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President's Message

By Amy M. Ashworth

Paint the Courthouse Pink!

And Other Goals of My Administration

Since I assumed office on January 8th, many people have asked me what my goals are as President of the Prince William County Bar Association. Curing cancer and solving Virginia's budget crisis sounded a bit lofty and as I sat at the computer dreaming of all the things that could be accomplished during this year, it suddenly dawned on me that WE ALREADY HAVE GOALS for our association. (*Remarkable what happens when you read the by-laws!*)

Those goals are:

1) To strive to improve the professional competence of its members and other lawyers in the area through educational means;

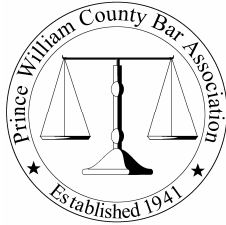
Our association already does a great job of this with our monthly luncheon meetings where we have speakers that provide updates and information on anything from FASTCASE, the *free* online legal research program offered through the Virginia State Bar to the DUI/ASAP update. This year we are working on organizing luncheons that provide information that you as an attorney and business person in the community will find useful and on finding sponsors to provide as many free luncheons as we can. Although our February luncheon was cancelled due to inclement weather, we anticipate providing a summary of Judge Steketee's and Judge Wellington's comments, on tips for practicing before the District Court benches, in an upcoming issue of this newsletter.

Our CLE Committee (*ok, it was really just one person, Tracy Hudson, and not a "committee"*) puts on a variety of CLE's that were informative, economical, and timely. Tracy is turning over the chairmanship to Kevin Leahy so if you have any ideas for a CLE or are willing to help Kevin organize or run the events, please let us know so we can continue the great work that Tracy did for so many years.

2) To facilitate the administration of justice;

We all do this already as lawyers, but what does the Bar Association do in this capacity? The Lawyer Referral Service that helps match people who need legal assistance with a PWCBA member attorney, the Modest Means Panel that helps match people who have little ability to pay with member attorneys willing to do work that needs to be done, and the Wills for Heroes program that provides free testamentary documents for those that put their life on the line for us are just some examples of what our Association does to facilitate the administration of justice.

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Clerk Offers New Online Service

By Michèle McQuigg

Clerk of Circuit Court Michèle McQuigg is pleased to announce a pilot program to permit remote access to the Clerk's Office Land Records Management System (LRMS) for those who want to access it occasionally and cannot justify paying a monthly subscription fee.

Access to the site is provided as a convenience. **Searching the index is free.** To view or print a document, there is a fee of \$.50 per image. In addition, to offset the costs of providing this service, an Internet Convenience Fee of \$2.00 per session will be added. Only Visa, Mastercard, Discover and American Express are accepted for payment. There are **no refunds** even if you accidentally select/print a document you did not want.

The site may be accessed at www.pwcgov.org/online.

Indexes/Images Available on the Land Records Management System (LRMS) for the County of Prince William and Cities of Manassas and Manassas Park:

- **Deeds and Related Land Records** - Indexes and images from Jan. 1, 1918 to present.
- **Fiduciaries (Wills, Probate, List of Heirs)** - Indexes and images from Jan. 3, 1981 to present.
- **Fictitious Names (Trade Names)** - Indexes and images from July 1, 1986 to present.
- **UCC Filings (Financing Statements)** - Indexes and images available from 1989 to present.
Note: includes financing statements filed prior to 1989 if continued. As of July 1, 2001, most financing statements are filed with the Virginia State Corporation Commission.
- **Plats (not house location surveys)** - Indexes and images from 1918 to present.
- **Judgments** - Indexes from Jan. 1, 1988 to present.
Notes: Judgments Jan. 1, 1988 to June 30, 1989: the index will reflect a Book and Page only. Judgment and release information will have to be viewed in the clerk's office unless the release was recorded after Jan. 1, 1998.
Judgments July 1, 1989 to Dec. 31, 1997: the index information will include more detailed online data, but no image. The more data screen may reflect a release date or it may be recorded as a separate entry in the index if recorded after Jan. 1, 1998.
Judgments and releases recorded from Jan. 1, 1998 will have an associated image.
- **Clerk's Orders** - Indexes and images from July 1, 1981 to present.
- **State Highway Plats** – Images only. Need to know book and page from deed. Can only access by “instrument search”. Books 13 – 17 (June 7, 1995 to April 13, 2005)
- **Marriage licenses** – Indexes only from Jan. 1, 1981 to present.

