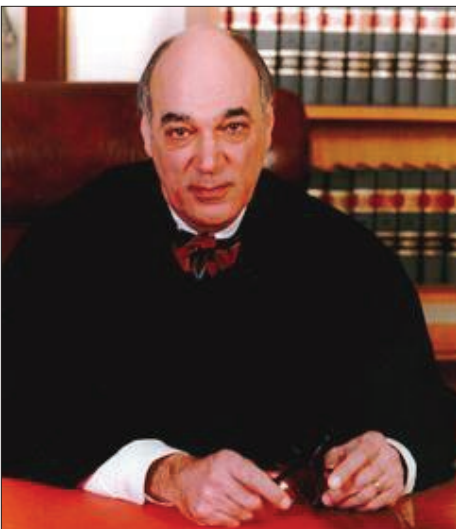


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MEMORIAL EULOGY: THE HON. R. TERRENCE NEY

By Hon. Robert W. Wooldridge, Jr.



For over 35 years I had the pleasure of practicing law with Terry Ney, serving on the bench with him, and calling him a close friend. The Fairfax Bar Association asked to reprint remarks I was honored to give at Judge Ney's memorial service. With slight editing, I am happy to provide them.

Many of you know that Terry was the son of a father who was a Navy flier and a mother who was born and grew up in the then-territory of Hawaii. After college at Harvard and law school at the University of Texas, in 1969 he joined the Fairfax firm of Bauknight, Prichard, McCandlish and Williams, which would merge with Boothe, Dudley, Koontz, Blankingship and Stump in the early 1970's to become Boothe Prichard and Dudley. It was a different time to practice law. Ed Prichard told Terry that no lawyer in Fairfax County could possibly be worth more than \$25 an hour. There are probably clients out there today who feel the same way.

Terry soon became among the cream of the crop of trial and appellate lawyers in Northern Virginia and around the Commonwealth. Bright, articulate, well-prepared, and thorough, he expected nothing but the highest quality of work from himself and from those who worked with him.

Melissa Glassman, now a senior partner at McGuire Woods, recalled that soon after she started practicing Terry was the lead attorney on a large construction case, with Tom Farrell in second chair and Melissa in third chair. Their client, a

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President's Column

By David L. Marks, Esq.

"A True Virginia Gentleman"

The Hon. R. Terence Ney was a beloved and respected member of our Fairfax legal family. This issue of the *Fairfax Bar Association Journal* is a tribute to Judge Ney and a celebration of the diverse life he led.



Judge Ney was dauntingly efficient on the bench, especially so to new lawyers. He was something out of central casting—Harvard educated, tall, distinguished, bow tie, perfect diction, and extremely formal. Even at the uncontested 9:00 AM Motions docket, he would insist that all parties stay behind counsel table and all documents be passed up through his bailiff.

What was not shown to those nervous young lawyers was the informal side of Judge Ney. This was a man who was a member of the Hasty Pudding Club and played in a rock band at Harvard. Judge Ney continued that passion for music by playing mandolin for nearly 20 years in the Raggedy Grass Bluegrass Band. He was an avid sportsman who loved playing tennis and golf. Most of all, Judge Ney enjoyed riding horses. He rode nearly every week and loved foxhunting with the Middleburg Hunt.

I once saw a more vulnerable side of Judge Ney that made me admire his poise and grace all the more. I was in his chambers for calendar control when I mentioned how disappointed I was that his appointment to the Court of Appeals, a post he would have been perfect for, had been lost in an episode of political wrangling. Judge Ney wryly smiled and commented that they had already given him a key to his office and files to review in preparation for his new position, when the news came from Richmond that someone else had been chosen at the eleventh hour. He admitted that he was disappointed, but also said, "Such is life." The Court of Appeals loss was Fairfax's gain as Judge Ney served admirably on the Fairfax Circuit Court Bench for nearly 16 years.

Judge Ney had been scheduled to retire January 1, 2015. His illness came at a time that it allowed him to almost finish his judicial career but it would not allow him to finally enjoy his golden years with his family. Judge Ney was "a true Virginia Gentleman" who will be dearly missed.

Accompanying Judge Ney's passing, there will be other changes to the Circuit and General District Courts that carry us not only into a new year but into a new era. Within a six-month period, there will be four new Judges on the Circuit Court Bench, as well as a new Chief Judge. There will also be two new judges and a new Chief Judge in the General District Court. Judge Maxfield's retirement took effect last month, after serving 13 years on the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court bench and seven on the Circuit Court. Chief Judge Dennis Smith is set to retire on May 31, 2015, with exactly 20 years as a Circuit Court Judge, eight of those years as Chief Judge. Judge Bruce White has been voted in as the new Chief Judge, beginning June 1, 2015.

