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RBA ENDORSES THREE CANDIDATES FOR JUDICIAL VACANCIES

The Roanoke Bar Association endorsed three Roanoke Valley attorneys as candidates to fill judicial vacancies in the 23rd Judicial Circuit at an endorsement meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at the Shenandoah Club. The Association endorsed David B. Carson and Frank W. Rogers III for potential openings on the Circuit Court bench, and Leisa K. Ciaffone for a pending open judgeship in the Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court.

The openings on the Circuit Court have been created by the retirements of the Hon. Robert P. Doherty and the Hon. Jonathan M. Apgar, and the Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court vacancy is the result of the retirement of the Hon. John B. Ferguson. It is not clear, though, whether those vacancies will actually be filled. At the time of the publication of this newsletter, the budget passed by the Virginia General Assembly did not



David Carson

provide funding to fill any of the three judgeships. A possibility exists that Gov. Bob McDonnell could provide funding from unappropriated funds to fill one or more of the judicial vacancies during a session of the General Assembly in April. Without such funding, the number of judgeships in the 23rd Judicial Circuit would drop from six to four Circuit Court judgeships, and from four to three Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court judgeships, with inevitable adverse effects on the court's ability to fulfill its mission.

Despite the uncertainty over funding, RBA bylaws require the Association to endorse candidates for state court judicial vacancies. Thus, to match the retirements, approximately 175 of the active RBA members voted by secret ballot to select the three candidates for endorsement. Members



Frank Rogers

remain hopeful that all of the judgeships will be funded.

The RBA elected Mr. Carson for endorsement for the first Circuit Court vacancy. Mr. Carson is a partner at Johnson, Ayers & Matthews, focusing on civil litigation and alternative dispute resolution. In addition to his law practice, he has served as chair of the Roanoke City School Board since 2006.

For endorsement for the second Circuit Court vacancy, the RBA elected Mr. Rogers. Mr. Rogers is a partner at Mundy Rogers & Associates, specializing in family law. He is a former president of the RBA.

The RBA elected Ms. Ciaffone for endorsement to fill the judgeship on the Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court bench vacated by Judge Ferguson. Ms. Ciaffone is a Salem attorney specializing in family law, and a former president of the Salem/Roanoke County Bar Association.



Leisa Ciaffone

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY THOMAS H. MILLER, ESQ., PRESIDENT



It is incredible how quickly the Bar year flies past when you are President. There is still a lot of work to be done, however, and a number of opportunities for you to be of service to your Association and your community during this administrative year.

Since our last newsletter, at the January monthly meeting, the Association heard from Congressman Bob Goodlatte on the historic role he played in the judicial impeachment process in Congress, his new role as the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, and the broad spectrum of issues his committee will confront in the next Congress. In February, the RBA held an endorsement meeting to elect candidates for endorsement for the judicial vacancies (three total) in the Circuit Court and Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court of the 23rd Judicial Circuit. We are pleased to announce that David Carson and Frank Rogers III were endorsed for the Circuit Court vacancies and Leisa Ciaffone was endorsed for the Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court vacancy. It is the fervent hope of the Association that the General Assembly will fully fund all three vacancies, and that the nominees endorsed will be appointed and have long terms of judicial service to our Bar.

Under the leadership of Tommy Strelka, the Young Lawyers Committee sponsored the Bench Bar Conference, providing two hours of CLE for those in attendance and an excellent forum on various topics of interest to our judges and our Association. We had the opportunity to hear for the last time from Judge Apgar and Judge Doherty, who will be retiring. We wish them well as they move to retirement. Our Association will jointly sponsor with the Salem/Roanoke County Bar Association a Judicial Reception on May 21, 2013, in honor of our two retiring Circuit Court Judges and Judge Ferguson, retiring from the Juvenile & Domestic Relations bench in May.

We are right in the beginning stages of the Oliver Hill Mentoring Program, which is a joint collaboration between the Oliver Hill Foundation, Roanoke City Schools, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, the Roanoke Bar Association, and the Ted Dalton Inn of Court. There are a number of volunteer opportunities with this mentoring program, and we encourage you to get involved.

