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News from the Prince William County Bar Association

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President's Message

By William E. Jarvis

“Alan Shore: Let me tell two things about myself. I too am a lawyer, I can be painfully vindictive, and I do not play fair.

Lester Tremont: That's three things.

Alan Shore: See? Not playing fair already. And I'm just getting started.”

Boston Legal

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have survived another year of tryptophan poisoning and the giving of thanks. Speaking of thanks, the November Bar lunch recognized *pro bono* and other volunteer work on behalf of the Bar. Ken Elston, Associate Professor of Drama at George Mason University performed a short piece with me on the history of dirty politics. Also, PNC bank sponsored the lunch and has offered additional opportunities for the membership to take advantage of their banking services.

Please make plans now to join us for the December luncheon meeting, where we will hear from Virginia State Bar President, Manuel A. Capsalis who will provide an update on VSB issues and concerns. Also planned for the December luncheon meeting is the presentation of the 2008 Robert L. Marsh Public Service Award, this year given to Marion McManus, Acting Chief Clerk for General District Court. Bob Marsh will join the Bar in presenting this award.

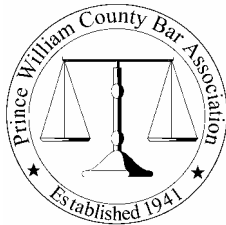
A thank you goes out to everyone who volunteered to help evaluate essays for the Character Counts! Essay Contest. Similarly, thanks also to those who have volunteered for “So You're 18” presentations in December.

As the Bar looks ahead to 2009, we are hoping for input from the membership concerning benefits offered through the bar, and suggested topics for CLEs. Your input, by completing the two surveys included in your November newsletter, is vital to next year's success. We have received very few surveys at this point. They have been sent out by newsletter and listserv and we ask that you take a moment to complete them and fax them to the bar office at (703) 331-5683 as soon as possible.

Of equal importance, nominations are now being accepted for the following (*Nomination forms were included in your November newsletter and posted on the listserv*):

- 1) Pro bono Attorney of the Year Award, nominations to Rusty von Keller by 12/5
- 2) Bar Leadership positions, President Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Board Member at Large, Member Judicial Screening Committee, nominations to Amy Ashworth by 12/15
- 3) Arthur W. Sinclair Professionalism Award, nominations to Scott Bailey by 12/23

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Prince William County Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Policy Statement

By Janice J. Wellington, Chief Judge

In the spirit of the Court Improvement Program and "Best Practices" the court will adopt uniform processing procedures to finalize underlying abuse and neglect petitions and review Child Protective Orders.

1. The court will finalize an underlying abuse and neglect petition at the 75-day dispositional hearing, or court date set by the court.
2. The Dispositional Order (Form DC-553) is entered to finalize the petition.
3. In cases where there is a Child Protective Order (CPO) it will be incorporated in the Disposition Order.
4. Child Protective Orders are in effect until the child attains age 18 unless the judge establishes an effective date in the Child Protective Order (CPO).
5. An order of disposition entered pursuant to § 16.1-278.2 is a final order from which an appeal can be taken.
6. The DSS Attorney, GAL, or any party to the proceeding may file a motion to amend the Child Protective Order (CPO) at any time until the order is dismissed.
7. When a parent or guardian of the child(ren) file the motion to amend the Child Protective Order (CPO) as a pro se litigant, the Clerk's Office is authorized to provide a copy of the motion to the GAL previously appointed to the case and the DSS attorney.
8. A motion to amend a Child Protective Order (CPO) shall be entitled to an expedited hearing on the DSS docket.
9. The motion will receive a subsequent action number and be processed as a new case.
10. Attorney(s) will be entitled to court appointed attorney fees on the new case.
11. Pending Child Protective Orders currently scheduled for review hearings will be processed in accordance with the above stated policy.
12. This policy does not apply to the review of a Child Protective Order (CPO) pursuant to § 16.1-278.2(A)(3).

President's Message, continued

I would like to remind the membership that the Prince William County School's Office of Student Management and Alternative Programs is, in conjunction with the Bar, producing an educational brochure on Juvenile Criminal Law. I am still soliciting feedback from the membership as to what information is deemed "essential" for such a brochure.

