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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I've always appreciated the quote from General George S. Patton that a "good plan executed violently now is better than a perfect plan executed next week." Setting aside the violence as generally unnecessary in the context of lawyering, I've tried to default to action rather than overthinking...except when I don't. Thus, my first President's Message is in June as I failed to put pen to paper and execute the message earlier. Technically, we are still in Spring, and until recently it had been unseasonably cold. So, I suppose I'm still on time.

Perhaps in later messages I'll have something as good as Bobby Davis's essay on the functionality of the escalators in the Courthouse. Maybe I'll tackle a current heavy topic like lawyer wellness, or civility in the profession in entertaining and witty form. Or maybe I won't. But for today I'm going to give you the important facts about what's going on in your Bar Association.

I am thankful to be presiding over the Bar Association as the COVID pandemic is largely under control and in our rearview mirror. We all owe Christy Wood and Chris Jacobs a debt of gratitude for their stewardship during 2020 and 2021 during which time they accomplished a lot under difficult conditions in a very strange time for not only our profession, but also society in general. Our Board of Directors lost Judge Shupert to the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court bench but gained Wanda Cooper as a Director. I am thankful to serve the Bar Association with such a solid group of fellow board members including – in addition to the folks I mention elsewhere in this note, Allison Anders, Ryan Ferguson, Andrew Rice, and, of course, our Executive Director Kathy Stull, who never fails to make us all look good.

I am especially pleased to announce that our Bar Association is the 2022 Conference of Local and Specialty Bar Associations' "Bar Association of the Year." This award recognizes lasting and exemplary contributions to the legal community and the community at large in Virginia. It is a project that the Board – both current and past - have worked on literally for years. You can win only one time. And 2022 was our time.

This year's Board is busy planning both continuing legal education and social events for you. We recognize – with emphasis – this is a social bar. So, we intend to give you the best of both.

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WHAT'S NEW AT WAHAB

We've had our first CLE of the year addressing the changes to the Court of Appeals. It was a success. Thanks to Tom Shepperd for his oversight of that event. On July 20th we will present the Bench Bar Conference and Legislative Update in combination followed by a social event.

I hope you will join us for the following: the 24th Annual Dick Brydges Memorial Golf Tournament on October 21st at Cypress Point and last but certainly not least, the Annual Banquet on August 20th at the Marriot Virginia Beach.

Finally, please note the Virginia Beach Bar Association, in partnership with the Honorable Timothy J. Quick of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court and Virginia Beach Public Schools, is reinstituting the elementary school mentorship program originally founded by the Honorable Thomas S. Shadrick, retired. This program benefits at risk 3rd grade elementary school students at Green Run and Parkway Elementary schools, both Title 1 schools. Please consider volunteering to be a mentor!

-Edwin S. Booth, Esquire, President Virginia Beach Bar Association





## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### 2022 MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership dues are due on January 1st each year. If you haven't done so already, you may renew your membership online at https://www.vbbarassoc.com/join/ or by mail to:

> Virginia Beach Bar Association 2425 Nimmo Parkway Bldg. 10, Room 49 Virginia Beach, VA 23456

We look forward to a great year of CLE's and social events throughout 2022!

#### VBBA JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS BOARD

The VBBA maintains a job announcements board for members to share attorney employment opportunities with the membership.

Go to <a href="https://www.vbbarassoc.com/job-announcements/">https://www.vbbarassoc.com/job-announcements/</a> for all listed job postings including recent attorney openings from the following firms:

Supreme Court of Virginia (Chief Justice Goodwyn) Devendorf Law Firm Babcock & Moore **Boyd Homes** 

To publish a job posting, contact Kathy Stull at kstull@vbbarassoc.com

#### **VBBA ON FACEBOOK**

## Find us on **1**



Join the Virginia Beach Bar Association group on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/groups/809408436268232/ to stay connected with other members and for information on upcoming events!

#### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

**Concerned Lawyers Advocating Spousal Safety** (CLASS Program)

The CLASS Program is 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.

#### Please email Cynthia Chaing, cynthiachainglaw@gmail.com,

Chair of the CLASS Committee for more information and to volunteer. All volunteers must be licensed attorneys.

#### CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS!

#### **Docent Program**

The Docent Program is sponsored by the VBBA with the purpose of educating high school students in Virginia Beach City Public Schools about the purpose and function of the Virginia Beach criminal and civil justice system as well as the correctional system. Please consider donating your time to this important program.

Please email Nancy Ford, cncnford@hotmail.com, Chair of the Docent Program Committee for more information and to volunteer. Volunteers positions are available for both attorneys and non-attorneys in the community.



#### **VBBA WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS**

KRISTIN BIRD, Office of the Attorney General

JOI BROWN, Cordell and Cordell

KATHERINE CURRIN, Morris, Crawford & Currin, P.C.

PATRICIE DRAKE, Bischoff Martingayle

JAMES ENGLISH, Babcock & Moore, PLC

JESSICA FLAGE, Kiernan Trebach LLP

ASHLEY-LOREN GRANT, Virginia Beach City Attorney's Office

AMEET HABIB, Wolcott Rivers Gates

ANDREW HARDING, Pender & Coward

CASSANDRA HARGRAVE, C. Hargrave Law

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WILLIAM NOSSEN, Babcock & Moore, PLC

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Saunders, P.C.

#### **NEW STUDENT MEMBERS**

**JACHIN ANRIG** 

**ALEX BATEMAN** 

**BENJAMIN CAVAZOS** 

**ESTHER DEBORD** 

**RICHARDDEROSA** 

MARGARET HALLAUER

**JULIA NISTA** 

**RIVERS OWSLEY** 

**ANGELICA RODRIGUEZ** 

**PERRY SCHRADER** 

#### **UPCOMING VBBA EVENTS**

For more information and to register go to <a href="https://www.vbbarassoc.com/">https://www.vbbarassoc.com/</a>

#### Save the Date

Annual Bench Bar Conference & Legislative Update Wednesday, July 20th, 2022 MOCA

2200 Parks Ave, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

#### Save the Date

24th Annual Richard G. "Dick" Brydges Courthouse Classic Golf Tournament Friday, October 21st, 2022

Check In: 11:30 am – Shotgun Start: 12:30 pm Cypress Point Country Club 5340 Club Head Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23455



# You are cordially invited to attend the Investiture of

James P. Normile, IV

As a Judge of the Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court for the City of Virginia Beach

Thursday, June 9th, 2022 at 4:00p.m.

Virginia Beach Judicial Center Building 10, Traffic Courtroom A 2425 Nimmo Parkway Virginia Beach, VA 23456

Reception following, from 5:00pm - 8:00pm

Kellam Estate 2384 Princess Anne Rd., Virginia Beach, VA 23456

# SAVE THE DATE

**ANNUAL BANQUET & PARTY** 

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2022 Marriott resort virginia beach oceanfront



### Virginia Beach Bar Association Las Vegas CLE Sept. 29-Oct 2, 2022

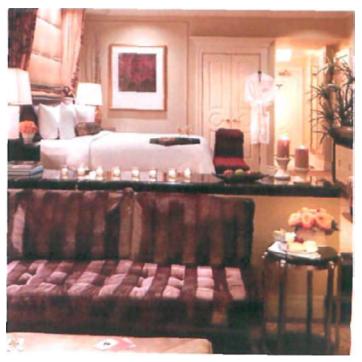
The Virginia Beach Bar Association is pleased to announce their 10th annual fall CLE getaway. The CLE is back at the luxurious Palazzo all suites hotel in Las Vegas. The Palazzo is a 5-star hotel and is among the hottest Vegas hotels on the strip. Enjoy cocktails and sunshine at one of seven pools or check out Tao Beach at the Venetian, the Palazzo's sister resort.

Nightlife is plentiful at the Palazzo. You can enjoy some of the best restaurants Las Vegas has to offer or take a short walk to any of the other resorts located on the Strip. Along with your trip you will be able to take advantage of dining discounts and drink specials the Association was able to negotiate as part of your CLE in Las Vegas.