Our new judges have already started! Grace Burke Carroll was sworn in on December 5, 2014, and Daniel Ortiz's investiture ceremony is set for January 30, 2015. Congratulations to Stephen Shannon and Chief Judge of the Fairfax General District Court Penney Azcarate for their recent appointments as the newest Circuit Court Judges. Although the General Assembly has allotted 15 judgeships for the county's Circuit Court, in reality only 14 will be funded, and these last two appointments will fill the final vacancies. With Chief Judge Azcarate moving to Circuit Court

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general contractor, had made a lot of mistakes on a project, so their effort was to limit damages as much as possible. Melissa said that when Terry's opening statement moved a few jurors to tears, the case was already over. Needless to say, the verdict was very favorable to their client. I allow Melissa some hyperbole. I've tried construction law cases both as a lawyer and a judge, and the only crying that's involved is when people are bored to tears. But I don't doubt that Terry singlehandedly won the case in opening statement through his preparation and presentation.

Terry guided a generation of lawyers who followed him at Boothe Prichard and Dudley, and later McGuire Woods. He taught us how to practice law capably and professionally, applauded us when we did well, and went to bat for us when we did not.

Fortunately, he did so with a sense of humor. One evening in 1979 our firm (35 lawyers) had an attorneys-only formal gathering. It was the kind of occasion of camaraderie we had every couple of years, and new associates at the firm put on a skit mimicking the other attorneys. One new associate portrayed Terry by wearing a pink plastic pate with bad comb-over. It seemed like a good idea during the planning stage, which was fueled by a good deal of alcohol. I know because I was that associate. It was only when I stepped out in front of the whole firm that it dawned on me that, as a result, I could well be unemployed the next day.

One of our clients was a shopping center magnate out of Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, who owned Fair Oaks Mall. For our first significant trial, the company sent (let's call him Mr. Jones) to watch. Before Terry and I met him, we knew only that Mr. Jones was a vice-president. We didn't know

that, in truth, he was an enforcer. He was burly, and by appearances, if reason did not work he had other tools. He was a "man's man" and expected his counsel to be the same. I arrived late for our dinner the night before trial when we first met him. I told Terry and Mr. Jones that I was late because (truthfully) my tap dancing class lasted longer than expected. Mr. Jones looked at me aghast at what kind of lawyer he had hired. Before he could speak, Terry replied (truthfully), "That's interesting, because I've always wanted to take ballet." If trial had not been the next day, I'm sure Mr. Jones would have flown home that night and changed counsel. But fortunately the case went well.

The law was truly a calling for Terry. He answered that call not only by excelling as an attorney but also on the bench. He expected the same degree of skill and professionalism of himself as a judge, and of attorneys who appeared before him, that he had brought to private practice. Since I have left the bench and now serve as a mediator, lawyers are often rather candid with me in their assessment of judges. Without fail, they always welcomed having Judge Ney assigned to their case. They knew he would be prepared, would listen, and would be thorough and fair.

Terry never took up ballet, but he was a remarkable athlete. He boxed and played tennis as a teenager, and avidly pursued tennis and golf as an adult. For the last two decades he had a passion for horseback riding. In that sport he broke a few records and only one collarbone.

He was always fond of music. In college, he was in a rock and roll band that was more Rolling Stones than Beatles. In the 1970's and 1980's he was part of Raggedy Grass, a bluegrass group that also included local attorneys Grady Frank, Lee Fifer, Tom Appler, and Charlie Appler. They played locally as well as in Europe, where Terry first learned fractured German.

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Terry was a loyal friend. He and one of his closest and oldest friends, Mike Bradshaw, called one another each morning. He was a loyal son to both of his parents until their recent passing.

Terry and his wife, Uschi, were together over 30 years. They loved each other very much and had a wonderful life together, whether enjoying the countryside of Philomont or traveling (in this country or abroad, especially to Germany, her native land, and a country Terry came to love). Terry raised two wonderful daughters, Ashley and Shaler. Uschi and Terry effectively adopted Anya, who has been with them for years. He was close to his only sibling, Nancy, who resides in Texas. After Uschi and he bought a home in Philomont almost 25 years ago, he made fast friends in that community.

