

## Metro Richmond Women's Bar Association Newsletter



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### Upcoming events (see below for details):

- **September 27 at 12:30 p.m. Republican Candidate Luncheon**
- **October 5th at 5:30 p.m. Mentorship Social at Kabana Rooftop**
- **October 11th at 12:30 p.m. Democratic Candidate Luncheon**
- **October 30th at 3:30 p.m. CLE at Equity Concepts**

### Membership

*Britney McPheron, Chair*

Our membership drive for the 2017-18 bar year is well underway and off to an excellent start! To see so many returning members is very encouraging and a testament to what a great organization the MRWBA is and the many benefits we offer our members.

As a reminder, annual dues for a full membership are \$100 and associate and law student memberships are \$50. Join or renew your membership today by following one of the links below.

To renew or Join Online [Click here](#)

To print paper application, [Click here](#)

Membership in the MRWBA is free the first year if you are fairly new to practice or are awaiting bar results. If you have questions about whether you qualify for a free membership, please email me at [bmcpheron@btclawva.com](mailto:bmcpheron@btclawva.com).

As part of our membership drive, we are offering a \$25 Panera gift card to the woman who refers the most new members! Encourage your colleagues and friends to join the MRWBA and remind them to write in your name to get the referral credit.

Thank you to everyone who was able to come to Tazza Kitchen Short Pump for our joint happy hour with the Richmond Chapter of the Accounting and Financial Women's Alliance! And thank you again to our sponsor, Equity Concepts, for allowing us to put on such an amazing event. The feedback was excellent and our organizations really enjoyed the opportunity to be able to network with one another. If you were unable to attend, the membership committee is working on planning another event for our members soon. Stay tuned for more details.

### Programs

*Deanna Hathaway & Julia Childrey, Co-Chairs*

Welcome back colleagues and friends - just like that our Program Year has begun! As a reminder our first program of the year will be on September 27, 2017 with a luncheon featuring the top of the Virginia Republican ticket: Ed Gillespie, for Governor, Virginia Senator Jill Vogel for Lieutenant Governor, and John Adams, for Attorney General, all of whom we are pleased and honored to host. We are equally pleased and honored to host a luncheon for the Virginia Democratic Candidate for Lieutenant Governor, Justin Fairfax and the current Attorney General Mike Herring who is seeking re-election. That luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 12:30. In addition, mark your

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### Mentorship

*Mansi Shah, Chair*

***It's not too late to become a mentor!***

Email [Mansi Shah](#) ASAP!  
You do not want to miss out on the Fall Mentorship Social on October 5th at 5:30 p.m. at the Kabana Rooftop or any of the other exciting events throughout the year! Be a part of the key cornerstone of the MRWBA!

### Welcome New Members

Terri Amernick  
Ellen Burgin  
Nicole Cheuk  
Janice Craft  
Rachael Deane  
Rebecca Favret  
Ellen Geller  
Ashley Harrison  
Jacquelyn Helm  
Andrea Hurlocker

calendars for these future programs. Please note that all programs are currently scheduled to be held at Willow Oaks Country Club.

November Luncheon: Is the Grass Greener? Business of the Law: Melanie Friend, Stinson Mundy, Allison Domson  
 Wednesday, November 1, 2017  
 12:30pm - 2:00pm

Annual Holiday and MRWBA Women of Achievement Award Luncheon  
 Wednesday, December 13, 2017  
 12:00pm - 2:00pm (please note earlier start time)

January Luncheon: Mind over Matter  
 Wednesday, January 10, 2018  
 12:30pm - 2:00pm

February Luncheon: Women and Finance  
 Wednesday, February 7, 2018  
 12:30pm - 2:00pm  
 Location: TBD

March Luncheon  
 Wednesday, March 7, 2018  
 12:30pm - 2:00pm

Annual Legislative Luncheon  
 Wednesday, April 18, 2018  
 12:00pm - 2:00pm (please note earlier start time)

Annual Business and Networking Luncheon  
 Wednesday, May 2, 2018  
 12:30pm - 2:00pm

Emily Kennedy  
 Danielle Koger  
 Hampton Lamb  
 Amanda Nichols  
 Quinn Novak  
 Christina Parrish  
 Sarah Patras  
 Barbara Picard  
 Courtenay Schwartz  
 Valerie Slater  
 Alanna Trivelli  
 Marieke Van Rijn  
 Sara Vaughn  
 Megan Watkins

**Member News**

Congratulations to member Faith Alejandro who was recognized as an "Up & Coming Lawyer" for 2017! Faith is an attorney at Sands Anderson.

