

# JOURNAL

Newsletter of the Fairfax Bar Association [www.fairfaxbar.org](http://www.fairfaxbar.org) Summer 2025

## A PERFECT DAY FOR LAW DAY!

*By Genna R. Walnut, Communications and Marketing Coordinator for the Fairfax Bar Association*

On Thursday, May 1st, members of the legal community, along with family and friends, gathered in the parking lot of [Weiner Spivey & Miller, PLC](#), for the 23rd annual Law Day Weiner Roast.

For over two decades, this celebration has been a cherished tradition in Fairfax City, highlighting the value of the rule of law by honoring the work of our law clerks, supporting the mission of the Fairfax Law Foundation, and reminding the community that such a day, and the principles it recognizes, are worth celebrating.

This year, every lawyer in attendance had the opportunity to reaffirm their oath to uphold the rule of law in Fairfax County, led by Chief Judge of the Fairfax County Circuit Court, the Hon. Penney Azcarate. We are so grateful to everyone who made this event a success, especially to our generous Law Day sponsors. ■

LAW DAY 2025



*Chief Judge of the Fairfax County Circuit Court, The Hon. Penney Azcarate, leading members of the Bar in the reaffirmation of their legal oaths*



*Law Day host, Ed Weiner, Esq., greeting Fairfax County Mayor, Catherine S. Read*

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

By Elanna D. Weinstein Esq., FBA President

The Fairfax Bar Association is the best Bar Association in Virginia because of the dedication, insight, and hard work of its volunteers and staff. While many see the programs, events, and advocacy efforts our Association provides, fewer recognize the network of attorneys, judges, and legal professionals who make it all happen—the volunteers serving on our committees and sections. Volunteers range from seasoned attorneys with decades of experience to newer members eager to give back and grow their networks. What unites them is a shared commitment to improving the profession. They do this work without compensation, often outside their billable hours, driven by a sense of service and a belief in the power of collective action. All these volunteers dedicate countless hours to meeting, planning, and implementing initiatives that directly benefit members and the public.



Each committee and section serves a unique purpose, and each volunteer brings something invaluable to the table. Their efforts not only strengthen the legal profession but also foster a more just, ethical, and inclusive legal community.

We have the volunteers on the Circuit Court Committee; Continuing Legal Education Committee; General District Court Committee; Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee; General District Court Committee; Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court Committee; Law Library Committee; Law Related Education Committee; Lawyer Referral Service Committee; Legislative Committee; and Pro Bono Advisory Committee. Those committees are instrumental for communicating between the Bar and the Bench, updating court manuals, putting together interesting and helpful CLEs with fabulous speakers, and so much more. There are also a significant number of volunteers on the Fairfax Law Foundation Board of Directors and the Judicial Screening Committee. They all play a distinct role in shaping our legal community.

We have volunteers to chair and co-chair the many sections available to the membership, including Alternative Dispute Resolution; Criminal Practice; Employment Law; Family Law; Law Practice Management; Real Estate Law; and Wills Trusts & Estates, as well as Officers/Board of Directors for the Paralegal and Young Lawyers Sections. These sections are hubs for specialized learning and advocacy. They put together CLEs, have networking and social events, and discuss relevant topics in the various areas of law. Their work strengthens not only their individual practices, but also the collective knowledge of our legal community.

Lastly, I would be remiss if I did not mention the many volunteers that assist with the CLEs and other events the FBA and Fairfax Law Foundation host. We could not do this without them. Whether it is through organizing CLEs and events, reviewing proposed legislation, advancing *pro bono* initiatives, or advocating for improvements in the legal system, their contributions matter—deeply and consistently. Their work reflects the highest ideals of our profession: service, leadership, and collaboration. They help make our mission possible.

To all the volunteers, thank you for your commitment. Thank you for your professionalism. Thank you for making this association—and the legal profession—stronger, smarter, and more compassionate. I am honored to work alongside you and look forward to continuing this journey together.

