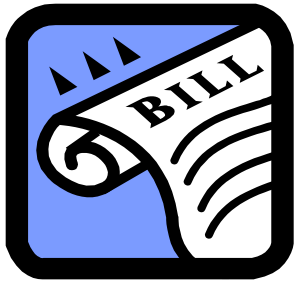




April 2004

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LUNCHEON PROGRAM: Annual Legislative Luncheon

DATE: Wednesday, April 7, 2004
12:15 p.m. Capital Club

Senator Benjamin J. Lambert, III, Delegate Viola O. Baskerville, Delegate Fenton L. Bland, Delegate Franklin P. Hall, Delegate Frank D. Hargrove, Delegate Dwight Clinton Jones, Delegate Riley E. Ingram, Delegate John M. O'Bannon, III, Delegate William R. ("Bill") Janis, and Delegate John S. Reid are expected to attend and to participate in a panel discussion of this year's General Assembly Season. Members and guests are invited to what promises to be an exciting event.

Due to the special nature of this program, we encourage all attendees to arrive no later than 12:15 p.m. and expect to stay until 2:00 p.m.

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

COST: \$17.00 for members
\$20.00 for non-members

RSVP by April 2nd: Ashley Beuttel
voice mail: 343-5020
e-mail: abeuttel@woodsrogers.com

PAYMENT: Mail in advance to:
MRWBA, P.O. Box 538
Richmond, Virginia 23218-0538

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

NOTICE:

All luncheon reservations must be made by the deadline specified. 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 Karen Dunivan at 698-6232 or kdunivan@t-mlaw.com of such substitution prior to or at the luncheon.

If you have any questions about the billing process, please contact Anne Marie Cushmac, Treasurer (225-3211 or acushmac@oag.state.va.us).



*President's Column
by Stephanie E. Grana*

Hopefully, “spring has sprung” and is here to stay in our area. Take a moment to see the new buds on trees and the beginnings of spring flowers. And, use this time as an opportunity to gain a new outlook on a project or task at hand. Of course, we can also take some time for spring cleaning at home *and* at the office. A clean desk once a year can be a positive thing!

Again, thank you to Denton Kump of “Poesis” and Susie Galvez of “Face Works Day Spa” for an enjoyable and educational March lunch program. Their creative energy, marketing ideas and comments were most interesting. Although this was not our typical lunch program, I received positive feedback from many attendees, and we will plan more “uncharacteristic” lunch programs in the future. I am sure the Programs Committee welcomes any feedback from members with ideas for our lunch programs. Please contact Leslie or Andrea or volunteer to assist on this committee.

As this Bar year ends, your Board of Directors is planning the transition to the 2004-2005 Bar Year. If you are interested in taking a more active role in the MRWBA, please contact Clair Harrington, president-elect, at harrington@mgm-law.com.

In coordination with the conclusion of this session of the General Assembly, the Legislative Committee has undertaken the task of organizing our annual legislative luncheon. Again, please note the early start time of **12:15 p.m.** as we have invited many special guests. There will be a panel discussion concerning the events of this year’s legislative session. CLE credit has also been pre-approved for this program. I look forward to seeing you there.

** Business tip for the month - Return telephone calls from clients and other lawyers promptly. For clients, it really shows that you care about them and their case. You can keep the call brief or have your assistant standing by to provide further information, if need be. If you charge an hourly rate, clients will also get the picture quickly and may limit their calls to you in the future. For other lawyers, it is a professional courtesy and may provide assistance on a case you are working on. Moreover, it is helpful in a Motion to Compel to advise the judge that it is your policy to return calls promptly and that you did so in this particular case.*



The Greater Richmond Bar Foundation (GRBF) and Central Virginia Legal Aid Society (CVLAS) will ask lawyers to donate to CVLAS during a fundraising drive through Law Week, May 3 – 7th. As in past years, direct contributions by lawyers will supplement annual contributions by area law firms through a solicitation for CVLAS by the Bar Association of the City of Richmond. In 2003, the combination of donations by law firms and individual donations by lawyers totaled over \$70,000 in contributions to CVLAS.

Volunteers are needed to make phone calls to area lawyers during Law Week from the CVLAS office. Volunteers will be briefed for a half hour and will make calls for one hour. Each volunteer will select one hour and a half period during Law Week (May 3-7): 9:00 -10:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m.- noon; 1:00- 2:30 p.m.; or 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. To join this volunteer effort, please contact Toni Maxey, CVLAS Program Development Assistant, at (804) 648-1012, extension 3010 or Toni@cvlas.org.

