Senator Joseph V. Gartlan, Jr., “Shines” at Fairfax Bar Association’s Special Awards Dinner

Passion. Conviction. Integrity. Courage. These are just a few of the accolades heard to describe Senator Joseph V. Gartlan, Jr., at the Fairfax Bar Association’s Special Awards Dinner on Thursday, November 29, 2001 at the Fairview Park Marriott in Falls Church. The Special Awards Dinner saluted the Fairfax Bar’s Pro Bono Award winners and culminated in the presentation of the FBA’s Jurisprudence Award to Senator Gartlan.

Gartlan served the 36th District in the Virginia State Senate from 1971–1999. During his 28-year term, Gartlan was heralded as a fierce advocate of issues such as mental health, aging, homelessness and the environment. Gartlan, in his capacity as Chair of the Courts of Justice Committee, worked with the Northern Virginia Delegation and the FBA to create the highly regarded, bi-partisan Judicial Selection and Judicial Evaluation procedures. These programs administered by the FBA serve as a model for other jurisdictions throughout the Commonwealth.

The FBA’s Jurisprudence Award is the highest honor bestowed by the FBA. The Jurisprudence Award, affectionately referred to as the “Giants of Justice” Award, has been awarded on only three other occasions. Senator Gartlan joins the ranks of famed civil rights leader Oliver Hill, Justice Barbara Keenan and the late Judge William Plummer.

Glenn C. Lewis, past president of the FBA, moderated the Special Awards Dinner. Lewis introduced Delegate John “Jack” Rust who provided vignettes from across the aisle regarding Gartlan’s term in the Virginia Legislature. Rust offered a good-humored roast of Gartlan. Calling Gartlan the “Master of Contemporaneous Discourse,” Rust noted that during Gartlan’s term, legislators thought the sun rose and set on Gartlan, “often while he was debating the same bill.”

Rust opined the legislature may be “more efficient, but it lost its heart,” when Gartlan retired. Gartlan was regarded as a workhorse who molded the Courts of Justice Committee and spearheaded the Northern Virginia Delegation as a model in bipartisanship consensus building. Rust concluded by acknowledg-

Keynote speaker for the program was former Governor Gerald L. Baliles, Senator Gartlan’s close friend and colleague. Baliles began with good-natured ribbing, expressing his appreciation to the FBA for allowing him to participate in the “canonization” of Joe Gartlan. Baliles quickly became serious as he recalled Gartlan’s logic of presentation, impeccable integrity and unfailing politeness. According to Baliles, Gartlan was one who could ask tough questions and require tough answers, distinguishing himself among legislators because Gartlan could tell the difference between “optimism and pessimism, building up and tearing down, what is right for tomorrow versus what is popular for today.”

The 250 attendees, along with Gartlan’s family, rose to their feet in a standing ovation when Gartlan took the podium for his remarks. Noting that the dinner originally had been scheduled for September 11, 2001, Gartlan recognized many people might wonder whether he had to change his comments since “anything written before that evil day” would no longer be relevant. Yet, demonstrating his oratorical prowess, Gartlan asserted the meaning of justice remains the same in the aftermath of September 11, pointing to the past recipients Oliver Hill, Justice Barbara Keenan, and the late Judge William Plummer as true Giants of Justice. Gartlan further offered...
LETTER
from the Chair

Reflecting on the recently celebrated holidays, I was interested in a December *Newsweek* column by Anna Quinlen. She expressed her distaste with the omnipresent consumerism associated with the season as follows:

> Like many Americans I have everything I could want, and then some, and at this particular holiday season, in this particular year, the thought of shopping makes me feel like the little girl who eats the whole Whitman’s Sampler (except for the chocolate-covered nuts) and washes it down with root beer. Ugh. Uncontrollable consumerism has become a watchword of our culture despite regular and compelling calls for its end. The United States has more malls than high schools; Americans spend more time shopping than reading. For this recovering shopper, right now the ads, the catalogues, the stores all feel more like the hallmarks of an addiction than an indulgence.
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> — *Newsweek*, Dec. 3, 2001

What began as quiet annual worship observances has apparently now become reason for revelry and the uncontrollable buying of items that have been forgotten within minutes of the opening of holiday presents. As a result, many approach this time of year with skepticism, or even dread. Often, it is only the voices and laughter of children that allow us to take any meaning from the season at all.

