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*News from the Prince William County Bar Association*

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*By Amy M. Ashworth*

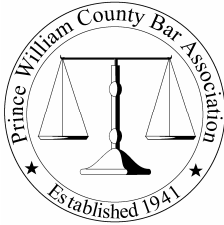
October has been a busy month for our Association. Thank you to all the members who have volunteered to do our "So You're 18" program and our newest program, "National Young Reader's Day." These are great programs and both are in full swing so if you haven't volunteered yet, we need you. Judges are welcome to participate too. Alissa will be happy to help you find a time that works with your schedule, so please give her a call.

November's monthly luncheon meeting is shaping up to be another success as we celebrate all of our members who provide *pro bono* legal services or volunteer to help make our Bar Association great. Judge Rossie D. Alston, Jr. of the Virginia Court of Appeals (from our fine Circuit) will be our guest speaker and our sponsor is WEST, a provider of legal research products and services. Please plan on joining us November 5<sup>th</sup> at Mackey's in Old Town Manassas. There's plenty of parking with the new parking garage and lunch is free.

For those of you that missed the Prince William County Bar Foundation Gala, it was a remarkable event. The Hylton Center was the perfect venue, the food was fantastic and Judge Potter gave a hilarious introduction of Virginia Supreme Court Justice LeRoy F. Millette, Jr. (also from our fine Circuit) that included an old yearbook picture and many formerly unknown and amusing facts. Justice Millette's inspiring speech reminded us of why we give our time, donate our money, and make the effort to give back to our community and improve the image of lawyers.

Paul Walla and the Judicial Evaluation Committee have been working overtime this month putting together the new and improved Judicial Evaluation Forms and sending them out to all of our members in good standing. Please take time and return these evaluations to DuvallWheeler by **November 30<sup>th</sup>**. These are the only evaluations done for our Judges and the results will be provided to each individual Judge and our local delegation. Constructive feedback is helpful to everyone AND YES, the demographic information has been broadened considerably so no one will be able to figure out it was YOU that wrote that.

The Bar Dinner Dance is set for February 19, 2011 and plans are in the works to make this another successful event so mark your calendars now. Bob Cooper is heading up the Entertainment Committee this year so the party should be lots of fun. Have a wonderful November, enjoy your turkey dinner and the cool fall weather!



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## **Circuit Court Notice re: Depositions in Divorce Cases**

*By The Honorable Lon E. Farris, Chief Judge*

The Circuit Court has decided to allow depositions to be submitted in uncontested divorce cases to prove grounds for divorce in limited situations in place of physically attending an *ore tenus* hearing. The court will allow the depositions with the following qualifications:

1. The complaint must have already been filed.
2. The parties must be proceeding only on the grounds of having lived separate and apart for six months or twelve months.
3. A property settlement agreement must have been signed.
4. A waiver of notice must be signed by the other party and submitted to the court.
5. No part of the separation period can include living separately in the same residence.
6. A final decree and all necessary documents, including the VS4, must be submitted with the deposition.
7. Counsel must represent at least one of the parties. No deposition will be allowed in a pro se case.

## **General District Ct. Notice re: Court Appointed Attorneys**

*By Kimberly J. Bennett-Felber, Judge's Secretary*

In order for you to provide the best service and representation to the defendants you are assigned from the Court Appointed Attorneys list, the court must be notified of any changes in your firm affiliation, address, phone and fax numbers.

## **Court Closing Calendars for 2011**

Enclosed please find the Court Closing Calendars for 2011 for Circuit Court and General District Court.