The following are available as indexes only and are limited in scope:

- **Chancery** (1989-1990)
- **Charter** (Fictitious Names 1987-1988)
- **Criminal** (1988-1990)
- **Law** (1989)

Misc Orders (1986-1992 includes appointment church trustees)

Proposed Establishment of Local Public Defenders Office

The Executive Board of the Bar discussed at length the proposed establishment of a public defenders office in Prince William County. The Board felt strongly that the membership of the Bar should have the opportunity to be heard on the matter, and is currently formulating a series of RESOLUTIONS for consideration by the membership. Please look for postings on the PWC Bar listserv in the very near future in this regard.

The *Virginia Lawyers Weekly* published an article on January 11, 2010, written by Alan Cooper, which concerns the creation of new public defenders offices in Chesterfield, Henrico and Prince William Counties, for those of you who subscribe to that periodical. The article was also posted on the PWC Bar's listserv on January 14, 2010.

Annual Meeting of the PWC Bar

By Brad Marshall, Chair of the Nominating Committee

First of all, I'd like to thank the members of our Bar who came out for the Annual Membership Meeting and Luncheon and to vote. It was great to see that kind of turnout to honor our very deserving Robert L. Marsh Public Service Award Winner, Kerry Kaiser, as well as to see such enthusiasm in electing our bar leadership.

Secondly, I'd like to thank those who helped count ballots. We could not have done the election as efficiently as we did without you.

I'd also like to thank all of the candidates for running. That level of participation and eagerness to contribute to our Bar Association is what makes it the best bar association in the Commonwealth, and without the volunteer leadership of our officers and committee members, as well as the constant contributions by our Executive Director, we would simply not be able to function.

And last, but certainly not least, I'd like to join the entire Association in thanking our outgoing officers. Your contributions have been immeasurable, and I'm certain they will only continue in the future.

With those kudos out of the way, below are our newly-elected officers:

PRESIDENT ELECT: Megan Kelly

SECRETARY: Laurie Sholtis

TREASURER: Joe Thelin

MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Angela Horan

JUDICIAL SCREENING COMMITTEE:

FIVE YEAR TERM: Dick Boatwright

INTERIM TERM UNTIL 2012: Robert Zelnick

INTERIM TERM UNTIL 2011: Phillip Menke



*Pictured L-R:
Robert L. Marsh, first
recipient of the PWC Bar
Public Service Award in
2007. The award was
renamed the Robert L.
Marsh Public Service
award when Mr. Marsh
retired in 2008. Marian
McMannus, 2008 award
recipient and Kerry
Kaiser, 2009 recipient.*

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.pwcb.org under "About the Bar", "Advertising and Sponsorships".

Inclement Weather Policy

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

President's Message, Continued

3) To cultivate the science of jurisprudence;

Remember how nervous you were getting ready to make your Moot Court debut? Or your first trial advocacy class? We've had recent invitations to act as Moot Court Judges on the listserv. This is a great way we can "cultivate the science of jurisprudence." Please consider donating your time to this worthwhile activity. Saturday, March 20 and Saturday, March 27 at George Mason University School of Law are the dates. If you are available, please let me or Alissa Hudson know so we can get you signed up.

4) To promote legal reform;

We have always maintained an active relationship with our delegation to the Virginia General Assembly. This year we will again host a luncheon for the delegation to attend so that we can meet them and share ideas with them. In addition, we will strive to build on those relationships so that if they need information or assistance from our association in any way, we are accessible.

5) To preserve high standards of integrity, dignity, honor, and courtesy among members of the legal profession;

Our Bar Association recognizes the attorneys that best exemplify those standards with the Arthur Sinclair Professionalism Award, our Court Appointed Attorney Awards and our Guardian *ad litem* and Pro Bono Awards each year. And soon I hope to make the award winners known on our Bar Association website so that the public can also know who those attorneys are.

Several of you have indicated to me that you want to reinstitute our judicial evaluation program. As many of you know, the Virginia Supreme Court took over the evaluation of judges program a few years ago and we stopped duplicating their efforts. With the budget problems, this program was not funded in subsequent years and has stopped. I agree that we should reinstitute our local judicial evaluation program and hope to get that up and running this year.

6) To establish and maintain liaison and cooperative effort with the Virginia State Bar, the Virginia Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the Virginia Trial Lawyers Association, the American Trial Lawyer's Association, and other County Bar Associations within the Commonwealth of Virginia and any other Association or group representing attorneys or the interests of attorneys.

