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MRWBA January Luncheon: Noteworthy in 2011 A Year of News in Review by Someone in the Know



Wednesday, January 11, 2012
12:30 p.m.
Willow Oaks Country Club

Presented by Aaron Kramer
Founder and Editor, Richmond BizSense

As a journalist whose work has appeared in such diverse media as the Los Angeles Times, Reuters, and on his own website, Richmond BizSense, Aaron Kramer has a fresh perspective on all that is news and noteworthy. (In fact, he caused quite a stir on the Internet when he posted an "anti-love letter" to Twitter.)

Come join us on January 11th in welcoming Aaron Kramer as he highlights the top news stories of 2011 (and, hopefully, shares just why he still hates Twitter).

[Register Now](#)

Deadline to register is Monday, January 9 at noon. Click on the link above to register. To join the waiting list after registration closes, [email Alison Roussy](#) or call (804) 855-9090.

President's Message

On behalf of the MRWBA Board, I want to thank everyone for making this bar year a

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Richmond Bar Invites MRWBA Members

Wendy Perdue, Dean of University of Richmond School of Law, will be the featured speaker at the Richmond Bar's luncheon on Thursday, January 19, 2012. The luncheon begins at 12:30 p.m. at the Omni Richmond Hotel. Cost is \$26, please rsvp by Noon January 16th. Click here to [reserve your space](#).

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success so far! We have had a wonderful turnout for our monthly luncheons at Willow Oaks, our special networking events and CLEs. We have had excellent member participation in our public service efforts with CARITAS, and in mentoring our future legal stars from University of Richmond. We have even added 50 new members to the fold!



Personally, I want to thank my colleagues on the Board, and our amazing assistant, Alison Roussy, for all of their time and hard work in keeping this organization a vital asset to the community.

But the bar year is not even half over, so keep MRWBA on your monthly agenda radar. Because with the New Year, MRWBA will continue to bring you programs that are unique and can enhance your life and practice. Cannot believe 2012 is here? Does 2011 seem to come and gone in a blink of an eye? Were you just too busy to read the paper? Come join us on January 11th for a recap of news that mattered from Richmond BizSense's Founder Aaron Kramer.

Hoping that one of your New Year resolutions is to get out of your office more, and enjoy the MRWBA membership events, Happy New Year!

Ali Fannon
President 2011-2012
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Connect with MRWBA and our Members

Thank you to all who attended the December Holiday Luncheon and Women of Achievement Award presentation.

Like the [MRWBA Facebook page](#) to see the photo gallery from this and other MRWBA events. .





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Notice Anything New? New Year, New Logo

The MRWBA has a New Logo! The last few months have been filled with excitement and anticipation as the Board worked on our new logo. As our organization has become more technologically savvy, we needed our logo to have a higher quality resolution to obtain sharper images in print and online.

While we were updating the resolution of the logo, we decided it was a good time to refresh the logo to match the image of our actual skyline. At our December luncheon, we unveiled our new logo featuring an updated image of the Richmond skyline.

If you did not get a chance to check out the new logo at the last luncheon, please take a second to look at the newsletter masthead, podium banner and check-in table banner. As you start to see the logo in our newsletter and other media, hopefully you'll appreciate the simplicity and elegance of the new design.



Join the MRWBA LinkedIn Group to connect with the professional profiles of other MRWBA members, share news and status updates, and request and share referrals!



Welcome to our New Members...

Miriam Airington
Stephanie Brown
Crystal Foster
Gwen Massie
Lin Rehak
Rebecca Wharton
Jenna Williams

Congratulations to MRWBA Members....

Sharon Choi Stuart who launched her own firm, The Stuart Law Firm. [Click here](#) to contact Sharon by email.

Kimberly Skiba from Owen & Owens who will be the first

Big kudos to Sakina Paige, MRWBA President-elect, for spear-heading this logo re-design project!

Wednesday, March 7, 2012
12:30 p.m. at Willow Oaks
Mark your Calendar

MRWBA Events

January Luncheon - Top News Stories of 2011
Wednesday, January 12, 2012
12:30 p.m. at Willow Oaks
[Click here to register online](#)

February Luncheon - Animal Welfare Advocacy & Legislation
Wednesday, February 1, 2012
12:30 p.m. at Willow Oaks
[Click here to register online](#)

March Luncheon - Healthy Cooking
Wednesday, March 7, 2012
12:30 p.m. at Willow Oaks
[Click here to register online](#)

April Luncheon - Annual Legislative Luncheon
Wednesday, March 7, 2012
12:30 p.m. at Willow Oaks
[Click here to register online](#)

Other Events

NAWBO Luncheon - WOSB, WBENC and Other Women Business Certifications
Tuesday, January 10, 2012
11:00 a.m. at Willow Oaks
[Click here to register online](#)

Enterprising Women of Excellence Awards Dinner
Thursday, March 22, 2012
5:30 p.m. at the Omni Richmond Hotel
[Click here for reservation and sponsorship information](#)

EWE Awards honor women in 5 categories:

- * Rising Star [Nominate Here](#)
- * Entrepreneur of the Year [Nominate Here](#)
- * Student Entrepreneur of the Year [Nominate Here](#)
- * Community Leader [Nominate Here](#)
- * NAWBO Member of the Year [Nominate Here](#)

New Member Profiles

Please introduce yourself to a few of our newest members...

recipient of the Richmond Bar Association Young Lawyers Award. Join the MRWBA in congratulating Kimberly when she receives the award at the RBA luncheon on March 15th.