If you are interested in volunteering on a committee or section, the FBA welcomes your voice. ■

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## FLF PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



### Welcome to Summer, Fairfax Law Foundation

*Rebecca B. Kinsel, President of the Fairfax Law Foundation*


To my fellow members of the Fairfax Bar from the Fairfax Law Foundation, Thank you!

Thank you for participating in the 15th Annual 5K Heroes vs. Villains race in April. The weather cooperated and our turnout was great. It was so wonderful to see so many of our colleagues and fellow members of the Bar coming together to support a great cause, bond with (and sometimes taunt) fellow members of the Fairfax Bar, and enjoy the music being cranked by our own Judge Bugg. We showed up, and we supported a vital community initiative. Thank you for your support!

We have had a wonderful year at the Fairfax Law Foundation. Our court tours helped introduce local students to the legal system. We provided valuable *pro bono* legal assistance to Fairfax County residents.

Thank you for supporting us. Please continue to give either your time or financial donations, as our need for support is considerable. Feel free to contact me directly at [rkinsel@protoraelaw.com](mailto:rkinsel@protoraelaw.com) and I will do my best to answer any questions you may have.

Here's to an exciting summer of 2025 for the Fairfax Law Foundation! ■



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*Presentation of the Colors*



*Clerk of the Fairfax County Circuit Court,  
The Hon. Chris Falcon, presenting an  
award to Blanca Gonzalez*



*Members of the Bar reaffirm their oath  
to uphold the rule of law in Fairfax County*



*Clerk of the Fairfax City General District Court,  
The Hon. Jessica Beach,  
presenting an award to Hye Won Cho*



*Fairfax County legal community celebrating Law Day 2025*



*Dancers from the Doyle School of Irish Dance*



# UPCOMING EVENTS/CLEs

## PROTECTING THE CHILDREN. STANDBY GUARDIANSHIPS

**MONDAY, JUNE 30 2025**

**4:00 PM**

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### **Distinguished Faculty:**

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The Hon. Razan Fayeze, Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court

## 25th ANNUAL SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT (Rescheduled)

**FRIDAY, JULY 11, 2025**

**12:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

Westfields Golf Club, 13940 Balmoral Greens Avenue  
Clifton, VA 20124

Questions? Contact Bob Letnick at 703-273-4100

## INVESTITURE OF THE HON. MICHELLE M. KAMINSKY

**AS JUDGE OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT**

**FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2025**

**4:00 PM**

Fairfax County Courthouse

Courtroom 5J

RSVP by July 11th to [ccr-circuitcourtsvp@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:ccr-circuitcourtsvp@fairfaxcounty.gov). If you have any questions, call Kim Callahan at 703-246-4166.

## A NIGHT AT THE BALL PARK

*Hosted by the Young Lawyers Section of the FBA*

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2025**

**6:45 PM**

Nationals Park, 1500 S Capitol Street, SE  
Washington, DC 20003

Grab your family, friends, and colleagues and watch the **Washington Nationals** face the **Philadelphia Phillies** at this year's Night at the Ball Park, hosted by the Young Lawyers Section. The FBA has a block of reserved tickets in **Section 107**.

Tickets are \$51 per person and include a \$15 food and beverage credit. They are non-refundable and must be purchased by **August 1** to ensure that you are seated with our group. All tickets will be sent electronically following the registration deadline.

If you have questions, please contact Countnie Norris at [cnorris@fairfaxbar.org](mailto:cnorris@fairfaxbar.org) or 703-246-2732

## 22nd ANNUAL LAW & TECHNOLOGY (Hybrid) CLE

**Save the Date**

*Presented by the FBA Law Practice Management Section*

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025**

Fairfax County Courthouse (Courtroom TBD) and Cisco WebEx

## INVESTITURE OF THE HON. DIPTI PIDIKITI-SMITH

**AS JUDGE OF THE FAIRFAX COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025**

**4:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

Fairfax County Courthouse

Courtroom 5J

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## INVESTITURE OF THE HON. RAYMOND J. OBREGÓN

**AS JUDGE OF THE FAIRFAX GENERAL DISTRICT COURT**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025**

**4:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

Fairfax County Courthouse

Courtroom 5J

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## INVESTITURE OF THE HON. ANDREW T. ELDERS