In March, we are looking forward to the Roanoke Law Foundation Gala for a great evening of fun, fellowship and fundraising. We have gotten away from socializing with our Bar colleagues and their guests. On March 15, we will remedy that situation with a great evening at the Shenandoah Club.

On March 25, we will complete our spring Rule of Law Program in Roanoke County Schools. All classrooms have been filled for that date, and we are especially appreciative of those who have volunteered their time to serve. This is an award winning program that promotes our Association and the importance of the rule of law in our community.

On April 9 and 16, Mike Whitlow will again lead us in sponsoring You and the Law for the purpose of educating our community on related law topics. On April 13, the RBA will sponsor a community service day with the opportunity for lawyers to help others in need in our community as we volunteer at the Feeding America Southwest Virginia Food Bank. Please plan to join us from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. as Roanoke Bar lawyers help others. At our April 9 meeting just prior to our volunteer day, we will be collecting canned and non-perishable food to donate to the Food Bank.

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NEW AMENDMENTS TO CERTAIN RULES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF VIRGINIA

BY KEVIN W. HOLT, ESQ.

Effective January 1, 2013, a number of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Virginia were amended. The most significant amendments concern *voir dire* in civil cases and "speaking objections" during depositions.

Rule 3:22A is new in its entirety and deals with the examination of prospective trial jurors during *voir dire*. The Rule provides that after prospective jurors are sworn, the Court "shall question them individually or collectively" to determine whether any of them: is related by blood, adoption, or marriage to the accused, plaintiff or defendant; is an officer, director, agent or employee of the plaintiff or defendant; has any interest in the trial or outcome of the case; has acquired any information about the case or the parties from news media or other sources and whether any such information would affect his or her impartiality; has expressed or formed any opinion about the case; has any bias or prejudice against the plaintiff or defendant; or has any reason to believe he or she cannot render a fair and impartial verdict based solely on the law and the evidence.

Thereafter, the Court "and counsel as of right" may examine the prospective jurors and ask questions relevant to their qualifications and ability to be impartial. The Court then, on its own motion or following a challenge for cause, may excuse a prospective juror if it appears he or she is not qualified.

Previously, Part III of the Rules did not provide for *voir dire* in civil cases. *Voir dire* in civil cases was governed by Virginia Code §8.01-358. The rule provides for more permitted subjects of *voir dire* than the statute. The new Rule is similar to Rule 3A:14, dealing with *voir dire* in criminal trials.

The amendment to Rule 4:5 prohibiting "speaking objections" in depositions has also received significant publicity. The new language in the Rule states that any objection made by counsel during a deposition "must be stated concisely in a non-argumentative and non-suggestive manner." The amendment, therefore, expressly prohibits "speaking objections" in which counsel suggests an answer to the deponent, argues the case, or both. Speaking objections have long been prohibited by Virginia case law. The amendment serves to incorporate the prohibition expressly into the Rule.

Other amendments include:

- Every pleading, motion or other paper served or filed shall contain at the foot counsel's Virginia State Bar number and email address (Rule 1:4);
- Active members of the Virginia State Bar and their authorized agents may have remote electronic access to documents submitted in an electronically filed case, and e-filed documents shall be deemed filed on the date received in the Court's e-filing portal without regard to whether the filing occurred within or outside of standard business hours (Rule 1:17);
- Assignments of error shall be listed in appeals from the State Corporation Commission, and no ruling by the Commission will be considered as a basis for reversal, unless a contemporaneous objection to the ruling was made with reasonable particularity (Rule 5:21); and
- Taxable costs for proceedings in the Supreme Court and Court of Appeals will now include costs incurred in the preparation of transcripts (Rules 5:35 and 5A:30).



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VIEWS FROM THE BENCH: JUDGE APGAR

BY MICHAEL P. GARDNER



Judge Apgar's retirement on April 1, 2013 will mark the end of the 23rd Judicial Circuit's longest period of continuity. The same group of judges has presided in the Circuit since Judge Broadhurst was appointed in 2002. Thankfully, the Judge remarked, they all get along remarkably well; otherwise, the past ten years may have been different.

