

3rd Annual Legal Food Frenzy Delivers

The 3rd Annual Legal Food Frenzy was a huge success! Raising over 1.65 million pounds of food (in food and converted cash donations), Virginia's legal community broke last year's record of 1.36 million pounds and beat this year's goal of 1.5 million pounds. The winner of the coveted Attorney General's Cup, awarded each year to the law firm which raises the most food on a per capita basis, is Schettine & Nguyen PLC of Richmond. The law firm has 12 employees, raised 8,141 pounds of food per capita, and has now won the Cup for two years in a row. The mini-AG's Cup, which goes to the winning law school, was wrestled out of the hands of the Regent University School of Law for the first time this year by the University of Richmond School of Law. The contest ran from March 30 through April 10



and was open to all law firms, law schools, law offices and corporate legal departments across Virginia. There were 216 participants this year, up from 181 last year.

The Legal Food Frenzy was developed three years ago by the Young

Lawyers Division in conjunction with the Office of the Attorney General and the Federation of Virginia Food Banks, as an expansion of the Legal Food Frenzy that had been conducted by the Norfolk & Portsmouth Bar Association and the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia. For more information on this year's event, including a listing of the winners of the other statewide awards, see Attorney General Mims' press release at http://www.oag.state.va.us/PRESS_RELEASES/NewsArchive/043009_Food_Frenzy_Record.html. For information about next year's event, please contact Christopher Gill (cgill@cblaw.com) or Derek Swanson (dswanson@mcguirewoods.com).

Congratulations to all of this year's winners!

Congratulations to Future YLD Members: University Of Richmond School Of Law Wins ABA National Trial Advocacy Competition

A team from the University of Richmond School of Law emerged victorious in a field of 64 competitors from across the country in the American Bar Association's second annual National Finals of the Student Trial Advocacy Competition held in Chicago. The other regional finalists included the University of Oregon School of Law, which took second place honors, plus six other teams: Roger Williams University School of Law (Boston), Brooklyn School of Law (New York), Emory University School of Law (Atlanta), Duquesne University School of Law (Pittsburgh), Southern Methodist Dedman School of Law (Dallas), and Pepperdine University School of Law (Los Angeles).

The Labor and Employment Law Section of the American Bar Association hosted the National Finals in the Chicago federal courthouse with federal judges, law professors and prominent employment lawyers from around the nation serving as evaluators. Students were judged on their advocacy skills and courtroom presence at each stage of the trial.

Each team consisted of four law students, two serving as lawyers and two acting as witnesses for the trial. U.S. District Court Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer judged the competition.

WANTED: YLD Chair for Henrico County Juvenile Licensing

Want to get involved with the YLD? Want to Chair a Committee? Want to work with judges of the Henrico Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court? Here is your opportunity. The Chair of the Henrico County Juvenile Licensing Ceremony attends (or finds another attorney to attend) twice monthly driver's license ceremonies at the Henrico Government complex to speak to the newly licensed drivers about their new responsibilities and the laws that affect them. The attorney only attends the first part of the ceremony which typically only lasts 15-20 minutes. If you practice in the JD&R courts, this is an excellent opportunity to speak to 240 newly licensed drivers and their parents each month who may eventually need to use your services!

Anyone interested in this position should contact Brian McCann at bmccann@hf-law.com.

Mark Your Calendars!

YLD Spring Meeting: May 15th-17th

The YLD Spring Meeting will be held **May 15th-17th** at the **Sanderling Resort** in Duck, North Carolina. The agenda includes substantive discussions about what we as a group think about the VBA and why it exists, as well as what the VBA can and should be doing to better serve its members and the community as a whole. If you have not already done so, send in your registration for the meeting. For more information, please visit the VBA website at www.vba.org.



Clinic to Help Indigent Hispanics

On **May 21, 2009** at **3:00**, the **Richmond** office of **Hunton & Williams** will host an orientation program for those interested in helping indigent members of the Hispanic community with basic legal problems. Typical cases include simple contract disputes, landlord tenant issues and small personal injury claims. Approval for CLE credit is pending.

For more information, please contact Ryan Furgurson at rfurgurson@williamsmullen.com.

Third Annual Diversity Job Fair

The Third Annual Diversity Job Fair will be held on **August 15, 2009**, at the **Embassy Suites Richmond**.



Employer registration is now open until Friday, June 5.

As part of this year's registration process, students will briefly describe how they intend to contribute to diversity as a lawyer practicing in Virginia.

Student registration will be open June 10-July 8.

Students must be rising 2Ls or 3Ls and interested in practicing in Virginia in order to participate. The Diversity Job Fair is open to all students of diverse backgrounds including: race, ethnicity national origin, gender, religion, sexual orientation, disability or age.

If you have questions about the Diversity Job Fair, please contact one of the co-chairs of the Diversity Recruitment Committee: Elaina L. Blanks, (757) 624-3110, elblanks@kaufcan.com; Dana A. Dews, (804) 697-4100, ddews@cblaw.com; Monica McCarroll, (804) 783-6444, mmccarroll@williamsmullen.com; Karen R. Robinson, (202) 682-3575, KRobinson@kayescholer.com; Nicole S. Terry, (540) 382-5705, terryns@montgomerycountyva.gov

For more information and registration details visit www.vba.org/diversityjobfair.htm

W&L Law Students Get Practical Advice with Help of YLD Law School Council

On March 24, 2009, the Washington and Lee Law School Council co-hosted a panel discussion entitled "Law in Practice: Virginia Bar Association's Intellectual Property Roundtable." The four panelists were Cheryl Black, James Creekmore, David H. Vance, and Marshal Curtis. The moderator for this discussion was Andrew Winston. The panelists engaged in a lively discussion regarding intellectual property

practice in small firms, large firms, and as in-house counsel. They also discussed in detail the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The panelists gave the students important tips about internships and resources for learning more about IP. After the roundtable discussion, there was a reception in which the students and panelists interacted on a more informal basis.

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Working on VBA/YLD committees can be a great way of making professional contacts as well as lifelong friendships and of gaining leadership experience as well as doing good works for others. Check out the list of Division committees at www.vba.org.

If you'd like to get involved, please contact Nupur Bal, statewide VBA/YLD membership coordinator, at (202) 408-0655, nbal@lewislawfirm.com.

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