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President's Message

By Kristan Burch

My column from the last Bar Bulletin discussed how lunch time at my office has changed over the twenty plus years that I have worked at Kaufman & Canoles, PC. In that column, I talked about how going to lunch with other lawyers in my office was a right of passage when I started work, and now the tradition of daily lunches has long since faded from my floor at the office.

My questions to members of the NPBA centered on why has lunch time changed so much since 1999 when I started working in downtown Norfolk, and have other lawyers seen similar trends in their offices?

I was pleasantly surprised to receive calls and emails from multiple members of the NPBA expressing their thoughts on the lunch topic. I also received one invitation to lunch from a past NPBA president that I graciously accepted.

Most members that I heard from agreed that they used to enjoy eating lunch together with lawyers in their office on an almost daily basis. Over time, the regular lunches have become much more few and far between. A few members attributed the change to some key retirements in their offices as I did while others commented that the lunches stopped over the last couple of years because of COVID.

A select few members shared stories about how their offices still have a weekly lunch where they meet in a conference room or the library and eat together, talking about work and non-work topics. One member shared how the managing attorney at the firm started eating his lunch in a large conference room every day, and other lawyers slowly joined him, when able, such that shared lunches has become a daily event at the firm. It has allowed people to get away from eating lunch at their desks and share some time talking each day.

Thanks to those members who read my last column and reached out to me. I appreciate the comments, and I will continue my quest to answer these tough lunch questions.

Our next NPBA lunch is January 19, 2023 so please put it on calendar now if you are able to attend.

It was great to see so many NPBA members at our holiday party on December 8, 2022. Members were happy to be back at Hits at the Park, and the Young Lawyers Section did a great job gathering donations for Samaritan House.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**NPBA Luncheon with Dr. Suzanne Baldwin,
Owner of Baldwin Counseling**
1/19/23 12:00pm

**NPBA Luncheon, Dr. Adams-Gaston,
NSU President**
2/16/23 12:00pm

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Christopher Boynton,
Virginia Beach City Attorney's Office

Eleanor Gaines,
*Virginia Beach
Commonwealth's Attorney*

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MONTHLY LUNCHEONS

NPBA's December luncheon featured Stephanie Grana, President of the Virginia State Bar. Ms. Grana discussed updates from VSB, the continuing work with judges to enhance bench/bar relations, improving access to justice and the addition of staff to help with processing CLE's.

The NPBA luncheons are an opportunity to hear from local and state leaders while socializing with your peers. Luncheons are held on the third Thursday of the month at the Norfolk Courthouse, 8th Floor Rotunda, from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. The luncheons are FREE TO ALL MEMBERS, but you must register as seating is limited.

Next luncheon: January 19

Dr. Suzanne Baldwin, Owner of Baldwin Counseling

Luncheon Photos, December 1

Stephanie Grana, President of the Virginia State Bar and lunch guests





YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION

By Katherine M. Lennon, Chair
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Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a rejuvenating holiday season. The holiday season can be a wonderful time for so many reasons. Many spend time with family, travel, take time from work, and slow down even for just a few days. The end of the holiday season and the year also serves as a great benchmark to reflect on the year and set goals.

This past year has served the Young Lawyers well. We enjoyed our annual events, including the Summer Social and Fall Reception. We held many monthly meetings with good discussion and a testing of our trivia knowledge.

Just recently, the Young Lawyers hosted our first ever Yule Log Mixer. We would like to extend a thank you to Crenshaw, Ware and Martin, PLC, with special thanks to Alex McDaniel, for welcoming us into your beautifully decorated office to host the event. After the event, a few of us walked over to the Holiday Yule Log Bonfire at Town Point Park. Overall, the event was a nice way to round out the year of Young Lawyers' events.

The Young Lawyers also continued efforts to organize charitable contributions from bar association members. At the recent NPBA holiday party, we collected donations for the Samaritan House. Thank you to all who donated for your generosity.

In the next year, we look forward to creating more opportunities for philanthropy and growth among young lawyers. We plan to return to an in-person Breakfast with the Bench series. We also have several ideas for potential charitable projects and mentorship opportunities that we are excited to pursue. And we are, of course, looking forward to returning to our regular monthly meetings and event planning.

As we move into another year, please do not hesitate to reach out with any ideas you may have. We would love to increase young lawyer participation in the New Year, so please join us for a meeting! We would love to have you.



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Greetings from the Norfolk Law Library! I have had the opportunity to meet many of you and appreciate the warm welcome, but I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those of you I haven't had the chance to connect with yet. My name is Ashley Reed, and I am the new Law Librarian here at the Norfolk Law Library. My background is in public libraries with an emphasis on serving underserved populations. My experiences at the public library affirmed for me the need for accessible legal resources, and I am excited to support the Norfolk Law Library in pursuit of its mission of improving access to legal information and meeting the legal research needs of the community.

If you have been into the library or reached out over email, you probably noticed that I am not the only new staff member. Kaylee Raulerson, the new Librarian Associate, joined the library in August as well. Prior to her position at the library, Kaylee spent eight years as a legal assistant and administrator with a focus on collections, family and criminal law. The service aspect is what initially drew Kaylee to the legal field, and she is enthusiastic about the opportunities to assist a diverse range of patrons at the library.