Committee Reports

Spring Cleaning Never Felt So Good!!

Have you ever wondered what to do with all of the books and videos you've collected over the years? Take them to lunch! The [Public Service Committee](#) will be sponsoring a multi-media drive at the MRWBA's April luncheon to benefit the Massey Cancer Center (MCC) at Virginia Commonwealth University. Specifically, we will be collecting books, books-on-tape, videos and DVDs in all genres (e.g., fiction, non-fiction) and for all ages.

MCC serves the Commonwealth of Virginia as an internationally recognized institute of clinical, educational and research excellence dedicated to improving the quality of human life through the prevention, control and cure of cancer. It also operates a library for patients who are receiving chemotherapy treatments at MCC and for their families. We hope to replenish MCC's library through this drive and provide some much needed entertainment for those grappling with cancer.

If you should have any questions, or would like to arrange for a donation pick-up, please contact Tara Casey at 819-5506.

Race for the Cure

Join MRWBA as it participates in the Seventh Annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure on **Saturday, May 8, 2004**. The first Komen Greater Richmond Race for the Cure® was held on Mother's Day weekend in 1998. In its first year, it raised over \$78,000 with more than 1200 participants. Each year has seen an increase in participation and support and the race has moved to larger sites twice in order to handle the anticipated growth. In 2003, over 5200 runners and walkers participated and \$240,000 was raised.

This year's race will be held at Brown's Island on Saturday, May 8, 2004. We are looking for a great turnout and increased support as awareness continues to grow in Virginia! Please contact Tara Casey at 819-5506 if you are interested in volunteering on race day or running/walking as part of the MRWBA team!

Thank you MRWBA Board and Members for all of the "rapid fire" information about the pending vacancy on April 1st in the City of Richmond General District Court. We are monitoring that selection process now for Judge Robertson's replacement and will activate the [Judicial Candidate Endorsement](#) process, if appropriate. Thanks again for sharing your information with the JCE Committee in such a timely fashion. Your continued suggestions, information, and questions are always welcome to Lisa Hudson, 2003-04 JCE Chair at 783-7234 or lhudson@sandsanderson.com. Thanks!

Do you have any photographs or stories that you would like to see included in the 2003-2004 MRWBA history? If so, please contact our [historian](#), Julie Whitlock, at JWhitlock@oag.state.va.us or 225-4918.

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The MRWBA is currently in the process of updating our "Milestones of Women Lawyers In Virginia." This chronology was recently an insert in our 30th anniversary program, but we can send a copy to you if you would like to review it. More importantly, if you would like to add anything to this piece or know of anything that should be included in it, please contact Jill Wells at 545-8814 or send her an e-mail at JWells@mlmins.com. Thanks.

Join the Greater Richmond Bar Foundation on Thursday, April 8, 2004 for a fundraiser at the Capital Ale House, located at 623 E. Main Street. From 7:00 pm to midnight, the Capital Ale House will donate a portion of all proceeds from each beer sale to the Greater Richmond Bar Foundation. Come to enjoy good food and drink and to learn more about the public service and pro bono programs of the GRBF. For more information about the Foundation, contact Carol Murray at 780-2600, or the MRWBA representatives to the GRBF board - Leslie Haley



The **Lawyers Helping Lawyers Program** has undergone some new changes in the past year, including a move to 700 E. Main Street, Suite 1501, Richmond, Virginia 23219. They also have started the process to become an independent 501(c)3 corporation.

The Lawyers Helping Lawyers Program also has added a Mental Health component to their mission. In January 2004, Jim Leffler, a Licensed Professional Counselor, was hired and will coordinate this aspect of the Program.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan D. Pauley, Executive Director, at 804-644-3212, e-mail info@valhl.org, website www.valhl.org.

The **Wednesday, March 31, 2004 Program, *Trial Kills II: A Mock Civil Jury Trial in Federal Court***, may be of interest to attorneys who would possibly consider taking, for example, Section 1983 actions through the Virginia Lawyer Referral Service or public interest law cases through legal aid, and other nonprofit legal services providers, etc.

While the substantive theme of this year's program is a sexual harassment case, the practical skills demonstration and ethics/professionalism presentations are designed to have crossover value with respect to many other areas of public interest law. For more information including an invitation, agenda, and registration form, please see www.vsb.org/probono and click on the first entry at the top of the page.

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Membership Luncheons**

May 5, 2004— Business Luncheon

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

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