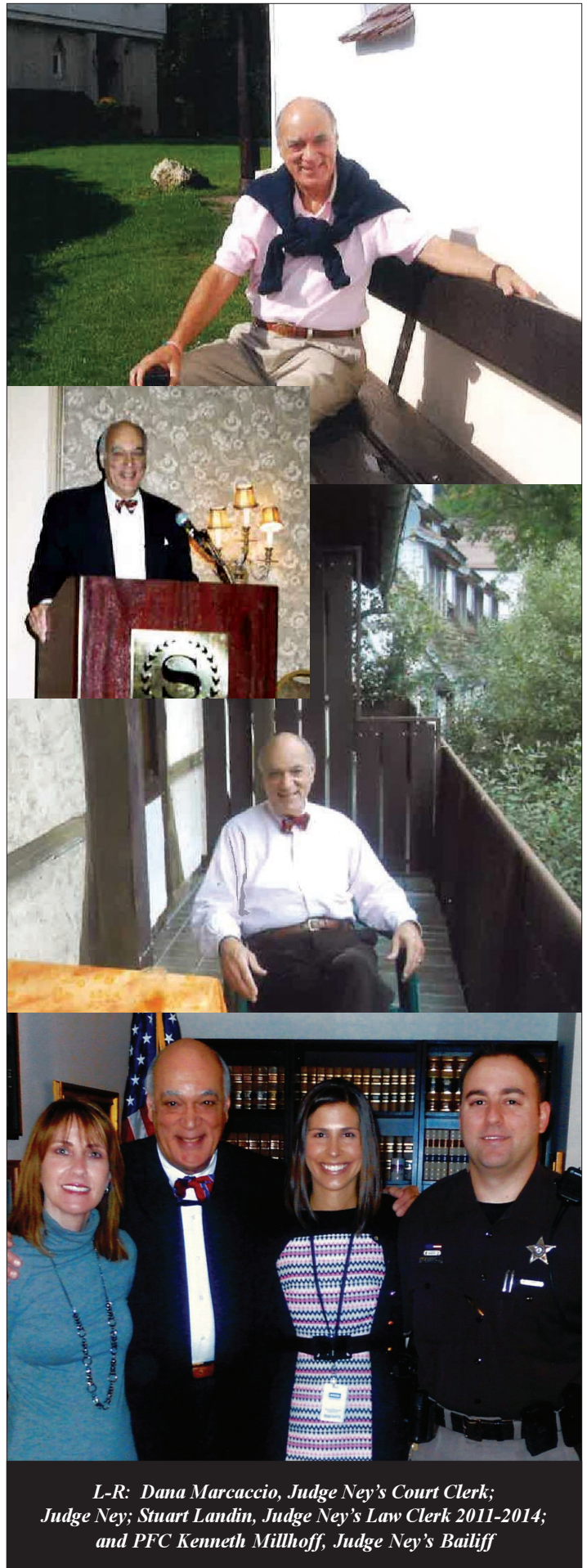
Terry also treasured the teaching he did at George Mason School of Law. It was an extension of the training of lawyers he did all of his professional life, sometimes when he was aware of it, often when he was not. Perhaps no organization earned his loyalty and affection more than the Virginia Bar Association. He was honored to lead it, and the personal and professional friends he made in it sustained him.

Terry was old-fashioned and traditional in the best sense of those terms. He hand-wrote beautiful letters for occasions both important and mundane. He did so with a fountain pen that he filled with ink from a nearby inkwell. Somehow no drop of ink ever spilled on his blotter or on his hands. With patrician good looks, he dressed immaculately, whether in court or on horseback.

Life seemed less hectic for, and with, Terry. When you talked to him, you had his undivided attention. He had a way of making you feel that your matters were important not only to you, but to him as well.

He was, indeed, very orderly. In his office at the law firm and his chambers at the courthouse, few papers were on his desk, and those that were had a precise location and purpose. At home, there was a place for everything and everything in its place. No doubt Uschi was sufficiently organized for most of us, but Terry once told her: "80 million Germans and I had to marry the only one not orderly."

The best antiques are old and dear friends. That they are old and dear makes it more difficult to say goodbye to them. But we do so with Terry knowing how fortunate we are to have had the pleasure of his talent, guidance, and friendship for so long. For that we should all be grateful. ■



*L-R: Dana Marcaccio, Judge Ney's Court Clerk;
Judge Ney; Stuart Landin, Judge Ney's Law Clerk 2011-2014;
and PFC Kenneth Millhoff, Judge Ney's Bailiff*

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MEMORIAL QUOTES REGARDING THE HON. R. TERRENCE NEY

"The bar has lost a great judge and many of us have lost a dear friend. Terry exemplified what it meant to be a judge. Every lawyer who learned that his or her case had been assigned to Terry felt blessed with a great draw, and that was true without regard to the kind of case or subject matter."

While Terry was a great judge, he never wore greatness on his sleeve. Brilliant in his case analyses, he was able to keep his perspective on the litigant's humanity and remained acutely aware of the frailties of the human condition.

He was not a distant arbiter of legal disputes, but an involved listener able to sort through conflicting evidence. Invariably he would engage in a candid and straight-forward discourse with counsel before ruling.

A review of his cases in the Supreme Court of Virginia is telling. When he was counsel for an appellant, the opinions frequently concluded 'reversed.' After he went on the bench, his decisions were rarely deemed 'writ worthy,' but if reviewed, were usually affirmed.

His was a remarkable record, but then he was a remarkable man."
—Robert Hall, Esq.

"As a trial attorney who appeared in Court frequently with the majority of those appearances in Fairfax, I found myself before Judge Ney many times. I lost most of my motions in front of him, but I probably should have. Over the years, it reached a point where he seemed to take pleasure in seeing me and hearing my arguments and I took pleasure in arguing the points with him even if I knew I was going to lose. Having him smile at me, perhaps in sympathy, made our repartee one of those things I looked forward to. He was a good and wise judge. I will miss him."
—Eugene C. Miller, Esq.

