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The policy and governance of the Fairfax Bar Association is the responsibility of the Board of Directors. At the start of the summer, FBA members had the opportunity to vote for the Board's Vice President and Directors. The voting went from June 3 - June 6, 2008; after tallying 400 votes—an election record—a new set of leaders was chosen.

To familiarize you with the new officers and newly elected Bar leaders, as well as the returning members, their bios are listed below:

Officers

Julie H. Heiden
President



Julie H. Heiden, a resident of Vienna, VA, graduated *Magna Cum Laude* from Shepherd College, Shepherdstown, WV in 1988, attended the Master's program in Public Administration at Florida State University from 1988 to 1989, and graduated from George Mason University School of Law (GMUSL) in 1992. Ms. Heiden was Editor-in-Chief of the *Civil Rights Law Journal* at GMUSL. She was admitted to the Virginia Bar in 1992 and the District of Columbia in 1994. She is admitted to practice before the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Eastern and Western Districts of Virginia, Superior Court for the District of Columbia, and all courts in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Ms. Heiden is a member of the Association of Trial Lawyers of America, the District of Columbia Bar, the Virginia State Bar, and the Fairfax Bar Association, where she currently serves as the President. Ms. Heiden represents injured individuals in personal injury, product liability, social security and workers' compensation cases. ■

Corinne N. Lockett
President-Elect



Corinne N. Lockett was born and raised in Fairfax County, VA. After obtaining a B.A. in Government and Politics from George Mason University in 1989, Corinne attended the Cumberland School of Law at Stamford University where she earned her J.D. in 1992. Upon graduation, Corinne returned to Fairfax County and entered private practice, focusing in the areas of real estate, general litigation, and family law. Since 1999, Corinne has been as Assistant County Attorney in Fairfax where her practice has focused on general litigation with an emphasis in the areas of child abuse, termination of parental rights, adult protective services, taxation, and immigration. In addition to serving on the FBA Board of Directors since 2002, Corinne has actively participated in several FBA committees including the General District Court Committee, Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court Committee, and the Fairfax Public Law Library Committee. Corinne resides in Bethesda, MD, with her husband, David Lease. ■

David J. Gogal
Vice President



David J. Gogal is a principal in the law firm of Blankingship & Keith, P.C., in the City of Fairfax. He is a commercial litigator with 20 years of trial practice, primarily before the Federal Court of the Eastern District of Virginia as well as the Virginia Circuit Court in Northern Virginia. He has had considerable appellate experience arguing before the Supreme Court of Virginia, as well as experience with the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

David served for six years on the Fifth District Disciplinary Committee for the Virginia State Bar, including terms as Chairman and Vice Chairman, and is currently a member of the Standing Committee on Professionalism. He has been an active member of the Fairfax Bar Association, serving as Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Member of the Board of Directors, Chair of the Circuit Court Committee, Chair of the Legislative Committee, Chair of the Law Library Committee, and a member of the Judicial Screening Committee. He is also a co-editor of the *Fairfax Circuit Court Practice Manual* (2002, 2004, and 2007 Editions).

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President's Column

by Julie H. Heiden



In the not-too-distant past, I attended my high school reunion in Cupertino, CA. Many of my classmates had reaped the full benefit of growing up in Silicon Valley and shared wonderful stories of their lives in retirement. I must admit it took some time for me to convince myself that choosing the noble profession of law, instead of a career in the fast growing world of technology, had been worth it. However, affirmation of my decision to become part of the legal profession was rekindled when I read an excerpt from the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's 2003 Report on Diversity in Law Firms.

*"Lawyers are very often key players in designing and activating the institutional mechanisms through which property is transferred, economic exchange is planned and enforced, injuries are compensated, crime is punished, marriages are dissolved and disputes are resolved. The ideologies and incentives of the lawyers engaged in these functions directly influence the lived experiences of Americans..." at 2.**

My high school class was well represented by doctors, business owners, computer specialists, screenwriters, artists, and entrepreneurs in employment fields I didn't even know existed. As my classmates and I revisited stories of our youth, it became clear to me how much these individuals, many of whom I hadn't seen in years, had so greatly impacted my life during those formative years. It also became clear to me how fortunate we were to have been exposed to the expansive paths life had to offer, including career choices.

In addition to describing the virtues of the legal profession, the U.S. EEOC report compared percentages of representation of women and minorities in the legal profession and evaluated their increases between 1975 and 2002. Women in the legal profession demonstrated great strides as they moved from just 14.4 percent of all professionals in the legal services industry in 1975, to 40.3 percent in 2002. Regretfully, however, African Americans in legal services rose from only 2.3 percent in 1975, to 4.4 percent in 2002. A review of the 2000 census reveals similar startling figures. According to the census, minorities make up less than 11% of the legal profession, whereas 30% of the country's population is minorities. These figures document the need for further diversity in the legal profession.

From September 25 through September 28, 2008, a diversified group of federal and state judges will be coming to Washington, D.C. for the Just the Beginning Foundation Eighth Biennial Conference "Reaching Back, Lifting Up." Just the Beginning Foundation is a non-profit organization comprised of lawyers, judges, and citizens whose mission is to expand racial diversity in the legal profession and on the bench by developing and nurturing interest in the law among young persons from various ethnic backgrounds underrepresented in the legal profession. Over the course of the conference multiracial teams comprised of federal and state judges will reach out to high school, college, and law school students to share their paths to the bench, strategies and tips for success in the profession, and insight into career-building opportunities in the court system. The convention will also reach out to lawyers and citizens by providing panel events and discussions on topics including the impact of the media on the justice system, fixing racial inequalities in education and at law schools, and attracting and inspiring young generations of students and lawyers.

Diversity in the law benefits all persons in the legal profession. The world is becoming more multicultural and it is important for the legal profession to keep up with it. Diversity provides the legal profession with differing perspectives, provides more ideas, and expands opportunities for problem solving and new ways of thinking.

*Paraphrasing from R. Nelson, *The Future of American Lawyers: A Demographic Profile of a Changing Profession in a Changing Society*, 44 CASE W. RES. L. REV. 345 (1994).