## **Highlights from PWC Bar BOD Meeting**

### **September 24, 2010**

*Taken from minutes provided by Laurie J. Sholtis*

- Conducted performance and salary review of Executive Director
- Table top displays are here, graphics to be developed and installed
- Update on National Young Readers Day Project
- Update on Rule of Law Project
- Discussed New Member Orientation Program, scheduled for November 19, 2010
- Bar to begin looking for alternative service providers for web upgrade and maintenance work
- Update on Books for Troubled Teens Project
- Discussed possible new venue for monthly membership luncheons
- Character Counts! Essay Contest judging set for November 16, 2010
- Update on "Dummies Guides to JDR and EPO"
- Discussed options for recognizing members of the PWC Bar who have 40+ years in practice

*Special Thanks to WEST, a provider of legal research products and services, for sponsoring the November Membership Luncheon!!*

## Bar Council Report

*From Gifford R. Hampshire*

At its meeting on October 15, 2010, in Charlottesville, the Virginia State Bar Council heard the following significant reports and took the following actions:

### UPL Prosecution

The council voted 64 to 1 to seek legislation in the 2011 General Assembly to extend the statute of limitation on prosecution of unauthorized practice of law and to increase the penalties for committing UPL, a misdemeanor under current law. Under the proposal, Virginia Code § 19.2-8 would be amended to allow prosecution within two years of the complainant's discovery of the offense. In addition, restitution could be ordered in a criminal conviction under proposed amendments to § 54.1-3904, and, in a civil proceeding to enjoin unauthorized practice, a complainant could recover attorney fees, costs, damages, and civil penalties, including treble or punitive damages. The proposed statutory changes will be sent to the Supreme Court of Virginia for its consideration.

### MCLE Rules Proposal Approved

The council approved proposed amendments to Rules of Virginia Supreme Court, § II, Part 6, ¶ 17, that would increase the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Board quorum needed to change MCLE rules. The proposal also would give the council the authority to suspend a new or amended MCLE rule until the Supreme Court has considered it. Under the proposal, approval by seven members of the twelve-member MCLE Board would be required for a rule change to pass. A two-thirds vote would be required for the council to reject implementation of a rule pending review by the Court. Proponents of the council-override measure said it would give the council input while maintaining the MCLE Board's independence. The proposal was passed by a vote of 58 to 6. It will be sent to the Court for its consideration.

### Paragraph 13 Proposals Approved

The council approved proposed changes to Rules of Virginia Supreme Court, § II, Part 6, ¶ 13, that would establish procedural authority for regulating multijurisdictional practice by lawyers who are not members of the Virginia State Bar, but who are authorized to conduct a limited practice here. The proposed changes also would incorporate in Paragraph 13 requirements for persons serving as members of a district committee, the Disciplinary Board, and the Committee on Lawyer Discipline. These requirements are also found in the Bylaws of the Virginia State Bar. The proposals will be sent to the Court for its consideration.

### Resolutions

The council approved without dissent resolutions honoring Leroy Rountree Hassell Sr. for his accomplishments during eight years as Virginia's Chief Justice, and Cynthia Dinah Fannon Kinser on her election as Chief Justice for 2011-15.

## Direct Link Program

Through the PWC Bar Association's [Direct Link Program](#), law firms which maintain websites have the option of purchasing a direct hypertext link from the PWC Bar Association's website, [www.pwcba.org](http://www.pwcba.org) to their firm website. Firms with active links, who are able to trace the origin of visits to their website, have reported that they receive inquiries originating from the Association's website. Renewal and solicitation notices were sent to all eligible PWC Bar firms on October 15, 2010 and are due by November 15, 2010. All new links will be uploaded by January 1, 2011. Please look for the notice and renew or sign-up as appropriate.

## 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 [pwcba1@verizon.net](mailto:pwcba1@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".

### PWC Bar Listserv Guidelines

You are encouraged to sign up for the PWC Bar Listserv, which is available to ALL members in good standing of the Bar.

**To subscribe**, send an email to [pwcba1@verizon.net](mailto:pwcba1@verizon.net) and you will be added to the list.

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**To unsubscribe**, simply send a message to [pwcba1@verizon.net](mailto:pwcba1@verizon.net) with the word "unsubscribe" typed in the subject line.

## Help Judge the 2010 CHARACTER COUNTS! Essay Contest.

The PWC Bar is preparing for the **2010 CHARACTER COUNTS! Essay Contest** in area middle schools. This contest is part of a number of events designed to celebrate National Character Counts! Week, October 17-23, 2010, which is a time to encourage students to focus on the six pillars of good character which are the foundation of the CHARACTER COUNTS! Program: ***Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship.*** Area middle school students are invited to write an essay about what one of the six pillars of character means to them.

