



January 2003
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LUNCHEON PROGRAM:
Issues Facing the Virginia State Bar
Presented by Ben DiMuro, Esquire



DATE: Wednesday, January 8th
TIME: 12:30 p.m.

On January 8th, Virginia State Bar President Ben DiMuro will speak to the MRWBA about the issues facing the Virginia State Bar, including regulating multi-disciplinary practices and corporate counsels.

LOCATION: Capital Club
Three James Center, Fourth Floor
1051 East Cary Street

PARKING: James Center parking deck.
Validated parking up to \$5.

COST: \$17 for members/\$20 for guests

RSVP: Jennifer Crossland at 358-8000
or jcrossland@pww-law.com

See page 5 for payment and reservation policies

WINTER CLE SPECIAL - ONE HOUR FOR FREE

co-sponsored by the MRWBA and the Henrico Bar Association

When: Thursday, January 16, 2003
Time: 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Cocktail reception to follow
Where: T.C. Williams School of Law
Cost: FREE for members
RSVP: Michelle Harman at Mchlaw@attbi.com
or 784-2900

The Honorable Catherine Hammond and The Honorable Margaret Spencer will discuss and answer questions concerning the new Drug Court in both Richmond and Henrico County.

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO:

- Pick up a free CLE credit!
- Socialize with MRWBA members that you have not seen since the last meeting!
- Network with members from the Henrico Bar!





President's Column
by Carolyn A. White

Happy New Year!

We had a wonderful Holiday Luncheon, including the attendance of the entire Richmond Juvenile and Domestic Relations General District Court bench in recognition of one of our two 2002 Women of Achievement, Sharon England. I would like to thank again them and the other judges in attendance for taking their scarce time to celebrate with us.

I always feel a bit disoriented by the calendar's claim that January 1 is the beginning of the new year. As a child in Tidewater, Virginia, it was very clear that the cycle of the year began on the Tuesday after Labor Day, when schools re-opened. Even now, with the pressures of due-by-December-31 deadlines abounding in the professional world, I find it hard to believe that

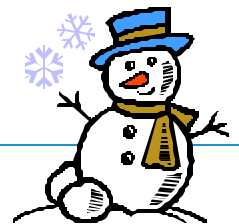
January 1 is the day to begin anew and not the mid-point in the cycle.

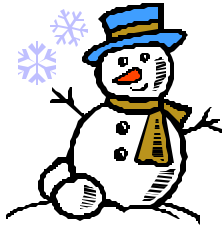
Never fear, in the land of bar activities, January 1 is still the midpoint of the year, with some of our best work yet to come. January will bring us a luncheon with remarks by Ben DiMuro, President of the Virginia State Bar, as well as a *free* CLE opportunity at our joint program with the Henrico County Bar Association featuring Hon. Catherine Hammond and Hon. Margaret Spencer's discussion of the new local drug court programs.

Our Legislative Committee, chaired by Lisa Hudson, has laid fabulous groundwork for our March Legislative Luncheon, with as many as ten of our local legislative delegation planning on being in attendance. In order to make the Legislative Committee's work as relevant to our membership as possible, however, they need your input. Please email Lisa at lhudson@sandsanderson.com with either legislative issues or specific pieces of legislation. The Legislative Committee will endeavor to track these during session or obtain commentary from our legislators during the March session. Unlike many other bar associations, ours makes a particular effort to be *non-partisan*, so this is a unique opportunity to receive neutral legislative information. I encourage you to take advantage of it, and to plan to attend the Legislative Luncheon to maintain open dialog with our legislators while judicial candidate endorsement is not the topic of conversation!

Our Public Service Committee is gearing up for the publication of the 2003-2004 edition of the *Understanding Your Domestic Relations Rights* booklet. This publication continues to enjoy state-wide demand and acclaim, and the Committee plans to publish and distribute as many as 20,000 booklets this year. For the first time, we are offering firms and practitioners the option of advertising in our booklet. If you or your firm is interested in taking advantage of this low-cost, wide-circulation advertising opportunity, contact co-Chair Tara Casey at tara_casey@usdoj.gov for the details. If your bent is more towards volunteering, the Committee is always in need of hands to research and revise the pamphlet to keep it current with legislative changes. Contact co-Chair Tracy Spencer at 897-1515, ext. 116, to lend your hand to this flagship project.

And finally, consider lending your hand to the stewardship of this organization. Our nominating committee, which will be chaired by Past President Carole Yeatts (carole.yeatts@troutmansanders.com), will be meeting in April to propose our slate of officers. Additionally, our President-Elect, Stephanie Grana (sgrana@cantorarkema.com), will be filling our twelve Committee chairs. If you are interested in joining the leadership, be in touch soon with Carole and Stephanie!





Committee Reports

Happy Holidays from the Legislative Committee!

