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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Colleagues,

I hope you are having a summer of "well-being." The Board is already working very hard to make the upcoming year a success for all of you. Ann and Sarah in the bar office are planning the September boat cruise aboard the Miss Mallory, scheduled for September 20th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Leonard Heath Jr, the new VSB President, hopes to be in attendance. The CLE Marathon planning is underway, and more information will be forthcoming. If you have any ideas for CLE that you would like the planning committee to consider, please contact Ann or Sarah at the bar office.

Lawyer wellness is top of mind this year for Virginia lawyers. I encourage everyone to find their June copy of the Virginia Lawyer and read Leonard Heath's article "End Zones, Ethics, and Epiphanies." In his article, Leonard discusses a report on lawyer wellness published by the National Task Force on Well-Being called: The Path to Lawyer Well-Being: Practical Recommendations for Positive Change (Task Force Report or Report). The Task Force Report can be found online at lawyerwellbeing.net.

I encourage everyone to read the Task Force Report because its influence is already being felt across our profession. Chief Justice Lemons, a member of the Task Force that authored the Report, formed a committee on lawyer well-being chaired by Justice William C. Mims. Even the MCLE Board of the Virginia State Bar is getting in on the action. The MCLE Board is currently considering amendments to Opinion 19 that would allow lawyer well-being topics to be considered for CLE credit. You can read more about this here: http://www.vsb.org/pro-guidelines/index.php/rule_changes/item/mcle_opinion19_lawyer_well_being.

As Leonard points out in his article:

...while the report addresses impaired lawyers, the report is more than a report on 'impaired lawyers.' Wellness issues arise long before lawyers become impaired. And, most lawyers who suffer from wellness issues, may never get to the point of actually being clinically impaired. However, even wellness problems that fall short of clinical impairment can affect our clients, our families, and the profession.

In our corner of Virginia, the question is: what can we do? Fortunately, the report provides answers for several different stakeholders: judges, bar associations, regulators, and legal employers. The recommendation for bar associations is to (i) encourage and provide education on well-being topics, (ii) form a lawyer well-being committee, and (iii) "support members' well-being and role model best practices in connection with their own activities and meetings."

Over the next year, and hopefully beyond that, our bar association will focus on lawyer well-being issues. I welcome your encouragement, ideas, and help. "Progress not perfection – all we can do is try."

B. Christopher Wright

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CONGRATULATIONS TO MARNI BYRUM, VIRGINIA STATE BAR'S NEW PRESIDENT-ELECT FOR THE 2019-20 TERM!

Marni E. Byrum of Alexandria is the Virginia State Bar's new president-elect. She was sworn in at the Annual Meeting on June 16 and will succeed President Leonard C. Heath Jr. for the 2019-20 term.

Please join us for the 2018-19 membership year! If you have already renewed, welcome back, but if you have not renewed your membership, please see the enclosed [application/link](#). We have many exciting events planned for this year and hope you'll join us as we kick off the year aboard the Miss Mallory on September 20.

MAY DINNER 2018

We had a wonderful and busy evening at the American Legion in May. We held the last hours of voting for the 2018-2019 election and were pleased to announce the Board of Directors for next year:

President – Chris Wright
President-Elect – Jessica Leischner
Treasurer – Tamika Jones
Secretary – Rebecca Wade
Directors – Phoenix Ayotte, Brent Schultheis, Clarissa Pintado and Colleen Haddow
Immediate Past President – Dipti Pidikiti-Smith

We greatly appreciate everyone who ran for a board position and voted in this year's election! And we hope everyone will continue their involvement with our programs and events.

Several annual awards were presented during the evening.

Doug Steinberg was the recipient of this year's Don Mela Award. The Don Mela Award is bestowed upon an attorney who provides outstanding volunteer service. Doug's hard work on the Gridiron Program, as our tireless Director, made the show and event a huge success. Doug spends countless hours writing, rehearsing, recruiting and directing the cast for the show. Alexandria's Gridiron is one of the only, if not the only, show of its kind in the area and that would not be possible without Doug!





The Liberty Bell Award goes to a non-lawyer who provides outstanding service to the community and this year's recipient is Mary Lee Anderson, Executive Director of Senior Services of Alexandria (SSA). Each year SSA offers the community's seniors programs that change and improve their daily lives. Thank you, Mary Lee for your dedication and support for our community seniors!

We were also pleased to honor Tamika Jones as the LRS Attorney of the Year! Tamika is dedicated to helping LRS clients of all kinds and never says "no"! Her dedication and willingness to help John Grad clients is of enormous value to her clients and to the Bar Association.

We were also grateful to have received updates on what is happening in Richmond from several of our state legislators and campaign speeches from Mayor Silberberg and Vice-Mayor Justin Wilson. And finally, generous support from sponsors is vital to the continued success of the Bar Association. Planet Depos (<https://planetdepos.com>), Eagle Bank and UNO Translations and Communications, LLC (www.unotranslations.com) were our sponsors for the May dinner this year. Thank you!



