

# Henrico Bar News

## October 2014

**Henrico County Bar Association**  
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### *From the Desk of Carl R. Schwartz, HCBA President*

Fall is my favorite time in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The weather is typically fabulous. There is a sense of beginning when school goes back in session. There is a renewal as folks have come back from vacation and they are recharged for that push into the holidays.

Your Bar Association is no different. We get back from the summer lay off and hit the ground running. We have our always informative Breakfasts with the Judges. I enjoy those events simply because the judges we are so lucky to have are willing to speak freely to the membership about anything that is asked of them. This year, in addition to the much appreciated insights from the judges, we were surprised to hear Judge Hammond's announcement that she is retiring in the spring.

We recently held our annual Ethics CLE. The fact that every member does not show up for this event tells me that we have busy lawyers as members. A free, informative and required CLE offered every year before the reporting deadline should be inked on every member's calendar annually.

Our holiday party is fast approaching as are our spring events. I look forward to seeing many members, new and long-standing, at these very special occasions.

If any member has any comments or thoughts on a course our association should take, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,  
Carl R. Schwartz  
President



### **Breakfast with the Circuit and General District Court Judges**

On September 12, 2014, the Henrico County Bar Association hosted its annual Breakfast with the Circuit and General District Court Judges. Sixty-five attorneys and judges enjoyed bagels, donuts, coffee and juice in the Jury Assembly Room courtesy of Cook & Wiley, which sponsored the event. The Jury Assembly Room provided an ideal location for mingling.

After a welcoming announcement from HCBA President Carl Schwartz, the judges had an opportunity to make announcements and impart their wisdom.

Judge Hammond announced her retirement, which will take place in April of next year. The HCBA is disappointed at her departure but applauds Judge Hammond for devoting her valuable time and expertise to the bench.

Judge Wallerstein reminded members of the Circuit Court's new paperless system. He also notified members that when filing briefs, it is preferred they also mail a paper version to the judge's chambers.

Judge Harris congratulated the members of the Henrico County Bar Association for the collegial manner in which they practice and urged them to continue in this vein.

### **Save the Date**

#### **Holiday Party**

Tuesday, December 9, 2014  
6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.  
Willow Oaks Country Club

#### **Spring Luncheon**

Thursday, March 5, 2015  
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Westwood Club

#### **Legislative Update (1 hour CLE)**

Wednesday, April 22, 2015  
4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Westwood Club

### **In This Issue**

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Michele Marken, Mike Huberman, President-Elect  
Mike Feinmel and Judge Marshall



Judge Hammond and James Olmsted welcome the clerks



Judge Malveaux and President Carl Schwertz

## Ethics CLE

On October 23, 2014, we were fortunate to have two members of the Virginia State Bar join us for an interesting and informative presentation at our annual Ethics CLE. Held in the Board of Supervisors Board Room at the Henrico County Government Complex, invited speakers, Paul Georgiadis (former President of the HCBA) and Paulo Franco, conducted an one hour information session on the disciplinary system. The speakers demystified the system providing specific examples and fielding questions from various attendees on specific worries and concerns. After a short break, an interactive game of Legal Jeopardy was conducted for the second hour. Each attendee was given a transponder to answer the questions, with the responses being percentages as to how everyone answered. The questions were derived from the most common situations confronted by lawyers. Our gracious presenters stayed around after the event to respond to every question each attendee wanted to ask. The members who attended received two full hours of CLE/Ethics credit at no charge. Thanks to both Mr. Georgiadis and Mr. Franco for an informative and entertaining two hours.



Paulo Franco and Paul Georgiadis,  
Assistant Bar Council, Virginia





James Olmsted, Judge Hicks, Bobbi Graves and Judge Stevenson



Judge Yoffy, David Hominik, Judge Malveaux and Judge Harris



Judge Wallerstein, Jason Hart, Denise Letendre,  
Marissa Mitchell and Ellen Fulmer

### **Breakfast with the Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court Judges**

On September 24, 2014, the Henrico County Bar Association hosted the annual Breakfast with the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Judges in JD&R Courtroom #6. Approximately 50 attendees mingled and enjoyed coffee, doughnuts, juice and bagels provided by the HCBA. Chief Judge Herman, Judge Soden, Judge Deglau and Judge Johnson were in attendance and invited comments from the

### **Members on the Move**

**Melissa Y. York and Douglas E. Pittman** have joined the law firm of **Harman Claytor Corrigan & Wellman**, as associates. They will concentrate their practice in general civil litigation, including transportation, premises and products liability.

