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*News from the Prince William County Bar Association*

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## President's Message

*By Amy M. Ashworth*

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. My family and I traveled to Florida to spend time with my in-laws. I brought work to do intending to spend as much time as possible in front of my laptop; however, when my laptop mysteriously would not let me log onto the internet no matter what password I put in or how many times I tried to reset, I took it as a sign that I needed to relax, grabbed a glass of wine and sat by the pool and did nothing but enjoy the 80° weather and time with my children (*not to mention the fun and excitement of watching my husband deal with his family for a change*). It was a much needed, relaxing weekend away from it all. And now, it's back to business.

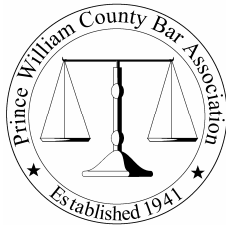
You should have sent in your Judicial Evaluations to DuvallWheeler, LLP, the accounting firm that the Association hired to tabulate the results. Thank you so much to the Judicial Evaluation Committee (Brad Marshall, Amy McCullough, Robert Zelnick, Casey Stevens, Beth Von Keller and Catherine Reese) and Paul Walla for all your work in getting those evaluations updated and distributed.

A huge thanks goes to Chief Judge Lon Farris of the Circuit Court and Chief Judge Paul Gluchowski of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, Michéle McQuigg, Francis Hedrick, Sheriff Glenn Hill, Colonial Meletis, and Will Jarvis for participating in our first ever *Introduction to Practicing Law in the Prince William County Courthouse* Program and Reception. Jessica Gurzo, the Virginia State Bar Young Lawyer's Conference Representative for the 31<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit, and Alissa Hudson did great work putting this program and the reception together, and it was a wonderfully attended and praised event. We hope to continue hosting this program every other year to welcome new members and to encourage those who practice here to join our Association. Thank you to our sponsors and to the many Judges and members who attended the reception. It says a lot about our Association when so many of you turn out to meet and welcome new members.

Our December luncheon featured the current Virginia State Bar President, Irving Blank. Mr. Blank provided an update on the operations of the VSB and encouraged members to consider the impact of funding cuts which affect the filling of judicial vacancies. In addition, we awarded our Robert L. Marsh Public Service Award for 2010 to Joan Hughes of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court. Many of you have known Joan for her wonderful problem solving abilities in the clerk's office of JDR and we were happy to present the award to her for 2010.

It was wonderful to have Judge Alston of the Virginia Court of Appeals join us at the November luncheon to honor those members who volunteer to support the good works of our Association. Judge Alston pointed out that *pro bono* isn't just representing clients for free. It is giving back to our community in the form of the public service projects and we are lucky to have so many opportunities to do that through the many projects of this Association.

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## Time Estimates for Circuit Court

*From the Honorable Lon E. Farris, Chief Judge Circuit Court*

Counsel will receive a call from Judges' Chambers the week before trial requesting an estimate of the time necessary for trial and confirming that a jury, if one was previously requested, is still required. It is essential that Counsel promptly return calls from Chambers for time estimates. Time estimates left in personal voice mail or personal email for staff are often inaccessible, and therefore unreported.

The phone number reserved for time estimates is **703-792-6013**. This is not a general number for use in calling Chambers, but rather reserved for time estimates. In like manner Counsel may receive email requesting time estimates. The email reserved for this is [DocketTime@pwcgov.org](mailto:DocketTime@pwcgov.org). Counsel should ensure that email sent from this address does not go into spam or junk email folders.

Counsel who know they may be unavailable should arrange for their staff to provide time estimate information to Chambers. Cases are assigned to judges on the afternoon preceding the trial based on availability and counsel's time estimates.

Make every effort to provide an accurate time estimate. Failure to provide an accurate time estimate can severely disrupt the court's schedule. If Chambers does not know the time estimate and the docket is full, the Chief Judge may assign the case as a "hold" or unassigned case that will be heard as soon as a Judge has completed his/her assigned docket.