While the inevitable changing of the guard will, without doubt, present challenges, Judge Apgar hopes that the transitioning Court and Bar remain mindful of one particular constituency: laypersons. Judge Apgar compared the court system to a hospital's operating room. Both can be scary places where people go in a time of need. Both can be intimidating to those without specialized knowledge. And both courts and hospitals must strive daily to increase accessibility and mitigate their natural tendency towards intimidation.

Lawyers and judges, just like doctors and nurses, are familiar with the sometimes-mysterious workings of their respective institutions and can fail to appreciate how daunting their daily workplace can be for newcomers. Judges have a particularly acute responsibility to make the system more user-friendly. Judge Apgar recalled (without naming names, sadly) how some judges, usually from an earlier era, embraced the intimidating nature of their jobs and failed to appreciate the benefits of a more open court system. Observing that the trend is moving away from the formal and abrupt, Judge Apgar expressed his hope that the 23rd Judicial Circuit and the local bar associations would continue in this direction as new faces appear on the bench.

Judge Apgar's parting message for the Bar will sound a familiar and welcome tune for those who have read the previous installments of this column. "If I'm leaving the Bar with anything," Judge Apgar said, "it is that you can put on a vigorous presentation of your case and still be cordial with the other side, without being petty or annoying." This kind of practice makes "everything better." The Judge pointed to the late Bruce Rasmussen as a good example of how counsel can be both cordial and vigorous advocates. Many current practitioners meet this standard as well, Judge Apgar was happy to note, though he avoided individual mentions. Readers should take heed that Judge Apgar joins with every other Judge profiled in this column—Judges Dorsey, Weckstein and Doherty—in using this space to emphasize the importance of comity in practice.

One area where Judge Apgar may diverge from his colleagues, though, is in his path to the bench. To borrow a title from the recently-revived Tolkien classic, one could call it an unexpected journey. As a second-year law student, a less Honorable, though certainly not less honorable, Jonathan Apgar was in the middle of his class and had no idea what he would do after graduating. Three people and chance connived to slowly but inevitably steer that second-year law student towards a more distinguished prefix.

Judge Apgar's father-in-law was a firefighter in the South Richmond Fire Department, in the days after Manchester and Richmond consolidated. Coincidentally, Judge William E. Spain had a son in the same fire department. Judge Spain's son was, as Judge Apgar diplomatically noted, more "bookish" than most firefighters and was having trouble advancing in the ranks. Judge Spain met with Judge Apgar's father-in-law to discuss the steps his son needed to take in order to improve his prospects in the fire department. As is wont to happen, the two men discussed their families and Judge Apgar's father-in-law mentioned a certain, somewhat aimless relative in law

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OLIVER HILL MENTORING PROGRAM SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

BY JACKIE SMITH

Big Brothers Big Sisters of South West Virginia (BBBS) has been bringing a little magic into the everyday lives of children by matching them with adult volunteers in fun and rewarding relationships since 1953. Our newest endeavor is the Oliver Hill Mentoring Program (OHMP), an exciting partnership between The Oliver Hill Foundation, Roanoke City Public Schools (RCPS), The Roanoke Bar Association, and BBBS. OHMP is named in honor of the late Oliver W. Hill, Sr., a Roanoke native and civil rights attorney at the forefront of public school desegregation. Children in 3rd-5th grades from RCPS have the opportunity to spend one day a week at Mr. Hill's childhood home, located at 401 Gilmer Ave. Mr. Hill's values of equality and education are the core principles of OHMP.

In OHMP, volunteers and children are matched in one-to-one relationships and visit with each other for one hour weekly at the Oliver Hill house. During this hour, the match activities might include playing board games, visiting the Gainsboro Public Library, doing homework, taking part in special interest programs, or simply hanging out and talking. When a student is not meeting with his/her mentor, he/she will have time to complete homework with a volunteer tutor. In addition, a special interest program will be held each day.