I'm proud to say we do this and our Virginia Woman's Attorney Association local chapter is a great example. They sponsor luncheons with excellent speakers such as The Honorable Rossie D. Alston, Jr. of the Virginia Court of Appeals on February 25, 2010 at 11:30 a.m. at City Tavern Restaurant. They also host receptions for political candidates, for Circuit Court law clerks, and several CLE's throughout the year.

7) To cultivate the spirit of collegiality and good fellowship among the members;

We are really good at this. Our monthly luncheon meetings are a great time to see members that you may not see at the courthouse very often, and of course our bar dinner dance is one of the best parties around. If you haven't attended ever or in awhile, please consider attending this year. It will be held Saturday, February 20th at the Marriott's Westfield's resort – the food is great, the bar is open, and it is a great time to get to meet other members and get acquainted in an informal setting. (*OK, the dress is formal, the party is not.*) In the past, we have done horseback riding trips, family picnics, baseball games, etc. If you have an idea for an event, let's hear it. The Entertainment Committee is ready to get started.

8) To provide public service to the community and improve the image of attorneys and the legal profession

Our "So You're 18" program, our Arthur Meets the President program, our Senior Citizen book, Wills for Heroes, Character Counts, Modest Means Panel are just a few of the programs that fit the bill for this particular goal. What makes them successful is your participation and the benefit you get from participation far outweighs the burden. Our community needs us to step forward, especially now when economic times are tough. This year, Jason Hickman and the Community Outreach Committee are investigating bringing the Virginia State Bar's "The Big Picture" Project on U-Tube to our local bar association. If you are interested in participating or have a project in mind, let us know.

9) To maintain and operate a law library for the benefit of its members, the judiciary, local government bodies and staff, the Legal Aid Society, and the general public, under such rules and regulations as the Association may, from time to time, prescribe;

Can you imagine not having the law library? The computers and printers are there, in large part, based on the contributions of our Bar Association and individual members.

10) To do all things necessary and appropriate for the proper and/or not prohibited by law or the Code of Professional Responsibility;

11) To do all acts as a corporation, specifically permitted by law and/or not prohibited by law or the Code of Professional Responsibility.

So what can I do to promote those goals? I can do what I've always done which is encourage everyone to get involved and stay involved. Come to the luncheon meetings, come to the bar dinner dance, review the list of committees and let us know which one you want to join. If you have an idea about something you want to change or try, let me know so we can get started. My office is at the courthouse and unless you are coming to bother me about a case, I'm available. And if you're too busy for all of that, I encourage you to follow Charlie Ashton's habit of greeting everyone you see by name and with a smile. That simple act goes a long way toward making this a great place to practice law.

Ways to contact me: aashworth@pwcgov.org or 703-792-5405. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

December 21, 2009 PWC Bar BOD Meeting Summary

Taken from minutes provided by Robert Cooper

- Bar Foundation requests voluntary contribution option be included in annual dues statement for bar members. Approved.
- Discussed annual and special awards for dinner dance
- Treasurer's report shows bar expenses exceeded income for 2009, mostly attributed to expenses associated with investitures and retirement celebrations.

So You're 18 Status Report

We are half way through the school year and have completed nearly half of the *So You're 18* presentations we will be called upon to give to the class of 2010. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered thus far to support this program. Special thanks to those who have given multiple presentations, (Kim Irving, John Primeau, Elizabeth Reiter, Jennifer Zary, Tracey Lenox and Laurie Sholtis); covered last minute cancellations, (Greg Stambaugh); have taken cases to allow others to cover openings, (Jim Willett covering for Rick Conway); or have gone out of your way to accommodate last minute scheduling issues regarding book deliveries, (John and Kimberly Irving and Steve Bamberger). Every effort is appreciated!

The level of dedication by bar members to this program is amazing. We have been concerned about overwhelming the membership with the *So You're 18* program since it went comprehensive last year. On the contrary, several of you have stopped by the Bar office to express your dedication to ensuring the continued success of the program. You have assured us that the numerous calls for volunteers have not driven you crazy yet. You have told us this is the main program you support for the Bar, and have even expressed genuine concern over the few un-covered presentations we have had thus far. In the words of Rick Conway: "When the Bar says we're going to do something—we need to step-up and make sure we follow thru." Thank you to everyone!

Several of you have co-presented with first time volunteers, which helps to ensure the excellent quality of all presentations. Remember, you can not present if you have not been trained. If you would like to add your name to the list of trained volunteers, (and we have several long time presenters out there who have not gone through the new training process yet), please contact me, Alissa Hudson, at the Bar office, (703) 393-8865. We can schedule another live training or can provide you with a video of the last training to view at your convenience.

