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## President's Message

*By W. Michael Phipps*

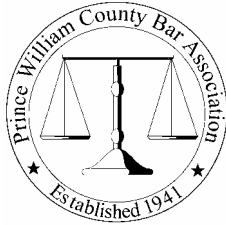
Like last month's message, this one will begin with recognition and thanks to some of our membership. As you know, the Prince William County Bar Association Dinner Dance was held on February 18. We gathered as friends and colleagues as opposed to advocates and professional adversaries. It was a nice change. A huge thank you goes to Donna McIntosh for organizing the event this year. Donna did a great job for us again, and I would encourage you to say "Thanks" the next time you see her. We had a good turnout and a good time!

A big part of the festivities was the presentation of awards. Congratulations to Jim Baker, Circuit Court Appointed Attorney of the Year; Bob Coleman, General District Court Appointed Attorney of the Year; Kim Irving, J&DR Court Appointed Attorney of the Year; Ray Morley, Guardian *ad litem* of the Year; and Barbara Stough, *Pro Bono* Attorney of the Year. This year's recipient of the Sinclair Professionalism Award was Rick Wheeler who, like our colleagues above, richly deserves the recognition. Thank you to members of our bench who attended and participated in the presentations and a special thanks to Judge Sinclair for attending and presenting the award that bears his name.

Thank you also goes to Amy McCullough who served as chairperson for the Prince William County Bar Foundation's Silent Auction and to all who donated items and to all that made purchases. The Bar Foundation is in the midst of a fundraising drive. Consider making a donation. When we help the Bar Foundation, we help the Bar Association as a whole. We also help the community in which we work and live. Not a bad deal.

Looking ahead, the lunch meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup> features Reid Trautz, Director of the D.C. Bar Practice Management Advisory Section. Trautz will be presenting a seminar titled "50 Hot Technology Tips and Web Sites: What Lawyers Should Know". Topics will include Desktop Tips, Security Issues, Web Sites, Research Tips, and more.

Hope to see you at Jake's.



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## Prom Night – 2006

By Donna M. McIntosh

It was a busy evening at the Hyatt Regency in Reston Town Center on Saturday, February 18. Thankfully, we dodged any weather related issues that would have wreaked havoc with the event had we had it just a week earlier! I'm happy to report that this year's Bar Dinner Dance, affectionately known in some circles as "the Prom," was another success. In fact, in looking back at past attendance figures, this was the most well attended event in a year where we didn't have some special celebration within the evening (portrait unveiling, retirement, anniversary). For those who didn't attend, here's a taste of what you missed:

The evening began with a saxophone soloist during the cocktail reception. Thanks to this year's sponsors, we were able to enjoy a feast of hors d'oeuvres along with those first few libations. Soon after the reception began and guests started arriving, the Bar Foundation's silent auction opened and the bidding began. We were again entertained by the band *Express* during dinner and thereafter for dancing the night away.

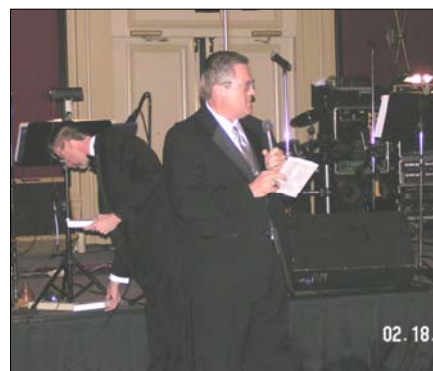
Among this year's special guests were Judge Annunziata from the Court of Appeals and Judge Finch from Fairfax. Representing the home team, we were joined by Judges Potter, Millette, Alston and Farris from Circuit Court, Judges Travers and Johnston from the General District Court and Judges Becker and O'Brien from Juvenile Court. Also with us from Arlington was Betty Thompson, known by many as the Dean of the Women's bar, having won numerous accolades and awards during her 50+ years of membership in the Bar. Of course, the evening wouldn't have been complete without Judge Arthur Sinclair on hand to present the Sinclair Professionalism award. This year's well deserving recipient was Richard Wheeler.

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

Before long I will begin planning the 2007 event. For those of you who came for the first time, I hope that you enjoyed the evening enough to come back for more next year and to tell your colleagues. Once again, I hope that I'll be able to report record-breaking attendance and a great time.

