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PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Dear Colleagues,

Well, summer is gradually giving way to Fall and cooler temperatures, although I think we can all agree that this summer was one of the mildest we've seen in some time! The annual cruise on the Potomac on September 18th was a rousing success as usual, and hopefully many of you had the opportunity to speak with our Virginia State Bar President, Kevin Martingayle, and his wife Lizzie. Special thanks to Carr

Workplaces for again sponsoring this popular event. On Monday September 22nd it was our pleasure once more to host the Pegasus scholars from England, Barristers Tom Hoskins and Colin Witcher, followed up by the First Year in Practice CLE at the courthouse on September 25th. Many thanks to Judges Frogale, Damiani, Moore, Haddock, and Kemler for their participation, as well as Ed Semonian and his staff in the clerk's office, and Gordon Peyton. Thanks also to Kelly Legal Managed Services for sponsoring the young lawyers' happy hour at Light Horse to wind up the day!

On the local front, we have plenty to look forward to this fall and all the way through the spring. Beginning in October, we have a CLE each Thursday in the courthouse, culminating in our annual marathon at Carr Workplaces on October 24-25. CLEs range in topic from immigration to estate planning, and there is truly something for everyone. October 16th is our mentors' dinner, where the inimitable Katie Uston will present an hour of ethics CLE! And who doesn't love a free hour of ethics? I look forward to seeing everyone there.

October 18 is Senior Law Day at the First Baptist Church on King Street. This year's focus will be upon estate planning. Chris Wright and Christina Brown have been working hard to make sure this event is up to Barbara Anderson standards. If you'd like to have a table at this event, please feel free to contact Chris or Christina for details. October 24 is the Little Theater of Alexandria fundraiser for Beat the Odds. If you have a silent auction item to donate, please contact the Bar Office or David Lord. This year we have the Rocky Horror Picture Show to look forward to – don't forget your toast!

After a whirlwind October, things will quiet down somewhat, but keep an eye out for November's membership dinner, the ubiquitous bell ringing and bench-bar dialogue, and it's never too early to start planning for Jazz4Justice (which is scheduled for April 7, and promises to be a great fundraiser as well as a great time). As always, if you have any idea for sponsorships, we welcome all suggestions! Thanks to everyone for getting those dues renewed!

Sarah McElveen
President



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CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES IN OCTOBER

October 9th – Statutes and Cases Affecting the Civil Liability of Real Estate Licensees in Virginia, 2-4 p.m., City of Alexandria Circuit Court, Courtroom # 2 -- \$70 for Members; \$80 Non-Members

October 16th – “Pillowtalk” – 1.0 FREE Hr. of Ethics for members with Katie Uston presenting, this program will take place as part of our monthly dinner meeting which begins at 6:00 pm, American Legion Hall, 400 Cameron St.

October 23rd – Immigration Law, 2-3:30 pm, City of Alexandria Courthouse, Circuit Courtroom # 2, \$50 for Members; \$60 Non-Members

October 24th – Family Law, 12-4:30 pm, Carr Workplaces, 1800 Diagonal Rd, Suite 600, Alexandria, VA, Pricing information coming soon

October 25th – Criminal Law, 9 am to 1 pm; and Real Estate, 2-6 pm, Carr Workplaces, 1800 Diagonal Rd, Suite 600, Alexandria, VA, Pricing information coming soon

October 30th – Estate Planning, 2-4 p.m., City of Alexandria Circuit Court, Courtroom # 2, \$70 for Members; \$80 Non-Members

October 31st – The Devil and Daniel Webster/Jury Nullification, Time and Location TBD



Lisa Marie Riggins, Esq.

The Karp, Frosh law firm is pleased to announce that **Lisa Marie Riggins** has joined the firm and will be resident in our Rockville office. She is a member of the Bar in Maryland, D.C. and Virginia and is a former Montgomery County prosecutor.

Mrs. Riggins attended Fordham law school and is married to NFL legend, John Riggins.