To share news about awards and recognitions, job changes, or babies and marriages, contact Carole Timberlake [by email](#).

Donate your Professional Clothes

Richmond VIEW (Virginia Initiative for Employment not Welfare) is in is in desperate need for professional career attire for the women in the program.

They currently need: blouses (S-XL), suits/dress/skirts/blazers sizes 4-10 and 14-22.

Contact Brenda Brantley 646-7172 or Sandee Smith 646-3654 for more info and to make arrangements. Donations accepted Monday-Friday 9am-3pm. You will be provided with a tax deductible receipt not to exceed \$200 for your donations.

Deborah Elkins

Virginia Lawyers Media, Executive
Editor
University of Toledo, 1984
[Contact Deborah by email](#)



Why did you join MRWBA?

To stay in touch with practicing lawyers.

What did you do before law school?

Librarian

What was your New Year's resolution?

I have several annually renewable resolutions, including: bake more cupcakes, remember family & friend birthdays even when they're not on Facebook and support local arts.

What do you like to do in your free time?

Read. Over the holidays I usually re-read something by Jane Austen. This year's treat is P.D. James' sequel to Pride and Prejudice.

Crystal Foster Fitzgerald

Richmond Commonwealth's Attorney's
Office, Assistant Commonwealth's
Attorney
College of William and Mary Law
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Why did you become a lawyer?

I became a lawyer to serve as an advocate for people who are misrepresented to ensure that they are treated fairly in the justice system.

What was your favorite class in college or law school?

My favorite classes in law school were Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure. I realized early on that I wanted to go into criminal law field.

Do you have a mentor? How has that person been important to you?

I have a wonderful mentor, Thomas Johnson, who is one of my colleagues. Ever since we met after my 1L year, he has been extremely encouraging and supportive. He also tutored me while I was studying for the Virginia Bar and helped me get through that challenging process.

What is your New Year's resolution?

To work out more and eat more veggies.

What inspires you? God and my family.

What do you like to do in your free time?

Shop, eat out, have date nights with my husband and hang out with

friends.

What are your vacation plans for 2012? My husband and I are planning a trip to New York City, Mexico for a friend's wedding, and another island get-away that we have not yet decided on.

Tell us about your family. My husband and I recently got married on October 22, 2011 after nine years of dating (we met freshman year of college). We live in Henrico with our six-year old Chihuahua, Chase. Luckily, all of my family live in Richmond.

Tell us something about yourself that is not on your resume.
I absolutely love all animals! Animals make my heart melt!

Katherine Anne Womack

Law Clerk to the Hon. Harold W. Burgess
Chesterfield County Circuit Court
University of Richmond, 2011
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What was your favorite class in college or law school? Criminal Law, as taught by John Douglass.

Why did you join the MRWBA?

As much as I enjoy my male coworkers, it is nice to have a break and network with other professional women (and discuss topics other than Tim Tebow).

Do you have a mentor? How has that person been important to you?

My grandfather was a patent attorney, and we were very close. He always supported my education and encouraged me to explore my interest in law. He fell into a coma the evening I was accepted into Richmond Law, and passed away shortly after. I am grateful that he got to share in that accomplishment, and whenever I had a rough patch in law school, thinking about him and his support helped me push through.

What has been your biggest challenge since law school?

Waking up early! It's been awhile since 1L 8 a.m. classes.

If you hadn't become a lawyer, what other career would you have pursued? I would be a travel journalist, or write travel guidebooks.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I enjoy reading especially history and other nonfiction. I also recently got back to painting and am taking classes at the Visual Arts Center.

What are your vacation plans for 2012?

I am heading to NYC to visit friends from college in January, and I hope to have time to visit the Outerbanks and Bethany Beach, Delaware this summer. In June I am heading to Charlottesville for my 5th year class reunion at the University of Virginia.

Tell us something about yourself that is not on your resume.

I've never learned to ride a bicycle. Now that I've passed the

Virginia bar exam, finally learning to ride a bike is my next goal in life.

Job Openings:

Dominion is looking for a Senior Counsel in the Corporate Finance, Securities and M&A group. Click on www.dom.com/careers for an application and more information.

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