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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Robert V. Timms, Jr.

I am writing this during the dog days of summer, when the heat index is 113 degrees. Fortunately, I will soon be flying to Jackson Hole, Wyoming, for a few days to see my daughter, who is working on a dude ranch for the summer cleaning guest cabins and hiking the Tetons. We will then load up her car and drive back to Hampton Roads. Once we return, fall will be fast approaching and I thought it appropriate to outline what our NPBA committees have planned so far for the remainder of this bar year. This would also be an excellent opportunity for you to see what our committees do and maybe interest you in joining one of them next year. Since I rarely appear in court these days, I find I am able keep up with old friends and meet new lawyers through my involvement in bar committees and by attending the lunches and parties.

The Program Committee is in the process of scheduling luncheon speakers. The first speaker is James A. Squires, CEO of Norfolk Southern Corporation, who will speak to us at our September 15th lunch. On October 20th, we will hear from Steve Gunn, Editor of the Virginian-Pilot. On November 17th, the Honorable Glen A. Huff, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of Virginia will address our group. Please watch your bar bulletins and emails for the 2017 lineup of speakers.

Our Young Lawyers Section is hard at work putting together professional, community service and social activities. The Young Lawyers Section presents the Breakfast with the Bench series, organizes social nights at area restaurants and coordinates charitable activities. For those of you new to our association and our profession, this group is a great way to meet other lawyers and judges and to develop important contacts and referral sources. I urge you to read Jennifer Fuschetti's columns in the bar bulletins to obtain current information on the Young Lawyers Section's activities.

Donna Hall and the CLE Committee also have been hard at work this summer putting together a full slate of seminars on a wide variety of topics presented by lawyers knowledgeable in the subject matter of each seminar. As in past years, we will be offering several hours of Ethics CLE on various days to meet your schedules. In addition to our successful season ticket program, this year, as a member of the association, we are offering you a new opportunity for you to get CLE hours. As part of your membership dues, you will be able to attend the one hour CLE program following our lunches at no additional charge. This is a great benefit and value to our members.

We are also in the process of establishing a Mock Trial Committee to oversee the Mock Trial Program for middle school students in the Norfolk public schools. For those of you who may not be familiar with the program, this committee pairs members of our association, who act as coaches, with teams of students to help them prepare for and conduct a mock trial. Our members and local judges also serve as the trial judges. The committee solicits and organizes attorney volunteer

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UPCOMING EVENTS

LUNCHEONS

Hits at the Park, Harbor Park

Thursday, September 15 • 11:45 AM

James A. Squires, Chairman, President & CEO
Norfolk Southern Corporation

Thursday, October 20 • 11:45 AM

Steve Gunn, Editor, The Virginian Pilot

Thursday, November 17, 2016 • 11:45 AM

Hon. Glen A. Huff, Chief Judge
Virginia Court of Appeals

Holiday Party

Thursday, December 15, 2016
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

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coaches, recruits judicial participation, manages and orchestrates the competition, and creates the rules, curriculum, case facts, and the evidence for the hypothetical case. The committee also trains teachers and attorney volunteers to manage participant expectations. We have decided to formalize this program as a new committee to provide a structure by which we can establish a leadership succession plan, solidify our relationship with the Norfolk Public Schools, and retain institutional knowledge of the Mock Trial Program for future years.

Our Bench Bar Committee is beginning to plan for our signature Bench Bar Conference to be held in 2017. The Professionalism Committee will meet in early 2017 to discuss several NPBA awards: the Eggleston/T'Anson Award recognizing an attorney demonstrating the highest standards of professionalism, the Walter E. Hoffman Award for an attorney demonstrating outstanding community service, and the Liberty Bell Award for a non-lawyer who positively impacts the legal profession. Our association has many worthy candidates, and I ask you to begin thinking about these awards and nominate those members and non-lawyers whom you feel would be excellent choices for these honors. These distinguished individuals will be recognized at our annual dinner in May 2017.