### Special thanks to this year's Dinner Dance Sponsors!

*D. Scott Bailey  
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***Pictured left to right, top to bottom:***  
*Donna McIntosh, DinnerDance chair, and husband Marc; Judge Johnston & Bob Coleman, GDC Court Appointed Attorney of the Year; Kimberly Irving, J&DR Court Appointed Attorney of the Year & Judges Becker and O'Brien; Judge Becker with Barbara Stough, Pro bono Attorney of the Year, & Rusty von Keller; Ray Morley, Guardian ad litem of the Year & Judges Becker and O'Brien; Mike Phipps & Judge Sinclair; Judge Farris accepting the Professionalism Award on behalf of Rick Wheeler; and Judge Potter, extolling the virtues of Jim Baker, Circuit Court Appointed Attorney of the Year. (Jim was not able to attend the dance.)*

### **Arthur W. Sinclair Professionalism Award Honorees**

- 2005 Richard F. Wheeler
- 2004 Paul B. Ebert
- 2003 H. Jan Roltsch-Anoll
- 2002 Sharon E. Pandak
- 2001 John H. Foote
- 2000 The Honorable Frank A. Hoss, Jr.
- 1999 Bob Phelps
- 1998 James A. Willett
- 1997 Tracy C. Hudson
- 1996 Thomas G. Palmer, Jr.
- 1995 William R. Stephens
- 1994 E. Allen Newcomb
- 1993 No Award Given
- 1992 Turner Smith

### **Treasurer's Report**

*By Robert P. Coleman*

Thank you to all of you who paid your dues in a timely manner. To date, nearly 90% of bar members have paid their dues, most including late fees if appropriate. Delinquent dues notices will be mailed shortly, and we encourage everyone to take the time to renew when you receive your second notice. Checks should be made payable to the Prince William County Bar Association, and sent, along with your updated member profile, to the attention of Alissa Hudson at the Bar's post office box ASAP. At this point, all payments must include the appropriate late fee. Any questions regarding payment history should be directed to Bob Coleman at (703) 361-8246. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and payment!

## Prince William County Bar Association, Inc.

### Office Hours

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

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

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

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

For inquiries regarding classified or display advertising, contact the PWCBA office at (703) 393-8865, to request a copy of the most recent rate card, or visit the bar on line at [www.pwcb.org](http://www.pwcb.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@pwcb.org](mailto:admin@pwcb.org) and you will be added to the list.

**To post a message**, send an e-mail to [list@pwcb.org](mailto:list@pwcb.org). Your message will be sent to everyone on the list.

**To reply to a message**, you can reply to the entire list by hitting reply, or just reply to the individual who sent the message by copying their email address in the "From" line and pasting it into a separate e-mail for a private response.

**To unsubscribe**, simply send a message to [list@pwcb.org](mailto:list@pwcb.org) with the word "unsubscribe" typed in the subject line. You will automatically be removed.

## Silent Auction Report

By Amy McCullough

The following businesses and individuals donated items for the Prince William County Bar Foundation's Silent Auction, held during the Bar's Dinner Dance. Please consider supporting these area businesses and take a moment to thank the individuals the next time you see them. The Foundation has already collected over \$2000.00 and many more successful bidders are in the process of settling their accounts. Please contact Amy McCullough, (703)494-7171, if you have not already done so, to make arrangements to pay for your items.

### Businesses and Law Firms

Broad Run Golf and Practice Facility  
Curran & Whittington, PC  
Dinner My Way  
Freedom Aquatic and Fitness Center  
House of Bella Salon and Spa  
Hyatt Regency Reston  
Jakes' Seafood Restaurant  
The Opera House Gourmet  
Portraits by Emily  
Stephens, Boatwright, Primeau,  
Cooper & Coleman, PC  
Szabo, Zelnick & Erickson, PC  
The Things I Love  
Tranquility Day Spa and Salon  
Vanderpool, Frostick & Nishanian, PC  
Zonta Club of Prince William

### Individuals

Rossie D. Alston, Jr.  
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Susan Cooke  
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George DePolo  
Paul b. Ebert  
Peter Jones  
Donna and Marc McIntosh  
Gail Prentiss  
Casey Stevens  
Timothy T. Szabo  
Janet Walsh

## Audit Committee Report

By Tim Ward

On 16 February 2006 the 2005 budget was audited by Casey Stevens and Tim Ward. It is the opinion of the two auditors that all of the numbers presented by Bob Coleman are in order and that all of the money is accounted for and that the accounting is correctly done. It is apparent that the Prince William County Bar Association (PWCBA), experienced a negative cash flow in the amount of just over \$1,200 for the year but this seems to be due to the outlay of capital that was necessary to get the Bar Office Equipped, and the Lawyer Referral Service up and running. It is also apparent that the PWCBA is positioned very well to experience a positive cash flow for the upcoming year. Finally, it is clear that Bob Coleman has done an outstanding job for the PWCBA in keeping track of its funds; we all owe Bob a debt of gratitude for his hard work.

## Up Coming CLES

By Catherine S. Croft

April 28, 2006, Employment Law, Presented by Alan Shachter, 3:00 -4:30 pm, PW Circuit Courtroom TBD. 1.5 MCLE credits pending.

September, date and time TBD, Criminal Jury Instructions and Verdict Forms, Presented by Dan Morissette.