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William P. Daly, Jr.
Treasurer



William P. “Bill” Daly, Jr. is a principal at Rees Broome, PC with 22 years of experience at the firm focusing primarily on civil litigation. Bill received his B.A. degree from Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD in 1982, and his J.D. degree from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 1986. He has been a member of the Virginia State Bar since 1986. He has served on the FBA Board of Directors since 2003, its Executive Committee since 2006. He is a past Chair of the FBA’s Circuit Court Committee, and currently serves as its co-liaison with the Board of Directors. He is the current Chair of the FBA’s Investment Committee. He is a co-editor of the last three editions of the *Fairfax Circuit Court Practice Manual*. He has been a presenter of FBA CLE seminars and has served as an instructor at George Mason University for 13 years. Bill is currently General Counsel to the Vienna-Tysons Regional Chamber of Commerce, and is a member of its Board of Directors and Executive Committee. He also serves on the Greater McLean-Vienna Advisory Board for Virginia Commerce Bank. Bill lives in Vienna with his wife Lynn and four children.

Brett A. Kassabian
General Counsel



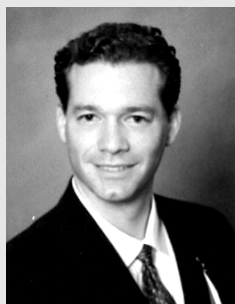
Born in Washington, D.C., Brett A. Kassabian graduated from Wake Forest University School of Law in 1985 where he was a member of the *Wake Forest University Law Review*. After being admitted to the Virginia State Bar in 1985, he served as a Senior Assistant Commonwealth’s Attorney for the Fairfax County Commonwealth’s Attorney’s Office in Fairfax, VA. Since early 1994, he has been a principal in the law firm of Kassabian & Kassabian, P.L.C., in Annandale, VA, engaged in the general practice of law, with an emphasis on criminal law. Since March 1995, he also has served as the Fairfax City Prosecutor. He was a Legal Instructor at the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Academy from 1996 to 1998. He is a member of the Fairfax Bar Association, serving on the Board of Directors since 2005, and a Member of the Virginia Trial Lawyers’ Association. He has served on the Fairfax Bar Association Judicial Selection Committee, the Judicial Feedback Program, and the Criminal Justice Advisory Board. In 1998, Kassabian was appointed a Substitute Judge for the General District Court, and the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court of the 19th Judicial District. He received an A-V rating from Martindale-Hubbell.

Kelly S. Hite
Secretary



A 1990 graduate of the University of Richmond Law School, Kelly S. Hite has practiced law in the Northern Virginia area for almost 18 years and has focused her practice exclusively in the area of family law since 1994. A former partner of McQuade & Hite, P.L.L.C. in Old Town Alexandria, Ms. Hite opened the Law Offices of Kelly S. Hite, PLLC on May 1, 2006. Ms. Hite currently serves as Secretary on the FBA Board of Directors. She previously served as the Co-Chair of the J&DR District Court Committee for the FBA (2004-2006); Vice Chair of the J&DR District Court Committee (2002-2004); as Co-Chair for the Judicial Screening Committee for the Virginia Women Attorneys Association (2005-2006); as President of the Northern Virginia Chapter of the Virginia Women Attorneys Association (2002-2003); as Chair of the Family Law Section of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association (2002-2003); and on the Board of Directors for Legal Services of Northern Virginia (1998-2000). She is a court-selected Neutral Case Evaluator for the Fairfax County Circuit Court, and a court-appointed Conciliator for the Fairfax County J&DR District Court.

Daniel H. Ruttenberg
Immediate Past-President



Daniel H. Ruttenberg is a principal with the law firm of Smolen Plevy in Tysons Corner, VA. His practice areas include tax planning for businesses, general corporate law, estate planning, and estate administration. He is a member of the Bar in Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia, and is licensed as a Certified Public Accountant by the State of Maryland. Mr. Ruttenberg received his Bachelor of Science degree with a double major in Accounting and Finance from the University of Maryland. He earned his *Juris Doctor* with Honors from George Mason University School of Law, and his Master of Laws in Taxation with Distinction from Georgetown University Law Center. Mr. Ruttenberg is the author of “The Tax Court’s Execution of the Family Entity: The Tax Court’s Application of Internal Revenue Code Section 2036(a) to Family Entities,” *North Dakota Law Review*, Vol. 80:1 (2004). Additionally, he serves as a member of the Board of Directors and as the Immediate Past-President of the Fairfax Bar Association, and as a Member of the Board of Directors and Vice President of the charity, Devotion to Children.

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Newly Elected or Re-Elected Board Members

Douglas R. Kay



Douglas R. Kay was born and raised in Fairfax, VA. He attended public schools in Fairfax County. Upon graduation in 1985, he attended college at Virginia Tech. Mr. Kay attended law school at California Western School of Law in San Diego, CA. While in law school, he was commissioned an officer in the United States Navy. Upon completion of law school in 1993, Mr. Kay served on active duty as a Judge Advocate. He returned home to Fairfax at the end of his obligated active duty service in 1996, and accepted a position as an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney for Fairfax County. In 1999, he left that office and accepted a position at Venable LLP as a commercial litigation associate. Mr. Kay joined Briglia Hundley Nuttall & Kay, P.C. as a partner in 2002. He focuses on commercial litigation, personal injury, and criminal defense. Mr. Kay has been the Chairman of the Legislative Affairs Committee and served on the Judicial Screening Committee. Mr. Kay is married to Christiane Kay and they are raising their four sons in Fairfax, VA.

Jennifer R. Porter (*Young Lawyers Section Representative Member*)

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Jennifer R. Porter first began her legal career working in law firms that represented insurance companies and defendants in personal injury cases, both in California and Virginia. In 2004, she turned this experience on its head and began representing the injured persons against those same insurance companies. Since then, she has successfully represented victims in their rightful claims against negligent drivers, negligent property owners, and negligent doctors. In addition, Ms. Porter is an active member of the Fairfax Bar Association, currently serving as Immediate Past-President and FBA Board Liaison of the FBA Young Lawyers Section. She and her husband live in Alexandria, VA with their daughter.

Robert B. Walker



A solo practitioner in Herndon, VA, Robert B. "Bob" Walker has represented individuals and businesses since 1976. He is a graduate of Arkansas State University, University of Tennessee, and received his *Juris Doctor* from Memphis State University School of Law 1975. He is licensed to practice in Virginia, the District of Columbia, and Tennessee.

Mr. Walker represents clients in civil litigation, including litigation for estate planners, probate and trust administrators; in guardianship proceedings; and in business entity formation, operation, and dissolution. He also represents creditors in bankruptcy proceedings and debt collection.

