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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

TAKING RESPONSIBILITY

The concept of taking "responsibility" for the welfare of others first emerged during the defense of our representative government when the Founding Fathers advocated ratification of the United States Constitution. Although the notion of agreeing to provide protection and being answerable to another (with the potential risk of punishment) had long existed, the idea that one might have an affirmative obligation or solemnly promise to help others did not emerge until the late Eighteenth Century. In *Federalist No. 63*, James Madison spoke of a "due responsibility of the government to the people," which led to the adoption of a bicameral legislature and relatively frequent congressional elections because "[i]t is sufficiently difficult to preserve a personal responsibility in the members of a numerous body, [and] acts of the body ... have an immediate, detached, and palpable operation on its constituents." This innate concern for the interests of others—and the consequent actions taken on their behalf—inherently is an American ideal.

As professionals imbued with fiduciary duties, lawyers clearly have responsibility for clients whom they agree to represent. A similar responsibility arguably extends to others in our community as well, individuals whom we do not contractually represent and from whom we do not receive remuneration. Thomas Jefferson and George Wythe advocated that attorneys should strive to become "citizen-lawyers," students of the law who not only are skilled legal practitioners, but who also are leaders for the common good of their communities, states, and nation. Such citizen-lawyers voluntarily engage in civic participation and community service, contributing their intellect and learned abilities to the betterment of the general public.

The recently promulgated Principles of Professionalism for Virginia Lawyers include as a guiding tenet that Virginia lawyers will contribute their skills, knowledge, and influence in the service of their communities. The Virginia Rules of Professional Conduct state that lawyers have a "personal responsibility" to provide legal services to those who cannot pay, and set an aspirational goal for lawyers to devote two percent of their professional time to *pro bono publico* legal services. The Virginia Bar Association's Community Service Program similarly points out that lawyers have a "personal and professional obligation for community service," and asks that attorneys devote fifty hours per year to *pro bono* and/or non-legal community service. In light of these guidelines—and the untold hours of voluntary service provided by attorneys each year—it has been said that no other profession is as committed to public service or has contributed as much to the collective societal good.



David W. Lannetti

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Breakfast with the Bench

Tuesday, September 15, 2009 • 7:30 AM
Mom's Kitchen, 580 E. Main St., Norfolk
Hon. Jack Doyle, Norfolk Circuit Court

NPBA Luncheon

Thursday, October 15, 2009 • 11:45 AM
Location: Hits at the Park, Harbor Park
Hon. William D. Sessoms, Jr.
Mayor, City of Virginia Beach

CLE SEMINARS –FLYERS ENCLOSED

E-Discovery in Litigation: What You Need to Know
Thursday, September 17, 2009 • 1:00 - 4:30 PM

Defending Clients in Norfolk Traffic Court
Tuesday, September 22, 2009 • 2:00 - 5:00 PM

Arbitration: Client Benefit or Disaster?
Thursday, September 24, 2009 • 1:00 - 4:30 PM

*The Legal and Ethical Implications of Counseling
Clients on Nonlegal Considerations*
Thursday, October 8, 2009 • 2:00 - 4:00 PM

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Beyond complying with the aspirational goals of our profession, however, individuals volunteer to serve for other reasons. Some claim that volunteering directly affects their bottom line. Developing new relationships undoubtedly is an effective marketing technique, so if volunteer opportunities lead to new relationships—wherein one's aptitude can be demonstrated—legal work likely will follow. For instance, according to law practice management scholar Jay Foonberg, "[b]y joining forces in fact or appearance with a reputable charity, clients can be gotten using very aggressive techniques that might be considered in poor taste if no charity were involved."

Others volunteer to make a positive difference in someone else's life or society generally, to serve what they see as a higher purpose. Once they identify a problem, they devote the time and energy to formulate and execute a solution—to implement social justice. In addition to helping others, they derive satisfaction from seeing their plan succeed. According to Harriet Naylor, a pioneer in the development of professional volunteer management, "Volunteering can be an exciting, growing, enjoyable experience. It is truly gratifying to serve a cause, practice one's ideals, work with people, solve problems, see benefits, and know one had a hand in them."

