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Mason Jazz Ensemble Connects Melody and Democracy

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George Mason University jazz professor James Carroll sees a lot of similarities between jazz players and lawyers.

"They go up to the microphone and they do their thing... so at one point or another, the theme doesn't matter, the tune doesn't matter, what does matter is us as individuals. Just like in our democracy, we all get our say," says Carroll, Director of Instrumental Studies and Operations at George Mason.

That's the idea behind the 13th Annual Jazz 4 Justice concert, which was held on November 22, 2014. The concerts have raised more than \$150,000. Proceeds from the event help the Fairfax Law Foundation (FLF) continue its mission of service and also provides scholarships to students in the George Mason Department of Music. With the support of the community, the FLF is able to help those most in need through the Northern Virginia Pro Bono Law Center's many programs. These programs aim to help clients avoid eviction, resolve custody disputes, maintain employment, and provide low-income seniors with important life-planning documents. Through law-related education programs such as Court Tours, the FLF also makes it possible for Fairfax County 8th graders, in both public and parochial schools, to get a first-hand look at how our judicial system operates.

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2014 Golden Gavel Awards

Awards Ceremony Held to Honor Exceptional Service to Our Community

The Fairfax Law Foundation (FLF) is pleased to announce the 2014 Golden Gavel Award winners. The awards were given on October 1, 2014 at the Third Annual Golden Gavel Awards Dinner hosted by the FLF's Society of Fellows. The evening, emceed by Scott Thuman, Anchor of Good Morning Washington and ABC7 News at Noon at WJLA-TV, honored outstanding individuals, organizations, and businesses whose noteworthy achievements and contributions to the Northern Virginia community are an inspiration to us all.

2014 Humanitarian of the Year – David L. Ginsberg, Esq.

David, an attorney at Cooper Ginsberg Gray PLLC who has devoted his practice to assisting families in turmoil, has been an outstanding member of both his state and local bar associations. Outside of the office, David's work includes coaching basketball and serving as an Adjunct Professor at George Mason University School of Law. David's greatest contribution has been organizing and running the "Chipping-In to End Domestic Violence Charity Golf Tournament." Over the past 14 years, his efforts have raised over \$242,000 to help victims of domestic violence. All proceeds from the tournament benefit the Artemis House, Fairfax County's only emergency shelter for families and individuals fleeing domestic and sexual violence and human trafficking. He supports the "Donation Drive for Courtroom Attire," collecting professional attire for the Katherine Hanley Family Shelter in Fairfax, as well as the "Annual Valentine's Day Project," providing books and essential personal care items for the Fairfax Girls' and Boys' Probation Houses.

Along with his support of community programs, David serves as a Board Member of the Fairfax Law Foundation; he is Past-President of the George Mason School of Law Alumni Association Board and previously served as Chair of the Continuing Legal Education Committee of the Fairfax Bar.

David has spent hundreds of hours serving his clients and the greater community with dignity and dedication to the advancement of the welfare of children and families.

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President's Column

By David L. Marks, Esq.

Right before we went to press for this issue of the Fairfax Bar Journal, we learned that the Honorable R. Terrence Ney passed away on November 23, 2014. Judge Ney had been on the Fairfax County Circuit Court bench since 1999. Distinguished by his bow ties and sharp intellect, Judge Ney placed great emphasis on civility and courtesy in the practice of law. This true gentleman was the model and epitome of wise judicial statemanship. The Fairfax Bar Association mourns with Judge Ney's family. Our next issue of the Journal shall be devoted to Judge Ney.



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Don't you just love it when you open up that envelope from opposing counsel and you see that he has objected to every one of your interrogatories. This guy has a problem with every single one of your requests. You then send the very professional and courteous letter asking if he is serious about these objections and if he could please respond to your requests. He sends back a not-as-friendly letter stating that his objections are most righteous and he will stand by them until his time on this earth has passed. Begrudgingly, you then file the Motion to Compel.

