

Robert Lee Aston has been awarded a prestigious special award by the Georgia State Bar Military Legal Assistance Program for pro bono work for war veterans, mainly WWII and Vietnam, in obtaining more than 104 combat medals for veterans' meritorious and heroic actions that they had not received due to military administrative error or oversight.

Sonja N. Aoun and **Jennifer L. Stanford**, formerly of Aoun & Stanford PC, are pleased to announce that Aoun has joined the law offices of Mark R. Dycio PC, where she will continue her family law practice. Stanford is leaving the private practice of law to pursue a career in the federal government.

Edward Grantland Burns has joined America Fujikura Ltd. as vice president and general counsel in Spartanburg, South Carolina. He is responsible for all legal matters, including corporate governance, intellectual property, human resources, litigation, and securities compliance as well as government affairs.

Claire G. Cardwell, of Richmond, **William E. Glover**, of Fredericksburg, and **John E. Lichtenstein**, of Roanoke, have been chosen as fellows of the American College of Trial Lawyers. Thomas E. Albro, Virginia state chair, said an invitation to be a Fellow is extended only to trial lawyers who have mastered the art of advocacy and whose professional careers have been marked by the highest standards of ethical conduct, professionalism, civility and collegiality. Lawyers must have a minimum of fifteen years of trial experience before they can be considered for fellowship. Membership in the college cannot exceed one percent of the total lawyer population of a state.

Howard Feller, a partner in McGuireWoods LLP's antitrust and trade regulation practice group in Richmond, has been nominated to be vice chair of the American Bar Association Section of Antitrust Law, effective August 2012. He will then serve

as the chair-elect in August 2013 and will later be the chair of the ABA Antitrust Section, effective August 2014.

Andrew A. Gore has become an associate attorney with Greehan, Taves, Pandak & Stoner PLLC, practicing out of the Woodbridge office.

Hunton & Williams LLP announces its annual partner promotions. In Richmond, lawyers Steven M. Haas and Brian L. Hager were admitted to the partnership. **Steven M. Haas**, a member of the firm's corporate team, concentrates his practice on mergers and acquisitions, corporate law and corporate governance. **Brian L. Hager's** practice focuses on representing public and private companies in connection with mergers and acquisitions, securities offerings, and corporate and securities laws.

Patrick C. Henry II has joined The Marrs Law Firm PLLC as an associate attorney, at its offices at 7272 Glen Forest Drive, Suite 307, Richmond, VA 23226. He will continue his practice in civil litigation, with an emphasis on complex business and personal cases, construction law, and business-to-business collections.

Bradley Phipps Marrs has formed The Marrs Law Firm PLLC, with offices at 7272 Glen Forest Drive, Suite 307, Richmond, VA 23226. Marrs was previously a co-founder and, for more than twenty years, the head of civil litigation at Meyer, Goergen & Marrs P.C. He will continue his practice in civil litigation, with an emphasis on complex business and personal cases, construction law, and business-to-business collections.

Kathleen McMahan McDaniel, formerly of McGuireWoods LLP, has opened Kathleen M. McDaniel PLLC in Gloucester County. The firm's focus is on juvenile and education law, social security disability benefits, employment law, ERISA litigation, family law, and work as a guardian ad litem. The office is located at 2894 George Washington Memorial Hwy, Hayes, Virginia 23072 and easily accessible to Mathews,

Gloucester and York Counties, as well as the cities of Williamsburg and Newport News. (804) 302-4540 (o), (804) 302-4551 (f), kate@kmcDaniel-law.com.

Eugene C. Miller is a partner at the new firm of Weiner, Spivey & Miller PLC. Miller joined the firm in 2011 after twenty-five years as the managing attorney for the office of GEICO Staff Counsel in Fairfax. He has extensive experience in personal injury litigation, in depth knowledge of insurance coverage issues and insurance company policies and procedures.

Sharon D. Nelson has been named winner of the 2012 Small Business Leadership Award by Women in Technology, an organization of professional women in the technology community. Nelson is president of Sensei Enterprises.

G. Michael Pace Jr. has been selected to receive the Patrick Henry Award, given by the Wilson Center for Leadership in the Public Interest at Hampden-Sydney College.

William B. Poff has been honored with the Roger D. Groot Professionalism Award from the Ted Dalton American Inn of Court in Salem. Poff was president of the Virginia State Bar in 1981-82 and is a master in the American Inns of Court.

Lisa A. Robertson has become a senior associate attorney with Greehan, Taves, Pandak & Stoner PLLC practicing out of the Woodbridge office. She is the former deputy city attorney in Charlottesville and will focus on local government, land use, procurement, growth management, and advising of local boards of supervisors on a myriad of issues.

Anne Rocktashel has joined The Welter Law Firm PC as an associate in its Northern Virginia office. Rocktashel will focus on employment litigation, business torts, commercial matters, and business law.

Professional Notices

Daniel B. Schy will join the law offices of Derek P. Richmond as an associate focusing on family law. Schy previously worked for Legal Services of Northern Virginia.

Jonathan Stone has joined Norris & St. Clair PC as an associate in the Virginia Beach office. His practice will focus on construction law and commercial litigation.

Joanna L. Suyes has joined the Social Security team at Marks & Harrison law firm where she focuses on obtaining disability insurance and supplemental security income benefits for clients. She also handles personal injury and Fair Labor Standard Act cases for the firm.

Benjamin J. Trichilo has become a principal in McCandlish & Lillard PC. He joined the firm last spring as counsel in its litigation and health care groups. His main practice areas include insurance defense, personal injury, professional malpractice, workers compensation, and sports injury claims.

Matthew Von Schuch has joined Wharton Aldhizer & Weaver PLC. He works in the litigation practice group with a focus in civil litigation. He previously tried matters in the Federal District Court and bankruptcy courts through his work at the United States Department of Justice. He was the lead counsel on a variety of cases, including fraudulent transfer, interpleader, trust fund recovery penalty, tax refund, and bankruptcy cases. Von Schuch also served as a Special Assistant United States Attorney in the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia where he prosecuted a variety of felony and misdemeanor offenses.



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