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NORFOLK & PORTSMOUTH BAR ASSOCIATION

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



John Sawyer

It's hard to believe when the temperature is in the 90s, but the fall season is upon us. Many of us are sending our children back to school or off to college. We will return to our alma maters for tailgating and football or homecoming festivities. Go Tribe! We are all excited to see the return of live events, though we all must adapt to the various health protocols and changes associated with them. That holds true for the NPBA, and we look forward to meeting in-person while navigating the various protocols designed to keep us all safe and healthy. But lawyers are good at adapting and pivoting, it is what we do, and the NPBA will adapt as well.

We offer a full slate of activities for you to enjoy this fall season. First, I invite you to join your colleagues on October 7 from six to eight pm for our annual meeting at NYCC. We are excited to bring you a revamped event. This year, it will be a relaxed and fun social mixer. There will not be a sit-down dinner with assigned seating. We will not have lengthy presentations. The Board is already sworn in and scholarships awarded. That important work continues, but this year's event will be light on speeches and heavy on enjoying one another's company. Think less formal and far more relaxed. There will be plenty of food, a full bar, and an opportunity to mix and mingle. The party will be held in the just remodeled upstairs of the NYCC complete with outdoor patio space available. Just in case you can't tell, I'm really excited about this event. I look forward to seeing you on October 7.

Our lunch meetings will be held in the 8th Floor Rotunda of the Norfolk Consolidated Courthouse. We will have box lunches and great speakers, and we hope to see many members of our judiciary walk down the hall to join us. Please join me in thanking them for their assistance in securing the space. Beyond that, the CLE committee has a great schedule lined up with both live and remote options. Remember, CLEs are included in your membership this year, so take full advantage of the great programs available. For our young lawyers, we have already held two fantastic Happy Hour events, and Judge Hall has graciously agreed to host a Fall Social at her home. This fun social event is open to all members, so watch for announcements and plan to join us. This is the time of year to gain the full value of your NPBA membership.

The NPBA is excited to offer these events and we are confident that you will enjoy the parties, CLEs, excellent speakers, and fellowship. But, please bear with us as we navigate and adjust with the ever-changing health and safety protocols of the various facilities. Recognize that while we may have no control over a venue or health protocols, they are there to protect us. Thank you for your membership in the NPBA.

UPCOMING EVENTS

See Page 2 for a list of CLE's and Events!

2021 Events

September

[NPBA Luncheon with Speaker: Mary B. Miller, President & CEO, Downtown Norfolk Council](#)

[Virginia's New Right of Appeal: Navigating the Court of Appeals After Expansion](#)

Presenters: W. Thomas Chappell, Daniel Salmon, and F. Nash Bilisoly, Vandeventer Black, LLP - 1 CLE Credit

[Criminal Law Update with an Emphasis on Marijuana Law Changes](#)

*Presenters: Del. Don Scott, Virginia General Assembly, and Ramin Fatehi, Norfolk Commonwealth's Attorney's Office - 2 CLE Credits Pending**

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October

[The New Employment Law Frontier for Wage Claims in Virginia](#)

*Presenters: Jim Theuer, Theuer Law, and Deborah Yeng Collins, Yeng Collins Law, PLLC, - 2 CLE Credits Pending**

[Pre-Foreclosure and Post-Foreclosure Rights of Homeowners](#)

Presenter: Henry W. McLaughlin, Law Office of Henry McLaughlin, P.C. - 2 CLE Credits

[NPBA Annual Meeting 2021](#)

[Circuit Court Motions Practice in Personal Injury Cases](#)

Presenter: Griffin M. O'Hanlon and John Baker, Cooper Hurley Injury Lawyers - 2 CLE Credits

[Conflicts of Interest: A Practical Roadmap](#)

Presenter: Thomas E. Spahn, McGuireWoods LLP - 2 CLE Credits (2 Ethics)

[Electronically Stored Information \(ESI\): An Advanced Discovery & Litigation Primer](#)

Presenter: Kellam T. Parks, Parks Zeigler, PLLC - 2 CLE Credits

[NPBA Luncheon with Speaker: SSA Michael S. Gulland, Chief Division Counsel, FBI Norfolk Division](#)

[Rule 1:1 and how to try to avoid finality in civil cases](#)

Presenter: Hon. Everett A. Martin Jr., Norfolk Circuit Court - 1 CLE Credit

[Why Old English Law Matters and How to Find It](#)

Presenters: Hon. Everett A. Martin, Jr., Norfolk Circuit Court, and Jennifer L. Eaton, Vandeventer Black, LLP - 1 CLE Credit

