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# President's Message

# Goodbye, Hello



Jeffrey L. Stredler

As we say goodbye to 2010 and hello to 2011, I would like to take this opportunity to look back at the things we have accomplished this past year and tell you about some of the noteworthy events and programs we have coming your way in 2011.

Despite these challenging economic times, our membership numbers have remained steady. Without question, the biggest surprise has been the success of our season ticket CLE programming. Approximately 50 members have availed themselves of this program, and the feedback we have received from members regarding the quality of the programs has been consistently positive. Dawn Serafine and her committee have worked

very hard to provide top quality CLE programs to the legal community at a very reasonable price and we certainly appreciate their efforts.

We have also received positive feedback regarding our luncheon programs. Our speakers thus far, Norfolk Sheriff Bob McCabe, Kerry Dougherty of The Virginian-Pilot, and Virginia State Bar President Irv Blank all provided us with both educational and entertaining commentaries on their respective fields. Dave Lannetti and Don Schultz have continued to work with the Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia to finalize procedures for our Norfolk Circuit Court Pro Bono Referral Program.

In 2010, the NPBA once again played a major role in the 4th Annual Statewide Legal Food Frenzy. We raised enough food and funds to provide approximately 433,372 pounds of food for our community. Across the state, legal professionals contributed more than 1.7 million pounds of food (including both food and converted cash donations). B. Cullen Gibson and the law firms Jackson Lewis, McKenry, Dancigers, Dawson & Lake, and McGuire Woods all won first place awards in the statewide competition. The Law Offices of David Greer, Williams Mullen, Vandeventer Black, Kaufman & Canoles, and Willcox & Savage also received special recognition from Attorney General Cuccinelli for their local contributions to the competition.

We were also proud to receive awards from the Virginia State Bar's Conference of Local Bar Associations at the State Bar annual meeting for our Pro Bono Foster Children Training Program, the Ruffner Academy Mentoring Program, and the Pro Bono Outreach Clinic Program. Our Young Lawyers Section certainly helped us make a difference in our community with these successful programs. Speaking of successful programs, Shawn Voyles once again did a tremendous job spearheading our seventh annual Harvest for the Homeless this fall. Our members helped organize the collection of 278 bags of clothes, toys, and other things for those in need at local shelters. Many of you attended the YLS golf outing, the summer social at Kaufman & Canoles, the fall social at the Postons, the Breakfast with the Bench meetings, and other social gatherings organized by

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

Breakfast with the Bench January 19, 2011, 7:30 AM Brick House Diner, 580 E. Main Street, Norfolk Speaker: Hon. Michelle J. Atkins Norfolk Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court

NPBA January Luncheon
Thursday, January 20, 2011, 11:45 AM
Hits at the Park, Harbor Park
Speaker: Dr. Michelle Clayton
Child Abuse Pediatrician. CHKD

NPBA February Luncheon Thursday, February 17, 2011, 11:45 AM Hits at the Park, Harbor Park Speaker: Andy Protogyrou, Esq. Norfolk City Council

NPBA March Luncheon Thursday, March 17, 2011, 11:45 AM Hits at the Park, Harbor Park Speaker: Herb Brown Director, Norfolk Office, EEOC



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the YLS. Wes Simon and his team have devoted a lot of time and energy in putting on these activities and all of them have had fabulous turnouts. The recent holiday party at Willcox & Savage was a great time and put a fitting ending on the year.

As much as we have accomplished in 2010, we have many more activities coming up in 2011. We have several outstanding luncheon speakers scheduled in 2011, such as Dr. Michelle Clayton of CHKD, Norfolk EEOC Director Herb Brown, and our very own Norfolk City Councilman, Andy Protogyrou. The Breakfast with the Bench series resumes on January 19th with Judge Michelle Atkins. The Legal Food Frenzy and the Bench Bar Conference will be held in April. Our Annual Meeting occurs in May, when we will award the NPBA Foundation scholarships, the Walter E. Hoffman Community Service Award, and the Eggleston/I'Anson Professionalism Award.

For those of you who are new members, you can see that we take great pride in providing a large number of educational and social programs for our members and the local community. As we start the new year, I encourage you to join one of our committees, attend the remaining luncheons, participate in our CLE programs and community service activities, and take advantage of the opportunities that we provide to network, support our region, and make some new friends along the way.

Best wishes for a wonderful 2011.