ANNUAL ALEXANDRIA BAR FOUNDATION PICNIC

On behalf of the Alexandria Bar Foundation, I wanted to thank everyone who braved the inclement weather and attended the annual Bar Foundation picnic in June. Approximately 50 members of the bar and their friends and families were able to enjoy the afternoon together. I hope that all members of the bar, as well as their friends and families, enjoy the remainder of the summer, and we'll look forward to seeing everyone at future events with the Alexandria Bar Foundation.

Cary Citronberg
Alexandria Bar Foundation President

YOUNG LAWYERS HAPPY HOUR



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OCTOBER

Oct 9 Board of Directors Meeting,
8:00 am. Grenadier Room, Conf
Room, City of Alexandria Law Library

Oct 9 LRS Committee Meeting, 12:30
pm. Meeting location TBD.

Oct 17 Family Law Section Meeting,
8:00 am. Grenadier Room, City of
Alexandria Law Library

Oct 17 T&E/Tax Section Meeting,
12:00 pm. Grenadier Room, City of
Alexandria Law Library

Oct 18 Monthly Membership
Dinner, 6pm. American Legion
(400 Cameron St.)

40 UNDER 40 AWARDS



One of our own,
Clarissa Pintado, was
recognized along with
many other distinguished
professionals.

With the 40 Under 40 Awards, the Alexandria Chamber of Commerce recognizes emerging leaders in Alexandria in many fields including education, business, the arts and the law. One of our own, Clarissa Pintado, was recognized along with many other distinguished professionals. Congratulations to Clarissa!



THE ALEXANDRIA BAR FOUNDATION'S JAZZ4JUSTICE HAS ANOTHER RECORD YEAR!

On April 12th, the Fifth Annual Jazz4Justice concert was held at the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center – and we exceeded our breakout success of last year! Well over 150 fellow Bar members, proud parents, local city leaders, and members of the public came out to tap their feet as the Rayburn Street Jazz Band performed some all time jazz favorites. The T.C. Williams Jazz Band also joined the pros on stage for some rousing numbers while their proud parents and friends looked on. Lots of Iphone videos were running in the audience to be sure.

Our award winning program hit the Committee's target of raising over \$10,000.00 for the Alexandria Bar Foundation, Legal Services of Northern Virginia, and NoVa Alexandria's music scholarship fund. Our Jazz4Justice Committee was also energized by the addition of some new members whose contributions and new ideas.

A great time was had by all at this family friendly event at which kids of all ages are welcome! Everyone enjoyed the Open Jam Session before the show, as well as the main event itself which featured some all time jazz favorites. We offered a cash bar, light hors d'oeuvres and desert, and at intermission, some lucky attendees took home fabulous prizes in what is now our perennially popular raffle and silent auction. By far the fan favorite was the 50 pound pig!

A HUGE thank you to our Sponsors and In-Kind Donors without whom this event would not be possible. They are listed separately here – and we encourage you to please patronize their businesses and tell them Alexandria's Jazz4Justice sent you!

We look forward to seeing everyone next year – watch this space for more information and how you can help!



CALENDAR – AUGUST, SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2018

AUGUST

Aug 7 Personal Injury Practice Group, 5:30 pm. Sheraton Hotel Lounge, 801 N. St. Asaph St

Aug 15 Family Law Section Meeting, 8:00 am. Bread & Chocolate, 611 King Street

Aug 15 T&E/Tax Section Meeting, 12:00 pm. Grenadier Room, City of Alexandria Law Library

Aug 21 LRS Committee Meeting, 12:30 pm. Meeting location TBD.

SEPTEMBER

Sept 11 Board of Directors Meeting, 8:00 am. Grenadier Room, Conf Room, City of Alexandria Law Library

Sept 11 Personal Injury Practice Group, 5:30 pm. Sheraton Hotel Lounge, 801 N. St. Asaph St.

Sept 11 LRS Committee Meeting, 12:30 pm. Meeting location TBD.

Sept 13 Networking Lunch, 12:30 pm. Columbia Firehouse, 109 S. St. Asaph St. \$15 Cash at Door

Sept 19 Family Law Section Meeting, 8:00 am. Bread & Chocolate, 611 King Street

Sept 19 T&E/Tax Section Meeting, 12:00 pm. Grenadier Room, City of Alexandria Law Library

Sept 20 Miss Mallory Cruise/ABA Kickoff Event. 5:45 Boarding across from Blackwall Hitch & Chart House

OCTOBER

Look out for dates for the CLE Marathon during October.

Oct 2 Personal Injury Practice Group, 5:30 pm. Sheraton Hotel Lounge, 801 N. St. Asaph St.

Oct 4 Networking Lunch, 12:30 pm. Columbia Firehouse, 109 S. St. Asaph St. \$15 Cash at Door

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