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Welcome New Members!

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Valerie Ferrier
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September Luncheon

Join the MRWBA for our first luncheon of the bar year. We have a fantastic program scheduled for **Wednesday, September 8, 2010 at the Bull & Bear Club.**

The program will feature a panel discussion with several of the MRWBA's long-time members: Virginia Hackney, Karen Lebo, Teri Miles & Frost Telegadas. These trailblazing women will offer insight into the evolution of the legal profession for women in Richmond over the last 35 years since the MRWBA was founded.

Deadline to RSVP is 5 p.m. today (Friday, September 3rd).

To register, click on:

[Register Now](#)

If you have questions for the panel, please contact Michelle Welch at mwelch@oag.state.va.us

President's Message



Welcome to the 2010-2011 MRWBA year! For those of you who are new to this organization, it is the tradition for the new president to choose a theme for the bar year. This year's theme is "Looking to the Past to Build the Future."

Last year was the 35th anniversary of this organization. It gave us all an opportunity to stop and think about the changes that have taken place for both the MRWBA and women in the legal profession. With so many amazing accomplishments for women attorneys over the last 35 years, some have asked the question: Why is this organization still needed? The answer is simple. The answer is mentoring. We must look to the past to build the future.

As part of this year's theme, I encourage you all to become involved in our mentoring program. Our mentoring program offers the option of mentoring a University of Richmond law student and/or a new attorney member of our organization. It is a perfect opportunity to pass along your experience and help build not only the future of this

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organization, but the future of our profession.

In addition to this year's focus on mentoring, I am so excited about the many interesting and enlightening luncheons we are planning! We are particularly excited to begin the year with our September 8, 2010 luncheon, which will feature a panel discussion from some of our founding members. These trailblazing women will offer insight into what it was like for them 35 years ago when the MRWBA was founded.

We also look forward to our November 3rd luncheon, where we will welcome a special guest, Matt Paxton, from A&E Television's hit show Hoarders. We will have many more exciting luncheons throughout the year, which we hope you can attend. I look forward to seeing you all in September!

Jayne A. Pemberton
MRWBA President (2010-2011)

Notice something new about the MRWBA email invitations and newsletters?

The MRWBA Board voted over the summer to convert its communications to Constant Contact. Now all luncheon and CLE program invitations and registrations will be handled online. Our electronic newsletters will also be created and emailed through Constant Contact.

With a minimal cost of \$200 per year, this new system will save the association countless volunteer hours in event management, and money in upgraded software. More importantly, it offers a more convenient and user-friendly registration process for members and guests. The HTML newsletter is now easier to read and more accessible than double clicking a PDF attachment.

Invitations will be emailed two weeks prior to each program. Click on "Register Now!" to sign up for yourself and guests. Attendees can make payments in person and at the door, and now online through our PayPal account. The invitation features an interactive map to the luncheon location and a link to Google Maps for driving directions, plus a link to our sponsor's website. Be sure to click on the "Add to my calendar" link to upload a calendar appointment with all of the luncheon information directly to your Outlook.

Please contact Carole Timberlake, Communications Chair, at 687-9676 or carole@cytconsulting.com with questions or comments.

Thanks to our September Luncheon Sponsor!

Leadership Is In Our DNA

Recognizing:

Karen S. Elliott, *Former President, MRWBA*

Margaret F. Hardy, *Chair, MRWBA Judicial*

*Candidate Endorsement Committee; Chair, Women's Health
Virginia; Chair, Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys
Medical Malpractice Section*

Phyllis C. Katz, *Lewis B. Powell Pro Bono Award,
Virginia State Bar*

Jayne A. Pemberton, *President, MRWBA;*

*President, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Central Virginia;
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Mark Your Calendars!

2010-2011 MRWBA Program Schedule

Wednesday, October 6, 2010

12:30 pm at the Bull & Bear Club

Annual Pro-Bono Luncheon, highlighting the MRWBA's public service projects and this year's partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters

Tuesday, October 19, 2010 (CLE)

4:00 pm at 1111 East Main Street, 24th floor

Zealous Advocacy: The Ethics of Non-Adversarial Negotiation and Collaborative Practice by Frank West Morrison. Two hours of Ethics CLE credit pending.

Wednesday, November 3, 2010

12:30 pm at the Bull & Bear Club

Matt Paxton, owner of Clutter Cleaner and featured expert on A&E's

hit show "Hoarders." Matt is a nationally renowned expert on hoarding and extreme cleaning.

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

12:00 pm at the Bull & Bear Club

Annual Holiday Awards Luncheon, recognizing the deserving recipient(s) of the MRWBA Woman of Achievement Award.

Wednesday, January 12, 2011 (CLE)

12:30 pm at the Bull & Bear Club

TBA

Wednesday, February 2, 2011

12:30 pm at the Bull & Bear Club

Carytown Goes Downtown, featuring a fashion show with clothing from Pink

Wednesday, March 2, 2010

12:30 pm at the Bull & Bear Club

TBA

Wednesday, April 6, 2010 (CLE)

12:30 pm at the Bull & Bear Club

Annual Legislative Luncheon, which features a panel of both senior and junior state legislators who speak about bills from this year's General Assembly and the legislative process

Wednesday, May 4, 2010

12:30 pm at the Bull & Bear Club

Annual Business Meeting, which provides an opportunity for our Board committees to present their reports to the membership.

Questions regarding luncheon registration?

Contact Robin McVoy at rmcvoy@verizon.net

Questions regarding programs?

Contact Michelle Welch at mwelch@oag.state.va.us or
Melissa VanZile at mvanzile@hallandhallfamilylaw.com

Public Service Corner

As co-chair of the Public Service Committee, I am pleased to announce that we have completed fundraising efforts for the 2010-2011 version of the MRWBA's award-winning booklet, Understanding Your Domestic Relations Rights in Virginia, and successfully raised 100% of the funds necessary for publication.