The Association will be offering 4 CLE hours broken into two 2-hour sessions so as to not interfere with your activities. Be sure to register for your player's card. The cost of the trip is \$1,550.00, per room. We negotiated an option to upgrade to Prestige Level for an additional \$375.00 (plus any applicable tax). The trip does not include airfare to give you the option of when you leave and return, or to use your frequent flyer miles. Feel free to add nights or adjust your stay accordingly (resort limitations may apply). Included in the cost of your trip are accommodations, resort fee, cocktail reception, pool bar refreshments on non-cabana day, cabana party at the pool club, breakfast CLE's and transportation from the airport (dependent on arrival time of the majority of travelers) to Palazzo. A deposit by check of \$600.00 due upon sign up (or by June 15, 2022), and balance due no later than July 6, 2022.







Contact Chris Jacobs at <a href="mailto:cij@knlegal.com">cij@knlegal.com</a> (228-7852 office) for more details and how to get your deposit or payment in for the trip. Limited space to 25 rooms with less than half still available. Link to online payment is <a href="https://www.vbbarassoc.com/events/las-vegas-destination-cle-2/">https://www.vbbarassoc.com/events/las-vegas-destination-cle-2/</a>



## **VBBA NEWS**

# THE VBBA HOSTED THE BRAVE NEW WORLD OF APPELLATE JURISDICTION AND PRACTICE IN VIRGINIA CLE



The VBBA hosted The Brave New World of Appellate Jurisdiction and Practice in Virginia CLE on Thursday, April 28th featuring the following judges of the Court of Appeals of Virginia: Judge Junius P. Fulton, III, Judge Glen A. Huff, and Judge Robert J. Humphreys. A reception followed the event. The VBBA Board of Directors thanks each of the judges for their participation in the CLE.







#### **2022 BOARD OF DIRECTORS SWORN IN**

The Virginia Beach Bar Association 2022 Board of Directors were voted upon and sworn in at the annual holiday party Friday, December 3rd, 2021. The Board of Directors would like to thank the Honorable Leslie L. Lilley for conducting the swearing in.

# THE ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY WAS HELD ON DECEMBER 3RD

The Annual Holiday party was held on December 3rd at Tautog's Restaurant. Members brought toys to support the Toys for Tots Toy Drive. A great time was had by all!

#### THE JDR COMMITTEE HOSTED A FANTASTIC CLE TITLED OUT OF STATE ISSUES RELATING TO CHILD CUSTODY/CHILD SUPPORT/FOSTER CARE

The event was held on Friday, May 20th, 2022 at the Wahab Public Law Library. Speakers Included: Judge Cheshire I'Anson Eveleigh, Virginia Beach Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court, Scott Darnell, Attorney General's Office and Rachel Evans, City Attorney's Office. Thank you to the JDR Committee and each of the panelists!

# THE INVESTITURE OF THE HONORABLE TANYA BULLOCK AS A JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

The Investiture of The Honorable Tanya Bullock as a Judge of the Circuit Court was held on Thursday, March 31st, 2022 at the Virginia Beach Judicial Center with a reception following at Virginia Beach National.











The Virginia Beach Bar Association, in partnership with the Honorable Timothy J. Quick of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, the Virginia Beach Public Schools, the Virginia Beach Police Department, and the Virginia Beach Sheriff's Office, has re-established the elementary school mentorship program originally founded by the Honorable Thomas S. Shadrick, retired. This program benefits at risk 3rd grade elementary school students at Green Run and Parkway Elementary schools, both Title 1 schools. Mentors will need to commit to at least one visit per month for the 2022/2023 school year. All mentoring occurs on-campus and you may visit your mentee as your schedule permits any time during regular school hours. The teachers will be informed to permit the mentee to go with you to the library whenever you show up at the student's classroom door. The commitment is minimal and the benefit to the community is significant. These children need positive role models in their lives! We are very excited about this program.

Judge Quick will be overseeing the program with Bar Association Committee co-chairs Katherine Griffith, Esq. and Devika Singh, Esq. assisting in the administration of the program.

If you are interested in serving as a mentor, please click on the following link and a Bar Association representative will contact you:

https://www.vbbarassoc.com/mentorship-program/

It is our hope to secure at least 60 mentors by July, 2022.

Thank you for considering this important mission!