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# JANUARY LUNCHEON MEETING

# Thursday, January 20, 2011 Hits at The Park, Harbor Park 11:45 AM



Dr. Michelle Clayton
Child Abuse Pediatrician. CHKD

Dr. Michelle Clayton says she has found her niche as a child-abuse pediatrician at the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters in Norfolk. She describes the work as "a fusion of medicine, law, forensic science and social work. ... I'm blessed doing what I really love every day." She helps injured children talk about being abused and develops clinical evidence of abuse so that they can be protected and the abuser prosecuted. She advises child protective service workers and police on whether the injuries are consistent with an accident or reflect a deliberate injury. She trains forensic nurse examiners on what to look for when sexual assault is suspected and what tests to perform to verify or disprove the suspicion. And she prepares children to testify in cases of physical and sexual abuse and often provides the expert medical testimony in prosecutions of abusers in Hampton Roads.

The 2010 class of Virginia Lawyers Weekly's Influential Women of Virginia recognized those attributes when it selected Clayton as the Influential Woman of the Year.

Dr. Clayton arrived at CHKD for her residency and eager to pursue a general pediatric practice, but she became fascinated with forensic pediatrics. King's Daughters created a fellowship for her so that she could become one of the few board-certified child abuse pediatricians in the state. She joined the King's Daughters staff full-time after completing the fellowship. She is the medical director of the pediatric forensic nurse examiner program there and is also an assistant professor of pediatrics at Eastern Virginia Medical School.

Please call the Bar Office at 622-3152 to register for the January luncheon.

# FEBRUARY LUNCHEON MEETING

# Thursday, February 17, 2011 Hits at The Park, Harbor Park 11:45 AM



Andy Protogyrou
Norfolk City Council

Andy A. Protogyrou was elected to City Council in May 2010 representing Ward 1. Mr. Protogyrou is an attorney and a member of Protogyrou & Rigney,

PLC. He received his bachelor's degree from the Virginia Military Institute and law degree from the University of Richmond. He serves as co-chair of the Strategic Planning and Finance Council Committee and is on the Mayor's Ocean View Task Force and the Greater Wards Corner Task Force.

Mr. Protogyrou was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserve in 1984 and served as a First Lieutenant in the Virginia Army National Guard (Infantry and Artillery Units) in Richmond and Norfolk from 1989–1994. Mr. Protogyrou has served on the Virginia State Crime Commission, Indigent Defense Study Committee in 2001. He was appointed to the Chesapeake Bay Executive Council by Governor Warner in 2002 and by Governor Kaine in 2006. He served on

the Norfolk Electoral Board as Chairman, 2000-2001 and as Secretary, 2002-2003. Mr. Protogyrou served as a substitute Judge in the Norfolk General District and Juvenile Domestic Relations Court from 2006-2010. He is a CJA Appellate and Capital Panel Attorney for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

He is a past chair and president of the International Azalea Festival Board and has served as president of the Lochhaven Civic League. He coached soccer for Norfolk Collegiate School and the Norfolk Youth Soccer League. He has also served as coach for Norfolk Youth Basketball. Mr. Protogyrou is married to Kathy and they have two children.

Please email or call the Bar Office at 622-3152 to register for the February luncheon.

# Message from the Young Lawyers Section

By Wes B. Simon, Chair

Reviewing an entire year's worth of programming from the Young Lawyers Section is a hefty task. Summarizing all of the effort put forth by so many dedicated young lawyers and bar office staff is a iob not suited for the limited amount of space I get allotted each issue of the Bar Bulletin. The truth is that there are so many people who work together and offer up their time and energy to organize, create and follow through with the terrific programs we host, to justly recognize everything they do would be a 5 part miniseries. So as we begin the New Year, I will simply have to say thank you to every-one in the Young Lawyers Section for doing everything you do, and I hope you will continue to give your time and passion to our little group.

Moving forward into the New Year means, while reflecting on the past, we must look towards the future; and the future for the Young Lawyers Section is look-



**Wes Simon** 

ing bright. We have recently had a growing number of requests from new lawyers who want to get involved, which means a fresh new crop of eager young souls is making itself available to carry on and grow our section. We are always looking for fresh faces to help with old and create new programs for the Young Lawyers Section, so I urge anyone who has associates sitting idly by, or young lawyers who have been debating whether you have the extra time, to come out and join our ranks. There is no

time like now to get involved, because the great programs are not over yet.