In the time I have been here, I have focused on getting to know the library and the community it serves. I have heard many complimentary comments about previous librarians from bar association members and look forward to continuing a positive and productive relationship with you all as well. I welcome feedback about how best to serve bar association members and suggestions about helpful resources. The library exists to serve and input from patrons is vital in that service.

The support from the members of the Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association, both in terms of donations and service, is invaluable to the library's operations. Please don't hesitate to reach out with research requests, comments about the library, or even ideas for collaboration. I aim for the library to be a resource for research and information as well as a facilitator of community and connection for the area's legal professionals. You can contact me at areed@norfolklawlibrary.org or (757)622-2910.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mock Trial Volunteers

The NPBA is again looking for volunteer attorneys to assist in the 16th Annual Model Judiciary Program for the Norfolk Public Schools. The program was started in 2004 and, after a three-year absence due to the pandemic, is back. In the program, students are taught basic trial skills and final mock trials conducted in Norfolk Circuit Court.

In the past, the program has been a great success due to the enthusiasm and hard work of the students and participating attorneys and, through the years, has served all Norfolk Public middle schools. We are also fortunate to be supported by members of the bench and the Norfolk Police Department. The middle schools participating this year are Ghent School, Northside, Lake Taylor School, Academy for Discovery, Crossroads School, Ruffner, Rosemont and Blair.

It is scheduled to be an eight-to-ten-week program starting in February 2023. Students will receive instruction one day a week for approximately an hour to an hour and a half after school between 3:00 and 4:30 p.m. The trials matching one school's team against another's are scheduled for a yet-to-be-determined date in mid to late April in Norfolk Circuit Court. At the conclusion of those trials, the two top teams are chosen to participate in a trial a week later to determine the top middle school team in the program. At least 20-25 attorneys are needed so that a minimum of 2-3 attorneys can be assigned to each school. With that many attorneys at each school, the commitment can be minimal, one to two hours a week every other week if needed. Previous volunteers have commented on how well the students have done and on their enjoyment of watching the students' growth throughout the process. The experience of working with the children is very rewarding as they are so appreciative of being able to work with real attorneys.

For those interested, please respond by January 13 by return e-mail to contact@norfolkandportsmouthbar.org so that scheduling details with the schools can be completed and to ensure proper support of the program. Thanks in advance for your assistance with this worthwhile program.

Wayne Williams, Chair

Mock Trial Committee

The 25th Annual NPBA Bench Bar Conference

APRIL 19, 2023 | Norfolk Waterside Marriott

Interested in supporting the Bench Bar Conference?
Sponsorship opportunities are available.

You may view the sponsorship opportunities here:
<https://norfolkandportsmouthbar.org/Sponsors>

Keep this date on your calendar!
Details coming soon!

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONT.

Notice for Reappointment of United States Magistrate Judge Robert J. Krask

The current term of office of United States Magistrate Judge Robert J. Krask at Norfolk and Newport News, Virginia, is due to expire on September 1, 2023. The United States District Court, as required by law, has established a Merit Selection Panel composed of lawyers and citizens to consider the reappointment of the magistrate judge to a new eight-year term.

The duties of a magistrate judge include the following: (1) conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from the district judges of the district court; and (4) trial and disposition of civil actions upon consent of the litigants.

Comments from members of the bar and the public are invited as to whether the Merit Selection Panel should recommend that the incumbent magistrate judge be reappointed. Any comments should be directed to:

Merit Selection Panel
c/o Sharon S. Goodwyn, Esquire
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500 East Main Street, Suite 1301
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or sent by email to the Merit Selection Panel c/o Sharon S. Goodwyn, Esq. at sgoodwyn@HuntonAK.com

Comments must be received by January 31, 2023

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Please send cover letter, resume and 2 references to: Heather, marketing@wd-law.com

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Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers Welcomes

Katey Green

Katey attended Regent University School of Law. Prior to joining Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers, she worked as a civil plaintiff's attorney handling a high-volume motor vehicle accident caseload, representing clients in multiple courts throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

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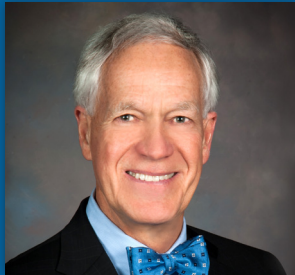


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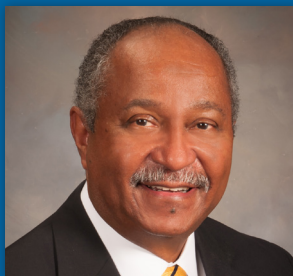
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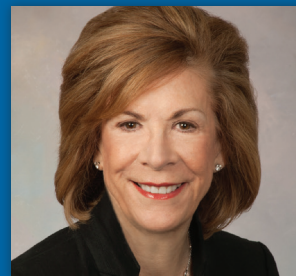
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