

VIRGINIA STATE BAR

PRO BONO & ACCESS TO JUSTICE CONFERENCE



EFFECTIVELY EXPANDING ACCESS TO THE COURT: RESOURCES & REMEDIES

Thursday and Friday, May 17–18, 2007

A day and a-half program featuring—a Thursday afternoon “Forum on Pro Bono Best Practices” and an Evening Award Ceremony and Reception; and Friday—CLE Presentations

University of Richmond School of Law

5.0 CLE Credits (1.0 Ethics) Pending Approval (Friday CLE Program) and
5.0 Continuing Education Credits Approved for Qualified Guardians *Ad Litem* for Children
and for Incapacitated Adults (Friday CLE Program)

This event is of special interest to guardians *ad litem*, civil legal advocates and attorneys curious about expanded pro bono service opportunities.

There is no tuition but there is a nominal charge of \$25 for CLE Text materials

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The Virginia State Bar's 17th Annual Pro Bono Conference is sponsored by the VSB Special Committee on Access to Legal Services. The committee thanks this year's institutional host, the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond, for its generosity over the years in serving as the site for the majority of these events.

The genesis for the Friday May 18th CLE program comes from the Access Committee's wish to interest more lawyers in pro bono publico. The committee will spotlight existing and emerging support services that both enhance client access to the judicial system and aid advocates in their work. It will also feature, on Thursday the 17th of May, a Pro Bono Best Practices Forum. There, staff of legal nonprofits, volunteers and others will have a chance to network with one another and with Cheryl M. Zalenski, Staff Counsel with the national Pro Bono Center at the American Bar Association. Ms. Zalenski will frame Thursday's interactive discussion by exploring time-tested "nuts & bolts" goals and activities designed to foster the direct delivery of pro bono legal services. Several alternatives to public service, recognized under RPC 6.1, will also be addressed.

Approval is pending for 5.0 CLE credits from the Virginia State Bar, including 1.0 ethics hours, for the Friday, May 18th program. The Supreme Court of Virginia has approved a total of 5.0 GAL continuing education credits for Friday for qualified guardians *ad litem* for children and for incapacitated adults.

As noted elsewhere, there is a charge of \$25 for CLE text materials and an optional \$11.00 fee for a catered box lunch on Friday. As always, brown-baggers are welcome! In the event that payment cannot timely be mailed in advance, attendees who submit the attached reply form may pay CLE text and RSVP lunch fees at the door. While the program's target audience is noted on the cover of this brochure, the Access Committee encourages law students, members of affiliated professions, and other interested members of the public to also participate.

PROGRAM AGENDA—Day 1—University of Richmond School of Law

(Free) Pro Bono Best Practices Forum—(non CLE)

1:30 to 2:00 PM **Forum Registration**
2:00 to 4:30 PM **Pro Bono Best Practices Forum**
2:00 – 2:50 PM **Part I Opening Remarks:**
Hon. Dale H. Harris* *The Nuts & Bolts of Pro Bono: Current Thinking at the National Level* with **Cheryl M. Zalenski**, Staff Counsel, American Bar Association Center for Pro Bono
2:50 to 3:00 PM **Refreshment Break**
3:00 to 4:30 PM **Forum Part II—Virginia Perspectives: Pro Bono Nuts & Bolts**
Dorothy Jackson (Moderator), Pro Bono Coordinator, Troutman Sanders LLP—Start-up Tips for Model Law Firm Pro Bono Programs
Henry W. McLaughlin III, Executive Director, Central Virginia Legal Aid Society—Professional Liability Insurance, Free Training, and other Institutional Support for Legal Aid Society Volunteers
Arlene K. Beckerman, Director, Fairfax Bar Pro Bono Program—CLEs and Award Ceremonies as Volunteer Recruitment and

Retention Tools; Successful Fundraising to Build Support System Infrastructure

Kimberly Carpenter Emery, Assistant Dean for Public Service, Mortimer Caplin Public Service Center, University of Virginia School of Law, Maximizing Service Delivery: Collaborations that Leverage Law Student Volunteers and Local Advocates

Michael Signer, Steering Committee Chair—VSB Young Lawyers Conference Pro Bono Commission, The Business Case for Pro Bono: Getting the Word Out to Law Firms

Andrea L. Bridgeman, Assistant General Counsel, Freddie Mac, Public Interest Moonlighting: Extracurricular Activities for In-House Counsel, Association Lawyers and Government Attorneys