Finally, the Judicial Screening Committee has begun the process that will culminate in a vote by the membership recommending a replacement the upcoming judicial vacancy in the Juvenile and Domestic Relations court. The Committee will advertise the method for applying for this position in this month's newsletter and via the listserv.

That's all I have for this month... go forth, keep the peace...obey all laws of the Commonwealth....

Circuit Court Bench Board Meeting October 28, 2008

Minutes Submitted By Jeanice B. Wiethop

In attendance: Judge Farris, Judge Hamblen, Judge O'Brien, Judge Potter, Dick Boatwright, Will Jarvis, Megan Kelly, Petula Metzler, Jon Rochkind, Jeani Wiethop, Barry Zweig, Tina Saunders

- Motion to withdraw as counsel – written motion preferable, will consider oral motion if necessary. Counsel is required to be present at all hearings for defendant until relieved by the Court.
- Divorce cases – Once filed there is no requirement to live in PWC. A party is not required to live in the County at the time of the ore tenus hearing, needing only to provide proof of his or her current address. Proof of domicile required before final order for divorce. Name changes – motion is required requesting name change or may file this request in your Answer to Petition. A letter form or stand alone order reflecting name change request is not acceptable.
- Major cases with multiple defendants – discussion about the difficulties of setting these cases on a date that all attorneys and the court can agree upon. Agreed that this should be handled on a case by case basis. When unfavorable date is set, contact the Chief Judge for resolution. Same for continuances.
- Request for jury in civil cases – Pursuant to Rule 321 if jury is not requested in the pleadings and opposing party objects, the Court will not set with a jury.
- Neutral case evaluation – discussion how this program would be administered and funded. This would be used in equitable distribution and spousal support cases (using Fauquier County's model). Dick Boatwright to research funding possibilities.
- Property Settlement Agreement – discussion about authenticating the document. Some judges treat it as any other document in need of formal authentication, others are not as strict. Checking with the law clerk may be helpful.
- Court reporters – discussion about when they are needed. Judges concerned about cases that go up on appeal without a record. Agreed that for hearings concerning spousal and child support, any hearing that is fact intensive or possibility of appeal exists, a court reporter is necessary. Coordinate with opposing counsel so two court reporters don't show up for the same hearing.
- Interpreters in civil cases – it is the litigant's responsibility to provide their own interpreter unless they qualify under the statute.
- A BIG THANK YOU!!! The judges wanted to express their gratitude for those conciliators that give up their Friday mornings to assist the court in these cases. They have been most helpful.
- Domestic cases – the law clerks compiled a list of "most frequent" mistakes attorneys make in child support cases. The list is provided on page 4 of this month's newsletter.

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, The Honorable Rossie D. Alston, Jr., discussing conditions with Clerk of Court, Michele McQuigg, and others), McQuigg will notify Alissa Hudson, (along with the myriad of others she notifies.) Alissa will then post a listserv announcement and update the voice mail message for the main number at the PWCBA office, (703) 393-8865, to reflect court closings for the day. **If there is no posting and no voice mail update, courts are open.**

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, 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 10th 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 under "About the Bar", "Advertising and Sponsorships".

PWCBA Listserv Guidelines

You are encouraged to sign up for the PWCBA listserv, which is available to all members in good standing of the bar.

To subscribe, send an email to admin@pwcba.org and you will be added to the list.

To post a message, send an e-mail to list@pwcba.org. Your message will be sent to everyone on the list.

To reply to a message, you can reply to the person who posted the message by simply hitting <reply>. This is the preferred method of replying unless the reply will truly benefit the entire list.

To unsubscribe, simply send a message to list@pwcba.org with the word "unsubscribe" typed in the subject line. You will automatically be removed.

Most Frequent Mistakes By Lawyers On Child Support

1. Incomplete Notices

a. §20-60.3 Notices

- i. Notices are often incomplete or reworded.
- ii. Notices are often left out of *pendente lite* or modification orders.
- iii. Even if a Property Settlement Agreement (PSA) contains the child support provision the notices still need to be in the Final Decree incorporating the PSA.

b. §20-124.2 C Notice

- i. Termination of support can be modified by the parties but it must be addressed somehow.

c. §20-108.2 (D) Notice

- i. Unless good cause is shown or there is a written agreement on medical expenses the notice must be included.