"Three prominent raps of the gavel by the bailiff and Judge Ney's court was called to order. The formal process of starting court was consistent every time I appeared before Judge Ney. Just as consistent was a thoughtful and careful jurist who treated all before him with dignity and respect. Judge Ney was easily one of the brightest people I had the pleasure to know. Having had the opportunity to interact with Judge Ney outside of the formality of his courtroom drove home the fact that he was equally as humble and friendly. Judge Ney truly will be missed."
—George O. Peterson, Esq.

"Judge Ney was a teacher and mentor whose formidable intellect was matched only by his compassion and kindness. May his legacy of legal professionalism and essential human decency endure. Bless him."
—Mark

"Terry was a true pillar of the Fairfax bar. He practiced law with honesty and integrity, and carried those same virtues with him on the bench. He will be sorely missed."
—John Mardula, Esq.

"Judge Ney had a mind and a manner that wholly embraced you, your position, and your case. He was the embodiment of the Gentleman Scholar and the Great Judge."
—Tim McEvoy, Esq.

"It will be difficult, if not impossible, to fill the void created by the passing of the Hon. R. Terrence Ney. He was not only a great jurist but an honorable man. I always enjoyed appearing before Judge Ney because he treated all litigants with respect and dignity. He had a strong sense of justice and rendered outcomes that were equitable, based upon the law as applied to the individual facts in a given case. I will miss Judge Ney but take comfort in knowing that he is now free from all pain and suffering.

May God's peace and comfort be upon his family and all of those he leaves behind. Good bye, my friend."
—Deborah A. Wilson, Esq.

"I knew of Judge Ney from afar long before I had met him (and well before his first name became 'Judge'). He was a scholarly writer from whom I learned (and gleaned pithy quotations) about obscure but important FDA regulatory issues and product liability repercussions. Once I met him (as Judge Ney), I discovered the consummate gentleman (as well as the legal scholar) that all knew him to be. Upon our first meeting (outside the courtroom), his kindness was on display as he took pains to reminisce about my late father and the various occasions on which their paths had crossed. I never had the pleasure of trying a case before Judge Ney, but my limited encounters revealed him to be a pillar of our legal community who earned and deserved respect and emulation. We all will miss him."
—Michael Garnier, Esq.

"Judge Ney was a fine professor of appellate practice at George Mason University School of Law.

Every week, he started class by recommending a book to read and a movie to watch, and telling us something they don't teach in law school (such as which counsel table to take in an unfamiliar courtroom).

And I will never forget the keening sound he gave out the first time one of my classmates referred to a case as Smith v. Jones rather than Smith versus Jones or (better yet) Smith against Jones. Truly it was one way to make the lesson as unforgettable as the teacher."
—John Frazer, Esq.

"One of my best memories was a meeting in chambers after I sent a note via his clerk that one of his courtroom portraits was mislabeled. I said that the label 'Ronny Lee' should be corrected to Rooney Lee (General Robert E. Lee's son). It turned out we were both history geeks and that he was a descendant of Napoleon's Marshal Ney (known as the 'bravest of the brave'). A long and colorful conversation ensued. His good humor and patience will be missed."
—Tom Koerner, Esq.

"Judge Ney's death is a huge loss, both personally to me, and for the Commonwealth of Virginia's legal community. He was an incredible judge, professor, and mentor. Judge Ney inspired pride and the nobility of the legal profession in many including me. He was a true Virginia gentleman in every way and was extremely generous with his time and wisdom. I can honestly say I would not be where I am today without his guidance and support. His life was too short. I will miss him dearly."
—Kristine Ellison, Esq.

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"As a law clerk, I interacted with Judge Ney on a daily basis for two years. Aside from being incredibly smart, Judge Ney had a rare and exceptional ability to connect to people on a personal level. Knowing my interests and background, he'd always have a book or movie handy—or a story to tell—in token of his friendship. In some ways, I owe my professional success to him. Always kind, always fair, always a great mentor. He'll be greatly missed."

—Anastasia Cordova, Esq.

"I will never forget my first encounter with Judge Ney. I had just passed the bar exam and needed to be sworn into Fairfax before the official ceremony in Richmond. I had been told that this was a routine and quick process. However, Judge Ney made it anything but routine."

Upon my arrival, Judge Ney told me that he would not give me the oath in the calendar control office and directed me to his courtroom. There he called court into session before giving me the oath. He took what was supposed to be routine procedure and turned it into something special."

It was not until later that I realized how much extra effort Judge Ney put into this simple procedure. He made the ceremony something I will never forget. It was this type of effort that defined Judge Ney as a leader in our community."

—Charles D. Hatley, Esq.