A student's visit to the OHMP site is scheduled on a set day and time on Monday-Thursday between 3:00-6:00 p.m. Each child will meet with his/her mentor for one hour per week for one year to receive support and encouragement from a positive role model. The caring relationship with a mentor motivates a child to do better in school, discourages them from substance abuse and violence, and improves their social skills. A mentor also encourages a child to have aspirations for a better life and provides the resources to reach high goals the child might not have thought possible before being matched with the mentor.

OHMP is scheduled to open in Spring 2013 and will welcome as many as 50 children to attend the program. In the meantime, several crews from RCPS are sprucing up the space with new flooring, fresh paint, and replacement windows. The home has also been opened for the Roanoke black history tour hosted by Mignon Chubb-Hale. It is exciting to see Mr. Hill's home gaining new life and purpose.

It is going to take a lot of people, and even more resources, to make the OHMP run smoothly. Therefore, in addition to BBBS staff member responsibilities, we will need volunteers to fill many positions. Of course, one of our most significant needs is for volunteer Bigs. But we also need volunteers to assist with daily tasks. Below is a description of the volunteer opportunities available at OHMP. If interested in volunteering, or if you have questions, please contact Jackie Smith at 540-353-3619 or jsmith@bigslittles.org. Additional information may be accessed at www.bigslittles.org.

Big Brother or Big Sister. Volunteer mentors and children are matched in one-to-one relationships and visit with each other for one hour weekly at the Oliver Hill house, located at 401 Gilmer Ave in Roanoke. During this hour, the match activities might in-

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ROANOKE LAW FOUNDATION INDUCTS FELLOWS

BY LORI D. THOMPSON

On January 10, the Roanoke Law Foundation inducted its charter class of Fellows of the Foundation.



The Roanoke Law Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the Roanoke Bar Association, established in 1997 to improve and facilitate the administration of justice, and to provide and support law-related education. Since its inception, it has awarded over \$135,000 in scholarships and grants.

In 2011, the Trust Agreement establishing the Foundation was amended to permit the Trustees to designate Fellows of the Foundation. The purpose of the Fellows program is to help expand the valuable work of the Foundation by providing additional funding for grants to support law-related educational activities, to provide scholarships to future attorneys, and to support public service projects in our community. Fellows generously commit to financially support the Foundation's efforts.

Membership as a Fellow is by invitation only and is limited by the Trust Agreement to not more than ten (10) percent of the active and associate members of the Roanoke Bar Association. The charter class of Fellows includes present and former bar leaders with the Roanoke Bar Association, the Virginia State Bar, the Virginia Bar Association, and the Virginia Law Foundation.



Thanks to the generosity of this charter class of Roanoke Law Foundation Fellows, the Foundation raised approximately \$25,000 to support charitable grants and scholarships.

Lori D. Thompson is a Fellow and a Shareholder at LeClairRyan

RVLSA To Host VALS 51ST ANNUAL CONVENTION

RVLSA...the association for legal professionals will host the state-wide VALS 51st Annual Convention and the Fourth Board of Governors Meeting beginning on Thursday, April 25, 2013 through Sunday, April 28, 2013 at the Holiday Inn Tanglewood.

Congratulations to two of our own RVLSA members - Kelly Hickey of Gentry Locke Rakes and Moore, who has serviced as President of VALS . . . the association for legal professionals for 2012-2013, and Heather Hale of Woods Rogers, who will be installed as President of VALS for 2013 - 2014.

The Convention offers several informative sessions and more information is available from the RBA web site at www.roanokebar.com.



Members of the Charter Class of Fellows

Phillip V. Anderson, Fellow
(VSB President 2005 - 2006)

Francis H. Casola, Life Fellow
(RBA President 2010-2011)

Mark K. Cathey, Fellow
(RBA President 2008-2009)

Roy V. Creasy, Sustaining Life Fellow
(RBA President 2009-2010)

Eugene M. Elliott, Jr., Fellow
(RBA President 2003-2004)

G. Frank Flippin, Life Fellow
(VBA President 1997-1998)

Charles D. Fox, Life Patron Fellow
(RBA President 1983-1984)

Robert E. Glenn, Life Fellow
(RBA President 1980-1981)

Maryellen F. Goodlatte, Fellow
(RBA President 1997-1998)

John P. Grove, Fellow
(RBA President 1993-1994)

