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2012 *Bench Bar Dinner Dance Recap* by Jason A. Weis, Esq.

On March 3, 2012, the Fairfax Bar Association hosted its annual Bench Bar Dinner Dance. With a tagline of “Let the Good Times Roll,” and Mardi Gras theme complete with colorful masks and beads, the Bar Association admirably transformed the Sheraton Premiere in Tysons Corner, VA, into Bourbon Street. Thankfully for some, guests were given beaded necklaces merely for showing up.

This year’s event was well attended—it hosted more than 500 judges, attorneys, and legal community members. As the largest social event in the Northern Virginia legal community, the dance—sometimes referred to as “lawyer prom”—provides an annual opportunity for our legal brethren to mingle in an informal setting, albeit in formal attire.

In lieu of traditional Mardi Gras rum hurricanes, the Bar Association wisely continued last year’s addition of complimentary wine tastings. This year’s guests received an engraved wine glass for sampling the latest vintages from three local vineyards: Gabriele Rausse Winery, Kilaurwen Winery, LLC, and Paradise Springs Winery.

The night’s menu featured various hors d’oeuvres passed during the open bar reception, followed by a three-course “surf and turf” plated dinner in the hotel’s main ballroom. The “Great Expectations Band” ensured the good times did, in fact, roll by entertaining guests with a mix of contemporary classics and soul. They kept the dance floor well populated and encouraged not only a lengthy conga line, but also several stand-out performances by some surprisingly ginger lawyers and judges. You know who you are.

“With two young daughters keeping us busy, my wife and I look forward to attending the annual Bench Bar Dinner Dance as an opportunity to have a sophisticated date night where we can speak with people we know, meet others for the first time, and get some dancing practice in,” commented Ted Sibert, Esq., Partner at Whitestone, Brent, Young & Merrill, P.C. “It’s obvious that a lot of work goes into the event and I am personally thankful that we have so many people willing to make that effort. We have always enjoyed the event, and this year’s party was no exception. We are already looking forward to next year.”

“The Bench Bar Dinner Dance is always one of the premier events of the year,” adds Edward W. (“Sunny”) Cameron, Esq., Partner at Cameron McEvoy, PLLC. “This year’s event was no exception. It was well-organized, the change of venue

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President's Column

by William P. Daly, Jr., Esq.

Our Judicial System At Risk

My predecessor, David Gogal, wrote an article in this newsletter last year that he entitled "Legal Profession Under Assault." He personally asked you, as fellow Virginia State Bar members, to make your voices heard by letting your representatives know of the concerns we collectively share about the legal profession being under assault—specifically, our judicial system being under assault. David lamented the attack on judicial independence through legislative interrogation of our judges, the freezing of judicial appointments for two years, and the refusal to preserve the confidentiality of judicial evaluations, noting that the erosion of the number of attorney legislators in the General Assembly may have led to a decreasing regard for our justice system.

Having fewer attorneys in the General Assembly can certainly lead to less awareness in the General Assembly of the problems and issues facing our judicial system and the legal profession, but a major problem now appears looming on the horizon that will make the Governor's interest last year in raiding the Virginia State Bar's reserve fund pale in comparison. It is critical for the General Assembly to have input of our professional organizations, as well as your individual input, in addressing the problem: the likely continued refusal to fill judicial vacancies and to "permanently" reduce the number of judges on which we rely. Quite simply, "justice delayed is justice denied," and dealing with growing caseloads, with fewer judges, will lead to delays that will put tremendous pressure on our system.

To be fair, the General Assembly is trying to contend with a budget deficit resulting from economic conditions that are worldwide and not of its doing, but how to best challenge the budget deficit is squarely in the General Assembly's lap. As you all know, the Honorable Leslie M. Alden announced her resignation in December, effective August 1, 2012. The General Assembly conducted interviews and selected John Tran to replace her, with the understanding that it was conditional on the seat being funded. As budget discussions have progressed, it has become apparent that Fairfax County is not likely to have Judge Alden's seat funded. Effectively, our Circuit Court, like our General District Court two years ago, will lose a seat.