"Judge Ney was one of the last true Virginia gentleman judges. His courtroom was run in textbook style. Everything went according to procedure, with fairness and civility. Whether I won or lost, I always knew what to expect, and that the trial would be a positive experience. He was patient and kind. When I first started practicing, he brought me back to chambers to discuss how I did, what I could improve, and to compliment my trial books. He took time out of his busy schedule to help a new lawyer progress. He was an excellent teacher, a man with a great sense of humor, and someone who was always willing to answer a question. I enjoyed my time in his courtroom, and he will be greatly missed. I feel like an era has passed."

—Valerie E. Hughes, Esq.

"All of us who appeared before Judge Ney knew that we had the pleasure of practicing law before a very fine Judge. I am quite sure that he will be fondly remembered. God rest his soul."

—James R. Becker, Esq.

"Bob Hall has captured Terry perfectly. Terry was a supremely eminent jurist, esteemed lawyer, and a class act in every respect who was always courteous and respectful to all who knew or came before him, and thus is a person to be emulated and will be greatly missed. It is a sad day for the legal profession and our community in his leaving us too early in his life."

—Gregg Murphy, Esq.

"To Judge Ney's family: With deepest sympathy, and a message about this very sad loss:

As a Judge he was intelligent, learned, respectful to lawyers and litigants, patient, and above all interested, interesting, and very kind, together with a smile and a sense of humor that made being in his courtroom a "safe" place to be.

As a person, he was a good friend, a warm and engaging man; to many of us he will never be forgotten and he will always be missed."

—Ilona E. Grenadier, Esq.

"My sincere condolences to Judge Ney's family, friends, and coworkers [all of those with whom he worked throughout his long and successful career]."

Judge Ney was a fine gentleman in the most welcomed sense. His loss will be mourned by many beyond his kind and loving family. We were fortunate to have had an opportunity to know him. May he rest in peace."

—Leslie Weber Hoffman, Esq.

"I was very fortunate to begin my work as a new lawyer before the Hon. Judge Ney. Although I practiced before him only a few times in recent years, the experience allowed me to take great pride in the role I played for my client. He exhibited a model judicial temperament and carried an intimate understanding of judicial decision-making. He was also a very kind man. He told me once after a trial in his courtroom that I had done an excellent job for my client. A few days later, he saw me in the hallway and I was surprised that he actually remembered me. He approached me just to say a few simple words and they were that he sincerely meant what he said to me in court. I don't know if Judge Ney fully appreciated how special he made me feel in those moments and what his words meant to me. They left an extraordinary impact on a very humble person. For me, Judge Ney was an inspiration and a link to a life and work that I have treasured and will continue to treasure. I will always remember him."

—Andi Geloo, Esq.

"Judge Ney was an extremely fine jurist. He would always listen intently, give careful and learned consideration, and treat all before him with respect. I very rarely thought he was wrong, and once, I respectfully pointed this out (by a motion) and he reversed himself and ruled correctly. I respected him tremendously. He was a gentleman, and a learned scholar. I learned a great deal from him. He will be missed."

—Stephanie Ryan, Esq.

"In all of my almost 42 years of law practice I considered Judge Ney to be one of the brightest and best judges that I ever had the pleasure of appearing before. He was a true VA gentleman. He was compassionate and caring and he truly loved the law and people. He made everyone feel as if they had been heard, regardless of whether they won or lost. I knew Judge Ney very well when he was practicing law. He was an expert in construction litigation and he was highly regarded throughout the Commonwealth as an excellent trial lawyer. He will be very sorely missed, and while he cannot be replaced, he will serve as a model for future members of the bench. I am sure God has said to him, 'Well done thy good and faithful servant.' May God richly bless him and his family always. Terry, we miss you."

—Bill Schmidt, Esq.

"Judge Ney inspired many young lawyers to practice law the right way, with respect, honesty, and integrity. He was deeply admired and will be missed."

—Doug Plocki, Esq. ■

2014 Pro Bono Awards

The FBA is pleased to announce the 2014 *Pro Bono* Awards given by the Northern Virginia *Pro Bono* Law Center. Local legal professionals were honored for their service at the Annual State of the Judiciary Membership Luncheon held on December 16, 2014.

Arlene Beckerman, Director of *Pro Bono* Activities stated, "Every day, *pro bono* attorneys take on cases in a wide range of law including landlord tenant matters, debtor's rights, employment discrimination, uncontested divorces, and custody issues, just to name a few. They also are in the community at neighborhood sites answering questions in civil law matters and assisting low-income seniors with life-planning documents. We are fortunate to have a vibrant and expanding *pro bono* program that allows us to reach the most vulnerable among us. This could not be possible without the support of the legal community."

Pro Bono Paralegal of the Year – Rochelle Fin

Rochelle Fin has a paralegal certificate from George Mason University, as well as a Bachelor of Arts in English. She is currently an immigration paralegal with Goel and Anderson.