The next Young Lawyers event will be a Breakfast with the Bench on January 19th at the Brickhouse Diner where the Honorable Michelle J. Atkins, Judge of the Norfolk Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, will be speaking to us. As we move into the Winter and Spring, the schedule will be filled with great events and opportunities for lawyers both new and seasoned to get active, so keep an eve out for the emails and notices.

On behalf of the Young Lawyers Section, I hope everyone had a safe and happy new year, and look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

# Office Space Available

Limited space sharing available. Contact Phil Farthing, Suite 410, Dominion Tower, 333-6664.

# FIRM ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Bennett and Zydron, P.C.** is pleased to announce that **Christopher L. Daughtry** has been associated with the firm. Mr. Daughtry will focus his practice on civil litigation.

Clarke, Dolph, Rapaport, Hull, Brunick & Garriott, PLC is proud to announce that partner Caryn R. West has been named to the Class of 2011 of Lead Hampton Roads. West recently earned the peer review rating of AV® Preeminent<sup>TM</sup> by Martindale-Hubbell. She practices in the areas of business and commercial real estate law, estate planning and administration, and taxation.

Crenshaw, Ware & Martin, P.L.C. is pleased to announce that the following attorneys were selected for inclusion in the Best Lawyers in America 2011: Howard W. Martin, Jr., Real Estate Law; Timothy A. Coyle, Municipal Law; James L. Chapman IV, Maritime Law; Ann K. Sullivan, Labor and Employment Law; Donald C. Schultz, Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law; Guilford D. Ware, Maritime Law.

Crenshaw, Ware & Martin, PLC is pleased to announce that the following attorneys were selected for inclusion in Virginia Business Magazine's 2010 Legal Elite: Howard W. Martin, Real Estate/Land Use; Ann K. Sullivan, Labor and Employment; Donald C. Schultz, Bankruptcy; Shawn A. Voyles and W. Ryan Snow, Young Lawyers (Under 40).

Gilbert, Albiston & Keller, PLLC are pleased to announce that O.L. Gilbert and George T. Albiston have been selected for inclusion in "The Best Lawyers in America" 2011 in the field of personal injury litigation. Additionally, Gilbert was selected by "Best Lawyers" as "Personal Injury Litigator of the Year" for 2011 (Norfolk). The firm was also selected as a" Best Law Firm" by U.S. News for 2010.

**Logan M. Aal** has become an associate of the law firm of **Huff, Poole & Mahoney, P.C.** where she will focus her practice on Divorce and Family Law with an emphasis on adoptions. Ms. Aal earned her bachelor's degree from Miami University, and juris doctorate from Regent University School of Law.

**Tara L. Chadbourn**, an attorney with the law firm of **Huff**, **Poole & Mahoney**, **P.C.**, has been appointed by the Norfolk City Council to the Environmental Commission.

**Kaufman & Canoles, P.C.** is pleased to announce that the following NPBA members were selected for inclusion in Virginia Business Magazine's 2010 Legal

Elite: **Debra C. Albiston**, Family/Domestic Relations; Stanley G. Barr, Jr., Civil Litigation: Robert J. Barry. Labor/Employment: Elaina L. Blanks, Young Lawyer (Under 40): **John M. Bredehoft**, Labor/Employment; Kristan B. Burch, Young Lawyer; Paul K. Campsen, Bankruptcy; R. Johan Conrod, **Jr.**, Young Lawyer; **Jason R. Davis**, Health Law: Laura Geringer Gross. Legal Services/ Pro Bono; Scott W. Kezman, Labor/Employment; Charles E. Land, Real Estate/ Land Use: **Dennis T. Lewandowski**. Bankruptcy: Vincent J. Mastracco, Jr., Business Law; T. Braxton McKee, Health Law; Heather A. Mullen, Labor/Employment: Terence Murphy, Construction; Stephen E. Noona, Intellectual Property; Patrick H. O'Donnell. Criminal Law: Marina Liacouras **Phillips**, Legislative/Regulatory/Administrative; Alfred M. Randolph, Jr., Business Law; Hunter W. Sims. Jr., Civil Litigation: W. Edgar Spivey, Civil Litigation; Robert E. Smartschan, Intellectual Property; Jeffrey M. Stedfast, Real Estate/Land Use: Stephen E. Story, Intellectual Property: William R. Van Buren, III, Business Law; Burt H. Whitt, Labor/Employment.

Kaufman & Canoles, P.C. is pleased to announce that the following attorneys were selected as the top attorneys in labor and employment law in Virginia Super Lawyers, Corporate Counsel Edition 2010: Robert J. Barry, John M. Bredehoft, Scott W. Kezman, and Burt H. Whitt.