Historically, these essays are entertaining to read, surprisingly insightful, and at times, heartwarming. We received 837 essays in 2009, which is a high level of participation. The essays are read and judged by members of the PWC Bar, and a winning and runner up essay are selected for each pillar of character. A \$100 cash prize and commemorative medallion is awarded to the winner, and a \$50 cash prize and certificate is awarded to the runner up. The middle school with the highest level of participation also receives a \$100 donation. The monetary awards are made possible by a generous grant from The Prince William County Bar Foundation, and will be presented to the students at a special ceremony on November 29, 2010.

We need lots of help to read and judge the essays, so that the individual time commitment per volunteer is in the range of 60-90 minutes. **Judging will take place on November 16, 5:00 pm at the home of Alissa Hudson.** If you would like to volunteer as a judge for the essay contest this year, please contact Alissa by calling (703) 393-8865 or email her at [pwcbal@verizon.net](mailto:pwcbal@verizon.net)

## Call For Bar Leadership Nominations

*By Brad Marshall, Nominating Committee Chairman*

The Nominating Committee of the Bar Association officially requests nominations for the following positions: President Elect; Secretary; Treasurer; one Member of the Board of Directors (four year term); and one Member of the Judicial Screening Committee (five year term). Nominations must be submitted to Brad Marshall at the Commonwealth's Attorney's Office **NO LATER THAN THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOVEMBER 19, 2010.** Please use the nomination form included in this edition of the Bar Newsletter. Biographies of the candidates will be included in the December Newsletter, and the election will be held at the January Bar Luncheon Meeting. Please nominate yourself or a colleague to serve our Bar Association!


## Bar Foundation Tenth Anniversary Gala

*By Brad Marshall, Bar Foundation Board of Directors*

Thank you to all of those who attended, sponsored, volunteered their time, or otherwise contributed to the Bar Foundation's Tenth Anniversary Gala! October 14th was a wonderful night of camaraderie in honor of ten years of service by the Bar Foundation and the members of the Bar Association. We celebrated in the spectacular new Hylton Center for the Performing Arts, with great food and drinks from the Inn at Vint Hill, informative displays about the Foundation's numerous programs, and beautiful music by the George Mason University Jazz Ensemble. The Foundation would especially like to thank Justice LeRoy F. Millette, Jr., of the Supreme Court of Virginia, for his keynote address, and Judge Potter for introducing him.

We were proud to honor the significant support for the founding and sustainment of the Foundation by Judge Becker, Judge Potter, and Betty Sandler, without whom the Foundation would not be what it is today. We also proudly honored Jan Roltsch-Anoll, the longtime Bar Foundation President, for her steadfast dedication and leadership, without which the Foundation simply would not be the successful organization that it is. Special thanks to the planning committee for the event, which included Chairwoman Amy McCullough, Cathy Croft, Bob Marsh, and Brad Marshall, as well as everyone else who helped make the event a success. But most importantly, thank you very much to every member of the Bar who has contributed to the success of the Foundation over the past ten years through your dedication and service to the public – we honor you!

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## Judicial Evaluations

The following judges will be evaluated in the Fall of 2010:

Judge Richard B. Potter  
 Judge Craig D. Johnston  
 Judge Charles F. Sievers  
 Judge Steven S. Smith  
 Judge William Alan Becker  
 Judge Paul F. Gluchowski  
 Judge D. Scott Bailey

Evaluation forms will be mailed by October 30, 2010 to every member in good standing of the PWC Bar, to the member's address of record, and must be returned to the accounting firm in the envelope provided, by November 30, 2010. In order for the tabulations to be precise, all questions must be answered. However, in the event that a question is left blank, it will be tabulated as a "No Opinion - N/A" response.

You are qualified to evaluate a judge if, in the past 12 months, you have either appeared before or observed the judge on one or more motions, pleas or sentencing days, OR one or more trials/hearings.