I am also excited to announce that, for the first time, the booklet will be published in both English and Spanish. The Spanish translation was made possible thanks to the support of the Greater Richmond Bar Foundation. The 2010-2011 English/Spanish edition is scheduled for distribution in September of this year.

For those members who are not familiar with this project, the booklet is a succinct statement of domestic relations law for the layperson, which the MRWBA provides, free of charge, to courts and non-profit organizations across the Commonwealth. It is also available to law firms for a nominal charge.

Many thanks to Robin McVoy who spent hours laboring to make the Spanish version a reality, and to all of the MRWBA members who supported the publication through the financial support of their firms

and organizations. Finally, I would like to thank the Greater Richmond Bar Foundation for its substantial grant that made this year's publication a reality.

The full text version of the 10-11 booklet will be available online for members only at [MRWBA Domestic Relations Booklet](#)

If you are interested in obtaining copies of the 2010-2011 edition, or in supporting or advertising in the next publication, please contact me.

- Jennifer Fox, Public Service Co-Chair, jfox@batzliwood.com

Fall Ethics CLE

Tuesday, October 19, 2010 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm (location TBD)

"Zealous Advocacy: The Ethics of Non-Adversarial Negotiation and Collaborative Practice." Speaker: Frank West Morrison, Esquire

Mark your calendars for an exciting ethics CLE program with a pending two-hour ethics credits. More information to come!

Have you renewed your MRWBA membership?

Our annual membership drive has begun! Online registration is open and the steps are quick and easy so please take a moment and renew today!

Reminder: Members who have not renewed their membership will not be able to take advantage of the member rate for our luncheons. Also, beginning in November, members who have not renewed will stop receiving the monthly newsletter.

ON-LINE RENEWAL Instructions:

- 1.) To login, go to [MRWBA Membership Renewal](#)
- 2.) Enter the password: mrwba2010
- 3.) Enter user id: last name, plus initial of first and middle name (i.e. Jane Smith Doe = doejs). If you are having problems logging in, email Administrative Assistant, Alison Roussy, at asroussy@hotmail.com

RENEWAL BY MAIL:

To renew by mail, go to the [MRWBA Website](#) and click on the Register by Mail link under JOIN MRWBA. The 2010 -2011 Application will open in a fillable Word format. After completing the application, please print and mail with your check (made payable to MRWBA) to PO Box 3945, Richmond, VA 23235.

Help the MRWBA recruit new members! Membership packets will be available at the September luncheon. Please be sure to pick up some to take back to your office! Or if email is a better way to reach a potential member, let us know. We can email our membership information to you to forward to anyone who might be interested.

Welcome Back!

Jen McLemore, Membership Chair, jmclmore@cblaw.com

Greater Richmond Bar Foundation

Pro Bono Clearinghouse Needs Volunteers

Juggling life and work is a tough balancing act. Trying to find the time to fit pro bono service into that packed schedule can seem impossible. However, if you want help converting the aspirational goal

(2% of your legal work as pro bono) into a reality, perhaps, the Greater Richmond Bar Foundation is your answer.

The Greater Richmond Bar Foundation is a charitable organization focused on direct delivery of pro bono services to nonprofits, on support of pro bono programs for individuals and on equalizing the access to justice. Originally, the Foundation was created in 1978 as a charitable fund for certain activities of the Richmond Bar Association. Over the years, the Foundation has expanded to include representatives from other local bar associations, including the MRWBA (current Board member is Past President Leslie Haley).

Each year the Foundation administers grants to pro bono and public service efforts of these bars and other organizations. The Foundation's signature program is the Pro Bono Clearinghouse which connects nonprofits needing legal assistance to a virtual law firm of volunteer attorneys. Requests are matched to attorneys with background in that practice area, but the Clearinghouse can connect volunteers with training materials or mentors if desired.

In addition, the Foundation is currently conducting an assessment of the unmet legal needs of the Richmond area and compiling a database of available legal services for low income individuals and the available pro bono resources/volunteers. If you are involved in a pro bono project or have interest in learning more about the numerous opportunities (including our own Pro Bono Clearinghouse), then please contact Ali Fannon at afannon@grbf.org or (804) 240-7822.

Richmond Women's Business Consortium SmartConnect Networking Event

Tuesday, October 19, 2010
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Crossroads Arts Center (2016 Staples Mill Road)

Admission is free for MRWBA members, \$5 for non-members.
Cash bar and free hors d'oeuvres.

Sponsors: Cowan Gates, PC, It's a Breez Specialties and Virginia Asset Management

For more information, visit [RWBC Website](#)

Member News

Congratulations!

Barbara Balogh married David Saunders on May 22, 2010.

Melissa Van Zile and her husband welcomed baby Isabella Austen on June 30, 2010.

Lisa Hudson and her husband Elijah Kim welcomed baby Noah Alexander on March 1, 2010. The family now lives in Raleigh, NC.

Ali Fannon is now Director of Programs and Development for the Greater Richmond Bar Foundation.

Cheryl Call is now Deputy General Counsel at Blackbaud, Inc. in Charleston, South Carolina.

Jennifer Fox is now with Batzli Wood & Stiles.

Clair Harrington is now Contract Specialist Manager in Global Procurement Services at CapitalOne.

Congratulations to all of the MRWBA members who were recognized as 2010 Virginia Super Lawyers, especially our members selected as Top 25 Women Virginia Super Lawyers: Stephanie Grana, Michelle Mulligan, Colleen Quinn, and Mary Burkey Owens. The complete list is available at: [Top 25 Women Super Lawyers](#).

Do you have news to share?

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