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# Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

*News from the Prince William County Bar Association*

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## Presidents Message

*By Scott Bailey*

Let me first dispense with the usual pleasantries to bring to the Bar's attention a matter of the utmost importance, an event which I feel will set new standards for incoming administrations. The Scott Bailey/John Whittington Chili Dog Eatoff has been scheduled, at last, for this April. The exact date will be contained in the next newsletter, so please watch carefully. The location will be the Vienna Inn, a standing working monument to fine cuisine and cheap eats. We both look forward to your support of this worthy event.

Now, on to more mundane matters. The Annual Dinner Dance was held on February 21 at the Hyatt Regency at Reston Town Center. I would like to take just few lines and express once more my sincere thanks to Donna McIntosh for her work getting this event together. It's always a nice event, but this year was exceptional, and actually fun as well as classy. We hope to repeat that venue next year.

For those few wallflowers and misanthropes who did not attend, let me run down the awards for you. Shawn Allen was selected as the Circuit Court choice for court-appointed attorney of the year. Nancy Croteau was honored with this award for both the General District and Juvenile and Domestic Relations Courts. Kevin Childers also received an award from J&DR, selected by the court as the guardian *ad litem* of the year.

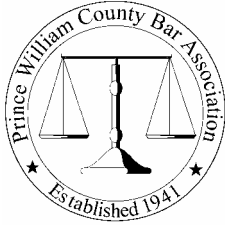
In what may have been one of the most convoluted scams of the year, Arthur von Keller (Rusty to those of us who know and fear him) was recognized by the Pro Bono Committee for his outstanding achievements in that area. I say scam because Mr. von Keller, the chair of the same committee, was under the impression after a lengthy nomination and discussion process that the award was going to someone else. Congratulations to this committee for a fine piece of acting in stringing von Keller along.

Jan Roltsch-Anoll received the Sinclair Award, recognizing her outstanding achievements and efforts in professionalism. Many of you know Jan not only from her court work, but also from her unflagging efforts in raising and administering funds for the Bar Foundation, of which she is the chair. Judge Sinclair presented the award himself.

The portraits of Judges Hoss and Gallagher were also unveiled that evening. They will both be hung in the courthouse in the very near future.

So, you missed all that. And not just that. You missed Louis, the deep-voiced, oddly accented lobby bartender, with a manner as charming as his appearance. You missed several members of the bar inventing a new dance step; I'm not going to repeat its name, for fear of reprisals from Will Jarvis. You missed one of the most energetic performances of "Shout" I have seen in a long time, featuring Judge Alston on vocal cameo. You missed the betting pool on just what a "Chicken Montrachet" was. You missed the celebration of Phil Gross's natal anniversary. (Thanks, too, to Terre Gross for taking all the pictures of the event. You should be seeing several of them here, even as you read these profound words.) In short, you sticks in the mud missed a hell of a good time.

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## Prince William County Judicial Center Protocol for rescheduling dockets when courts are closed due to inclement weather:

**Circuit:** For the criminal trials and sentencing dockets, the clerk will contact the attorneys to reschedule. For Criminal Docket Call, the docket will be heard on the next day court is open. For civil trials and Civil Term Day, the attorneys/parties should get a new date by agreement through chambers at (703) 792-6010 or put the case on for the next Civil Term Day or Motions Day. Only those civil cases set on Civil Term Day cancelled because of inclement weather may be put on Motions Day to be set. Civil Term Day will not be rescheduled due to weather closing.

For criminal and civil motions, attorneys/parties must file a new notice/praecipe for a new date.

**General District Court:** For traffic and criminal cases, they will be continued to the officer's next court date. The clerks' office will send notices to the defendant and re-subpoena the witnesses and notify the attorneys as well.

For the civil division, the clerks' office will contact the attorneys to reschedule. Plaintiff's counsel should contact the defendant by letter with the new court date, and provide a carbon copy to the court. If the case was set for trial, the court asks the parties to select a new trial date by agreement, (please check with clerks' office for this date).

**Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court:** The clerk will reschedule each case and send notification to all parties of the new court date within 7-10 days.

## PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY JUVENILE AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS DISTRICT COURT

### POLICY STATEMENT

#### Filing Civil Pleadings

The Clerk's Office will have a cut-off of 3:30 p.m. for processing of civil pleadings. Any civil pleadings submitted after 3:30 p.m. **will not** be accepted for processing, but will be forwarded to the Data Entry Division and processed as we handle civil pleadings received by mail. You will receive notice of the court date by mail.