2. Modification of Final Decree of Divorce

- a. The case must be re-opened in the clerk's office.
- b. §20-112 requires service of process or service by publication to modify support.
- c. This applies regardless of how long it has been since a final order was entered.

3. Retroactive Modification

- a. Support modification can only be retroactive to the date the opposing party received service. §20-112

4. The Court Lacks Jurisdiction

- a. J&DR has concurrent jurisdiction with Circuit Court so as long as there are no pending matters in Circuit Court and 21 days have passed since entry of the most recent order.
- b. If a divorce complaint is filed in Circuit Court raising the issue of child support J& DR is divested of jurisdiction.
- c. If the latest order remands jurisdiction to J&DR then Circuit Court does not have jurisdiction.

5. Privacy Addendums

- a. Driver's license numbers can be used in the place of a privacy addendum with social security numbers.
- b. No social security numbers should be included in order.
- c. Privacy addendums must be referenced in the submitted order.
- d. Please watch to be sure your privacy addendums get filed in a sealed envelope by the clerk's office.

NOTICE OF ANTICIPATED VACANCY IN A JUDICIAL OFFICE

Submitted by Curt M. Nichols, Chair, Judicial Screening Committee

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION:

As many of you know, Judge Robeson has announced that he will retire effective June 30, 2009. The Judicial Selection Committee has been advised that the members of the local delegation to the General Assembly would like to have the Bar's input on the vacancy by early-January. The Committee plans to receive nominations in order to provide the local delegation with the name of an endorsed candidate and alternate candidates, in anticipation of this vacancy.

The Committee has established the following schedule for the nomination and balloting process:

November 26, 2008: Judicial Selection Questionnaires will be available for pick-up in the Law Library at the Prince William County Courthouse.

December 8, 2008: Deadline to return completed Questionnaires to Committee chairman, Curt M. Nichols, 9315 Center Street, Suite 103 in Manassas, Va. 20110. Completed questionnaires may also be submitted by facsimile to (703) 330-2319. Nominees are also encouraged to submit a resume, if available.

December 11, 2008: Judicial Selection Committee will interview nominees in the law offices of Smith and Davenport at 9253 Lee Avenue in Manassas.

December 15, 2008: The Committee will advise the Bar by circulation via listserv, of the nominees found to be "qualified" as defined by Article IX, Section 2 of the by-laws along with a brief biographical summary for each nominee. Thorough biographical information will be made available in the Law Library in accordance with the by-laws.


December 18, 2008 @ 3:00 p.m.: Balloting in Circuit Courtroom #4.

Members will please note that Article VIII of the By-Laws provides in pertinent part as follows:

"A member delinquent in the payment of dues or penalties shall be deemed to be not in good standing and shall have no vote in the affairs of the Association. A member whose dues and/or penalties are delinquent for two or more years shall be removed from the rolls of the Association and may be readmitted only after payment of any admission fee and the current year's dues and a favorable vote from the Board of Directors."

Members having comments or suggestions concerning the nomination and/or balloting process are invited to contact any member of the Judicial Selection Committee. The Committee members and their telephone numbers are as follows:

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Nancy Croteau (703) 730-1726 Curt Nichols (703) 361-9888
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Highlights of Virginia State Bar Council Meeting

Submitted by John D. Whittington

At its regular meeting on October 17, 2008, the Virginia State Bar Council heard the following significant reports and took the following actions:

Disciplinary Assessments Increased

The council voted unanimously to raise assessments charged to disciplined lawyers and petitioners for reinstatement. The assessments will help offset the costs of the disciplinary system. The charges changed from \$200 to \$500 for district subcommittee cases, \$500 to \$750 for district committee cases, \$750 to \$1,000 for Disciplinary Board and three-judge court cases, and \$750 to \$1,500 for reinstatement cases. The new fees became effective immediately.

