



## Henrico County Bar Association Member Update

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### Message from the President

Greetings, all! Normally, this month's newsletter would be filled with reminders of our upcoming events including the ever-popular Breakfasts with the Judges and Holiday Reception. Unfortunately, 2020 has had different plans. The Board made the very difficult decision to nix scheduling any in-person events for the remainder of the year. The good news is, we are thinking outside the box for 2021 and hope to offer at least one more virtual event this year. Stay tuned for those announcements.

Speaking of the Board, you may not know much about us beyond our titles (and what we look like in suits). I wanted to take the opportunity to introduce you to this hard-working group that I have been fortunate to serve alongside since May (along with our fantastic Administrator!).

We cannot wait to see you all face-to-face again. In the meantime, take a moment to get to know us, stay well, and keep going!

Emily P. Bishop, Esquire  
President, 2020-2021

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### Annual Dues

As a reminder, membership dues for the 2020-2021 bar year were due on October 1, 2020. If you have not renewed your membership please do so today. HCBA membership dues are \$95. We are offering a reduced rate of \$65 for members admitted to the Virginia State Bar in the last three years (July 2017 or later).

We appreciate your participation.

**[Renew your membership today!](#)**

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### Ethics CLE

On Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> the Henrico Bar Association hosted its Annual Ethics CLE. Jeffrey Geiger, Esq. and Cullen Seltzer, Esq. from Sands Anderson presented a live CLE on Zoom with annual updates to topics like Client Communication, Communication with Represented Government Officials, and Lawyer Impairment. Much of the CLE focused on the ongoing trend of negative and defamatory client reviews online and how to appropriately respond while factoring in client confidentiality and other ethical considerations. Over 40 members of the Henrico Bar attended this free CLE though Zoom and got 2 hours of live credit. The HCBA would like to thank Jeff, Cullen, and Sands Anderson for this well thought out and informative presentation.

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## **COVID-19 Rental Assistance Program**

For members with landlord-tenant practices, you may want to explore Henrico County's new COVID-19 rental assistance program. The County is offering emergency rental assistance for income-eligible households facing imminent homelessness because of economic hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Assistance is available up to \$1,500 per month for four months, depending on qualifications and while funds last. Program payments are made directly to a bona fide landlord, property management agent, or company to pay down rentals in arrears.

Details about the program, eligibility criteria, and application materials are available at <https://henrico.us/services/henrico-covid-19-emergency-rental-assistance/>.

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## **Henrico Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court News**

While the judicial emergency is in place (maybe longer), we are limiting who comes into the courthouse- Only litigants, court professionals, and witnesses who have received a subpoena will be allowed entry into the courthouse. If a witness appears and has not received a subpoena, they will be asked to wait outside until the Judge authorizes entry. Entry into the courthouse will only be allowed 30 minutes prior to scheduled hearing. Do not bring children to court, unless prior approval has been obtained, except if the child is subject to a delinquency proceeding, is a subpoenaed witness, or is involved in a CHINS proceeding.

Click [here](#) to review the motion for remote hearing.

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## **Henrico Circuit Court News**

The Circuit Court Clerk's Office has started using DocuSign to send out electronic copies of orders. We have been piloting it in our criminal division this month and hope to expand its use to the civil division soon. We would appreciate it if attorneys would include their email addresses on their motions and orders, so we can email a PDF with electronic signatures on their orders and avoid the delays associated with copying and mailing out orders through the US Postal System. We believe this new system will benefit bar members and reduce the time between their court hearings and receipt of their court orders.

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## **Henrico General District Court News**

Effective September 1, 2020, Henrico General District Court began requiring the use of the Supreme Court of Virginia's Electronic Payment Voucher System (EVPS) for online submission of the DC-40, List of Allowances, for state charges, by court-appointed counsel. Payments for local charges will continue to be submitted on paper DC-40's. When the electronic voucher is submitted, it will be sent to the Clerk's Office for

processing. The submitter will receive an email verifying that the Clerk's Office received the voucher. The Court will approve, reject or modify the voucher electronically. Attorneys will receive updates electronically. Approved vouchers will be transmitted immediately to the Supreme Court of Virginia resulting in more timely payments.

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## Welcome New Members

**Caitlin St. Clair**, Henrico Commonwealth's Attorney's Office

**Rachel Jewell**, Henrico County Attorney

**John Peterson**, Harman, Claytor, Corrigan & Wellman

**Julian Visicidi**, Parcell, Webb & Baruch, P.C.

**Sarah Zacharias**, DeBoerSouth

**Lisa Piper**, Family Law Associates of Richmond

**Elizabeth Dabney**, Family Law Associates of Richmond

**Sandra Robinson**, City of Hopewell, City Attorney's Office

**Nicole Fox**, Nicole L. Fox, P.C.

**Irvine Reaves**, Allen, Allen & Allen

**Brooke Taylor**, Reinhardt|Harper|Davis, PLC

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## 2020-2021 Officers & Directors Spotlight



**President, Emily P. Bishop, Esq.**

I have been in Henrico County since finishing law school: first as a law clerk, then a prosecutor, and now as a civil litigator. Although I practice all over the state now, Henrico courts always feel like home to me. Our Holiday Party and Spring Reception are my favorite events because in addition to other Henrico attorneys, we get the chance to talk to the judges outside of the courtroom. When I take a break from lawyering you can find me at the gym or toting around a



**President-Elect, Andrew R. Newby, Esq.**

This June, I finished my tenth year of practice in Henrico County as an assistant county attorney. I have served on the Henrico County Bar Association Board of Directors for about half of that time. I live in Henrico, and my daughter attends public school here (from home, in front of her tiny laptop). My favorite Bar Association event is the Bench Bar Conference, where we can hear from our judges and colleagues about the topics closest

"borrowed" dog (or dogs!).

to us. I value the CLEs provided by the Bar Association and prioritize their availability and quality as a director. My non-professional life is, like everyone else's, cabined by the realities of 2020. With the year drawing to an end, I am imagining the possibilities of a return to normal and wishing everyone the best.