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# RETIRED JUDGE DISPUTE RESOLUTION SERVICES LLC JUDGE H. THOMAS PADRICK, JR. (RET)

#### **OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE**

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#### TWO OFFICE SPACES AVAILABLE

Office space in Kempsville area of Virginia Beach (5265 Providence Road behind the Navy Federal). The building currently is home to 3 lawyers. Space has its own entrance. Would be a great opportunity for someone hanging up their own shingle.

Office One: approx. 500 square feet Office Two: approx. 1000 sq. feet

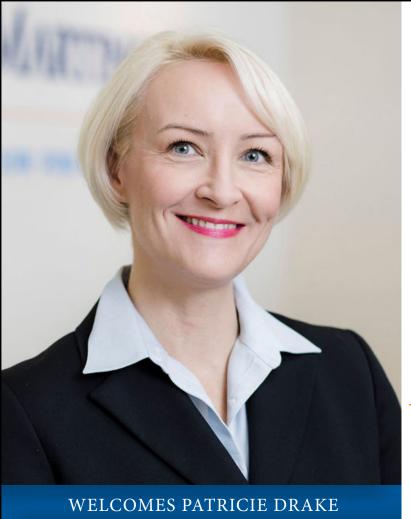
Contact Roger Schafer (757) 490-7500

#### **SHARED OFFICE SPACE AVAILABLE**

Office space available to share with two attorneys near Mt. Trashmore. Spacious offices located at 4669 South Boulevard, Virginia Beach. Central to all courts and to major transportation.

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See Full listing at https://www.vbbarassoc.com/job-announcements/





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**Bischoff Martingayle P.C.** is pleased to announce that Patricie Drake has joined the firm as an associate attorney. Ms. Drake will practice in our Virginia Beach office and handle civil litigation, administrative law and appeals.

Ms. Drake, who is also licensed in New York, is fluent in Czech and Slovak languages. She is a graduate of PACE University School of Law.

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## **Wahab Public Law Library**



#### Welcome to Wahab!

Wahab welcomes our newest library staff, Kris Mastrangeli, to the team. Kris comes to us with more than ten years of library experience. Welcome, Kris!

Law Library staff are happy to help you navigate our resources. For a quick copy of a case, call us and we will email it from Lexis

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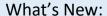
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Authored by Margaret Kuzma, et al, this new title includes an intro to military and discharge legal structures, building a case, specific case types, and an alternate path of a VA character discharge determination.

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Virginia Beach, VA 23456 757-385-4419
www.VBgov.com/law-library

#### **Hours of Operation:**

Monday—Friday 8:30 a.m.— 4:30 p.m. Excluding Holidays

#### Congratulations!

In December 2021, WPLL held a drawing for a donated set of the Code of Virginia. The winner, Caylin Smith, works as a legal assistant at Garriott | Maurer, PLLC.

Congratulations, Caylin!





## **SHORT CIRCUITS**

## THE INVESTITURE OF THE HONORABLE JENNIFER B. SHUPERT

The Investiture of The Honorable Jennifer B. Shupert as a Judge of the Virginia Beach Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court was held on Thursday, May 5th, 2022 at the Virginia Beach Judicial Center with a reception following at Virginia Beach National.









# INSTRUCTIONS ON CIVIL CASES TRANSFERRED FROM CIRCUIT COURT TO GENERAL DISTRICT COURT

The Circuit and General District Court judges conferred, and - in an effort to clear up the procedure for transferring civil cases from Circuit Court to General District Court-prepared the following list of instructions:

- 1. Complete the <u>attached form Order to Transfer</u> for the Circuit Court and have that Order entered by the Circuit Court.
- 2. On the Order, set the case for a return date (there is a space in the form order) for ANY agreeable day in GDC Civil A at 8:30. ONLY Civil A.
- 3. Plaintiff's Counsel: Please prepare a new Warrant in Debt.
  This will make it easier to track the cases in the GDC system.
  You can do this contemporaneously with the entry of the form Order. The case will be entered into the GDC system once the certified copy of the Transfer Order, Warrant in Debt and Filing Fee are filed with the GDC clerk.
- 4. Plaintiff's Counsel: Filing fees (currently \$52) are required. Please deliver with the Warrant in Debt.
- 5. Service of Process is NOT required, unless you believe it is required for a particular reason.
- 6. Pleadings: If a BOP & GOD are desired (they are NOT required) set those dates at the return hearing. See #2, above.
- 7. Please do NOT request that the entire Circuit Court file be sent to General District Court. You may introduce evidence as you ordinarily would during the trial of the case.