When the status of a case changes, as by reaching a plea agreement or when a case settles in advance of trial, it is both parties' responsibility to inform Chambers at **703-792-6013** and all witnesses as soon as possible thereafter. Revised time estimates should be called in to this number in event of a partial settlement or complete settlement when counsel wishes to appear solely to make a record of settlement agreement.

Please note that the **703-792-6013** number goes directly to voice mail and is reserved for calls relating to time estimates, settlement of cases, and the like, and is not for use in calling Chambers on other matters.

## J&DR Court Appointed Attorneys

*By Frances Hedrick, Clerk of Court*

If you are serving on the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Appointed Attorney Calendar and are assigned to be the "O" attorney on a court date to handle juvenile detention hearings or conflict cases, you need to be present in courtroom #3 by 8:30 a.m. for juvenile detention hearings. If you cannot be present on your "O" assigned date you are responsible for obtaining substitute counsel.

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## Celebrating the Bar's History in 2011

By Megan Kelly, *President-Elect*

As we are all enjoying the holiday season, I wanted to give you a bit of a preview of some things we are planning for 2011, which is the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the PWC Bar. Over the years, the Bar has been led by many wonderful presidents who, along with the members of our Bar, have developed and sustained countless community and court programs in addition to supporting our members. A good number of our past presidents are still active members of our Bar, and we want to provide a special venue through which they can continue to contribute their wisdom and talents. As such, we plan to create a Past Presidents Council. Look for more information about this in the months to come.

We also plan to recognize and celebrate our past presidents as part of our 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program at the 2011 Bar Dinner Dance, an added incentive to join in what is always a terrific evening. The Bar Dinner Dance will be held on February 19, 2011 at Westfields. Stay tuned for more details on the program. Finally, we plan to invite our past presidents to join us for an early 2011 Bar Luncheon to remind us from whence we've come.

Tracey Lenox has graciously agreed to be appointed the official Prince William County Bar Historian. While we are still pondering exactly what she can and will be doing, we are excited at the prospect of beginning to formally document the important events, dates, and people that have been a part of our fantastic Bar. If you have any information or ideas, please let Tracey or me know!

## PWC Bar Foundation Annual Silent Auction

By Amy McCullough, *Chair Silent Auction*

The Prince William County Bar Foundation will be holding its annual Silent Auction at this year's Dinner Dance on February 19, 2011. This Auction is one of the Bar Foundation's biggest fundraisers each year, and your participation has made it a great success. We are raising money to fund Beat the Odds® scholarships, and other community programs supported by the Bar Foundation, so your support this year is crucial. An item donation form is enclosed with this month's newsletter and I would encourage you to consider providing an item for the auction. If you would like to donate an item, that's wonderful! And if you know of a person or business in the community who may be interested in donating an item to the auction, please feel free to give them a donation form. We hope to see a wide variety of auction items for you all to bid on at the Dinner Dance. In the past, we have had boat trips, wine, jewelry, gift certificates to shops and restaurants, and more. Thank you for your support!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 703-494-7171/[amccullough@szelaw.com](mailto:amccullough@szelaw.com), or you can also speak to any of the other members of the Silent Auction Committee – Catherine Croft, Bob Marsh and Brad Marshall.

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### *President's Message, Continued*

In fact, I am off right now to distribute the awards to the winners of the Character Counts! Essay Contest that we sponsor for middle school students of Prince William County, Manassas City and Manassas Park. The awards ceremony is being held at the McCoart building and will be a welcome change to handing out plea recommendations to juvenile delinquents. Thank you to Tracy and Alissa Hudson, for opening your home and allowing us to congregate and judge the essays. And thank you to all attorneys who volunteered to read and judge the essays. I especially liked the dramatic readings.

No pressure, but at this writing, Christmas is only 25 days away. . .

