

Metro Richmond Women's Bar Association Newsletter

November 2018

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Last Call: Member Renewals Due!

The 2018-2019 Bar year is well under way - which means you need to renew your MRWBA membership if you have not already done so! We have a lot of great events planned, so we hope you will continue to be a member and invite your friends to join us, too.

Advancing women in the legal profession is MRWBA's goal.

Full Membership is \$100, Associate Membership is \$50, new Bar admittees can join for free and recent law school graduates can join for free. Click below to access & submit the short Membership Application.

We look forward to having you join us this year!

To Renew/Join online: [Click Here](#)

To Renew/Join via paper application: [Click Here](#)

November 7th Luncheon - Rule 6.1: The Justice Gap and Voluntary Pro Bono Reporting

Just 1 percent of more than 500,000 civil cases handled in Virginia's general district courts each year have lawyers on both sides. In the state's juvenile and domestic relations courts, neither party has a lawyer in almost 90 percent of the 75,000 custody, support and other contested adult civil cases. Due to stagnation in financial support for legal aid programs, the need for pro bono services is growing.

Join MRWBA for this presentation, which will cover the extent of the current justice gap in Virginia, as well as the new voluntary pro bono reporting rule which goes into effect December 1.

This program is approved for 1 hour of ethics CLE credit.

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MRWBA Fall Social Scheduled

Join us on Wednesday, November 28th at Travinia Italian Kitchen & Wine Bar in Willow Lawn from 6 - 8 p.m. for MRWBA's Fall Member Social. Members are encouraged to bring one friend who is not currently a member but is interested in learning more about MRWBA.

Light appetizers and one drink ticket will be provided for each registrant.

[Click here to register.](#)

This event is sponsored by Planet Depos.



Member News

Several MRWBA Members were recently recognized by *Virginia Lawyers*

[Register Now.](#)

Upcoming Programs

Don't forget to register for our upcoming events:

- Our December Holiday Luncheon and Women of Achievement Awards will be held on Wednesday, December 5th, at Willow Oaks Country Club from noon to 2 p.m. (note earlier time). [Register Now.](#)
- [Mark your calendar](#) and watch for complete details on all of our 2019 programs coming soon.

Balancing the Scales Presentation

On October 3, MRWBA co-hosted a screening of the film *Balancing the Scales* with the Hill-Tucker Bar Association. The screening took place at the University of Richmond School of Law. The focus of the film is implicit bias, diversity and the experience of women lawyers in America.



The screening was well attended and a lively panel discussion led by Sharon L. Rowen, the Director/Producer of the film followed the screening. Other panelists were Doris H. Causey, Esq, immediate past president of the

Virginia State Bar, and Jennifer M. McLemore, Esq, partner at Christian and Barton, LLP. Both the screening and the reception were made possible by generous grants from ALPS and the Virginia Law Foundation.

November Platinum Sponsor: Greater Richmond Bar Foundation

The Greater Richmond Bar Foundation (GRBF) is a proud supporter of the MRWBA and its programs. GRBF is a local nonprofit with a mission to increase access to justice through mobilizing the private bar, educating lawyers and the public, and connecting volunteers to critical needs. Get involved today with our Pro Bono Clearinghouse, our Veterans Initiative, or our Triage partnership with Legal Aid by registering in JusticeServer (www.justiceserver.org). For more information see www.grbf.org, or contact Ali Fannon at (804) 240-7822.

Weekly as "Leaders in the Law":

- **Nupur Bal**, DeFazio Bal PC
- **Judge Catherine Hammond** (ret), Juridicial Solutions
- **Mary Owens**, Owen & Owens PLC
- **Joanna Suyes**, Marks & Harrison

One member was also recognized as an "Up & Coming Lawyer":

- **Veronica Brown-Mosley**, Boleman Law Firm.

Congratulations to the entire [class of 2018!](#)

Sponsor Opportunities Still Available

We are still seeking Gold and Silver Sponsors for some luncheons and other events, similar to the sponsorships we have offered in the past. [Click here to view Sponsorship Levels](#)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Deanna Hathaway, Communications Co-Chair, by phone (804-257-9944, option 1) or email deanna@hathawayadair.com.

Please join us at our **5th Annual Jazz4Justice** on February 8, 2019 at VCU Singleton Center. Limited VIP tickets and sponsorships available. Contact Alison Roussy, aroussy@grbf.org, for more info.

Screening of *RBG* in Richmond

St. Catherine's School is hosting a screening of the documentary film *RBG* on Sunday, November 18th from 6:30 - 9 p.m. at the school's Kenan-Flagler Auditorium. For more information or to register, [click here](#).

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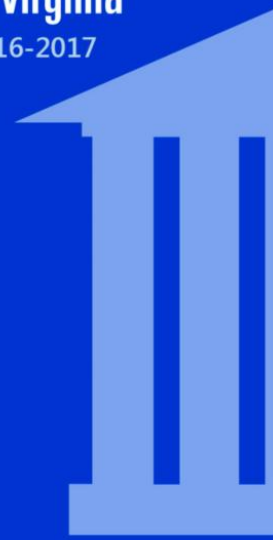


Gold:



Understanding Your Domestic Relations Rights in Virginia

2016-2017



View an electronic copy of the pamphlet on the [MRWBA website](#). To order, please contact Public Service Co-Chairs, [Adalyn Brugger](#) & [Valerie L'Herrou](#).

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