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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### CHANGE



Charles M. Lollar

Our profession is challenged with many issues. A major one is change. The practice of law has changed significantly since I took the oath of office before the Virginia Supreme Court. I look back in awe. My first day started with a drive to Richmond for the swearing-in ceremony. Old school technology (radio in my car) was warning of an afternoon thunderstorm that would bring high winds to Tidewater. I didn't think much of it. It was early June, prior to hurricane season and the summer heat that brings fast changes in weather. After a memorable and relatively short appearance before the Court with other new admittees, I drove back to Norfolk excited about what my first day as an attorney would bring.

If there were weather warnings on the return trip, I didn't hear them, as my mind was on *more important* things. Upon arrival at my new office, I was *oriented* by the firm administrator to systems typical in the *modern* practice of law, including the proverbial *timeslip* which was an actual slip of paper with a carbon back for the timekeeper to retain. While sitting in the Administrator's office, I observed pigeons outside his window, in air-dives that appeared to match those of peregrine falcons that might prey upon them. The weather was rapidly changing before my eyes, as the wind began moving everything in its path. Not thinking that much of it, I then received a tour of the Law Library, seven floors below. Just then, the office tower began shaking, and someone yelled "Earthquake!" A couple of windows popped out of the building directly across Commercial Place, and that was enough to clear the library faster than a tug on Superman's cape.

Change in the weather was the order of that memorable first day in my practice of law. Sailboats on the Elizabeth River flipped, trees along E. Main Street toppled, and the Dixie Lee II, a charter head boat carrying twenty-seven guests for an afternoon of fishing in the Bay, capsized from the turbulence, drowning twelve. Riding to the Meadowbrook area of Norfolk, downed willow oaks covering the side streets of Larchmont made the neighborhood look like a disaster area. Growing up in Hurricane Alley, I had seen the aftermath of high winds and heavy rains, but the speed in which this weather change occurred was truly remarkable. I had to then wonder if my new profession would become as remarkable. It has.

Our profession has experienced changes in technology that have improved the speed of communication, but some would debate whether that has dramatically improved the delivery

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### NPBA LUNCHEON

Thursday, September 19, 2019, 11:45 AM  
Hits at the Park, Harbor Park

Hon. Mark S. Davis, Chief Judge,  
U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of VA  
and  
Hon. S. Bernard Goodwyn, Justice  
Supreme Court of Virginia

### NPBA LUNCHEON

Thursday, October 17, 2019, 11:45 AM  
Hits at the Park, Harbor Park  
Hon. Lionel Spruill, Sr.  
Virginia State Senate

YLS FALL RECEPTION  
Sunday, October 27, 2019

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of legal services. Face-to-face meetings have been replaced with Facetime and Zoom online meetings. Letters that were once typed using carbon backs and placed in postal boxes have been replaced with electronic mail and text messaging - quicker in delivery, but harder to manage. Familiarity with clients occurs more through electronic than real time exchanges. Billing software has replaced manual timekeeping, and we wonder how long before handwriting is functionally obsolete. Traditional law offices have been replaced by office-sharing on an as needed basis, and working remotely from home or *anywhere* is fast becoming the norm.

Lawyer wellness has become a focus of the profession. Bar associations understandably have stepped up to address that issue. With so many changes in the way we communicate, personal interaction has waned. We need to reflect about how well our profession has adapted to change.

The more things have changed, the more others have remained the same. The Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association, now in its 120th year, offers a variety of CLEs which help members use technology to free up time that can improve quality of life. Equally important, the Bar provides many opportunities for attorneys to meet with one another, in a social, non-adversarial setting. Our lunch meetings continue to provide informative speakers on a variety of topics. Members share old stories and new ideas. It's perfect cure for a sore neck after hours of online research and keyboarding of pleadings, or on telephone or video conference calls. Moving away from one's computer can also have a positive effect on eyesight and posture, which is no doubt a hazard of the modern workplace.

Like the weather, changes in our profession can occur rapidly. One thing we need to preserve is personal interaction, which our Bar provides through its committees and events.

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**THE PRO BONO CORNER**  
*Caryn R. West, Chair, Pro Bono Committee*

### YOU'RE HEREBY INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN PRO BONO WEEK

**Monday, September 16, 2019, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.,** Norfolk Courthouse Training Room 1304  
EVICTON DEFENSE - FREE CLE for the Virginia CARES hotline. Attend to learn how to participate in the Virginia CARES hotline program to help tenants with their eviction questions. Register by emailing [npbamail@gmail.com](mailto:npbamail@gmail.com)

**Tuesday, September 17, 2019, 9:00 a.m.,** Senior Services of Southeast Virginia – FREE  
WILLS FOR LOW INCOME SENIORS. All attorney slots are full, but witnesses and notaries are still needed for one of our two sessions (9-11 or 12-2). Do you know a senior that needs this service? Contact me at [cwest@pzlzlaw.com](mailto:cwest@pzlzlaw.com)

**Wednesday, September 18, 2019, 4:00 p.m.** Bankruptcy Bypass Training and Clinic. Please contact Tameeka Williams at [tameekaw@laseva.org](mailto:tameekaw@laseva.org) to sign up.