## Prince William County Bar Association, Inc.

### Office Hours

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Mon.—Fri.  
The PWCBA Office is located on third floor of the Prince William County Judicial Center, next to the elevators.

### Guidelines for Submissions to *Hear Ye! Hear Ye!*

Submissions should be directed to the attention of Alissa N. Hudson, Executive Director, PWCBA preferably via email to [pwcbal@verizon.net](mailto:pwcbal@verizon.net), or fax to (703) 331-5683, or mail to Prince William County Bar Association, Inc., P.O. Box 31, Manassas, VA 20108.

All submissions must be paid in advance, and are due by 5:00 PM on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding publication and must include a contact name and phone number.

For inquiries regarding classified or display advertising, contact the PWCBA office at (703) 393-8865, to request a copy of the most recent rate card, or visit the bar on line at [www.pwcba.org](http://www.pwcba.org) under "About the Bar", "Advertising and Sponsorships".

## Inclement Weather Policy

In the event of inclement weather, the PWC Bar has formulated a policy for informing the membership, in as timely a fashion as possible, about court closings for Prince William County. As soon as the decision to close all three courts is made, by the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court, The Honorable Lon E. Farris, the Clerk of Court, Michele McQuigg will be notified. Ms. McQuigg will, in turn, notify Alissa Hudson, (along with the myriad of others she notifies.) Alissa will then post an announcement on the PWC Bar Listserv, and update the voice mail message for the main number at the PWC Bar office, (703) 393-8865, to reflect court closings for the day. **If there is no posting and no voice mail update, courts are open.**

## Inaugural “Introduction to Practicing Law in the Prince William County Courthouse” Program a Success!

By Jessica Gurzo, YLC Circuit Representative

The Prince William County Bar Association’s first “Introduction to Practicing Law in the Prince William County Courthouse” program was a great success! On Friday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, over forty attorneys gathered at the courthouse to attend this free program. The program was designed to welcome newly admitted attorneys and new members to the local Bar, and to introduce them to the Prince William Courts, Clerk’s Offices, Sheriff’s Department and Adult Detention Center.

We are extremely grateful to all of the presenters, including Judge Farris, who advised the attendees on best practices in the Circuit Court, and Judge Gluchowski, who, along with Frances Hedrick, the Chief Clerk of J&DR Court, presented the Timesavers for Juvenile & Domestic Relations District Court. In addition, Michele McQuigg, the Clerk of the Circuit Court, provided helpful advice and tips from the Clerk’s Office. The support of the Sheriff’s Office and Adult Detention Center is greatly appreciated and we are thankful for Sheriff Glendell Hill’s presentation on Courthouse Security and Colonel Peter Meletis’ presentation on attorney contact rules and procedures. We are also extremely grateful to Will Jarvis, who provided advice on criminal practice, Bobbi Jo Alexis, who took the participants on a tour of the judicial center, and Amy Ashworth for her welcoming remarks. The presenters provided practical advice and views from the bench that benefited new and seasoned attorneys alike. Thank you to all of the presenters for your time and your support of this program!

The program was followed by a reception at the law firm of Hudson, Carluzzo, Rochkind & Smith, P.C., where program attendees mingled with local attorneys and bar leaders. We appreciate the support of the judges that were able to attend the reception, including Judge Farris, Judge Hamblen, Judge O’Brien, Judge Johnston, Judge Becker, Judge Depolo, and Judge Bailey. The reception would not have been possible without the generous sponsorships of local attorneys and law firms, including the Law Offices of Gregory E. Stambaugh, Nancy S. Stone, Attorney at Law, Petula C. Metzler, with Blankingship & Keith, P.C., Gifford R. Hampshire, with

Blankingship & Keith, P.C., Barbara Murphy Stough, with Knight & Stough, P.C., Law Offices of Scott Alan Weible, P.L.L.C., Compton & Duling, L.C., and Hudson, Carluzzo, Rochkind & Smith, P.C. Thank you also to Alissa Hudson, whose tireless hard work made this event possible.