Virginia Division of Child Support Enforcement Transition Schedule for Re-openig District Offices

The DCSE office that services Virginia Beach, Norfolk, Suffolk and the Eastern Shore is located at 420 North Center Drive, Suite 200, Interstate Corporate Center, Norfolk, VA 23502

Start Date	Days Open	Options	Hours
April 4	Tuesday and Thursday	T: Appointments TH: Appointments & walk-ins	9:00 – 4:00
April 25	Tuesday through Thursday	T: Appointments W & TH: Appointments & walk-ins	9:00 – 4:00
May 16	Monday through Thursday	M - TH: Appointments & walk-ins	9:00 – 4:00
June 6	Monday through Friday	M - F: Appointments & walk-ins	M – TH: 9:00 – 4:00 F: 9:00 – 12:00

If you have questions please contact Mitch Broudy, Sr. Assistant Attorney General, Eastern Virginia Regional Legal Division, Division of Child Support Enforcement at 757-408-9773.

#### VIRGINIA BEACH GENERAL DISTRICT COURT ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### ATTORNEYS NEEDED:

The Virginia Beach General District Court is seeking members of the Virginia State Bar who are willing to serve on the court's appointed list of approved attorneys to represent active-duty military personnel under the Service Members Civil Relief Act in civil court. If you have questions on how to add your name on the Court's appointment list, **please contact Stephanie Goins at** <u>sswift@vacourts.gov</u>.

#### ATTENTION ALL ATTORNEYS:

Continuance requests are not automatically granted even if the parties agree. If you are requesting a continuance of a criminal or traffic case where the defendant is being supervised by Pre-Trial Services or the Community Corrections Program, it is your responsibility to determine that the defendant is compliant. If there are any compliance issues the defendant must appear in court to address the issues. Defendants should only be excused if they are not on any type of pre-trial supervision or it is verified that they are compliant and the continuance request has been granted by a judge prior to the return date.

#### ATTENTION CIVIL LITIGATION/COLLECTION ATTORNEYS:

Please be sure to review all civil filings for plaintiffs and/or defendants who are Jr., Sr., III, etc. We have been getting many filings and garnishment summons requesting default judgments against parties whose suffixes are being interchanged. Please be advised the court considers John Smith as a different party than John Smith, Jr. Accordingly, please make sure that the names in any actions brought before the court should match the names in the contract/bill of sale, etc.



#### CHESAPEAKE CIRCUIT CLERK'S OFFICE

The Chesapeake Circuit Court Clerk's Office is now accepting filings electronically at the following email addresses:

Civil: cccivil@cityofchesapeake.net

Criminal: ccclerkcriminal@cityofchesapeake.net

**Please note the following:** Filings should be in PDF format with the cover letter as the last page Please ensure there are no blank pages and the orientation of all pages is the same Civil Division - The Clerk's office has now implemented a docusign feature that expedites filings to be entered by the Court. Please include the attorney's email address on the cover letter or signature of the filing.

If you have any questions about the new capabilities of the Circuit Court Clerk's Office, please contact the Honorable Alan Krasnoff, Clerk of Court, directly at <a href="mailto:akrasnoff@vacourts.gov">akrasnoff@vacourts.gov</a>.

#### CASE ASSIGNMENT POLICY

# STATEMENT OF POLICY REGARDING ASSIGNMENT OF CASES TO INDIVIDUAL JUDGES OF THE VIRGINIA BEACH CIRCUIT COURT

The following types of cases shall be assigned:

- Condemnations
- Professional Negligence
- Sexually Violent Predators
- Habeas Corpus
- Cases where all parties agree, and the Chief Judge determines assignment is necessary due to the complexity of the case or to other compelling factors.

