

Henrico Bar News

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Henrico County Bar Association
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From the Desk of Julie S. Palmer, HCBA President

The beautiful weather paired quite nicely with the topic discussed at our Spring Luncheon on March 13 at the Westwood Club. I thank Ted Elmore of [BridgePark RVA](#) for sharing this exciting project with our members. Thanks also to Brooks Hundley for planning the event.

We had a wonderful turnout at our Legislative Update on April 26, where members heard from Sen. Siobhan Dunnivant, Sen. Jennifer McClellan, Del. Jeff Bourne, Del. Manoli Loupassi and Del. John O'Bannon about significant bills passed during Virginia General Assembly's 2017 Session. Thank you to IST Management for sponsoring this event, and to Andrew Newby and Jason Hart for planning it.

It's hard for me to believe that our Annual Reception is coming up in just a couple of weeks (May 10 at Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens). This year has passed so quickly, due primarily to the efficiency and enthusiasm of our Board. My sincere thanks to Brian Schneider, Natalie McClearn, Ryan Young, Brooks Hundley, Mike Feinmel, Emily Bishop, Julie Cillo, Jason Hart, Andrew Newby, Susan Parrish, and our Administrator, Mary Lou Wellman, for a productive, successful and enjoyable year.

Finally, I thank you, our members, for your continued support. Thank you for coming to our events, sharing ideas and giving your time with pro bono service. It has been an honor to serve you.

Sincerely,
Julie S. Palmer
President



Spring Luncheon

On March 13, 2017, our annual luncheon welcomed Ted Elmore, President of the Richmond BridgePark Foundation, a nonprofit organization currently implementing plans to build a park which will act as a centerpiece on the James River riverfront connecting the many attractions our area has to offer. A significant portion of the project will span the James River. Ted highlighted the current status of the project and the next steps to make the project a reality. While the project is not prepared for groundbreaking at this point, they are well on their way to formally instituting the project. BridgePark will be designed for leisure, recreation and events, it will be a perfect spot for families to picnic, office workers to escape and friends to gather. It will provide quiet seating, communal areas, art exhibits, farmers markets, entertainment and of course, breathtaking views of one of only two capital cities which are bald eagle nesting areas. For more information about the project go to [Bridgeparkrva.com](#).

We would like to thank SELTEK, Inc. for sponsoring the lovely and informative luncheon.

Save the Date

Annual Reception

Wednesday, May 10, 2017
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens
Click [here](#) to register.

John Garrett Memorial Golf Tournament to benefit

Comfort Zone Camp
Tuesday, May 23, 2017
1:00 p.m. shotgun start
Sycamore Creek Golf Course
Click [here](#) for a registration brochure.

Please check the Calendar of Events on our website at www.henicobar.org for the most up to date information.

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Ken Dickenson and Glenn Ayers



Rhysa South, Karen Dottore, Joe Rapisarda and Marissa Mitchell



Brooks Hundley and Mike Gill

John Garrett Memorial Golf Tournament

Each year, our Bar Association sponsors a charity golf tournament for our members in memory of the Hon. John A. Garrett, a judge of the Henrico County General District Court who passed away in 2004. All proceeds from the event go to the Comfort Zone Camp, a charity selected by Judge Garrett's wife Lynn. Comfort Zone Camp is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) bereavement camp that transforms the lives of children who have experienced the death of a parent, sibling or legal guardian.

This year, the event will be returning to Sycamore Creek Golf Course and held on May 23, 2017. The tournament kicks off promptly at 1:00 pm. It is suggested that you arrive early to check in. Registration includes dinner provided by Smok-N-Pigz BBQ. We hope that you will join us for a day of golf and fellowship, and support this worthy cause.

Clerk's Corner

**A Message from
Supreme Court of
Virginia,
Deputy Clerk,
Jody James-Wood**

[Attached herewith](#) is a copy of this Court's order implementing an amendment to Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia, Nos. 5:13(c), 5:17(a)(1) and 5:21(a)(6), to become effective July 1, 2017. Based upon the nature of these rules, we wanted to alert you to the changes in the timeline for filing petitions for appeal with this Court.



Jason Hart, Julie Palmer, Jeff Miller and Emily Bishop



Janet Hutchinson and Suzanne Wade



Ted Elmore, President, Richmond BridgePark Foundation

For more pictures from the Spring Luncheon, please visit our website at www.henricobar.org.