Other normal business may be conducted between 3:30 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

Effective  
**March 1, 2004**  
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Chief Judge

*Editor's Note: Please also note that a new rotating docket schedule for J&DR District Court, effective March 1, 2004, is included as an insert in this month's newsletter.*

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#### *President's Message, Continued*

So next year, don't get left out in the cold. Mark the date, open up the creaking vault you call a wallet, and get your reservations in early. It's no Vienna Inn, but then again, what is?

## Prince William County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court

By Frances Hedrick

### Notice

Due to the expansion of the Judicial Center and the relocation of part of the Clerk's Office case files **may not** be available for review upon request. In order to review case files with upcoming court dates it is suggested that you come to the Clerk's Office at least **2 days** prior to the court date to review the file. The Clerk's Office will not guarantee availability of case files for review 1 day prior to the court date. Case files are generally available for review in the courtroom prior to the hearing; however, there may be occasions when the file will not be available for review in the courtroom.

Due to the demand of **copy requests** the Clerk's Office can no longer provide copies the same day of request. A new form has been implemented for use when requesting copies. To obtain copies of court documents complete the REQUEST FOR FILES/COPIES form, (*included as an insert in this month's newsletter*), and submit it to the Clerk's Office.

### Juvenile Drug Court

By D. Scott Bailey

The Prince William County Juvenile Drug Court is up and running and accepting referrals! The Drug Court has been established as a treatment and sentencing alternative for the youth of our community. Juvenile offenders with probation violations, new misdemeanors punishable by detention time, as well as non-violent felonies are suitable for the Drug Court in that successful completion of the program will result in dismissal of the charges. Participants should be between the ages of 13-17 with charges stemming from substance abusing behavior. Charges do not have to specifically be "drug charges," but there must be evidence the crime was committed as a result of substance abusing behavior.

The program incorporates intensive probation supervision, intensive outpatient substance abuse treatment, family therapy, as well as home-based counseling, mentoring, and Court intervention. Weekly court appearances before the Honorable Mary Grace O'Brien facilitate the imposition of incentives and sanctions with reference to the progress of participants. As participants progress, contacts with probation and the Court are reduced. Three step-down phases of intensive probation lead to an aftercare program providing transition services.

For referral forms and further information, please contact Carrie A. Smith, Coordinator, Prince William Juvenile Drug Court, 9311 Lee Ave, Manassas, VA 20110, (703) 792-7430.



*Scott Bailey,  
Judge O'Brien and  
Bob Coleman  
address the  
membership of the  
Bar at the  
February  
luncheon  
regarding the new  
drug court.*

### 2004

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The PWCBA Office is located on the lower level of the Judicial Center in the Circuit Court Archives. Alissa N. Hudson, the Executive Director, is generally available at the Judicial Center on Friday mornings. At other times, you may contact her by telephone as noted.

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

Submissions can be faxed to the attention of Alissa N. Hudson, Executive Director, Prince William County Bar Association at (703) 331-5683, or may be mailed to her c/o Prince William County Bar Association, Inc., P.O. Box 31, Manassas, VA 20108. All submissions are due by 5:00 PM on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding publication. Be sure to include a contact name and phone number with all submittals in case there are questions.

“Letters to the Editor” may be submitted for publication by members in good standing of the PWC Bar, and must not exceed 500 words in length. “Letters” may be edited for clarity or space conformity. All submissions must have a contact name and phone number, and will include the author’s name in the newsletter.

For inquiries regarding classified or display advertising, contact the PWCBA office at (703) 393-2306, and request a copy of the most recent rate card.

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## Dinner Dance, Portraits & Silent Auction a Huge Success!!

By Donna McIntosh and Amy McCullough

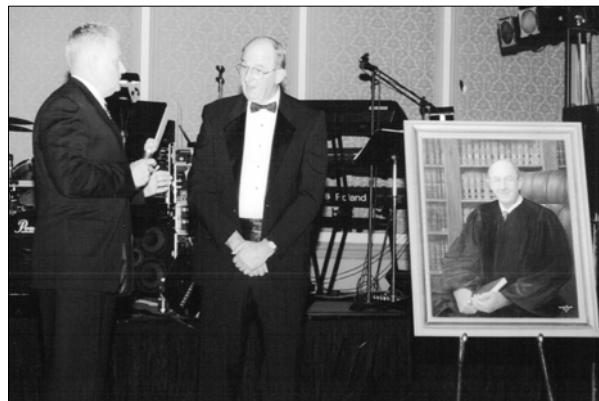
**From Donna McIntosh:** While it’s tough to follow Scott’s eloquent and articulate words, I wanted to add a few thoughts about this year’s bar dinner dance. This was the largest turn out we have had at our annual event since I have been coordinating it. (This was, by the way, the 11<sup>th</sup> Dinner Dance I’ve coordinated, for those who are counting.) It looked like all who attended had a great time and enjoyed the food and festivities with their colleagues. I hope that all of you enjoyed our new location and were as pleased with the service and quality of the Hyatt as I was. Also new for this year was the band *Express*; and judging by the crowd on the dance floor, I’d say that they were quite well received.