4:30 PM

Adjournment of Thursday Forum

7:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Pro Bono Awards—Ceremony & Reception, University of Richmond T.C. Williams School of Law

PROGRAM AGENDA (continued)

PROGRAM AGENDA—Day 2—University of Richmond School of Law

Friday, May 18, 2007

CLE Presentations – Effectively Expanding Access to the Court: Resources and Remedies

8:30 to 9:00 AM

Registration

9:00 to 10:30 AM

Presentations

9:00 - 9:15 AM

Opening Remarks—John M. Levy, Emeritus Professor of Law, Marshall Wythe School of Law, College of William & Mary

9:15 AM

Preparing and Understanding the Client's Case—

Panel Moderator—**Linda M. Boykin**, Executive Director, Potomac Legal Aid Society, Falls Church, VA

Transportation Concerns—**Betty L. Newell**, "Way to Go, Inc." and **Tanya Gonzalez**, Manager, City of Richmond Hispanic Liaison Office

Physical Barriers—**James A. Rothrock**, Commissioner, Virginia Department of Rehabilitative Services

Interpreters—**Patricia Michelsen-King** (Federally-Certified Spanish Language Interpreter/Translator)

Cultural Differences—**Johnnie Hicks**, Consultant (Northern Virginia)

10:30 AM to 10:45 AM

Refreshment Break

10:45 AM to 11:15 AM

Supreme Court of Virginia Commission on Mental Health Law Reform—Richard J. Bonnie (Chair), Professor of Psychiatric Medicine, and Director, University of Virginia Institute of Law, Psychiatry and Public Policy
Moderated by **Hugh Patrick Cline Jr.**, Cline, Adkins & Cline P.C., Norton, VA

11:15 AM

Break

11:20 to 12:30 PM

Access to the Courts

Panel Moderator—**Linda M. Boykin***

Guardian ad Litem (GAL)

Representation—Lelia B. Hopper, Court Improvement Program - Supreme Court of Virginia

View from the Bench—Hon. Dale H. Harris (Retired), Chair, VSB Access Committee

A Clerk's Perspective—John T. Frey, Clerk, Fairfax Circuit Court

12:30 PM to 1:30 PM (Non CLE)

Box Lunch Break with Hosted Interest Group "Tables" (Networking Opportunities for Pro Bono Attorneys)

Model Law School Projects:

Legal Assistance for Members of the Armed Services—Kyndra Rotunda, George Mason University Law School (Military Service) Clinical Director; and, Children's Healthcare Collaborations—**Kimberly Emery***

Immigrant Rights:

Cristina Rebeil—Attorney, Immigrant Rights Project, Virginia Poverty Law Center and, **Colleen Renk Zengotitabengoa**, Director of Legal Services, Tahirih Justice Center

Legal Aid:

Classical & Emerging Legal Aid Society Models—Q. Russell "Russ" Hatchl, Pro Bono Coordinator, Legal Services of Northern Virginia

1:30 PM to 2:30 PM

Court Alternatives

Panel Moderator—**Arlene Beckerman***

Mediation and Arbitration—Geetha Ravindra, Director, Department of Dispute Resolution Services, Supreme Court of Virginia

Restorative Justice ("Community Courts," etc.)—**James M. Hingeley Jr.**, Charlottesville Public Defender

Collaborative Law—Deborah M. Costello, Deborah M. Costello, Esquire, P.C., Richmond, VA

2:30 PM

Refreshment Break

2:45 PM to 3:45 PM

Ethics of Pro Bono Representation—Thomas E. Spahn, McGuireWoods, McLean, VA

Moderator—**Pat Cline Jr.***

3:45 PM

Adjournment

(*party is listed elsewhere with full title or affiliation)

For directions, please see: www.richmond.edu/about/directions/

Lodging: a limited number of hotel rooms are available near the University for Wednesday night (before the conference starts) and Thursday night, May 16 and 17, at the reduced *basic rates of: \$125 for a single; \$145 for a double(or triple using fold-out couch). Call the **Embassy Suites Hotel** on Emerywood Parkway at 804-672-8585 or toll free at 1-800-Embassy. Room availability is "first come first served." Reservations with deposits must be made prior to Sunday, April 29, 2007 to obtain the special rate. Be sure to ask for a nonsmoking room in advance, if that is your preference, and ask for the VSB "Group Block" **to qualify for the reduced rate.** (*Room tax is 13% extra.)

