

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Jeffrey Marks



In 2001, the Virginia Beach Bar Association was the proud recipient of the annual Virginia State Bar Lewis F. Powell, Jr. Pro Bono Award thanks to the CLASS Program. I know about the VBBA's receipt of this prestigious award not only because of its continued recognition on the VSB website, but I was fortunate enough to be in attendance at the award ceremony that late

summer day in Richmond.

My father along with Judy Rosenblatt are the ones generally recognized as incubating the CLASS program in 1995, but there were a lot of other people who were instrumental in getting the program off the ground and engineering its success. According to the VSB website, the CLASS program is described as where "VBBA volunteers aided survivors of domestic violence." But, this narrative is overly simplistic and does not tell the entire story. According to the founders, the CLASS program was implemented to provide a safe harbor whereby abused spouses and partners would be able to seek a protective order from such further abuse without the threat of imminent harm.

The nobility of the purpose led to the creation of the mechanics which remain in place today. Friday morning hearings, CASA's assistance, and a specifically assigned judge are a few of the vestiges from approximately 20 years ago. Having said that, the biggest and most integral part of the program that remains in place to this day are the attorneys who volunteer on each of the Friday mornings. Without these selfless members of the Bar, there would be no CLASS program.

Like your cell phone and SUV, sometimes a new and improved version can be a good thing. Chief Judge Tanya Bullock, Christy Wood, and I have thus come up with "CLASS 2.0" which is intended to make the CLASS Program more user friendly for the

volunteers, staff, and, more importantly, the victims. The changes are frankly minor, self-explanatory, and will be distributed to everyone, but some of the changes include establishing eligibility criteria for participants and more clearly outlining the duties of the volunteering attorney. A link to the new program details along with the relevant code sections is included in this newsletter as well as a reference to Virginia Code, § 16.1-266.2.

At the end of the day, the CLASS Program is nothing without its volunteers. If you are not on the volunteer list, then please contact me or Christy Wood about what you can do to help. It is an extremely rewarding experience that not only helps the community but promotes the VBBA.

The modifications are not a sea change to the program, but an attempt to address some of the valid concerns of the volunteers who make the CLASS train run on time and without problems. At the end of the day, however, the CLASS Program is nothing if it does not protect and help the victims. Accordingly, we believe that these improvements satisfy the common goals and will also ensure that the CLASS Program remains a successful and award-winning program for another 20 years.

Jeffrey Marks

President, Virginia Beach Bar Association

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US REPRESENTATIVE SCOTT RIGELL JOINS MEMBERS OF VBBA AT LUNCH SERIES

On Thursday, August 27 The Honorable Scott Rigell, Member of the U. S. House of Representatives for the 2nd Congressional District joined members of the Virginia Beach Bar Association at the Princess Anne Country Club to take part in the on going Lunch Series. Many thanks to Representative Rigell for taking the time to speak.

Don't miss our next speaker in the lunch series, Mayor Will Sessoms. Friday November 6th at the Black Angus restaurant located at the Virginia Beach National Golf Club.




FORE!

**LAWYERLY LUNCH WITH MAYOR WILL SESSOMS
@ the Black Angus Grill at VB National
Friday November 6 at 12:30 pm.**




*** VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ***
for Seatack Mentoring Program.

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VIRGINIA BEACH BAR ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:

**Virginia CLE Ethics Update 2015:
Hot Topics in Legal Ethics
&
Changing Law Firms or “Breaking Up Is Hard To Do”:
Ethical Issues When Lawyers Move Between Firms**

Presenter:

Barbara B. Saunders, Esquire – Virginia State Bar Assistant Ethics Counsel

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2015
4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.**

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VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA

2 Hours Ethics CLE Credit

Social Hour to follow CLE

CLE and Reception Sponsored By



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**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2015
7:00 P.M. to 10:00 P.M.**

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Suggested Donation per Ticket \$20.

All Proceeds to Benefit Families of Autistic Children in Tidewater (F.A.C.T.).



The Virginia Beach Bar Association presents its 17h Annual
**RICHARD G. "DICK" BRYDGES
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 CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Friday, October 16, 2015

- Virginia Beach National Golf Course
- 11:30am Check-In/12:30pm Shotgun Start
- Captain's Choice Best Ball
- Box Lunch, Goodie Bag, Dinner, Frosty Beverages, Awards & Prizes
- \$90 per VBBA Member; \$100 non-VBBA member

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Proceeds benefit CASA, VBBA Foundation and the Legal Studies Academy at First Colonial High School