*As always, I invite each of you to commit to the presentation of CLEs or to offer ideas for interesting topics for future CLEs. Please call me with your offer of time and creativity: Cathy Croft, 703-335-9390.*

## Indigent Defense Funding for Court-Appointed Counsel

By Betsy Wells Edwards of the Virginia Indigent Defense Coalition

*Editor's Note: The following information is provided as a courtesy for the members of the bar who serve as court appointed counsel. While the Bar Association does not take a position on specific legislation, individual attorneys are encouraged to contact their legislators to share their views should they so desire.*

There are two pieces of legislation that would raise court-appointed fees pending before the 2006 Virginia General Assembly.

The first is HB 176, which would waive the cap on court-appointed fees for serious felony cases. The current cap for representation in serious felony cases is \$1,186. HB 176 would allow judges to increase the fee paid in these cases an additional \$850. This bill is sponsored by Delegate Lacey Putney and passed the House and is currently in the Senate where it has been assigned to the Senate Finance Committee. The fiscal impact for this bill is \$2.6 million for the 2007/2008 biennium.

The second piece of legislation is a Senate Budget Amendment that has been placed into the Senate budget that was reported this past Sunday, February 19th. This line item would amend the Governor's budget and include an additional \$1.7 million to increase all court-appointed fees from misdemeanors to felonies.

For more information on indigent defense go to: [www.vidcoalition.org](http://www.vidcoalition.org)

## Northern Virginia Legal Directory— LAST CALL FOR PHOTOS

The PWCBA is once again going to participate in the Northern Virginia Legal Directory, NVLD. Any member not previously featured in the photo section of the NVLD, who wishes to have their photo included in the 2006-07 directory, should arrange to have themselves photographed, and should send an electronic copy or hard copy of the photo to Alissa Hudson at the bar office. **Photos will be collected until April 1, 2006.**

Also, please note that the PWCBA receives a \$3.00 rebate for every book purchased by a member between now and August 1, 2006. This generated over \$350.00 in additional revenue for the bar last year, monies which will be used to help print a local membership directory. Remember, when completing your order form for the next NVLD check the Prince William County Bar box.

## Classifieds

**Help Wanted:** Prince William County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service needs part-time help making telephone referrals. Up to 10 hours a week. Pay commensurate with experience. Ideal work from home based office equipped with Windows XP operating system. If interested, please fax resume to Alissa Hudson at (703) 331-5683.

**Help Wanted:** The United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit is looking for a Staff Attorney for a two-year term appointment. Salary \$54,272--\$91,407, depending on qualifications. Duties include assisting the Senior Staff Attorney as directed, legal research and assisting the judges with the motions practice before the court. Applicants should send cover letter, resume, writing sample, law school GPA and rank to Senior Staff Attorney, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, 717 Madison Place, NW, Washington, DC, 20439.

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February 1, 2006

TO: All Court Users  
SUBJECT: Pretrial Conferences for DWI Cases

Effective March 1, 2006, all individuals charged with a misdemeanor violation of Section 18.2-266 of the Code of Virginia will be scheduled for Pretrial Conferences. The process will be as follows:

1. The process is applicable to all misdemeanor cases including those that include other misdemeanor charges in addition to the DWI charge.
2. At arraignment, a pretrial conference will be set. The pretrial conference will occur on a date that is approximately four weeks after arraignment. It will be set on one of the arresting officer's court dates. Discovery will also be conducted on the date of the pretrial conference.
3. Pretrial conferences will be called in Courtroom 3A at 11:00 a.m. It is expected that all discussions with the Commonwealth and police officers will have occurred prior to that time, so that the docket may proceed promptly at 11:00 a.m.
4. If the defendant decides to enter a guilty plea on the pretrial conference date, the plea will be taken at that time.
5. If the parties are unable to resolve the case at the pretrial conference, the cases will be set for trial on the officer's next available court date at 9:30 or 10:30 a.m. All trials that are expected to take one hour or more will be scheduled at 2:00 p.m.



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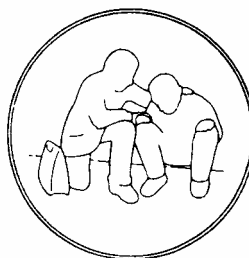
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**Up Coming Dates:**

**March 3**, 12:30 pm, Jake's Seafood Restaurant, PWCBA General Membership Luncheon Meeting: Special program: 50 Hot Technology Tips and Web Sites: What Lawyers Should Know, presented by Reid F. Trautz, Director, D.C. Bar Practice Management Advisory Section.

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

**March 31**, 4:30 pm, PWC Bar Executive Board Meeting at Jake's



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Please RSVP by Wednesday, March 1, 2006  
by calling the bar office at (703) 393-8865.

*Lunch prices are \$7.00 per member, \$13.00 per guest*



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