What happened to these holidays? And what does this have to do with us in the context of being bar leaders?

One lesson we can learn, I believe, is that our best intentions, whether toward holidays or bar projects and activities, can be derailed by either too much apathy, or (in the other extreme) by over-indulgence. Just as aspects of the season can often be portrayed as either too perfunctory (by the Scrooges), or too sugarcoated (by the shopoholics), our attitudes toward bar activities can begin to set the tone for whether our projects will succeed or fail. A bar leader always walks a fine line between over and under promotion.

While celebrating the year’s end and making New Year’s resolutions, I trust that we have further committed ourselves to conduct our bar activities with appropriate resolve—sharing encouragement when needed, and restraint when required. This attempt at equilibrium can often be the deciding factor in whether a project is successful or not.

At this special time of new beginnings, we here at the Conference of Local Bars wish to express to you our grateful thanks for what you do on behalf of the legal profession to assist your communities. It is our hope that the season was indeed a special one for you and your families. 🎄

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**Awards of Merit Reminder**

The deadline for nominations for the Conference of Local Bar Associations’ 2002 Awards of Merit will be Monday, May 6, 2002. Informational brochures will be mailed in March.

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**Bar Leader of the Year Reminder**

The deadline for nominations for the Conference of Local Bar Associations’ 2002 Bar Leader of the Year Award will be Monday, May 6, 2002. Informational brochures will be mailed in March.

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The word conference is derived from the Latin word *conferre*, which means “to bring together.” The Virginia State Bar’s Senior Lawyers Conference (SLC) is a bringing together of all members of the VSB who are in good standing and are 55 years of age or older. At present, there are more than 6,800 members of the SLC, and, in the next five years, there will be an additional 4,500 members. Membership is automatic. No dues (other than those required for VSB membership) and no application for membership are required.

The formation of the SLC grew out of the realization by the Board of Governors of the former Senior Lawyers Section that a continuity of interest and a wealth of talent and experience were available among the bar’s very large, and ever-increasing, membership base of senior lawyers, which should be harnessed for the benefit of the bar and the public. Under the capable leadership of Thomas A. Michie, Jr., of Charlottesville, then Senior Lawyers Section Chair, a committee effectively led by William B. Smith of Virginia Beach and composed of Robert A. Cox, Jr., of Richmond, G. Marshall Mundy of Roanoke, Colin J.S. Thomas, Jr., of Staunton, William E. O’Neill, Jr., of Alexandria, and Frank O. Brown, Jr., of Henrico County, then Senior Lawyers Section Vice Chair, studied and developed the proposal for the establishment of the Senior Lawyers Conference. The proposal was approved by the Senior Lawyers Section Board of Governors, which submitted the request to the VSB Executive Committee and the VSB Council, which established the SLC on June 14, 2001. The VSB Council also recommended, and the Virginia Supreme Court subsequently approved, an amendment to Part 6, Section IV of Rule 5, to make the chair of the SLC an *ex officio* member of Council. This latter action provides senior lawyers a direct voice in the governance of the VSB.

The purposes of the SLC are to uphold the honor of the profession of law, to apply the knowledge and experience of the profession to the promotion of the public good, to encourage cordial discourse and interaction among the members of the VSB, and to pursue its Mission and Goals as stated in the SLC Bylaws:

“The SLC shall serve the particular interests of senior lawyers and promote the welfare of seniors generally. In serving the interests of senior lawyers, the SLC will plan and present programs and activities and produce publications of interest to senior lawyers, and coordinate activities for senior lawyers by, for, and with state and local bar associations. To promote the welfare of seniors generally, the SLC will study issues of concern to seniors, prepare and present programs and publications designed to explore and develop such issues, advocate appropriately on behalf of such issues and cooperate with other entities interested in such matters.”

