Men and women who have been subjected to family abuse and need protection for their health and safety may petition for a preliminary protective order from the court. In the vast percentage of domestic violence cases, victims do not have the resources to hire their own attorneys. Now, thanks to The Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Bar Association’s Protective Order Project, attorneys are able to help individuals obtain a preliminary protective order.

An individual desiring a protective order must first file an affidavit and petition before an intake officer in Court Services in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. The preliminary protective order may be issued in an ex parte hearing before a judge. The petitioner must present testimony to prove the need for this protection. If a preliminary protective order is issued, the respondent is served to appear two weeks later at a litigated permanent protective order hearing. Often the respondent is represented by an attorney.

In 1995, members of the Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Bar Association began work on the project that now provides legal assistance for petitioners of protective orders. During the next two years, steps were taken to obtain approval of juvenile judges concerning time frames and court procedures and to disseminate information among bar members about the proposed project. Information and requests for volunteers were placed in the Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Bar newsletter. Sign up sheets were placed outside the courtrooms of the Chesterfield Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court.

The bar association—concerned that the expectations of the petitioner would exceed the scope of the present representation—drafted an agreement limiting the scope to the present representation. This agreement is explained to and signed by the petitioners.

Attorneys who volunteer for the project are asked to schedule two dates exactly two weeks apart to ensure availability for both the preliminary and permanent protective order hearings. During the first few years, scheduling and other logistics were handled by the Commonwealth’s Attorney’s Office in the Chesterfield Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. This job is presently handled by the Victim/Witness Office, which also assists with domestic violence cases.

The intake office in Court Services has also been a necessary and important part of the process. When an individual petitions for a protective order and states that he or she is unable to employ an attorney, the intake officer directs him or her to the Victim/Witness Office to see if there is a pro bono attorney scheduled that day.

Each year the C-CHBA sends out new letters to the membership—and to nonmembers who have previously volunteered—asking their assistance for a new term. Legal materials are available to the volunteer attorneys, and they are encouraged to attend the Central Virginia Legal Aid seminar on protective orders.

In 2000, 257 petitioners were assisted by pro bono attorneys. In 2001, 368 petitioners were assisted by 43 volunteer attorneys—all of whom worked multiple days.

The staff in the Victim/Witness Office has done a superb job in administering the project. “Initially, the same attorneys volunteered all the time,” said Carol Pond Fletcher, assistant director of the victim witness assistance program for Chesterfield County. “In order to increase the number of attorney participants, we contact...”
LETTER
from the Chair

The Conference of Local Bar Associations’ (CLBA) Annual Meeting in June provided attendees a wonderful forum in which to celebrate the achievements of local bars during the past year and learn about the challenges and opportunities presented by this new bar year. The number of exceptional bar projects that were recognized by the CLBA’s Awards of Merit and Certificates of Achievement highlighted the energy and commitment of our local bar membership. It seems that the local and specialty bars continually outdo themselves with an impressive array of innovative programs.

This year, the CLBA’s successful *So You’re 18* project plans further expansion of its goal to make the handbook available to greater numbers of individuals. Thanks to a generous grant from the Virginia Law Foundation, the conference will provide a Spanish language version of the booklet. Partnering with the Hispanic Bar Association, executive committee members will update the booklet, arrange for a Spanish translation, and make these booklets available to Virginia’s public and private high schools. *So You’re 18* booklets will also be distributed to libraries, Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Courts, Department of Social Services offices, and Legal Services offices throughout the Commonwealth. As in the past, local bar associations will assist with the distribution of this handbook, which provides essential information about legal rights and responsibilities to young people.

Beginning in early fall, the executive committee will start planning for the 2003 Bar Leaders Institutes (BLI). Held in early March, usually in two locations, this year’s BLIs will continue to inform and energize the bar leaders in attendance. Plan now to participate in a BLI and contact me with suggested topics for the programs’ presentations.