Given the current budget climate, and the appearance that there is increasingly less cooperation across the aisle in Richmond, there is a significant likelihood that we will lose more than just these two seats, and may be facing very significant caseload increases and workload for our remaining judges. While Judge Alden's retirement makes the problem most apparent at this time with the Circuit Court, it is a problem we face for all three of our courts. I will use some statistics on our Circuit Court, but they reflect the stark realities faced by all of our courts. If the General Assembly continues to erode our judgeships by attrition, by the end of this year the Fairfax County General District Court will lose a second judgeship as the Honorable Stewart P. Davis reaches mandatory retirement age. The situation for each of our courts could further deteriorate if judges who are eligible to retire, and nearly fully vested, choose to retire rather than to continue to serve for the sake of their brethren on the Bench and for the greater good of our community.



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ABA Mid-Year Meeting Report

by David P. Bobzien, Esq., FBA Delegate to the House of Representatives

The 2012 Mid-Year Meeting of the American Bar Association House of Delegates convened in New Orleans on February 6, 2012. The meeting commenced with an address by the Mayor of New Orleans, Mitchell Landrieu. Landrieu is a former state lawmaker, a practicing lawyer, and a rising star in national politics. With great passion, Landrieu talked about the many challenges the city has weathered in recent years: Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, and the BP oil spill. While the loss of life, livelihood, and property were too devastating to ever consider these disasters a blessing in disguise, the people of New Orleans have had no choice but to rebuild, and the city has been “a laboratory for innovation and change.” New Orleans has reconstructed its education system, built 88 health care clinics, and created first-time partnerships between government and the private sector.

ABA President Bill Robinson talked about court under-funding. “This is a crisis that harms our clients, hinders our economic recovery, and is a detriment to our liberty,” Robinson said. The ABA is building bridges around the topic—including to businesses and organizations such as the Chamber of Commerce and The Federalist Society. Robinson concluded his comments by informing the House that President-Elect Laurel Bellows and President-Elect Designee James Silkenat have committed to continuing the fight for adequate funding.

The day-long session led to several new policy measures by the 560-member House of Delegates, including:

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Resolution
OF THE
BOARD OF THE FAIRFAX BAR ASSOCIATION

WHEREAS, the Virginia General Assembly, because of fiscal constraints, enacted during the 2010 session paragraph C of Item 52 in Chapter 874 of the 2010 Acts of Assembly calling for open judgeships in Virginia to remain unfilled during fiscal years 2011 and 2012 (and possibly beyond); and

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2011, this Board adopted a Resolution expressing its deep concern that the unfilled judgeships in the courts of the Commonwealth of Virginia, including a judgeship in the General District Court of Fairfax County, were expected to cause a significant strain on resources, delays in the resolution of legal disputes, and increased costs to litigants, witnesses, and other parties involved in the judicial system; and

WHEREAS, there will be a vacancy occurring on the Circuit Court of Fairfax County, effective August 1, 2012, upon the retirement of the Honorable Leslie M. Alden, that needs to be funded as part of fiscal year 2013; and

WHEREAS, if this anticipated vacancy remains unfunded it is foreseeable that such vacancy will cause a significant strain on the resources of the Circuit Court of Fairfax County, resulting in delays in the resolution of legal disputes, and increased costs to litigants, witnesses, and other parties involved in the judicial system; and

WHEREAS, it being a part of the mission of the Fairfax Bar Association, as a professional voluntary organization, to act in the public interest by promoting the prompt and orderly administration of justice and supporting and initiating policies and practices which promote the citizenry's access to justice and confidence in the judicial system; and

WHEREAS, it being the collective and unanimous belief of the voting members of the Board of Directors of the Fairfax Bar Association that unfilled judgeships in the courts of the Commonwealth of Virginia, including a judgeship in the General District Court of Fairfax County and the anticipated vacancy in the Circuit Court of Fairfax County, are creating undue hardships that undermine the public's confidence that the judicial branch of government can effect efficient and fair due process, which is a detriment to the judicial system, the public it serves, and the Rule of Law; and

WHEREAS, it being the belief of the Fairfax Bar Association that adequate funding for the judiciary, both as to judgeships and the Offices of the Clerks of Court, is essential to the judicial branch of government for it to render efficient and fair due process, and

WHEREAS, the Fairfax Bar Association believes in the maxim "justice delayed is justice denied," and that the Rule of Law requires, and the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia have a fundamental right to, efficient and fair due process, and

WHEREAS, adequate funding for Virginia's court system is an investment in both justice and democracy that should not be compromised even during difficult economic times; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that the governments of the Commonwealth of Virginia and Fairfax County recognize their constitutional responsibilities to fund their justice systems adequately, provide that funding as a governmental priority, and develop principles that would provide for stable and predictable levels of funding of those justice systems.