Calendar Continued

December

- Dec 4** Networking Lunch, 12:30 pm
Columbia Firehouse, 109 S. St. Asaph St
\$15 cash at door
- Dec 16** T&E/Tax Section Meeting
Columbia Firehouse, 109 S. St. Asaph St
- Dec 17** Family Law Section Meeting, 8:00 am
Bread & Chocolate, King St
- Dec 17** LRS Committee Meeting, 4:30 pm
King Street Blues, 3rd Floor, N. St. Asaph St
- Dec 18** Bench/Bar Dinner, 5 pm,
City of Alexandria Courthouse
- Dec 22** CLE Committee Meeting, 4:30 pm
King Street Blues, 3rd Floor, N. St. Asaph St
- Dec 24-25** Court closed for Christmas Holiday

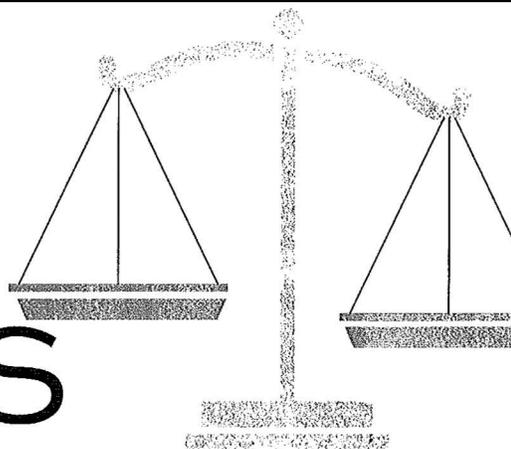


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MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING ABOARD THE MISS MALLORY

On September 18th, we resumed our monthly membership meetings aboard the Miss Mallory! The weather was perfect and sixty five of our members boarded for a gorgeous view of the Potomac, as well as good times with their colleagues. King Street Blues was back by popular demand providing the food and open bar and received only rave reviews.

We were honored to have the Virginia State Bar President, Kevin Martingayle, and his lovely wife, Elisabeth, as our guests. I think everyone who attended will agree that they were a pleasure to talk with and get to know. In addition, it was very nice to have Mr. Martingayle there to fill us in on the important news and developments taking place right now with the Virginia State Bar. We were also fortunate to again have the sponsorship of Carr Workplaces. Our special events would not be possible without the continued support of our generous sponsors.

If you were unable to make it out to cruise this year, you were missed!



Above, Daniel Mauler and Jack Coffey



Karla deSteuben and Timothy Creed

Below, Virginia State Bar President, Kevin Martingayle, and his wife Elisabeth relaxing on the cruise



Brian Scotti and Doug Coleman, with Michael Chamowitz and Tom Carter in the background

Nicholas Gehrig (President-elect), Sarah McElveen (President), and Jessica Leischner (Director)





Carolyn Grimes, Jean Kelleher, and Sean Schmergel relax and chat prior to our departure



Stephen Moller and Julia Bizer



The Hon. Judge Haddock Sr., Monica Tuck (Law Clerk) and Jessica Leischner enjoy a drink dockside

Mary Leslie Keena from Carr Workplaces



Members in line to enjoy catering from King Street Blues



Representatives from our sponsor, Carr Workplaces (L-R: Mary Leslie Keena, Emily Selke, Clare O'Loughlin, and Brittany Rice)



Stephen Swift, Thomas Curcio, and S. Howard Woodson



David Chamowitz and Kaamil Khan

PROFILE OF THOMAS C. CARTER—by *Damon D. Colbert*



Father. Husband.
Former law clerk.
Former Assistant
Commonwealth's
Attorney. Successful
entrepreneur.
"Bogey" golfer.
Washington
Nationals devotee.
Mentor. And for
people charged

with criminal and traffic offenses in Northern Virginia: a man—if not the man—to see. These are just several of many positive descriptors of Thomas C. Carter.

As a partner in the law firm Redmon, Peyton & Braswell LLP, Tom concentrates his practice on criminal and traffic matters. Before he entered private practice in 1985, Tom was an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney here in Alexandria, beginning in 1980. Before his stint as a prosecutor, he was a law clerk to the judges of the Fairfax County Circuit Court. Interestingly, Tom took and passed the Virginia Bar Examination in 1978 before graduating from the Marshall-Wythe School of Law at the College of William and Mary.

An excerpt of a conversation with Tom that occurred on September 16, 2014 follows:

You were an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney for five years in Alexandria. Are there any particularly memorable moments from that period?

That was so much fun. I really loved it. It was absolutely great. I was in an office with terrific people—with Drew Carroll and Connie Frogale and Randy Sengel and Rick Mendelson. It was just a wonderful office.

I spent a year as a juvenile-court prosecutor, and that was a really unique experience because juvenile court that year was held in the gymnasium of the old Parker-Gray School. The judge's bench was set up

under one of the baskets. I kept a copy of the full set of the Code in the trunk of my Datsun and practiced for a year out of the trunk of my car. I didn't have an office. Every other prosecutor in the office was in City Hall. It was really great. I got to know Judge Joseph Peters very well that year and the Clerk, who was wonderful woman. It was really a great year. I learned a lot, and I got to practice free throws between cases. Judge Peters would take a break, and I'd pull the basketball out and shoot free throws.