Volunteerism, in addition to helping service recipients, also can benefit the volunteer. I vividly remember when my wife and I attended a foster parent certification class many years ago and the leader confidently informed us that the changes that ~~we~~ were about to experience almost certainly would eclipse the changes we would ever bring about in the lives of those we came to serve. And she was right. An ongoing recruiting campaign by the Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad emphasizes this sentiment in its motto—"Lives need saving: Start with yours." According to author Dr. Richard Carlson, "Being selfless, whatever form it happens to take, does wonders for the spirit. It takes you out of your own world and into our shared humanity. It takes your mind off your own problems and concerns, and it opens your heart and deepens your perspective." A University of Michigan study concluded that volunteering also can improve a person's *physical* well being. After tracking the health and fate of 423 older couples for five years, a psychology team found that seniors who lend support to others actually live longer because they perceive they are important to someone else, the way a new mother feels important to her infant.

Many choose to volunteer simply because they sense—or were taught—that it is the "right" thing to do. They return a portion of that which has been provided to them to satisfy an innate calling to help the less fortunate. In other words, they serve others because they can. This is the notion our forefathers had in mind when they posited that the government has a responsibility toward its citizens. Marian Wright Edelman, president and founder of Children's Defense Fund (and an attorney) perhaps put it best: "I was taught that the world had a lot of problems; that I could struggle and change them; that intellectual and material gifts brought the privilege and responsibility of sharing with others less fortunate; and that service is the rent each of us pays for living, the very purpose of life and not something you do in your spare time or after you have reached your personal goals."

One of the purposes of the Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association is to provide volunteer opportunities to its members. Within the association, there are opportunities to serve on our many committees, where the bulk of NPBA's work is actually performed. There are also opportunities to volunteer directly in the local community. NPBA has conducted a Norfolk middle school mock trial program for several years, and recently has established the Ruffner Academy Mentoring Program (by the way, it's not too late to sign up!). Our association also is exploring relationships with local legal aid societies to offer our members opportunities to help provide *pro bono* legal services. If you are interested in assisting with one of these programs, or creating a new community volunteer initiative, please let us know.

Volunteerism is not a zero-sum game, where benefit to one is dependent upon detriment to another. Rather, contributing to the welfare of others is *pareto superior*, benefiting both giver and recipient. In fact, providing volunteer service arguably results in the most efficient allocation of resources because the benefits extend beyond the individuals involved and improve society as a whole. So regardless of whether you volunteer to comply with the aspirational goals of our profession, to build relationships and improve your earnings, to improve the lives of others, to change your own life and perhaps live longer, because you believe it is the right thing to do, or for some other reason, the end result is the same. Volunteer ... take responsibility for others ... and we all will benefit.

YOUR CLE COMMITTEE

by Dawn L. Serafine, Chair, CLE Committee

CLE DEADLINE FAST APPROACHING!

The NPBA CLE Committee is tasked with planning and offering high quality CLEs to our members at very affordable prices. By using local judges and expert practitioners as faculty in a wide range of topic areas, our CLEs offer our members a unique perspective to practicing law in the Hampton Roads area.



Dawn Serafine

Additionally, member prices for these CLEs are well below comparable offerings by other CLE providers. In looking at our fall lineup you will see that we have an outstanding selection. Your NPBA is offering enough quality, affordable CLEs in September and October for you to get all of your CLE credits for 2009 (and more) before the October 31, 2009 deadline. Ethics credits are available, too!