WHEREAS, the judiciary is a co-equal branch with the executive and legislative branches of government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Fairfax Bar Association hereby requests that the General Assembly enact House Bill 745, which will allow the Supreme Court to study a weighted uniform caseload system to determine the need for judicial positions in each circuit and district court; provide funding in the 2012-2014 biennial budget for the hiring of a judge in the Nineteenth Circuit to fill the seat of the Honorable Leslie M. Alden after her retirement on August 1, 2012; enact such provisions and provide such funding as necessary and appropriate to fund all judicial positions in the Nineteenth Judicial District, including restoring funding for an eleventh judicial position in the General District Court; restore funding for judicial vacancies in the Commonwealth which are, or will become, open where the Supreme Court's analysis of caseload statistics using uniform criteria warrant; and fund such further studies and make such other provisions as necessary in conjunction with the judiciary to formulate a reasoned solution to all judicial vacancies throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution shall be forwarded by or on behalf of the Executive Director of the Fairfax Bar Association to the General Assembly, the Governor, the Supreme Court of Virginia, the Chairman of the Board of the Fairfax Board of Supervisors, and to such other parties as may be deemed appropriate.

Adopted this 21st day of February, 2012.

FAIRFAX BAR ASSOCIATION
BY: Jay B. Myerson, President-Elect

Continuing Legal Education Committee 2011-2012

by Cynthia Radomsky, Esq., and Wayne Travell, Esq., Co-Chairs, CLE Committee

Given the plethora of national and regional legal education offerings, and given the fact that one can earn CLE credits by telephone, video, and Internet conferencing, why does the Fairfax Bar Association offer its own slate of continuing legal education courses? Perhaps this is best answered by the value of a shared community. Despite the variety of practice areas engaged in by its members, and the great number of people who belong, the Fairfax Bar Association is primarily devoted to serving the needs of local lawyers and professionals engaged in local practice for the local community. As a committee, we strive to provide courses that speak to the interests and concerns of our members who appear in court and practice in Fairfax County. FBA CLE programs are designed to give our members access to the judges they practice before, and to better understand the concerns and perceptions of the bench. Our programs also give members an opportunity to meet and learn from fellow professionals. Our programs can also provide a vehicle for our members to participate in the creation of courses of local relevance and to provide a valuable community service.

As a committee, it is our goal to offer at least one course of local relevance each month from September through June. Many of these courses are held in the late afternoon at the courthouse, although we do try to schedule courses in area restaurants, and in places outside of Fairfax City, such as Tysons Corner, in an effort to serve a broader range of our members. These CLEs are offered at a very reasonable price and provide all-important credit toward the live CLE requirement. The FBA also offers a number of frequently reoccurring seminars for CLE credit such as the “Kick the Tires” program to allow members to become familiar with the technology available in the newer courtrooms, and the Motions Conciliation program, which is designed to train facilitators to assist in reaching resolution of motions that otherwise would be decided by judges at Friday motions hearings.

Each year, the committee hosts well-attended seminars on broad topics of general interest, such as recent trends in criminal, domestic relations, and personal injury practices. Each fall, we try to offer at least one seminar carrying ethics credits (offered without cost to FBA members) so that members can conveniently meet State Bar CLE requirements. Because we are a local committee, however, we can also offer very targeted courses for specialty areas such as practice pointers for effective service as Guardian ad litem for incapacitated adults, and practice before the Commissioner’s Office conducted by Fairfax County Commissioner Rust’s staff (scheduled for April 20, 2012).

This year, as in the past, we offered a number of nuts and bolts courses designed to assist the practitioner in understanding the basics of important legal procedures. In November, we offered a primer on appellate practice (this and other CLE programs are available to members for CLE credit through the FBA website <http://fairfax.inreachce.com/>). This spring, we planned courses on family law issues for the Baby Boomer Generation, on foreclosure procedure (scheduled for April 12, 2012), and on the new Virginia Rules of Evidence (to be scheduled once these rules are approved by the Virginia General Assembly).