What drove your decision in 1985 to go into private practice?

I felt guilty because I was having so much fun [being a prosecutor]. I felt like I needed to do something more responsible and more adult-like. [Laughing.] The Commonwealth's Attorney's Office was just great . . . I'd lived here for so many years at that point that I knew everybody, and I knew I'd have plenty of clients.

Were you a solo practitioner?

I was always in a shared-office situation. But I did have a partner here and a partner there. My partner of many, many years was Charlie Kramer. He died about five years ago. He was my partner for about 20 years.

What are some of the differences between your practice now and your practice in 1985?

I don't think my practice has changed much at all. I set out to do criminal and traffic work and DUIs and that sort of thing. That's what I did then, and that's what I do now.

And—this is not a criticism—judges have gotten more . . . I don't think that judges feel today that they have the same flexibility that they used to have. There are fewer eccentricities exhibited [by them]. You don't see some of the things anymore that you used to see then. You don't see [a judge] ordering a defendant in a criminal case to go to the morgue and

watch an autopsy. You don't see [a judge] dismissing all the cases against people who drive American cars on December 7 . . . I kind of miss that. The practice was more colorful and more entertaining.

Has your Internet presence played a significant role in your ability to bring in business?

It's a very small factor. The overwhelming majority—I'd say 90% of my business—is referrals from clients and referrals from lawyers. In fact, referrals from lawyers are a bigger part than referrals from clients.

What does professionalism mean to you?

In the context of the kind of work I do, professionalism means listening carefully to the client to find out exactly what happened. It always amazes me when people don't know the facts of their clients' cases. You have to listen to the client. Then, the next step in the process is to talk to the [prosecutors] because you don't know anything until you've heard their side of the story. Be straightforward with the prosecutor. Be straightforward with the police officer. Be straightforward with the judge. How do you deal with difficult clients? Most [of my] clients have not proved to be difficult clients . . . because I've tried to always create realistic expectations in the beginning. Difficult clients are sometimes people who have unrealistic expectations, and you have to dampen those [expectations] right up front.

Are you doing what you'd thought you'd be doing at this point your career?

Yes. And I wouldn't quit ever because I like it. I enjoy it. That's one reason why I'd never quit. The other reason why I'd never quit is that I've seen many lawyers quit and then deeply regret it afterwards. In fact, almost every one of them has deeply regretted it afterwards because not only do they have nothing interesting to do by comparison to what they did

before but their whole social group has changed. They're not seeing the people they've grown to know over the years.

When I go to the Prince William County Courthouse, I see 20 lawyers I know and get to say hi to. The Alexandria Courthouse, 20 more. The Fairfax Courthouse, 20 more. The Arlington Courthouse, 20 more. And I like saying hi to them and catching up with them and finding out how the kids are . . . I spend a lot of time just waiting around for cases [to be called], talking with lawyer friends about golf and about baseball.

Is mentoring important to you?

I like meeting the new young lawyers that come up—young men and women—and just finding out what they're doing and where their office is and what kind of cases they like and where they went to school.

On maintaining work-life balance:

I do seem to conspire with my golf buddies all year long to carve out opportunities to play golf, and everybody needs to do something like that. Since 2001, I have played one weekday afternoon a week . . . every single week. It's just a decision I made, and I made it along with a bunch of other lawyers who do exactly the same thing. It really changes your whole perspective on the week.

On family:

Watching my kids' progress is great. Kieran, my daughter, is a prosecutor in Fairfax County. My other daughter, Catie, is a geologist. That's really fun to see what they're doing.

My wife Kerry and I have been married since 1981.

On his other entrepreneurial pursuit:

A year or two ago I got together with some people and built a business on the side, which I'm really loving. We built a cidery. Our cidery is in Nellysford, Virginia. The name of it is Bold Rock, and it's a huge commercial success. We're for sale everywhere in

Virginia and D.C. You can't go into a restaurant or a grocery store and not find us. We're building our next cidery down in Asheville, North Carolina. That'll mean that we can branch out into North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia with our product.

We make a whole lot of cider. We produced our first bottle of cider in June 2012. Since then, our company has just exploded; we can't make anywhere near enough to meet all of the orders.

