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After an enjoyable breakfast and time for greeting one another, Jack W. (J.B.) Burtch, Jr. called the meeting to order. He reported on the activities of the CLBA which included: three Solo & Small-Firm Practitioner Forums, one of which included a Regional Bench-Bar Conference; the Bar Leaders Institute; and So You’re 18 projects.

Chair-elect Barbara S. Anderson then invited Petula Metzler to the stage to thank her for her years of service with the CLBA and to congratulate her on her judicial appointment.

VSB President-elect Michael W. Robinson shared his vision for the upcoming 2016-2017 VSB year.

Several awards were presented by the CLBA: Five Awards of Merit, including one sustained project; two Certificates of Achievement; Local Bar Leader of the Year; and Bar Association of the Year. (see pictures and descriptions on pages 5-6)

J. B. Burtch presented the CLBA Nominating Committee’s Report, which was unanimously approved by those in attendance.

Newly-elected Chair Barbara S. Anderson opened the floor for any new business. There being none, she made closing remarks and presented J.B. Burtch with a gift to commemorate his service as 2015-2016 chair of the CLBA Executive Committee.

We hope you will consider attending the next CLBA Annual Meeting and Breakfast scheduled on Friday, June 16, 2017, at the Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel in Virginia Beach. Don’t forget your Hawaiian shirt!
**Small Bars Can Make a Difference**

By Tameeka M. Williams, Esq.
President, SHRBA

All local bars should take advantage of the resources available through the Conference of Local Bar Associations (CLBA) and the Virginia State Bar (VSB). Their staffs are very helpful and provide blueprints and materials for programs that have been successfully delivered in various communities. When we at the South Hampton Roads Bar Association contacted them for assistance, we received prompt replies to our e-mails and guidance on how to reach the appropriate person for necessary resource materials in a timely manner. For example, when we needed **Senior Citizens Handbooks** for our Senior Law Day program, Paulette Davidson connected us with the person responsible for sending the booklets. We expected that it could take several weeks to process the request; however, we received the books within days at no cost to our bar.

Our bar members regularly volunteer to provide legal assistance to people in our communities and, with the assistance of CLBA and VSB, we are able to do so in a number of ways. We have adopted and participated in several programs promoted by the VSB. One example is the "No Bills Night" event with the VSB Young Lawyers Conference. This event was promoted on local radio and television outlets, and many callers received help on a variety of legal issues.

Additionally, our bar presents the **So You’re 18 outreach program** to high schools in Norfolk, Portsmouth, Suffolk, Chesapeake, and Virginia Beach -- every city in South Hampton Roads. A panel of judges, defense attorneys, civil attorneys, prosecutors, and others participated in each program. These frank discussions covered many aspects of the law for new adults, and the program was recorded and replayed on a local cable channel. This program energized and increased the participation of our bar members and the faculty and students were very appreciative of it.

We also adopted another proven program: Senior Law Day. We have held this program several times and intend to continue. Because last year’s program was a large-scale event, our bar solicited sponsorships so that there was no cost to the attendees. Approximately 100 seniors and their caregivers left the event armed with a copy of the Senior Citizens Handbook, as well as information on a breadth of topics covered by the attorneys from our bar and other guest presenters. This year’s Senior Law Day event was held at a local Senior Center.

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**Access to Justice, the VSB, and You: CLBA and Pro Bono**

Recently, much has been written about the Justice Gap, which is "the difference between the level of legal assistance available and the level that is necessary to meet the needs of low-income Americans." In Virginia (and nationwide), data has consistently shown that over 80 percent of the civil legal needs of the poor go unmet. Legal aid offices are simply unable to meet the crushing legal needs of our poor and low-income residents given a 20 percent loss in funding and 30 percent increase in the poverty population in the past four years. Consequently, Virginians’ legal aid programs have lost 20 percent of their attorneys and staff, leaving fewer than 140 legal aid lawyers to represent Virginia’s poor while one in eight Virginians is eligible for their services.

To maintain our emphasis on creating greater interaction among members of our bar and our local law school students, we invited Regent Law School students to assist with the planning and execution of all of the aforementioned events. The law students are an important part of our membership because, as they become local lawyers and continue as attorney members with our bar, they become the future of our bar.