The Judicial Evaluation Program is a confidential program. Each evaluated judge will receive the compiled results and comment section. The compilation is generated by the accounting firm. Any evaluated judge may review the original responses pertaining to his or her evaluation upon request to the President of the PWCBA; however, only the ratings portion of the survey will be disclosed. The original comments section will not be disclosed to any judge to protect the anonymity of the individual evaluators.

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## **The *Pro bono* Attorney of the Year Award--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 PWC Bar, 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, 8567-D Sudley Road, Manassas, VA 20110. The winner will be announced at the Annual Dinner Dance, 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.

## **Upcoming Appellate Practice CLE**

*By Brad Marshall, Member of the PWCBA CLE Committee*

Please join your colleagues for a very timely and topical continuing legal education seminar covering appellate practice in Virginia on December 10, 2010 from 2pm to 5pm, presented by the Prince William County Bar Association. We are privileged to have Joseph Sadighian, Esq., Senior Appellate Coordinator for the Virginia Indigent Defense Commission, present this three hour CLE, including one hour of ethics credit. This CLE is designed for both novice and experienced appellate practitioners, be they criminal or civil, defense or prosecution. It will cover the appeals process in general but with a focus on criminal appeals, diligence and duties of counsel, the scope of representation, client communication, frivolous appeals, and other ethical considerations. The presentation will also cover the recent changes to the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia regarding appeals. There will be ample opportunity to ask questions as well. Please see the flyer/registration form included in this issue and the December issue of the Newsletter for more information and to sign up today, as we expect the event to be well attended. This CLE is another example of how your Bar Association works hard for you to keep you up-to-date on the most relevant and timely changes in the law. We look forward to seeing you on December 10th!



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## **SPECIAL FOCUS: PRO BONO AND VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION!!**

It is with great pleasure that the Executive Board of the PWC Bar hosts this year's *Pro bono* and Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon, November 5, 2010, 12:30 pm at Mackey's American Pub. This is a **special time** to recognize all the members of the Bar who have provided *pro bono legal services* through PWC Bar Sponsored Programs, or have *volunteered* to support PWC Bar Projects, Public Service Initiatives or otherwise carried out the work of the Bar. Our special guest speaker at the November luncheon meeting is The Honorable Rossie D. Alston, Jr., of the Court of Appeals of Virginia.

The PWC Bar enjoys notoriety among local and specialty bar associations in Virginia and nationally, because of the high level of volunteerism and collegiality we enjoy. We are able to accomplish much to facilitate the administration of justice in the 31<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit; ensure the competency and integrity of the legal profession; increase access to legal services; and support public service initiatives. We are able to do all this efficiently and effectively because of the willingness of our members to give their time to support their profession. *For this, we are truly thankful.*

### **ACTS/Turning Points Update**

*By Tasneem Khan, Turning Points Attorney*

In honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, ACTS Turning Points wishes to extend its sincerest thanks for all those who have helped victims of domestic violence, but especially the following attorneys who have represented victims free of charge in protective order hearings this past year:

Stephen Bamberger	John Primeau
Bob Coleman	Lawrie Rollison
Cindy Decker	Gil Sanchez
Kathy Farrell	Adrian Showells
Jessica Harbeson	Barbara Stough
Carlos Flores Laboy	Rusty von Keller
Jim McCoart	Dan Voss
Sevda Olmstead	Jennifer Weiss

We appreciate all that you have done for these individuals in helping them start a new life and breaking the cycle of violence. Some of our attorneys have gone so far as to devote hours of their time past the protective order hearing and help out with other peripheral issues. We are grateful to our fellow bar members for providing this service.

As we reach out to the community during this month, we request that anyone willing to donate a little time to help a family take the first step toward a safer, happier life, whether representing individuals at a protective order hearing, or giving an hour of consult time to give guidance on custody or support, please contact Turning Points at (703) 792-4782. No amount of time is too small or too great.

## **Legal Services of Northern Virginia**

*By Gil Sanchez, Managing Attorney, LSNV, Prince William Branch*

**The PWC Bar and LSNV work together to serve our clients.**

Collaborative efforts between LSNV and the Prince William County Bar Association ("PWCBA"), the Pro Bono Committee of the Bar, the Prince William County Association of Legal Professionals ("PWCALP"), and local Prince William attorneys, have served to provide much needed legal services to residents of Prince William County. These services have been provided through two programs: 1) the Uncontested Divorce Program and 2) the Bar's Modest Means Program ("MMP").