Rochelle became involved doing *pro bono* work over two years ago when she approached the Northern Virginia *Pro Bono* Law Center looking for a way to give back to her community while using her professional skills. She started immediately and has become a dependable and regular part of the program.

Rochelle has been a volunteer paralegal with the Neighborhood Outreach Program, serving in the Herndon Neighborhood Resource Center and the Katherine Hanley Homeless Shelter since August 2012. Since that time, she has participated almost monthly, attending about 20 different sessions at those sites.

The Neighborhood Outreach Program provides volunteer attorneys and paralegals who meet clients at locations that are convenient and accessible to them. The team provides them with legal analysis, advice and referral information, and often takes on work beyond that initial interview.

Rochelle's work is invaluable to both the *pro bono* attorneys and the clients. She uses her language skills and her compassion to help make the clients feel comfortable and to enable them to more easily express their concerns. She assists the lawyers during the client interviews, helping with the analysis, and completing the necessary forms.

Rochelle also volunteers to work with children through Kids' Quest at the McLean Bible Church.

Pro Bono Lawyer of the Year – Cory Frederick Goriup

Cory Frederick Goriup is a Partner at Surovell Isaacs Petersen & Levy PLC in Fairfax, VA. In her practice, Cory handles complex family law cases and civil matters, and is trained in collaborative law and mediation, as well. She has been an Adjunct Professor in Family Law at American University, Washington College of Law, and a Staff Attorney at the Virginia Legal Aid Society. She is a member of both the Virginia and District of Columbia Bars. She has a Preeminent AV Rating in *Martindale Hubbell*.

Despite her very busy professional life, Cory has always found time to donate her expertise to those most in need. She has donated hundreds of hours over the past years to *pro bono* work and clients, and tries to always have a *pro bono* case on her caseload.

What makes Cory special is not only the number of hours devoted to *pro bono* work, which is remarkable, but the passion that she brings to these often complicated cases. Cory is one of a small group of experienced family lawyers who will happily take on difficult and time consuming matters without any expectation of a fee.

Cory has also volunteered in the Custody Mediation Program of the Northern Virginia *Pro Bono* Law Center, helping clients to resolve custody disputes without court intervention. She has taught less experienced *pro bono* lawyers, served as a mentor, and been a member of the *Pro Bono* Advisory Committee of the Fairfax Bar, in addition to other committees. She also provides free consultations for referrals through the Women's Center. In addition, she has volunteered at her children's school in a project providing food for needy families.

Pro Bono Law Firm of the Year –

Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker LLP

Giving back to the communities is a foundational principle at Wilson Elser. Wilson Elser offers extensive *pro bono* services across the nation designed to help ensure universal access to the legal system, especially among those who are poor or otherwise marginalized. Wilson Elser leadership encourages all of their legal professionals to perform *pro bono* work, benefiting the immediate and surrounding areas in which they live and work, creating opportunities for the attorneys to gain invaluable training and experience, and forging meaningful relationships between the firm and its communities nationwide.

Locally, Wilson Elser began actively participating in the Northern Virginia *Pro Bono* Law Center's Neighborhood Outreach Program in 2011, sponsoring a monthly clinic at the Springfield Franconia Family Resource Center. All of the attorneys in the office are encouraged to attend the clinic and handle *pro bono* cases. Currently the firm is handling active cases involving issues ranging from disputes with the Social Security Administration over disability benefits to job discrimination claims.

During the monthly clinic, the attorneys see a wide variety of legal issues ranging from lost wage claims to domestic issues—and everything in-between. The attorneys counsel individuals on their various legal options and depending on the issue, the individual is referred to various resources or their case is taken on by Wilson Elser and handled to conclusion by a Wilson Elser attorney. They have been able to successfully resolve a number of these cases including obtaining monetary damages.

The firm's attorneys also do *pro bono* cases through the Northern Virginia *Pro Bono* Law Center's Consumer Law Clinic and have been successful in settling consumers' debts and getting a client's student loan discharged secondary to her disability.

While providing legal services, the McLean office of the firm has bonded with the Springfield Franconia Family Resource Center and has become further involved with that location. In addition to the legal assistance, they have provided much needed items for the community including food, school supplies, baby supplies, and winter coats. This year and last, they provided 30-40 children with their Christmas wishes, as well as gift cards for groceries.

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Consistent with a firm-wide initiative, the McLean office is also in the process of setting up training for its attorneys to be trained by CAIR Coalition to provide assistance in children and adult immigration cases. Nationally, Wilson Elser and the firm's *Pro Bono* Committee have partnered with the Safe Passage Project to assist in providing legal counsel to the thousands of unrepresented, unaccompanied immigrant children who are crossing the border into the United States every day from Central America, some as young as four years old.