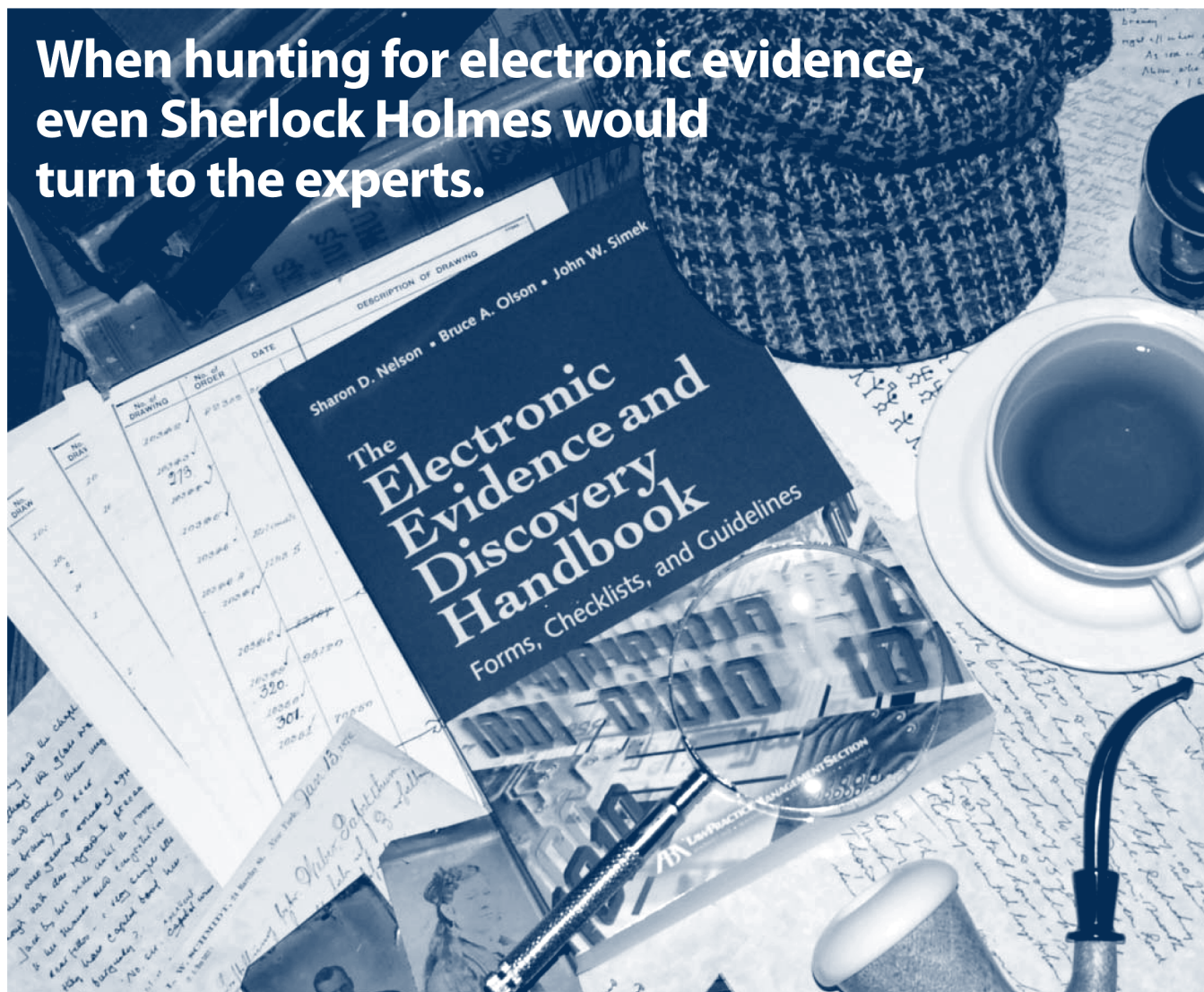
Edward L. Weiner



Edward L. "Ed" Weiner is a Partner of Weiner, Rohrstaff & Spivey, PLC, a Fairfax, VA firm specializing in personal injury litigation. He has been an active member of the Fairfax Bar Association since 1980, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Fairfax Bar Foundation since January 2002. Mr. Weiner has served on the Virginia State Bar Conference of Local Bar leaders, as well as the Virginia State Bar Committee for the Unauthorized Practice of Law. A graduate of State University of New York at Binghamton, Ed received his J.D. from the University of Richmond, and his LL.M. degree in International Law from Georgetown University Law Center. He has appeared before the U.S. Supreme Court and has numerous published state and federal court decisions. Many of his cases have received national media attention, including his successful representation of the deaf community against a large, national electronics retailer. Ed is the National Fundraising Chairman for the RRP Foundation, a five-year platinum level fundraiser of the American Cancer Society, and hosts an annual Law Day celebration benefitting the Fairfax Bar Foundation. Ed and his wife, Maura, have two daughters, Maurissa and Brianna.

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Returning Board Members

David A. Hirsch



David A. Hirsch holds a B.A. from The College of William and Mary and *Juris Doctor* from George Mason University School of Law. He has been practicing law since January 1985, and his practice is primarily focused on the areas of civil and criminal trial and appellate litigation in state and federal courts, commercial law, consumer law, contract law, and commercial arbitration. David is a former Magistrate for Arlington County, and taught for 11 years at the Northern Virginia Criminal Justice Training Academy where, for ten years, he served as the senior legal instructor for rookie law enforcement officers. He is also an arbitrator on the American Arbitration Association's commercial arbitration panel. David served many years on alumni boards at George Mason University, including one year as President of the Law Alumni Chapter. He is active in the Herndon Dulles Chamber of Commerce. He has long been active in the Fairfax Bar Association, and presently serves as a Member of the Board of Directors.

Linda M. Jackson



Linda M. Jackson is a partner in the litigation division of Venable LLP, and a member of the firm's Executive Committee. Ms. Jackson is a first-chair litigator, with significant experience in Virginia and D.C. federal, state, and appellate courts, as well as administrative agencies and arbitration settings. Ms. Jackson has successfully represented clients in a wide range of subject areas, including commercial contracts, employment discrimination, executive contracts and compensation, shareholder litigation, business torts, non-compete negotiation and litigation, trade secret disputes, premises liability, and local government and agency licensing issues. She also is a leader in the organized Bar and community, having served as President of the Virginia Women Attorneys Association, Chair of the Fairfax Bar Association Elections Committee, a member of the Virginia Women Attorneys Association, a member of the Fairfax Bar Association Judicial Screening Committee, and as a Director on the Board of The Arlington County Temporary Shelter. Ms. Jackson is currently a Member of Virginia State Bar Professionalism for Law Students program. Ms. Jackson also served as a Major in the United States Air Force Judge Advocate General (JAG) Reserve Corps.