**[Click here to register for the September Luncheon](#)**  
*Limited seating available. Registration ends September 25th, 12pm.*

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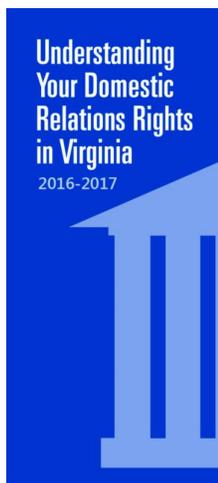


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**Legislative**  
 Amy Weiss, Chair

The MRWBA 2018 Legislative Luncheon is scheduled for April 18, 2018. The legislative committee is seeking additional MRWBA members to join our team. Serving on the legislative committee is a great opportunity to help plan the luncheon, connect with local legislators, and to learn more about the upcoming General Assembly Session.

Thank you for all those who have already expressed interest- you will be hearing more from me in the near future. If you have any questions or are interested in joining the legislative committee, please feel free to contact me directly at amy.e.weiss@gmail.com or (804) 263-0258.



### President's Message

Welcome to Fall! For me, fall is a time to get organized, refocus, and plan the remaining year. For those with children, it is the beginning of a new school year. For our organization, September marks the beginning of a new bar year.

In addition to the cool weather, the beginning of the bar year brings an opportunity to reconnect with colleagues and friends at our monthly luncheons and events. We are excited for what we have planned! It is an election year, and our members have expressed their interest in hearing from the candidates. On September 27, 2017 at 12:30 p.m. at Willow Oaks Country Club, the Republican candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General will be our featured speakers. They will also be available for questions. Our October luncheon, scheduled for October 11, 2017 will follow with the Virginia Democratic Candidate for Lieutenant Governor, Justin FairFax and the current Attorney General Mike Herring who is seeking re-election. We hope you will join us and bring your friends to learn more about some of the important issues in our state and to ask questions of the candidates.

Please also remember it is that time of year to renew your membership with the MRWBA if you are a returning member or to join if you are a new member. Our organization provides great benefits to its members, including networking, education through CLEs, mentorship opportunities, and our monthly luncheon programs. Over the summer, we sent out a Survey, and got a great response. Thank you if you participated! We are pleased to hear that you enjoy the organization, and appreciated the feedback and praise. Stay tuned for upcoming changes. Please click the link below to register for the September luncheon. If you have any questions or would like additional information about the luncheon please contact Program CoChairs, Deanna Hathaway, [deanna@hathawayadair.com](mailto:deanna@hathawayadair.com), or Julia Childrey, [jchildrey@cowangates.com](mailto:jchildrey@cowangates.com).

See you soon!

Elizabeth W. Hanes, Esquire  
MRWBA President 2017-2018  
[Contact Elizabeth by email](#)

### Public Service & Pro Bono

Mollie Barton & Natalie McClearn, Co-Chairs

The Pro Bono and Public Service Committee is looking forward to another great year of service. We are asking each member to "Make a Commitment to Pro Bono Service!" You can fulfill your commitment by representing a client on at least one pro bono case or donating the financial equivalent of one hour of billable time to a legal aid provider such as Central Virginia Legal Aid, Legal Aid Justice Center, or the Greater Richmond Bar Foundation.

This year will provide many opportunities to get involved and get to know other committed MRWBA members:

- October is Pro Bono month in Virginia (and the deadline for CLE credits!) To mark the occasion, we will be hosting a FREE 1-HOUR CLE on October 30, 2017 beginning at 3:30pm (to be held at Equity Concepts, 2550 Gaskins Rd., Henrico, VA 23238). The topic will be "No-Fault Divorce Cases and Pro Bono Opportunities in the Metro Richmond Area" presented by Doris Causey, the Virginia State Bar President and Managing Attorney of Central Virginia Legal Aid (CLE Credit Pending.) Stay tuned for registration information!
- Hurricane Harvey Relief:
  - The ABA is offering free on-demand resources to train attorneys to provide disaster relief services, including "Disaster Relief: What Lawyers Can Do to Help, Representing Disaster Survivors." [Click Here](#) to visit the ABA's website and register for courses
  - The ABA/Texas Free Legal Answers system has been modified to permit out-of-state attorneys to volunteer to answer Harvey related questions, per an order issued by the Texas Supreme Court permitting such service. Training resources are provided. Visit the ABA's Disaster Relief website for more information

- Wine & a Worthy Cause wine-tasting and silent auction will take place on March 28, 2018 at the Lewis Ginter Recreation Association-please plan to attend and win great items!
- The Domestic Relations Pamphlet was updated and published in 2017-we still have copies available for distribution!