I have not spoken to a Judge about this situation but I can only imagine her taking a look at this Motion, shaking her head and looking up to the sky lamenting having to be the referee in this school yard dispute. There is another option, however, if you are litigating in Fairfax County. Since 1997, the Fairfax Law Foundation coordinates a Conciliation Program that offers a neutral third party attorney who can offer solutions to a dispute. Conciliators are all volunteers and are recruited and organized by Sonya Duchak, Esq., Development Coordinator for the Fairfax Bar Association. As the Fairfax Law Foundation's website describes, "The Program's Conciliators are experienced litigators, with expertise in both civil litigation and family law, who have volunteered their services to help resolve motions and other preliminary disputes without charge to the parties in the case. The Conciliation Program is entirely voluntary and aims to speed up the disposition of cases and reduce the cost of litigation by helping to resolve the types of procedural motions and interim matrimonial disputes which tend to burden the system and which frequently frustrate the judicial system's goal of providing a swift and fair determination of the parties' rights."

Our Fairfax Conciliation Program recently received well-deserved recognition with a November 3, 2014, article in *Virginia Lawyers Weekly*. Ms. Duchak provided some figures in the article showing the program's success at streamlining the docket: Since 2005, 4,624 motions have been conciliated and 3,596 have been resolved. What I wasn't aware of, until I read this story, is that this wonderful program is unique only to Fairfax! With that in mind, for those that did not read the VLW article, I wanted to make sure that our membership was aware that your Bar Association provides this important service to you. It is also timely, as Bob Walker, Esq., a long time participant and Chair of the Conciliation Program, has recently received the Fairfax Law Foundation's Golden Gavel Award for his many contributions and is also profiled in this issue of our *Journal*.

I have mentioned the Fairfax Law Foundation a few times in this column. For those that may be confused, the Fairfax Law Foundation is the charitable arm of the Fairfax Bar Association. The primary purposes of the Foundation are to:

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- raise and distribute funds;
- improve the public's understanding of the justice system through law related education;
- provide greater access to the justice system through community outreach and *pro bono* programs; and,
- assist in the improvement of the facilities and collections of the Fairfax Public Law Library.

One of the premier Foundation events, the 13th annual Jazz 4 Justice Concert, was just held on November 22, 2014. This concert is organized by former President of both the Fairfax Law Foundation and Fairfax Bar Association, and current President-Elect of the Virginia State Bar Association, Ed Weiner. This event started off unique to Fairfax but has since been emulated by four other schools, three legal service organizations, two bar/law foundations, and one bar association throughout the Commonwealth.

While I am talking about what is unique to Fairfax, let me tell you about the newest Law Section of the Fairfax Bar Association—the Government Contracts Section. This substantive law section provides a forum for area attorneys to meet and discuss developments and issues affecting government procurement law and litigation. With the concentration of government contractors in Fairfax County and the D.C. metro region, this new section is a resource not only for government contract attorneys, but also for business and employment law attorneys who may be interested in learning more about the issues affecting their clients who are involved in the government contract space. At the inaugural meeting in June, the Section had Chief Judge Patricia Campbell-Smith of the United States Court of Federal Claims come to speak. In September, David Robbins, the former acting Suspending and Debarring Official, acting Deputy General Counsel (Contractor Responsibility), and Global Procurement Fraud Remedies Director with the Air Force, presented on recent suspension, debarment, procurement fraud, and compliance developments. In November, Anthony Ruiz, the Assistant District Director/8(a) Business Development for the U.S. Small Business Administration, discussed the SBA's Mentor-Protégé Programs. This section was initiated by the hard work of its chair, Stephanie Wilson of Berenzweig Leonard, and opens the door to a practice not previously fully addressed by the Bar Association.

Finally, let me address an issue that is not unique to just Fairfax and something that I will be reporting to you periodically with each new development—Judicial Funding. The Nineteenth Judicial Circuit has received funding allowing Grace Burke Carroll to finally take her seat on the Circuit Court Bench. Her investiture was held on December 5, 2014. At this point, Fairfax has fourteen of its fifteen Circuit Court seats funded. That final seat will, frankly, probably never be funded.

There are also three more Circuit Court seats that will have to be filled. Prior to his passing, Judge Ney had already announced his retirement, along with Judge Charles Maxfield and Chief Judge Dennis Smith. We hope to formally honor these three judges in the near future for their dedication and distinguished judicial service.

In early November, the Fairfax Bar Association forwarded an e-mail to its members from Delegate Dave Albo, Chair of the Courts Committee, stating that one of our three upcoming judicial vacancies could be filled in the Special Session on November 10. (The one nice thing about the judicial funding issue is that it goes across party lines and the Fairfax Bar Association has received incredible support from the entire Northern Virginia delegation). Accordingly, those interested in the vacancy quickly forwarded their resumes to Delegate Albo and his Committee. Congratulations to Daniel Ortiz of Blankingship & Keith, P.C., for being named as the next Circuit Court judge! The two remaining Circuit Court seats will be filled by the

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Legal – Robert B. Walker, Esq.