David L. Marks



David Lyndon Marks is a Fairfax County native and currently resides in Annandale, VA. Mr. Marks attended Annandale High School before graduating from Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, VA in 1994, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. He then received his *Juris Doctor* in 1997 from the T.C. Williams School of Law at the University of Richmond in Richmond, VA. Following graduation from law school, Mr. Marks was first employed by the law firm of Brandt, Jennings, Roberts, Davis & Snee, PLLC in Falls Church, VA, specializing in insurance defense and plaintiff's civil litigation. He then worked for the Law Office of Maury B. Watts, III, in Annandale, VA, concentrating solely on plaintiff's personal injury law and medical malpractice, before opening his own firm in 2004.

Mr. Marks has been a member of the Virginia Bar since 1998, the District of Columbia Bar since 1999, and the Maryland Bar since 2004. He is admitted to practice in all Virginia trial and appellate courts, the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, the Superior Court and Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, and the U.S. District Court of Maryland. Mr. Marks is very active in the Fairfax Bar Association, having served on the Board of the Young Lawyers Section since 2002, and as President of the Young Lawyers Section, and as Ex Officio Member of the Fairfax Bar Board of Directors for 2004 and 2005. Mr. Marks has been a member of the *Pro Bono* Advisory Committee of the Fairfax Bar Association since 2003, and served as Co-Chairperson of the Committee from 2003 to 2006. In 2005, Mr. Marks was honored to have received the Fairfax Bar Association President's Award for Outstanding Services. Mr. Marks was elected to serve on the Fairfax Bar Association Board of Directors, beginning June 2007.

Jay B. Myerson



Jay B. Myerson is a graduate of Georgetown University Law Center (1976) and has had his practice in Northern Virginia since 1986. His practice areas primarily are domestic relations, criminal law, juvenile matters, serious traffic offenses, election law, and personal injury matters. Jay has been a member of the Fairfax Bar Association's Board of Directors since 2004, served as Co-Chair and Chair of the FBA's Conciliation Program from 2001-2007, and recently was selected to represent the FBA in the American Bar Association's House of Delegates. Jay served as President of the George Mason American Inn of Court for 2007-2008, is a Master of the Inn, and has been appointed to the Pegasus Trust of the American Inns of Court. He is also a member of the Virginia Israel Advisory Board. Jay has resided in Fairfax County since 1977 with his wife and three children. ■

SAVE THE DATE— JAZZ FOR JUSTICE 2008!

The Fairfax Law Foundation and George Mason University Jazz Ensemble present the Seventh Annual "Jazz for Justice" concert, **Friday, November 21, 2008 at 8:00 PM** in the George Mason University Center for the Arts Concert Hall. This concert will benefit the community service programs of the Fairfax Law Foundation and the music scholarship fund at George Mason University.

"Jazz for Justice," a fundraiser for the Fairfax Law Foundation's charitable services will feature top jazz musicians from George Mason University and some local professionals. Individual tickets for the concert are \$20.00 for adults or \$15.00 for students and seniors. In addition to ticket sales, corporate sponsorship is vital to its success.

For further information on the "Jazz for Justice" program, to purchase tickets, or to become a corporate sponsor, please contact Courtne Norris at the Fairfax Bar Association, 703-246-2084 or via cnorris@fairfaxbar.org.

NEW PILOT PROGRAM BY JUVENILE & DOMESTIC RELATIONS (J&DR) DISTRICT COURT AND DIVISION OF CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT (DCSE)

The J&DR District Court and the DCSE are piloting a new program in the County of Fairfax.

During the 2008 General Assembly Session, legislators passed House Bill 1257 which authorized the establishment of Intensive Case Monitoring Programs (ICMP) for child support enforcement as an innovative method to maximize collections and decrease incarceration due to nonpayment. Starting July 1, 2008, designated judges in Campbell, Fairfax, Hampton, and Spotsylvania Counties can, as they deem appropriate, order non-custodial parents (NCP) to participate in the ICMP as an alternative to incarceration. Program caseworkers will assist the selected NCPs to secure employment, housing, training, and other services needed to overcome the barriers that hinder their ability to pay support.

The DCSE is very excited about this proactive and progressive response to the problem of nonpayment. The Governor, Legislature, and the Department of Social Services are committed to this effort and recognize the benefits to families and the potential savings to the Commonwealth if NCPs successfully complete the program and begin to pay child support as ordered.

If you would like additional information about the program, please contact:

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2008 Fairfax Bar Association 7th Annual Spring Golf Tournament in Honor of Clerk of the Circuit Court John T. Frey

The Fairfax Bar Association held its 7th Annual Spring Golf Tournament at Westfields Golf Club on Monday, June 30, 2008. While the golf tournament was originally scheduled during the spring on Monday, May 12, 2008, inclement weather consisting of sideways rain, 35 mph winds leaving debris all over the golf course, and temperatures in the 40s, resulted in the closure of Westfields Golf Club and the rescheduling of this event. This year the tournament was held in honor of John T. Frey, Clerk of the Fairfax County Circuit Court. Mr. Frey is currently serving his third term as the Clerk, having won re-election last fall in a close election.

There were 99 golfers registered for this tournament and the golfers were treated to an event full of various activities. A new addition to this year's golf tournament was a \$1 million Hole-in-One Shootout that was sponsored by the **Capital Reporting Company**. The four golfers during regulation play who were closest to the pin on the par-3 17th hole went back out to the tee box and each had one shot at the hole-in-one prize of \$1 million. Unfortunately, none of the four golfers came close to the \$1 million prize, and David J. Kiyonoga, having been the closest, was awarded a Nike Sumo driver.

