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Metro Richmond Women's Bar Association Newsletter

May 2011



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MRWBA Annual Meeting Luncheon Reminder

Wednesday, May 4th at 12:30 p.m.
Bull & Bear Club

MRWBA will elect its 2011-2012 officers and welcome Ali Fannon as the new bar President. We will congratulate Jayne Pemberton on her successful year as President, and have lots of time for networking and socializing.

Deadline to register is Friday, April 29 at 5:00 p.m. Please pay online in advance to avoid long lines at check in.

[Click here to register](#)

President's Message

I cannot believe that it is already May and this bar year is ending so soon. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as president of the MRWBA this year. I truly believe in this organization and what it offers to the women in our legal community. As a young lawyer, it was the members of this organization that mentored me in my practice. As a new mother, it was the members of this organization that mentored me on balancing my career with my family. As president, it was the amazing group of past presidents that mentored me and helped me lead this year organization. I am so very thankful for this experience and all the support I have received from you all.



As I step down, I want to thank the wonderful group of ladies who served with me on the Board of Directors this year. I thank them for their passion, hard work, and support. I want to say a special

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The following slate of officers and JEC members are presented by the MRWBA Nominating Committee to be voted for membership approval at the May annual meeting

thanks to our immediate past president, Vanessa Jones. She has been a source of great wisdom and support for me this year. She will greatly be missed on the board after almost a decade of service. Please join me in thanking her for her commitment to the MRWBA and to our profession. I would also like to thank Alison Roussy, our administrative assistant, who is one of this organization's greatest assets. Alison is so incredibly reliable, and such an amazing asset to the MRWBA.

Finally, I must thank each and every member of our Board of Directors:

Ali Fannon, President-Elect
Sakina Paige, Vice President
Colleen Quinn, Secretary
Sharon Stuart, Treasurer
Barbara Saunders, Awards Chair
Melanie A. Friend, CLE Chair
Robin McVoy, Finance Chair
Margaret Hardy, Judicial Candidate Endorsement Chair
Melanie Friend, Legislative Chair
Jennifer McLemore, Membership Chair
Kimberly A. Skiba, Mentorship Chair
Michelle Welch and Melissa Van Zile, Programs Co-Chairs
Carol Timberlake, Public Relations/Communications Chair
Jennifer Fox and Jackie Sharman, Public Service Co-Chairs.

I look forward to working with Ali Fannon and the Board next year. Please join me on May 4, 2011, for our annual business luncheon, to show our support for Ali and vote on the proposed slate of officers for 2011-2012.

Jayne A. Pemberton
MRWBA President (2010-2011)

luncheon on Wednesday, May 4th.

2011-2012 Board Slate

Ali Fannon - President
Sakina Paige - President-Elect
Colleen Quinn - Vice President
Sharon Stuart - Treasurer
Michelle Welch - Secretary

2011-2012 Judicial Endorsement Committee

Adalyn Brugger
Julie Cillo
Anne Marie Cushmac
Melanie Friend
Stephanie Grana
Leslie Haley
Margaret Hardy
Clair Harrington
Catherine Hill
Vanessa Jones
Mary Owens
Colleen Quinn
Barbara Saunders
Jackie Sharman
Kimberly Skiba
Sharon Stuart

Thanks to our Sponsor!

Programs Committee
Annual Report by
Michelle Welch and
Melissa Van Zile

We had a great year for programs this year with different but interesting themes.

We started the year with a panel of past presidents (including one of our founders) who enlightened us about practice and the challenges of being a woman lawyer.

In October, we had the first lady of Virginia, Maureen McDonnell, as our speaker and she delighted us with her stories. In addition, we kicked off our public service project with Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

Looking at our past helps us shape the future.



**Freedom Riders:
AMERICAN EXPERIENCE**

From May until November 1961, more than 400 black and white Americans risked their lives—and many endured savage beatings and imprisonment—for simply traveling together on buses and trains as they rode through the Deep South.

Monday, May 16 at 9 pm



**LOCKED OUT: The Fall
of Massive Resistance**

is the story of the tragedy and triumphs of the children of Virginia who found themselves on the front lines of a cultural war that desegregated Virginia's public schools, and forever altered American history.

Monday, May 16 at 11 pm



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Community Idea Stations operate both local PBS television stations and WCVE public radio. Our community focus is in children's education, news & public affairs, science & discovery, history & heritage, and arts & culture. To strengthen communities, empower families, and inform citizens, Community Idea Stations use the power of media to educate, entertain and inspire.

Sponsorship by the Community Idea Stations is presented by CYT Consulting, offering marketing and business development to small Virginia law firms.



