beach Judicial Center in Building 10B. Take the elevator down to the ground floor; the library entrance will be on the left.

Our hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm.

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VBBA NEWS

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Friday, October 7, 2016

Virginia Beach National Golf Course

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- Captain's Choice Best Ball
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For any questions or more information, call Andrew Rice at 757-385-4055 or e-mail: crice@vbgov.com

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VIRGINIA BEACH GENERAL DISTRICT COURT 2016 FINAL CALENDAR

UPDATED 10/15/15

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NO COURT CLERK'S OFFICE OPEN

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