Steven L. Higgs, Fellow
(RBA President 2005-2006)

William B. Hopkins, Fellow
(RBA President 1974-1975)

William J. Lemon, Life Patron Fellow
(RBA President 1982-1983)

K. Brett Marston, Fellow
(RBA President 2006-2007)

George A. McLean, Jr., Fellow
(RBA President 2007-2008)

G. Michael Pace, Jr., Fellow
(VBA President 2008-2009, RBA President 2000-2001)

William R. Rakes, Life Fellow
(VSB President 1992-1993, RBA President 1977-1978)

Frank W. Rogers, III, Fellow
(RBA President 1998-1999)

Lori D. Thompson, Fellow
(RBA President 2011-2012)

George W. Wooten, Life Fellow
(RBA President 1991-1992)

ROANOKE LAW LIBRARY NEWS AND INFORMATION

BY JOSEPH KLEIN, LAW LIBRARIAN



Every year around this time, I am surprised by how quickly time has passed, and 2013 is no different. I am shocked to realize that I have been working at the Roanoke Law Library for over 8 years. It seems to me and to others, from judging many of the comments I receive, like I just got here. So many changes, both positive and negative have shaped those eight years, but I am proud to say that even with the reduction in hours, we are still serving more people now than when I began. I look forward to the future when our hours increase, and we are able to serve more people than ever. Regardless of what the future holds, I am looking forward to 2013 and helping the Roanoke legal community with its legal research needs.

Jail Library

The Roanoke City Jail has a library that provides inmates with legal research resources as well as recreational literature. My legal collection is constantly growing larger and sometimes I am forced to eliminate older, superseded materials to make room for new materials (such as the US Tax Cases volumes that I used to create this Christmas tree that was on display at the Law Library during the recent holiday season). Whenever I get rid of materials that I think might be of use to the Jail Library, I pass them on the Jail Librarian. If you or your firm are looking to get rid of fairly current legal resource or popular fiction or nonfiction and want to donate them to a place where they can be of great help, feel free to bring them by the Roanoke Law Library, and I will be glad to get them to the Jail librarian.



Legal Research Services

I know that the reduced hours have made it more difficult for some people to get to the Roanoke Law Library for legal research purposes. While I am unable to provide legal research to the general public, I am able to provide attorneys with legal research, and I wanted to remind you all that you should feel free to contact me with your legal research questions whenever it is convenient. If I am at the Law Library, I will get to work on your request immediately, and if you leave a message, I will get back to you with a response as soon as possible. As you may or may not know, I have worked in Law Libraries in various capacities for over 15 years. Prior to working at the Roanoke Law Library, I worked mostly in the reference departments of large law firms. I have assisted future United States Supreme Court Justices, and recent law school graduates studying for their bar exams; I have worked on huge federal antitrust cases and tiny small claims court cases. I will be glad to look into your legal research topic, using the resources that are available to me, and provide you with an answer, or recommend other options if we do not have the resource that might help you. If you are in need of cases or statutes, I can email those to you from Westlaw and save you a trip to the courthouse. If you are trying to track something down that we don't have in our collection, I can attempt to borrow it through Interlibrary Loan. All of these services are free. The only thing we charge for is photocopies which are \$.10 per page. So please do not hesitate to contact me and ask for assistance. You can reach me either by phone (540-853-2268) or email (joseph.klein@roanokeva.gov).

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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Please bring your items to our meeting, and we will see to it that they are transported to the Food Bank.

May brings a Law Day celebration and the presentation of the Frank W. Rogers, Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award and the Young Lawyer of the Year Award. Our annual meeting follows in June with election of new officers and board members and presentation of Kincanon Scholarships. This year, for the first time, a Jane S. Glenn Scholarship will be presented, as well.

It is easy to see why time flies during the Roanoke Bar Association calendar year. With so many activities going on, it hardly seems that there is time to finish one project before we begin another. But that is the earmark of a very active Bar, and a Bar of which you can be very proud. Please get involved. It is a great way to meet other members of this great Association, and to give back to our community.