As in past years, a silent auction was held along with the golf tournament, with the proceeds again benefitting the Fairfax Law Foundation. Those items purchased at the silent auction included a Phil Mickelson autographed 2004 Masters flag; a Jack Nicklaus autographed 1986 Masters scorecard with photographs; an Arnold Palmer autographed photograph; a gift certificate for two to the Westfields' Marriott Sunday brunch; and rounds of golf at Westfields Golf Club, Heritage Hunt Golf & Country Club, Raspberry Falls Golf & Hunt Club, Old Hickory Golf Club, the Lowes Island Golf Club, and Virginia National Golf Club. Funds raised by the silent auction help support valuable programs such as *pro bono* legal services to indigent clients, maintaining the public law library, and offering law-related education programs to area students, including the court tours that are conducted at the Courthouse.

The format of this golf tournament remained a scramble (captain's choice). The 1st-place team, with a score of 57, was the team of Steven Frei, Paul Romero, Charles Sickels, and Gary Mims. The 2nd-place team, with a score of 59, was the team of Steve Luxford, Anne Luxford, Sam Hawken, and Mike Smith. The team of Steven Merrill, Brian Drummond, Dickson Young, and Ted Sibert came in third with a score of 59.

Approximately an hour before of the golf tournament, the annual putting contest was held on the practice putting green, and Peter Schwartz won that contest. The women's longest drive competition on hole #11 was won by Anne Rocktashel, while the men's longest drive contest, held on the 15th hole, was won by John Latham. There were four Closest-to-the-Pin competitions on three of the par-3 holes, and one on the par-4 14th hole. On the 3rd hole, the Hole-in-One contest also included a motor vehicle sponsored by **Don Beyer Volvo-Dulles**, who has sponsored this event for numerous years. As in past years, the pin was tucked in the back left hand corner of the green, approximately 175 yards from the tee over a water hazard. While there was the usual grumbling about the pin placement on this hole, the Closest-to-the-Pin competition was won by Gary Mims. As in last year's event, both Courtne and Sandra from the Fairfax

Bar Association were present to observe the tee shots on this hole due to the requirement for corroboration when an automobile is the prize on a hole-in-one competition. Last year one of the golfers hit a tee shot which came to rest on Courtne's chair; this year, the FBA observers had numerous errant tee shots land nearby. For next spring's golf tournament, if one of the members knows where we can borrow a humvee or small tank, they are encouraged to contact Courtne and Sandra at the Fairfax Bar Association's office.

The other Closest-to-the Pin competition on the par-3 17th hole during regular play, was won by Mark Kellogg. On the par-4 14th hole, which is a 250 yard drivable par-4, Raymond Goodrich hit his tee shot to 6'5". The ever-popular Closest-to-the-Keg competition was, as usual, a big hit with the golfers. It should come as no surprise to those that know him well that the Closest-to-the-Keg competition, with a drive that was only 16" away from the keg, was Dickson Young.

The golf tournament had a large list of sponsors and donors who all helped make the tournament the great success that it has been over the years. Special recognition goes out to one of our newest sponsors, **Capital Reporting Company**, for sponsoring the \$1 million Hole-in-One Shootout. The other premier sponsors for the golf tournament included **Don Beyer Volvo-Dulles** and **Provident Bank**. The general sponsors and donors for the tournament include **Kirby Hunter Investigations, Inc.**; **Grimes Insurance Agency**; **Rudiger, Green & Kerns Reporting Service**; **Attorney's Arbitration Services, Inc.**; **United Bank**, **Bank of America**; the law firm of **Weiner, Rohrstaff & Spivey, PLC**; **Westfields Golf Club**; **Raspberry Falls Golf & Hunt Club**; **Old Hickory Golf Club**; the **Lowes Island Club**; **Virginia National Golf Club**; **Washington Golf Centers**; **Westfields Marriott**; **M&M Professional Landscaping, Inc.**; and **BB&T Bank**.

For many years Herb Hunter of Kirby Hunter Investigations, Inc., has photographed the players on the golf course and this year, not only did he photograph them on the practice putting green during the putting contest, on the golf course during the event, at the 17th hole for the \$1 million Hole-in-One Shootout, and after the tournament at the awards presentation, he also photographed the foursomes, and those who participated received a framed photograph of their foursome.

Then-President of the Fairfax Bar Association, Daniel H. Ruttenberg, played in the same foursome as the Honoree, John T. Frey, along with Ed Weiner and David Bartee. While there are a number of competitive foursomes trying to win the first prize during each of these golf events, there are also numerous foursomes that are participating in order to have an enjoyable afternoon with their friends and, hopefully, make some new friends while away from the anxiety and aggravations often associated with our workplace. This is so appropriate when considering the rest of the foursome Mr. Frey played in. Without even addressing the pre-tournament incident involving Ed Weiner (you can ask Ed about that), Dan Ruttenberg in his last day in office as the President of the Fairfax Bar Association, apparently encountered a number of difficulties on the golf course while attempting to explain to his fellow golfers why his drives were not 300 yards down the center of the fairway. While Dan Ruttenberg was overheard during the round of golf stating his concern about the wind getting his ball, the sun being in his eyes, his back hurting, his wrist hurting, his shoes hurting, potentially too much or not enough of liquid refreshments, the fact that he may

have seen some wildlife on the course, the most significant reason that may account for his golf game and probably brings him back year after year for our events is that his "golf ball is in a different dimension." For those that want a better explanation, please contact Dan directly.

Prior to the awards ceremony and raffle drawings, a plaque was presented by Dan Ruttenberg to the Honorable John T. Frey in recognition for his outstanding service to our community. We are all hopeful that Mr. Frey shall participate in our future golf events, and that his fellow golfers did not scare him off from doing so.

While many practiced at the range or participated in the putting contest prior to the golf tournament, all of the participants were provided a grilled lunch at the outside grill adjacent to the practice putting green. At the conclusion of the golf tournament, all were once again provided with our yearly steak and chicken buffet dinner in the clubhouse along with the required outrageous desserts. The food and beverage staff, along with all of the other Westfields staff personnel, helped make this yearly golf event memorable.

The Fairfax Bar Association has scheduled the Fall Golf Tournament on Monday, October 6, 2008, at the Old Hickory Golf Club. All courts are in session on that day, and all who are interested in participating are encouraged to place the date on their calendar and sign up for the event as soon as possible. ■



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President's Column

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The Fairfax Bar Association has actively promoted diversity in the law. In partnership with the National Association of Women Judges, each spring a day is set aside to bring female and minority high school students into the court to meet with judges and lawyers to encourage them to consider pursuing a career in the legal profession. The Fairfax Bar Association also partners with local and specialty bars to host a reception at George Mason University School of Law to celebrate and promote diversity in the law.

