

# Metro Richmond Women's Bar Association Newsletter

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## MRWBA Signs New Contract for Administrative Support

MRWBA recently signed a contract with Mary Kidd, owner of Halcyon Management, LLC to manage administrative tasks for the association. Mary began her nonprofit career at the Virginia Society of CPAs, where she worked for ten years as a member of the continuing education department and the management team. She next spent fifteen years working as an Account Manager at Catapult, Inc., an association management company in Richmond, Virginia. Mary became a Certified Meeting Professional in 1996 and earned her Certified Association Executive designation in January 2015. She founded [Halcyon Management, LLC](#), in March 2015.

As part of this transition, MRWBA has a new mailing address, phone number and e-mail contact:

PO Box 6605, Richmond, VA 23230  
804/589-3213  
[mary@halcyonmgmtllc.com](mailto:mary@halcyonmgmtllc.com)

Be sure to alert your accounting department so that dues payments and meeting registration fees are sent to the correct address, and please say "Hi" to Mary when you see her at the September luncheon. We look forward to working with you, Mary!

## Upcoming Programs

Don't forget to register for our upcoming events:



Our kick-off luncheon will be held on September 5, 2018 from 12:30 to 2 pm at the Willow Oaks Country Club. Our featured guest will be Abigail Spanberger (D, *pictured at left*), United States Congressional Candidate for Virginia's 7th District. To register, [Click Here](#).

We are also excited to welcome Sharon Rowen, Esq. to Richmond on Wednesday, October 3rd for a special evening

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## Sponsorship Opportunities!

Sponsorship Opportunities with the Metropolitan Richmond Women's Bar Association are still available!

A Platinum Sponsor is being sought for our special program this year, ***Balancing the Scales***: a movie presentation and discussion on implicit bias and diversity on October 3rd (*see details in Programs article at left*).

Platinum sponsors are highlighted throughout the bar year, including on the main page of our website, at all MRWBA events, and their logo appears in all member communications.

We are still also seeking Silver Sponsors for luncheons and other events, similar to the sponsorships we have offered in the past.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact

screening of her film, Balancing the Scales and a CLE panel to follow (1.5 hours CLE credit pending). This event is being held in partnership with the Hill Tucker Bar Association and will be held at the UR Law School from 6 to 9 p.m. [Click Here](#) to register.

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, and watch for complete details coming soon.

This is just the beginning of what's shaping up to be an exciting program year, including the potential of 4.5 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!

## Don't Forget Membership Renewals are Due!

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. We do this in various ways including providing:

- Monthly luncheons where you can network, build business, socialize with fellow lawyers and hear from invited guest speakers such as legislative candidates;
- CLEs at no additional cost to members;
- Mentorships for young and new lawyers;
- Database of Members on the MRWBA website;
- Recommending, endorsing and encouraging women in the judiciary;
- Public service and community engagement opportunities.

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!

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## Women of Achievement Award

Nominations for MRWBA's 2018 Women of Achievement Award Recipient are due by October 15, 2018. All necessary information can be found on the Nomination form, [click here](#).

## Do you have news to share with our members?

Email Communications Co-Chair, [Laura Manchester](#).

## Job Announcement

The Virginia Poverty Law Center is accepting applications for the **Kelly-Bennett CARE Fellow**, a two-year fellowship to support VPLC's work in the Campaign to Reduce Evictions (CARE). CARE is a statewide, multi-year campaign to reduce the eviction rates across Virginia. For questions, or to apply, please send a resume, writing sample and three references to: [Hiring@vplc.org](mailto:Hiring@vplc.org)

## Mentors Wanted!

We've all been there. We've been that young lawyer who wasn't quite sure of how to introduce herself at a bar meeting. That was me in 2013 when I first became involved with the MRWBA: the mentorship program introduced me to so many wonderful women who were instrumental to my professional development. I owe a lot to the program and, having been a recent

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beneficiary of it, I know how important it is that our members continue to participate in it.

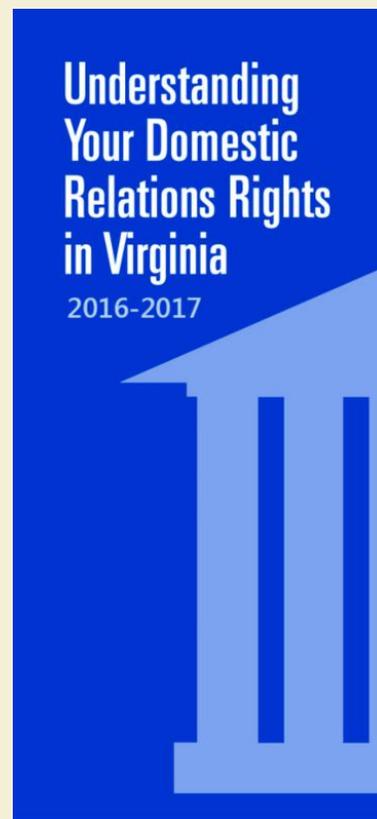
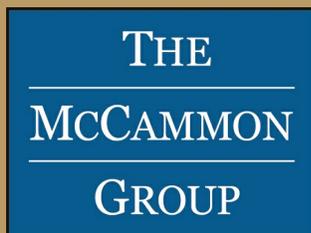
This year we anticipate that anywhere from 70-90 law students will sign up to participate in the mentorship program. That sounds like a lot, but with well over 200 members in our ranks, we are more than up to the challenge. Please check the box on your membership application/renewal indicating your willingness to participate, or email me at [bmcpheron@btclawva.com](mailto:bmcpheron@btclawva.com).

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