Mark your Calendar

MRWBA Public Service Event - Spring Garden Party with children at Peter Paul Development Center
Wednesday, April 27, 2011, at 5:30 p.m.

[Click here to register online](#)

MRWBA May Annual Meeting Luncheon
Wednesday, May 4, 2011

12:30 p.m. at the Bull & Bear Club

[Click here to register online](#)

In November, we had Matt Paxton from Clutter Cleaners regale us with hoarder stories.

In December we honored Pam Belleman with our prestigious Award.

In January, we had our Ethics CLE, providing an hour of Ethics to our members.

In February, we brought Carytown downtown with a fashion show and great prizes from our Carytown merchants.

In March, one of our founders, Phoebe Hall along with Tracey Retchin educated us on Elder Law and the way it can impact our practices.

In April, our Legislative Luncheon gave us insight into the General Assembly.

Awards Committee
Annual Report by
Barbara Saunders

The Awards Committee
presented the 2011
MRWBA Women of

MRWBA Member Spring Social
Thursday, May 5, 2011
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at BlackFinn
[Click here to register online](#)

MRWBA Member Summer Event - Family Baseball Night
Saturday, June 25, 2011
6:30 p.m. Flying Squirrels game
[Click here to register online](#)

NAWBO May Luncheon - Corporate Partner Fair
Tuesday, May 10, 2011
8:00 a.m. at Willow Oaks
[Click here to register online](#)

New Member Profiles

Profiles of our newest members hopefully will help you make personal and professional connections with other members, encourage you to introduce yourself to new members at bar programs, and make the newsletter more enjoyable to read.

Jennifer E. Lattimore
Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC
Litigation Associate
George Mason School of Law, 2005
Contact Jennifer [by email](#)



Why did you become a lawyer?
Because I decided not to move to Nashville to pursue a singing career.

What was your favorite class in college or law school?
Philosophy. I majored in accounting and information systems, so philosophy was a lot more interesting by comparison!

Why did you join the MRWBA?
I recently moved down to Richmond from Northern Virginia, and I joined the MRWBA with the hope of meeting new colleagues and friends in the Richmond area.

Do you have a mentor? In what way has that person been important in your life?
The judge I clerked for at the Fairfax County Circuit Court is my informal mentor. I am very fortunate to have his honesty, realism and practical advice there when I need it. My dad is my other mentor. He always makes me laugh when I want to cry.

What did you do before law school?
I was a computer programmer and trainer for IBM Global Services.

What has been your biggest challenge since law school?
Raising two wonderful little girls who are even more strong-willed than their mother.

What was your New Year's resolution?
Go on more dates with my husband - we have date night on our

Achievement Award to Pam S. Belleman, an attorney at Troutman Sanders LLP. Pam joins the group of accomplished women the MRWBA has honored over the years with this annual award.

The Award was presented at the December Awards luncheon, with an introduction by Karen Lebo, a past president of our organization. Once again, the membership and guests attending were pleased to enjoy the talents of musician Tommy Whitten.

The Committee's chair would like to thank the members of the selection committee, Teri Miles, Leslie Haley and Jill Nunnally for their service.

Preparation is now underway for submissions to the Virginia State Bar for consideration of the recently published Spanish translation of the MRWBA Domestic Relations pamphlet for an Award of Merit, given at the VSB Annual Meeting in June.

Legislative Committee
Annual Report by
Melanie Friend

More than 70 members and guests attended the Legislative Luncheon on April 13 to hear six local legislators discuss the results of this year's session: Senator John Watkins, Senator Henry Marsh, Delegate Jennifer McClellan, Delegate Bill Janis, Delegate Manoli Loupassi and Delegate Betsy Carr.

The local legislators discussed bills they patroned that they believed had an especially important impact on the people of the Richmond area or on our membership in particular. The primary focus of the question-and-answer session at the conclusion of the legislators' individual

calendars every other week now. We have not gone on that many, but we strive to!

What inspires you?

Regular people doing amazing things.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I have no free time. If I did, I would knit, work on my garden, exercise more and for longer periods of time, go shopping, cook and travel.

What are your vacation plans for 2011?

We went to Disney with the kids in February, we're going to the beach for a week this summer, and my husband and I are going to Vegas for a long weekend in October to see my 50 year-old sister in law get married for the first time.

presentations focused on filling of judicial vacancies and the anticipated redrawing of judicial districts.

The luncheon received one CLE credit, with written materials compiled by the Legislative Committee on bills introduced in certain areas of interest to our membership. Because of the short session and the timing of this year's Legislative Luncheon, which occurred after the reconvened session of the General Assembly, we had the opportunity to include the final results of most legislation in the CLE materials.

MRWBA 2010-2011 Budget is available online in the members-only section of the website.
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