My goal this year is for the Fairfax Bar Association to use the Just the Beginning Foundation Conference as a springboard to promote additional programs to encourage diversity in the law. Judge Gerald Lee and I have discussed opportunities for lawyers in the Northern Virginia community to reach out to young students to inspire their interest in the law, and we hope to launch a program aimed at this goal this year. I hope you will take time to actively participate in the JTBF Conference and the further efforts of the Fairfax Bar Association to promote diversity in the law. Your involvement will no doubt play an important role in exposing young people to the great benefits offered by the legal profession as those individuals evaluate the paths available to them in life...even if they don't recognize them until they attend their own reunions one day.

For more information on the JTBF Conference, please see the articles on page 12 of this newsletter or visit their website at www.jtbf.org. ■

David J. Gogal Bio

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David received both his undergraduate and law degrees from the University of Virginia, where he received the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award, the Raven Society Award, and the UVA Alumni Association Distinguished Student Award. From 1993 through 2006 he returned to Charlottesville each year to serve as a faculty member of the National Trial Advocacy College at the University of Virginia School of Law.

David and his wife, Laura, reside in the City of Falls Church with their three boys, Austin, Tyler, and James. In addition to Bar activities, David served for four years as the President of the Fairfax Police Youth Club, and more recently as a soccer coach, basketball coach, Little League manager, religious education teacher, and scout leader. ■

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Fairfax Law Foundation "Making a Difference"

The Fairfax Law Foundation was founded in 1982 with the goal of "Making a Difference" in the community by creating innovative approaches to providing access to the law, and law-related education for victims of domestic violence, the homeless, military veterans, children, the elderly, the poor *pro se* litigants, and many others in the community. The Foundation initiated its "Making A Difference" Capital Campaign with the goal of raising \$1 million to create, seed, fund, and sustain the many programs and services that support the local justice needs of the community. These programs include the Fairfax Public Law Library, *Pro Bono* Services, the Conciliation Program, the Court Tour Program, the Model Judiciary and Speakers Bureau, Children's Plans, and the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Pamphlets.

Jimmy Pittleman of Odin, Feldman & Pittleman, PC, working *pro bono*, formed the Fairfax Law Foundation and served as its Secretary and member of the Board of Directors for more than 15 years. "I was involved in the formation of the Foundation some 25 years ago or so, and it has always been the desire of the founders to find ways for attorneys to "give back" to the community through an organization such as this. With the current leadership taking a strong position in moving the Foundation forward, it was only natural when asked to join in the support, both financially and time-wise, without hesitation I accepted." The law firm of Odin, Feldman & Pittleman recently committed a total of \$75,000 to the Fairfax Law Foundation. In addition, many of the members of the law firm contribute countless hours to the different programs offered through the Foundation, including the Court Tour program, *Pro Bono* program, Children's Plays, and the Conciliation Program.

Many of the current Board members of the Fairfax Law Foundation have also been active with the Foundation for a number of years. Carol Schrier-Polak of Bean, Kinney & Korman offers her insight into why support for the

Foundation is so important to the entire community. "The Fairfax Law Foundation's programs are expansive, from providing *pro bono* legal services, to supporting the 54 volunteer attorneys who led court tours for over 2,500 eighth grade students this past school year (a program that was initially developed by Jeanne Sheridan, wife of Judge Paul Sheridan), and coordinating the efforts of more than 165 volunteer attorneys who resolved approximately 81% of the 445 contested motions on the dockets of the Fairfax County Juvenile & Domestic Relations General District Court and the Fairfax County Circuit Court in 2007, sent to the Conciliation Task Force for resolution." Carol summed it up with a statement that every member of the Foundation Board stands behind: "The Foundation's programs provide critical services necessary for access to justice, education, and an effective judicial system."

The Foundation is extremely grateful to our "Making a Difference" Capital Campaign donors listed below for their continued support and dedication to the Fairfax Law Foundation.

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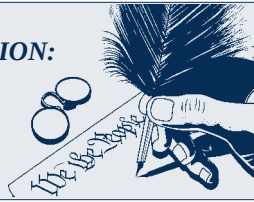
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**JUST THE BEGINNING FOUNDATION:
Bringing Diversity
to the
Field of Law**



The philosopher and economist John Stuart Mills said, "The worth of the state, in the long run, is the worth of the individuals composing it." Mills may have been referring to his government, but this philosophy can apply to any profession or field. It is the individual who brings experience and diversity to a given situation. The field of law is no different.

Through this same spirit, the Just the Beginning Foundation (JTBF) was formed. The nonprofit organization is composed of judges, lawyers, and concerned citizens who focus on developing initiatives that give opportunities to young people from an array of backgrounds. By supporting the interest of law in students of various underrepresented backgrounds, JTBF hopes to see an increase of diversity, both in the legal profession and on the bench.

Some of the programs the foundation supports include a summer legal institute, law student externships, scholarships, programs that target minority high school and college students, and conferences that bring together legal professionals in local communities.

The next local conference "**Reaching Back, Lifting Up**" will be held on **September 25-28 in Washington, D.C.** at the **JW Marriott Hotel**. This will be the 8th biennial conference and will celebrate the diversity of the federal judiciary through educational programming and social networking, as well as opportunities to give back to the community. Federal and state judges, and those in the field of law will share their lessons learned and will discuss important issues facing law today. High school students from the D.C. metro area will also be invited to the conference. Some of the students have been asked to join the conference because of their at-risk background. The hope is that students will be inspired by these lawyers and judges to pursue a career in law.

For other programming events or to learn more about the Just the Beginning Foundation, visit www.jtbf.org. ■

"Reaching Back, Lifting Up"

Just the Beginning Foundation Conference

J.W. Marriott Hotel, 14th & Pennsylvania Ave.
NW Washington, D.C.

September 25–28, 2008

www.jtbf.org for more information

Celebrate diversity and the integration of the federal judiciary, and share in the inspirational stories of trailblazing women and minority judges at the Just The Beginning Foundation's eighth biennial conference in Washington, D.C. JTBF will bring together a diverse group of more than 100 federal and state judges, lawyers, law professors, and students to share their living stories of success and to participate in thoughtful discussions on contemporary legal issues. We invite you to join us in previewing the United States Supreme Court's upcoming term, hearing from Fortune 500 general counsel, debating media impact on the quality of justice, and participating in youth mock trials designed to inspire young people to consider careers in the legal profession.

