

**Sheri R. Abrams** of Falls Church has published a book, *Don't Gamble with Your Social Security Disability Benefits*, that describes the process and how an attorney can help. For information and a link to download the book without charge, see <http://tiny.cc/10zck>. Abrams is counsel to Needham Mitnick & Pollack PLC. Her practice focuses on Social Security disability and special-needs estate planning.

**Arthur H. Blitz**, who practices with Paley Rothman in Bethesda, Maryland, has been reelected to the board of directors of EagleBank, a local community business bank in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. Mr. Blitz is one of the original directors of the bank, which opened in 1998. Blitz is a Virginia-licensed lawyer.

**David A. Buzard**, who practices with Jeremiah A. Denton III PC in Virginia Beach, has been recalled to active duty in the U.S. Navy Reserve Judge Advocate General's Corps. He is affiliated with the Defense Institute of International Legal Studies, an arm of the Defense Security Cooperation Agency, as director of its In-Country Rule of Law Program in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. He oversees all facets of the United States' efforts to build and strengthen the capacity of the Congolese military justice sector in conjunction with the United Nations Stabilization Mission in the Congo.

**Mary G. Commander** and **Ellen C. Carlson** have formed **Commander & Carlson, Attorneys And Mediators**, a practice emphasizing family law, bankruptcy, and mediation. 5442 Tidewater Drive, Norfolk, VA 23509; phone (757) 533-5400

**Patrick M. Connell** and **Travis W. Vance** have joined the Harrisonburg firm Wharton Aldhizer & Weaver PLC. Connell practices corporate and employment law, and Vance practiced in South Carolina before he came to Virginia.

**Donald F. Craib III**, **Marion F. Werkheiser** and **Gregory A. Werkheiser** have launched **Cultural Heritage Partners LLC** to serve clients in the field of historic preservation. 9104 Old Mt. Vernon Rd., Alexandria, VA 22309; phone (703) 539-2473; [www.culturalheritagepartners.com](http://www.culturalheritagepartners.com)

**Justine A. Fitzgerald** and **David A. Rhodes** have formed **Fitzgerald & Rhodes LLP**, with offices in Falls Church and the District of Columbia. The firm focuses on

commercial contracts and corporate and real estate transactions. Both attorneys formerly practiced with Arnold & Porter LLP.

**Vivian F. Brown Henderson** has been hired as a senior assistant commonwealth's attorney in the Virginia Beach commonwealth's attorney's office, and **M. Janeice Robinson** has joined the office as an assistant commonwealth's attorney. Henderson previously prosecuted in Portsmouth and practiced with the Office of the Attorney General. Robinson prosecuted in Norfolk.

**Patrick C. Henry II** has joined Meyer Goergen & Marrs PC in Richmond, where his cases involve commercial litigation, collections and receivables management, and construction and personal disputes. He is a recent graduate of the College of William and Mary School of Law.

**Amy E. Hensley** has joined the Midlothian firm Owen & Owens PLC as an associate. She will practice criminal defense, domestic relations, civil litigation, and real estate law. She is a graduate of the College of William and Mary School of Law, and she worked as a legislative correspondent for Senator Jim Webb and a research assistant at the Henry L. Stimson Center in Washington, D.C. She is proficient in Spanish.

Richmond Commonwealth's Attorney **Michael N. Herring** has been inducted as a fellow in the American College of Trial Lawyers, which admits less than 1 percent of U.S. attorneys to its membership. Membership in the college is granted to attorneys who have at least fifteen years of active trial experience and who meet highest standards of professional excellence, ethics, and collegiality. Herring has been Richmond's chief prosecutor since 2005.

**James Webb Jones** has joined the Suffolk office of Pender & Coward. He works primarily in the eminent domain and public-private partnership practice groups. He was formerly a senior assistant attorney general with the Virginia Office of the Attorney General and served as staff counsel for the Virginia Department of Transportation's Southeast Region.

**Nicholas R. Klaiber** has joined Troutman Sanders LLP as an associate in its products liability group in Richmond.

**Michael P. Kuhn** has joined Reed Smith LLP as counsel in the firm's Richmond office. His practice focuses on general cor-

porate and business law, international business operations and transactions, intellectual property, and employment matters. He formerly was with Sands Anderson PC.

**Joyv an L. Malbon** has joined the Virginia Beach law firm Bullock & Cooper PC as an associate. She will concentrate her practice in personal injury, family law, and traffic matters.

**Regina Maria Policano** has returned to Midkiff, Muncie & Ross PC in Richmond as counsel, after seventeen years as staff counsel for the Fourth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. She will defend workers' compensation claims, professional liability, and other insurance matters.

**Jeffrey L. Rhodes** has been named managing partner of the civil division of Albo & Oblon LLP. He has been a partner in the firm's Arlington office for several years. His practice includes labor and employment law, corporate law, and commercial litigation.

**C. Patrick Tench** has joined Atwill, Troxell & Leigh PC in Leesburg as an associate. His practice will include construction and commercial litigation, real estate disputes, eminent domain, and land use litigation. He previously practiced in Newport News and Warrenton.

**Sarah E. Tozer** has joined the Alexandria office of MercerTrigiani as an associate. Her practice focuses on general representation of common interest community associations and litigation services, including assessment collection, to the firm's clients. She previously worked in community association management positions.

**Tiziana M. Ventimiglia** has become a partner in the firm Hartsoe, Mansfield & Morgan PLLC, which has changed its name to **Hartsoe, Mansfield, Morgan & Ventimiglia PLLC**. Her practice will include real estate and estate planning. 4084 University Drive, Suite 100-A, Fairfax, VA 22030-6803; phone (703) 591-2503; fax (703) 273-7292; [tventimiglia@verizon.net](mailto:tventimiglia@verizon.net)

**Ronald D. Wiley Jr.** has joined the Charlottesville office of MartinWren PC as counsel. He will support the firm's real estate, title insurance, and settlement law practice. He previously was vice president and regional counsel of Southern Title Insurance Corporation for seventeen years.