First, by means of the Uncontested Divorce Program, the *Pro Bono* Committee for the Bar and LSNV work together to provide *pro-bono* uncontested divorces to low income residents of Prince William County. This program offers a free CLE to train attorneys who agree to represent two uncontested divorce clients referred through LSNV, over the course of 12 months. Attorneys who have not attended the training CLE have also volunteered to represent uncontested divorce clients referred through this program. PWCALP assists with client screening to determine eligibility and document preparation. This program is now in its tenth year.

LSNV also works with the Bar's Modest Means Program to assist moderate income residents with a variety of civil litigation needs at a reduced rate of pay. Specifically, LSNV completes the subject matter and the financial eligibility screening for the MMP. LSNV then refers the case to the PWC Bar Office for a referral to a participating attorney. This program is now in its second year.

LSNV intends to continue to work collaboratively with the Bar, PWCALP and local Prince William attorneys and is appreciative of their support and very much aware that without such support it would not be able to fully serve Prince William County residents.

Please be informed that LSNV in conjunction with the *Pro Bono* Committee are in the process of preparing another CLE for the Uncontested Divorce Project. We again welcome volunteers to assist as presenters and to participate in the upcoming CLE. It is only with the support of the Bar and volunteers that we can continue to provide this valuable and much needed service to Prince William County residents.

The PWCALP volunteers who assisted participants of the Uncontested Divorce Project this year were:

Roberta Farrell, Sherry Walter, Jo Ann Meyer, Marian Foster, Patricia Hoover, and Eileen Evans.

**The attorneys who have assisted participants of the LSNV Uncontested Divorce Project this year were:**

**Donald Coulter, Larry Fabian, Jessica Gurzo, Tina Saunders, Jane Reynolds, Johnda Scott, Beth Von Keller, Barbara Stough, John Notarianni, Carlos Flores Laboy, Robert Cooper, Tracy Hudson, and Rusty Von Keller.**

## **Who Are Our Wonderful Volunteers?**

### **PWC Bar Association, Inc., Board of Directors, who volunteer to lead this organization.**

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### **PWC Bar Members who serve on Virginia State Bar Sections, Committees, Conferences and Councils, maintaining helpful liaisons between the PWC Bar and the VSB.**

Cassandra Chin, Family Law Section  
Kathleen Latham Farrell, Fifth District Committee  
John Foot, Education of Lawyers  
Gifford Hampshire, Fifth District Committee,  
Conference of Local Bar Associations  
Jessica M. Gurzo, Young Lawyers Conference  
Will Jarvis, Fifth District Committee, Professionalism  
Megan Kelly, Professionalism  
Jacqueline Lucas, Clients' Protection Fund  
Jerry Negin, Fifth District Committee  
Jeff Notz, Clients' Protection Fund  
Sharon Pandak, Education of Lawyers  
Michele Robl, Fifth District Committee  
Jan Roltsch-Anoll, Fifth District Committee  
Casey Stevens, Criminal Law Section,  
Fifth District Committee  
Garth Wainman, Fifth District Committee  
John Whittington, Lawyer Discipline  
Chuck Zauzig, Task Force on Public Protection

### **The Judges of the 31<sup>st</sup> Judicial Circuit, who support a wide variety of Bar Association Initiatives.**

The Honorable Lon E. Farris  
Chief Judge, Circuit Court  
The Honorable Richard B. Potter  
The Honorable William D. Hamblen  
The Honorable Mary Grace O'Brien  
The Honorable Craig D. Johnston

The Honorable Charles F. Sievers  
Chief Judge, General District Court  
The Honorable Wenda K. Travers  
The Honorable Peter W. Steketee  
The Honorable Steven S. Smith

The Honorable Paul F. Gluchowski  
Chief Judge J&DR Dist. Ct.  
The Honorable William Alan Becker  
The Honorable Janice Wellington  
The Honorable George M. DePolo  
The Honorable D. Scott Bailey