VIRGINIA STATE BAR
PRO BONO AWARD



honoring

John M. Oakey Jr., Esquire

and

Volunteer Faculty and Cooperating Counsel affiliated with The Mortimer
Caplin Public Service Center, University of Virginia School of Law

and

Maryann P. Nolan

Thursday, May 17, 2007

7:30–9:30 P.M.

University of Richmond T.C. Williams School of Law

Moderated by

Karen A. Gould, President, Virginia State Bar

with

Guest Remarks by Hon. Walter S. Felton Jr., Chief Judge, Court of Appeals of Virginia

The Lewis F. Powell Jr. Pro Bono Award—John M. Oakey Jr., Esquire

Richmond attorney John M. Oakey Jr. is receiving the 2007 Lewis F. Powell Jr. Pro Bono Award for his extraordinary dedication to pro bono work since his retirement from full-time practice as a partner at McGuireWoods LLP. His range of contributions have included: representation of clients through the Richmond Legal Aid Housing Program; prosecuting child support cases in Richmond; representing domestic violence victims in the Richmond area; and handling court appointments in cases involving family law, insurance coverage, excess judgments and personal injury, where needy clients did not qualify for pro bono help from legal aid. Mr. Oakey serves in the leadership of the Central Virginia Legal Aid Society, the Legal Aid Justice Center and the Greater Richmond Bar Foundation. He participates in the Greater Richmond Bar Foundation's Pro Bono Clearinghouse, which helps nonprofit corporations and he has mentored other McGuireWoods lawyers involved in pro bono work.

**The Lewis F. Powell Jr. Pro Bono Award—Volunteer Faculty and Cooperating
Counsel—Mortimer Caplin Public Service Center, UVA Law School**

The other 2007 Powell Award honoree is a collective - cooperating counsel and law school faculty volunteers affiliated with the Mortimer Caplin Public Service Center at the University of Virginia School of Law. In their supervisory and co-counsel roles, they helped to build and support a model program. The Caplin Center enables and magnifies thousands of hours of pro bono time donated each year to the public by law students who receive no academic credit or compensation for their endeavors. The nomination of the Caplin Center's volunteer attorneys for the Powell Award was supported by George H. Hettrick of Hunton & Williams and numerous others with deep commitments to the center. In his endorsement letter, Mr. Hettrick wrote: "The high level of institutional resources and support from the U.Va. Law School for pro bono and public service programs is unmatched in Virginia's legal education."

**Oliver White Hill Law Student Pro Bono Award—Maryann P. Nolan, May '07 J.D.
Candidate, College of William & Mary School of Law**

Maryann P. Nolan is a third year law student at the College of William & Mary. She is being recognized for the more than 1,000 hours of uncompensated or minimally compensated public service and supervised legal work she performed while in law school. Her projects included, among others: visiting, through the auspices of the Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition (CAIR) Virginia detention centers to educate detainees about their legal rights; a stint with the Fairfax Public Defender's office; an internship with the Center for Human Rights and the Environment in Cordoba, Argentina; an affiliation with the W&M Chapter of the Innocence Project which works to exonerate convicted defendants through DNA testing; and the W&M Honor Council for which she served as a justice.

REGISTRATION FORM
May 17-18, 2007 Pro Bono & Access to Justice Conference
University of Richmond School of Law

Please reserve a space for me at the May Pro Bono & Access to Justice Conference. I have indicated below the sessions I plan to attend. Approval is pending for the **Friday** sessions for a total of 5.0 MCLE credits (including 1.0 ethics hours) and approved for 5.0 GAL CLE credits.

Kindly assist our planning efforts by checking the events you expect to attend.

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- 1:30–2:30** **Court Alternatives**
- 2:30** Refreshment Break
- 2:45–3:45** **Ethics of Pro Bono Representation**

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TELEPHONE

E-MAIL

- Enclosed is the required \$25 registration fee for CLE text materials.
- I will pay the required \$25 registration fee at the door.
- I would like to order the optional lunch (\$11). Regular Vegetarian

If you wish to receive lunch, please check the box (even if you will be paying at the door) so that we may plan accordingly. If you do not order lunch, you may wish to bring a bag lunch as there are no restaurants nearby.

Please fax (804) 775-0501 or mail this form to Joy Harvey, Virginia State Bar, 8th & Main Building, 707 East Main Street, Suite 1500, Richmond, VA 23219.

For additional information, including ADA Access matters, please call VSB at (804) 775-0522 or 775-0548. If you coincidentally receive duplicate brochures, please share one with an interested colleague.

A copy of this registration form is also available on the Virginia State Bar’s Web site at <http://www.vsb.org/docs/ProBonoConf-07.pdf>