If you are interested in learning more about our Committee or volunteering to help with Wine & a Worthy Cause and our other exciting events, please contact Natalie McClearn (ntmcclearn@flaor.com) or Mollie Barton (mbarton@bsbfamilylaw.com).

### Job Postings

#### **ACLU, Senior Staff Attorney**

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#### **University of Virginia School of Law**

The University of Virginia School of Law seeks a **Director** for its Immigration Law Clinic to begin work in the fall semester of 2018.

The purpose of the clinic is to give students direct experience in immigration law advocacy. Working in partnership with the Legal Aid Justice Center, students have multiple clients as well as responsibility for supporting the clinic's broader public service mission, which involves explaining basic rights and available services to walk-ins and the wider community. Each student handles at least one complicated case involving extensive client contact and legal briefing. Clients come from diverse backgrounds, and their cases may implicate DACA rules, special asylum programs for women victims of violence, or rules governing so-called gang asylum cases from Central America. Other categories of cases include appeals from denials of applications for status, petitions for special categorization or procedures, and clients who have cases complicated by past criminal or immigration history.

(For more information about the current clinic offering, see <http://content.law.virginia.edu/academics/clinic/immigration-law-clinic>.)

The Director will establish the curriculum for the classroom component of the clinic, work with the Legal Aid Justice Center to secure appropriate client engagements to be handled by the clinic, supervise the clinic students' work on those client matters, and evaluate that student work. All of these duties of the Director will be performed within the broader and evolving experiential learning program at the Law School, in coordination with the Dean, Vice-Dean and Director of Clinics.

J.D. from an ABA-accredited law school or foreign equivalent degree required. Candidates must be licensed to practice law in Virginia or become licensed no later than July 2018. Substantial professional experience in the field of immigration law required. Salary and rank are commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Apply on-line at <http://jobs.virginia.edu> Posting Number 0621423. Include a cover letter, a resume, and the names of three references.

Review of applications will begin on 11/1/2017; however, the position will remain open until filled.

For questions regarding this posting please contact Rip Verkerke at [rverkerke@law.virginia.edu](mailto:rverkerke@law.virginia.edu).

The University of Virginia School of Law seeks a **Director** for its International Human Rights Clinic to begin work in the fall semester of 2018.

The purpose of the clinic is to give students direct experience in human rights advocacy, working in partnership with nongovernmental organizations, human rights practitioners, and law firms in the United States and abroad. The clinic enables students to develop practical skills, including international human rights research and writing, litigating human rights claims in international forums, advocating before the U.S. government and international organizations, and documenting and publicizing human rights violations.

The Director is responsible for managing both the classroom and practice components of the clinic. The Director will select clinic projects that allow students to build the knowledge and skills necessary to be effective human rights advocates, while exploring the opportunities and limitations of human rights institutions and the diversity of practice. The clinic will teach students fundamental human rights law concepts, the ethical and professional dilemmas that may arise in human rights lawyering, critical perspectives on human rights movements and campaigns, and the design of integrated advocacy strategies.

(For more information about the current clinic offering,

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J.D. from an ABA-accredited law school or foreign equivalent degree required. Substantial professional experience in the field of international human rights law required. Salary and rank are commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Apply on-line at <http://jobs.virginia.edu> Posting Number 0621449. Include a cover letter, a resume, and the names of three references.

Review of applications will begin on 11/1/2017; however, the position will remain open until filled.

For questions regarding this posting please contact Rip Verkerke at [rverkerke@law.virginia.edu](mailto:rverkerke@law.virginia.edu).

**LAW FACULTY POSITIONS** The University of Virginia School of Law is seeking candidates for a small number of full/visiting (lateral), assistant/associate (entry-level), or research faculty positions beginning in August 2018. J.D. degree from an ABA-accredited law school or foreign equivalent degree required. Rank and compensation subject to individual qualifications and experience. Distinguished academic and professional background and superior scholarly promise expected. Curriculum needs varied. Applicants must complete a candidate profile on-line at <http://jobs.virginia.edu> to apply for any of the job postings. Entry-level candidates are also encouraged to register with the AALS Faculty Appointments Register. Positions will remain open until filled.

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