I would like to again thank all of our sponsors for their generosity in helping to make the event such a success. It’s through their contributions that we are able to do a few “extras” each year to make the event more special. Thanks also to Amy McCullough for a fantastic job in coordinating the Bar Foundation’s silent auction.

I’ll soon begin planning next year’s event, and I hope to break this year’s record attendance. Details will be announced as they are available.

### Special thanks to the evening's sponsors:

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*Bill Stephens provided opening remarks for the unveiling of Retired Circuit Court Judge Frank A. Hoss's portrait.*



*Leo Scolforo provided opening remarks for the unveiling of Retired General District Court Judge Joseph A. Gallagher.*

*The portraits were commissioned by the PWCBA to honor the judges for their years of service on the bench, and will be hung in the PWC Judicial Center soon.*

**From Amy McCullough:** The 2004 Prince William County Bar Foundation Silent Auction was a great success. The auction has raised in excess of \$4600.00 for the Prince William County Bar Foundation and the programs that it funds. Many thanks to those who attended and placed bids!

***A special thanks is due to those who donated items for auction as well. The individuals, firms and businesses that donated items to the auction are listed to the right:***

Lastly, special thanks are due to those who worked with the Silent Auction committee, all of whom put in many hours of time and effort to make this auction a success:

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Matthew Snow

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H. Jan Roltsch-Anoll

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*Jan Roltsch-Anoll receives the Professionalism award from Retired Circuit Court Judge Arthur W. Sinclair; Rusty von Keller, IV receives the Pro Bono award from Judge Becker; Shawn Allen receives the Court Appointed Attorney of the Year for Circuit Court from Judge Alston; Nancy Croteau receives Court Appointed Attorney of the year for GDC from Judges Farris and Travers, an honor she also received for J&DR; and Kevin Childers receives the GAL of the year from Judges O'Brien and Becker.*

## **Classified Ads**

**Semi-Private Spanish Courses – I,** Dan Newland, am interested in getting together a small group of attorneys and staffers for Spanish classes in my conference room that will seat about 8 to 12 students. The teacher will come via Northern Virginia Community College and the hourly fee will depend upon how many are interested. If these classes occur, they will probably be one night a week for two hours. If interested, call Dan at (703) 330-0000.

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## Judicial Center Expansion

*Lou Ann Purkins, AIA  
County Architect  
Public Works - Facilities Construction Management*

The first phase of the Judicial Center Expansion is nearly complete. The building occupancy permit was issued on February 17, 2004. Currently the contractor is completing minor punch list items. The courtrooms will open for business on March 1, 2004. Furniture is being installed in the new offices and support spaces during the last two weeks of February. Building occupants will be moved in phases, beginning in late February and finishing up in mid-March.

Phase II will begin in March. This includes the renovations to the existing building where it adjoins the new addition. This work will be completed in July 2004.

Phase III, the backfill of the vacated spaces, will begin in July after the renovations are complete. This phase of the project will take approximately 6 months to complete.

## Inclement Weather Policy

In the event of inclement weather, the PWCBA 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 discussing conditions with Clerk of Court, Dave Mabie, and others), Dave will notify Alissa Hudson, (along with the myriad of others he notifies.) Alissa will then update the voice mail message at the PWC Bar office, (703) 393-2306, to reflect court closings for the day. If there is no update, courts are open. Alissa Hudson will also update the web site called [www.cancellations.com](http://www.cancellations.com) for the Prince William County Bar Association. Simply log on to the web site, type in 20110 for the zip code when prompted, and information about court closings will be posted under the PWCBA heading. Accessing the PWCBA office or [www.cancellations.com](http://www.cancellations.com) will hopefully provide the membership with an access line that is not subject to an inflow of calls from other county employees or from the general public.

If you cannot get through to the bar office, or do not have access to the internet, you can call (703) 792-4636 (PWC-INFO) for information regarding court closings. The recorded message you will hear is updated once information regarding closings is communicated from Dave Mabie to the public services authorities and then to the PWC-INFO administrator.