E-Discovery in Litigation: What You Need to Know (3 Credits)

Thursday, September 17, 2009, 1:00 - 4:30 PM

Faculty: The Honorable Tommy Miller, *Magistrate Judge*
United States District Court, E.D. Virginia
Pat Genzler
Vandeventer Black LLP

Defending Clients in Norfolk Traffic Court (3 Credits)

Tuesday, September 22, 2009, 2:00 - 5:00 PM

Faculty: The Honorable Joseph A. Migliozi, Jr., *Judge*
Norfolk General District Court
John Fletcher
Tavss Fletcher
George Neskis
Decker, Cardon, Thomas, Weintraub & Neskis, P.C.
Andy Protogyrou
Protogyrou & Rigney, P.L.C.

Arbitration: Client Benefit or Disaster? (3 Credits)

Thursday, September 24, 2009, 1:00 - 4:30 PM

Faculty: The Honorable Everett A. Martin, Jr., *Judge*
Norfolk Circuit Court
Michael Katchmark
Willcox & Savage, P.C.
Dave Lannetti
Vandeventer Black LLP

The Legal and Ethical Implications of Counseling Clients on Nonlegal Considerations and the New Virginia Code of Professionalism (2 Ethics Credits)

Thursday, October 8, 2009, 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Faculty: Natt Gantt, *Associate Professor*
Regent University School of Law

How to Make the Most of No-Cost FastCase Research (1 credit)

Thursday, October 15, 2009,
immediately after NPBA Luncheon
Hits at the Park, Harbor Park
Faculty: Nina Steinbrecker
FastCase

Preventing Legal Malpractice Claims and Ethics Complaints in Your Law Practice (2 Ethics Credits)

Monday, October 19, 2009, 12:30 - 2:30 PM
Faculty: Wendy Inge and Jill Wells Nunnally
Minnesota Lawyers Mutual

Document Authenticity (3 Credits)

Tuesday, October 20, 2009, 1:00-4:00 PM
Faculty: The Honorable Jack Doyle, *Judge*
Norfolk Circuit Court
Cina Wong
Forensic Document Examiner

DOs and DON'Ts of Opening Statements and Closing Arguments in Virginia (3 Credits)

Wednesday, October 21, 2009, 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM
Faculty: The Honorable Charles E. Poston, *Judge*
Norfolk Circuit Court
Dave Littel
Taylor & Walker, P.C.
W. Ryan Snow
Crenshaw, Ware & Martin, P.L.C.

CLEs are held in the Dominion Tower 4th Floor Meeting Room unless noted otherwise. Visit the NPBA website and click on "Upcoming Events" for more information and to sign up. See the enclosed flyers for additional details on each seminar.

Finally, we are *always* looking for new members to serve on the CLE Committee. Because committee members are responsible for generating ideas for seminars and coordinating the CLEs, it is a great way to meet and work with local judges and practitioners (committee members can, but are not expected to, teach CLEs).

Have an idea for a CLE?

Have a CLE you would like to present?

Let your CLE Committee know!

Contact me, Dawn Serafine, CLE Committee Chair,
at 687-7558 or dawn.serafine@troutmansanders.com.

SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON MEETING

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Hits at the Park, Harbor Park

11:45 AM

Joint Appearance

Virginia Gubernatorial Candidates

Creigh Deeds and Bob McDonnell

State Senator Creigh Deeds was born in Richmond and moved to Bath County early in his life. He attended Virginia's public schools and, after completing undergraduate work at Concord College, received his law degree from Wake Forest University in 1984. Three years after finishing law school, he was elected Commonwealth's Attorney of Bath County, defeating the incumbent by receiving more than 65% of the vote.



Deeds has spent the last two decades serving constituents from all walks of life—from his start as Bath County prosecutor to his current position as a State Senator representing the City of Charlottesville and a district that stretches to the West Virginia border. Whether working to clean up one of Virginia's largest Superfund sites, fighting for economic development, or writing some of the toughest legislation to keep our families safe and secure, Deeds has built his career as a consensus builder who delivers results. He wrote Megan's Law, which allows public access to the state sex offender registry, and sponsored the Amber Alert Program. Using his relationships with law enforcement officers and his experience as a prosecutor, Deeds wrote the state law that has turned the tide against homegrown illegal methamphetamine drug labs.