Governed by a 24-member Board of Governors, the SLC, with the excellent help of VSB Director of Publications, Rod Coggin, and his staff, has developed a Web site at [www.vsb.org/slc](http://www.vsb.org/slc), on which the SLC Newsletter is published. The site also has many helpful documents and links, including a questionnaire for completion by senior lawyers, to assist us in carrying out our mission.

Among our goals for this bar year are: continuing education of lawyers regarding planning for their own death or disability; planning and presenting a retirement planning seminar; increasing pro bono activities; encouraging and promoting civility among members of the bar; studying issues of concern to senior citizens and advocating appropriately; and conducting a workshop at the VSB annual meeting in conjunction with the VSB Trusts and Estates Section.

We welcome input from local bar associations and their members, as well as ideas for our joint cooperation in projects affecting senior lawyers and senior citizens. Please help us in our bringing together this community of interest. Thank you.

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**What are you doing for Law Day 2002?**

Please send us information about your Law Day 2002 projects to share with other bars around the state in the Fall issue of the *Connection*. You may direct your submissions to Barbara Allen, fax: (804) 775-0501 or e-mail: clda@vsb.org. Check out the ABA Web site to see what other states are doing at [http://www.abanet.org/publiced/lawday/events/home.html](http://www.abanet.org/publiced/lawday/events/home.html).

Keep in mind that the Virginia State Bar has resources available to your local bar to assist in planning such events.
December 15, 2001

Open letter to the Leaders of Virginia Courts and Voluntary Bar Associations, and to Legal Services Providers, Pro Bono Advocates and Law Librarians

One of the goals of the VSB Special Committee on Access to Legal Services is to encourage and facilitate the development of pro bono programs and collaborations by local and regional groups. I am in charge of a subcommittee specifically created to assist localities and regions with their own pro bono initiatives.

Over the past several years, I have helped organize “home-grown” programs in Northern Virginia. Independent of our role at the state level, the other subcommittee members have done similar work in their own communities. We are eager to share our knowledge about funding and to share experiences that may help you nurture, develop, and publicize your own projects. A snapshot of the particular needs, concerns, and resources in your area would help us better understand how we might be of assistance. So would information about the programs and people already engaged in public service and pro bono work in your community.

Maureen Petrini, VSB’s Access to Legal Services Director, has put together the attached “mini-survey” to help us gather this information. A tremendous amount of pro bono and public service work is already being done throughout the Commonwealth and that work needs to be recognized. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and let us know about the people and projects working for the public good in your community. Please also give us some insight into the particular needs of your community and any ways in which we can help you meet those needs.

Thank you in advance for filling out the survey. I would be delighted to meet with you or to speak by phone to talk about the public service work being done in your area and about your vision for local pro bono programs in the future.

Sincerely,

Robert J. Stoney
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Chair, VSB Access to Justice Subcommittee on Local Bar Pro Bono Initiatives
The VSB Special Committee on Access to Legal Services and The Executive Committee of the VSB Conference of Local Bar Associations

invite Virginia’s Voluntary Bars and other Lawyer Organizations to assist with a mini-survey of public service initiatives

In the spirit of further implementing Bar Council’s 1999 Resolution [to Enhance Pro Bono Publico in Virginia], we invite your feedback on ways to better promote and foster the public service and pro bono efforts of Virginia’s lawyers and paralegals. We hope you will take a few minutes to complete and return this short form to help our planning and publicity efforts.

- VSB is often asked to nominate individuals and programs for special recognition. Please share information* about a single program or multiple programs you sponsor that could be featured in articles or used to support nomination packets for national and community awards. (Examples might range from collaborations with shelters and legal aid programs to the creation or expansion of law foundations directed at regional or metropolitan needs.)

