

# Metro Richmond Women's Bar Association Newsletter

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## Mentors Still Needed

First of all, I want to thank everyone who has reached out to me about participating in the mentorship program. The response has been very positive and it's encouraging to see so many of our members willing to mentor a law student or young attorney.

With that being said, the request for mentors is higher than available mentors. I would like to avoid assigning more than 2 mentees per mentor to not only lessen the time obligation, but more importantly to allow meaningful relationships to develop.

If you can spare some time for a coffee or lunch date every couple of months, please sign up to be a mentor. Your time will go a long way. You can check the box on your membership renewal, or email me at [bmcpheeron@btclawva.com](mailto:bmcpheeron@btclawva.com).

Brittney McPheeron, Esq.  
MRWBA Mentorship Chair

## Save the Date: Mentor Reception

Mark your calendar and watch for complete details coming soon on the Fall Mentor Reception on October 23rd from 6 - 8 p.m.

## Upcoming Programs

Don't forget to register for our upcoming events:

- Offered in conjunction with the Hill-Tucker Bar Association, [Balancing the Scales](#) is a movie presentation and panel discussion on implicit bias, diversity, and the experience of women lawyers in America featuring Director/Producer Sharon L. Rowen, Esq.; Doris H. Causey, Esq., VSB immediate past president; and Jennifer M. McLemore, Esq., partner at Christian & Barton, LLP. Reception to follow. **Register Now.**



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## Women of Achievement Award

Please consider nominating a deserving woman for the annual MRWBA Women of Achievement Award! All nominations are **due by October 15, 2018.**

All necessary information can be found on the Nomination form, [click here](#).

## 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

- The October luncheon will be on **October 17th at noon** and will feature a Speed Networking opportunity! Please note the date and time change for the October luncheon. **Register Now**, and be sure to bring lots of business cards and something to write with.

This is just the beginning of what's shaping up to be an exciting program year, including the potential of 3.0 hours of CLE Credit, including at least 1 Ethics credit. Be sure to [Mark Your Calendar for all of our Upcoming Events](#) so you don't miss a minute!

## Public Service Opportunity: Mentor Richmond Middle School Students

Higher Achievement, a national organization that guides students in underserved public middle schools in 5th-8th grades, is seeking volunteers to serve as weekly academic mentors in Richmond.

Higher Achievement works with approximately 400 scholars in Richmond middle schools Binford, Boushall, Henderson, and Wilder. Mentors help students build their abilities in academic preparation and life skills so they will stay in school and achieve: studies show that students mentored in middle school have better attendance, are less likely to drop out of high school, and are more likely to seek college education.

Last year, over 120 mentors committed to one evening a week helping local scholars stay on track in English and Math while building social-emotional skills through the positive relationship with a caring adult. Though weekly mentoring sessions may seem a big commitment, it is possible for a team of two people to split the responsibility: US District Court Judge Hannah Lauck reports that one of her former clerks shares mentoring duties with his fiancé. Even if you are unable to be a mentor, there are other ways to volunteer with the program.

Someone from HA will be available to answer questions at the October lunch meeting. In the meantime, learn more here: <https://higherachievement.org/locations/richmond/>, or sign up to be a mentor now (as the program gets started in October) with [rbrock@higherachievement.org](mailto:rbrock@higherachievement.org)

## Have You Renewed Your Membership Yet?

The 2018-2019 Bar year has kicked off - which means it is time 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

[deanna@hathawayadair.com](mailto:deanna@hathawayadair.com).

## Member News

**Jamie Allgood** has joined **Bowen Ten Cardani, PC**. She will be working in the Hanover office practicing primarily in the area of family law.

*Do you have news to share with our members?* Email Communications Co-Chair, [Laura Manchester](#)

## CLE Available

VBA is hosting a free 1.5 hour ethics CLE on October 9th titled "Are You and Your Client Communicating? Making Sure the Answer is Yes!" The seminar is free and will be held in the B of A building down town on Main Street. Time is 9:00 as 10:30. Braxton Hill from Christian Barton will be leading the program.

the short Membership Application.

We look forward to having you join us this year!

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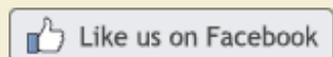


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