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The mission of the Virginia State Bar consists of three basic elements: (1) professional regulation; (2) public access to legal services; and (3) improving the system. The Special Committee on Access to Legal Services and the Director of Access to Legal Services assist the bar by contributing to efforts to increase and improve the quality of legal resources for low income Virginians. The VSB’s Access to Legal Services department develops and implements many of the bar’s initiatives relative to the legal representation of indigent persons in Virginia, including pro bono, legal aid, and indigent defense. In addition to coordinating access to justice policy, Access to Legal Services provides information to members of the bar and to the public about pro bono and other access to justice issues, opportunities, and resources. Through these efforts, the VSB has made some progress in raising awareness about civil legal needs of Virginia’s poor.
Many of Virginia’s state, local, and specialty bar associations are actively engaged in pro bono work by hosting legal clinics and other projects that allow their members to assist low income members of their community. The Prince William County Bar Association, the Harrisonburg–Rockingham Bar Association, the Roanoke Bar Association, the Fairfax Bar Association, the Bar Association of the City of Richmond, the Virginia Equal-Hampton Roads Bar Association have demonstrated their commitment to legal services by conducting a number of collaborations with their local legal aid committees that focus on pro bono projects. Other organizations including the Metropolitan Richmond County-Poquoson Bar Association, and the Old Dominion Bar Association have hosted continuing legal education programs to inform their members about the justice gap and encourage them to perform pro bono service.

Hence, it only makes sense that the VSB Access to Legal Services and the state, local, and specialty bar associations should become partners in improving access to justice in Virginia. The VSB can support your bar association’s work in a number of ways:

Project Promotion. VSB Access to Legal Services will promote your bar association’s pro bono projects or programs to the public and recruit volunteer lawyers. The Pro Bono/Access to Legal Services pages on the Virginia State Bar website (http://www.vsb.org/site/pro_bono), and the Virginia State Bar Access to Legal Services Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/Virginia-State-Bar-Access-to-Legal-Services-715445355256426/), have proven to be very effective sources of information about pro bono events across Virginia.

Attorney Training. VSB Access to Legal Services will work with your bar association to organize and conduct CLE programs via webinar or live seminar on issues of substantive law and ethics to help train lawyers handling pro bono matters. We have conducted over thirty-five pro bono webinars and seminars since 2013 and many of these trainings have been recorded and are available for viewing on the Pro Bono/Access to Legal Services pages (Resources for Attorneys subpage) on the VSB website. Furthermore, Access welcomes your suggestions for potential topics for future trainings. Please contact Access to Legal Services Director Karl Doss, doss@vsb.org.

Recognition and Awards. VSB Access to Legal Services will recognize outstanding pro bono services provided by your bar association or its members through our annual awards, the Lewis F. Powell, Jr. Pro Bono Award and the Frankie Muse Freeman Organizational Pro Bono Award. We also want to salute “everyday” pro bono heroes, whose efforts may not otherwise receive recognition, through regular features in the Virginia Lawyer magazine and posts on VSB social media. Please feel free to contact Karl Doss or VSB Communications Director Gordon Hickey, hickey@vsb.org, with information about the pro bono heroes in your organization.

Developing Pro Bono Opportunities. VSB Access to Legal Services will help your organization develop pro bono projects and/or help your members find the right pro bono opportunities based on their areas of practice, interest, time, and comfort level. In fact, one such opportunity is https://virginia.freelegalanswers.org, the VSB’s online, pro bono question and answer website where low income and modest means Virginians can post a civil legal question and volunteer lawyers select a question and submit a response to it based on applicable Virginia and U.S. law. Perhaps we could collaborate to sponsor a Free Legal Answers event.

Working together, VSB Access to Legal Services and your organization can reduce Virginia’s justice gap.

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Highlights from Around the Commonwealth


On Saturday, March 4, 2017, the Fairfax Bar Association will host its “Royal Masquerade” Bench Bar Dinner Dance at the Fairview Park Marriott in Falls Church. For more information, visit http://www.fairfaxbar.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=815499&group=.

The Virginia Trial Lawyers Association’s 58th Annual Convention will take place March 19-21, 2017 through April 2, 2017, at the Greensbrier. For more information visit https://www.vtla.com/index.cfm?pg=events&evAction=showDetail&eid=40618&evSubAction=listAll.

The local bar associations of the 28th, 29th and 30th Judicial Circuits are planning their Solo & Small-Firm Practitioner Forum/Regional Bench-Bar Conference for April 21, 2017, at the Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center beginning at 9 a.m. A local committee led by Judge Randy Low and Heather Howard, of Jesse, Read and Howard in Abingdon, are planning the topics. Local attorneys will receive an email when registration opens.

The Fairfax Law Foundation will be hosting its Heroes vs. Villains 5K and Kids’ Fun Run on Sunday, April 23, 2017. Proceeds from the event will help the Fairfax Law Foundation sustain a Pro Bono Program that provides legal services for impoverished Fairfax County residents and law related education programs for local students, including court tours for 8th grade students and children’s mock trials. For more information, visit http://www.fairfaxlawfoundation.org/?page=20.

The Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association’s Nineteenth Annual Bench/Bar Conference will take place on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott. Wendy Collins Perdue, Dean of the University of Richmond School of Law will be the keynote speaker. For more information visit http://www.norfolkandportsmouthbar.org/UpcomingEvents.html.

The Spring Section Seminar of the Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys will take place May 11-12, 2017, at the Stonehill Jackson Hotel. Two days of in-depth specialized legal education, including sessions covering: Appellate Advocacy, Auto & Transportation, Corporate & Commercial Law, Medical Malpractice, Policy Coverage, Products & Toxic Torts, Professional Liability and Workers’ Compensation. For more information visit http://vada.org/events/.
AWARDS OF MERIT COMPETITION—Summer 2016

These awards are given in recognition of outstanding projects conducted by local and specialty bar associations of all sizes, to encourage greater service to the public and the profession, and to give bar leaders the opportunity to learn from the programs of other bars of similar size and interests.

AWARDS OF MERIT—For excellence in bar projects

Arlington County Bar Association

The association developed the Young Lawyers Initiative with the aim of attracting younger members of the bar to join the local bar. In the initiative’s first year, the bar saw forty-two new members join, which is more than double what would usually be expected in a year. The bar formed a Young Lawyer Section and has since sponsored a Young Lawyer Orientation, is planning a Breakfast with the Judges, and holds regular luncheon meetings that include a one-hour CLE credit.

The Prince William County Bar Association, Inc.

The bar association, working with the Prince William County Area Agency on Aging, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7589, and the American Legion, sponsored the first Wills for Veterans program in Virginia. The program assists local veterans with end-of-life documents, including simple wills, powers of attorney, and medical directives. The program served sixty-six veterans and spouses.

Roanoke Bar Association

The Roanoke Bar began the You and the Law program in 2010. Last year, the bar decided to open the court system to the public in a three-part program. You and the Law: Trial by Jury is the second part of that program, featuring the circuit court. The program is designed to educate the public about the function of the clerk’s office, the jury selection process, how the sheriff’s office provides security, and the function of the grand jury. There was also a mock trial.

Virginia Beach Bar Association

The Virginia Beach Bar Association’s Legal Laughter Fundraiser Supporting Families of Autistic Children of Tidewater is a stand-up comedy night created to raise money for local charities by poking fun at the legal profession. The event raised $4,000 for Families of Autistic Children of Tidewater. About 150 members of the association participated, which is about 25 percent of the total membership.

Sustained Project:

Alexandria Bar Association

The Jazz4Justice program, which was started by the Fairfax Law Foundation in 2000, was adopted by the Alexandria association to fund music scholarships at Northern Virginia Community College and to assist the Alexandria Bar Foundation with charitable work, including providing college scholarships to City of Alexandria public school students. The annual concert sponsored by Jazz4Justice has raised more than $6,500 a year each of the last three years.

CERTIFICATES OF ACHIEVEMENT—For high achievement in bar projects

The Prince William County Bar Association, Inc.

The Virginia Access to Justice Commission asked the association to sponsor the first Access to Justice Summit by a local bar association in the state. The goal was to heighten awareness of and support of existing pro bono programs and to identify unmet needs. Following the summit, every one of the association’s six existing pro bono programs received pledges of support.

Roanoke Bar Association

You and the Law: Your Day in Court was part of the association’s You and the Law program, which was started in 2010. The session looked at courthouse security, provided a tour of the general district court clerk’s office, and offered a discussion of the rule of law. The program also included a view of what happens in a courtroom during a case presentation, and offered information on what to do when a person’s identity is stolen.

Don’t forget to submit your bar’s projects for the 2017 Awards of Merit Competition!
For criteria and details, please visit the CLBA Awards page at http://www.vsb.org/site/conferences/clba/clba-awards.
2016 Local Bar Leader of the Year

Mary T. Morgan is the immediate past president of the Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association (NPBA) and has served in leadership roles in a number of other bar organizations including the James Kent Inn of Court, the Virginia Women Attorneys Association, the Virginia Association of Defense Attorneys, the Federal Bar Association, and the Portsmouth Bar Association.

In nominating Mary, Judge David W. Lanetti wrote that, "Although this nomination is for a bar leader award, true bar leaders take their legal training out into the community.” Judge Lannetti noted that Mary volunteers throughout her community in schools, churches, and the Edmarc Hospice for Children, where she is chair of the board of directors.