#### **Procedure**

In all condemnation and professional negligence cases, counsel shall contact the court to inform of the filing of the case and that assignment is needed. Assignments in any other type of case may be requested by submitting a letter to the chief judge, which must include:

- 1) All parties agree to assignment
- 2) Type of case
- 3) Whether the case is to be tried by a jury
- 4) Estimated length of trial
- 5) The reason(s) for the assignment

A Judge who believes that a particular case requires pretrial assignment may submit such a recommendation to the Chief Judge.

#### VIRGINIA: IN THE CURCUIT COURT OF THE CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH

In re: CIRCUIT COURT PROCEEDINGS REGARDING CIVIL JURY TRIALS

#### Order -Jury Trials for the Months of May and June

As the Court continues to recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Court has decided to continue hearing five jury trials each week for the months of May and June 2022—three criminal and two civil.

The Court enters this Order to advise court users of the operations of this Court as to criminal and civil jury trials for the months of May and June 2022.

- The following shall apply to all criminal and civil jury cases with a <u>Monday</u> trial date for the months of May and June 2022. The Court will hear two criminal jury cases each Monday. All civil jury cases with a Monday trial date are continued. A new trial date shall be set by counsel unless otherwise ordered by the Court.
- The following shall apply to all criminal and civil jury cases with a <u>Tuesday</u> or <u>Wednesday</u> trial date in the months of March and April 2022. The Court will hear one criminal and one civil jury case each Tuesday and one civil jury case each Wednesday.
  - There may currently be multiple civil jury cases scheduled for each day. The process for determining which case will be heard is as follows. The oldest case, based on filing date, shall have priority to be heard. The clerk's office shall contact counsel for the oldest case, by phone, 30 days prior to trial to determine whether it is ready to be heard. If the case is not ready, the clerk's office shall contact the next oldest case, and so forth, until a civil jury is scheduled. Once a civil jury case is set, the clerk's office shall then contact counsel for the remaining scheduled civil jury cases and inform them of their position on the docket. Counsel can then either continue the case to a new trial date or leave the case on the docket in the event the scheduled case is settled or continued.
- 3. The above procedures do not apply to non-jury criminal and civil cases. Any non-jury criminal or civil case shall be heard on its scheduled trial date.
- 4. Further orders will be posted as the schedule is determined by the Court.

ENTER:

CHIEF JUDGE

# The McCammon Group

is pleased to announce our newest Neutral



Hon. Westbrook J. Parker (Ret.)

Retired Chief Judge, City of Suffolk Circuit Court

The Honorable Westbrook J. Parker has recently returned to The McCammon Group (McCammon) after serving as the Executive Director of The Camp Foundation for over a decade. An experienced mediator and arbitrator, he originally joined McCammon in 2010 after twenty-four years of distinguished judicial service on the Circuit Court bench for the City of Suffolk. Prior to the bench, Judge Parker was in private practice handling a wide variety of cases including but not limited to personal injury, product liability, contracts, and trusts & estates. He has admirably served his community in several capacities including as Chairman of the Pandemic Flu Preparedness Commission, Member of the Board of Directors of the Franklin-Southampton Charities, President of the Franklin Area Flood Fund, Member of the Elms Foundation, and Past President of the Camp Foundation. Judge Parker now brings this record of dedication and service back to McCammon to serve the mediation, arbitration, and judge pro tempore needs of lawyers and litigants throughout the Commonwealth and beyond.





Congratulations

# John Baker

on being promoted to partner at Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers!

John joined Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers in 2018 as an associate attorney and has since become an integral part of our team. We are proud to welcome him as our firm's fifth partner.

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# John Cooper Jim Hurley Bill O'Mara Griff O'Hanlon & John Baker

were named **Top Lawyers of**Coastal Virginia 2022
by Coastal Virginia Magazine!

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# VIRGINIA BEACH BAR ASSOCIATION MISSION AND VISION STATEMENTS

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

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.

#### **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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Holiday, No Court, Clerk's Office Closed

No Court Clerk's Offices Open



Mental Health Case Mgmt.

No Court Half Day Clerk's Office Open









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#### Important dates and Information

November 23 and December 22 are half days, No Court, Clerks Office is Open

Judicial Conference: August 21-24

Dates when NO Court/Clerks Office Open: Bond Hearings at 8:00 AM / Arraignments at 10:00AM / Protective Orders at 11:00AM