Thank you to all of you who presented, sponsored, attended, or otherwise volunteered your time to the Introduction to Practicing Law in the Prince William County Courthouse program! We are pleased to report that the program was approved for 1.5 hours of MCLE credit. The Bar Association hopes to make this program an annual event and has already set a tentative date for next year of November 18, 2011. Mark your calendars!

The following thank you note was received from Sister Karen Lynn Trespacz, Esq., a new member of the PWB Bar. It is a personal note, but reflects so well on the local Bar Association, it seemed appropriate to share it with the membership:


*Dear Tracy and Alissa,*

*The Prince William County Bar Association program this past Friday was a very helpful program – just the kind of thing that new attorneys in the county need, and just the kind of thing that only the local bar association could put on so effectively!*

*I also really appreciated the reception afterwards at the law firms of Hudson, Carluzzo, Rochkind & Smith and Blankingship & Keith. It was a wonderful opportunity to get to meet both new and seasoned members of the Prince William Bar. Thank you also for the added hospitality of sending the extra food home to the monastery with me! It became Saturday supper for the Sisters, and was a deeply appreciated alternative to our usual Saturday evening fare.*

*I look forward to talking to you further about how I could use my law degree to contribute to the good of people in Prince William County and earn additional support both for my Sisters and their ministries.*

*Blessings and peace,  
Sister Karen Lynn Trespacz, Esq.*



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*Pictured top to bottom: Jessica Gurzo, YLC Rep., and Judge Farris, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court; Introduction to Practicing in the PWC Courthouse program attendees; reception following the program.*



## **PWC Bar Welcomes Newest Members**

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## November 5, 2010 Board Meeting Highlights

Taken from minutes provided by  
Laurie J. Sholtis, Secretary

- ◆ Character Counts! Program update
- ◆ Past President's Council to be established
- ◆ Survey Monkey online service worked well for annual CLE survey
- ◆ Judicial Evaluations open to all Regular and Associate members in good standing of the PWC Bar
- ◆ Tracey Lenox to serve as PWC Bar Historian
- ◆ Discussed upcoming dinner dance re: awards, ticket price, sponsors
- ◆ National Young Readers Day update
- ◆ Rule of Law Project update
- ◆ Introduction to Practicing Law in the PWC Courthouse Program update
- ◆ Discussed new service providers for website updates and maintenance
- ◆ So You're 18 Program update
- ◆ Books for Troubled Teens funding update
- ◆ Discussed conflicts with sentencing dockets and Bar Luncheon Meetings
- ◆ December BOD meeting, December 10, 4:00 pm, at Blankingship and Keith, P.C.

## Treasurer's Report

From Joseph W. Thelin

Just a reminder that 2011 Dues Notices will be mailed by January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Prompt payment of dues ensures continued funding for vital Bar Association projects and endeavors. Checks should be made payable to the Prince William County Bar Association, and sent, along with your updated member profile, to the attention of Alissa Hudson at the Bar's post office box by February 4, 2011. Payments made after February 4, 2011 must include the appropriate late fee. Any questions regarding payment history may be directed to the treasurer. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and payment!

Annual renewal notices for the Lawyer Referral Service and Modest Means Panel will also be included with your 2011 Dues Notice. These renewals are also due by February 4, 2011.

## National Young Readers Day Recap

The Prince William County Bar Association recently donated a copy of the book titled, "A More Perfect Union: The Story of Our Constitution," written and illustrated by Betsy and Giulio Maestro, to every elementary school library in the Prince William County, Manassas and Manassas Park school systems. Through clear language and vivid watercolor pictures, the book explores the development of the U.S. Constitution and describes the debate and compromise that surrounded the drafting of this historic document.