### **PWC Bar Committee Chairs and Members, who implement many of the provisions outlined in the Association's Bylaws.**

Robert P. Coleman, Chair Budget and Audit  
Members: Amy M. Ashworth, Megan E. Kelly,  
Barry A. Zweig, Joseph W. Thelin  
Kevin Leahy, Chair CLE  
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CLE Presenters: Dan Newland, Beth von Keller,  
Barbara Kessinger, Angela Morehouse, Tracey  
Lenox, John Primeau, Jon Rochkind  
Jason E. Hickman, Chair Community Outreach  
Members: Claire Keena, Megan Kelly, Dennis  
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Scott, Olaun Simmons, Jane O. Smith, Elizabeth Reiter,  
Jane Reynolds, Andrew Taylor, Arthur von Keller, IV,  
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Hargrove, Kirk Wilder, Elizabeth Millette, Ronald Reel,  
Will Jarvis, James Willett, Amy Ashworth, Judge D.  
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Gluchowski, Judge Janice J. Wellington, Judge Charles  
F. Sievers, Judge Steven S. Smith, Judge Peter W.  
Steketee, Judge Wenda K. Travers, Judge Lon E. Farris,  
Judge William D. Hamblen, Judge Mary Grace O'Brien  
and Judge Richard B. Potter.

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Volunteers: Steve Bamberger, Lou Brooks, Kristy  
Caturano, Rick Conway, Bob Cooper, Don Coulter,  
David Daugherty, Robert Gregory, Phil Gross, John  
Gullette, Janelle Holt, John Irving, Kim Irving, Tracey  
Lenox, Jackie Lucas, Brad Marshall, Amy McCullough,  
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Peele, John Primeau, Elizabeth Reiter, Jon Rochkind,  
Turkessa Rollins, Gil Sanchez, Ron Settle, Alan  
Shachter, Laurie Sholtis, Jane Smith, Greg Stambaugh,  
Heather Steele, Denise Tassi, Rusty von Keller, Jennifer  
Zary, Barry Zweig

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Volunteers: Wendy Alexander, Maryse Allen, Judge  
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Conliffe, Cathy Croft, Paul Gauthier, Jessica Gurzo,  
Tracy Hudson, Michele Jung, Michael Kalish, Ron  
Lynch, Brad Marshall, Mike Phipps, Tim Purnell, Ron  
Reel, Elizabeth Reiter, Tina Saunders, Laurie Sholtis,  
Andrew Taylor, Rebecca Thatcher, Rusty von Keller,  
Jeanie Wiethop, Jennifer Zary.

### **Senior Citizen's Project**

Volunteers: Jonathan Francis, Amy McCullough, Todd  
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### **Arthur Meets the President**

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Chin, Jeanine Graves, Milton Johns, Megan Kelly,  
Brandi Law, Elizabeth Molchany, Jeff Notz, Melissa  
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Cheryl Walton

Note: As you read through the lists of *pro bono* and volunteer  
attorneys, you will note several names appearing more than  
once. A special Thank you goes to all those attorneys who  
volunteer over and over again.

If we overlooked you, please call the Bar office at (703) 393-  
8865 to let us know. We want to be sure you know how much  
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And finally, if you have not found a place to volunteer, there  
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**Upcoming Dates:**

**November 5**, 12:30 pm, Mackey's American Pub, PWC Bar Monthly Luncheon Meeting. Special Program: Pro bono and Volunteer Recognition.

**November 5**, 2:00 pm, Mackey's American Pub, PWC Bar BOD meeting

**November 11**, all three courts closed for Veteran's Day

**November 15**, Direct Link Renewals are due.

**November 16**, Character Counts! Essay Judging 5:00 pm, Alissa Hudson's home

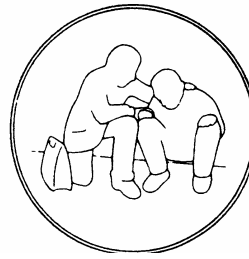
**November 19**, Nominations due for Bar Leadership Positions.