Opt-Out Virginia Lawyer Directory Approved

The council voted unanimously to provide on the VSB website a Virginia Lawyer Directory that will include public contact information for all active-status Virginia lawyers in good standing, except those who opt out of the list. Visitors will be able to look up a lawyer's name, address, and telephone number of record by searching for the lawyer's last name. E-mail addresses will not be included in the directory. The Opt-Out selection is on the Member Login site at <http://www.vsb.org>. The Virginia Lawyer Directory is scheduled to go online January 6, 2009.

Mandatory Legal Malpractice Insurance Rejected

The council voted 60–11 against a proposal to make legal malpractice insurance mandatory for attorneys in private practice who represent the public. The council voted to commend the work of the Special Committee on Lawyer Malpractice Insurance and Darrel Tillar Mason, who headed the mandatory insurance study and developed the proposal at the council's instruction.

Budget Cuts

VSB Executive Director Karen A. Gould reported that the scheduled 2 percent raise for the staff has been eliminated for this fiscal year because of the elimination of raises for all state employees. The bar has taken other measures to reduce expenses by closing the VSB's office in Alexandria next year, freezing staff positions that become vacant, posting more information on the VSB website and communicating by e-mail to reduce printing costs, and incorporating numerous smaller savings suggested by the staff. President-elect Jon D. Huddleston reported that the VSB drew down \$215,526 from its operating reserve in fiscal 2007–08, leaving a reserve balance of \$2.9 million, or 25.04 percent of the bar's operating expenditures. This was an improvement over the projected draw upon reserves of almost \$285,000. The economies have postponed the need to request an increase in the dues ceiling from the General Assembly, he said.

Conrad Receivership

The receivership of Stephen Thomas Conrad has cost \$455,366.35 in legal fees and expenses to date, Gould reported. The receiver has identified more than \$4 million in defalcations and 315 clients victimized. The Clients' Protection Fund has received 120 petitions. Conrad was convicted on November 14 in federal court of one count of wire fraud and is awaiting sentencing. His Woodbridge personal injury practice has been liquidated. Lien litigation and an insurance company lawsuit are pending. Once all funds obtainable have been received, the receiver will petition the court to establish a procedure for distribution of remaining funds, which currently total \$101,000.

Professional Regulation

Edward L. Davis, in his first report to the council since he became bar counsel on June 19, described several new policies he has implemented to move cases through the system more efficiently. One new practice is a mandatory monthly conference between the bar prosecutors, district committee chairs, and liaisons from the Committee on Lawyer Discipline to discuss each assistant bar counsel's progress on district committee dockets.

From June 30 to October 10, the total number of open cases increased from 981 to 1,042, and total cases certified for trial rose from 115 to 120. Thirty-three cases have ended in a plea or trial, and eight cases were closed when three attorneys consented to revocation.

In furtherance of the VSB diversity initiative, Davis has personally invited potential candidates to serve as volunteers on district disciplinary committees, and he will contact minority bar associations to invite others to step forward.

Fastcase Review

A committee is reviewing who is using Fastcase, any problems they may be experiencing, and how problems can be solved. The committee is determining whether Fastcase is the best service available for the price. All VSB lawyers have access to the basic service without charge as a membership benefit. To access the service, go to the Fastcase link on <http://www.vsb.org>.

VSB E-mail Policy Revised

The council unanimously voted to expand its e-mail policy so that a message can be sent to members if the executive director or a majority of officers deems the message appropriate. Also, e-mails can be sent as necessary to carry out the work of bar conferences, sections, committees, and task forces as necessary to carry out their work. E-mail address of VSB members are exempt from public disclosure upon request.

Diversity Task Force

Joseph A. Condo, chair of the Task Force on Diversity, said the group conceptually supports amending the VSB mission statement to include a commitment to diversity. It also supports formation of a Diversity Conference whose chair would sit as an ex officio member of the council and executive committee, and three of whose members would fill at-large council seats.