In addition to the book donation, twenty four attorneys, members of the PWC Bar Association, visited eight elementary schools in the tri-school district area to read the book to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students. This is the age when children are introduced to the founding documents which govern our country, and the civics teachers enjoyed the opportunity to augment structured lesson plans with the interactive presentation by area lawyers. Students were often very involved in the presentations, asking questions and relating ideas raised in the book to their ongoing history and civics lessons. Lawyers, for their part, got to spend a few hours away from their offices or the courthouse, getting a fresh perspective on the Constitution and our Law.

The book donations and classroom presentations were conducted in honor of National Young Readers Day, which was established to remind students of the benefits and rewards of reading. Funding for the purchase of the books was made possible by a grant from the Prince William County Bar Foundation. Special thanks to the following members for volunteering to read to the students:

Tim Aiken, Bill Boyce, Cathy Croft, Megan Gary, Jenine Graves, R.A. Hurley, Kimberly Irving, Tracey Lenox, Jaimy Lewis, Megan Kelly, Tasneem Khan, Brandi Law, Petula Metzler, Elizabeth Molchany, Scott Nolan, John Primeau, Jane Reynolds, Melanie Rice, Turkessa Rollins, Johnda Scott, Garth Wainman, Kathleen Walsh, Jeanie Wiethop, and Jenn Zary

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## Character Counts! Essay Contest Recap

Thank you to all those who volunteered to read and judge essays for this year's Character Counts! Essay Contest. Over 560 essays were received this year from middle school students in the PWC, Manassas and Manassas Park school systems, each one written about one of the six pillars of good character, which are the foundation of the Character Counts! Program: Caring, Citizenship, Fairness, Respect, Responsibility and Trustworthiness. Character education is mandated in Virginia as part of the Standards of Learning initiative, and the nationally recognized Character Counts! Program has been implemented in all three school systems because it is effective in affirming the development of positive character attributes in developing youth. Essay contest winners, along with their families and school administrators, were honored at an awards ceremony on November 29. Cash prizes, gift cards from area merchants and commemorative medallions or certificates were presented to each first and second place winner. The awards were sponsored by the PWC Bar Foundation and by private donations.

Here is what our winners had to say....

Trustworthiness: "Trust takes a long time to establish but only seconds to destroy."

Respect: "I display respect every day, not only because it is the right thing to do, but because it makes me feel a little special every time I hold the door for a stranger or help my grandmother across the street. It makes me feel like I did my part for the day."

Responsibility: "If you use self control, it will help you to do things responsibly. Self control stops you from doing bad things when you know better."

Fairness: "When you're being equal everyone achieves the same goal but when you're being fair only the deserving get rewarded. Hard work and persistence are given special treatment. This is fair."

Caring: These words were written by a young lady who lost her sister unexpectedly. "I noticed something that touched my family's heart. People in the community showed their love and support. They sent heartfelt notes, shared memories, gave us comforting hugs, someone to talk to, and lots of love. All these caring expressions represented their sympathy and support."

Citizenship: "Good citizenship begins in the home and then spreads throughout the community to neighborhoods, schools, cities and beyond."



Pictured here are our first place winners: Samantha Cali for Trustworthiness, Neil Hailey for Respect, Dalton Thompson for Responsibility, Katherine Canales-Sanchez for Fairness, Julia Howard for Caring and Christina Bagnati for Citizenship

Our second place winners were: Marisa Rigot for Trustworthiness, Preeti Joginapalli for Respect, Justin Miller for Responsibility, Bryan Nolasco for Fairness, Katelyn Sater for Caring and Hannah Folks for Citizenship.

Parkside Middle School was the school that submitted the highest number of essays.



Pictured clockwise: Amy Ashworth, Tina Saunders, Michael Kalish, Amy McCullough and Jennifer Epler read and judge essays.

Thank you to all our wonderful judges! Those not pictured include: Leza Conliffe, Bob Cooper, Tracy Hudson, Michele Jung, Jaimy Lewis, Helen Marmoll, Brad Marshall, Laura Scanlon and Barb Stough.