## Northern Virginia Legal Directory, CALL for PHOTOS

The PWCBA is once again going to participate in the Northern Virginia Legal Directory, NVLD. Any member not previously featured in the photo section of the NVLD, who wishes to have their photo included in the 2004-05 directory, should arrange to have themselves photographed and send two copies of the photo to Alissa Hudson at the bar office. Photos will be collected through February and March. All photos are due by April 1, 2004.

Also, please note that the PWCBA receives a \$3.00 rebate for every book purchased by a member who checks the Prince William box on the order form. (Form enclosed in last month's newsletter.) This resulted in over \$350.00 back to our bar last year, monies used to help print our own membership directory. So remember to check Prince William when ordering.

## PWCBA Board Meeting Summary

By W. Michael Phipps

January 30, 2004: The following applicants were considered and approved for memberships to the bar association: Timothy Olmstead, Wayne Yessler, Derek Redmond, Jacqueline Lucas, Noah Klein, Jessica Edwardson, Charles Maddox and George Sonnett.

The Board voted to participate in the "So You're 18" program again this year.

The PWCBA will be sending a letter to Judge Hamblen requesting that office space be designated for use by the Association in the newly expanded Judicial Center.

The possibility of a Bar sponsored Legislative Issues Forum was discussed with a tentative date of October 7, 2004.

Alissa Hudson reported that she is working on the annual updates to the PWCBA website.

Scott Bailey reported that in addition to Judge Farris' election to the Circuit Court and Craig Johnston's election to the General District Court, John Primeau has been appointed a Substitute Judge. Both Judge Farris and Craig Johnston were the PWCBA's first choice for their new positions.

## PWCBF Meeting Summary

By Angela Lemmon Horan

January 15, 2004: Contributions are slowly coming in from the "Finest Hour" campaign initiated by the Foundation in December. As matching funds from the Hylton Foundation are dependent on monies collected between September 2003 and March 2004, the Foundation is hoping contributions will increase. (See Hylton matching funds announcement.)


The 2004 Beat the Odds banquet, April 29, 2004, will offer one named scholarship funded by the Knights of Columbus with a second substantial donation coming from the Park West Lion's Club. Also, the Foundation has approached Supervisor Caddigan, who has issued a directive to County staff to study the funding request of the Foundation for BTO with the hopes of including this program in the County's budget for FY 2005.

The upcoming silent auction fundraiser held in conjunction with the annual Bar dinner dance was discussed, as well as a new fundraiser featuring a dramatic performance.

The foundation approved a motion to create a President Elect position to facilitate a smooth transition of leadership for the organization.

The Foundation's addition to the Bar Association's web site is scheduled to be completed by the end of January.

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## **“So, You’re 18” Project Scheduled for Law Day Celebration**

*Kathleen L. Farrell, Chairman  
Community Outreach Committee*

The PWCBA's annual "So, You're 18!" project is gearing up for the Law Day presentation in area high schools. The *Community Outreach Committee* is seeking members to go into the area high schools to educate seniors on the laws that await them as they turn 18. We provide the volunteers with a suggested format for the presentation, along with booklets published by the VSB to be distributed to the students, and usually arrange for teams of two attorneys for each presentation. **Anyone interested in participating, please contact Katie at Kathy Farrell's office at (703) 335-9390 or by email at [kfarrell@va-lawyers.com](mailto:kfarrell@va-lawyers.com). We will have a sign up sheet available at the April luncheon meeting.**

## **2004 Beat the Odds® Celebration April 29, 2004--Heritage Hunt Country Club**

*Kathleen L. Farrell, Chairman  
Community Outreach Committee*

The plans are in motion for the 2004 Beat the Odds® celebration now scheduled for April 29 at the Heritage Hunt Country Club. The Reception begins at 6:00 p.m. and is followed by dinner, entertainment by local youth, and award ceremony. We are grateful for the significant financial support provided by the Prince William County Bar Foundation that provides the funding for the scholarship and other vocational and educational awards. See flyer

## ***Hylton Foundation Pledges Matching Grant For the 2004 Beat the Odds® Program***

The Hylton Foundation has pledged to match all donations up to \$5000 that the PWCBF receives between September 2003 and March 2004 for our Beat the Odds® program. Your donations, made now, could have twice the impact! If you are considering a donation to the Bar Foundation, please send it now to insure that the PWCBF gets the maximum \$5,000 matching grant from the Hylton Foundation. Thanks to all of those who have already responded with your generous support. Each dollar goes a long way in this program.