Robert Walker joined the Fairfax Bar Association soon after he opened his law office in Herndon in 1996. He has been actively involved with the Bar Association ever since, serving on virtually every committee. In addition, he was a very active member of the Board of Directors for six years and was the Fairfax Bar Association delegate to the American Bar Association.

Bob has been a fixture at the courthouse for the Friday Motions docket and the Juvenile Court Wednesday docket for years, patiently resolving contested matters, saving the parties' money and the court an untold amount of time. His contribution to this service alone is enormous.

He is a member of the Town of Herndon Architectural Review Board and Heritage Preservation Board. Bob and his wife Peggy volunteer every week at the Herndon Chamber of Commerce's Friday Night Live concert series. He has been an Election Officer since 1996, serving over 20 elections, and is currently a Chief Election Officer.

Since the start of the Fairfax Bar Association's Law Related Education Committee's commitment to the Chocolate Lovers Festival in 1998, Bob has volunteered to participate in the mock trials and other events sponsored by the Fairfax Bar Association. Bob also volunteers every year as a Court Tour Guide for eighth grade students. He is a participant in the Wills on Wheels Program and handles uncontested divorces for the Northern Virginia *Pro Bono* Law Center. He is a regular volunteer with the Attorney of the Day program sponsored by Legal Services of Northern Virginia and is responsible for all LSNV eligible petitions on an assigned hearing day at J&DR. On numerous occasions he has kept the case on appeal to Circuit Court, and often picks up cases for others who have last minute conflicts.

Bob is a person who will never say no to anyone who needs help. Over the years, he has provided the Bar Association with the utmost in leadership and professionalism, and he is especially known for his treatment of others—lawyers and non-lawyers—with respect, courtesy, and consideration.

Emerging Leader – Joshua B. Isaacs, Esq.

Josh served as President of the Young Lawyers Section of the Fairfax Bar Association. He was also a member of the Fairfax Bar Association Board of Directors. Josh has served as the chair of the Fairfax Law Foundation's 5K Committee, successfully stewarding the event to surpass attendance, sponsorship, and participation of prior years. Josh will continue to serve as the committee chair of this event to coordinate almost 1000 participants and over a hundred volunteers to raise awareness about the Law Foundation and its mission in the community. Josh was also a member of the Street Law Clinic and taught classes at a DC Jail on Real Life Practical Law Situation.

Josh is an associate with the firm SmolenPlevy in Tysons Corner, Virginia. Licensed in Virginia, Josh earned his law degree from the Georgetown University Law Center where he served as a Senior Staff Member of the *Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics*. He is the author of "Ethical Implications of Collaborative Law," published in that journal. Mr. Isaacs received his Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Political Science from Washington

University in St. Louis. Mr. Isaacs is also a founding member of the 6th and I Mens Club. Josh's practice comprises General Litigation with an emphasis in Family Law, Divorce and Custody.

Non-Profit – Police Unity Tour, Chapter IV

The Police Unity Tour's (PUT) mission is to honor and raise awareness of law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty and to raise funds for the National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) in Washington, D.C. Over the course of 3 days during Police Week in May, officers with the Tour ride bicycles from various points along the east coast to the Memorial in D.C. to honor the fallen. Chapter IV is one of nine chapters with the Unity Tour whose route covers 230 miles on bicycle from Richmond to Charlottesville, and into Washington, D.C. This past year, the Police Unity Tour raised \$1.9 million dollars for the NLEOMF and Museum. Many of the survivors who PUT develops relationships with become members themselves and either ride in support of their loved one, or support the ride each year.

Chapter IV has developed special relationships with Fairfax County's fallen officer families (Garbarino, Bernal, Armel, Stecco) and the Chapter involves them in activities throughout the year. This provides survivors an avenue to support one another, be surrounded by support, and know that their loved ones will never be forgotten. Many of the survivors have stated that the PUT provides them the continued support and love that is needed to move forward.

Chapter IV conducts numerous fundraising and education events each year to raise awareness of the community's fallen heroes and to raise awareness and assist survivor families in need.

Chapter IV was founded by Fairfax County Police Officers and remains based out of Fairfax, VA, however, its members include officers from around the country in various states. The Chapter's impact on the Fairfax County survivor community cannot be understated.