Our wonderful presenters thus far are:

Battlefield High School: Kimberly Irving, John Primeau, Elizabeth Reiter, Jackie Lucas, Rick Conway and Lou Brooks


Brentsville District High School: John Primeau, Jeff Notz, Kimberly Irving, John Irving, Jennifer Zary, Jon Rochkind and Elizabeth Reiter

Freedom High School: Steve Bamberger, Amy McCullough, Turkessa Rollins, Phil Gross and Robert Gregory

Forest Park High School: Heather Steele, Greg Stambaugh, John Gullette, Tracey Lenox, Laurie Sholtis, Janelle Hold and John Primeau

Gar-Field High School: Laurie Sholtis, Elizabeth Reiter, Jeff Notz, Tracey Lenox, Denise Tassi, Kimberly Irving and John Primeau

C.D. Hylton High School: Steve Bamberger, Jennifer Zary, John Primeau, Abigail Miller, Phil Gross, Barry Zweig and Laurie Sholtis



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Dues Notice Reminder

Just a reminder that 2010 Dues Notices were mailed the first week in January. Prompt payment of dues ensures continued funding for vital Bar Association projects and endeavors. Checks should be made payable to the Prince William County Bar Association, and sent, along with your updated member profile, to the attention of Alissa Hudson, Prince William County Bar Association, P.O. Box 31, Manassas, VA 20108, by February 5, 2010. Payments made after February 5, 2010 must include the appropriate late fee. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and payment!

Annual renewal notices for the Lawyer Referral Service and the Modest Means Panel were also included with your 2010 Dues Notice. These are also due by February 5, 2010.

PWC Bar Standing Committees

The Bylaws of the PWC Bar provide for the establishment of standing committees through which much of the work of the Bar is conducted. The Executive Board is providing a summary of the duties of the standing committees for your convenience. As we begin a new year, please consider where you would like to serve and contact Amy Ashworth to volunteer. For most committees, chairs and members are appointed by the President or Executive Board. The exception is for members of the Judicial Screening Committee, who are elected by the membership for staggered five year terms.

Budget & Audit—Bob Coleman, Chair

The Budget and Audit Committee of the Prince William County Bar Association was formed to provide oversight of the financial and accounting transactions undertaken by the Association each year. An internal audit is performed by the Chair of the B&A Committee and the President-Elect each year, by reviewing a detailed profit and loss statement. Since 2004, the Executive Director has drafted the Bar's budget and presented it to the Budget Committee for review and discussion. The Budget Committee is comprised of the Immediate Past President, the President, the President-Elect, the Chair of the B&A Committee, the Treasurer and the Executive Director. The PWC Bar Executive Board retains final approval for the budget once it makes it through the B&A Committee.

Community Outreach—Jason Hickman, Chair

The Community Outreach Committee (COC) was created to develop, organize and implement law-related community service projects to heighten community awareness of the legal system and promote respect for the legal profession. The COC works closely with the Prince William County Bar Foundation to gain funding to implement significant projects that the PWCBA would not be able to otherwise financially undertake

Continuing Legal Education—Kevin Leahy, Chair

The Prince William County Bar Association has met the requirements, as set forth by the MCLE board of the Virginia State Bar, to be an accredited CLE sponsor. The CLE chairman is the official contact within the Bar for the MCLE board and the PWC Sheriff's Office and works to develop and present new CLEs of interest to the membership, which showcase local legal talent, and feature guest speakers as appropriate.

Entertainment—Robert Cooper, Chair

The Entertainment Committee of the Bar is responsible for coordinating all the Bar's social functions. The biggest event the committee presents each year is the Bar's Annual Dinner Dance. The committee is also responsible for planning and implementing the receptions that typically follow ceremonies such as judicial investitures, retirements, (now held in conjunction with the dinner dance), and judicial portraits. Other activities that the committee has in the past coordinated include summer picnics, horseback riding events, and trips to Camden Yards to see the Orioles.

Criminal Law—John Notarianni and Will Jarvis, Co-Chairs

The criminal law committee, as the name implies, deals with issues related to criminal law. The committee meets quarterly to address relevant topics.