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**Do You Represent a Child Who Could be a Recipient for a BTO Award?**

The Community Outreach Committee is accepting nominations and applications of juveniles who have come in contact with 31<sup>st</sup> JDR Court. Our mission is to find deserving youth who fit the BTO program criteria. We need your help to insure that we identify all eligible youth for the benefits of this program. There are three levels of awards and these are the criteria for each of the levels:

**I. Beat the Odds® Scholarship Awards.** Nominees must be:

- A high school senior, enrolled in school in a public or private school with graduation imminent or be a student enrolled in his/her first year of college.
- Succeeding despite, but not limited to, hardships such as poverty, disability, homelessness or personal tragedy.
- Maintaining a grade point average showing marked effort, improvement or success.
- Participating in activities, formal or informal, which are helpful to others.
- A client or former client of the Juvenile and Domestic Relation District Court; the Court Service Unit; the Community Services Board; the Departments of Social Services of Prince William County or the Cities of Manassas or Manassas Park; or the local FAPTs.

**II. Beat the Odds® Phoenix Awards.** Nominees must be:

- Succeeding despite hardships that may include but shall not be limited to poverty, disability, homelessness or personal tragedy.
- A client or former client of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court; the Court Service Unit; the Community Services Board; the Departments of Social Services of Prince William County or the Cities of Manassas or Manassas Park; or the local FAPTs.

**III. Beat the Odds® Honor Roll Awards.** Nominees for the Beat the Odds® Honor Roll Award must be:

- Succeeding despite hardships that may include but shall not be limited to poverty, disability, homelessness or personal tragedy.
- A client or former client of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court; the Court Service Unit; the Community Services Board; the Department of Social Services of Prince William County or the Cities of Manassas or Manassas Park; or the local FAPTs.

If you represent a youth who meets the criteria for any of the three levels, please consider nominating that youth. Nomination and Application forms are available at the JDR Clerk's office or by contacting Kathy Farrell at (703) 335-9390.

**Nominations and applications must be received by March 15, 2004.**

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## Family Law Committee

By Barbara Murphy Stough

The "Guardian *ad litem* for Children" brochure has been presented to the Bar executive board for approval/ and funding consideration. The Committee is also discussing the CLE topic for the next uncontested divorce seminar which will be put on in October. This is the CLE where all who attend, for free, agree to represent two uncontested divorces, for persons who are eligible for Legal Aid, and who have been screened as definitely uncontested.

The Committee is discussing the possibility of a program featuring "Discovery in Family Law Cases" as the topic. Betty Sandler has introduced the idea of having continuing seminars for family law attorneys. She has been involved in something similar with the Arlington Bar. A fictitious couple would be taken through the entire process, from the initial interview with the client to the final divorce hearing. Each seminar would focus on one aspect in the process, ranging from the interview, through the Bill of Complaint, discovery, *pendente lite* hearings until the final ED hearing. The sessions would be very informal, more like round table discussions, than an actual teaching exercise. A great way for family law attorneys to swap ideas, brainstorm, and maybe learn something new! We'll keep you posted.

Next meeting is the fourth Tuesday of March, the 23rd.

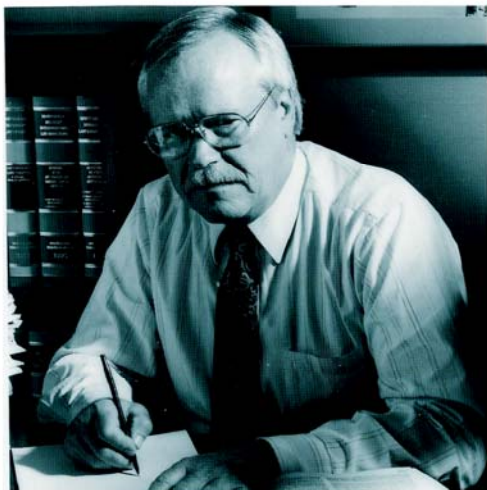
## Book Club *By Nancy Croteau*

As children of western civilization, we believe that we have the right to determine our own destiny. You know, like Frank Sinatra's "I did it my way". But in The India of The God of Small Things, January's book, even the minutiae of life is determined not by you, but by someone else. It's the Love Laws that dictate, and if you don't abide by the caste, religious and family social rules, no one will love you.