Non-Profit – Kids Sending Smiles

Kids Sending Smiles is a local charity that was established by a group of Fairfax County school children ages 9 through 11. The children have been involved in a multitude of activities locally to raise money and assist families in Fairfax County. During the past year, the children have raised about \$1,400 to help a local toddler with severe epilepsy get a Seizure Assistance Dog.

In October of this past year, the children organized a 5k race to fund breast cancer research. The children helped obtain corporate sponsors and the children's efforts were featured in the "Springfield Connection." On May 31, 2014, the children co-sponsored an event with a Fairfax county daycare (Little Acorn Patch) to raise over \$1,000 for ECHO (Ecumenical Community Helping Others) which helps needy Fairfax families. In March, the children held a donation drive to benefit Fancy Cats Rescue at PetSmart on Frontier Drive in Springfield. During the past two years, the organization has held food drives for the Lorton Community Action Center for the benefit of local families.

The organization has raised money and provided direct assistance to help children in orphanages in the Philippines and Peru, sponsored a coat drive for Navajo families, and raised money for Hurricane Sandy relief and for other national disasters.

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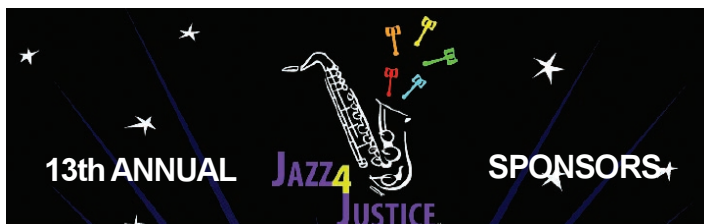
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Education – Rory Dippold

Rory is a middle school teacher at Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School. He is one of a few middle school teachers in Virginia to have his students participate in "Project Citizen." This is a year-long project where the student develops a plan to fulfill a need in the community, fully develops a proposal, petitions their local government to consider their proposal, advocates for their proposal at public hearings and monitors the implementation of their legislative proposal. In 2009, his student group of a dozen 7th graders won the national contest. They were recognized for their accomplishment at the Conference of State Legislators at their annual convention in Philadelphia.

He takes every opportunity he can to teach his students about the rule of law and the importance of civic involvement. Every year he invites FBA members to visit his classes to teach about the rule of law, to help with mock trials that the students prepare from scratch, and to serve as judges and advisers for law-related National History Day projects. Rory Dippold was named the Virginia National History Day Teacher of the Year for middle schools for 2014. He also was a nominee this past year for the *Washington Post's* celebrated Agnes Meyer Award, which is given to teachers for their work in the classroom, creativity, and contribution to the improvement of education.

Corporate – Dogtopia

Founded in 2002 by Amy Nichols, Dogtopia was the first dog daycare business in Fairfax County and Amy predicted that busy professionals, facing long commutes and hours away from their homes, were in need of an alternative to leaving their beloved pet at home alone all day. In 2005, Ms. Nichols franchised the concept nationally, and to date there are 29 Dogtopia locations across the country.

As well as providing invaluable services to local dog owners, Dogtopia as a company is also in the business of giving back. Believing that investing locally is important, they are always happy to hold campaigns to benefit the communities that have been so supportive of them.

Examples of their community-based activities include:

10th Annual Charity Dog Wash (2014): an annual dog wash fundraiser for Paws With a Cause, a nationwide organization whose mission is to enhance the independence and quality of life for people with disabilities through custom-trained Assistance Dogs.

Lend A Paw Donation Drive (2014): participating locations had drop off boxes to collect items for their local rescue dogs.

Paws for Pink (2010 & 2011): a fundraiser that benefited breast cancer research & community Outreach Programs.

Lucky Dogs Give Back (2011): a fundraiser where \$1 for every dog in daycare was donated to a local charity of choice. Some of the local charities included Hounds4Heroes, non-profit providing pets to military veterans; Soles4Souls, a shoe charity; and DOGS-East Search & Rescue, a non-profit specializing in training search dogs to find missing people, as well as those missing due to natural disasters. ■

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FBA MEMBER PROFILES

ROBERT B. WALKER, ESQ. Senior FBA Member

Robert B. Walker has been an active Fairfax Bar Association member since 1996. The Wynne, Arkansas native is the Chair of the Conciliation Task Force for the FBA and has served two terms on the FBA Board. He acts as an FBA ambassador at events and conciliates every week. Walker serves as a guardian *ad litem* for incapacitated adults and says that he's often in court for the Friday 9:00 AM docket so he just "sticks around" to assist with conciliation. His practice is currently focused on creditor representation in bankruptcy, estate planning, and he volunteers for the Legal Services of Northern Virginia's *pro bono* domestic violence program. Additionally, he is a special justice for civil commitment hearings.

