

Henrico Bar News

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From the Desk of Jon Nichols, HCBA President

It was a true honor for me to be sworn in as the 2013-2014 President of the Henrico County Bar Association on May 23, 2013. It was especially meaningful to have Judge Malveaux conduct the ceremony, as she is the first judge with whom I practiced as an attorney. I suppose that is a sign I am advancing in years - no longer the green attorney I pictured myself as for so many years!

At this year's legislative update, I spoke with a member of our bar association about the value we can provide to our members. She said to me, "Where else can you get this many CLE credits for so little cost?" These words stayed with me as I thought about what I would like to accomplish as President this year. I believe our association has two primary responsibilities.

The first is to provide our members with real value -- to make membership worth the cost. To that end, I am attempting to arrange more CLE presentations, particularly ethics presentations, to help our members obtain as much credit towards their requirements as we can possibly deliver. We have two ethics presentations already scheduled for the fall. We intend to revamp the Bench Bar presentation too, as we would like to involve our judges as much as possible in that event. It is a rare opportunity to interact with your judges, and they have so many helpful tips that they can give you to improve your courtroom practice.

The second responsibility is to provide an opportunity for our members to meet each other socially and to forge relationships that will assist you both professionally and personally. It is far easier to handle a case with someone you have met before, preferably in a social setting, outside of the case you are handling. We want to make our holiday party, our annual banquet, and any other social events held by the bar a place where you can make a friend of a colleague. Most of all, we want to make it worth your time.

I hope to follow the successes of past presidents Marissa Mitchell, Mike Rothermel, Stan Wellman, Chris Macturk, and all of the others to continue to make this your bar association. If there is anything that you need or any suggestions that you have, please feel free to contact me. Meanwhile, I will continue to be the best steward of this organization I can be and make your membership worthwhile.

Sincerely,
Jon A. Nichols
President

Annual Spring Banquet

The Henrico County Bar Association offers its sincere appreciation to all of our members who were able to join us at the annual banquet on May 23, 2013 at the Dominion Club. We were honored to have so many in attendance, including Judges Wallerstein, Boice, Yoffy, and Steverson, as well as Commonwealth Attorney Shannon Taylor. We wish to recognize Judge Mary Malveaux for swearing in the new board members. There were approximately 70 people in attendance as the 2013-2014 Board of Directors was inducted, closing out the term of outgoing President Marissa Mitchell. "Being president of the HCBA was one of the most rewarding experiences of my career," said Mitchell. "I got to work with a great board and a wonderful new administrator. Together, we had a successful year." The Board wishes to thank our sponsors, Minnesota Lawyers Mutual and Planet Depos, for their generous support of this fine event.



Save the Dates

Breakfast with the GDC and Circuit Court Judges
Wednesday, September 18, 2013
8 a.m. to 9 a.m.
General District Courtroom #3

Breakfast with the JDR Judges
Wednesday, September 25, 2013
8 a.m. to 9 a.m.
JDR Courtroom #6

Social Media and Ethics CLE
Thursday, September 26, 2013
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Henrico County Board of Supervisors' Board Room

Heather Szajda receives the first annual HCBA Pro Bono Award from President Jon Nichols and Immediate Past-President Marissa Mitchell as Judge Malveaux looks on

Leah Darron, Judge Yoffy, Lauren Caudill, Judge Wallerstein and Sharon Jacobs enjoy the reception

Several Harman Claytor lawyers turn out in support of their new President -- Ben Spence, John Merrick, Dave Esposito, Danielle Giroux, and Mark Carlton

Director Marty Conn and Commonwealth Attorney Shannon Taylor catch up

Emily Wigner, Mike Gerrard, Vice President Mike Feinmel, and Mike Huberman share a laugh

More support from Harman Claytor -- Past President Stan Wellman, Les Brock, Jack Jebo, and new Director Julie Palmer

7th Annual John Garrett Memorial Golf Tournament

The Henrico County Bar Association held its 7th Annual John Garrett Memorial Golf Tournament on Thursday, May 30, 2013 at The Crossings Golf Club in Glen Allen. Twelve foursomes took to the course on a beautiful sunny day to raise money for Comfort Zone Camp, a support camp for children who suffer the tragedy of losing a parent. Lynn Garrett, the wife of former Henrico General District Court Judge John Garrett, was in attendance and shared with the golfers the impact the camp had on her son after the passing of her husband. The Henrico County Bar Association is pleased to provide all net proceeds raised from the tournament to Comfort Zone Camp.