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](mailto:admin@henricobar.org). Please include your name, firm or employer's name, new title and areas of concentration.

### **Welcome New Members**

Eone Moore Beck  
Marc A. Boyko  
Owen I. Conway  
Teri Curry  
Amber L. Ford  
John L. Hughes, III  
Mary A. Napier  
Matt C. Pinsker  
Giles Russell Stone, Jr.  
Kevin Wheatley  
Jennifer S. Wheeler  
Mary Kate Zekert

### **Officers and Directors**

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membership.

Judge Soden was his usual entertaining self and delighted the room with a dramatic introduction of Chief Judge Herman. Judge Herman asked for questions and comments, and then advised those in attendance that Rebecca Cone, the J&DR Court Clerk, was changing positions and moving to the Circuit Court Clerk's office. Judge Herman advised that the search for Ms. Cone's replacement would begin soon and she thanked the bar in advance for patience with this transition.



Natalie McClearn, Annelise Petry and Judge Herman



Al Lockerman and Judge Johnson



Ellen Fulmer, Angela Axelle, Judge Soden and Marissa Mitchell

James W. Hopper

**Immediate Past-President**

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Sandy Bowen, Jennifer Fox and Amy Curtis



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## **Member Spotlight**



Full Name: Julie Marie Cillo

Employer and Position: Hall and Hall, Domestic Relations Attorney

College: Dartmouth College

Law School: American University's Washington College of Law

Years in Practice: Seventeen years doing family law. I did some transactional and other work briefly before that, but decided that family law was more fulfilling and pursued that area when we moved to Richmond.

Hobbies and Interests: Watching my daughter play volleyball; someday getting back to playing trumpet in a community orchestra.

Favorite Movie: Dead Poet's Society

Favorite Book: The Missing Piece by Shel Silverstein

Favorite Pro and College Sports Team: Pittsburgh Steelers; JMU Women's Volleyball

One Thing You Might Not Know About Me: I would love to travel to Scotland someday.

Best Thing About Practicing Law in Henrico: Being able to contribute to the community in which I live by helping families in crisis/life changing situations and seeing the results on a regular basis whether at school functions, at community events, or just the grocery store. (Of course, it goes without saying that we have great practitioners and judges in Henrico, too.)

Funniest Experience as an Attorney: I call it most embarrassing moment as an attorney. When practicing in Pittsburgh, our office was close enough to the court to be able to walk. I'm heading to a nasty custody trial, ready to do battle with litigation materials in tow, game face on, and walking with purpose. Next thing I know I miss the curb, do a face plant on the sidewalk, and litigation materials scatter everywhere. Thankfully, all the attorneys gracefully avoided eye contact with me so we could all pretend it didn't just happen. (By the way, I won.)

Advice to Young Attorneys: Build a network of mentors and don't be afraid to call on them with questions about practice and life.



Full Name: Paul C. Galanides

Employer and Position: Law Office of Paul C. Galanides, P.C.

College: Washington & Lee University, 1990

Law School: University of Kentucky, 1995

Years in Practice: 19

Hobbies and Interests: I play guitar and sing with some local groups that perform around the Richmond area.

Favorite Movie: Caddyshack

Favorite Book: Treasure Island, Robert L. Stevenson

Favorite Pro and College Sports Team: Washington Redskins & Kentucky Wildcats

One Thing You Might Not Know About Me: I tried my first death penalty case in 1997.

Best Thing About Practicing Law in Henrico: The integrity of the Henrico police.

Funniest Experience as an Attorney: Listening to my brandishing victim explain to the jury how he could not leave the scene because, despite his huffing and puffing, he could not blow enough air into his ignition interlock.

Advice to Young Attorneys: Henrico is a familial environment. Be nice!