## Nominating Committee Report

By Brad Marshall, Committee Chairman

The following is the slate of candidates for Bar Association leadership positions for 2011. Following the slate are the biographies that were submitted by the print deadline for this newsletter; reminder e-mails concerning the election and the candidates will be sent between now and the election, including any other biographies that are submitted. **The election will be held at the January Luncheon Meeting of the Bar which is January 7, 2011. This is the Bar's Annual Meeting. Please make sure to attend so a quorum can be reached and your vote can be cast.**

**President-Elect:**

Petula Metzler

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Joe Thelin

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**Board of Directors (four year term):**

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Jon Rochkind

**Judicial Screening Committee (five year term):**

Amy Tobias  
Philip Menke

### Petula Metzler, running for President-Elect

I am currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Prince William Bar. I am in private practice with Blankingship & Keith, P.C. in Manassas working primarily in the areas of land use, eminent domain, and local government law. I went to law school relatively late in life having taken what I call the "scenic route." During that time, I served honorably in the military, worked to put myself through undergraduate school at George Mason, raised a son, became a foster parent, worked as a hospice caregiver, and went to law school at Catholic University when my son, who is now in high school, started kindergarten.

I am fortunate to work in a profession I love alongside some very fine people. Upon graduating from law school, and for two years, I served as the law clerk for the Honorable Lon E. Farris. Currently, I volunteer as a Motion's Day conciliator at the Prince William County Circuit Court. This past April, I had the honor of speaking about the Prince William Bar's pro bono efforts before the Supreme Court of Virginia at the Chief Justice's Pro Bono Summit. In 2007 and 2010, I edited the Prince William section of the Fairfax Bar's Circuit Court Practice Manual which hopefully has reduced the number of attorneys appearing in our Circuit Court lamenting "That's not how they do it in Fairfax." On behalf of the Prince William Chapter of the Virginia Women Attorneys' Association, I have, in each of the past three years, helped organize the annual law clerk reception which has been very well-received by both the Bench and Bar.

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***Petula Metzler, continued***

This Bar has benefited from excellent leadership over the years and as President-Elect, I intend to continue that same level of stewardship while reaching out to members who desire to be more involved in the Bar and implementing new programs that allow the Bar to have an even greater, positive impact on the local community. I believe the Bar can and should reach out to underserved communities who need and can pay for the services we as attorneys provide, but who may have no idea how to establish a relationship with an attorney. The Bar has a role, beyond links on our website, in educating the community about who we are and what we do. On the pro bono side, the Bar needs to reach out to members who want to get involved, but think pro bono work only means divorces or protective orders or some other practice that is outside their area of expertise. When it comes to pro bono work, there is room at the table for everyone and the Bar has a role in making pro bono work attractive to more of its members. In addition to encouraging service to the community, the Bar has a foremost duty to be responsive to its members. I believe in an "open-door" policy whereby members are encouraged to communicate their thoughts, concerns and particularly their ideas for how the Bar can better serve them. Finally, with the change in leadership at the Circuit Court Clerk's office, it is more important than ever that the Bar establish and maintain communication with that office and advocate on behalf of its members with regard to anticipated changes that adversely impact our ability to practice law effectively.

During my three years on the Board of Directors, I have had the opportunity to work with and learn from no less than seven people who have held or will hold the job as President plus several other extremely bright and motivated people who value this Bar as much as I do. During that time, I have also developed a reputation for being thorough, considerate and hard-working. If I am elected to serve as President-Elect, I promise to continue the high standards of those who have come before me and have worked to make this Bar an example for others to follow. Thank you for your support and consideration.

**Joe Thelin, running for Treasurer**

I am currently the Bar Association Treasurer, and I am seeking reelection.