In addition to his work to clean up the Kim-Stan landfill Superfund site, Senator Deeds wrote a law to preserve open space and protect the environment. For his leadership and advocacy, he received the Leadership in Public Policy Award from The Nature Conservancy, and the Preservation Alliance of Virginia named him Delegate of the Year. When Virginia was in a financial crisis, Deeds worked with Governor Mark Warner to put the budget back in order, cutting waste and protecting important priorities. The 2004 bipartisan bud-

get agreement invested more than \$1 billion in education, eliminated the state food tax, and put more police officers on the streets with the tools and the training they need to keep us safe. Today he's working with Governor Kaine on an energy policy that will cut greenhouse gases by 30 percent over the next two decades and a pre-kindergarten program that will put children on the path to success.

Senator Deeds was first elected to the House of Delegates in 1991, winning reelection five consecutive times before leaving the House to fill the seat of the late Senator Emily Couric in a special election in 2001. Four years later, he was the Democratic nominee for state Attorney General, losing that race by the closest margin in Virginia history.

He and his wife Pam live in Bath County at the western end of the 25th Senate District. They have four children: Amanda, Rebecca, Gus, and Susannah.

Former Virginia Attorney General Bob McDonnell attended the University of Notre Dame on a full ROTC scholarship. He then served on active and reserve duty in the U.S. Army for 21 total years, retiring as a Lt. Colonel in 1997.



McDonnell subsequently worked in a Fortune 500 company. He then used his GI Bill benefits to enroll at Regent University and simultaneously attended law school, worked toward a master's degree in public policy, raised his young family, worked as a sales manager for The Virginian-Pilot, and served in the Army active reserves.

While at law school, he interned on Capitol Hill and realized his desire to become more involved in public policy. Upon graduation from Regent, he became a prosecutor in the Virginia Beach Commonwealth's Attorney's Office. McDonnell went to Richmond in 1991 as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates, subsequently rising to Assistant Majority Leader and Chairman of the House Courts of Justice Committee. He was Chief Patron of numerous bills, including Governor Allen's Juvenile Justice Reform Initiative, Virginia's historic Welfare

Reform legislation, the reform of Virginia's drunk driving laws and crackdown on sexual predators and gangs, legislation to abolish the death tax, and legislation to rewrite and improve Virginia's Public Private Partnership Transportation Act. He also authored legislation and secured funding for the creation of Virginia's Judicial Performance Evaluation Program. He was named the Network of Victims of Crime Legislator of the Year in 1996, The National Child Support Enforcement Association National Legislator of the Year in 1998, The Family Foundation of Virginia's Legislator of the Year in 1998 and 2001, and the Virginia Sheriff's Association Legislator of the Year in 2005.

In 2006 McDonnell became Virginia's Attorney General. He enacted a 25-year mandatory minimum sentence for violent child sexual predators, increased penalties for drug dealers, protected Virginians from terrorist threats, safeguarded private property rights, reduced frivolous lawsuits, and made Virginia a national leader in combating internet crimes and identity theft. He was commended for his work to strengthen Virginia's mental health laws, crack down on animal fighting, establish a "Senior Alert" to assist in locating missing seniors with mental deficiencies, create a state-of-the-art Sex Offender Registry, and provide new tools for law enforcement involved in online investigations of identity theft, sexual predators, and other 21st Century criminals. McDonnell created and led Virginia's Youth Internet Safety Task Force, which received widespread attention for its significant recommendations to improve online safety, and established the ongoing Attorney General's Task Force on Regulatory and Government Reform, which already has made over 250 recommendations to streamline Virginia's Administrative Code and reduce burdensome government regulation. He also partnered with organizations such as the Federation of Virginia Food Banks, the Cal Ripken Sr. Foundation, The Healing Place, and the Boys & Girls Clubs of America.