The goal and real work of our committee is to develop courses that speak to the needs and interests of our members. We are best able to reach our goal if we hear from the members we serve. If you have an idea for a course, or are interested in participating as a speaker or a member of the CLE committee, please contact us or come to one of our meetings. We normally meet on the second Tuesday of every month in the conference room adjacent to the FBA office (Suite 216). For information about any of the upcoming programs mentioned above, if you are interested in proposing a program topic, or if you would like to become a member of the FBA CLE Committee, please contact Larissa Williams, FBA MCLE/Special Events Coordinator, at llwilliams@fairfaxbar.org or at 703-246-2735. ■

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Our Circuit Court has consisted of 15 judges since 1992. At that time, the Fairfax County population was 853,000. According to the 2010 U.S. Census, the Fairfax County population increased 228,000 during those 18 years to 1,081,000. From 1992 to the present, Fairfax County's population has increased 27%, and has had a corresponding growth in its economy that has led to a significant increase in workload, both in the number of cases and in the complexity of the cases that come before the Court. During those 18 years, the number of Fairfax Circuit Court judges has not increased, and there has been a similar lack of additional funding for our General District Court and our Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. This lack of additional funding for judges was generally accompanied by a lack of additional funding for the Clerk's offices, and staff reductions in our respective courts, so our judicial system has been required to do more, and effectively, on less.

That brings us to today. The General Assembly may soon be taking a major step backward in the treatment of our judicial system. What started with the lack of funding for the vacancy on the Fairfax County General District Court two years ago looks to be continuing today, with respect to Judge Alden's seat, but may simply be part of a continuing trend to leave vacancies unfilled. As I write this article, there is currently a deadlock of 20-20 in the Virginia Senate on a proposed budget that, if passed, would lead to 16 unfunded statewide Circuit Court seats and similar cuts at the General District Court and Juvenile Domestic Relations Court levels. Feedback I have received from various sources is that we should expect that there may be additional unfunded judicial seats on our Courts for any additional vacancies that open up in the next two years.

The Fairfax Bar Association Board of Directors has recently provided a Resolution to the Governor and the General Assembly, which is printed on page 4 of this *Journal*, with respect to the funding for judicial vacancies. It was our Board's hope that the Virginia State government would not take any further detrimental actions at this time. Specifically, the FBA Board requested that the General Assembly enact House Bill 745, which requires the development by the Supreme Court of Virginia of a weighted uniform caseload system to determine the need for judicial positions in each Circuit and District Court and to report the findings to the General Assembly by November 15, 2013. I am pleased to report that the General Assembly has, in fact, passed HB 745 and it awaits the signature of Governor McDonnell.

The FBA Board's Resolution also requested funding in the 2012-2014 biennial budget for the hiring of a judge to fill Judge Alden's seat; funding for all judicial positions in the Nineteenth Judicial District, including an eleventh judicial position in the General District Court; funding for judicial vacancies in the Commonwealth which are, or will become, open during the

pendency of the Supreme Court's analysis of caseload statistics; and funding for such further studies, in conjunction with the judiciary, to formulate a reasoned solution to all judicial vacancies throughout Virginia. Decisions on which judgeships are to be eliminated, if any, should be based on the needs of the judiciary and not on the vagaries of who chooses to retire.

The study under HB 745 is critical in having the General Assembly compare apples to apples in determining funding, as counties currently use different methods in arriving at their reported caseloads. For example, one county's reported number of "criminal cases" may reflect its calculation of charges made against defendants, while another county's reported number of "criminal cases" may reflect the number of defendants. Fairfax County averages 1.25 charges per defendant, for reasons too detailed to cover here, while some counties average 5.0 charges per defendant. The number of trials handled by the court generally reflects the number of defendants, yet funding cuts to Fairfax may be made by the General Assembly using statistics on "criminal cases" that clearly have confounding variables, to borrow a statistical term. Similarly, an uncontested divorce proceeding should not be given the same weight as a three-week jury trial, and Fairfax County is second only to Loudoun County in the number of "jury days" per judge. The current statistics available to the General Assembly, for cases commenced, do not take into account the differences from county to county on jury days, number of trials, and average length of trials, which are all factors that should be considered before courts lose members of the Bench.