**AS JUDGE OF THE FAIRFAX GENERAL DISTRICT COURT**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2025**

**4:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

Fairfax County Courthouse

Courtroom 5J

## FBA ANNUAL CONVENTION IN KEY WEST, FL

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025**

Questions? Contact Kerri Yates at [kyates@fairfaxbar.org](mailto:kyates@fairfaxbar.org)

## INVESTITURE OF THE HON. TAMIKA D. JONES

**AS JUDGE OF THE FAIRFAX GENERAL DISTRICT COURT**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2025**

**4:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

Fairfax County Courthouse

Courtroom 5J ■

**Celebrating Progress:**  
**A YEAR IN REVIEW FROM THE FBA DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION SUBCOMMITTEE**  
*By Chandra Sheppard, Esq., and Alexis Abraham, Esq., Co-Chairs*

This year the Fairfax Bar Association's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (DEI Subcommittee) made important strides to advance its mission. With a continued focus on education, community engagement, and awareness-building, we were proud to co-lead initiatives that brought members of the local legal community together in pursuit of a more inclusive and equitable profession. As we reflect on the accomplishments of the past year, we are energized by the momentum we've built—and we are looking ahead with excitement toward future opportunities for growth and impact.

### **Record Participation in the 21-Day Equity Reading Challenge**

Our co-organization of the annual 21-Day Racial Equity Challenge in February was among the highlights of the year for the DEI Subcommittee. Developed in partnership with the FBA, this program aims to deepen participants' understanding of issues related to race, equity, and social justice through daily readings and reflections.

This year's Challenge drew over 100 participants—the highest level of engagement in the program's history. Members from across the Fairfax legal community joined in, committing to a daily practice of reading articles, watching videos, and engaging with thought-provoking materials that explored topics including systemic racism, implicit bias, and equity in the legal system. The remarkable participation underscored our shared commitment to fostering a more inclusive legal community and prompted meaningful conversations among colleagues, peers, and leaders. Several participants shared that the Challenge not only broadened their perspectives but also inspired them to bring an equity lens to their work and community interactions.

### **Supporting the Next Generation: Color of Justice**

The DEI Subcommittee also proudly supported the Color of Justice program, an initiative of the Young Lawyers Section designed to introduce middle and high school students—particularly those from historically under represented backgrounds—to careers in the legal field. Our members volunteered their time to help facilitate sessions, share personal stories, and offer mentorship to students who are just beginning to imagine what a future in law might look like.

### **Looking Ahead: Join Us in Advancing DEI in Fairfax**

As we look toward the upcoming year, the DEI Subcommittee is eager to continue building on this momentum. We are currently exploring opportunities to host additional educational and community-centered events this fall—but to do so, we need your help.

We are actively seeking new members who are passionate about diversity, equity, and inclusion and who want to make a meaningful impact within the Fairfax legal community. Whether you are an experienced attorney, a young lawyer, or somewhere in between, your voice and contributions can help shape our direction and strengthen our mission.

Joining the DEI Subcommittee is an excellent way to meet other committed professionals, stay informed about equity-related issues, and contribute to initiatives that make a real difference. Our meetings are collaborative, welcoming, and action-oriented—and we're always open to new ideas.

### **How to Get Involved**

If you're interested in learning more about the DEI Subcommittee or would like to attend an upcoming meeting, please reach out to Chandra Sheppard at [chandraasheppard@gmail.com](mailto:chandraasheppard@gmail.com) or Alexis Abraham at [aabraham@bronleylaw.com](mailto:aabraham@bronleylaw.com). Committee meetings will mostly be held virtually so participation is easy and flexible. We would be happy to speak with you about how you can get involved and help us advance our mission of fostering a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive legal community.

### **In Closing**

The past year has shown us what is possible when we come together with intention, curiosity, and commitment. With the support of our members and partners, we've deepened conversations, expanded outreach, and taken meaningful steps toward equity in our profession.

We thank everyone who participated in this year's programming and invite you to join us as we continue this important work. Together, we can ensure that the Fairfax legal community not only reflects the diversity of the people it serves but also leads with inclusion, fairness, and justice for all.