The rules determine whom you marry, what you wear, what time you leave the house and when you come home, whom you can talk to and what you can say to those people. Rules that allow escape only through living a secret life. The author avoids gender finger pointing, which is refreshing, and doesn't include any women-are-oppressed/bride-burning sentiments. A Brahmin woman dies at 31 from disease after being expelled from her home because she had an untouchable lover; but her male lover is outright killed for loving above his class. The women cannot do what they want, but the men can't either.

So we chewed the fat for a while at the book club meeting about this, and about that, and went home feeling terribly lucky to live our western lives, which of course, is a good way for a book club meeting to end.

Next Book Club, March 3, 2004 4 P.M, Courthouse Library. We're reading Texaco, by Patrick Chamoiseau



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## ***Pro Bono Committee***

*By Arthur von Keller IV*


The *Pro Bono* Committee has explored a variety of programs during the last several months, based upon suggestions received from the private Bar. Through the able assistance of Dorothy Herman from Legal Services of Northern Virginia and Gerry Baker, several Committee meetings were devoted to exploring the possibility of creating a project to provide *pro bono* Living Wills to the indigent population. After much discussion, a more attractive alternative proposal appeared to be the possibility of providing simple Wills to the "deserving public". Ms. Herman suggested using a Will questionnaire similar to one already employed by Legal Services for their elderly clients. Additional forms for preparing simple Wills will be developed.

Mr. Baker provided a number of medical Power Of Attorney documents which the Committee reviewed; another area of possible involvement. The contemplation of the proposed Will project (whether a POA or simple Will) is to have LSNV act as a screening mechanism with Ms. Herman providing initial oversight. Guidelines for income and asset limitations would be utilized to ensure that those clients referred to the participating panel would be *bona fide* low income persons.

A second *Pro Bono* project, which the committee has been evaluating, is the possibility of establishing a conciliation program. To that end, John D. Whittington is meeting with the Fairfax County Conciliation Program leader to review their procedures. He is preparing documentation for a possible pilot program to be submitted to the Committee. Should the project become a reality, the Conciliators would work at the Prince William County Juvenile Court on a daily Motion's docket basis, and would focus on cases involving visitation, child support, and child custody. Several local attorneys have allegedly volunteered for this project including Bob Cooper, Tim Szabo, Polly Knight, Allen Newcome and Betty Sandler, despite the project being in an embryonic form

The following additional update concerns the Simple Wills project:

Attorneys willing to serve in a Pilot Program for the *Pro Bono* Simple Wills project should contact Rusty von Keller (703-361-2299). Once Legal Services screens the applicants for asset and income eligibility, a referral will be made to participating panel members. Participating members would be provided brief information on the client along with a computer disc containing a fill-in-the-blanks simple Will.



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## Upcoming Dates:

**March 5**, 12:30 p.m., general luncheon meeting at Jake's Seafood Restaurant. Program: Annual State of the Virginia State Bar address by President Jeannie P. Dahnk.

**March 10**, deadline for submittals for the April issue of Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

**March 23**, Family Law Committee meeting.

**March 26**, 4:00 p.m., Jake's Seafood Restaurant, PWCBA board meeting.

**March 31**, "Nuts and Bolts" CLE, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., General District Court Level. See flyer inside.

**April 2**, 12:30 p.m., general luncheon meeting at Jake's Seafood Restaurant. Special Guest: The Honorable Leroy R. Hassell, Jr., Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Virginia.

**April 29**, 6:00 p.m., 2004 Beat the Odds ® Award Banquet, Heritage Hunt Country Club.

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9:30 A.M.	<b>Juvenile Traffic Cases/ Uniform Summons Cases</b>				
10:00 A.M.			<b>JUVENILE TRIALS</b>		
10:30 A.M.	<b>CIVIL RETURNS</b>			<b>JUVENILE ATTORNEY ADVISEMENT HEAR.</b>	
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2:00 P.M.	<b>CIVIL MOTIONS</b>		<b>CONTESTED TRIALS</b>	<b>DSS CASES</b>	<b>DCSE</b>
4:00 P.M.	<b>PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE</b>	<b>PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE</b>	<b>PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE</b>	<b>PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE</b>	<b>PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE</b>

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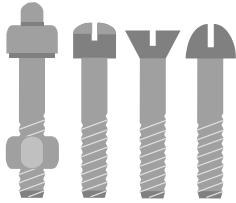
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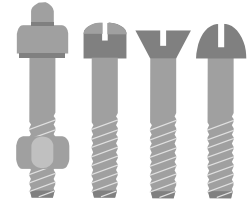
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