McDonnell and his wife Maureen have been married 32 years and have 5 children. Their oldest daughter, Jeanine, recently completed service in the U.S. Army, including a tour of duty in Baghdad in 2005-2006.

OCTOBER LUNCHEON MEETING

Thursday, October 15, 2009
Hits at The Park, Harbor Park
11:45 AM



The Honorable William D. Sessoms, Jr.
Mayor, City of Virginia Beach

Virginia Beach native Will Sessoms began his political career in 1988 as an at-large member of the Virginia Beach City Council. In 1992, his fellow council members selected him to be Vice Mayor, a position he held until 2002. In 2008, Sessoms was elected to serve as Mayor.

For more than 20 years, Mayor Sessoms has been actively involved in community service and has worked with numerous local and regional organizations. These include the Virginia Beach Jaycees, the Life Saving Museum of Virginia, the American Heart Association, the Planning Council, the Boys and Girls Club, the Norfolk State University Foundation, and the Tidewater Regional Transit Authority.

Currently, Mayor Sessoms contributes his time to the Virginia Beach Foundation, the Virginia Beach Neptune Festival, the Virginia Beach Volunteer Rescue Squad Foundation, the Virginia Beach Central Business District Association, Virginia Beach Vision, Eastern Virginia Medical School, the Sentara Health Care System, the Back Bay Wildfowl Guild, and the Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center.

Between 1994 and 2004, Mayor Sessoms was appointed by two Virginia governors to

serve on the state's Public School Authority, the Local Health Benefits Advisory Committee, and the Governor's Commission on Environmental Stewardship.

In 1997, Mayor Sessoms was honored to serve as King Neptune XXIV during the Neptune Festival. In 2006, he was recognized with the distinguished Virginia Beach First Citizen award.

Mayor Sessoms graduated from First Colonial High School and Virginia Commonwealth University. In 1976, he returned to Virginia Beach to pursue a career in banking. After working at Sovran Bank for eight years and Wachovia Bank for 20 years, he joined TowneBank where he has served as the Virginia Beach President since 2005.

It is our honor and privilege to welcome Mayor Sessoms as our speaker for the October NPBA Luncheon. Call 622-3152 to register today.

MESSAGE FROM THE YOUNG LAWYERS' SECTION

By Kevin P. Greene, Chair

SUMMER FUN

The YLS completed its summer slate of programs with two programs in July. The Honorable Jerrauld Jones was our guest for Breakfast with the Bench on July 21, 2009. Judge Jones informed and inspired with his remarks, and graciously took time to answer many questions. We are grateful to Judge Jones for giving his valuable time.

The YLS hosted an afternoon at Harbor Park for the Tides game on July 30, 2009. Although the weather was blistering hot, being at the ballpark beat sitting behind a desk or appearing in a courtroom!

BREAKFAST WITH THE BENCH

Mark your calendars for Breakfast with the Bench at Mom's Kitchen on **September 15, 2009 at 7:30 a.m.** Our guest judge is the **Honorable Jack Doyle**. Please RSVP for this event to NPBA@visi.net or call 622-3152.

YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION FALL RECEPTION

We are pleased to invite the young lawyers of the NPBA to a Fall Reception at the home of the Honorable and Mrs. Charles E. Poston on **OCTOBER 4, 2009 AT 1:00 p.m.** Judge and Mrs. Poston graciously agreed to



Kevin Greene

host the reception again this year. If you are a young lawyer (under age 37 or within your first five years of practice), you are invited!

If you would like to attend this event, RSVP to NPBA@visi.net or call 622-3152. We also encourage firms to make the new attorneys in your offices aware of this fantastic event and opportunity to socialize with other young lawyers in the area as well as meet the local judiciary.