Let's keep building—and we hope to welcome you to the DEI Subcommittee soon. ■

## Fairfax Bar Association ANNUAL LUNCHEON MEETING

June 3rd was the FBA Annual Meeting Luncheon at Maggiano's Little Italy. The luncheon featured the presentation of President's awards by FBA President, Elanna Weinstein, Esq., and the installation of Steven D. Briglia, Esq., as our 2025-2026 President. Thank you, Elanna, for your hard work as President this past year!

A huge thank you to Vasseghi Law Group for sponsoring this event. ■



*Steven D. Briglia, Esq., 2025-2026 FBA President*



*Elanna D. Weinstein, Esq., 2024-2025 FBA President*



*President's Award Presented to Ann M. Thayer, Esq.*



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*Members of the Bar Enjoying Lunch at  
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## Fairfax Bar Association PARALEGAL SECTION SUMMER RECAP

*By Julia Nelson, Chair*

As we welcome the warmth and energy of summer, the Fairfax Bar Association's Paralegal Section is proud to reflect on a successful and meaningful year. From community service to professional development and a strong calendar of social events, our Section has remained committed to empowering legal support professionals—including paralegals, legal assistants, and firm administrators—through connection, education, and collaboration.

Not yet a member? Now's the time! Joining the FBA Paralegal Section provides access to high-quality CLEs, networking opportunities, and a dedicated support system of professionals who understand the challenges and rewards of working in the legal field.

We also encourage attorneys to support and inspire their staff to get involved. Investing in your paralegal team enhances your firm's efficiency, client service, and workplace morale—allowing attorneys to focus on complex legal work while support staff feel empowered and confident. A strong legal team benefits everyone.

### **2024–2025 SECTION YEAR HIGHLIGHTS**

**AUGUST: FACETS Back-to-School Drive** - Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our members and community, we donated backpacks and school supplies to over 40 local students. Altogether, FACETS distributed 600 backpacks to children across Fairfax County. Giving back feels even better when we do it together.

**SEPTEMBER: Kick-Off Happy Hour** - We kicked off the section year with beverages, snacks, laughter, and a few friendly games at Ornery Beer Company. It was the perfect way to connect with familiar faces and welcome new ones!

**OCTOBER: CLE on Interpreters and Translators** - Presented by Horizon Legal Solutions, this fascinating session highlighted the critical role interpreters play in legal cases. Attendees walked away with valuable insights—and some great post-CLE conversations over refreshments.

**NOVEMBER: FACETS Thanksgiving Food Drive** - Thanks to the incredible participation of our members—and some competitive spirit—we collected an estimated \$3,000 in food and donations to help families in need. A huge shoutout to Blankingship & Keith, P.C. for hosting and sponsoring our favorite food drive showdown!

**DECEMBER: Annual Holiday Social at PJ Skidoos** - Festive fashion and holiday cheer were in full swing at our year-end celebration! Ugly sweater contests, word scrambles, a white elephant gift exchange, and laughter all around made this an unforgettable night. Prizes included a spa day and winery packages—a little well-deserved relaxation for our hardworking members!

**JANUARY: Cybersecurity Awareness Training CLE** - Sensei Enterprises brought the energy (and expertise) to our cybersecurity CLE tailored to legal professionals. From remote work risks to how to bounce back from a breach, this session gave us a lot to think about—and great tools to take back to our offices.

**FEBRUARY: Valentine's Book Drive for Juvenile Residents** - In collaboration with the Fairfax Law Foundation, we raised over \$1,100 and prepared 24 gift bags for youth in local residential correctional programs. Donations included books, journals, and essentials, all with the goal of uplifting and inspiring through literacy and care.

**MARCH: Lunch & Learn with Clerk Chris Falcon** - We were honored to host The Hon. Christopher Falcon, Clerk of the Fairfax County Circuit Court, for our first-ever Lunch & Learn! Over good food and great conversation, we learned how to better navigate court systems like File&ServeXpress and eCaseSearch—and how we can work better together.