- If you want to nominate or co-nominate a lawyer for extraordinary service, please see www.vsb.org/awards.html for VSB Award eligibility criteria or, simply attach a brief description of the lawyer’s work and we will contact the nominee for additional details if a story or external award contest might also seem appropriate.

- As a stand-by response to the potential needs of national guard and reserve troops which may be called to active duty in the future, the American Bar Association is making 3-hour CLE audio and companion print materials available to bar associations that host trainings on select areas of legal need typically encountered by military personnel. Might your bar association be interested in sponsoring or co-sponsoring a regional seminar, free to pro bono volunteers, that discusses the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act (SSCRA) and related laws? Yes ___

- Would your group like to visit with a member of the Access Committee who is familiar with both resource development (fund-raising) and successful collaborations to discuss how a local or circuit-based pro bono/public service committee might help address your community’s emerging legal needs? Yes ___

- Are there ways the VSB could better assist your efforts to promote pro bono service among your members? ______________
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- Have you identified any specific areas of unmet need in your community, if so, how would you categorize them in terms of substantive law? ___________________________________________________________________________________
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NAME OF BAR ASSOCIATION OR GROUP ____________________________________________________________________
NAME OF CONTACT PERSON & TITLE ______________________________________________________________________

Please fax this form and any attachments* to VSB Access Committee Member Robert J. Stoney at 703/691-3913 or call him directly at 703/293-7230. *Short comments, more lengthy notes and news articles are all appreciated.
Call for Local Bar Speakers Bureau Participation

Does your bar association have a speakers bureau? If so, the VSB Speakers Bureau would like to work with you.

In an effort to fill speaker requests more efficiently, the VSB Speakers Bureau would like to establish a cooperative referral policy with local bar associations. Since a number of local bar associations may have their own speakers bureau, the VSB would like to coordinate with them for administering requests for speakers in their own areas.

Ideally, if a request comes to the VSB speakers bureau in an area that has a local bar speakers bureau, the VSB liaison could contact the appropriate person at the local bar with the request information. Sometimes the VSB receives requests it cannot fill simply because it may have few or no volunteers in a particular geographic area. Such cooperation could help both the VSB and local bars better serve the people of Virginia.

If your bar association is interested in entering into such a referral policy with the VSB, please contact us with the name and contact information of the local bar speakers bureau coordinator. Or if you and other members of your bar are interested in serving on the VSB Speakers Bureau, please complete the speaker application on the following page and return to the contact below. Speakers Bureau participants must be in good standing with the VSB. Send application to: Virginia State Bar, 707 E. Main St., Suite 1500, Attn: Jennifer Sparger, Richmond, VA 23219 or fax: (804) 775-0582. For more information, contact Jennifer at sparger@vsb.org, phone: (804) 775-0586.

“DEALING WITH THE MEDIA” CLE Program Available

Your receptionist calls and says there is a reporter on Line 1, and he wants to talk to you about one of your cases.

What do you do?

Do you tell her to say that you’re in a meeting or not there?

Take the call and proceed to mumble “No comment” to every question?

Or say that your client won’t let you talk?

Paul Fletcher, the publisher and editor-in-chief of Virginia Lawyers Weekly, has put together a program called, “Dealing with the Media: A Primer for Lawyers.” This seminar helps to answer those questions and to provide tips on how to talk to and work with reporters. The program has been approved for one hour of CLE credit by the Virginia State Bar, and it would make a great post-luncheon CLE for your bar association.

To get further details or to schedule a presentation, call Paul Fletcher at 1-800-456-5297. (Look for this informative presentation at the Richmond BLI on Monday, March 4, 2002.)