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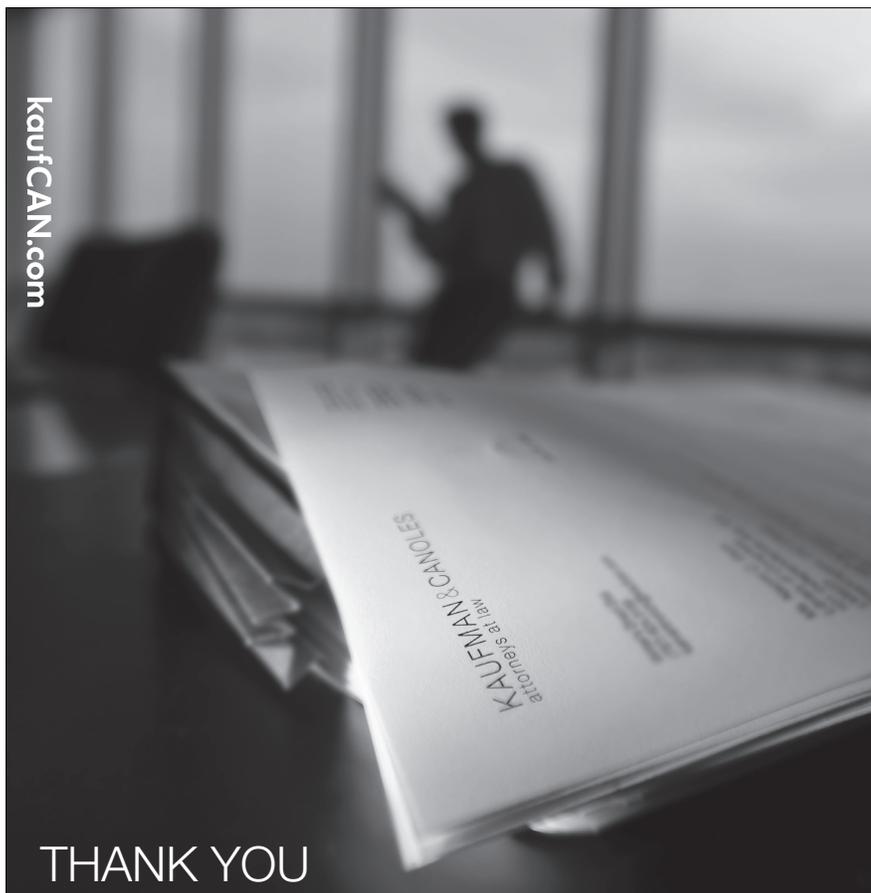
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MATCH DAY IS A SUCCESS!

We celebrated mentor/mentee match-day at Seatack Elementary on Monday, September 28th. It was a very exciting time for the third graders. The program managed to get our 60th volunteer mentor the night before so every kid has a mentor for this new school year. Judge Shadrick kicked things off, followed by enthusiastic new principal Vince Darby. This year, for the first time, the third graders are also part of the Achievable Dream Academy. If you would like to be a mentor contact contact Rich Cromwell at 640-3775.



The V.B. Bar Association presents

LEGAL LAUGHTER

to benefit Families of Autistic Children

Lawyers- can't live with em', can't live without 'em... but you can tell jokes at their expense! This is an adults only event featuring some of the greatest legal minds in the city telling some hilarious inside jokes at each other's expense.

Thursday, Oct. 8, 7:00 p.m.

Eagle's Nest at 600 Nevan Rd., VB 23451

Limited tickets available at the door.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

WILLIAMS MULLEN BOLSTERS REAL ESTATE PRACTICE WITH ADDITION OF LAND USE ATTORNEY GRADY PALMER

Norfolk, VA (Aug. 4, 2015) -- Williams Mullen is pleased to announce that land use attorney Grady Palmer has joined the firm's Real Estate practice in the Norfolk and Virginia Beach offices. Mr. Palmer's experience with land use regulations comes from more than 10 years of service in the City of Chesapeake's City Attorney's office and five years in the private sector, where he gained experience with residential, commercial, industrial and mixed-use projects, including development agreements, public finance, public-private partnerships, transportation and utilities.

"We're thrilled with the addition of Grady to our Hampton Roads offices," said Hampton Roads managing partner Adam Casagrande. "With Grady joining us, we have rounded out our land use practice from Charlottesville to Hampton Roads."

Mr. Palmer has represented development and building industries in the Cities of Chesapeake, Virginia Beach, Norfolk and Suffolk and in surrounding areas with zoning and permitting for residential, commercial, industrial and mixed-use projects. He

has substantial development experience, including planning and consulting services, due diligence, conditional use permits, zoning variances and lobbying for changes to local land use ordinances and comprehensive plan policies.

In 2014, Virginia Business magazine selected Mr. Palmer as a Legal Elite in the category of Real Estate/Land Use. Martindale-Hubbell has rated him an AV attorney, its highest rating available.

Mr. Palmer graduated with a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Georgia in 1996. He received his juris doctor from Regent Law School in 2000.

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NORFOLK INJURY ATTORNEY JOHN COOPER IS CHOSEN FOR VTLA GOVERNOR AT LARGE



John Cooper, a founding partner of Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers, has been appointed as a Governor At Large to the Board of Governors of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association. Governors At Large are selected by a nominating committee made up of past presidents of the organization. The appointment reflects a recognition of Mr.