**Laurie J. Sholtis, running for Secretary**

Firm: Law Offices of Laurie J. Sholtis, PLLC  
 Area of Law: Estate Planning  
 Secretary for the Bar Association: 2009, 2010  
 Secretary for the Bar Foundation: 2010  
 Volunteer Activities: Wills for Heroes, Essay Contest Reading, Young Readers Day, SY18.

**Amy Tobias, running for Secretary and Member of the Judicial Screening Committee**

Amy N. Tobias is an associate with Stephens, Boatwright, Cooper, Coleman & Newton, P.C. She graduated *cum laude* from American University's Washington College of Law in 2004 where she received the Outstanding Graduate Award. She received her undergraduate degree in 2001 from Northwestern University. Amy became a member of State Bar of Georgia in 2004 and a member of the Virginia Bar in 2005. After graduating from law school, Amy clerked for the Arlington County Circuit Court and then became an Assistant Public Defender in Arlington. She joined the Prince William County Bar Association in 2009. She practices in the areas of criminal defense, domestic relations and personal injury. She is a resident of Haymarket, Virginia and is happy to be able to live, work and serve the community of Prince William County.

**Jon Rochkind, running for Board of Directors**

Dear Colleagues,

In late 2005, at the urging of Steve Smith, Tracy Hudson, Dennis Carluzzo, P.C., I decided to join the firm of Smith, Hudson & Carluzzo and enter the private practice of law. When I arrived in Prince William County, the members of this Bar Association have quickly welcomed me, and I finally feel like I have a home in Prince William. I decided to give back to the Bar Association, so I served the PWC Bar as the Treasurer of the Bar Association and a member of the Board of Directors from 2007 until 2009. This past year, I was not involved in the Bar Association in any leadership role, and I actually missed not being involved and making a difference. Therefore in 2011 and for the next four years, I am ready to again serve the Bar Association and the Legal Community as a member of the Board of Directors.

Thank you for your consideration and please come to bar luncheon and meeting on Friday, January 7, 2011, so that you can vote for me as a member of the board of directors.

**Phillip Menke, running for member of the Judicial Screening Committee**

Phillip Menke, a native of rural Nebraska, joined Coon & Purnell in 2005, with a focus on estate planning. Phillip drafts wills and other estate documents and also handles trust and estate administration and litigation. Phillip also handles cases involving criminal and traffic defense, business, construction, and real property litigation. Phillip lives in Manassas with his wife and three young children, and enjoys spending his free time with his family, church activities, reading, hunting, and following Nebraska football. Volunteer Activities: Wills for Heroes, Essay Contest Reading, Young Readers Day, SY18.

## Arthur W. Sinclair Professionalism Award, Call for Nominations

The Professionalism Committee wishes to announce that nominations are now being accepted for the Arthur W. Sinclair Professionalism Award. Please note that no nominees are being carried over from last year; anyone you wish to nominate should be re-nominated this year for the award. Nominations should be sent, either on the form which appears as an insert in this newsletter, or by typewritten letter, to William R. Stephens, Chair, Professionalism Committee, at his office address which is: Stephens, Boatwright, Cooper, Coleman & Newton, 9255 Lee Avenue, Manassas, VA 20110, no later than January 14, 2011. The winner will be announced at the Annual Dinner which is scheduled to be held on February 19, 2011.

The Committee emphasizes both professional competence and courtesy with the following qualities to be considered in designating a recipient:

1. The nominee must have practiced law for a minimum of ten years (of which not all need have been in Prince William County).
2. The nominee must have a high standard of conduct, honor, integrity and courtesy to the legal profession and to those with whom the lawyer comes in contact.
3. The nominee must demonstrate courtesy and respect for the Court, as an officer of the Court, including punctuality, attention to procedures and cooperation with other counsel to identify and solve potential trial problems.
4. The nominee must demonstrate that his word is as binding as a written agreement.
5. The nominee should be vigorously devoted to civility in the Courts, to clients and other lawyers.
6. The nominee must demonstrate concern for the public good, respect for the civil rights and sensibilities of others and, where possible, provide public service.