CLBA Information Available on the Web

The Web site for the CLBA is up and running. In addition to providing general information on the CLBA, the site contains information useful to both CLBA members and the general public, including:

- local and specialty bar contacts
- calendar of events
- listing of publication and library resources
- listing of CLEs
- information on Awards of Merit and the Bar Leader of the Year Award
- downloadable version of Local Bar Connection and So You’re 18

[www.vsb.org/clba](http://www.vsb.org/clba)

Register today for the Virginia State Bar’s Lawyer Referral Service

[www.vsb.org/vlrs.html](http://www.vsb.org/vlrs.html) or contact Barbara Allen at (804) 775-0590 or allen@vsb.org.
Contact Information

Name: _______________________________ Membership I.D. # __________

Firm Name: _______________________________ Work Phone: __________

Address: _______________________________ Fax: __________

City/County: _______________ Zip: _______ e-mail: _______________

Biographical Information

Undergraduate: _______________________________ Year: _______________

Law School: _______________________________ Year: _______________

Main Practice Areas: ______________________________________________________________________

Association Memberships and Offices Held: ______________________________________________________________________

Publications/Honors/Awards: ______________________________________________________________________

Other: ______________________________________________________________________

Preferences (Check one or more)

Audience:

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☐ Middle School ☐ Community Groups
☐ High School ☐ Other: _______________

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☐ Morning ☐ Afternoon
☐ Luncheon ☐ Evening

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Preferred Topics: (Check one or more)

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- [ ] Marriage and Divorce in Virginia
- [ ] Purchasing Your Home
- [ ] Adopting a Child
- [ ] Writing Your Will & Estate Planning
- [ ] Setting up an Adult Guardianship
- [ ] Starting Your Own Business
- [ ] Workers Compensation
- [ ] Employment Discrimination
- [ ] Sexual Harassment at the Workplace
- [ ] Filing for Bankruptcy
- [ ] Your Consumer Rights
- [ ] Landlord-Tenant Rights
- [ ] Traffic Law and Traffic Court Procedures
- [ ] The New Tax Laws
- [ ] Television Trials
- [ ] Victim’s Rights
- [ ] Your Civil Rights
- [ ] Legal Issues for Non-profits
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- [ ] Women’s Issues & the Law
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- [ ] Alternative Dispute Resolution
- [ ] Death & Dying (Rights)
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- [ ] Other

**Suggested for Primary and Secondary Schools**
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- [ ] Drinking, Driving, and Drugs
- [ ] Our Court System
- [ ] Our Constitution
- [ ] What is a Bar Organization? And What Does It Do?

Return this information to:

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**BLI**

**Monday, March 4, 2002**  
T.C. Williams School of Law  
University of Richmond

**Friday, March 15, 2002**  
Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center  
Abingdon

**Keynote Speaker** (both locations):  
The Honorable Roger L. Gregory, US Court of Appeals, Fourth Circuit

**Topics to include:**  
• crisis management for the bar leader—what to do if?  
• emerging trends in the judiciary  
• ethics CLE—Virginia Supreme Court Justice Cynthia Kinsel (in Abingdon)

Blocks of rooms have been reserved for BLI attendees at:

**RICHMOND:**  
Sheraton Richmond West (formerly Hyatt Richmond)  
6624 W. Broad Street, Richmond, VA (804) 285-2000  
The cut-off date for hotel reservations is Feb. 9, 2002  
Room Rate: $77.00

**ABINGDON:**  
The Martha Washington Inn  
150 West Main St., Abingdon, VA (276) 628-3161  
The cut-off date for hotel reservations is Feb. 1, 2002  
Room Rate: $99.00

Lunches in both locations, as well as a reception in Abingdon, will be sponsored by Attorneys Liability Protection Society (ALPS).

Please inform the hotel that you are attending the BLI to ensure the special room rates.

Updates/changes to the schedules will be posted on the VSB Web site at [www.vsb.org/clba/bli02.html](http://www.vsb.org/clba/bli02.html).  
For additional information call (804) 775-0521 or (804) 775-0590 or e-mail at clba@vsb.org.

**REGISTRATION**

Reserve a place for me at the 17th Annual Bar Leaders Institute. I understand there is a $40 fee, which includes workshop materials and Ethics CLE program.