The gravamen of our Resolution is to maintain the status quo—to maintain that level of judges from 18 years ago—long enough for the Virginia Supreme Court to make proper recommendations based on a reasoned analysis of caseload statistics using uniform criteria. To cut the number of our judges to levels below the levels we had 18 years ago, while cutting the funding available for our Court Clerks' offices, represents a long-term threat to our system of justice to accomplish short-term goals. To do so without accurate comparative information, and prior to having the results of a well designed caseload study that is due to produce results in 18 months, is an attack on common sense and needlessly endangers the judiciary and the Rule of Law throughout the Commonwealth, for minimal savings.

I urge you, as a fellow member of the Bar, to contact your Delegate, your State Senator, as well as the Governor's office (804-786-2211) and let them know that you believe the administration of justice is too important to be threatened with judicial vacancies not being filled during the time the Virginia Supreme Court conducts its study. Until the results

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FINDING TIME TO TEACH OUR YOUTH THROUGH THE PROGRAMS OF THE LAW RELATED EDUCATION COMMITTEE

*by Sonya M. Duchak, Esq., Chair, and
Edward Culbertson, Esq., Co-Chair, Law Related Education Committee*

We are all stretched to the limit. Everywhere you turn, people are doing double-time. Between the time spent at work, with our families, at community events, extracurricular activities, children's sporting events, meet-ings, training, stuck in traffic, and everything else that happens during a routine day, there's no time left for anything else. Yet, the busiest of people seem to find time to spend a couple of hours with those who need us the most—our youth. From guiding a Court Tour, to attending a children's mock trial, to speaking with at-risk students, our bar members step forward when needed to help teach our youth. The Law Related Education Committee and the Fairfax Bar Association thank the following members for providing assistance to the law related education programs that were sponsored during the 2011-2012 school year:

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was refreshing, and there seemed to be more time available for mingling with everyone. Kudos to the wonderful staff of the Bar Association and to everyone who had a hand in putting on yet another successful event. The lawyers in my office can't wait for March 2013!"

Robert Shoun, Esq., Founding Attorney at Shoun, Bach, Walinsky & Curran, P.C., who, by his estimation, has attended 35 previous dinner dances, echoes Ted and Sunny's appreciation of the Bar Association. "The highlight for me was catching up with old friends and colleagues. This year I particularly enjoyed speaking with Yvonne McGhee, former Executive Director of the Fairfax Bar Association. Ours is one of the finest bar associations in the nation and its success is due in large part to her efforts. I was delighted to learn that her success has followed her to the Virginia Bar Association."

The Bar Association staff surely did work tirelessly to ensure a festive evening for all. A special debt of gratitude should be paid to all of its members, including Courtne Norris, Jana Seherer, Larissa Williams, Kristin Fisher, Christine Lee, Teresa Warkel, and Arlene Beckerman for their efforts, as well as Ursula Koenig Burgess, Esq., of Rees Broome, P.C. for her opening toast. I look forward to seeing every one next year. ■

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of the Virginia Supreme Court study have been analyzed, using uniform criteria, Fairfax County should not suffer the further loss of judgeships. Moreover, our courts cannot function efficiently or effectively without being properly staffed—and, therefore, properly funded—Clerk's Offices. Therefore, it is also important that you share your concerns and views with Chair Sharon Bulova and other members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. The prompt administration of justice in Fairfax County is critical to the economic engine of this area, to the Commonwealth at large, and to meeting the needs of our citizens. It must be protected from this assault, done in the name of solving the Commonwealth's current budget deficit. Since our judges cannot lobby the General Assembly, we, as members of the Bar, must act to preserve and protect the judiciary and the Rule of Law. The following web link will give you contact information for the Northern Virginia delegation, as well as the contact information for the Governor's office: <http://legis.state.va.us/>.