I would like to thank Aubrey Rosser, my predecessor as chair of the conference, for his leadership and commitment to the work of the CLBA. Many thanks also to Joe Cochran, who has rotated off the executive committee after years of dedicated service. Welcome to our new members, Tracy Giles, Gifford Hampshire and Alex Taylor. Also, special thanks to Barbara Allen, Director of the VSB’s Local Bar Relations, and Paulette Davidson for their tireless support of the CLBA’s many activities.

As conference chair, I look forward to working with the executive committee and local and specialty bars throughout Virginia. I encourage all local bar leaders and conference representatives to take advantage of the excellent resources available to you through the CLBA. Please keep the Executive committee members and me informed about the exciting progress of your local bars.
Meet Your New Executive Committee Members

Tracy A. Giles
Roanoke

Tracy A. Giles, a Danville native, practices bankruptcy law in Roanoke with his wife, Malissa Lambert Giles, at the firm of Giles & Lambert. During the 2000–2001 bar year he served as president of the Young Lawyers Conference and as a member the VSB executive committee, and from 1996 to 2002, he served on the board of governors of the VSB Young Lawyers Conference. In 1996 he was the recipient of the R. Edwin Burnette, Jr., Young Lawyer of the Year Award from the VSB. In the American Bar Association, Giles currently serves on the council of the ABA’s Fund for Justice and Education, the ABA Standing Committee on Membership, and board of fellows of the Young Lawyers Division. He served as a member of the ABA’s board of governors from 1997 to 2000. In addition, he has served on the executive council of the Young Lawyers Division, the Commission on Domestic Violence, the Standing Committee on Solo and Small Firm Practitioners and the National Conference of Lawyers and the Media.

“I have enjoyed my work with both the Virginia State Bar and the ABA. I have seen programs started in Virginia that have been adopted by other state and local bar associations around the country. And I have seen national programs such as Domestic Violence Safety Planning and Disaster Legal Assistance brought to Virginia, then refined and improved and sent back out as models for others. Many projects put on by bar associations around Virginia make a real difference to both the citizens and lawyers of our Commonwealth. I believe it is important that we come together to share our knowledge and experience so that our programs can reach as many people as possible.”

Gifford R. Hampshire
Prince William

Gifford R. Hampshire is finishing 13 years with the Prince William County Attorney’s Office where he practices primarily in the areas of zoning, land use, eminent domain/inverse condemnation and § 1983 civil rights. In September, 2002, he will join the Fairfax law firm of Blankingship & Keith, P.C. He is immediate past president of the Prince William County Bar Association and has served as the 5th District Representative to the Virginia State Bar Clients’ Protection Fund board since 1998. In past years, Hampshire has also served as Prince William County Bar Association’s representative to the CLBA, and this year participated on the small-medium bars panel at the Richmond Bar Leaders’ Institute. Hampshire is a native of Northern Virginia. He is a graduate George Mason University School of Law.

“Local bar work is how services are provided to member lawyers and to the community of which they are a part. These good works serve the dual function of bettering the quality of life for lawyers and improving the image of the legal profession. I think that the real benefit of the CLBA is in providing a certain synergistic effect to the efforts of individual bar associations. Ideas for successful projects are circulated through the Local Bar Connection, the Bar Leaders’ Institute seminars each March and the “Awards of Merit” that are presented at the VSB meeting each June. In this fashion, the CLBA ensures that the successes of one local bar become, in a very tangible way, the potential future successes of other local bars throughout the Commonwealth. Spreading the word about successes and lessons learned is, in my view, the most important function of the CLBA. I am honored to be given the opportunity to help with that effort.”

Alexander L. Taylor, Jr.
Richmond

Alexander L. Taylor, Jr., a native of Richmond, received his J.D. from the T.C. Williams School of Law, University of Richmond, in 1987. He began his practice with the criminal law firm of Boone, Beale, Cosby, and Long in 1986 and then served as a captain in the staff judge advocate branch of the United States Army. In 1994 he joined the Army Reserve to accept a position as an assistant attorney general. Taylor remained there for eight years until he recently was hired as a senior assistant commonwealth attorney and team leader with the Richmond Commonwealth’s Attorney Office. His other jobs include adjunct professor at the T.C. Williams School of Law and senior trial defense attorney with the current rank of major in the U.S. Army Reserve. Taylor has been active in the Old Dominion Bar Association, Richmond chapter; the membership committee for the Richmond Bar Association; Concerned Black Men of Richmond, Inc., of which he was a founding member; and the March of Dimes board of directors. He serves as vice chair of the Carver Promise mentoring program and has also served in various other mentoring programs. He speaks at churches, schools, colleges and other institutions about various topics. Taylor and his wife, Theresa, have two children.

