

Classes Resume at Appalachian School of Law, Funds for Families Established



Classes resumed on January 23 at the Appalachian School of Law in Grundy after they were suspended in the aftermath of the January 16 shootings that left three dead, including Law School Dean L. Anthony Sutin, law school professor Thomas L. Blackwell and student Angela Denise Dales.

Police have accused a former law student with the shootings.

The Board of Trustees of the Appalachian School of Law has established a fund to assist the victims of the recent acts of violence at the school, according to Dr. Lu Ellsworth, president of ASL.

The board's treasurer, Woodrow McGlothlin, and President Ellsworth will manage the fund with the board's approval. "Every dollar donated will go to the victims and their families," said Dr. Ellsworth. "Our first priority will be to pay medical and burial costs not covered by insurance, to arrange for any home-based help to the wounded students, and when that is taken care of, the balance of the fund will be used for educational aid and scholarships to the children of the deceased."

Charitable donations to the fund can be made to: ASL Victims Relief Fund and mailed in c/o Dr. Lucius Ellsworth, Appalachian School of Law, P.O. Box 2825, Grundy, Virginia 24614. A list of donors and an accounting of the expenditure of the funds will be released by the school periodically unless a donor wishes to remain anonymous.

Cooley Receives Professionalism Award

Craig S. Cooley, of Richmond, received the Virginia State Bar Criminal Law Section's Harry L. Carrico Professionalism Award at the section's 32nd Annual Seminar in Williamsburg on February 15, 2002. The award, established by the section in 1992 in honor of Chief Justice Carrico, recognizes "a unique contribution to the improvement of the criminal justice system in Virginia." Cooley began practicing law in Richmond and has been in private practice since 1987. He has taught at the University of Richmond and has been a frequent lecturer at continuing legal education programs, judicial conferences and bar seminars. A former chair of the VSB Criminal Law Section's board of governors, Cooley has served as president of the Richmond Criminal Bar Association and as a member of the Supreme Court's Advisory Committee on Rules of Court. He is also a substitute judge.



PWC Bar Published Public Service Brochure

The Prince William County Bar Association has published a brochure entitled, "You and Your Court Appointed Attorney." The brochure provides answers to questions about court-appointed counsel and is the culmination of a public service project launched by the bar in early 2000. The bar recently distributed the brochure to the courts in Virginia's 31st Judicial Circuit, whose judges participated in the development of the final draft.

Among the issues addressed in the brochure are client eligibility, quality of legal representation, payment of fees, availability of translators and attorney-client communications. This is the first time information of this kind has been presented in a user-friendly format designed specifically for those who benefit most from the availability of court appointed counsel. The bar will share the brochure with other national, state and local bar associations.

"This publication should assist clients of court-appointed counsel in understanding how to most effectively work with their lawyers," said Prince William County Bar Association President Gifford R. Hampshire. "It also illustrates the commitment of the Prince William Bench and Bar to the provision of quality legal services to all defendants—not just to those who can afford to hire a lawyer," he said.

The Criminal Law Committee of the PWC Bar produced the brochure, with help from both the commonwealth attorney's office and local defense attorneys. The bar has contemporaneously distributed a Spanish version of the brochure. There are approximately 7,000 court appointed cases per year made in General District Court, and another 4,000 appointments made yearly in Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts in Prince William County.

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