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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Where Are They Now ?



Jeffrey L. Stredler

One of the highlights of our Annual Dinner is the Norfolk and Portsmouth Bar Association Foundation's presentation of college scholarship awards to two local high school students. This year the recipients were **John White**, who will attend Hampden-Sydney College, and **Ian Lovering**, who will attend the University of Virginia. After John and Ian received their awards this year, I thought it would be interesting to track down our past scholarship recipients to see what they have been doing since receiving their scholarships.

In 2004, the NPBAF awarded a scholarship to **Sarah Brittan**. Sarah attended Harvard University, where she graduated with degrees in chemistry and physics, as well as a masters degree in chemistry. Sarah currently attends the University of California at Berkeley, where she just completed her second year studying physical chemistry in one of the preeminent programs in the country. The focus of her studies can best be described as nanotechnology applications for solar technology, and she has written articles regarding the electrical properties of antimony telluride nanowires and nanowire heterostructures.

In 2005, the NPBAF awarded scholarships to **Charlotte Howell** and **Elizabeth Sutherland**. Charlotte attended the University of Virginia and graduated with distinction with a major in English Language and Literature in the Modern Studies program. Charlotte is entering her second year in a Media Studies masters program at the University of Texas-Austin in Radio-Television-Film. She is also a coordinator of the flowtv.org conference and will be applying to the Media Studies Ph.D. program. Beth graduated from the College of William & Mary where she majored in English and History while writing for the school newspaper and various literary magazines. She is currently a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Virginia in medieval literature.

In 2006, the recipients were **Laura Alberio** and **Christopher Beacham**. Laura just graduated from the University of Virginia where she majored in Commerce with a concentration in Finance and Accounting. At UVA Laura was inducted into the Omicron Delta Kappa leadership Honor Society, the Beta Gamma Business Honor Society, and the Raven Society. She has accepted a full-time position at the Blackstone Group in New York City and will begin a two-year analyst program in July. Chris recently graduated from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania where he obtained a Bachelor of Science in Economics with a concentration in Finance. Chris has accepted an investment banking job with Citigroup in Philadelphia.

**Elena Solomon** received one of the scholarships in 2007. Elena is a rising fourth-year student

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at the University of Virginia, double majoring in Latin American Studies and Foreign Affairs with a concentration in Asia. Elena is involved in numerous activities at UVA and serves as a Resident Advisor and President of the UVA Chapter of Global China Connection. Elena has studied Spanish, Portuguese and Chinese and is currently studying Chinese at East China Normal University in Shanghai.

In 2008, **Matthew Baldwin** and **Joshua Ankney** received the scholarships. Matt attends the University of Mary Washington where he is majoring in History and Art History. He serves as a representative on the Honor Council and still has an interest in law school. Joshua completed his first year at BYU-Idaho studying exercise science. An avid volleyball player, Joshua is currently serving on a two-year mission in Alaska and will return to college in January 2012.

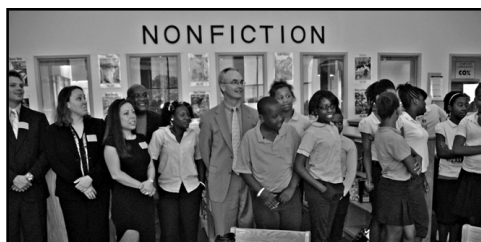
In 2009, **Courtney Sump** and **Sissi Jiang** were the recipients of the NPBAF scholarships. Courtney is a Biology major in the pre-med program at Wake Forest University, where she is making excellent grades. In her spare time she enjoys playing on the Ultimate Frisbee club team. Sissi attends the University of Richmond and plans on majoring in Business Administration with a concentration in management and international business and minoring in Chinese. Sissi is involved in numerous extracurricular activities, including a program in which she travels to a rural elementary school to tutor children.

All of the scholarship recipients (and parents) with whom I spoke were appreciative of the scholarships they received from the Foundation. We all owe a debt of gratitude to those who have served on the Foundation Scholarship Committee, particularly **Bob Powell** of Kaufman & Canoles. Bob not only chaired the Committee but has also written the essay topics and helped obtain the participation of distinguished judges to serve on the selection committee. It is clearly apparent that the NPBAF has done a wonderful job in its selection process and that the recipients have had continued success with their academic, professional, and personal achievements.

For those of you who have contributed to the Foundation in the past, we would like to thank you and trust that you will continue your support. For those of you who have not contributed, I hope you will consider supporting the Foundation and this wonderful program this year.

## NPBA RAMP COMPLETES SUCCESSFUL INAUGURAL YEAR

With the end of the school year came the end of the first year of the Ruffner Academy Mentoring Program ("RAMP"). The program, which matched NPBA and other legal and law enforcement volunteers with middle school students, was very successful. An end-of-year breakfast was held on June 18th at the school, where Judge Fulton and two guest speakers addressed the mentors and students. Feedback from some of the mentors indicated that the program truly had a positive impact on the lives of the students who participated. The hope is that the program will continue and expand during the next few years.



