



METROPOLITAN RICHMOND WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION

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MRWBA ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON

The Metropolitan Richmond Women's Bar extends an invitation to you and all of the attorneys at your firm or office to attend our Annual Legislative Luncheon and Panel Program at the Bull and Bear Club, 901 E. Cary Street, 21st Floor, on April 5, 2006 at 12:00 p.m. The cost is \$17 for MRWBA members and \$20 for non-members. The luncheon has been approved for 1.0 CLE credit.

Local legislators have been invited to discuss interesting bills from this year's General Assembly. This program should be particularly informative for attorneys interested in legislative and governmental affairs. Please **RSVP** by e-mailing kpierce@theconradfirm.com or by calling 359-6062, ext. 212. Attendance is expected to be high and we may not be able to accommodate walk-in registrations. **Reservations must be made by March 24th.**

DATE: April 5, 2006 at 12:00 p.m.

(LUNCHEON WILL BEGIN 1/2 HOUR EARLIER THAN NORMAL TIME TO ACCOMMODATE THE LEGISLATORS)

LOCATION: Bull & Bear Club, 901 East Cary Street, 21st Floor.

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

RSVP BY MARCH 20: Kiva Bland Pierce, Legislative Chair, (804) 359- 6062, ext. 212 or kpierce@theconradfirm.com.

PAYMENT: Mail in advance to MRWBA, P. O. Box 538, Richmond, Virginia 23218-0538 (please include name of attendee on payment).

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 Vanessa L. Jones, Treasurer at 414-1611 or vjones@barnesfamilylaw.com.

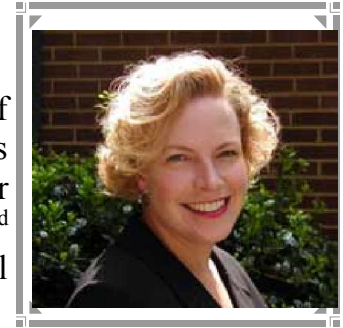
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MEETING ON
MAY 3, 2006
AT 12:30 P.M.
BULL & BEAR CLUB



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear MRWBA Members:

Each year, as winter fades away, I am excited to see the coming signs of spring arrive in the form of trees budding and flowers blooming. It seems that the grass is even greener!! But this also means that the MRWBA Bar year is winding down. The 2005-06 bar year officially ends on May 3rd with our Annual Business meeting. I hope you can join us then at the Bull and Bear at 12:30 pm. But where did the bar year go?



I've heard other bar leaders comment on how their year of bar leadership was "the best year of their life that they never want to re-live." I have to say that, from my perspective, it has been a really great year in terms of working with the MRWBA. And I wouldn't go as far to say that I would never want to do it again. I have truly enjoyed each and every minute.

But of course, I cannot and will not take credit for it all. I have had a wonderful group of women on the MRWBA Board with whom to work! And that, bottom line, has made all of the difference. I think the MRWBA Presidents who have had this position before me will all agree that the determining factor of their bar year is how well everyone on the Board works together to get the job done. My sincere thanks to everyone on this year's Board for all of their hard work. Some of the Board members this year have been on the Board for several years, and I am so grateful for their continued enthusiasm, experience and dedication to the MRWBA. Some of the Board members are brand new and I have been grateful for their new ideas and fresh perspectives. Hopefully, the newer Board members will consider coming back next year, too!

While this is not my last President's column, I would like to go ahead and take this opportunity to thank the MRWBA for allowing me to serve as this year's President. The pleasure has truly been all mine. I thank each MRWBA member for the opportunity to lead the association. I wish the MRWBA all the best in future years, as it will always hold a very special place in my heart. Thanks again.

Jill Wells Nunnally

MRWBA President 2005-06

**FROM THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE CHAIR***Kiva Bland Pierce*

All of the local legislators are invited to the Metropolitan Richmond Women's Bar Annual Legislative Luncheon and Panel Program. The following is a list of those legislators who have indicated that they will appear at the luncheon:

Senator Ryan T. McDougle represents the 4th Senatorial District, which includes all of Caroline County, Essex County, Hanover County, King and Queen County, King William County, and Middlesex County, and part of Spotsylvania County. He serves on the following Senate committees: Agriculture Conservation and Natural Resources, Courts of Justice, Rehabilitation and Social Services, and Transportation.

Senator Walter A. Stosch represents the 12th Senatorial District, which includes part of Goochland County, Henrico County and the City of Richmond. He serves on the following Senate committees: General Laws and Technology (Chair), Commerce and Labor, Finance, and Rules.

Senator John Watkins represents the 10th Senatorial District, which includes Amelia and Powhatan Counties and part of Amelia County, Chesterfield County, Cumberland County, Goochland County, Henrico County, and the City of Richmond. He serves on the following Senate committees: Agriculture, Conservation, and Natural Resources, Commerce and Labor, Finance and Transportation.

Delegate Rosalyn R. Dance represents the 63rd House District, which includes part of Chesterfield County, all of Dinwiddie County and the City of Petersburg. She serves on the following House Committees: Privileges and Elections, General Laws, and Appropriations.

Delegate Franklin P. Hall represents the 69th House District, which includes part of Chesterfield County and the City of Richmond. He serves on the following House Committees: Finance, Counties, Cities, and Towns, and Rules.

Delegate Riley E. Ingram represents the 62nd House District, which includes part of Chesterfield County, Henrico County, Prince George County, and part of the City of Hopewell. He serves on the following House Committees: Counties Cities and Towns (Chair), Privileges and Elections, and Appropriations.