**Vice President, Susan L. Parrish, Esq.**

I grew up in Henrico but now am a City of Richmond resident. I enjoy the judges' breakfasts (despite the necessity of getting to the courthouse at 8am -- I chose a horrible profession for someone who is not a morning person) because it gives me the chance to chat with attorneys I don't always see outside the courthouse. When I'm not working, I enjoy traveling and attending plays and concerts and hope to again at some point in 2021. Currently, I only get out of the house to come to work here in Henrico or to walk my dog, so I've included her photo rather than mine.



**Secretary, Jeffrey P. Miller, Esq.**

Prior to coming to Richmond for law school at U of R, I was a piano player working in ski bars in Colorado and at a dueling pianos show in Nashville. I've been fortunate to practice all over the Commonwealth, but Henrico feels like "home court" as many of my law school competitions took place in the Henrico courthouse. My favorite event is always the spring reception because the weather is usually great and everyone is in a mood to get out and about, so you wind up seeing folks you may not have seen in a while. When I'm not playing Lawyer I'm cooking with my wife and kids (5 1/2 year old girl and 7 month old boy), watching the Dodgers, and working on my French in case things go terribly wrong in November and we have to move to Canada.



**Treasurer, Jennifer S. Wheeler, Esq.**

I have been practicing law since 2014. I graduated from University of Richmond School of Law and work with my dad at Lafayette, Ayers & Whitlock, PLC. I primarily practice creditor's rights law. My favorite HCBA event is the Holiday Party, closely



**Immediate Past President, Ryan C. Young, Esq.**

I am originally from Lynchburg, Virginia. In 2013, my wife and I moved to Henrico from a cramped condo in Reston after the birth of our first child. It was one of the best decisions I have made in my life. As a solo attorney, I have found the Henrico



followed by the Bench Bar CLE. Outside of work, I enjoy spending time with my family, baking, and taking little day adventures around VA.



**Director, Samuel T. Bernier, Esq.**

I grew up in Charlottesville but moved to Henrico in 2008 when my wife and I bought our first house off of Hillard Road; we live in Short Pump now with our two boys (10 & 8). My law practice takes me all over the Commonwealth, mostly defending health care providers against negligence claims. But I love having cases in Henrico because I see someone I know every time I go to the Courthouse! The Spring Reception is my favorite event because I love going to Lewis Ginter, and I get to stop by Final Gravity Brewing on the way home. When I'm not in my Glen Allen office, I'm leading Cub Scouts, watching my kids play sports, or hanging around the neighborhood.



**Director, K. Matthew Long, Esq.**

I am an Attorney at Bowen Ten Cardani, PC and have practiced civil litigation in Henrico County for the past eleven years. The last two years I have

legal community to be overwhelmingly professional, supportive, and congenial. The Spring Reception is my favorite HCBA event and it has officially kicked off my spring for most of the years I have been in Henrico. I live in Tuckahoe District with my wife and two daughters. We enjoy taking our trailer to the beautiful Virginia State Parks. Prior to kids, we enjoyed travel a great deal more. Recently we have fallen in love with Playa Del Carmen, Mexico.



**Director, Marc A. Boyko, Esq.**

I'm a Florida native, having attended Rollins College before migrating north to attend law school at the University of Richmond. I married a Richmond girl, so now I'm here to stay. My legal practice focuses on family law and criminal defense, and I thoroughly enjoy helping individuals navigate through difficult times. When I can get away from the office, I love traveling, writing, and chasing my one-year old around.



**Director, Sarah E. Ulmer, Esq.**

I was born and raised in Henrico County. I left to go to college and then law school at the University of Virginia. After graduating law school, I returned to Henrico and began working at the

served on the Board of the Henrico County Bar Association. I also serve on the Board of the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association and am the elected District Governor for District 4, which includes much of the Greater Richmond Area. I also serve on the Third District Disciplinary Committee of the Virginia State Bar and am a volunteer Arbitrator with the Virginia State Bar Fee Dispute Program.

The thing I enjoy most about practicing in Henrico is the collegiality of the Bar and the Bench. Everyone, at least in my line of work, seems to get along well. People are polite to each other. Judges and opposing counsel are accommodating with extensions of time and other matters that are discretionary. This is not the case everywhere in Virginia.

When not practicing law my main hobby, prior to COVID, is travel hacking with points and miles. I am a contributor to a number of tracking hacking blogs and have not paid for a flight or hotel in over eight years.

Commonwealth's Attorney's Office. Six years later, I am still an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney in Henrico County. My favorite event is the Spring Banquet because it is nice getting to see the judges outside of the courtroom. When there is not a pandemic, I enjoy going to sporting events and traveling with friends.



**Director, Simone T. Williams, Esq.**

I am a military brat and Newport News native. I moved to Henrico after finishing law school at the College of William and Mary. The Holiday Party is my favorite event because we get a chance to talk to colleagues outside of the normal work environment. When I am not lawyering, I am somewhere traveling or spoiling my dogs.