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# MESSAGE FROM THE YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION

By Wes B. Simon, Chair

This summer will be the beginning of my term as Chair for the Young Lawyers Section. The incredible job done by Kevin Greene and Caryn West, my predecessors, leaves some very large shoes for me to fill. Fortunately, things seem to be off to a great start.

By the time of this publication, we will have just finished up the Annual Golf Event at Bide-A-Wee Golf Course, which benefits Norfolk Law Library. I can say with confidence that this will have been one of our best years yet. Many golfers were signed up weeks before the actual event, and our sponsorships have been at their highest levels to date. I would like to take this opportunity to thank some of our sponsors: **Knowledge Information Solutions – an HP Elite Partner, TowneBank, LexisNexis, Willcox & Savage, P.C., Vandeventer Black, LLP, Fitness Together and Document Solutions, Inc.** Their sponsorship and support of our annual golf tournament



Wes Simon

truly makes the event a success.

We have also been setting up the calendar of events for the upcoming year and it is shaping up to be another great one. From Breakfasts with the Bench to the Fall Reception, as well as Pro Bono Initiative events and the new Happy Hours with the Bar, I have no doubt that we will have a very full year's worth of programming and events. Stay tuned for a summer social event, and be sure to **mark your calendars now for the Fall Reception on October 17, 2010.**

I am excited to work with the enthusiastic group of young lawyers who make all of our programs such successful events. This is going to be a terrific year for the Young Lawyers Section and I am privileged to be its chair. I look forward to seeing everyone at our programs.



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**Martin J. Ganderson** was selected by the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys to be guest speaker at its 2010 annual meeting. Ganderson is a shareholder of **Ganderson Law, P.C.**, which focuses its practice in the areas of trust and estate planning and administration, trust and estate litigation, formation of business entities and business transactions, tax planning, elder law, planning with marital agreements, and planning with power of attorney instruments.

**The Hampton Roads Association of Legal Administrators** announces its board for 2010-2011: **Kim Pici**, president; **Diana White**, past-president; **Rob Sadler**, president-elect; **Linda Merrick**, vice president; **Shirley Beacham**, treasurer, and **Pam Deming**, secretary.

**Laura Geringer Gross** of **Kaufman & Canoles, P.C.** has been named one of Virginia Lawyers Weekly's 2010 Influential Women of Virginia. Gross is a member of the Labor and Employment Practice Group in the firm's Norfolk office. Her practice includes advising clients on a range of employment-related issues and representing clients in court and before administrative agencies. Gross is a frequent lecturer on employment law topics and regularly conducts management and supervisory training. She earned an AB from Washington University and a JD, cum laude, from Georgetown University Law Center.

**Kaufman & Canoles, P.C.** is pleased to announce that **Marina Liacouras Phillips** was recently appointed to the Department of Environmental Quality's Offshore Wind Regulatory Advisory Panel. The Panel develops regulations for wind projects in Virginia's offshore and coastal setting. Phillips is a partner in the firm's Norfolk office, practicing in environmental law, real estate and mergers and acquisitions.

**James Pickrell, Jr.** of **Kellam, Pickrell, Cox & Tayloe, P.C.** has been elected to the

Heritage Bank Norfolk Advisory Board. Pickrell is a partner at the law firm, representing landowners in condemnation and eminent domain matters. He received his juris doctor at the University of Richmond, T.C. Williams School of Law, and a bachelor's degree from the College of William and Mary.

**Philip R. Farthing, P.C.** is pleased to announce that **Philip R. Farthing** was recognized as one of Virginia's "Super Lawyers" for 2010. Farthing was also selected as a "Super Lawyer" in 2009. Farthing specializes in estate planning, estate and trust administration, corporate and business law for small businesses, and in the formation and operation of non-profit corporations and charitable organizations. He earned his Juris Doctor degree at Washington & Lee University and has been "AV" rated in Martindale-Hubbell for nearly 30 years, and has been practicing law for more than 37 years.

**John T. Midgett** of **Midgett & Preti, P.C.** was elected President of Hampton Roads Estate Planning Council. He is the only attorney in HR elected President of four professional organizations: HREPC, HR Gift Planning Council, T&E Section of VA State Bar and IAFP (FPA).

**Shapiro, Cooper, Lewis & Appleton, P.C.** is pleased to announce that one of its members, **Emily Mapp Brannon**, is now licensed in Florida.

**Robert V. Timms, Jr.**, a partner in the law firm of **Stokes, Timms, Bell & Vaiden, P.C.**, was recognized as a "Virginia Super Lawyer" in 2010 in the areas of Estate Planning and Probate. Further, in 2009 Mr. Timms was named as one of Virginia's "Legal Elite" in Virginia Business magazine in the category of Taxes/Estates/Trusts/Elder Law.