Thomas H. Miller is a Partner at Frankl Miller & Webb, LLP



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VIEWS FROM THE BENCH: JUDGE APGAR

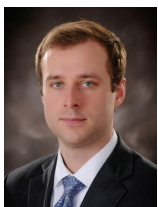
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school. Judge Spain extolled the virtues of a judicial clerkship and, through the father-in-law, encouraged the young Jonathan Apgar to apply for a summer internship that Judge Spain funded.

Judge Apgar secured the clerkship in the summer of 1975 and claimed that Judge Spain "taught him more in three months than he learned in three years of law school." (Those of us who have clerked are likely nodding in agreement.) For the first time in his life, the second-year law student considered the judiciary as a potential career and returned to law school with a more defined outlook. After graduating, Judge Apgar first served in the Public Defender's office, then Commonwealth's Attorney's office, and then engaged in private practice. The breadth of Judge Apgar's practice ranged from family law to personal injury to criminal defense.

In 1990, Judge Apgar began serving as a substitute judge in the General District Court. He recalled being challenged by the work, and by the logistics of traveling to various courts as a first-time substitute. On one occasion, when substituting in a rural court, Judge Apgar underestimated his travel time. When he arrived, he asked the clerk if he was in the right place for General District Court. The clerk replied that he was, and that they would get started "as soon as the damn substitute judge arrived." Undeterred by these occasional challenges, Judge Apgar continued with his role as a substitute judge for nearly a decade.

Then, the Honorable G. O. Clemens announced his retirement. Judge Apgar admitted that he was not seriously considering a run for the vacancy, but then was approached by the late Richard Lawrence. Richard encouraged Judge Apgar to run for the vacancy and committed his support. The two had known each other from Apgar's time in the Commonwealth's Attorney's office and as a substitute judge. After a brief period of reflection, Judge Apgar committed to running for the vacancy, recalling how much he enjoyed his time clerking for Judge Spain. The rest of the story is well known. Now, the Honorable Jonathan Apgar concludes his time on the bench with a tip of the hat to three people and chance: an unlikely encounter between his father-in-law and Judge Spain and the support of Richard Lawrence. For those readers left in suspense over the fate of Judge Spain's firefighting son, Judge Apgar conveyed that he had a successful career with the fire department.



Judge Apgar called his time serving as a Judge in the 23rd Circuit the "pinnacle and apogee of his legal career." He anticipates that he will continue judging in a substitute role when needed and will likely begin a new career as a mediator. He admits that he will miss the bench and his fellow judges in the 23rd Circuit, though not necessarily the bureaucracy that inevitably accompanies managing a government institution. More importantly, though, Judge Apgar hopes to spend more time with his family and visiting his grandchildren.

Michael P. Gardner is an Associate with LeClairRyan

OLIVER HILL MENTORING PROGRAM SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

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clude playing board games, visiting the library, doing homework, taking part in special interest programs, or simply hanging out and talking. Visits are scheduled for a set day and time on Monday-Thursday from school dismissal until 6:00 p.m. Commitment: One year, one hour weekly. **Age requirement to volunteer: 18 or above.**

Greeter. We want each and every visitor to OHMP to feel welcomed. A volunteer Greeter will welcome and assist anyone that comes to the Hill House. The Greeter will also answer the phone, complete some administrative work, and keep track of Bigs and Littles as they come and go.



Attendant. To keep the children engaged and excited throughout their time at the OHMP, we will provide many enrichment opportunities. A volunteer Attendant is needed to assist in these activities. An Attendant's duties include helping with group projects, organizing arts and crafts, and preparing and distributing snacks.

Tutor. An hour-long homework session will be held at the OHMP site on Monday-Thursday afternoons, and volunteers Tutors are needed to assist students as they complete assignments. Tutors may help students review spelling words, read a book, or do a math worksheet.

Special Interest Presenter. Each week, OHMP will host a different speaker to present a special skill or interest to the group of Littles. A Presenter might discuss his/her career, a unique skill, or an educational topic. A volunteer Presenter is asked to give one presentation on four consecutive days (Monday-Thursday).