Legislative Update

On April 26, 2017, the Henrico County Bar Association hosted its annual Legislative Update. Senators Siobhan Dunnivant and Jennifer McClellan and Delegates John O'Bannon, Manoli Loupassi and Jeff Bourne provided informative updates on legislation passed during the most recent legislative session. The candidates engaged in a lively

J&DR Twitter Page

Please check out the Twitter page for the Henrico Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court @HenricoJDRct.

Pro Bono Volunteer Opportunity

As an effort to improve access to legal services in our community, we are expanding our contact list for pro bono services. If you are interested in providing pro bono services, please send to Natalie McClearn, ntmcclearn@flaor.com, your contact information and the area(s) of practice for which you are willing to provide pro bono representation. Thank you to those of you who already volunteer regularly.

Welcome New Members

Craig B. Davis
John E. Peterson, Jr.
Stephen Relyea

Members on the Move

If you have recently changed jobs or been promoted, please share your news with the Henrico Bar. We would like to post your announcement in our newsletter and update your member profile. Announcements can be emailed to Mary Lou Wellman at admin@henricobar.org. Please include your name, firm or employer's name, new title and areas of concentration.

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discussion on such topics as the Virginia Conflict of Interest Act, Virginia's opioid epidemic and legislation designed to curtail it, and possible legislative solutions to the widespread problem of distracted driving. Andrew Newby served as emcee while Mike Feinmel moderated the panel. Following the update, the representatives and guests enjoyed a cocktail hour.

The Henrico County Bar Association would like to express its sincere gratitude to IST Management for sponsoring the event.



Andrew Newby, Del. Jeff Bourne, Del. John O'Bannon and Mike Feinmel



Del. Manoli Loupassi, Mike Feinmel and Sen. Jennifer McClellan



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Eddie Whitlock, Jennifer Wheeler and Stephen Relyea

For more pictures from the Legislative Update, please visit our website at www.henricobar.org.

Member Spotlight



Full Name: Paula Bernstein Hough

Employer and Position: Partner, BernsteinHough, P.C.

College: University of Florida

Law School: Columbus School of Law at Catholic University

Years in Practice: 14 years

Hobbies and Interests: hiking, running, and traveling

Favorite Movie: The Godfather

Favorite Book: "A Prayer for Owen Meany" by John Irving

Favorite Pro and College Sports Team: Go Gators!

One Thing You Might Not Know About Me: I've been to the tops of four volcanos in the past two years.

Best Thing About Practicing Law in Henrico: The collegiality.

Advice to Young Attorneys: Your reputation is everything-no case, no client, and no amount of money is worth losing it. I would also suggest watching court proceedings whenever you have extra time. You can learn so much about what judges will likely do under certain fact patterns, what arguments are effective, and which attorneys you want to emulate.



Full Name: Jeffrey Paul Miller

Employer and Position: Associate at Harman, Claytor, Corrigan & Wellman

College: Regis University (Denver)

Law School: University of Richmond

Years in Practice: 1.5 years

Hobbies and Interests: We have an almost-2-year-old girl so sleeping

when possible is high on my "interests," as is playing with her. When I do have time to myself: baseball, reading, fly-fishing.

Favorite Movie: "Unforgiven" or "Sling Blade"

Favorite Book: Lately I've been enjoying anything by Jim Harrison.

Favorite Pro and College Sports Team: Dodgers (grew up in Southern California), and Broncos ever since the Rams left L.A. USC Trojans for college sports.

One Thing You Might Not Know About Me: Prior to law school I was a piano player for about ten years bouncing from Boston to Nashville to Vail, CO.

Best Thing About Practicing Law in Henrico: I'm lucky in that my firm sends me all over the Commonwealth, which is fun for someone not from here to be able to really experience Virginia, but it always feels nice to have a "home base" in Henrico where I feel comfortable and often know either the other attorney or the judge or someone involved in the case - and I'm getting to know more folks here every day.

Funniest Experience as an Attorney: I recently had a deposition that required a translator who phoned in. It turned into a bad Kung-Fu movie, where I would ask a question that had a one or two word answer, then the translator and witness would have an extended back-and-forth conversation. At first it was frustrating, but it quickly became an exercise in absurdity and you couldn't help but laugh.

Advice to Young Attorneys: I'm awfully new at this to be giving advice, but one thing that's served me well is to ask for help/advice from people who might actually know what they're talking about.