Any nominee should be one who exercises candor with the Court, is a wise counselor who helps the client find non-confrontational solutions where possible, expeditiously, and for a reasonable fee, thereby facilitating the administration of justice and promoting public confidence in the legal system and legal profession.

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## Pro bono Attorney of the Year Award, Call for Nominations

Each year the *Pro bono* Committee seeks to determine whether and to whom to award the annual *Pro bono* Attorney of the Year Award. This award was established to recognize, on behalf of the PWCBA, an individual who has made significant contributions to the community either by way of organizing/administering *pro bono* legal programs or by providing direct *pro bono* legal services.

Nominations are now being accepted, and may be made either on the enclosed form or by typewritten letter, to Rusty von Keller, Chair, *Pro bono* Committee, 9254 Center Street, Manassas, VA 20110, no later than January 14, 2011. The winner will be announced at the Annual Dinner Dance, which is scheduled to be held on February 19, 2011.

The following criteria will be used by the committee when considering nominees:

- Demonstrated dedication to the development and delivery of *pro bono* legal services in the Commonwealth of Virginia
- Contributed significantly toward the development of innovative approaches to the delivery of volunteer legal services
- Participated in an activity that resulted in satisfying previously unmet needs for legal services or in extending services to under-served segments of the population
- Successfully handled *pro bono* cases on behalf of the poor
- Devoted significant time to furthering the delivery of legal services to the poor in Virginia by handling *pro bono* matters

The nominee must be a practicing member of the Prince William County Bar Association. Persons whose livelihood is derived from delivering legal services to the poor are not eligible.



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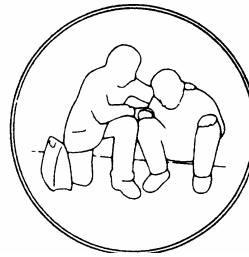
**December 23**, Circuit Court Administration Day, set no cases.

**December 24**, all three courts closed for Christmas.

**December 30**, Circuit Court Administration Day, set no cases.

**December 31**, all three courts closed for New Years.

**January 7**, 12:30 pm, Mackey's American Pub, PWC Bar Monthly Luncheon Meeting. Annual Meeting. Bar Leadership Elections.



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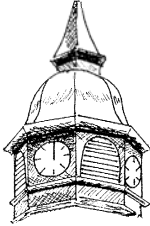
*January 7, 2011—Monthly Membership Luncheon Meeting  
Mackey's American Pub 12:30 pm*

*Annual Meeting, PWC Bar  
Bar Leadership Elections  
See nominations and bios in this month's newsletter.*

*Lunch costs \$8.00 per member and \$15.00 per guest.  
Please RSVP by emailing the bar at [pwcbal@verizon.net](mailto:pwcbal@verizon.net) or calling  
(703) 393-8865 no later than Wednesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, by 5:00 pm.*



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**PWC Bar Foundation**

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(703) 494-7171

*Dear Bar Members- It's that time of year again when the Bar Foundation asks for your support in continuing the community service projects of the Bar Association and other organizations in Prince William County.*

*Please support your Bar Foundation again this year by returning this form with your annual donation. **All Contributions to the Bar Foundation are tax deductible.** The Foundation relies upon and is grateful for your continued support of all our community service projects. If you would like your contribution to be earmarked to a particular program please indicate below.*

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# THE PRINCE WILLIAM BAR FOUNDATION

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The Prince William Bar Foundation's annual silent auction will take place in conjunction with the Prince William Bar Dinner Dance. The Foundation is a nonprofit organization that provides law-related education to the community and legal services to those in need as well as sponsoring the Beat the Odds program. Your contributions may be tax deductible to the extent provided by law.

Please contribute to the success of this event by contributing a silent auction item. We are seeking items such as time at vacation homes, getaway weekends, golf and boating outings, tickets to sports and entertainment events, personal services, jewelry and gift certificates to restaurants and retailers.

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