Ambassador. In order to obtain more volunteers and donations, we need the help of a volunteer Ambassador to educate the community about OHMP. An Ambassador could raise awareness by distributing informational trading cards, hosting an information session at his/her workplace or church, and/or displaying the BBBS poster in his/her office.

Jackie Smith is Director, Big Brothers Big Sisters, SW Va

Law Day - May 2, 2013 - The Shenandoah Club

BENCH BAR CONFERENCE

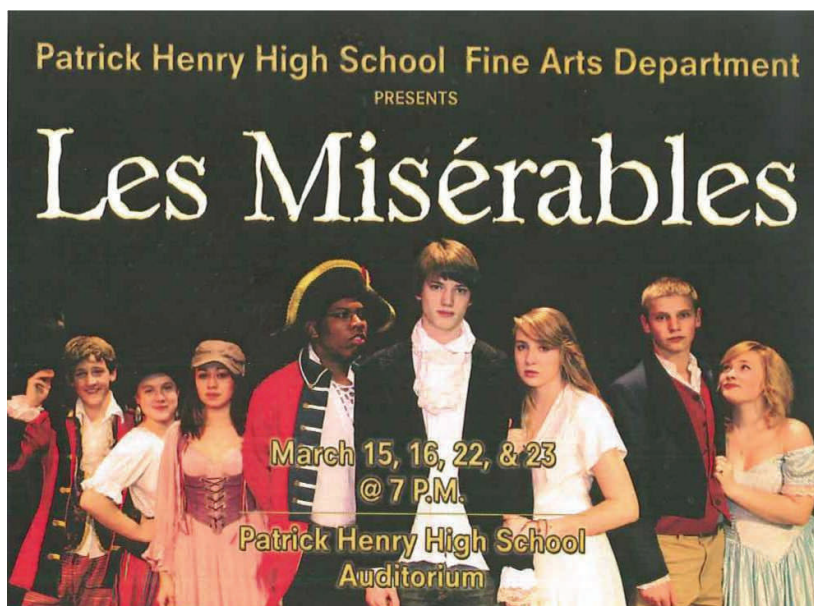
The RBA's annual Bench Bar Conference took place on Friday, February 22, 2013, at the Jefferson Center's Fitzpatrick Hall. Many of the RBA's judges and attorneys shared lunch and benefitted from several interesting presentations.

James J. O'Keeffe of Gentry Locke Rakes & Moore and Robert D. Dean of Frith & Ellerman provided the first presentation. Their talk featured a discussion of "Technology and the Litigation Practice," focusing on the use of the iPad in the office and in the courtroom.

Following the technology presentation, several judges provided "state of the bench" updates from their respective courts. The Hon. Clifford R. Weckstein, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court, provided the update from the Circuit Court. The Hon. J. Christopher Clemens reported from the General District Court. The Hon. Joseph M. Clarke II, Chief Judge of the Juvenile & Domestic Relations Court, provided that Court's update. All three judges' remarks featured comments on the effect the potential loss of judgeships in the 23rd Judicial Circuit would have on the bench, bar, and public. Each judge also included comments and pointers on practice before the courts, particularly focused on preserving etiquette and professionalism within the 23rd Circuit.

Following the general reports from the bench, the Hon. Jonathan M. Apgar presented several reminders on motions *in limine* practice in the Circuit Court, and the Hon. Jacqueline F. Ward Talevi described the significant increase in the number of parties seeking protective orders in the General District Courts. Each of the judges present at the conference joined a panel discussion for a question and answer session on these two topics and other questions from the audience.

The RBA thanks each of the judges who participated in the conference. It also thanks Thomas Strelka, chair of the RBA's Young Lawyers Committee, and the entire Young Lawyers Committee for their efforts in coordinating the conference.



Mark Your Calendar!

**RBA Day of Service
April 13, 2013**

**Feeding America
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBERS

The Roanoke Bar Association welcomes the following new Active Members:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Roanoke Bar Association Meetings 2012- 2013

March 12, 2013

April 9, 2013

June 11, 2013

Rule of Law
March 25, 2013

Day of Service
April 9, 2013

You and the Law
April 9 and 16, 2013

Law Day Celebration
May 2, 2013

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