T. Wayne Williams of Williams DeLoatche PC in Chesapeake, who is a past president of the NPBA, wrote that, "Mary handled almost all leadership roles in our organization and has done so with full commitment and excellence whether it be chairing the Bench Bar Committee, assisting with CLE programs, assisting with the Mock Trial program I coordinate for the Norfolk Public Schools as a teacher and judge, or chairing committees for the NPBA recommendation for judicial nominees.”

Mary is a graduate of the University of Richmond School of Law and her practice focuses in the areas of professional liability defense, bar complaint defense, and general civil litigation.

2016 Bar Association of the Year

The South Hampton Roads Bar Association was nominated by Jamilah LeCruise of the Law Office of J.D. LeCruise PLLC, who wrote: "Our bar may be small in numbers, but we work very hard to enrich the lives of both our bar members and those living in the greater community in which we practice. Our members run the spectrum from young lawyers daring at-risk youth to reach beyond themselves, to trail blazers of the civil rights era who dared to integrate the courtrooms of Virginia and prevailed.”

SHRBA officers include President Leonard Myers II of Fortress Proprietas PC; President-elect Tameeka Williams of the Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia; Secretary Kendra Johnson of The Cooper Law Firm, and Treasurer William Mason Jr. of the Law Office of Trevor J. Robinson.

Two years ago, SHRBA began a reinvention that included creating five bar sections intended to build comradery and increase participation. SHRBA is particularly proud of its newly-formed Judicial Section, which has inspired a judicial-led Continuing Legal Education program that allows the bench and the bar to directly interact for the benefit of both groups.

SHRBA offered nine CLE hours through its monthly membership meetings as well as a CLE program hosted at Regent University School of Law and supported by the Regent Black Law Students Association members.

In the community, SHRBA members donated hundreds of hours of pro bono time to every city in South Hampton Roads, including a “No Bills Night” hosted by the VSB Young Lawyers Conference and the Urban League of Hampton. SHRBA also hosted events for the young and the elderly including an extensive outreach of the “So You’re 18” program educating young people about the legal implications of reaching the age of majority, and a Senior Law Day staffed by elder-care law firms to inform the elderly about their legal rights.

SHRBA also donated time to numerous community groups including the Boys & Girls Clubs, Tidewater Legal Aid, Lawyers Helping Lawyers, the YMCA, the YWCA, the NAACP, the League of Women Voters, and the Saint Mary’s Home for Disabled Children.
32nd Annual Awards of Merit Competition

The Virginia State Bar’s Conference of Local Bar Associations announces the 31st Annual Awards of Merit competition. This competition is designed to:

- Recognize outstanding projects and programs of local and specialty bar associations.
- Share successful programming ideas and resources with all bar associations.
- Encourage greater service to the bench, bar, and public.
- Inform the public about some of the excellent work of local and specialty bars and the legal profession in general.

22nd Annual Local Bar Leader of the Year Award

The Virginia State Bar Conference of Local Bar Associations’ recognition of a Local Bar Leader of the Year identifies past and presently active leaders of local bar associations who have continued to offer important service to the bench, bar, and public. The award is a continuing monument to the dedication of local bar leaders. It also emphasizes the importance of close cooperation between the Virginia State Bar and local bar leaders.

The VSB Conference of Local Bar Associations will present these Awards during the VSB Annual Meeting on Friday, June 16, 2017, in Virginia Beach.

All entries must be postmarked no later than Friday, April 28, 2017.

See CLBA website (http://www.vsb.org/site/conferences/clba/clba-awards) for criteria and nomination procedures.

To sign up for the CLBA Annual Meeting and Breakfast, please email your name, bar/court affiliation, and number attending to Paulette Davidson at davidson@vsb.org.
The Virginia State Bar TECHSHOW
April 24, 2017
Greater Richmond Convention Center