“I am truly honored to have been selected to serve on the CLBA Executive Committee because of its reputation for assisting bar associations in ways that cannot be measured. Our local bar associations have a lot to be proud of, but there is much more work to be done that can truly make a difference in our communities. As a local bar leader, I have learned that we can accomplish much more together through networking and sharing resources, than we can by doing our projects alone. I believe the CLBA can continue to bridge the gaps between our local bar associations which will assist these organizations in helping each other and those members that lead them. If we do this, we will only be limited by our dreams and determination.”
Inaugural Prelaw Institute Starts Minority Students on Legal Career Trail

by Jennifer L. McClellan

This summer, the Virginia State Bar Young Lawyers Conference, Millennium Diversity Initiative, and T.C. Williams School of Law pointed 16 African American high school students to the path toward a legal career through the inaugural Oliver Hill/Samuel Tucker Prelaw Institute.

For one week (July 21–27, 2002), the students lived in a dorm at the University of Richmond and attended mock classes. They also participated in seminars on career opportunities in the law, the college admissions process and SAT strategies, financial planning, life choices that may affect their goals, and the Virginia State Bar Character and Fitness Requirement. The faculty of the Institute was comprised of practicing attorneys, law school professors, judges, state and local bar leaders and college students.

The week culminated in mock trials by the students with practicing attorneys serving as judges and witnesses. For four days leading up to the trials, Virginia attorneys taught classes on various aspects of a trial. Several students spent most of their free time... even giving up Thursday Movie Night... practicing their opening and closing arguments. All the hard work leading up to the Institute paid off when the students, many of whom knew nothing about the law beyond what they saw on television, conducted a criminal trial used in the National Trial Competition.

The students also got to meet three African American trailblazers in the Virginia legal profession. Judge Roger Gregory visited with the students for an hour at the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals. At the graduation banquet, the students heard remarks from Oliver Hill and a keynote address from former Supreme Court of Virginia Justice John Charles Thomas. Judge Thomas reminded the students that as the inaugural class of the Institute, they are trailblazers themselves.

Plans are underway to continue the Institute on an annual basis with the financial support of the Millennium Diversity Initiative and the facilities and resources of T.C. Williams and the University of Richmond. For more information, or to help make next year’s Institute a success, contact Jennifer McClellan at jmcclellan@hunton.com or (804) 788-8571.
VLRS Application

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Law Firm ______________________________________

Address ____________________________________________

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Phone # ___________________________ Fax # _________________________ Metro #______________________

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The Supreme Court of Virginia has never established standards for attorney specialization. I understand that this application and statement does not authorize me to hold myself out as a specialist. I have read and I will abide by all rules and regulations of the Virginia Lawyer Referral Service. Rules and regulations may be accessed at the above Web site and on the preceding page of this application.

STATEMENT FOR PANEL MEMBERS OF THE LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE

I regularly practice in the areas indicated in this application and I feel that I am competent to handle most cases in those areas, as stated in the VLRS rules. By submitting this application, I hereby certify I will continue to maintain competence in the areas of law I have selected in this application.

OR FOR NEWLY ADMITTED ATTORNEYS

I plan to practice regularly in the areas indicated in this application and I will exercise all due diligence in making myself competent to handle most cases in those areas.

Malpractice Insurance Certificate: I want to become a member of the VLRS. I certify that I am licensed to practice in Virginia, that I am covered by an Errors and Omissions Insurance Policy with limits of not less than $100,000/$300,000 and that I will maintain this policy throughout the period of my participation on the VLRS panel.

