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# NORFOLK & PORTSMOUTH BAR ASSOCIATION

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Lamont Maddox

As the holiday season approaches, let us be reminded of those less fortunate and embrace the spirit of giving. As highly regarded professionals, there are many opportunities for NPBA members to give back to our community through financial contributions, pro bono representation, and volunteer activities. It doesn't need to be some grand gesture, but perhaps instead just a simple act of kindness or caring.

I had an experience in law school that profoundly shaped my attitude for giving. A group of my fellow law students had decided to each chip-in a \$20 donation to support a family in need during the Thanksgiving holiday, and I was designated to collect the donations from each participating law student. However, one of those law students who became a very good friend of mine, instead donated \$21. Somewhat intrigued, I asked him why he was giving such an odd number when we had all agreed to give \$20. He explained to me that in East Indian culture it is customary to give "one more" to any gift. I so admired that concept that I also chipped in another dollar to my \$20 donation, and I've continued that practice by often giving a little extra than I was comfortable giving.

So, I encourage you to stretch yourself a little this holiday season (and even the rest of the year and beyond). When you think you've given all that you can give... push yourself to give a little more. You won't regret it, and you'll enjoy a sense of fulfillment that maybe you were able to make a difference in someone's life.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CLE: "EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION 101 AND SETTLING PROPERTY IN A DIVORCE"

Tuesday, November 10, 2020 • 2 - 4 PM • Zoom Videoconferencing  
REGISTER HERE: <https://norfolkandportsmouthbar.org/event-3959985>

### CLE: "WILLS & TRUSTS 101"

Thursday, November 12, 2020 • 1 - 4 PM • Zoom Videoconferencing  
REGISTER HERE: <https://norfolkandportsmouthbar.org/event-4034405>

### NOVEMBER LUNCHEON

Thursday, November 19, 2020 • 11:45 AM - 1 PM • Town Point Club  
Speaker: Brian L. Buniva, *President, Virginia State Bar*  
REGISTER HERE: <https://norfolkandportsmouthbar.org/event-4006194>

### NOVEMBER POST-LUNCHEON CLE

"The Anatomy of a DUI Case in District Court"  
Thursday, November 19, 2020 • 1 - 2 PM • Town Point Club  
REGISTER HERE: <https://norfolkandportsmouthbar.org/event-3936651>

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## YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION

By Kerry Stolz, Chair • [kstolz@pendercward.com](mailto:kstolz@pendercward.com) • 490-6277

Our YLS fall has been quite eventful and we still are making additions to our calendar of events and opportunities. To kick off the month of October, YLS hosted its inaugural Virtual Happy Hour. It was held through a Zoom event on October 1st. The attendees started the Happy Hour by explaining to the group why they selected their particular Virginia beverages of choice. We certainly enjoyed the camaraderie and sharing stories of being a young attorney practicing law during a pandemic. I would like to extend our gratitude to YLS Social Chair Kate Lennon of Fraim & Fiorella PC for planning such a fun event!

YLS has also been actively planning and participating in outdoor social opportunities. YLS members were invited to join the Virginia State Bar's Young Lawyers Conference at their hiking event held on October 24th at

Mariners' Museum and Park in Newport News. We are also hosting an upcoming group kayaking event in Norfolk and we hope that you will join us on the river!



Kerry Stolz

Our last YLS business meeting was on October 5th by Zoom and it was very well attended. We brainstormed ideas to add to our calendar of upcoming social and philanthropic events. It was from this meeting that the kayaking event was developed. The next YLS business meeting is set for November 9th at 5:45 PM via Zoom. I look forward to seeing you then and hearing your ideas on how YLS can provide meaningful programming events for all YLS members this year.

## Welcome New Members

**Daniel Stephens**  
Vandeventer Black, LLP

**Casey Coleman**  
Norfolk Circuit Court Law Clerk

**Whitney Davis**  
Norfolk Circuit Court Law Clerk

**Christopher Palermo-Re**  
Norfolk Circuit Court Law Clerk

**Lindsey Sweetgall-Brock**  
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Dear Members of the NPBA,

The Norfolk Law Library is open to the public for in-person services Monday through Friday 9:30am to 4:30pm. We have been working hard to make the library a safe environment for staff and patrons with strict cleaning and personal protective equipment guidelines. Additionally, many library resources are available remotely. Library staff are ready to assist with case research, citation retrieval, legislative information, and much more.

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Best regards,  
Isaac Needell  
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To: Members of the Bar

From: Judges of the Norfolk Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court

Date: November 2, 2020

### NOTICE

The Norfolk Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court is accepting new applications for inclusion on the list of Court-Appointed Attorneys and Guardians Ad Litem. The lists will remain open indefinitely.

Please note that it is no longer a requirement to be willing and able to serve on both lists. You may choose to be included on either the GAL list, the Court-Appointed list, or both. Please indicate your selection on your application. Applications are available in the Clerk's Office and the courtrooms, or will be mailed upon request.

The following is a list of criteria that will be considered when evaluating each applicant for the Court-Appointed Attorney List:

1. Certification by the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission to represent persons charged with misdemeanor, felony and juvenile offenses;
2. Inclusion on the Norfolk Circuit Court-Appointed List and willingness to affirmatively pursue appeals at all levels;
3. Years of trial experience;
4. Proximity of the attorney's office to the courthouse and availability/accessibility to clients;
5. Timely investigation of the case and trial preparation;
6. Willingness and ability to comply with the Code of Professional Responsibility;
7. Record of prior disciplinary action, and
8. Any other relevant considerations.

## ***SPECIAL NOTICE***

The following is a list of criteria that will be considered when evaluating each applicant for the Guardian Ad Litem Attorney List:

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2. Willingness to follow the standards of performance for Guardians Ad Litem as set forth in Rule 8:6 of the Rules of Court as promulgated by the Judicial Council of Virginia (Standards to Govern the Performance of Guardian Ad Litem for Children, effective September 1, 2003);
3. Proximity of the attorney's office to the courthouse and availability/accessibility to clients;
4. Years of experience;
5. Timely investigation of the case and timely submission of GAL reports;
6. Willingness and ability to comply with the Code of Professional Responsibility;
7. Record of prior disciplinary action, and
8. Any other relevant considerations.

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