James Keith Public Service Award – Kyle Skopic

Kyle Skopic practices in primarily civil matters including juvenile and family law. She has represented the City of Fairfax in tax matters, and was appointed as a Commissioner in Chancery and Special Commissioner of Sale in 2005. In the past, Kyle has served as Counsel to the Division of Child Support Enforcement and the Department of Social Services in Prince William County. She has been an instructor at the Fairfax County and Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Academies, and served as Assistant County Attorney in Fairfax. She has served on Fairfax Bar Association committees and a Task Force, as well as a member of the Board of Directors.

In addition to her professional career, Kyle has devoted herself to helping those less fortunate in the community during her entire professional life, including both community service, advocacy and *pro bono* work.

In 1988, while a serving as a judicial law clerk, Kyle contacted the Hospice of Northern Virginia (now Capital Caring) to see if she could assist.

She was later recognized for 15 years of service for the years from 1987-2002. During this time, she set up a small group of attorneys from the FBA who would draft wills on a *pro bono* basis. However, patients often had no assets or a need for a Will, or had already made the necessary arrangements but Kyle noticed many had some documents that needed to be notarized. She became a Notary for this purpose and went on home visits, usually one night each week, to notarize documents for these patients who were almost always homebound.

In 1989, Kyle started working as an Assistant County Attorney in Fairfax. Shortly after she started, Chief Judge Griffith called her to his office and asked her to take over several guardianship cases, on a *pro bono* basis, for a local attorney who was serving as guardian but had just passed away. Kyle continues to serve as a *pro bono* guardian 25 years later. These people in need are often intellectually disabled adult members of our community without family members.

Since 1998, Kyle has served as an active guardian *ad litem* in all three courts in Fairfax County. In 2001, she was asked to serve on the Virginia Supreme Court's Commission for the Needs of Children's Guardian *ad litem* Study Group. That group drafted the standards for GAL performance which were later adopted by the Virginia Supreme Court. In 2003, Kyle was asked by the Virginia State Bar (VSB) to be the VSB's representative to speak before the Virginia General Assembly's Courts of Justice Committee on the importance of GALs and the representation they provide to children before the court.

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JUDGE DANIEL POSES WITH THE 2014 PRO BONO RECIPIENTS
L-R: Judge Kimberly Daniel; Kathryn Grace, Esq. of Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker, LLP; Cory F. Goriup, Esq.; Rochelle Fin; and Kyle Skopic, Esq.


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From approximately 2000 to 2012, Kyle signed up to represent patients detained for mental health commitment hearings. She was then asked to serve on Fairfax County's Temporary Detention Order Task Force. Kyle served for over eight years. There were quarterly meetings with representatives from the court, the hospitals, the county, sheriff, etc., who worked to solve issues to improve these proceedings in Fairfax County. Following the tragedy at Virginia Tech in April 2007, the Virginia General Assembly vowed to change the law related to mental health commitments. At the request of Delegate David Albo, in 2008, Kyle appeared before the Virginia General Assembly's Courts of Justice Committee to testify regarding the process as it occurred in Fairfax County. At that time, Kyle made many trips to Richmond to offer her input and for years thereafter to speak whenever asked to explain the changes.

In addition to all of these activities, Kyle has offered over 20 years of service to the Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program. Fairfax CASAs are volunteers who advocate for abused and neglected children in court. She has been their *pro bono* counsel, the lecturer for their trainings, and has now served on their Board of Directors for the past five years. In 2013, Kyle was selected to be the recipient of Fairfax CASA's Child Advocacy Award.

One area of *pro bono* service of which Kyle is especially proud is simply representing children in a number of noteworthy cases or counseling them in legal matters. These children, most often teenagers, find their way to her by referral from local bar members. Children cannot enter into contracts so they can't hire an attorney in the traditional manner—nor can they usually pay for legal services. Kyle regards it as an honor to represent many children on a *pro bono* basis in matters where she believed that her efforts have made a lasting impact. ■

ANNOUNCEMENT

THOMAS M. CUSICK has become a shareholder in the Fairfax firm **COLTEN CUMMINS WATSON & VINCENT P.C.** Mr. Cusick joined the firm in 2009. He has extensive family law experience and focuses his practice in this area. Mr. Cusick may be reached at 3959 Pender Drive, Suite 200, Fairfax, VA 22030; 703-277-9700.

NEW FBA MEMBERS

December 2014

Jennifer Arner
Christopher Ryan Bellacicco
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John Bradley Rabinson
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Amanda Rosen
Derrick Rowe
Louise A. Schmidt
Paul Raymond Schuh
Kristan Ann Siegwart
David Wood Silek
Edith Johanna Sommar
Robert L. Vaughn
Daniel Benjamin Winegard

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and Judge Donald McDonough's upcoming retirement, however, judicial screening will begin again for two new judges for the General District Court. There also will be a vote for a new Chief Judge. Judge McDonough is retiring after 27 years as a General District Court Judge, ten of those years as Chief Judge.