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- Adopted the black letter ABA Criminal Justice Standards on Law Enforcement Access to Third Party, which provide a framework through which legislatures, courts acting in their supervisory capacity, and administrative agencies can balance the needs of law enforcement and the interests of privacy, freedom of expression, and social participation.
- Supported legislation, policies, and practices that allow equal and uniform access to therapeutic courts and problem-solving sentencing alternatives, such as drug treatment and anger management counseling, regardless of the custody or detention status of the individual.
- Urged federal, state, and territorial courts to adopt jury instructions which are in language understandable by jurors untrained in law and legal terms, in the penalty phase of trials in which the death penalty may be imposed, and such instructions should be provided to jurors in written form.
- Urged judges and lawyers to consider a number of factors in weighing the use of expert testimony, such as whether the testimony of uniqueness is based on valid scientific research, whether experts present testimony that is accurate and fairly conveys the significance of their conclusions, and whether to include jury instructions with specific information so that the panel can fairly assess the reliability and weight of such expert testimony.
- Urged judges and lawyers to consider potential jurors' understanding of scientific principles relative to forensic science, as well as their preconceptions or bias with respect to such principles.
- Urged state and territorial bar admission authorities to adopt rules and procedures that accommodate the unique needs of military spouse attorneys who move frequently in support of the nation's defenses.
- Urged entities that administer law school admission tests to provide appropriate accommodations for a test taker with a disability to best ensure the exam reflects what the test is designed to measure, and not the test taker's disability.
- Supported the principle that "private" lawyers representing governmental entities are entitled to claim the same qualified immunity provided "government" lawyers when they are acting "under color of state law."

On a personal note, my Commission on Domestic and Sexual Violence was successful in passing a resolution urging the Federal Bureau of Investigation to implement expeditiously the expanded definition of rape in the Uniform Crime Reporting Program.

The House of Delegates will next meet at the Annual Meeting in Chicago on August 6 and 7, 2012. I will be attending and reporting to you after the meeting. ■

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COLTEN CUMMINS WATSON & VINCENT P.C., announced that **MARY C. HUFF** has become associated with the firm. Ms. Huff's practice is concentrated in the areas of Family Law and general Civil Litigation. 3959 Colten Drive, Suite 200, Fairfax, VA 22030; 703-277-9700; Fax: 703-591-1579.

The law firm of **NEEDHAM MITNICK & POLLACK, PLC**, is proud to announce that **SHERI R. ABRAMS** been named a Partner of the firm. Ms. Abrams joined the firm in January 2010 as "Of Counsel" after practicing law as a solo practitioner for 16 years. Ms. Abrams' practice focuses on Social Security Disability Law and her book, "Don't Gamble With Your Social Security Disability Benefits," published in 2010.

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UPCOMING EVENTS/CLEs

April 12, 2012 (Thursday)

FORECLOSURES CLE: A ROADMAP TO THE COURTHOUSE STEPS AND BEYOND

5:00-7:00 PM

Fairfax County Courthouse, Room 404

3.0 MCLE Credits *Pending*

\$105 FBA Members/\$150 Non-Members

April 20, 2012 (Friday)

COMMISSIONER OF ACCOUNTS CLE

12:00-3:00 PM

Fairfax County Courthouse, Room 404

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April 24, 2012 (Tuesday)

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE BREAKFAST AND CLE SEMINAR

8:00 AM Registration and Breakfast Buffet

8:30 AM CLE Seminar

Country Club of Fairfax, 5110 Ox Road, Fairfax, VA

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Add \$5.00 if registering after April 13th

May 1, 2012 (Tuesday)

12TH ANNUAL LAW DAY WEINER ROAST

4:30-8:00 PM

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May 14, 2012

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12:00 PM - 12:30 PM—Putting Contest

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFIT KURMAN has opened their first Virginia law firm in Tysons Corner. Joining the firm in the Virginia office is **ALISON NOLL**, a leading Virginia estate and trust administration law attorney, and **CHRISTIANNIE NIEPRASCHK**, an associate in the Estate, Trust & Elder Law Practice Group. **TOM REPCYZNSKI**, a principal with Offit Kurman's Bankruptcy, Restructuring & Creditors' Rights Group, will join Noll and Niepraschk in the Virginia office. 8300 Boone Blvd., Suite 500, Vienna, VA 22182; 703-745-1800; Fax: 703-745-1835.

PALEY ROTHMAN, a full-service law firm in the Washington area for 40 years, has announced the hiring of **MICHELLE J. CHAPIN** as an associate. Ms. Chapin will work as a member of the firm's Estate Planning, Estate/Trust Administration, Business/Commercial Transactions and Tax practice groups. 4800 Hampden Lane, 7th Floor, Bethesda, MD; 301-656-7603; Fax: 301-654-7345.

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