**APRIL: Heroes vs. Villains 5K** - We laced up for a great cause and had a blast at the Fairfax Law Foundation's annual 5K. Some dressed as heroes, others as villains—but everyone came together to support *pro bono* legal services and law-related education. Fun + fitness for a cause we believe in!

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**MAY:** Law Day Weiner Roast - Who says legal professionals don't know how to relax? We enjoyed the sunshine, hot dogs, and good company at the annual Law Day Weiner Roast the best way we know how—together!

Bowling Social at Bowlero Centreville - Paralegals and attorneys came together for a fun evening of bowling and a little friendly competition. Prizes were awarded for top scorers and most turkeys, making for a fun and memorable night.

**JUNE:** Support Staff Orientation Presentation (SSOP) - We wrapped up the section year with a comprehensive introduction to Fairfax County's court system, including department overviews, courthouse tours, and a detailed walk-through of the Circuit Court's online filing platform presented by the IT Department. Attendees walked away informed, empowered, and ready to hit the ground running.

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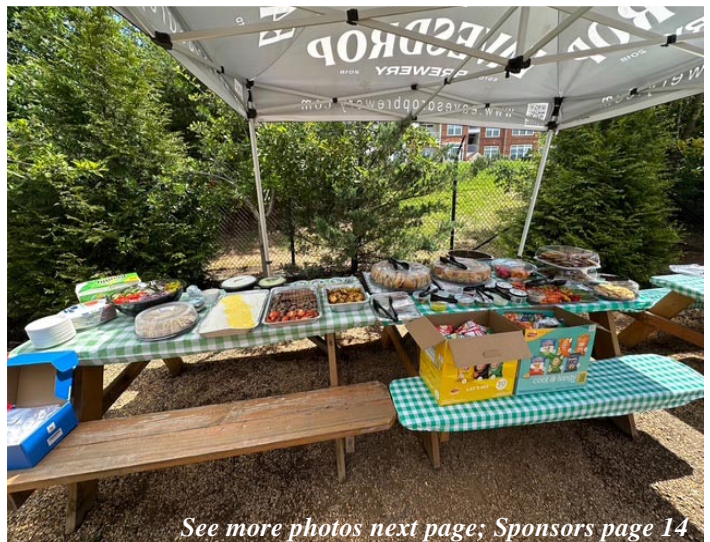
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# LAWYERPALOOZA

Saturday, June 7, 2025 • The Eavesdrop Brewery, Yorkshire, VA



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**Fairfax Bar Association**  
**THE JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT COMMITTEE**

*By Stephanie Smith, Esq., and Ann Thayer, Esq., Co-Chairs*

The Fairfax J&DR District Court Committee continues to meet virtually the second Thursday of each month at 12:30 PM. Recently we hosted two in-person meetings—one in December and one in June. Our monthly meetings are often attended by current Chief Judge Sotelo, and Judges Cardoce, Abejuela, Petit, Van Lowe, Nadaraja, Sprano and Fayez.

Our committee is comprised of members of the Bar who practice in the J&DR Court and are committed to sharing feedback with the Bench about the Court's operations and procedures, all with the goal of helping to improve the public services provided by the J&DR Court.

Recent hot topics at our committee meetings have been navigating litigant concerns relating to immigration/ICE at the court-house, changes to the DV treatment landscape, including a significant expansion of batterers intervention program duration to a minimum of 36 weeks. In April, the Committee also proudly recognized Judge Fayez's receipt of a proclamation from the Fairfax Board of Governors for her work with Council to End Domestic Violence.

Judge Van Lowe has been working to update Court forms and a new website for the Court is expected to launch in January 2026. The Clerk's office continues to streamline systems, and the Court remains committed to making sure all who come to the Court are provided with the best assistance possible.

Finally, Ann and Stephanie are passing the torch to new leadership after serving together as committee co-chairs since 2018. The Committee will welcome Raissa Wilbur and Marcus Greene as co-chairs when we resume meetings in September.

If you have questions, ideas, or suggestions to share, we urge all interested FBA members to join the J&DRDC Committee and attend our monthly meetings. ■





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