Modest Means Update

By Tracy C. Hudson

The *Pro Bono* Committee is pleased to announce the official “launch” of the Modest Means Program. Eleven community-minded Bar members have signed on to accept case referrals at a reduced hourly rate. For anyone who has successfully ducked earlier pleas for help, here is a brief overview of the program:

The Modest Means Program is a quasi-*pro bono* effort through which clients with lower incomes pay attorneys for legal services at a reduced rate. MMP hourly rates are intended to be comparable to, or above, the fees paid to court appointed counsel. An advance fee deposit (a/k/a retainer) provides an assurance of payment to the attorney, while a lower hourly rate facilitates the provision of legal services to clients who would otherwise be left to act *pro se*. The benefits of the program are many. Among other things, the program ensures that lower income citizens get the legal help they need; attorneys get paid for their time; and fewer *pro se* cases wind up in the courts. Attorneys can charge up to \$75.00 per hour for their time. They can require deposits of up to \$750.00 each. Significantly, there is no limit to the number of deposits that can be required – just no more than \$750.00 at a time. There is no cap on the total fee that can be earned as long as time is billed at a rate not to exceed \$75.00 per hour. Also, the Bar will refund the LRS membership fee for any attorney who participates on the MMP. Any attorney that participates in both the PWC LRS and the Modest Means Panel pays no registration fee for either program.

A few attorneys have asked whether we “need” more members. The answer is YES! We need everyone to participate. Legal Services of Northern Virginia and Potomac Legal Aid Society estimate that approximately 20 Modest Means cases will be referred each month. That’s a lot of work for eleven attorneys. There’s plenty to go around. The program sign-up form is available through the Bar office. Please help out if you can.

Membership Benefits Survey – Results

Thank you to those of you who took the time to complete and return this year’s membership benefits survey. Results from the first such survey, circulated in 2006, helped guide the Bar towards greater use of electronic communication, and consistent production of our local membership directory. A desire for more CLEs, particularly those covering legislative updates was also noted, and we are working towards that goal.

The number of surveys returned this year reflected only a 3% response by the membership. Although this is lower than desired, it is still within standard norms. If you have not completed your survey, please do so. Results will be tallied, and any changes in the trends noted here will be reported. Your responses and comments are helpful to the Board as we consider programming and allocation of resources for 2009 and beyond.

Revenue Negative Programs, in order of preference:

| | Neg. Reply | Neutral Reply | Pos. Reply |
|-------------------------------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| Executive Director | 0 | 17% | 83% |
| <i>Hear Ye! Hear Ye!</i> Newsletter | 0 | 17% | 83% |
| Luncheon Meetings | 8% | 8% | 83% |
| Annual Awards | 0 | 25% | 75% |
| Public Access Office | 0 | 34% | 66% |
| Judicial Recognition | 17% | 17% | 66% |
| Pro bono/Volunteer Recog. | 0 | 42% | 58% |
| Legislative Programs | 8% | 33% | 58% |
| Library Computer Bays | 8% | 42% | 50% |

Revenue Neutral Programs, in order of preference:

| | Neg. Reply | Neutral Reply | Pos. Reply |
|-----------------------------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| Listserv | 0 | 8% | 92% |
| PWC Bar Membership Dir. | 0 | 17% | 83% |
| Timesavers for Circuit Court | 0 | 17% | 83% |
| Dinner Dance | 0 | 25% | 75% |
| Attorney Id Badges | 0 | 25% | 75% |
| Northern Virginia Legal Dir. | 0 | 33% | 67% |
| Public Relations Programming | 0 | 42% | 58% |
| Public Education Brochures | 0 | 42% | 58% |
| Timesavers for GDC | 0 | 42% | 58% |
| Judicial Screening | 17% | 42% | 42% |
| Social Events, (not Dinner Dance) | 0 | 67% | 33% |
| Circuit Ct. Conciliators | 0 | 75% | 25% |
| J&DR Conciliators | 0 | 75% | 25% |

Revenue Positive Programs, in order of preference:

| | Neg. Reply | Neutral Reply | Pos. Reply |
|-------------------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| Local CLEs | 0 | 25% | 75% |
| PWC Bar Web Site | 0 | 25% | 75% |
| Lawyer Referral Service | 0 | 33% | 67% |
| Mailing Labels | 0 | 58% | 42% |

The only written comment received was, “the cost of social functions is too high”.