**Kaufman & Canoles, P.C.** is pleased to announce that four of the firm's attorneys have been named Best Lawyers in America 2011 "Lawyers of the Year." Two who are NPBA members are: **Terence Murphy,** Norfolk Construction Lawyer of the Year and **Lewis W. Webb, III,** Norfolk Trusts and Estates Lawyer of the Year.

Kaufman & Canoles, P.C. is pleased to announce that Andrew K. Rudiger has joined the firm's Norfolk office as a litigation associate. Mr. Rudiger received his B.S., cum laude, from the College of William & Mary and his J. D. from the College of William & Mary Marshall-Wythe School of Law. Christopher L. McLean has joined the firm's Norfolk office as an associate in the Commercial Section. Mr. McLean received his B.A. from the University of Virginia and his J.D., cum laude, from the University of Richmond T.C. Williams School of Law.

**LeClairRyan** is pleased to announce that nine local attorneys in six practice areas were selected for Virginia Business magazine's Legal Elite, including **Alan D. Albert** – Criminal Law.

Norris, St. Clair & Lotkin, a Virginia Beach civil litigation firm, is pleased to announce that its principle member, John S. Norris, Jr., has been selected for inclusion in the 2011 edition of "The Best Lawyers in America" in the specialty of construction law. Mr. Norris has received this honor two years in a row. Norris also has previously been named by Virginia Business Magazine as one of the "Legal Elite" in construction law. In addition to construction law, his practice includes eminent domain, securities arbitration and complex commercial litigation. In addition, Adam H. Lotkin has been recognized by Virginia Super Lawyers Magazine in its Rising Star edition in the area of "personal injury" for 2010 for the third time. Mr. Lotkin practices personal injury law, criminal defense, business litigation and general trial practice.

Kimberly H. Phillips and Corrynn J. Peters are pleased to announce the formation of Phillips & Peters, PLLC located in Dominion Tower in Norfolk. Phillips & Peters, PLLC focuses on the practice of domestic relations law, including divorces, adoptions, custody and visitation issues, child and spousal support, protective orders and simple wills. Phillips and Peters are certified as guardians ad litem and have significant experience in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court and Circuit Court acting in such a capacity.

**Jeffrey A. Sanborn** has joined **Portfolio Recovery Associates** as corporate counsel in its office of General Counsel.

**Troutman Sanders LLP** is pleased to announce that **John C. Lynch** of its Virginia Beach office was selected for the 2010 Legal Elite by *Virginia Business* magazine.

Troutman Sanders LLP is pleased to announce that 12 of its lawyers have been selected for the 2010 edition of Law & Politics' Hampton Roads Super Lawyers. Among Troutman Sanders' 2010 Hampton Roads Super Lawyers are NPBA members: John C. Lynch, Business Litigation, Virginia Beach; Christopher A. Abel, Transporation/Maritime, Norfolk; David H. Sump, Transportation/Maritime, Norfolk.

**Troutman Sanders LLP** is pleased to announce the addition of **Jason Barlow** as an associate to its Maritime Law and Government Contracts practice group in Norfolk. Barlow's practice will focus on all aspects of U.S. and international maritime law, including the representation of clients across the full spectrum of marine matters. Barlow

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### (Firm Announcement continued)

received a B.A. from Randolph-Macon College, where he graduated with honors. He received a J.D. from Tulane University, where he graduated cum laude and served as the Senior Notes & Comments Editor of the Tulane Maritime Law Journal.

Vandeventer Black LLP is pleased to announce that David W. Lannetti has been inducted into the Virginia Law Foundation Fellows Class of 2011. Induction as a Fellow of the Virginia Law Foundation (VLF) is a special honor conferred on selected Virginia attorneys, law professors, and retired members of the judiciary who are deemed to be outstanding in their profession and in their community. Lannetti is a partner with Vandeventer Black and concentrates his practice in bankruptcy, creditors' rights, government contracts, construction, maritime and litigation.

Vandeventer Black is pleased to announce that partner F. Nash Bilisoly was recently reappointed to the Board of Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority (NRHA) by City Council. Bilisoly has been a partner with Vandeventer Black since 1985, and concentrates his law practice in maritime matters, representing shipyards, terminals, and vessels.

*Inside Business* recently honored 24 women in Hampton Roads with the 2010

Women in Business Achievement Award, including NPBA member Arlene F. Klinedinst of Vandeventer Black LLP.