Plans for our annual **Legislative Luncheon** on March 5, 2003 at the Capital Club are well underway. We are pleased to report that we have assembled a distinguished guest list of ten local senators and delegates to join us and present remarks on legislation of interest to the MRWBA.

Be on the lookout for publicity for the event in the coming weeks. Please email Lisa Hudson at lhudson@sandsanderson.com or any member of the Legislative Committee with topics or particular bills that you would like us to track through the General Assembly session and/or to include in the luncheon program. Also, be sure to email Lisa the names of colleagues and friends who you would like to add to our invitation list for the event. This event is a wonderful way to showcase the MRWBA and boost our membership and exposure in the community. Please plan to join us.

The MRWBA has joined the newly-formed **Richmond Women's Business Consortium** (RWBC). Other organizations include:

- The American Business Women's Association
- The American Society of Women Accountants
- The Richmond Women's Network
- The Metropolitan Business and Professional Women's Club
- The National Association of Women in Construction
- The American Association of Legal Nurse Consultants

Three representatives from the MRWBA may participate at each meeting. For more information, contact Clair Harrington at 359-3799 or harrington@mgm-law.com.

Stay tuned for further announcements on networking events in February.



Did you miss it? David Baugh spoke at the November MRWBA Luncheon on the nobility of the legal profession and the importance of an independent judiciary.

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SCENES FROM THE MRWBA HOLIDAY LUNCHEON



Congratulations to 2003 Women of Achievement Award Winner

Carolyn Lavecchia

Teri Miles (right) introduced Carolyn (left) and presented the plaque during the awards ceremony. Both Carolyn and Teri are past MRWBA presidents.



Congratulations to 2003 Women of Achievement Award Winner

Sharon England

Sharon (second from left) was joined by her daughter, husband and mother for the Awards Luncheon.



MRWBA members and guests enjoy the annual holiday lunch and each other

MORE SCENES FROM THE MRWBA HOLIDAY LUNCHEON



JOB OPENINGS

Our national practice is growing and so is our Virginia office. We are looking for intelligent, hardworking attorneys with 2 to 4 years of experience to join our insurance coverage practice. If you attended a top-tier law school, have practiced in a good firm and have excellent writing skills then this is the place for you. Candidates who have practiced longer must have some insurance coverage experience.

Send resume and writing sample to Hiring Attorney, MHMP, 700 East Main St., Suite 1603, Richmond, VA 23219 or fax to (804) 377-0122

Capital One is looking for an Assistant General Counsel in its Northern Virginia (Tyson's Corner area). Primary responsibilities of this position include:

- Provide transactional support for the company's strategic transactions, with a focus on capital markets transactions including structured finance and derivatives, including public and private securitizations, debt, equity and structured equity hybrid transactions.
- Support of regulated and unregulated entities, finance and treasury departments, line of business agreements, mergers and acquisitions, venture capital investments, strategic investments, joint ventures and commercial partnerships.
- Experience as the lead attorney and primary client contact on several large transactions, and must have, in the context of those transactions, managed a team of interdisciplinary and junior attorneys and paralegals.

Contact Susan Atkinson for more information at 967-7783.

DIRECTIONS TO WEST END LUNCHEON:

ANLIR is located at 4400 Cox Road at the corner of Cox and Waterfront Drive. Go to the multi-purpose room on the first floor. Complimentary parking available outside the building. Call Jill Wells at 565-1165 with any questions.

We're also looking for a Southside location. Call Mary Hart at 796-1000 if your firm or company has video conferencing capability.

LUNCHEON POLICY:

Payment should be mailed in advance to: MRWBA, P.O. Box 538 Richmond, Virginia 23218-0538.

All luncheon reservations must be made by the noon on Monday, January 6. Reservations may be cancelled prior to this deadline. You must make a reservation even if you mail your check. No reservations made after the deadline are guaranteed. Limited walk-in spaces are available for each luncheon on a first-come-first-served basis.

If you do not attend the luncheon after making a reservation and do not cancel prior to the deadline, you will be charged for the cost of the luncheon. If you have made a reservation and cannot attend the luncheon, you may substitute someone in your place. However, you (or your substitute) must advise Laura White (lwhite@mcguirewoods.com or 775-1409) of such substitution prior to or at the luncheon. If you have any questions about the billing process, contact Treasurer Anne Marie Cushmac (acushmac@oag.state.va.us or 225-3211).

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Mark Your Calendar for Membership Events

January 8
Ben DiMuro, VSB president

Thursday, January 16
Joint CLE with Henrico Bar
4:00-5:00 p.m. at UR Law School

February 5
Topic TBA

March 5 Legislative Update

Luncheons 1st Wednesdays of the month
12:30 p.m. Capital Club

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Newsletter Items?

Send to Chris Bostick
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chris.bostick@troutmansanders.com

Next Deadline: January 17



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