**November 19**, Tentative Date for New Member Orientation Program, watch listserv for details.

**November 24<sup>th</sup>**, GDC Closes at Noon, Thanksgiving Holiday

**November 24<sup>th</sup>**, J&DR clerk's office closes at Noon, set no cases, Thanksgiving Holiday

**November 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>t</sup>**, all three courts closed, Thanksgiving Holiday.



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of the Court of Appeals of Virginia***

***Thank you to our lunch sponsor, WEST***

***Lunch is FREE for all members, but we still ask that you RSVP by  
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October 7, 2010

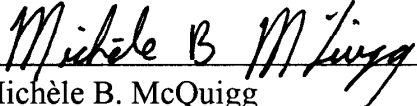
**Holiday Schedule for Calendar Year 2011 for the  
Prince William County Circuit Court - Amended**

In accordance with §§2.2-3300 and 17.1-207 of the 1950 Code of Virginia, as amended, the holiday schedule for this office for 2011 will be as follows:

Lee-Jackson Day	Friday	January 14, 2011
Martin Luther King Day	Monday	January 17, 2011
President's Day	Monday	February 21, 2011
Judicial Conference of VA	Monday – Wednesday	May 9-11, 2011*
Administrative Days	Thursday – Friday	May 12-13, 2011*
Memorial Day	Monday	May 30, 2011
Independence Day	Monday	July 4, 2011
Labor Day	Monday	September 5, 2011
Columbus Day	Monday	October 10, 2011
Election Day	Tuesday	November 8, 2011*
Veteran's Day	Friday	November 11, 2011
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 24, 2011
Thanksgiving Friday	Friday	November 25, 2011
Christmas (Observed)	Monday	December 26, 2011

\* Clerk's office open, but no cases will be set

New Year's Day holiday observed on 12/31/2010

  
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Michèle B. McQuigg  
Clerk of Circuit Court

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October 14, 2010

**IN THE GENERAL DISTRICT COURT OF PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY**

TO: State, County, City and Town Police Depts, National Park Rangers, VA Dept of Game & Inland Fisheries, GMU Police Dept, NVCC Office of Police & Public Safety, Area Bar Assoc, Magistrates, Sheriff, Commonwealth's Atty, Clerks of JDR and Circuit Court; Office of Criminal Justice Services, Dispute Resolution, Bull Run ASAP Office and Volunteer Prince William, DPOR, PWC Property Code Enforcement, PWC Bldg Code Enforcement, DMV, ABC, Dept of Conservation & Recreation

FROM: Clerk's Office, Prince William County **General District Court**

RE: **2011 Court Calendar**

There will be *NO* General District Court held on the following days of 2011  
Please be sure that all appropriate staff is advised of this schedule.

Friday	January 14	Lee-Jackson Day
Monday	January 17	Martin Luther King Day
Monday	February 21	President's Day
<i>Monday, Tuesday Wednesday</i>	<i>Mar 21,22,23 **</i>	<i>Commonwealth's Attorney Spring Conf-No criminal or traffic cases</i>
Monday	May 30	Memorial Day
Monday	July 4	Independence Day
<i>Thursday, Friday</i>	<i>Aug 4, 5 **</i>	<i>Commonwealth's Attorney Fall Conf-No criminal or traffic cases</i>
<i>Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday</i>	<i>August 8, 9, 10, ***</i>	<i>Fall Judicial Conference</i>
Monday	September 5	Labor Day
Monday	October 10	Columbus Day
Tuesday	<i>November 8***</i>	<i>Election Day</i>
Friday	November 11	Veteran's Day
Thursday/Friday	November 24, 25	Thanksgiving
Friday	December 26*	Christmas
Monday	January 2*	New Year's Day

\*Subject to amendment

\*\*\*Clerk's Office open – DO NOT set any cases. Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ of October 2010.

\*\*Court and Clerk's Office open – Do not set Criminal or Traffic Cases (at Commonwealth's Attorney's request)  
Normal Civil Docket

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Charles F. Sievers, Chief Judge

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Jacqueline R. Ward, Clerk