Family Law—Cassandra Chin, Chair

The Family Law Committee serves to facilitate the exchange of information between members of the Bar who are family law practitioners, and the Bench, specifically with respect to policies, procedures and legislative initiatives which affect family law. It is also the duty of the Committee to promote and facilitate educational opportunities for family law practitioners including, but not limited to, the presentation of continuing legal education seminars.

Judicial Screening—Robert Zelnick, Chair

The duties of the Judicial Screening Committee are 1) to solicit nominations from Association members for Judgeships when an opening exists or is anticipated; 2) to interview and review the qualifications of those individuals seeking the position and rank the candidates as "qualified" or "not qualified"; 3) to notify the membership of the Association of the "qualified" candidates and provide information regarding them; and 4) to administer the nomination and voting process as outlined in the Bylaws of the Association, which will result in the designation of an endorsed candidate, a first alternate and a second alternate. The results of this process will be forwarded to the members of the General Assembly delegation and other appropriate persons as outlined in the Bylaws of the Association. The other proceedings of the Committee are confidential.

Legislative Affairs—Anthony Kostelecky, Chair

The Legislative Affairs committee periodically reviews legislation filed that could affect the legal profession in general, and in Prince William County in particular. The committee will inform the membership as needed of issues of potential interest so they may contact their representatives on an individual basis should they so chose.

Committee Descriptions, continued**Library—Helen Marmoll, Chair**

The Library Committee works with the Librarian and the Court to maintain a working Library that is available to both Court personnel and the public, particularly attorneys. Support for the Library comes primarily from an assessed fee out of which the Library budget is paid, with the excess going into an escrow fund for future library projects. Within these financial parameters and regulatory limits, it is also the task of the Library Committee to both improve the Library and enlarge the escrow fund for future projects. The Library Committee currently meets quarterly at the Courthouse and at such other times as may be necessary.

Membership and Mentoring—Kris Spittler, Chair

The Membership and Mentoring Committee of the Prince William County Bar Association developed and implemented the Mentor Program in 2002 in response to the growth in size and diversity of our Bar. The Mentor Program aims to (i) preserve and promote the customs, courtesies, professionalism and personal relationships our Bar has enjoyed over the years; (ii) preserve these practices in order to deliver more efficient and less costly legal services to our clients, while making the practice of law more pleasant and satisfying for Bar members; (iii) instill in Bar members, regardless of age or experience, an appreciation and sensitivity to ethical practices and considerations that are essential to the practice of law; (iv) provide new attorneys ready access to ideas and wisdom about

marketing, networking, career advancement, professional etiquette or other matters, which do not substantively concern the practice of law; and (v) create a support network and foster a sense of belonging such that new Bar members will feel they are part of an association that is willing to provide assistance and guidance during the early years of their law practice in our community.

Pro Bono—Rusty von Keller, Chair

The *Pro Bono* Committee runs the Uncontested Divorce Project. Using the Fairfax Bar Association project as a guide, the committee developed a procedure for the handling of divorces for indigent clients. Potential clients are screened through the local office of Legal Services of Northern Virginia (LSNV). Form uncontested divorce checklists, retainer agreements, sample letters and pleadings have been created. The Family Law Committee conducts annual training seminars designed to provide free CLE credits to attorneys who agree to accept two uncontested divorce cases in support of the project on a *pro bono* basis, in a twelve month period. *Pro Bono* Commissioners in Chancery are being used as well.

A long running *Pro Bono* Committee project is in support of Acts Turning Points, whereby attorneys provide free legal services to victims of domestic violence seeking temporary restraining orders. Turning Points provides the screening and contacts the attorneys to arrange representation.

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Criminal Law Update

From Anne Godson

Criminal Attorneys – take note. Pre-trial has received a grant where they are also serving clients in a post-trial capacity. That is, once someone is sentenced to twelve months or less on a misdemeanor or a non-violent felony they are eligible for this program. You must draft your order in such a way that the defendant does one half of his time and then he is released on this program with electronic monitoring for the other half of the time. You can also obtain this through a reconsideration. This program has a mental health therapist and will consider the seriously mentally ill. Contact Dawn Oliver at pre-trial for client to be considered. Please do not ask court to place client in this program without “pre-trial” approval

Prince William Chapter VWAA Luncheon

The Prince William Chapter of the Virginia Women Attorneys Association is pleased to invite its members and the members of the Prince William County Bar Association to attend a luncheon with The Honorable Rossie D. Alston, Jr. of the Virginia Court of Appeals on February 25, 2010 at 11:30 a.m. at City Tavern Restaurant (upstairs room). Judge Alston will speak on *"The Ins & Outs of Successful Practice at the Court of Appeals."* The price is \$25 for members of the Virginia Women Attorneys Association and \$35 for non-members. Please RSVP by February 18, 2010 to Sue McGill by email at smcgill@vfnlaw.com or at (703) 369-4738.