**Thursday, September 19, 2019, 11:45 a.m.,** NPBA Monthly Luncheon featuring Chief Judge Mark S. Davis, U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, and Justice S. Bernard Goodwyn, Supreme Court of Virginia, followed by a CLE on Assisting Victims of Domestic Violence obtain Protective Orders. Email [npbamail@gmail.com](mailto:npbamail@gmail.com) to sign up.

**Friday, September 20, 2019, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. –** Fundraiser for Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia, O'Connor Brewing Company, 211 W. 24<sup>th</sup> Street, Norfolk, VA 23517. Tickets available on Eventbrite or Cash/Check at the door. See enclosed flyer to register.

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### Summer Social Fun

A big YLS thank you to Tonie Wallace of Veteran Reporters, Inc. for hosting an excellent summer social on August 8th. Ms. Wallace, who also owns an event planning business, welcomed us to Veteran's Virginia Beach deposition suite. It was decorated in a beach theme and everyone had a great time. (Beulah the flamingo was also a lovely hostess and all of the attendees enjoyed the party favors.) I was able to chat with a few of the reporters during the event about the

technology the company uses to create a quick turnaround time for transcripts. Feel free to contact Ms. Wallace if you would like more information on Veteran Reporters' services.

An extra thank you to everyone who donated to the annual Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeast Virginia (BGCSEVA) fundraiser. Due to your generosity, we raised enough money to send seven children to a local Tidewater club. BGCSEVA serves about 3,000 children ages 6-18 every year, so every bit counts. YLS is planning a future service



Jamilah LeCruise

project with the organization in the Fall when clubs reopen for the school year.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the October 27 Fall Reception.



## NPBA BENCH-BAR RELATIONS COMMITTEE

The purpose of Bench-Bar Relations committee is to support and improve the local administration of justice, enhance service to the community, and increase professionalism within the legal system by exploring issues of emerging concern or interest that affect the local bench and bar.

Although the relationship between the bench and bar in South Hampton Roads is robust, there is always room for improvement. To that end, feel free to contact any of the committee members with concerns, recommendations, or feedback. Below is a list of the committee members:

Hon. David Lannetti (Co-chair)  
Hon. Joan Mahoney  
Hon. Lyn Simmons  
Don Schultz (Co-Chair)  
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*The Ides of October are coming!*

## **CLE Day**

Get half of your CLE credits for the year (including 2 ethics hours) in one day!

**Tuesday, October 15, 2019, 10 AM – 4 PM**

City of Norfolk Courthouse, Training Room 1304

Session 1 (10 AM – Noon): ***Be the Exception to the Rule: Beyond the Basics of Federal Court Practice***

Faculty: Dustin M. Paul, *Vandeventer Black LLP*  
James R. Theuer, *James R. Theuer, PLLC*

Session 2 (Noon – 2 PM): ***Practicing Law in the Digital Age:  
What Every Lawyer Needs to Know to Avoid Ethical Pitfalls***

Faculty: Kellam T. Parks, *Parks Zeigler, PLLC*

Session 3 (2 PM – 4 PM): ***Controlling the Difficult Deposition***

Faculty: Hon. David Lannetti, Judge, *Norfolk Circuit Court*  
Kevin Martingayle, *Bischoff Martingayle P.C.*

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# Young Lawyers Fall Reception

Sunday, October 27, 2019, 1-4 pm  
at the home of The Honorable Mary Jane Hall

Light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be served

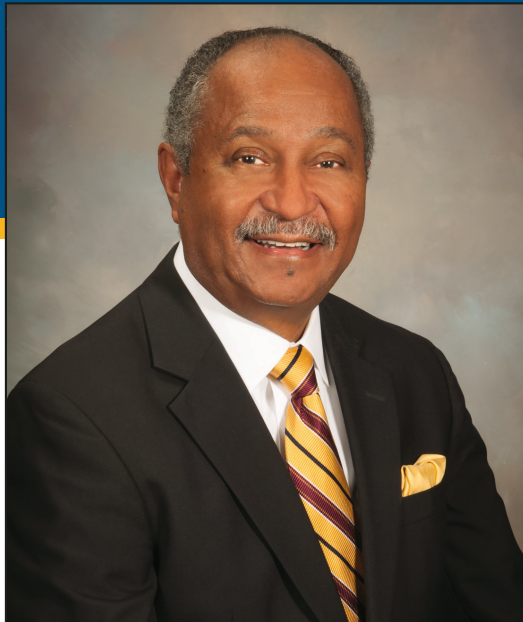
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