Please check one:  
❑ Richmond  
❑ Abingdon

Name __________________________________________________________________________________________

Preferred first name (for name tag)

Bar Title ______________________________________________________________________________________

Bar Association ________________________________________________________________________________

Address ________________________________________________________________________________________

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Please return this registration form and your check made payable to the Virginia State Bar to:  
Local & Specialty Bar Relations, Virginia State Bar, 707 East Main Street, Suite 1500, Richmond, Virginia 23219-2800
VWAA Adds Four New Chapters

In the past six months, four new local chapters have been added to the existing five chapters of the Virginia Women Attorneys Association. New chapters have been established in the Blacksburg area (New River Valley Chapter), in the Petersburg/Hopewell/Colonial Heights area (South Central Chapter), the Charlottesville area, and in January 2002, the Loudoun Chapter will be officially accepted.

The new chapters join the already established ones in Hampton Roads, Northern Shenandoah Valley, Northern Virginia, Richmond and Roanoke. In addition, the Halifax/Danville area is working to establish a new chapter. Organizers of the new chapters work hard to recruit new members and chapters are formed when 10 members petition the state-wide organization. Chapter organizers for the new chapters were: Stephanie Murray for the New River Valley Chapter, Carol Woodward and Jill Pierce for the South Central Chapter, Anne Glick Joseph for the Charlottesville Area Chapter, and Barbara S. Williams for the Loudoun Chapter. Sterling Byrd Roberts and Sandra Chinn-Gilstrap are the organizers for the Halifax/Danville Chapter which will probably be named the Southside Chapter.

Established in 1981, VWAA is composed of nearly 600 attorneys and judges and is the only Virginia statewide bar association dedicated to the needs of women attorneys as professionals and as women. The current President of the organization is Linda M. Jackson of McLean. President-Elect for 2002–2003 is Elizabeth K. Dillon of Roanoke.
Scholarship Dinner. They far exceeded their attendance and fund-raising goals and are well on their way to awarding a scholarship to one student in every law school in Virginia and the Washington D.C. metropolitan areas. (Mark your calendar for next year’s dinner scheduled for September 7, 2002. You may contact Charlotte Hodges for more specific details at 804/775-0561.) In the same month, the ODBA—Richmond Chapter sponsored a first-class reception, thanks to the superb leadership of Jackie Epps, for Judge Roger Gregory. Judge Gregory is the First African American appointed to the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

The Prince William County Bar sponsored a Candidates Forum in October, 2001, that was open to all individuals seeking election to the Virginia House of Delegates in the November general election. All candidates running in contested races participated in the forum and had the opportunity to meet with attendees during a “meet and greet” that followed. The event was video-taped and was broadcast by the local cable TV network.

In November, 2001, the PWC Bar sponsored a pro bono luncheon with keynote speaker Johanna L. Fitzpatrick, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of Virginia. Local agencies through which bar members routinely provide pro bono services were highlighted at the luncheon as well as in the bar’s November newsletter.

Also in November, the PWC Bar sponsored its First Annual Pro Bono Seminar, designed to train local attorneys to provide pro bono services in support of the Bar’s newest project, the Uncontested Divorce Project, sponsored with the Prince William Chapter of Legal Services. The seminar provided members with free CLE hours in return for a commitment to accept at least two uncontested divorces for indigent clients during the upcoming year.

The Roanoke Bar Association held a one-hour CLE on Multidisciplinary Practice (MDP): A Necessary Evolution or Needless Revolution? on Dec. 11, 2001. Past VSB Presidents John Keith and William R. Rakes were the guest speakers.

Local Bar Foundation News

The Bar Foundations of Alexandria, Arlington and Fairfax joined with Legal Services of Northern Virginia on June 12, 2001, for their annual pro bono reception at the courthouse in Alexandria. Chief Justice Harry L. Carrico addressed those in attendance.