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- Property Damage
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Military and Other Special Public Service Volunteer Opportunities

Do you find your good citizen antennae switching to alert when you listen to the national news or hear unsettling reports about your own community? Next time you feel the urge to pitch-in, why not think about volunteer opportunities in which you can use your legal skills to make a major difference in the event of a national or local emergency or other compelling circumstances?

If legal malpractice insurance is important, attorneys can assist traditional legal aid programs (www.vsb.org/probono). Through volunteer referral panels, they, and many independent special purpose providers, help secondary victims of disasters (i.e., those who are disproportionately impacted by serious economic downturns) as well as cancer patients and others who face catastrophic healthcare issues. Call VSB Pro Bono (804) 775-0522 for details.

There are also a number of disaster-related and reserve mobilization projects for bar members with special training or litigation expertise. For these opportunities, call-up would be situation specific, with timing of commitments dependent upon troop mobilizations or official declarations of civic emergencies and natural disasters. Some popular options are summarized below.

Young Lawyers Emergency Legal Services Project

Lawyers with special training can make a difference in uncertain times by connecting with the Young Lawyers Emergency Legal Services (ELS) project. Sponsored by the VSB and the VBA, the ELS project includes both lawyers with previous training in disaster assistance and those seeking future training. Opportunities typically involve telephone intake and referral, brief advice, and limited client representation. When disaster or mass emergencies strike, prospective clients are screened in the field and then told by on-site emergency management agency personnel to call a toll-free legal services referral number where they reach an attorney. Check the Young Lawyers home page or the bar’s main Web site from time to time for updates and further information: www.vsb.org/sections/yl/emergpsvc.html.

Stand-by List for National Guard and Reserve Troop Referrals

Attorneys with general practice experience and/or employment law backgrounds or having some familiarity with relevant federal military-focused “labor” law (Uniformed Services Employment and Re-employment Rights Act, USERRA) may complete the stand-by volunteer form (on the following page) and fax it to the bar to join a list of stand-by attorneys who agree to accept, with VSB lawyer referral technology as the conduit, national guard and reserve troop referrals from occasionally oversubscribed military legal assistance offices. For details about this joint ABA/VSB venture, Operation Enduring Lamp, including information on free training materials, see www.abanet.org/legalservices/helpreservists/home.html.

The Virginia Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve operates a volunteer ombudsman program under the auspices of the United States Assistant Secretary of Defense. Attorney George R. Aldhizer, Jr., of Harrisonburg, galdhizer@wawlaw.com is available to answer questions about goals, that include educating employers and employees about USERRA and mediating disagreements under the act. He can tell you if there are any board or other openings.

Participate and Educate “To Your Health”

by Frank O. Brown, Jr. and R. Hunter Manson III

The Senior Lawyers Conference of the VSB has volunteered to serve as the state-wide coordinator for National Health Care Decisions Week. In conjunction with the Conference of Local Bar Associations, the SLC will work on local programs in Virginia to educate the public about planning for end-of-life health care decisions. Such programs explain health care advance directives, organ and tissue donations and pro bono activities to assist the public in executing documents.

National Health Care Decisions Week was initiated in 2000 through the American Bar Association. In the past two years, nationally, more than 40 bar associations have partnered with local medical organizations to provide community education. National Health Care Decisions Week is October 20–26, 2002; however, local bar groups are encouraged to participate at any time.

One individual organ and tissue donor can save or improve the quality of life of as many as 50 people. Approximately 22,000 organ transplants are performed in the United States each year, but the waiting list has grown to more than 76,000.

After having been educated about the features of health care advance directives, more than 90% of the public wish to avail themselves of this important decision-making document.

We have provided local bar groups with information on this program, which is a “win-win” event for the public, for lawyers and for the medical community. It provides opportunities for professionals to provide community service that is visible, meaningful, focused and appreciated. Significant professional good will is also generated in the community. The American Bar Association will provide each participating local bar association with reimbursement of up to $500 for materials and advertising costs for each community program that they host.