**Troutman Sanders** is pleased to announce that Norfolk associate **Jessica Link Martyn** was awarded the Junior League of Norfolk's League Light Award. The award is given annually to a League member who consistently embodies the true spirit of voluntarism.

The law offices of **Vandeventer Black LLP** are proud to announce that partner **Deborah Mancoll Casey** has been named one of the

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**Cheshire I'Anson Eveleigh** of **Wolcott Rivers Gates**, was granted fellowship in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. Eveleigh concentrates her practice in the area of family law, which includes marital dissolution, custody, visitation and support matters.



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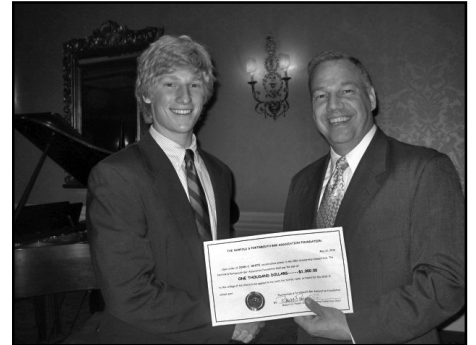
The Virginia State Bar's Conference of Local Bar Associations (CLBA) recently announced its Twenty-Fifth Annual Awards of Merit, and recognized several NPBA programs. The CLBA awarded an Award of Merit to the NPBA *Pro Bono* Foster Children Training Program, and Certificates of Achievement to the NPBA Ruffner Academy Mentoring Program (RAMP) and the NPBA *Pro Bono* Legal Outreach Clinic. The awards were presented at the annual Virginia State Bar meeting in Virginia Beach on June 18th. Special thanks to the NPBA Young Lawyers Section, which spearheaded these *pro bono* initiatives.



### NPBA Rule of Law Middle School Training Wrap-Up

During the weeks of June 7th and June 14th, NPBA provided volunteers—in a collaborative effort with the local chapter of the Virginia Women Attorneys' Association and the South Hampton Roads Bar Association—to assist the Norfolk Juvenile Justice Collaborative in giving presentations to Norfolk Public School eighth graders (including the Norfolk Juvenile Detention Center). These volunteers provided classroom training that covered the concept of the Rule of Law, as well as how laws are created and some local legal cases of interest, and offered the opportunity for question-and-answer sessions afterwards. The training was received very well by the students and likely will result in additional opportunities for volunteers next year.

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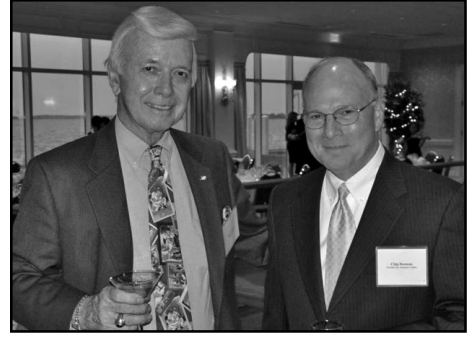
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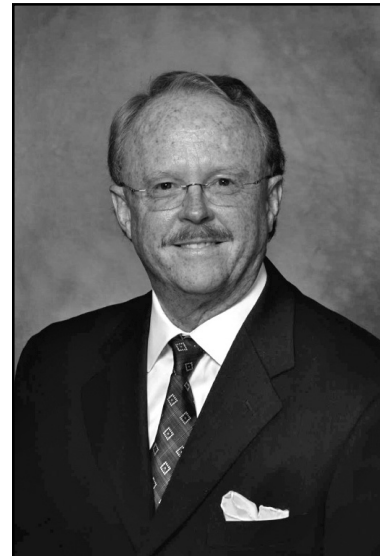
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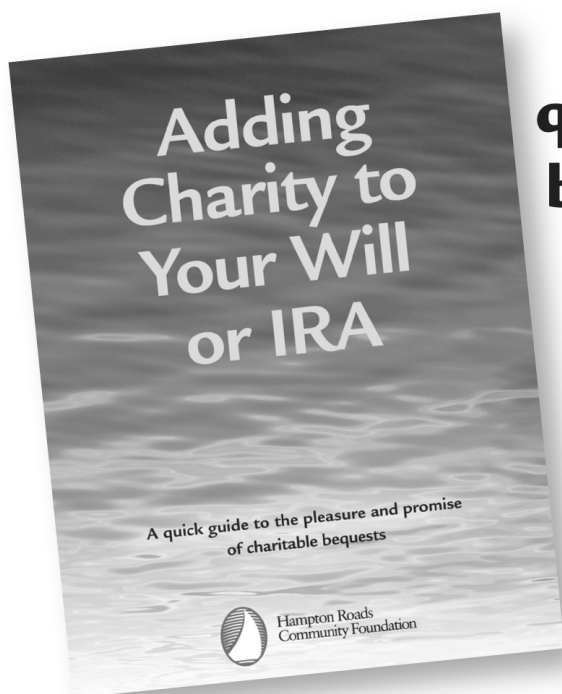
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