We are thankful for the long service and dedication of Judge Ney, Chief Judge Smith, Judge Maxfield, and Judge McDonough. They have served as supreme models of class, fairness, and professionalism that our new judges will strive to emulate. ■

UPCOMING EVENTS/CLEs

MARCH 7, 2015

"TOTALLY AWESOME 80's"
BENCH BAR DINNER DANCE
6:30 PM—Open Bar Reception
8:00 PM—Dinner followed by Dancing

Fairview Park Marriott
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\$125 Per Person
\$100 for FBA Young Lawyers Section Members (discount applies to YLS guests)
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Please contact Jana Seherer at 703-246-2084 or jseherer@fairfaxbar.org.

APRIL 9, 2015

GUARDIAN FOR THE LAWSUIT CLE:
HOW ADULT GALs PRESERVE & PROTECT THE PROCESS
4:00-7:00 PM

Fairfax County Courthouse – Room TBD
3.0 MCLE Credits *Pending*
3.0 GAL Credits *Pending*
\$105 FBA Attorney Members
\$150 Attorney Non-Members
\$75 FBA Young Lawyers Section Members
\$120 Young Lawyers Non-Members

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SAVE THE DATE!

APRIL 21, 2015

PROTECTING YOU AND YOUR CLIENTS' INTERESTS CLE
12:00-2:00 PM

Location TBD
2.0 MCLE Credits *Pending*
Presented by the Elder Law and Law Practice Sections
Open to Section Members ONLY

April 22, 2015

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ANNOUNCEMENT

BEAN, KINNEY & KORMAN announced that **JENNIFER McCAMMON** has joined the firm as an associate. Jennifer represents individuals in divorce and other family law matters. In addition, Jennifer has experience with general civil litigation matters in state and federal court.

OFFICES FOR SALE OR LEASE

10353-A Democracy Lane—1000 SF on 1st floor, end unit located between University Dr & Old Lee Hwy. Efficiently configured suite with 2 offices, conf rm, recep/waiting rm, kitchenette, BA & util rm; ideally suited for many professional office uses. Unit has front and rear entrances. Free, unassigned surface parking.

SALE - \$235,000 (\$235 psf) or LEASE \$1,625/mo + elec & cln.

10605 Judicial Drive, Unit B4—Lawyers Row on Judicial Dr across the street from Judicial Dr side entrance to FFX Courthouse. Great handicap-accessible 1150 SF office on 1st flr w/hardwood flrs and efficient layout: 3 pvt offices, conf rm, recep area, kitchenette, 2 restrooms & utility closet. Plenty parking. Uniform ext signage allowed.

SALE - \$270,000 (\$235 psf) or LEASE \$1725/mo + util & cln.

3927 Old Lee Hwy, Unit 102-C—Fairfax Commons near intersection at Main St and across from Courthouse Shopping Plz. 1150 SF upper lvl office suite has high ceilings, open flr plan, 2 pvt offices, kit, BA, util, extra lighting & 5-5on HVAC. Suitable for many uses! Plenty Parking!

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3843 Plaza Drive—Located at Old Lee Hwy and Plaza Dr. 2542 SF on 2 flrs; Main lvl (1308 SF) has recep area, conf rm, 2 pvt offices, lg workspace, kitchenette, work rm, util rm, & 2 entrances. Lower lvl (1234 SF) has 2 pvt offices, lg exec office or conf rm, full kit, work/storage rm, BA & util rm. Plenty free, unassigned surface parking. Uniform ext. signage avail. **SALE—\$595,000 (234.07 psf).**

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SALE—\$470,000 (\$235 psf) OR Lease 1-2 yrs @ \$17 psf + elect & cln.

10623 Jones Street (at Judicial Dr), Suite 101-A—Red Maple Ct - 950 SF 1st flr furnished suite w/recep/waiting area, 2 offices, conf rm, kit, BA & util. Avail immed. 2-5 yr term. **LEASE—\$1,500/mo + elec & cln. One free month of rent each year of lease term!**

10627 Jones Street (at Judicial Dr) Suite 301-A—Red Maple Ct - Bright 2nd flr corner unit 1000 SF w/recep/waiting area, 2 offices, conf rm, BA, util/storage & file rm. Avail immed. 2-5 yr lease. Owner will replace carpet w/3 yr lease min. Some furniture conveys. **LEASE - \$1550/mo + elec & cln.**

4011 Chain Bridge Rd—2792 SF freestanding bldg for office or limited retail use w/great visibility & elegant finishes on Chain Bridge Rd. Three story bldg w/hardwood flrs, admin/ recep area, 6 pvt offices, conf rm, break rm & plenty stor. 7 reserved spaces plus addtl parking. Ext signage allowed. Avail immed 2=5 yr lease term.

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4103 Chain Bridge Rd—Location! Office building w/plenty parking across from Fairfax Courthouse! Office suites from 600 SF - 4500 SF listed at \$23 psf, full service. New paint, carpet, build-out negotiable w/4+ yr min lease.

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