For more information, please call R. Hunter Manson III, SLC chair for National Health Care Decisions Week, at (804) 453-5600, or Paulette Davidson, VSB liaison, at (804) 775-0521.
Virginia State Bar Stand-by List
Legal Assistance for Military Personnel (ABA-LAMP)

Attorney Volunteer Form

Full name of attorney or bar association: ____________________________________________________________
(including middle initial and suffix)

☐ Voluntary Bar Association wishing to participate as a USERRA or SSCRA CLE sponsor

☐ Attorney: States Where Admitted and Years of Admission:

Pro Bono work covered by existing firm/entity professional liability insurance policy? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Current Member, VA Lawyer Referral Service ☐ Yes ☐ No
Current Member, Legal Aid PBI Panel ☐ Yes ☐ No
Trained Member, VSB YLC-Emergency Legal Services ☐ Yes ☐ No

Firm/Organization: ________________________________________________________________

Address at which you can be reached: ____________________________________________________________

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daytime phone evening phone fax

Email address (if you don’t have an email address, write ‘none’): ______________________________________

Please re-type your email address for verification: _________________________________________________

❖ Please check where you are willing to provide Direct Legal Assistance to Military Personnel and their Family Members, also indicating whether or not you have prior experience in serving military clients in those areas?

Prior Experience w/Military Clients

☐ Business Contracts ☐

☐ Commercial & Residential Real Estate (leases, mortgages, foreclosures, etc.) ☐

☐ Consumer Credit ☐

☐ Family Law ☐

☐ Guardianships ☐

☐ Insurance ☐

☐ Landlord/Tenant ☐

☐ Probate; Estates and Trusts ☐

☐ VA Benefits (including pension eligibility and education trusts) ☐

☐ Wills ☐

☐ Other ____________________________________________

❖ VSB is collaborating with the American Bar Association and other entities to recruit stand-by volunteers to help the military legal assistance offices, should they call for additional professional assistance in the near future. Do you give permission for VSB to share this information with the Military Legal Assistance Offices for the purpose of advising them of your availability to help?

☐ Yes ☐ No

HOW TO SUBMIT THIS FORM: Fax to Maureen Petrini, VSB Access to Legal Services: (804) 775-0582

Questions?: Contact VSB Access to Legal Services: (804) 775-0522
THE CLBA ANNUAL MEETING AND BREAKFAST:
A culmination of great people and ideas.

Local & Specialty Bar Associations Honored for Public Service Projects

The Conference of Local Bar Associations’ Awards of Merit Competition recognized outstanding public service projects conducted by local and specialty bars throughout the state. The competition is divided into two groups: an Award of Merit, which is the highest award given for a project; and a Certificate of Achievement, which recognizes other programs and projects of high distinction. Awards were presented at the Bar Leaders Breakfast on Friday, June 14, at the Virginia State Bar Annual Meeting in Virginia Beach.

Certificates of Achievement


The Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association: 2002 Bench-Bar Conference, which provided a forum between the bench and bar in seminar sessions and at a luncheon.

The Northern Shenandoah Valley Chapter of the Virginia Women Attorney’s Association: “Women’s Sampler of the Law,” that provided basic legal information to the general public—particularly members of the community who may have difficulty obtaining legal information.

The Roanoke Bar Association: Web site creation, which provides a general source of information for the public and gives the RBA a presence in the community.


Awards of Merit

The Virginia Women Attorneys Association: “You Be the Judge” seminar, that offers encouragement and information to anyone interested in seeking a judgeship. Speakers are successful jurists and, on occasion, members of the General Assembly. A significant benchmark of the program is that some attendees have become judges.

The Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Bar Association: Pro Bono Protective Order Project. (See article on page 1.)

The Metropolitan Richmond Women’s Bar Association: Flagler House Curriculum Project: Teaching Women How to Fish. The MRWBA provides practical and useful legal information to the residents on a monthly basis.

The Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association: Funniest Lawyer Contest and its Eleventh Annual Legal Food Frenzy. The Funniest Lawyer Contest, raised funds for the premier children’s health care facility in the Hampton Roads region. Legal Food Frenzy was a

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The Bristol Virginia Bar Association has conducted informal question-and-answer sessions in the senior classrooms at two area high schools. The BVBA distributed approximately 300 So You’re 18 handbooks to seniors prior to the classroom sessions. Each class involved one or two lawyers in an informal Q&A session designed to stimulate two-way discussion. The BVBA found this to be a very worthwhile effort, which was appreciated by the students, teachers and administration at the schools. It was also fun for the lawyers.

The Henrico County Bar Association will hold “Breakfast with the Judges” before court on September 26. This gathering of members, general district and circuit court, as well as Juvenile and Domestic Relations judges provides an opportunity for the judges to make announcements to the membership regarding new procedures or other matters.

The Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association presented its first Presidential Award of Merit to Lawrence K. Land. The award was created to recognize outstanding contributions by members of the local bar association. Land, who has practiced for more than 26 years, was honored for his role in projects throughout the community.

The NPBA presented its ninth annual Ethics Extravaganza on Wednesday, July 10 at Regent University. This year’s theme was “Ethical Issues Raised in the Enron Debacle.”

The NPBA continues to offer monthly AAA approved Driver Improvement classes for point reduction as a public service and generator of non-dues revenue. The NPBA Young Lawyers Division participated in the National Youth Service Day in April, assisting with refurbishing a local Girl Scout camp. The Third Annual NPBA Blood Drive in Cooperation with American Red Cross is scheduled for August 13th.

The Prince William County Bar Association presented its first Presidential Award of Merit to Lawrence K. Land. The award was created to recognize outstanding contributions by members of the local bar association. Land, who has practiced for more than 26 years, was honored for his role in projects throughout the community.

“The Guardian ad litem, A practical Perspective” and “Guardianships Arising Out of Minors’ Settlements.” On Friday June 21 at the Prince William County Judicial Center, the PWCBA sponsored “Business Valuations for Judges and Lawyers.” “Getting Your Documents into Evidence and Keeping the Other Guy’s Out,” was presented on Friday July 19 as the third summer CLE held by the PWCBA. Additionally, on August 2, 2002, the CLE, “Differential Response System: A Community Response to Supporting Families and Protecting Children,” was held.

On October 9, 2002, the Prince William County Bar Association will host the first multi-jurisdictional “Legislative Issues Forum” at the Prince William campus of George Mason University. Neighboring bar associations, including Fairfax, Alexandria, Arlington, Fauquier and Loudoun, have been invited to participate along with the Northern Virginia legislative delegation. The forum was an initiation to bring area lawmakers and lawyers together to discuss issues of concern to the legal community.

The Alleghany-Bath-Highland Bar Association has purchased more than 350 So You’re 18 booklets, which were distributed to seniors at Alleghany, Covington, Bath County and Highland County high schools. Russel Updike, immediate past president of the ABH Bar Association, recently presented booklets to the guidance department at Alleghany High School. From left: Michele Elmore, guidance counselor; Donna Vaughn, director of guidance; Russel Updike; and Jimmy Smith, guidance counselor.
On Sunday, November 17, 2002, the Richmond Times-Dispatch will again publish a supplement for The Bar Association of the City of Richmond. The supplement will include articles on topics such as serving on a jury, what to expect in traffic court and other law matters. The public relations committee of the Richmond Bar invites you to use this supplement to advertise your firm and its support of The Bar Association of the City of Richmond. The deadline is Thursday, October 24, 2002. For more information, call Lee Martin at (804) 780-0700.

The Roanoke Bar Association and the Salem/Roanoke County Bar Association held a reception in honor of the Honorable Richard C. Pattisall on Thursday, July 11 at the Hidden Valley Country Club.

The VSB Young Lawyers Conference’s Admissions and Orientation Ceremony will be on Monday, October 28, 2002. If you wish to have membership information and/or applications handed out by the VSB Local/Specialty Bar Relations office, please contact Paulette Davidson at (804) 775-0521 or via e-mail at davidson@vsb.org.

The Virginia Women Attorneys Association will hold their annual conference Sept. 20–22 in Williamsburg. The keynote speaker will be Catherine Whitney, co-author of Nine and Counting, for more information, e-mail vwaa@aol.com.