Area CLEs

The **Prince William Chapter of the Virginia Women Attorneys Association** is sponsoring a CLE "More Than You Bargained For (Or Pled To): Understanding Immigration Consequences of Crimes" on March 18, 2010 from 12:00 to 5:00 pm at City Tavern Restaurant (upstairs room) (lunch is included). 4 CLE Credits Pending. Speakers will be nationally recognized expert on the intersection of immigration and criminal law, Dan Kesselbrenner, Esq., Executive Director of the National Immigration Project and co-author of "Immigration Law and Crimes" and Lisa Johnson-Firth, Esq., Managing Member of Immigration & Human Rights Law Group, PLLC. This seminar is for anyone who advocates or represents non-US citizens, especially in criminal and family matters.

The price is \$90 for members of the Virginia Women Attorneys Association who register by March 1, 2010 and \$100 for non-VWAA members and all who register after March 1, 2010. To register, contact Claire Keena, Esq. at ckeena@nzslaw.com or at (703)492-4200.

The **VA Criminal Sentencing Commission** is hosting a series of workshops in 2010 titled: "Introduction to Sentencing Guidelines". The classes are approved for 6 CLE credits and will take place during the months of February and March. The closest workshop for PWC Bar members takes place in Fairfax at the Fairfax County Government Center on March 23, 2010. Call (804) 225-4398 for additional information or email www.vcsc.virginia.gov

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Committee Descriptions, continued

Pro-bono—continued

The most recent new project of the *Pro Bono* Committee is the Elderly Simple Wills Project. Potential clients are screened through the local office of Legal Services of Northern Virginia. Form will questionnaire checklists, retainer agreements, sample letters and wills have been created. Presently a small panel of volunteer lawyers are accepting referrals in order to do a preliminary run and evaluate the process and the forms to be utilized

Nominating—Brad Marshall, Chair

The Nominating committee coordinates the nomination and election of the Officers, Directors, and members of the Judicial Screening Committee. The process usually begins in Fall with annual elections held during the January Annual Meeting. In addition, the committee coordinates the election for any vacancies created during a term in office.

Professionalism—William Stephens, Chair

Ideally, the professionalism committee deals with areas of ethics and collegial relations among bar members. The committee assisted in the drafting of a brochure for distribution through the Clerk's offices of all three Courts dealing with court appointed counsel and client relations. The committee is also responsible for convening the sub-committee that organizes the presentation of the Bar's Arthur Sinclair Professionalism award, when a recipient is deemed worthy, and is typically involved in the development of ethics CLEs.

Public Relations—Chair is open

The Public Relations Committee's primary focus is to improve the public image of the bench and bar in the Prince William County area. The Committee assisted in the development of a public relations brochure titled, "Working With a Lawyer", which is distributed through the bar association office and at other public events the bar sponsors. The Committee currently works with the bar, the media, and with other organizations to more effectively communicate to the public the good works of the association.

Prince William County Bar Welcomes New Members

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The Prince William County Bar Association

cordially invites you to attend the

2010 Bar Dinner Dance

Saturday, February 20, 2010
Westfield's Marriott, Chantilly, Virginia

6:30 p.m. - Reception and Silent Auction
7:30 p.m. - Dinner and Awards
Dancing to the music of Nightmusic

We will also be honoring
The Honorable Rossie D. Alston, Jr
on his appointment to the
Virginia Court of Appeals
and The Honorable James B. Robeson
on his Retirement
and will be unveiling their
Judicial Portraits

Tickets: \$100.00 per person includes
dinner and open bar

Please contact Kelly Sprissler at 703-218-
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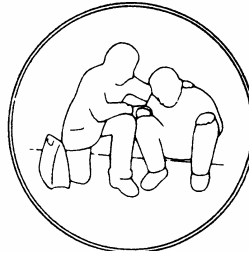


Upcoming Dates:

February 15, all three courts closed for President's Day

February 20, PWC Bar Dinner Dane, see page 9 for details

February 26, 4:00 pm, Mackey's American Pub, PWC Bar BOD meeting



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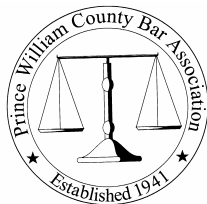
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