I would like to thank Donna Bausch, the Executive Committee and all committee members for their time and hard work. Their passion, dedication and volunteerism are what make our association truly special. I am looking forward to the remainder of the bar year with enthusiasm. As with any association, fresh ideas are the key to making our association successful. If you have any ideas for programs or activities, I urge you to contact me or a committee chairperson with your suggestions. You all truly are the strength of our association.

NPBA FALL CLE CALENDAR

Subject to change. Check our website for current information.

Nuisance Law

1 CLE Credit

Thursday, September 15th • 1:00 PM
(immediately following NPBA Luncheon)

Wills, Trusts & Estate Planning Basics for the General Practitioner

3 CLE Credits

Monday, September 19, 2016, 1-4 PM

Civil Suits Against the U.S. Government and Medical Care Recovery Act Claims

3 CLE Credits

Thursday, September 22nd • 1-4 PM

Injury Litigation Practice: Demands, Negotiations and Settlements

3 CLE (including 1 Ethics) Credits

Thursday, September 29th • 1-4 PM

Ethical Advocacy in Mediation

2 CLE Ethics Credits

Wednesday, October 5, 2016, 2-4 PM

Confidentiality: Part III

Non-Clients' Misunderstanding and Mistakes

2 CLE Ethics Credits

Tuesday, October 11th • 1-3 PM

Protecting Creditor Clients in Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Cases

2 CLE Credits

Thursday, October 13, 2016, 1-3 PM

Landlord Tenant Law Primer for the General Practitioner

3 CLE Credits

Friday, October 14th • 2-5 PM

Effective Communication with Clients with Mental Illness

2 CLE Credits

Monday, October 17, 2016, 1-3 PM

Creative Strategies for "Selling" Your Case: Secrets Hiding in Plain Sight

2 CLE Credits

Tuesday, October 18th • 1-3 PM

Admiralty and Maritime Law for the General Practitioner

3 CLE Credits

Wednesday, October 19, 2016, 1-4 PM

Cybersecurity and Wire Fraud

1 CLE Ethics Credit

Thursday, October 20th • 1:00 PM
(immediately following NPBA Luncheon)

Battle of the Same Sexes: Legal Issues Impacting Same-Sex Custody Cases

2 CLE Credits

Monday, October 24, 2016, 1-3 PM

Depression in the Legal Community

2 CLE Ethics Credits

Tuesday, October 25th • 2-4 PM

The University of Virginia, Rolling Stone Magazine and Defamation Law

2 CLE Credits

Wednesday, October 26, 2016 • 2-4 P.M.

Rule 68 Offers of Judgment

1 CLE Credit

Thursday, November 17th • 1:00 PM
(immediately following NPBA Luncheon)

For further information or to register call 622-3152 or email npbamaill@gmail.com

A FLYER IS ENCLOSED FOR EACH OF THESE SEMINARS.

SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON

Thursday, September 15, 2016

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11:45 AM



James A. Squires

Chairman, President & CEO
Norfolk Southern Corporation

On June 1, 2015, James A. Squires became chief executive officer of Norfolk Southern Corporation.

Squires joined Norfolk Southern in 1992 and served in several law positions before being named vice president law in 2003, senior vice president law in 2004, senior vice president financial planning in 2006, executive vice president finance in 2007, executive vice president administration in 2012, and president in 2013. A New Hampshire native, Squires is a graduate of Amherst, where he received a bachelor of arts in Ancient Greek in 1983. After graduation, he spent a year as Amherst-Doshisha Fellow at Doshisha University in Kyoto, Japan. He then served in the U.S. Army from 1985-89. In 1992, he received a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Chicago Law School.

Squires serves on the board of the

Hampton Roads Community Foundation and has served as a trustee of the Norfolk Public Library Foundation, the Sentara Healthcare Foundation, chaired the Virginia Transportation Accountability Commission and served on the U.S. Chamber of Commerce board of directors.

Norfolk Southern Corporation is one of the nation's premier transportation companies, operating approximately 20,000 route miles in 22 states and the District of Columbia, serving every major container port in the eastern United States, and providing efficient connections to other rail carriers. Norfolk Southern operates the most extensive intermodal network in the East and is a major transporter of coal, automotive, and industrial products.