RUFFNER ACADEMY MENTORING PROGRAM ("RAMP") UPDATE

The YLS is pleased to report that the RAMP program is set to begin this fall. Training and orientation programs were held August 20 and 25, 2009. RAMP provides mentors to students at Ruffner Academy Middle School, and is a very meaningful way for members of the local professional

community to give back to local youth. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Gretchen Baker by email at gbaker@vanblk.com or by telephone at 446-8530.

As always, if you are interested in learning more about the YLS or have ideas about programs or events, please feel free to contact me at kgreene@wilsav.com.

WELCOME NEW NPBA MEMBERS

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FIRM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Richard E. Garriott of **Clarke, Dolph, Rapaport, Hull, Brunick & Garriott PLC** in Norfolk has been named to the Virginia Bar Association's Commission on the Needs of Children.

Mary G. Commander, Attorney & Mediator, is included in the 2009 edition of Virginia Super Lawyers in the field of Family Law and has been appointed to the Executive Committee of the Adoption Committee of the American Bar Association.

Crenshaw, Ware & Martin, PLC is pleased to announce the inclusion of five attorneys in the 2009 edition of Virginia Super Lawyers. **James L. Chapman, IV** was recognized in the field of Transportation and Maritime; **Timothy A. Coyle** in Government, Cities and Municipalities; **Howard W. Martin, Jr.** in Real Estate; **Donald C. Schultz** in Bankruptcy and Creditor/Debtor Rights; and **Ann K. Sullivan** in Employment and Labor. In addition, four of our attorneys have been selected as Virginia Rising Stars 2009. **Delphine G. Carnes** was named in the field of Tax; **Elaine Inman** in employment and Labor; **W. Ryan Snow** in Business Litigation; and **Shawn A. Voyles** in Civil Litigation Defense.

The following attorneys at **Huff, Poole & Mahoney PC** in Virginia Beach were selected as 2009 Virginia Super Lawyers by Virginia Super Lawyers magazine; **Glen A. Huff**, class action/mass torts; **Albert H. Poole**, business/corporate; and **Reeves W. Mahoney**, family law. Also, **Shantell S. Nashatka** was named a 2009 Virginia Rising Star.

Kaufman & Canoles attorneys named to "2009 Chambers USA: America's Leading Lawyers for Business" include: **Vincent J. Mastracco**, **T. Braxton McKee** and **William R. Van Buren**, corporate mergers and acquisitions; **Hunter W. Sims**, litigation; **John M. Bredehoft** and **Burt H. Whitt**, labor and employment and **Stephen E. Noona**, intellectual property.

George L. Consolvo, partner with the law firm of **Kaufman & Canoles**, will serve another term as treasurer for the St. Mary's Home for Disabled Children in Norfolk.

McGuire Woods partner **Robert McFarland** was named a Super Lawyer for 2009 by Law & Politics magazine in civil litigation defense. **Karen L. Duncan** of **McGuire Woods** was named a Rising Star for 2009 in real estate.

Norris, St. Clair & Lotkin is pleased to announce the addition of **Robert M. Lorey** as an associate attorney with the firm. Mr. Lorey is a graduate of George Mason University School of Law. His practice will focus on construction law and commercial litigation.

Fifteen lawyers from **Vandeventer Black LLP** were recently selected by their peers for inclusion in The Best Lawyers in America 2010. Lawyers from the Norfolk office include: **F. Nash Bilisoly** - Workers' Compensation Law; **Dean T. Buckius** - Labor and Employment Law; **Mark T. Coberly** - Maritime Law, Transportation Law; **Michael P. Cotter** - Bankruptcy and Creditor-Debtor Rights Law; **William E. Franczek** - Alternative Dispute Resolution, Construction Law; **Patrick A. Genzler** - Environmental Law; **Patrick W. Herman** - Tax Law; **Arlene F. Klinedinst** - Labor and Employment Law; **Walter B. Martin, Jr.** - Maritime Law; **Robert L. O'Donnell** - Commercial Litigation; **Anita O. Poston** - Corporate Law, Health Care Law, Personal Injury Litigation; **Edward J. Powers** - Maritime Law; **John M. Ryan** - Commercial Litigation, Labor and Employment Law, Maritime Law; and **Arthur Serratelli** - Immigration Law. In addition, Vandeventer Black's Norfolk office ranked #1 in Virginia in Maritime Law with 4 attorneys; and #1 in Norfolk in Immigration and Workers' Compensation Law, each with 1 lawyer.