Featured 2008 Conference Speakers:



Judge Damon J. Keith



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GENERAL DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Felony Continuance Requests

Requests filed on the morning of the court date for continuance of a felony charge in the General District Court will no longer be considered immediately. Instead, the request will be attached to the case for the judge's consideration in the courtroom at the 2:00 PM preliminary hearing.

Transportation Orders

Transportation Order requests filed in the Criminal and Traffic Divisions of the General District Court must be submitted at least 1 to 3 full work days in advance of the court date according to the following guidelines: 1 full work day in advance—for adjoining counties of Prince William Loudoun, Alexandria, and Arlington; 2 full work days in advance—for jails located two counties away (Rappahannock Regional Jail, Fauquier, P. Creek); and 3 full work days in advance—for all other jurisdictions. Requests received without adequate lead time will most likely not be accommodated.

Traffic—Take a Number, Please

When taking a number to speak with a clerk at the General District Court Traffic Clerk's Office, attorneys are asked to select "I - Attorneys" rather than taking numbers for each category to see which number gets called first. Selections G (Motions, Appeals, Continuances, Copy Requests, etc.) and I (Attorneys/Officers) feed into the same group of windows, so the first number taken will be served first. We cannot serve you at two windows simultaneously, and taking multiple numbers actually slows down the system.

Civil: Garnishment Backlog

When selecting court dates for garnishments, please add 4-6 weeks extraprocessing time to allow for a current backlog in the Civil Division of the Fairfax County General District Court. ■

FBA Young Lawyers Section News

The 2008-2009 FBA Young Lawyers Section (YLS) had a record-setting turnout in June 2008 for its annual elections. With over sixty (60) votes cast, the new members of the YLS Board and our new President-Elect were selected. The 2008-2009 YLS Board includes:

Christie A. Leary, President

Greenspun, Shapiro, Davis & Leary, P.C.

Michelle Hess, President-Elect

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New Board Members:

Sarah Hensley, McGuireWoods

W. Michael Chick, Jr., Fairfax County Public Defender's Office

Joshua Isaacs, Smolen Plevy

Kathleen Waldy, Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, LLP

Thank you to all who came out and voted! We appreciate the substantial support of members and welcome anyone to contact us if they are interested in assisting us in planning our events throughout this year.

The new Board met in mid-August to discuss their calendar of events and to plan what is shaping up to be an exciting and busy year. We are currently organizing a memorial volleyball tournament in honor of the late Judge David T. Stitt, which will be held On October 18, 2008

in lieu of our Annual Lawyerpalooza event. In addition, some of our other events this year will include monthly Happy Hours, the New Lawyer Swearing-In Ceremony and CLE, Breakfast with the Judges, Dinner with the Judges, a George Mason University School of Law Networking Event, Spring CLE, and plenty of other networking opportunities for those who are new to the practice of law. In addition, the YLS will be responsible for organizing the annual Color of Justice program for local area minority high school students.

Our first monthly Happy Hour will take place in Fairfax on September 10th. Please stay tuned for more information.

On Saturday, June 14, 2008, a team of Fairfax Young Lawyers braved the summer heat and participated in Lawyers Have Heart, an annual 10K run, which raises funds for the American Heart Association. The team was sponsored by Weiner, et al., and PACERS running store. The team's bright green shirts allowed them to identify one another on the tree-lined, but not nearly shady enough, course. The team finished third in its category and the fastest of the group were Todd Davis, Dylan Gallagher, and Erin Wolf. The slowest shall remain anonymous, but everyone finished with a sense of accomplishment and camaraderie (and perhaps an odd ache or pain). A good time was had by all at what is hopefully the first of many such team runs. If you are interested in running with the team in future events, contact Erin Sylvester erin.sylvester@fairfaxcounty.gov or Todd Davis toddadavis@hotmail.com.

On Saturday, July 19, 2008, the Young Lawyers Section hosted a summer social at Breaux Vineyards in Loudoun County. Attendees enjoyed wine tasting, a jewelry and craft fair, and the sweet sno cones to help them beat the sweltering summer heat! A classic Jimmy Buffet cover band perfected the relaxed atmosphere of Breaux Vineyard's 3rd Annual Key West Fest. Good times were had by all.

If you are interested in assisting the Board with planning any of our upcoming events, please contact Christie Leary at cal@greenspunlaw.com.

Stay tuned to the weekly email blasts for more information on these and other events. ■



Introducing the Paralegal Section

For those members not yet familiar with us, the Paralegal Section was founded in 2001 and has been growing in leaps and bounds, with 71 current members. We are very active, with a full schedule of events planned for the upcoming 2008-2009 year.

Our 2008-2009 Executive Committee has been elected. Our new officers are as follows:

Kelly M. Cook, Chair

Koonz, McKenney, Johnson, DePaolis & Lightfoot, LLP

Jessica A. Mendez, Vice Chair

Shoun, Bach, Walinsky & Curran, PC

Tina M. Fewell, Secretary

Shoun, Bach, Walinsky & Curran, PC

Cherie Y. Kyser, Legislative Liaison

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Brittany L. Cramer, Continuing Paralegal Education Coordinator

Office of the Fairfax County Attorney

Janice L. Day, Activities Coordinator

Shoun, Bach, Walinsky & Curran, PC

Complete information concerning our Section, including our goals and objectives, photo gallery, our community projects, and our full calendar of events may be viewed on the Bar's website, located at www.fairfaxbar.org. To be routed to our Section's page, select "Who We Are," then "Committees/Sections," and then scroll down and click on "Paralegal."

Below are highlights of a few of our upcoming events:

SEPTEMBER:

Section Meeting & Kick-Off Happy Hour

Date: September 15, 2008

Time: 6:00 PM (Meeting); 7:00 PM (Happy Hour)

Location (Meeting): Shoun, Bach, Walinsky & Curran, PC

12700 Fair Lakes Circle, Suite 300, Fairfax, VA

Location (Happy Hour): Alto Plaza, 5800 Old Centreville Rd, Centreville, VA

At our first meeting of the year, we will discuss the disposition of our annual Back-to-School Supplies drive and review/discuss details of our upcoming events. Afterwards, we will have a "Kick-Off Happy Hour" to reconnect with our existing members; welcome and get to know our new members. Prospective members are welcome and encouraged to attend!