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By Greg E. Summy, President, NPBA Foundation • Greg.summy@nscorp.com • 533-4890

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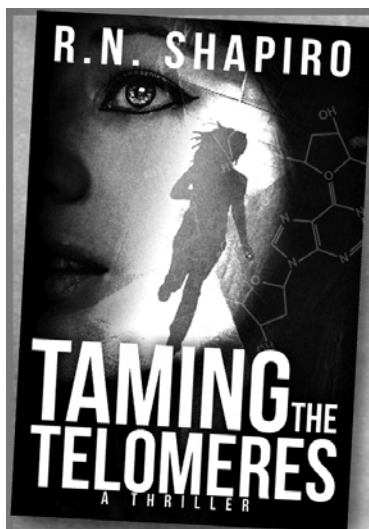
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Crenshaw, Ware & Martin PLC is pleased to announce that the following seven of its lawyers have been named to the 2017 Edition of Best Lawyers in America: **Delphine G. Carnes; James L. Chapman IV; Timothy A. Coyle; Howard W. Martin, Jr.; Donald C. Schultz; W. Ryan Snow; and Guilford D. Ware.** Also, **Darius K. Davenport** has been elected to serve as Vice-Chairman of the Suffolk Wetlands Board for 2016-2017.

Reeves W. Mahoney has been named to the Chesapeake Bay Bridge and Tunnel Commission. He is a senior managing member at **Mahoney Nashatka Richmond PLLC.**

Poole Brooke Plumlee PC is pleased to welcome **Tyler M. Williamson** as an associate in our Litigation Department. Mr. Williamson practices in several disciplines of the law in particular business and complex civil litigation cases. He previously served as a judicial intern for The Honorable S. Bernard Goodwyn of the Supreme Court of Virginia and the Honorable Charles E. Poston of the Circuit Court of the City of Norfolk. He was admitted to the Virginia Bar in 2014 and is admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Virginia and the United States District Court for the Eastern and District of Virginia.

Price Perkins Larkin wishes to announce the retirement of **Girard C. Larkin, Jr. Wayne Price** and **Larry Perkins** will continue to practice personal injury law under the same name at 780 Lynnhaven Parkway, Suite 450, Virginia Beach, VA 23452. 486-7661

Five attorneys from **Vandeventer Black LLP** were selected as 2016 Super Lawyers Rising Stars: **Megan Caramore**, immigration – business; **Richard Crouch**, business/corporation; **Shalanda Franklin**, bankruptcy – business; **Gretchen Ostroff**, construction litigation; and **Dustin Paul**, civil litigation – defense.

Richard Ottinger has been appointed to the board of directors of the Norfolk Economic Development Authority (NEDA), a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of Virginia with a goal to promote industry and to encourage businesses to both locate in and remain in Norfolk. Ottinger, a partner with **Vandeventer Black LLP**, focuses his practice on business disputes in the transportation and general commercial markets. Ottinger also serves as co-chair of his firm's government relations committee.

Williams DeLoatch, P.C. is pleased to announce that **Colston Jones** has joined the firm as an associate attorney. Colston is an experienced trial attorney who will practice in the areas of personal injury, traffic/criminal defense and general civil litigation. He received his undergraduate degree from Haverford College and law degree from Washington and Lee University.

OCTOBER LUNCHEON

Thursday, October 20, 2016

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Steve Gunn, Editor
The Virginian-Pilot

Steve Gunn, former editor of the Annapolis Capital Gazette, became editor of The Virginian-Pilot earlier this year.

Before moving to Annapolis in 2015, Gunn worked for 18 years at The Charlotte Observer as metro editor and editor for innovations and strategic products. He previously was at Newsday, The Dallas Times Herald and the Kansas City Times and Star.

After growing up in Prince George's County, he received his bachelor's and master's degrees in journalism from Northwestern & Columbia. Gunn also was once the country's third-ranked Monopoly player.

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YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION

By Jennifer L. Fuschetti, Chair

I am so proud to share with you some of what our young lawyers have been up to since June. During the last two months, we've seen a lot of new faces at our meetings and our subcommittees are coming up with wonderful ways for our members to engage with the bar association as well as our community at large.