The foursome of the Hon. James Yoffy, John Honey, Ed Riley, and Mike Gerrard posted an impressive score of 54 and will have their names added to the silver winner's platter. Chris Collins took home the men's long drive contest and Nancy Oglesby won the ladies' long drive contest. Thomas Johnson won the closest-to-the-pin contest, narrowly edging out Judge Yoffy's impressive tee shot on the sixth hole. But the big winner of the day was the Comfort Zone Camp and the children it serves. The organization will receive almost \$1,700 from the proceeds of the tournament.

In addition to the greens fees of our participants, the donation to Comfort Zone Camp was made possible through the generous support of our sponsors. Gift/Prize sponsors included: Diamonds Direct, The Crossings Golf Club, The Foundry Golf Club, Providence Golf Course, Chuy's Restaurant, Ruth's Chris Steak House, Richmond Flying Squirrels, Richmond Kickers, Bogeys Sports Park, and the Science Museum of Virginia. Hole sponsors included: Lafayette, Ayers & Whitlock, Harman, Claytor, Corrigan & Wellman, The Witmeyer Law Firm, Goodman, Allen & Filetti, Chandler & Halasz Court Reporters, and Cook & Wiley Court Reporters. Thanks to everyone for their support and participation in the memory of Judge Garrett. We look forward to another successful event next year.

Ethics CLE

Wednesday, October 16, 2013
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Henrico County Board of Supervisors' Board Room

Holiday Reception

Tuesday, December 10, 2013
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Willow Oaks Country Club

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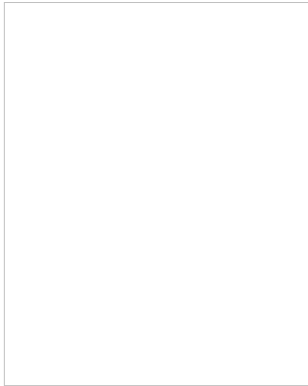
The Henrico County Bar Association's annual spring luncheon was held this year on March 14, 2013 at the Westwood Club. The 38 attendees were treated to a lively and fascinating presentation by Dr. Edward L. Ayers, President of the University of Richmond. Dr. Ayers is an enthusiastic historian and engaging teacher and spoke on the topic "Where did Freedom Come From?". Dr. Ayers keeps history alive by utilizing today's technology in projects such as creating a digital atlas of American history. During his presentation, Dr. Ayers showed guests some of the information available in the digital atlas as he focused on elements of the Civil War, including how the decision to secede came about as well as Visualizing Emancipation. When Dr. Ayers agreed to speak at the luncheon, no one knew that the University of Richmond would be playing its first round game in the Atlantic 10 Basketball tournament at the same time. Updates of the game were provided throughout the lunch. Even though Dr. Ayers was on his way to the airport to catch a flight to the tournament, he graciously entertained questions from the

John Honey and Mike Gerrard display the winner's trophy

President Nichols congratulates Thomas Johnson, winner of the Closest-to-the-Pin contest

Nancy Oglesby, Ladies' Longest Drive winner, with Jon Nichols

Member Spotlight



Full Name: Ryan Christopher Young

Employer and Position: Law Office of Ryan C. Young, PLLC - Solo Attorney

College: Longwood University ("College" at the time)

Law School: Hofstra University

Years in Practice: Admitted in Virginia in 2010. Prior to that, I was a paralegal for many years.

Hobbies and Interests: Social History - Stories of real life individuals. I could care less about troop movements. Local Ghost Stories - In an era of chain store shopping developments, it's nice to have a sense of wonder about a location. I am also a mediocre golfer.

Favorite Movie: None. However, Martin Scorsese and the Coen brothers are my favorite directors. My favorite actors are Gary Oldman, Willem Dafoe and Daniel Day-Lewis.

Favorite Book: I love American literature. In particular, I've enjoyed reading many of John Steinbeck's books. His absolute best work would have to be "East of Eden".

Favorite Pro and College Sports Team: I'm not a huge pro sports fan. Most of my family members went to small liberal arts colleges so I do not have that connection either. I really get excited about minor league baseball and I've gone to as many games as I can in the various cities I've lived in. The most exciting/entertaining sports star I have seen live recently is the French tennis player Gaël Monfils.

