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FEBRUARY LUNCHEON FEATURING BARBARA HULBURT OF THE MCCAMMON GROUP

EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION: BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS TO HELP US BETTER SERVE OUR CLIENTS

Barbara Hulburt is the director of Facilitation and Training at the McCammon Group in Richmond, Virginia where she has been since 1996. She is renowned in Richmond and Virginia for her work as a mediator and communicator in the dispute resolution field. She will share with us essential communication tips, the effectiveness of storytelling as a communication tool, and the Five "Rules for Life" that will make communication easier and more effective. We are sure to gain something valuable from this presentation that we can apply at our office, in court, or at home. Don't miss it!

DATE: February 2, 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 JAN 31: Hannah Lauck, Finance Chair, (804) 662-2773 or Hannah.lauck@genworth.com

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. 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 substitution) must advise **Hannah Lauck, Finance Chair** at 662-2773 or hannah.lauck@genworth.com 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.

2005 Calendar

- 3/2 - Legislative Luncheon
- 3/23 - Chief Justice Hassell
- 4/6 - Pro Bono Luncheon
- 5/4 - Business Meeting

Please check our website
(www.mrwba.org) for the
Amended By-Laws
effective January 5, 2005

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is with great pleasure that we announce that Barbara Hulburt of the McCammon Group will be our speaker for our meeting on February 2nd. Not only is Barbara a long-time member of the MRWBA, but her company, the McCammon Group, has also been a long-term supporter of our association's activities. It is our intent this year to highlight at least a couple of our own members as program speakers, acknowledging that we have skilled leaders of the legal community within our own ranks.



Sometimes it is difficult to identify those leaders or successful MRWBA members. It appears that women are generally less likely to "toot their own horn" than their male counterparts, often concerned that they will appear conceited or arrogant. Women find it much easier to laud the accomplishments of others, rather than themselves. However, self-promotion is a necessary part of the practice of law, whether it is a means to impress potential new clients, or a way to move towards a promotion or firm partnership. With this in mind, please consider submitting articles or announcements to the newsletter informing the MRWBA members of your accomplishments or the accomplishments of your colleagues. We would love to give praise where praise is due. Suggestions for newsletter articles or announcements can be sent to Vanessa Jones at vjones@barnesfamilylaw.com

It was wonderful to see so many MRWBA members at our January meeting. We hope that everyone enjoyed the presentation by Helen Grace O'Ferral and the bag of goodies that she left on each chair. We apologize to those of you sitting at the back of the room where it was difficult to hear the presentation. We will request a different set-up of the room at the February meeting at the Bull & Bear. It will help us to properly prepare for the meeting if we have an accurate head-count for the program. (If we had known in advance our total number of attendees for the January meeting, we could have met in the main dining room.) Please RSVP whenever possible, so that we can seat everyone in comfort.

I look forward to seeing you on February 2nd and hearing about the new lamps, pillows and "threes" of everything that MRWBA members have bought since the last program.

Best Wishes,

Clair Harrington, MRWBA President



Women are building a Habitat for Humanity house in Hanover County. Anyone interested in participating in the Women's Build may attend a meeting at Cool Spring Baptist Church, 9283 Atlee Station Road, Mechanicsville, Virginia 23116 on Thursday, February 3rd from 7:00—8:00 p.m. Each volunteer builder is asked to raise \$100 to sponsor a square foot of the house. Anyone raising \$100 prior to the February 3rd meeting will receive a free T-shirt.

You do not have to be a resident of Hanover County to participate. Please contact **Erin Holler at (804) 569-6108** or **erin.holler@hanoverhfh.org** for more information.

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Monday, February 28, 2005

Welcome Reception 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
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Richmond, Virginia

Admission is \$25.00 if paid by February 20;
\$30.00 if paid after February 20

For Reservations, please send checks payable to
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Public Service Committee News and Announcements

Public Service Committee meeting

Would you like to be more involved in the MRWBA and the legal community? Are you looking for a way to serve those in need in our area? Then consider joining the MRWBA's very active Public Service Committee. Please join us for an informal meeting on **Thursday, January 27, 2005**, beginning at **12:00** at **Capital Alehouse**, located at 623 East Main Street, to discuss and plan our upcoming service projects. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Catherine Hill at 786-8199 or cchill@oag.state.va.us or Ali Silva Fannon at 646-6642 or silvaa@ci.richmond.va.us.

Hilliard House seeks lawyer to join its Board

Hilliard House, a transitional home for homeless women and children in Henrico County, has an immediate opening for a lawyer on its Board of Directors. Anyone interested should contact Catherine Hill at 786-8199 or cchill@oag.state.va.us.

From the Legislative Committee

Ashley Beuttel, Chairperson

Mark your calendars and keep an eye out for your invitations to the **Annual Legislative Luncheon** to be held at the Bull & Bear on **March 2, 2005 from 12:15 to 2:00 p.m.** It is anticipated that the following local legislators will be speaking:

Senators Benjamin J. Lambert, III, Stephen H. Martin, Walter A. Stosch and John C. Watkins, Delegates Viola O. Baskerville, Fenton L. Bland, William R. Janis, Bradley P. Marrs and John M. O'Bannon, III

The Legislative Committee also plans to apply for CLE credit which was awarded last year.

Also check the MRWBA's website for the Legislative Committee's First Legislative Report which will be posted at the end of January.

Public Service Committee News

Want to help with the **relief efforts after the Tsunami in Southeast Asia**, but too busy to research the different organizations or unsure which one to choose?? Then join us in supporting UNICEF as they reach out to protect the vulnerable children of these affected areas and rebuild the schools in those areas, among other necessary projects. See www.unicef.org for more information on their efforts. **Donations made to UNICEF before January 31, 2005 can qualify for tax deductible charitable contributions for the 2004 or 2005 tax year.** See www.irs.gov for more information. Please make checks payable to the "U.S. Fund UNICEF" and mail to the MRWBA, P.O. Box 538, Richmond, VA 23218-0538, or bring your donation to the February 2nd luncheon at the Bull and Bear Club.

The Committee is excited to announce that the **April 6th public service luncheon** will feature speakers from the Greater Richmond Bar Foundation and LINC (Legal Information Network for Cancer) on pro bono opportunities for our members. So mark your calendars and plan on attending in April!

Purpose of the MRWBA

The purposes of the Association as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation are as follows:

1. To improve the professional competence of area lawyers, including its members, through educational and other means;
2. To promote understanding and appropriate reform in the law; judicial procedure and the science of jurisprudence generally;
3. To preserve and promote the honor and integrity of the legal profession;
4. To support and enhance personal satisfaction and professional advancement of women in the legal profession and in the judiciary;
5. To promote collegiality among women in the legal profession;
6. To facilitate and improve the administration of justice;
7. To promote the delivery of legal services to the entire community and to foster civic and community service;
8. To promote an increased understanding by the public of the legal system;
9. To inform and stimulate debate among the members of the Association on legal and social issues affecting the legal profession;
10. To undertake any other matters necessary or proper to the operation of a voluntary Bar Association; and
11. To do all things necessary or desirable to carry out the foregoing purposes.

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