Willcox & Savage is pleased to welcome two new Associates. L. Lucy Brandon is in the Products Liability, Transportation and Toxic Tort Litigation practice group. She is a 2010 graduate of the Washington & Lee University School of Law. Lucy earned her B.A. degree in English and Political Science from Virginia Tech in 2007. John E. Pearson is in the Corporate, Securities and Finance practice group. He is a 2010 graduate of the William & Mary School of Law. John earned his B.A. degree in Economics from the University of Virginia in 1998.

Willcox & Savage is pleased to announce the following NPBA member attorneys were selected for The Best Lawyers in America 2011: **Bruce T. Bishop**: Mass Tort Litigation and Personal Injury Litigation; Susan R. Blackman: Immigration Law, Labor & Employment Law; Gary A. Bryant: Commercial Litigation, Environmental Law; Glenn R. Croshaw: Government Relations Law; Robert L. Dewey: Real Estate Law; Allan G. Donn: Tax Law, Trusts and Estates; William M. Furr: Labor and Employment Law; Peter M. Huber: Trusts and Estates; **Thomas C. Inglima**: Corporate Law, Mergers & Acquisitions Law; Thomas G. **Johnson**, **Jr**.: Banking Law, Corporate Law,

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**Allan Donn** has received the fourth Barron F. Black Community Builder award from The Hampton Roads Community Foundation. The award honors Donn for his support of philanthropy and dedication to improving life in Hampton Roads. He is a member of **Willcox & Savage, PC** and has practiced law for more than 40 years.

The following **Williams Mullen** lawyers have been named Best Lawyers' 2011 Lawyers of the Year: **Patrick C. Devine**, **Jr.** has been named the Best Lawyers' 2011 Norfolk Health Care Lawyer of the Year. **Thomas R. Frantz** has been named the Best Lawyers' 2011 Norfolk Area Corporate Lawyer of the Year.

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# 2011 MIDDLE SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL PROGRAM

# **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The NPBA Public Relations Committee is looking for volunteers to assist in the Model Judiciary Program for Norfolk Public Schools. The program was started at Blair and Meadowbrook Middle Schools, where students were taught basic trial skills and conducted mock trials in Norfolk Circuit Court. The program has been a great success due to the enthusiasm and hard work of the students and participating attorneys, has garnered state and national attention and has grown to seven middle

schools. It is expected that middle schools participating this year will be Azalea, Blair, Lafayette Winona, Lake Taylor, Meadowbrook and Ruffner.

It is scheduled to be an 8-10 week program starting at the end of January. Students will receive instruction one day a week for 60-90 minutes, depending on the school, between 3:00 and 4:30 p.m. Each school fields a plaintiff/prosecutor side and a defense/defendant side. Trials matching one school's team against another's are scheduled in late March or early April

in Norfolk Circuit Court.

Previous volunteers have commented on how well the students have performed 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 attorneys. If you are interested, please email or call the Bar Office at 622-3152. If you have a preference for a particular school, please let us know. Thanks for your assistance with this worthwhile program.

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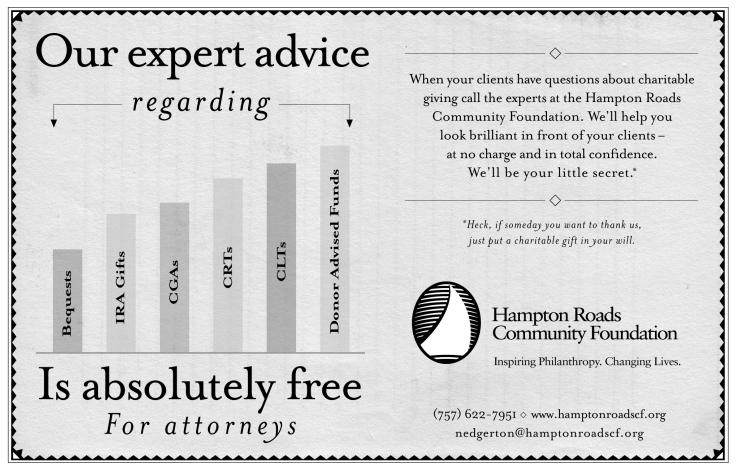
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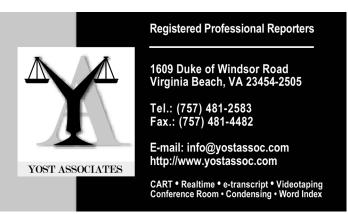
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