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VBA Holds 112th Summer Meeting

The Virginia Bar Association held its 112th Summer Meeting July 11–14, 2002, at The Homestead in Hot Springs. The meeting featured a number of continuing legal education programs for attorneys on current legal issues, as well as several programs to attract nonlawyers attending the meeting. “9/11 Today: Four National Leaders Discuss the Legal and Political Realities in the Aftermath,” a candid panel discussion of the war on terrorism and its implications for all Americans, “The Highway or No Way: The 2002 Transportation Referenda,” “Building Without Mortar? The Intersection Now of Youth, Culture, Education and the Law,” a general session focusing on current issues and crises in education, and “Lawyer Marketing and Ethics Guide—What Crosses the Line?” an interactive ethics presentation.


Dexter C. Rumsey III of Irvington, a partner in the law firm of Rumsey and Bugg, received the VBA Walker Award of Merit during the banquet meeting. The Walker Award is named in honor of the late John L. Walker, Sr., and John L. Walker, Jr., both former VBA presidents and residents of Roanoke. The award is presented in recognition and appreciation of exceptional leadership within the organized bar and the VBA in particular.

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food drive in which 66,000 pounds of food (50,000 meals) were collected and distributed helped the homeless and hungry in Hampton Roads.

The Old Dominion Bar, Richmond Chapter: Oliver W. Hill and Samuel W. Tucker Scholarship. A $500 scholarship is presented to a first-year student at each of the 10 law schools in Virginia and the Washington, D.C., area to honor the legacies of Oliver W. Hill and Samuel W. Tucker.

The Prince William County Bar Association: “You and Your Attorney” brochure and its Uncontested Divorce Project. About the brochure: The brochure educates clients on the merits of court-appointed counsel and provides guidelines to working with counsel. About the project: The PWB assisted low income clients, using forms approved by the courts in the Thirty-first Judicial Circuit, to handle uncontested divorces.

The Bar Association of the City of Richmond (The Greater Richmond Bar Foundation): Pro Bono Clearinghouse Project, dedicated to developing, promoting and sponsoring programs that provide services to the poor.

The Virginia Trial Lawyers Association and the Fairfax Bar Association: Each received an Award of Merit for their seminar series held after 9/11. The VTILA and the FBA responded to the tragedy by obtaining information on the 9/11 Victim Protection Fund and organized a training seminar featuring several of the country’s leading attorneys.
members of the bar association and solicit their assistance. Now, with a program assistant, we are able to fill dates for hearings several months in advance,” Fletcher said.

Deborah O’Toole is one of the many lawyers who volunteered her time this past year. She said that it is clearly a service both to the court and the clients. “The dollar value of the donated time is substantial,” O’Toole said. “The program provides an opportunity for members to give back to the community on an organized basis, and the commitment is not burdensome,” she said.

Participation in the program can also provide beneficial experience to volunteers. “Some volunteers are new attorneys or are unfamiliar with a protective order hearing,” Fletcher said. “In addition to gaining experience, such attorneys are able to become acquainted with judges they did not know before.”

A number of attorneys who do not qualify for membership in the Chesterfield-Colonial Heights Bar Association have given generously of their time to the pro bono project. One such attorney is Fred Kaufman, who, along with his partners, Jim Nachman and Ed Brooks, does not live in or have his law office in Chesterfield County. However, all three of these attorneys participate in the project. Kaufman said that he enjoys this work because it gives him the opportunity to prosecute. “I have represented the defense all of my career, and bringing protective order cases is exactly like prosecuting the crimes on which the order is sought,” he said.

“The Victim/Witness team at Chesterfield Court is staffed with fantastic workers. They gather evidence, call witnesses and hold onto photographs. They cajole many government actors to be cooperative when a simple lawyer could never achieve that,” Kaufman said. He added, “I do it for the satisfaction of knowing that a very frightened and hurt person can rest easier knowing that they have the law to protect them. I see relief on their faces and the weight of terror lifted from their souls. The real reason I do it? For the hugs.”

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