He modestly describes his work for the FBA as "sort of selfish." By way of explanation he says he learns a lot from conciliation and likes getting to know people and the "camaraderie" which comes from that. He would tell younger lawyers that involvement in the FBA "significantly helps their ability to practice and represent their clients" and emphasizes the "institutional knowledge you pick up" along the way.

Walker believes in participation. "I think everyone should join [the FBA] and be active—be on committees, be on sections, get involved. It is very rewarding in lots of ways—professionally and personally," he said.

The 1975 Memphis State University (now the University of Memphis) Law School graduate had a primarily federal administrative practice until the mid-90's. He moved to Northern Virginia for a Memphis firm that had offices in Washington, D.C. and says "life" got in the way of returning to Memphis. He is barred to practice in Virginia, Tennessee, and Washington, D.C., and has admission to many federal courts across the country. Walker said it was a great practice until deregulation started in the 80's and the Interstate Commerce Commission was abolished in 2000. Once he saw the handwriting on the wall he set up shop in Herndon, where he has happily remained ever since.

Interestingly, in college Walker majored in biology and minored in chemistry. He has a Masters Degree in Clinical Chemistry from Arkansas State, and worked as a medical laboratory supervisor for the City of Memphis Hospital's clinical chemistry lab. When faced with a decision between medical school or pursuing his doctoral degree in chemistry, he decided to give law school a try after someone suggested he had the aptitude for it.

Walker resides in Herndon with his wife of 44 years, Peggy Walker (herself a former English teacher and technical writer). He has two children. His daughter, Robin Walker, is an attorney in Richmond who works for Capitol One. His son, Robert "Ben" Walker, Jr. practices education law at the Fairfax firm of Ritzert & Leyton. Walker is an avid tennis player who plays year-round on two different doubles teams. He is a season ticket holder for the Nationals but admits he'll root for the Cardinals when they are in town.

"He's terrific. He's the reason why I initially got involved in the FBA. He is the epitome of everything that is good and right about local attorneys and local bar associations," said Debra Powers of The Susan Hicks Group PC. ■

LINH H. LY, ESQ. New FBA YLS Member

Linh H. Ly is a new member of the Fairfax Bar Association. A native of Northern Virginia, she attended the University of Virginia where she majored in English and minored in Asian-Pacific American studies. She went on to attend law school at the University of Baltimore, graduating in 2013. Ms. Ly knew early on in her academic career that she planned to attend law school and was interested in working with family law clients, so she volunteered for University Mediation Services and the Mediation Center of Charlottesville during her time at the University of Virginia. As a law student, Ms. Ly participated in a number of activities, including serving on the editorial board for the *Journal of Land and Development*, participating in the Thomas Tang Moot Court team, serving as secretary for the University of Baltimore Students for Public Interest, and serving as Vice President for the Immigration Law Student Association.

Throughout her legal and academic career, Ms. Ly has focused on giving back to her community. Ms. Ly hails from a Vietnamese background and she was active in both the Vietnamese Student Association at the University of Virginia and the Asian Pacific American Law Student Association in law school. She sees her legal career as another avenue to give back to her community. According to Ms. Ly, there is a gap in legal services for members of her community because of language barriers and the high cost of hiring an attorney. She looks forward to finding ways to reach out to the Vietnamese community throughout her career. Her family owns a restaurant in Gainesville, Pho Ha Linh, and she continues to work there on the weekends.

Ms. Ly began her legal practice by serving as a law clerk for Judge John Tran in the Circuit Court of Fairfax County. She reflects that working as a law clerk was a great experience. She benefited from Judge Tran's mentorship and learned to be prepared for whatever came her way. She is now continuing her career as an associate at The Susan Hicks Group, where she says every day is a learning experience.

Judge Tran says of Ms. Ly "During our year together Linh consistently made me proud to have her working with me as my law clerk. She was intelligent, inquisitive, dependable and resilient. She left behind fond memories and to this day, the courthouse clerks still ask about her."