On October 31, 2001, the directors of the Richmond Bar Foundation, in recognition of the interest and participation of bar groups in the Richmond metropolitan area, changed its name to Greater Richmond Bar Foundation and elected the following persons as directors: Gina M. Burgin, Gerald W. Carter, David L. Hauck, George H. Hettrick, John K. Honey, Jr., Christopher M. Malone, Brian R. Marron, Anne McDougall, Lori A. Rinaldi, Daniel L. Rosenthal, Carole E. Yeatts and Charles F. Witthoeft. Currently, the foundation operates the Pro Bono Clearinghouse to provide free legal services to qualifying nonprofit groups in the area. The foundation also assists with funding of pro bono legal services through Central Virginia Legal Aid Society and with law-related educational projects.

The Prince William Bar Foundation will hold its first annual silent auction on Saturday, February 16, 2002, in conjunction with the PWC Bar Dinner Dance. The foundation is a nonprofit organization that provides law-related education to the community and legal services to those in need. Contributions may be tax deductible to the extent provided by law.

ODBA Winter Meeting

On Saturday, February 9, 2002, the Old Dominion Bar Association will host its winter meeting at the L. Douglas Wilder Library on the campus of Virginia Union University. The program will run from 8:15 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. and participants can earn up to 7 CLE credits, including Ethics. The CLE presentations will include a discussion/debate between Richmond criminal attorney David P. Baugh and Professor Johnathon Stubbs regarding the merits and ethics of accepting and declining to represent certain individuals. The discussion will center around Baugh’s representation last year of a Klan member. The Virginia Association of Black Women Attorneys (VABWA) will sponsor a CLE as part of the winter meeting. The CLE will include a viewing of the Spike Lee Production “Four Little Girls”, which depicts the bombing of the Alabama church in which four little black girls were killed. The movie will be followed by a panel discussion entitled, “When Chickens Come Home to Roost: Prosecuting a Defendant When the Case is Cold.” Look for registration information coming out soon or you may contact Charlotte Hodges, (804) 775-0561 or Marilynn Goss, (804) 648-1012.

Do you have a fee dispute?

Call the Virginia State Bar at (804) 775-0521. An on-line pamphlet is available at www.vsb.org/publications/brochure/feedisp.html
hope in this new age to the attendees, quoting English poet Edward Young: “Affliction is a good man’s shining time.”

Recognizing the FBA’s contributions to the community through its foundation, pro bono representation, Lawyer Referral Service and law related education programs, Gartlan deftly returned the Giants of Justice compliment to the bar, encouraging members of the bar to continue to do justice in these vital community programs. Gartlan also acknowledged the FBA’s unique role in its judicial evaluation and judicial selection processes. Gartlan urged the bar to “stay the course” on these important programs for the bench, the bar and the community.

Upon the conclusion of his remarks, Gartlan was presented with an engraved clock by FBA President Peter DePaolis, former Governor Baliles, Delegate Rust and Glenn C. Lewis. Gartlan’s name will be added to the Jurisprudence Award plaque that hangs in the atrium of the Fairfax Courts Jennings Building.

Awards for outstanding pro bono services were also presented at the dinner. The Honorable Richard J. Jamborsky presided over the presentation. Award recipients were:

- Law Firm of the Year: Venable, Baetjer & Howard, L.L.P., and Brandt, Jennings, Roberts, Davis & Snee, P.L.L.C.
- Paralegal of the Year: Elizabeth “Libba” McKenzie, Fairfax County Attorney’s Office
- Lawyer of the Year: William B. Reichhardt, William B. Reichhardt & Associates

James B. Pittleman of Odin, Feldman & Pittleman, P.C., was honored with the James Keith Award. The Keith Award is presented annually to a member of the Fairfax Bar Association who had demonstrated a long-term commitment to community service and pro bono work. Pittleman has a long history of community service, including his instrumental role in creating the Fairfax Bar Foundation, securing its non-profit status and serving as secretary of the Fairfax Bar Foundation for 15 years. Pittleman secured the initial grants to establish the Fairfax Bar’s Pro Bono Program.