One Thing You Might Not Know About Me: I taught English in Tokyo for two years. As a result, I can effectively order a pizza or beer in Japanese (and not accomplish much else). My favorite student there was an older Japanese man who was in training to be a kamikaze pilot when WW2 ended. He had a really dark sense of humor which kept me entertained.

Best thing about practicing law in Henrico: I recently moved here from Fairfax, Virginia. The interaction that I've had thus far with the Henrico

attendees. More information about the digital lab can be found at <http://dsl.richmond.edu>.

We would like to thank SELTEK Inc. for their generosity in sponsoring this event.

An Entertaining Dr. Ayers Captivates Bar Members

Members on the Move

Andrew M. Condlin has joined the law firm of **roth doner jackson gibbons condlin, plc** as a partner. He will be specializing in commercial real estate and land use law.

If you have recently changed jobs or been promoted, please share the move 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 company's name, new title and areas of concentration.

Welcome New Members

Timothy M. Dustan
Lindsay Rogers Hartz
Mark Matthews
Raul Novo
Ryan C. Young

Officers and Directors

President

Jon A. Nichols

President-Elect

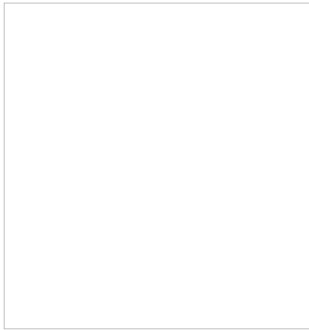
Carl R. Schwartz

Vice President

Michael Y. Feinmel

Bar has been phenomenal. I sincerely hope to get to know you all.

Funniest Experience as an attorney: I used to work in mental health law in New York City as a law clerk. At one point, I had keys to one of the largest state mental institutions in NYC. I wouldn't characterize their situation as funny, but some of the people I encountered showed terrific wit and humor regarding their circumstance.



Full Name: William J.G. Barnes

Employer and Position: Harman, Claytor, Corrigan & Wellman, Partner

College: William & Mary, 1981

Law School: William & Mary, 1986

Years in Practice: 26

Hobbies and Interests: Tennis; Travel

Favorite Movie: Breaker Morant

Favorite Book: Sometimes A Great Notion

Favorite Pro and College Sports Team: 49'ers/Celtics; W&M Tribe

One Thing You Might Not Know About Me: Had a mustache for 34 years until my partners made me shave last year

Best thing about practicing law in Henrico: Active Bar Association and collegiality of its members; members of the Bar were accepting of my mustache, even if my partners weren't

Funniest Experience as an attorney: Having to delay multi-party depositions a couple of hours so I could go to the ER to get stitches following a shaving "incident" at home

Advice to Young Attorneys: Jealously guard your reputation and invest in an electric razor

Secretary

Tony H. Pham

Treasurer

J. T. (Tom) Tokarz

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Marissa D. Mitchell

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Angela Boice Axelle

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Administrator

Mary Lou Wellman

Henrico County Bar President Receives Special Honor

On June 15, 2013, President Jon A. Nichols received the inaugural Chappell-Morris Award from the Virginia State Committee of the American College of Trial Lawyers. The award was presented at the annual conference for the Virginia State Bar in Virginia Beach. The award is given to a young lawyer who exemplifies the Bar's commitment to maintaining and improving the standards of trial practice, the administration of justice, and ethics of the legal profession. Congratulations, Jon!

President Jon A. Nichols

Legislative Update

On April 10, 2013, we happily hosted Delegate Manoli Loupassi to a packed house at the Westwood Club. Delegate Loupassi provided a fantastic summary of a number of the important pieces of legislation passed by the 2013 Session of the General Assembly that impacts the practice of law in the Commonwealth and Henrico County. Of particular interest to the attendees was new legislation related

to amendments to the traffic, civil, and criminal laws. For over an hour, Delegate Loupassi answered questions from the attendees and a lively discussion was had involving the role of the bar association and recommendations regarding judicial nominees/appointments among numerous topics that were covered.

Following the question and answer period, the association hosted a cocktail reception where those in attendance continued the discussion over drinks and appetizers.

We would like to offer a special thanks to our sponsor Pearl Insurance for allowing us to offer this illuminating seminar.

Delegate Loupassi Educated
the Henrico Bar