Ms. Ly has enjoyed attending Fairfax Bar Association social events such as the Bench Bar Dinner Dance, Young Lawyers Section happy hours, and Breakfast with the Judges. She says these events are a great way to get to know colleagues on a one-to-one level.

Although she has already accomplished a lot at her young age, it is not all work for Ms. Ly. A talent that people might not expect of her is that she excels at hula hooping. Ms. Ly also has an adventurous side, having recently gone sky-diving. ■

COURTNEWS

Escalator Repair

Beginning Tuesday, November 25, 2014, the entire café seating area will be closed due to escalator repairs. There will be no access to the tables and chairs since they will be stacked up with workwalls constructed to partition off the space. Remember to build in a little more time to get to your next hearing! Elevators may be more crowded than usual. As a reminder, the Circuit Court has a conference room rental program if a dedicated meeting space is needed. If you would like to make a room reservation or have questions about this program, please contact Kim Pratt at 703-246-4166.

GENERAL DISTRICT COURT NEWS:

Interpreter Request in the Civil Division

The General District Court's "Civil & Small Claims Interpreter Request" form must be used to request an interpreter for any language interpreter needed in civil or small claims court. The form is available in Courtrooms 2A and 2B, as well as in the Civil Clerk's Office in Room 211 and the Court Services Division in Room 203. A copy of the form must be submitted to both the Civil and Court Services offices. Ten days' advance notice is requested for most languages, with the exception of a Sign Language interpreter, which requires at least two weeks' notice. Failure to timely file a written request may result in your case being continued.

Motions on Felonies

Attorneys may file motions for the 9:30 AM criminal docket on felony cases in order to waive preliminary hearing or enter a plea. The judges require notice be provided to the Commonwealth's Attorney and that the motions be filed at least two business days in advance. Bond motions on felonies may still be filed by 3:00 PM in order to be heard on the next morning's 8:30 AM docket in 2G.

Defendant's Appearance at Advisement Hearing

Attorneys are reminded that their clients must attend their Advisement Hearing in the General District Court. The defendant's appearance cannot be waived by sending counsel. ■

Mason Jazz Ensemble...

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Not only does this event raise important funds, but it also shines a spotlight on the talents of young musicians. It's the first year in the band for Mason Jazz Ensemble player Jonathan Hilgendorf, a music education major who plays the tenor saxophone and the clarinet. So he's grateful to have had a clarinet solo during a piece called "The Second Line," inspired by the festive funeral processions in New Orleans.

"The clarinet is big in New Orleans, as far as jazz goes," Hilgendorf says. "This is the instrument I've been playing since I was 8 years old. It's a really good-sounding solo."

Phil Harris, a trombone player and a music education major with an emphasis on brass, completed his third year as a Jazz 4 Justice player. "I believe performance is like practice and

practice is like performance. Everybody has that opportunity to just play and really express how they feel," Harris says. Knowing that an audience is there to hear their musical expressions is inspiring, he adds.

This year's Jazz 4 Justice theme was "Viva Las Vegas: Sounds of Sin City." It was the brainchild of Carroll, who has been involved with the event since it began.

"I figured if I had 'sin' in the title then I could get more people to come," Carroll says.

Getting more people to appreciate jazz and the pro bono work of the FLF is what inspired Fairfax lawyer Edward Weiner, Esq., to work with Carroll to create Jazz 4 Justice more than a decade ago. Carroll believes that the work of jazz artists and the work of lawyers both have much depth and weight, but what they do still largely goes unappreciated. He notes that while courtrooms are the legal arena for settling differences, jazz music has, from its the beginning, been about how humans negotiate their differences.

"(Jazz) answers that fundamental question, 'How can I be me without getting in the way of you being you?'" Carroll says. "The jazz

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Delegation in December. The Fairfax County Judicial Screening of the Candidates was held on November 18. Those results have been published to our membership for voting and forwarded to the Delegation for their ultimate selection.

The Fairfax Bar Association continues to produce innovative programs and projects in an effort to make the practice of law in the Nineteenth Circuit the best in the Commonwealth. We thank you for volunteering and we welcome any new ideas that you might have! ■

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ensemble is just a vehicle for improvisation. I like to call it 'organized chaos,' which is what democracy is."

Mark your calendar for next year's Jazz 4 Justice concert on Friday, November 20, 2015. For more information about the Fairfax Law Foundation, visit www.fairfaxlawfoundation.org. ■

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