



METROPOLITAN RICHMOND WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION

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Looking for pro bono opportunities? We've got 'em!

Did you know that under the Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct you should dedicate at least two percent of your professional time each year to providing pro bono legal services to those in need? We would like to help. The Metropolitan Richmond Women's Bar Association extends an invitation for you to attend our Annual Pro Bono Luncheon on Wednesday, April 6 at 12:30 p.m. at the Bull & Bear Club with featured speakers George Hettrick, President of the Greater Richmond Bar Foundation, and Susheela Varky, Client Services Director of LINC, the Legal Information Network for Cancer.

The Greater Richmond Bar Foundation is a nonprofit charitable foundation created and maintained to promote, support and facilitate pro bono legal services, education of the public, scholarships, project sponsorships and other public service projects throughout the Richmond metropolitan area. Through its Pro Bono Clearinghouse, the Foundation delivers pro bono legal services to nonprofit organizations by linking them with volunteer attorneys. LINC is a nonprofit, community-based organization dedicated to helping people with the business side of cancer. LINC provides information, education, counseling and referral services for legal assistance to individuals confronted with the overwhelming issues that arise from the diagnosis and treatment of cancer. For more information on pro bono opportunities in our community, please join us on April 6th. We will also have materials from other area charitable organizations that need our help providing pro bono legal services to the clients they serve.

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- DATE:** April 6, 2005 at 12:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Bull & Bear Club, 901 East Cary Street, 21st Floor
COST: \$17.00 for members; \$20.00 for non-members
RSVP BY April 4: Ashley C. Beuttel at (804) 786-5852 or abeuttel@oag.state.va.us
PAYMENT: Mail in advance to: MRWBA, P. O. Box 538, Richmond, Virginia 23218-0538
PARKING: RMA Deck located on Canal Street, between 9th and 10th Streets on your left

LUNCHEON 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. The MRWBA reserves the right to charge for the luncheon if you do not attend the luncheon after making a reservation and do not cancel prior to the deadline. If you have made a reservation and cannot attend the luncheon, you may substitute someone in your place. However, you (or your substitution) must advise **Ashley C. Beuttel at 786-5852 or abeuttel@oag.state.va.us** of such substitution prior to or at the luncheon. If you have any questions about the billing process, please contact Lisa T. Hudson, Treasurer at 783-7234 or lhudson@sandsanderson.com.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR
OUR MAY LUNCHEON
AND BUSINESS
MEETING ON
MAY 4, 2005
AT 12:30 P.M.
BULL & BEAR CLUB



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

April is a month of new growth. The trees are budding and plants are emerging from the ground. "Spring Fever" is in the air and it is becoming harder to head back into the office after lunch. If you are having problems concentrating on your daily work and find yourself dreaming of a non-existent vacation, then perhaps it is time to consider the notion that "a change is as good as a break."

Pro Bono opportunities offer us an escape from our daily routines and regular practice areas. While we are required to offer competent legal services to our *Pro Bono* clients (and need to make sure that we are covered by adequate malpractice insurance) there is no requirement that our services be of the same type offered to our typical paying-clients. Attorneys who routinely represent corporations and business clients may find it rewarding to represent individuals with a need for personal legal services. It can be refreshing to meet the legal needs of individuals in our community who would otherwise be denied access to legal representation, and it can be rewarding to see the impact of such work upon families who would otherwise have no one to champion their cause.



Many *Pro Bono* organizations offer specific training in order to prepare attorneys for the tasks to be performed. If you know your practice area inside and out and cannot stomach the thought of another boring CLE on a topic you know better than the presenter, consider taking a CLE course in preparation for *Pro Bono* activities. It can be fun to learn something fresh and new.

We hope join us at our luncheon on April 6th to explore the *Pro Bono* opportunities available in the Richmond area. Presentations will be made on behalf of LINC (Legal Information Network for Cancer) and the Greater Richmond Bar Foundation, which organizes the *Pro Bono* Clearinghouse.

LINC coordinates legal services for cancer patients in Central Virginia, providing advice and assistance in areas such as health insurance coverage, public benefits, job protection, child custody, debt collection, wills, powers of attorney and medical directives. Any individual whose need for services arises from the diagnosis or treatment of cancer is eligible for LINC services.

The Greater Richmond Bar Foundation stated mission is one of "service to our communities and to our profession." The Bar Foundation operates in conjunction with local bar associations, such as the MRWBA, to support *Pro Bono* and public service projects. The Law Foundation is responsible for the famed "Lawyer Palooza" and the "Now you are 18" program which informs graduating high school seniors of their legal rights and responsibilities as adults within the community.

Whether you are interested in *Pro Bono* programs or simply looking for an opportunity to socialize and network with your peers, please join us at the Bull & Bear Club on April 6th at 12:30 for our April luncheon.

Best Wishes,

Clair Harrington, MRWBA President



The Public Service Committee

cordially invites you to attend

the Annual pro bono luncheon

Wednesday, April 6, 2005, 12:30 p.m.

The Bull & Bear Club
901 East Cary Street, 21st Floor

Please join us and our featured speakers

George Hettrick, President of the Greater
Richmond Bar Foundation

Susheela Varky, Client Services Director of
LINC, the Legal Information Network for
Cancer

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FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Ashley C. Beuttel

On March 2, 2005, the MRWBA held its Annual Legislative Luncheon and Panel Presentation Program. The event was a huge success! Seven legislators, including Senators Martin, Stosch, and Watkins, as well as Delegates Hall, Hargrove, Janis and Marrs, joined us to speak on issues of interest to the MRWBA membership. Eighty-eight (88) members and guests were in attendance and one hour of CLE credit was available. The Final Legislative Report was distributed during the luncheon and will be posted on the MRWBA website. Thanks go out to members of the Legislative Committee, including Adalynn Brugger, Andrea Geiger, Jennifer Jo West, Kari Lou Frank, Katja Hill, Kiva Pierce, Laura Alridge and Sharon Stuart. A special thanks to Sakina Paige and Kim Daniel for their help with the event.

As a personal aside, Ashley Beuttel has joined the Office of Attorney General in the Insurance and Utilities Regulatory Section. Her new phone number is (804) 786-5852.

The Public Service Committee
wants you to join our team as
we Race for the Cure against

Breast Cancer

on

Saturday, May 7, 2005,

on Brown's Island.

If you would like to participate
or sponsor our team, please
contact Anne Cardea at
(804) 916-7157 or
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A big thank you to the Judicial Candidate Endorsement Committee members for their hard work and dedication. We had a busy January with judicial interviews. The legislature has voted Judge Burnett Miller to the Henrico Circuit Court. John Marshall and Jim Yoffy will be the new judges in the Henrico General District Court.

I would also like to thank each MRWBA member who took the time to participate in the judicial process. I welcome any comments that members may have regarding the process. You may contact me at (804) 414-1609 or tspencer@barnesfamilylaw.com.

*Tracy H. Spencer, Chair
Judicial Endorsement Committee*

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