Thomas M. Lucas of **Willcox & Savage, P.C.** has been elected a fellow of the College of Labor and Employment Lawyers.

Elevator Problems at Norfolk Circuit Court

Please be aware that owing to recent flooding and light rail construction, there are **no elevators in working order** at Norfolk Circuit Court as of August 12, 2009. If you have a disabled client or witness in an upcoming criminal case, please call DaVida Davis at 664-4390; if in a civil case, please call Anthony Fuller at 664-4336.

Everett A. Martin, Jr.
Chief Judge
Norfolk Circuit Court

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**Honoring Judges Appointed in 2009
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**Wednesday, September 23, 2009
From 5:30 To 7:00 P.M.**

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New VWAA Member - No Charge (if dues
and application received Before 9/15/09)
(For VWAA application please send email
request to mmorgan@portslaw.com)

Please **RSVP by September 15, 2009** to:
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Checks should be made payable to the "VWAA."

WHY YOUR RSVP IS IMPORTANT

Although we do our best to accommodate everyone who attends an event, not sending in your RSVP (or not attending when you do) greatly impacts our space, food, beverage, and budget considerations. Thank you for responding prior to RSVP deadlines so that we can continue to offer these great events.

Refund/Cancellation Policy:

Refunds will not be given for last-minute cancellations or no-shows.

COURT NEWS

Virginia Beach Circuit Court

The Clerk's Office is very excited and wanted to let you all know that, as of Monday, August 3rd, we have implemented a new Case Management system in place of our old Supreme Court system. Every new case as of that date will be entered into our new system. The old cases, as of now, will remain in the Supreme Court system and may still be checked on that system. So that you can check cases entered after August 3rd, we will have our internet piece up and running in the next few weeks. In the meantime, the Clerk and staff ask that you please remain patient with us during this time; in other words, our service may not be as quick as you are used to. Thank you very much for your consideration during this time.

Tracey B. Entwisle
Chief Deputy Clerk
Virginia Beach Court Clerk's Office

NPBA FOUNDATION NEWS

By James R. Harvey • President, NPBA Foundation

The lazy days of summer will be ending soon, and our practices will again be consumed by the increasing demands the fall schedule brings. We must always remember, however, that our profession is a special calling that should never be taken for granted. A vital part of our membership in this profession is the commitment we make to serve our community. The Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association Foundation represents the profession's commitment to this community. Its ability to succeed in its mission of service to the community is entirely dependent upon the commitment from individual members



James R. Harvey

of the bench and bar. The Foundation urgently needs your support to continue its successful programs. Respond today with a pledge of support for the Foundation or contact Jim Harvey at 446-8518 for more information.

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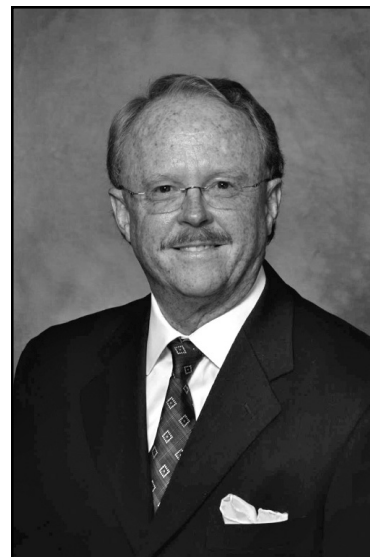
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