On his favorite Washington Nationals players:

My favorite player on the team is Ian Desmond. My favorite pitcher is Jordan Zimmerman.

On golf:

I'm just a bogey golfer, but I love it!



*Written by Damon D. Colbert
Interview conducted by
Damon D. Colbert*

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OCTOBER 24, 2014

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Friday, October 24, 2014

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LET'S DO THE TIME WARP AGAIN—by David Lord

It's the time of year for the annual Beat the Odds Fundraiser at the Little Theater of Alexandria. The Beat the Odds Steering Committee in coordination with the Alexandria Commonwealth's Attorney, the Alexandria Bar Association, and Foundation of the Alexandria Bar Association is sponsoring **The Rocky Horror Show** at the Little Theater of Alexandria. The play will be on the evening of Friday, October 24th.

Since 2003, Beat the Odds has provided over \$150,000 in scholarships to Alexandria youth who have overcome substantial adversity in their lives. Prior recipients include youth who have been through the foster system, who have been dealing the death of a parent, who are refugees from war-torn countries, who have substantial disabilities, or who have overcome issues of truancy and delinquency. On an annual basis we get to hear the inspiring stories of individuals who have prevailed when

the odds were stacked against them. Each student who receives an award has demonstrated their ability and interest in higher education. Because of the generosity of donors like you, we have been able to make a profound and meaningful impact in the lives of many local youths.

The Little Theater of Alexandria is located in Old Town at 600 Wolfe Street. A reception begins at 6:30 p.m. where free beer, wine, soft drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served. There will also be a silent auction. The show is at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$35.00 each or, if purchased in a group of 5 or more, only \$30. We are also looking for any individuals who might be willing to make a contribution to the silent auction. To purchase a ticket, please call the Alexandria Bar Association at (703) 548-1106. We look forward to seeing you on the 24th.



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October, November, and December 2014

October

- Oct 2** Networking Lunch, 12:30 pm
Columbia Firehouse, 109 S. St. Asaph St
\$15 cash at door
- Oct 9** Civil Liability of Real Estate Licenses, 2-4 pm,
City of Alexandria Courthouse,
Circuit Courtroom #2
- Oct 13** Columbus Day, Courts and Bar office closed
- Oct 14** Board of Directors Meeting, 4:30 pm,
Location TBD
- Oct 15** Family Law Section Meeting, 8:00 am
Bread & Chocolate, King St
- Oct 15** LRS Committee Meeting, 4:30 pm
King Street Blues, 3rd Floor, N. St. Asaph St
- Oct 16** Mentor's Dinner and One Hour Ethics CLE
American Legion Hall, 400 Cameron St
- Oct 18** Senior Law Day, 8:30 am - 12:15 pm
First Baptist Church, 2932 King St

Oct 21

T&E/Tax Section Meeting Lunch
Columbia Firehouse, 109 S. St. Asaph St

Oct 23

Immigration CLE, 2-4 pm *City of Alexandria Courthouse, Circuit Courtroom #2*

Oct 24

Little Theater Event, 6:30 pm Auction and 8 pm Show *600 Wolfe St*

Oct 24

CLE Marathon, 12-4:30 pm (Family Law)
Carr Workplaces, 1800 Diagonal Rd, Ste 600

Oct 25

CLE Marathon, 9 am-1 pm (Criminal)
2 pm - 6 pm (Real Estate)
Carr Workplaces, 1800 Diagonal Rd, Ste 600

Oct 27

CLE Committee Meeting, 4:30 pm
King Street Blues, 3rd Floor, N. St. Asaph St

Oct 30

Wills, Trusts and Estates CLE, 2-4 pm
City of Alexandria Courthouse,
Circuit Courtroom #2

Oct 31

CLE, the Devil and Daniel Webster,
Time and Location TBD

November

Nov 6

Networking Lunch, 12:30 pm
Columbia Firehouse, 109 S. St. Asaph St
\$15 cash at door

Nov 18

T&E/Tax Section Meeting
Columbia Firehouse, 109 S. St. Asaph St

Nov 19

Family Law Section Meeting, 8:00 am
Bread & Chocolate, King St

Nov 19

LRS Committee Meeting, 4:30 pm
King Street Blues, 3rd Floor, N. St. Asaph St

Nov 20

Membership Dinner Meeting, 6 pm
American Legion Hall, 400 Cameron St

Nov 24

CLE Committee Meeting, 4:30 pm
King Street Blues, 3rd Floor, N. St. Asaph St

Nov 27-28 *Court closed for Thanksgiving*

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