[Diversity and Bias in Law Firms and Among Lawyers – The Climate, the Numbers, the Experiences, and the Law](#)

*Presenters: Michael D. Pierce, Vandeventer Black, LLP and Peyton Farley, Regent University Law Student, - 1 CLE Credit Pending**

[The Impact of Immigration on Family Law](#)

*Presenter: Ra Hee Jeon, Pender & Coward, P.C. - 2 CLE Credits Pending**

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November

[NPBA Luncheon with Speaker: Jay B. Meyerson, VSB President](#)

[Cyber Risks and Exposures, Cyber Liability, and Cyber Liability Insurance](#)

Presenter: Stephen Brewer - 1 CLE Credit

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For a full list of NPBA Events and to register, please visit the NPBA Events page:

<https://norfolkandportsmouthbar.org/events>

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Williams Mullen is pleased to announce that 13 attorneys have been named "Lawyers of the Year" in the 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*®. This award is given to individual attorneys with the highest overall peer-feedback for a specific practice area and geographic region. Only one attorney is recognized as the "Lawyer of the Year" for each practice area and location. NPBA attorneys who received the honor include: David C. Burton - Employment Law – Management; Craig L. Mytelka - Litigation – Patent and John M. Paris, Jr. - Tax Law.

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Willcox & Savage is pleased to announce that Thomas C. Inglima has been elected to serve as Managing Partner effective July 1, 2021. Tom joined Willcox Savage over 25 years ago, and has been a partner since 1999. He has been a member of the firm's management committee for 20 years. Tom has also served as chair of the firm's Compensation Committee and its Corporate, Securities and Finance practice group. Tom's corporate practice focuses on mergers and acquisitions and general corporate work, including advising corporations with respect to matters of corporate governance. He works with a variety of national and regional businesses, serving as their general outside counsel. Tom succeeds Robert L. Dewey, who has served as the firm's Managing Partner for over 20 years. Tom lauded Rob's tenure: "Rob has been a tremendous role model – his conscientious and fair leadership style has helped the firm thrive and continue to attract and retain an outstanding and diverse group of attorneys and staff. People make the difference, and his efforts have prepared the firm well for the next 20 years." Rob is stepping down as Managing Partner, but will remain an active partner in the firm – continuing to serve as a senior partner in the firm's commercial real estate practice, and he will also continue to serve on the firm's management committee.



Welcome New Members

Brandon Ballard

Legal Aid Society of Eastern Virginia

Ben Korte

Portsmouth Circuit Court

Elizabeth Davis

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Kate Skarvan

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YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION

By Margaret Kelly, Chair • margaret.kelly@norfolk.gov • 664-4529



Margaret Kelly

The YLS returned from its summer hiatus with our first meeting on August 5th outside at the Big Wisky Porch. The turnout was great, and we came away with optimistic excitement for this year. The decision was made to try to return to our traditional events and take each day as it comes, so please keep a close eye on your email and the NPBA website for announcements and updates. For example, while I write this, we are a few days away from the Summer Social at Luna Maya, but when it appears in the bulletin the Summer Social will have passed. So keep checking in!

On our list of traditional events is, of course, the well-loved Fall Reception. It will be scheduled for a week-end in October and information will go out to the NPBA as details are finalized. This event is never possible without the generous support of sponsors. If any NPBA members or their firms are interested in sponsoring, please email me and either I or another YLS member will be sure to answer your questions.

As I mentioned, the August YLS meeting was well-attended. It was wonderful to catch up with

familiar faces and to welcome new members. For any NPBA member who is age 36 and younger or has been practicing for five years or less, we invite you to join us. We understand it is not always possible to make it to a meeting, whether COVID safety is keeping you from going new places, an assignment landed in your lap the moment you shut down your computer for the day, you must get home to take care of the kids or dog, or any other number of reasons. If you want to be involved in YLS but find that you just can't make it to a meeting, please still contact me. We can see about setting up a virtual option for you, or even just keep you in the loop until you have some more of that elusive free time. On that note, the next YLS meeting is Thursday, September 9th at 6:00 P.M. at Elation Brewing. Suits are not required. Mark your calendars!

Finally, all YLS members are invited to the NPBA Annual Meeting on Thursday, October 7th. You can register online through the NPBA website. The President's Message explains the details of this event better than I could, but I can report it should be a very enjoyable time and comes with food! Please note there is also a reduced cost available for YLS members. I look forward to seeing everyone there.



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Please contact us with any questions at (757) 622-2910, by email staff@norfolklawlibrary.org, or via the Contact Us page at <https://norfolklawlibrary.org/contact-us/>.

Best regards,

Isaac Needell
Law Librarian

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