Library News

Submitted by Helen Marmoll

The Library Committee met on October 6, 2008. The Librarian Robert Davis reported that the previous problems with the computers reserved for attorneys had been solved and all are now fully available to attorneys. The Committee asked Robert to investigate the *pro bono* services provided by other law libraries and to report back to the Committee. It was also agreed that any changes in the Law Library's current services in this area would be brought before the Bar Association for comments, recommendations and viewpoints before any implementation. Robert Davis also agreed to check into the possibility of obtaining access from LexisNexis to CDs that demonstrate trial tactics as well as other aspects of the practice of law.

Finally, the Committee concluded that the current workload and Law Library status no longer required monthly meetings. Rather, meetings will be announced on an ad hoc basis as needed. Absent an emergency, they will be scheduled for noon on a Monday. The next Library meeting will be announced through the Newsletter and an email to the list server. There will be no December meeting.

Prince William County Bar Welcomes Newest Members

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Classified Ad

Established Old Town Firm seeking associate attorney. Minimum 2-3 years experience required. Fax resume to (703) 361-4171, attention Dick Boatwright.

Character Counts! Essay Contest Judging Complete

Thank you to the following Bar members who volunteered to read and judge essays for this year's Character Counts! Essay Contest:

Wendy Alexander
Judge Becker
Carrie Frank
Jessica Gurzo
Tracy Hudson
Michele Jung
Claire Keena
Polly Knight
Helen Marmoll
Amy Mirabile

Tim Purnell
Elizabeth Reiter
Tina Saunders
Laurie Sholtis
Kris Spitler
Rusty von Keller
Beth von Keller
John Whittington
Jeanie Wiethop
Jennifer Zary

This year was, by far, the largest contest we have sponsored to date, with 915 essays turned in, requiring 20 volunteers to read and select the winners. Everyone who volunteered seemed to genuinely enjoy the process, whether they were participating in their first or fifth contest.

At this writing, final plans are underway for the award ceremony which will be featured, along with excerpts from the winning essays, in next month's newsletter.





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Upcoming Dates:

December 5, 12:30 pm, Mackey's American Pub, Membership Luncheon. **SPECIAL PROGRAM.**

December 18, 3:00 pm, PWC Circuit Courtroom #4, Judicial Balloting, see page 5 for details.

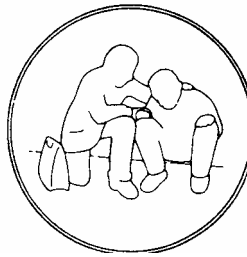
December 22, 3:00 pm, John Whittington's Office, PWC BOD meeting

December 24, 25 and 26, all three courts closed for Christmas.

December 31, January 1 and 2, 2009, District Courts Closed for New Years.

January 1 and 2, 2009, Circuit Court Closed for New Years. (Note, as of this writing, Circuit Court is open all day on December 31, 2008.)

January 9, 2009, 12:30 pm, Mackey's American Pub, Membership Luncheon, BAR ELECTIONS.



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Friday, December 5, 12:30 pm, Mackey's American Pub

PWC Bar December Luncheon Meeting – Special Program!!

Manual A. Capsalis, Esq.
President of the Virginia State Bar is our guest speaker
And...the Robert L. Marsh Public Service Award
will be presented to Marion McManus.
Bob Marsh will assist the Bar in presenting this year's award.

*\$8.00 per member and \$15.00 per guest. **RSVP by NOON, 11/4/08***



Hear Ye! Hear Ye!
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*The Prince William County Bar Association
cordially invites you to attend the*

2009 Bar Dinner Dance

*Saturday, January 31, 2009
Westfield's Marriott, Chantilly, Virginia*

*6:30 p.m. - Reception and Silent Auction
7:30 p.m. - Dinner and Awards
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Tickets are available through 4 p.m. on Friday, January 23, 2009 by contacting Amy Ashworth at 703-792-6050 or aashworth@pwcgov.org. Or simply return the reservation form with your check payable to PWCBA by January 23rd.

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