Agenda
8:00–8:30 Registration/Continental breakfast
8:30 Welcome—VSBC TECHSHOW Chair Sharon Nelson, VSBC President Michael Robinson and Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia Cleo E. Powell
8:45–9:45 First Sessions
• Ethics: Practical Budget-Friendly Cybersecurity at Warp Speed (Sharon Nelson — President, Sensei Enterprises, Inc., Fairfax, VA / John Simek — Vice President, Sensei Enterprises, Inc., Fairfax, VA)
• Taking Your Law Firm Paperless: A Step by Step Guide (Catherine Sanders Reach — Director of Law Practice Mgmt and Technology, Chicago Bar Association, Chicago, IL)
9:55–10:55 Second Sessions
• Building a Virtual Law Practice, Including a Client Portal (Jim Calloway — Director of Mgmt Asst Program at Oklahoma Bar Assn, Oklahoma City, OK / Nerino Petro — Chief Information Officer, HolmstromKennedy PC, Rockford, IL)
• Time/Billing/Accounting Software: Everything Lawyers Need to Know (Britt Lorish — Affinity Consulting Group, Roanoke, VA)
11:05–12:05 Third Sessions
• Essential Law Office Tech — On a Budget (Britt Lorish / Debbie Foster — Affinity Consulting Group, Tampa, FL)
• Digital Transactions: E-Signatures, E-Contracts and Authentication (Tom Mighell — Contoural, Inc., Dallas, TX / Dave Ries — Clark Hill PLC, Pittsburgh, PA)
12:05–12:45 Lunch
12:45–1:45 Fourth Sessions
• Avoiding Ethical Missteps in the Digital Era (Reid Trautz — American Immigration Lawyers Assn, Washington, DC / Nerino Petro)
• A Lawyers Guide to Case Management Systems (Natalie Kelly — Director of Law Practice Mgmt at State Bar of Georgia, Atlanta, GA / Debbie Foster)
1:55–2:55 Fifth Sessions
• Encryption is Simple, Easy and Cheap — and May Be Ethically Required (John Simek / Dave Ries)
• Everything Lawyers Need to Know About Backing Up — In or Out of the Cloud (Catherine Sanders Reach / Jim Calloway)
3:05–4:05 Sixth Sessions
• Macs in Law: The Year Behind and the Year Ahead (Tom Mighell)
• Controlling Your Inbox: It CAN be Done (Reid Trautz / Natalie Kelly)
4:15–5:15 Plenary — ALL NEW: 60 Tech Tips in 60 Minutes (Sharon Nelson / Debbie Foster / Jim Calloway / Tom Mighell)

Register online now!
Space is limited and first come/first served. Online registration is available at https://vsevent.virginiainteractive.org/Home/Detail/11. The $100 registration fee will include free Wi-Fi, continental breakfast, lunch, and coffee breaks, as well as CLE credit.

7 CLE hours including 3 Ethics (pending)
The VSB is seeking nominations for the following awards:


The General Practice Section Tradition of Excellence Award (http://www.vsb.org/site/sections/generalpractice/tradition-of-excellence-award). The nomination deadline is March 20.

UPDATE The Special Committee on Access to Legal Services Oliver White Hill Law Student Pro Bono Award (http://www.vsb.org/site/pro_bono/hill-student-pro-bono-award). The nomination deadline is March 25.

The Special Committee on Access to Legal Services http://www.vsb.org/site/pro_bono/virginia-legal-aid-award. The nomination deadline is March 25.
GET CONNECTED

CLBA Executive Committee Meetings
- Thursday, March 9, 2017 @ 4:30 p.m.
  Embassy Suites Hotel, 2925 Emerywood Pkwy, Richmond, VA 23294
- Wednesday, May 10, 2017 @ 11:00 a.m.
  Virginia State Bar, 1111 E. Main Street, Suite 700, Richmond, VA 23219

Other CLBA Events
http://www.vsb.org/site/conferences/clba-calendar
- Friday, March 10, 2017
  Bar Leaders Institute, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden, Richmond
- Friday, April 7, 2017
  Solo & Small-Firm Practitioner Forum
  Holiday Inn Downtown, Lynchburg
- Friday, June 16, 2017 @ 7:30 a.m.
  CLBA Annual Meeting and Breakfast,
  Sheraton Oceanfront Hotel, Capses Ballroom, Virginia Beach

Other VSB Events of Interest
http://www.vsb.org/site/events
- Monday, April 24, 2017
  VSB TECHSHOW, Greater Richmond Convention Center, Richmond (see page 8)
- Monday, May 3, 2017
  13th Annual Indigent Criminal Defense Seminar, Greater Richmond Convention Center (live), with webcasts in Weyers Cave & Wytheville
- Thursday-Sunday, June 15-18, 2017
  Virginia State Bar Annual Meeting, Virginia Beach (see page 9)

RESOURCE CORNER

Are you looking for a CLE speaker for your bar association’s next meeting? The following organizations offer free CLE programming to all local bars:
- Virginia State Bar
  - Ethics Department—contact Kristy Hall at 804-775-0557 or hall@vsb.org
  - Access to Legal Services—contact Karl Doss at 804-775-0522 or doss@vsb.org
- Virginia CLE—contact Marcus Gaither at 800-979-8253 or vacle@vacle.org
- Virginia Lawyers Helping Lawyers—contact Jim Jeffler at 804-644-5510 or info@valhl.org
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