Cooper's work over the last several years as a District Governor from the Virginia Beach/Norfolk area and his contribution to the group's efforts on committees dealing with litigation support, public affairs and the legislative agenda. He currently also chairs

the Fundraising Committee.

The Virginia Trial Lawyers Association represents thousands of trial attorney members across the Commonwealth. The VTLA promotes access to the justice system for all Virginians and provides specialized seminars and continuing education for injury litigators and other practice areas.

On learning of his receiving this honor, Mr. Cooper said: "I am thrilled to do my part in continuing VTLA's long tradition as the preeminent plaintiff lawyers' group in Virginia."

Mr. Cooper has more than 25 years' experience in handling personal injury cases and has been chosen for the last four years to be one of the "Top 100 Trial Lawyers in VA." He is rated "AV" (pre-eminent and highly ethical) by Martindale Hubbell for his reputation among fellow lawyers and is listed by Virginia Super Lawyers for injury law.

Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers has its headquarters in Norfolk and maintains client meeting locations in Virginia Beach, Chesapeake, Newport News, Portsmouth, the Eastern Shore of Virginia and Hampton. The firm handles automobile, truck, and motorcycle accidents as well as wrongful death, railroad injury cases and traumatic brain injuries. If you need help or advice about a serious injury, please call us at (757) 455 -0077 or see CooperHurley.com.



A CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES CASE FROM CALL TO CONCLUSION *FREE CLE*

DATE: OCTOBER 13, 2015
TIME: 11AM TO NOON
LOCATION: SHERATON WATERSIDE, NORFOLK
 2ND FLOOR
TOPIC: A CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES CASE
 FROM CALL TO CONCLUSION
CLE CREDIT: 1 HOUR (APPROVAL PENDING)
PRESENTER: RACHEL EVANS, ESQ.
 CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, VIRGINIA BEACH
 CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN BOARD MEMBER
RSVP: REVANS@VBGOV.COM



This training is hosted by Champions For Children, a non-profit organization that works to prevent child abuse and neglect in Hampton Roads.

The training is free and open to the public; please RSVP to ensure sufficient seating.

Following the CLE, the Annual Champions For Children Awards Luncheon will begin at 12:30pm to celebrate several local individuals who go above and beyond for children. The keynote speaker is Lt. Governor Ralph Northam.

Tickets for the luncheon are \$40, a portion of which is tax-deductible. You can purchase a seat at <http://www.championsforchildrenhr.org/events/award-luncheon/>.

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SHORT CIRCUITS

Practice tips from the Circuit Court

By: Amy H. Jones
Staff Attorney

NEW RULES FOR CIVIL ORDERS ADOPTED BY THE JUDGES

ORDERS FOR WITHDRAWAL OF COUNSEL SUBMITTED WITHIN 90 DAYS OF TRIAL MUST BE SET FOR HEARING

In any case where counsel seeks to withdraw within less than 90 days prior to trial, the motion to withdraw must be set for hearing, even if the client and all counsel agree. An agreed order cannot simply be mailed in for entry in that time period, and if that is done, the order will be returned with a direction to set the matter for hearing.



FOR AN ORDER RESULTING FROM ANY HEARING, RULING, OR TRIAL, THE NAME OF THE PRESIDING JUDGE MUST BE TYPED BELOW THE SIGNATURE LINE

Orders are appropriately entered by the judge who presided over a matter, and with a minimum of eight judges regularly presiding and additional judges sitting by designation, it causes delays and the risk of error when court staff have to research who heard the matter. This is particularly true in the standard situation where there is a delay between the hearing and the submission of an order. Therefore, orders resulting from trials, hearings and the like must list the name of the presiding judge under the signature line for the judge. If they do not, they will be returned with a request for that information.



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- Federal Criminal Code and Rules, 2015 Revised Edition
- Fifth Circuit Pattern Jury Instructions, Criminal 2015
- Fourth Circuit Criminal Handbook, 2015 Edition
- Third Circuit Model Jury Instructions, Civil 2015
- Virginia Practice: Business Entities, 2015 Edition

VIRGINIA CLES

- Annual Employment Law Update
- 31st Annual Advanced Family Law Seminar
- 33rd Annual Real Estate Practice Seminar
- Best Practices in Circuit Court: An Interactive Judges' Forum for Tidewater- Area Litigators
- Douglas W. Conner 36th Annual Advanced Estate Planning and Administration Seminar

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BETH OSBORNE

JOAN LADERBERG



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<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MGCXT8F>

Look for the results in an upcoming issue of the VBBA Newsletter. Thank you!

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VIRGINIA BEACH GENERAL DISTRICT COURT 2015 FINAL CALENDAR

■ HOLIDAY, NO COURT, CLERK'S OFFICE CLOSED

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SMALL CLAIMS COURT DATES- CIVIL ONLY

CONFLICT CASES

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★ ★ ★ On August 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, November 25, and December 11 the arraignments will be held at 10:00 a.m.

On all other dates the arraignments will be held at 2:00 p.m. in Traffic D