Delegate William R. Janis represents the 56th House District, which includes the Counties of Goochland and Louisa and part of Henrico County. He serves on the following House Committees: Courts of Justice, Finance, Militia, Police and Public Safety, and Health, Welfare and Institutions.

Delegate Jennifer L. McClellan represents the 71st House District, which includes part of Henrico County and part of the City of Richmond. She serves on the following House Committees: Education, and Commerce and Labor. This was her first year to serve in the General Assembly.

Delegate Donald A. McEachin represents the 74th House District, which includes Charles City County, part of Henrico and Prince George Counties, and part of the Cities of Hopewell and Richmond. He serves on the following House Committees: Counties Cities and Towns, and Agriculture Chesapeake and Natural Resources.

Delegate Samuel A. Nixon, Jr. represents the 27th House District, which includes part of Chesterfield County. He serves on the following House Committees: Science and Technology (Vice Chair), Finance, Commerce and Labor, Health Welfare and Institutions.

Delegate Katherine B. Waddell represents the 68th House District, which includes part of the County of Chesterfield and part of the City of Richmond. She serves on the Following House Committees: Courts of Justice, and Counties Cities and Towns. This was her first year to serve in the General Assembly.



MRWBA and RWBC

As you know, the MRWBA is a member of the Richmond Women's Business Consortium ("RWBC"). The RWBC has organized several terrific networking events (called SMARTCONNECT) in the past and two more are planned for 2006. More information about the next SMARTCONNECT event to be held at the Glen Allen Cultural Arts Center this spring should be available soon. The RWBC Board of Directors, which includes representatives from all of the member organizations, meet periodically to plan these events and to perform works that furthers the RWBC's mission. Any interested MRWBA member also may attend the RWBC Directors' meetings. If you would like more information, please feel free to call Anne Marie Cushmac or Kim Daniel, the current MRWBA representatives.

Mentorship Committee
Chair

Jayne Pemberton,

On February 16, 2006, the MRWBA hosted a cocktail party for all participants in the 2005-2006 Mentor Program. We had a great turnout from our University of Richmond students participating in the program. It was a terrific opportunity to exchange ideas and get to know each other better. We are encouraging all our mentees to join the MRWBA when they graduate and begin their practices.

Additionally, with warm weather on the way, we hope to have a chance to get together with our mentee again at an outdoor venue. If you are currently serving as a mentor and have a preference of venue, please do not hesitate to contact me at (804)783-7242 or jpemberton@sandsanderson.com.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE NEWS

Co-Chairs: Ali Fannon & Margaret Hardy

Pro Bono Service

On March 1, 2006, the Public Service Committee presented its annual Pro Bono Luncheon. Our panel of speakers included Maureen Petrini, Access to Legal Services Director for the Virginia State Bar, Marilynn Goss, Senior Managing Attorney for the Central Virginia Legal Aid Society, and John Oakey, retired partner from McGuire Woods whose many pro bono activities include establishing the Virginia Lawyers Helping Families program to provide pro bono representation in child custody cases. Maureen, Marilynn, and John provided us with a great overview of their own pro bono and public service activities and shared us with the need for all of us to become involved. If you have questions regarding the types of pro bono activities recognized by the Virginia State Bar, please contact Maureen Petrini at 775-0522 or petrini@vsb.org. To talk with Marilynn Goss about the many pro bono opportunities available with Central Virginia Legal Aid, including the areas of domestic relations, landlord/tenant, and consumer and bankruptcy law, please contact her at 648-1012 or Marilynn@cvlas.org. To learn more about the Virginia Lawyers Helping Families program, contact John Oakey at 775-4336 or joakey@mcguirewoods.com. As always, if you have questions, please contact one of us (Ali at 646-6642 or silvaa@ci.richmond.va.us or Margaret at 783-7277 or mhardy@sandsanderson.com), and for those of you who attended, we would certainly appreciate your comments about the format and the information provided to help us plan for next year.



HILLIARD HOUSE ITEM DRIVE

Thanks to everyone who has donated to our item drive!! Our adopted graduate from Hilliard House, Angela and her two children, should have a great start to their new home with all of the helpful household goods donated. If you are still interested in helping out, it is not too late, so please contact one of us so we can let you know what items she still needs. Thanks again for your generosity.

TJ HIGH SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP

Did you know that the MRWBA is partnered with Thomas Jefferson High School? And that this partnership received a Certificate of Achievement from the Virginia State Bar?? It is not too late for you to get involved this school year and help us enrich the lives of the students! So contact us!

On March 28th, a group of volunteers are speaking about how to avoid credit abuse. The program entitled C.A.R.E. (Credit Abuse Resistance Education) is adapted from a national model. Last year, we helped coordinate the launching of the pilot presentation in Richmond at T.J., and now we are back for an encore. For more information on this prepared PowerPoint presentation and how you can become involved, please contact Alison Scott of the Boleman Law firm at (804) 497-7872 or ajscott@bolemanlaw.com. Later this spring, we will be leading a field trip of students to points of interest downtown, so if you have contacts at any of the Courts, the Capitol or the forensic labs of the Commonwealth, please let us know!

SPRING SERVICE PROJECT: Women Build with Hanover Habitat for Humanity

On a Saturday between April and September (to be decided once we get volunteers), we would like to participate in Hanover Habitat for Humanity's next Women Build construction. This program empowers women to build Habitat for Humanity homes and uses women at all the stages of construction. Involvement in this project will allow MRWBA members to positively impact the lives of our neighbors by making homeownership a present reality for families. Limited fundraising is needed, but don't let that deter you from joining in!! For more details, please contact Ali or Margaret.



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