OCTOBER:

Career Advancement Presentation

Date: TBD

Time: 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Location: TBD

Past speakers have included: A judge discussing her career path from paralegal to attorney to Judge, professors from local colleges regarding their paralegal studies/legal studies programs, and representatives from legal recruiting agencies discussing what prospective employers are looking for in a paralegal. Details for this year's presentation are currently being finalized and will be posted on our Section's page of the Bar's website when available.

October Section Meeting

Date: October 22, 2008

Time: 12:00 PM

Location: Cooper Ginsberg Gray, PLLC, 10201 Fairfax Blvd, Suite 250, Fairfax, VA

We will conduct regular Section business and discuss our annual Food Drive for benefit of the Capital Area Food Bank. ■

UPCOMING EVENTS/CLEs

FAMILY LAW HOT TOPICS CLE

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

4:30-7:30 PM

Fairfax County Courthouse, Courtroom 1A

3.0 MCLE Credits *Approved*

\$105.00 FBA Members; \$150.00 Non-Members

\$75.00 Affiliate Members/\$120 Support Staff & Non-Members

BANKRUPTCY FOR DUMMIES CLE

Tuesday, September 16, 2008

5:30-7:30 PM

Fairfax County Public Law Library

2.0 MCLE Credits *Approved*

\$70.00 FBA Members; \$100.00 Non-Members

\$50.00 FBAAffiliate Members; \$80.00 Support Staff Non-Members

LEGISLATIVE FORUM & RECEPTION

Wednesday, September 17, 2008

6:00-7:30 PM Reception

7:30-8:30 PM Forum

Fairview Park Marriott, 3111 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church, VA
FREE for Members of the MSNVA, Arlington County Medical Society, Fairfax, Arlington, Alexandria, and Prince William County Bar Associations
\$50.00 Non-Members

MOTIONS CONCILIATION PROGRAM CLE

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

5:00-7:30 PM

Sponsored by the O'Shaughnessy-Hurst Memorial Foundation, Inc.

Fairfax Public Law Library, Room 115

2.5 MCLE (1.0 Ethics) Credits *Approved*

FREE when participants commit to serve as conciliators for at least three (3) available dates during the year OR

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ILLUSTRATIVE EVIDENCE IN FAMILY LAW CASES CLE

Thursday, October 2, 2008

5:30 - 7:30 PM

Fairfax County Courthouse, Courtroom 1A

2.0 MCLE Credits *Pending*

\$70.00 FBA Members; \$100.00 Non-Members

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FBA ANNUAL FALL GOLF TOURNAMENT

Monday, October 6, 2008

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Registration/1:00 PM Shotgun Start

Old Hickory Golf Club

11921 Chanceford Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22192

\$150.00 Per Player

AVOIDING MALPRACTICE CLE

Presented by USI AFFINITY

Friday, October 10, 2008

5:30 - 7:30 PM

Fairfax County Government Center

12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, VA

2.0 MCLE Ethics Credits *Pending*

FREE for Fairfax Bar Association Members

\$100.00 Attorney Non-Members

\$80.00 Support Staff Non-Members

EVIDENTIARY OBJECTIONS FOR EXPERT WITNESS TESTIMONY

Wednesday, October 15, 2008

5:30 - 7:30 PM

Fairfax County Courthouse, Courtroom 1A

2.0 MCLE Credits *Pending*

\$70.00 FBA Members; \$100.00 Non-Members

\$50.00 FBA Affiliate Members; \$80 Support Staff Non-Members

LEGAL TECHNOLOGY, ETHICS & ELECTRONIC EVIDENCE:

FBA ANNUAL LAW & TECHNOLOGY MCLE 2008

Presented by the FBA Technology Committee

Monday, October 27, 2008

4:30 - 8:00 PM

Fairfax County Courthouse Cafeteria

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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KALES & KALES, PLC, have moved their office to 4000 Legato Road, Suite 1100 Fairfax, VA 22033; 703-896-7580; Fax: 703-896-7581.

DAVID KAUFMAN, Fairfax solo practitioner, has been selected to administer the popular "SoloSez" listserv hosted by the American Bar Association. Founded in 1996, SoloSez is a national email forum that allows solos and small firm attorneys to exchange ideas and referrals. Kaufman practices business and commercial law in Virginia, Maryland, and D.C.; www.businessbrawls.com.

NEEDHAM MITNICK & POLLACK, PLC, have moved their office to 400 S. Maple Avenue, Suite 210, Falls Church, VA 22046; 703-536-7778; Fax: 703-536-2452; Email: info@nmpattorneys.com.

The Fairfax Public Law Library is considering the acquisition of new electronic and print materials that would be valuable to our customers both professional and *pro se*. If you have any specific suggestions, please contact the Director, Tom Pulver, at thomas.pulver@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-246-2175.

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Turn on the TV, flip through just about any newspaper, or read the latest blog entry, the one topic that seems to be on everyone's mind is politics. For people in Northern Virginia, the chatter is no different, but what issues are key? Where do the local representatives stand?

Answers to these questions can be found at the **Annual Legislative Reception** on **September 17, 2008**. This year's event, which is co-sponsored by the **Medical Society of Northern Virginia**, the **Arlington County Medical Society**, and the **Bar Associations of Arlington, Alexandria, Fairfax, and Prince William**, will take place at the Fairview Park Marriott. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from representatives of both the Virginia House and Senate. The reception will give the audience a chance to meet their representatives on a one-on-one basis and to hear each party's views on issues that affect Virginians. John Richards, Executive Director for the Medical Society of Northern Virginia said, "This event is critical because of the need to relate to our politicians. The bar and physicians are two premier professions in the area. It is important for us to speak in one voice on issues. It also means we are reaching out to our members so they can be involved in the political process."

"There will be a greater and far reaching representation at this year's reception," added Doug Kay, who serves on the FBA's Board of Directors and is a member of the Legislative Committee. "With the partnership from the different bars and the medical societies, there is a broader sphere of influence. We will be able to hear views from different areas," he said. Of course, the greater the number of people who turn out, the more strength there will be as a group and more delegates are likely to show.

The hot topics that will be discussed at this year's reception include immigration and transportation, two areas that are relative to the concerns of the people of Northern Virginia.

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