Our subcommittee chair in charge of volunteering and community outreach, **Nicholas Raffaele**, worked with **Tameeka Williams** of the Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia to coordinate a YLS contingent of volunteers for Legal Aid's Bankruptcy Bypass clinic in July. We sent six attorneys which, when combined with the clinic's other volunteers, led to a full house! We all found the evening to be very rewarding. We would encourage everyone to consider joining us by volunteering for a future clinic or offering to take referrals from Legal Aid.

In August, we were honored to be joined by the **Honorable Robert J. Humphreys** at our latest session of Breakfast with the Bench. We were treated to a rare behind-the-scenes glimpse into the Court of Appeals. We seized the opportunity to turn the tables

and posit questions to Judge Humphreys. He treated us to thorough answers which led to table-wide conversations about appellate and trial practice alike.

The Honorable David W. Lannetti also joined us, along with the new law clerks from the Norfolk Circuit Court. We loved having the opportunity to chat with both Judge Humphreys and Judge Lannetti, and we hope to see them both again soon at upcoming NPBA events.

The Young Lawyers' Section is looking forward to some great social events. Social chair **Margaret Kelly** is working hard with Treasurer **Andrea Ruege** and me to plan our next social. Keep an eye out for dates and times. **Nick** and **Jamilah LeCruise** are also jumping in to help us partner with a community organization so that we can benefit our neighbors as we enjoy ourselves out on the town. **Andrea** and I are also turning our attention to this year's Fall Reception. This event is a perennial favorite, and



we are looking forward to spending another lovely afternoon with you. Please keep an eye out for announcements about these and other events open to young lawyers as well as more-experienced attorneys.

Margaret also spearheaded the first YLS softball team this year. We partnered with **Kaufman & Canoles**, which gave us a great opportunity to meet new people outside of the section. We may not have dominated the league, but we did get a few wins under our belts. All of us on the team had a great time. We can't wait to get out on the field again next summer.

The Young Lawyers Section meets monthly and there are plenty of opportunities to get involved and meet your colleagues. If you are under 36 or have been practicing for five years or less, I highly encourage you to become active in our section. Meetings are usually held on a Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. at a local establishment offering early-evening specials. For more information, please contact me at nphayounglawyers@gmail.com. I'm looking forward to meeting you.

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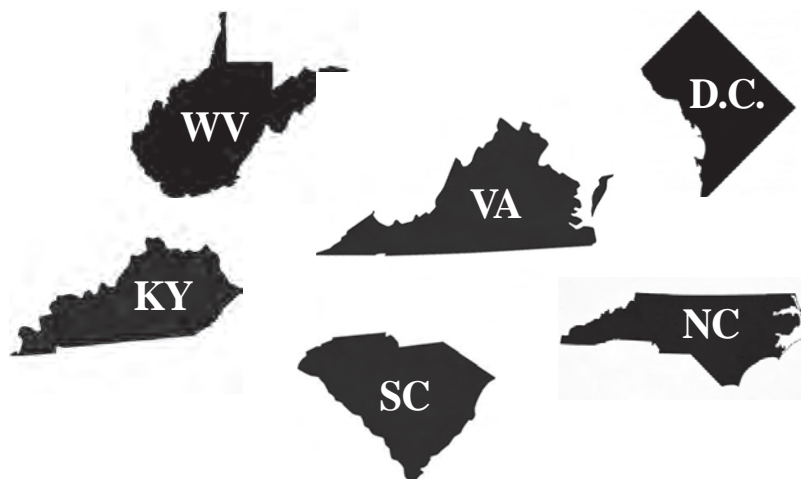


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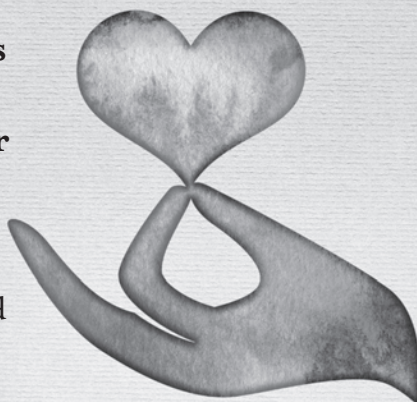
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