



The Legal Star

Message from the President

Greetings! I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer so far. It's been a hot one for sure!

RVPA's events calendar is heating up as well! We have quite a few exciting opportunities for our members in the upcoming months.

First up is our annual Evening with the Judges on August 18. This continues to be a popular event with RVPA member and guests alike. This year we will host our judges' panel at Luigi's Italian Gourmet Restaurant. Visit RVPA.org to RSVP to this fun and educational event!

RVPA will host the third annual Jaunt for Justice 5K on Saturday, October 1. The 5K raises crucial funds for Legal Aid Society of Roanoke Valley, which provides free legal services to low-income residents in our local community. We appreciate the support this legal community has shown in supporting this event and LASRV!

I am happy to announce that our Practically Legal Conference is back for 2023! RVPA's biannual educational conference for paralegals is scheduled for Friday, March 3, 2023. More details will follow in the upcoming weeks – mark your calendars and stay tuned!

I encourage you to follow RVPA on Facebook and LinkedIn, as well as regularly visit our website to get the most up-to-date information on upcoming events.

I also ask you to join me in offering a heartfelt thank you to the RVPA officers and board members for their tireless efforts behind the scenes to keep our organization running smoothly and efficiently.

And lastly, thank you to YOU, our members, for your continued support and dedication to RVPA. You are the reason we do what we do! Enjoy the rest of your summer! I look forward to seeing you soon.

Shannon Honaker - RVPA President

5th Annual Evening with the Judges



The Roanoke Valley Paralegal Association is proud to host the fifth annual "Evening with the Judges," featuring a panel of three local judges who will answer questions on a variety of topics, including their views on paralegal certification, what

paralegals can do to best help their attorneys prepare for trial, their best and worst stories involving lawyers and paralegals in the courtroom, and more!

When: August 18, 2022

Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Where: Luigi's Gourmet Italian Restaurant

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Email us your Questions for the
Judges!

**Honorable Thomas T.
Cullen, Judge**

United States District
Judge for the
Western District of
Virginia



**Honorable Thomas
W. Roe, Jr., Judge**

Roanoke City/County
General District Court



Honorable Charles N. Dorsey, Judge
Presiding Judge, Roanoke County Circuit Court

Moderator:
Elizabeth G. Perrow,
Esq.,
Woods Rogers



September Lunch & Learn

Wednesday,

September 14, 2022

SPEAKER:
Delegate Sam Rasoul

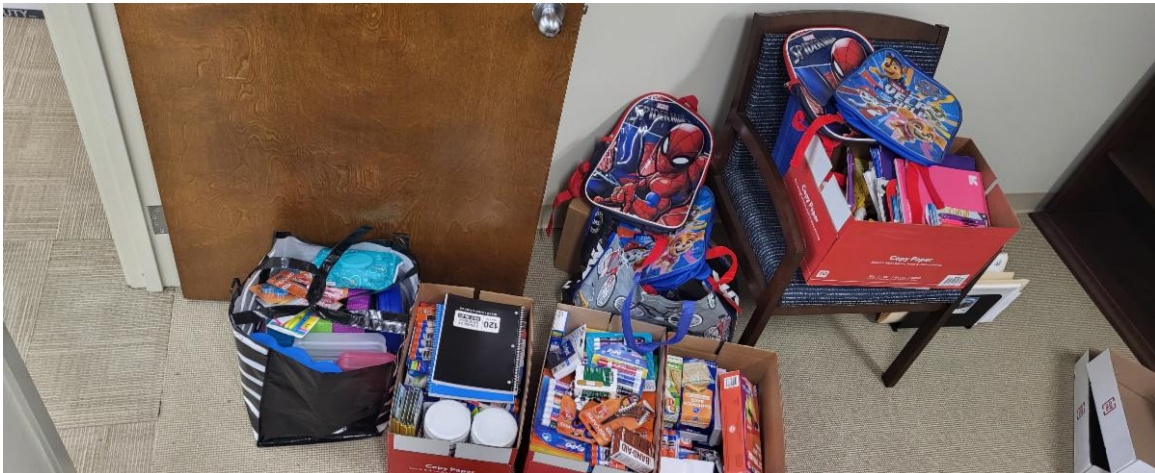
Virginia House of
Delegates

TOPIC:
2022 Legislative Update

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It's All Thanks to You!



We are very grateful for your contribution to the West End Center's Back-to-School Supply Drive. Your generous donation ensures the children in our community will have the supplies they need for the start of the school year.

The West End Center is still accepting donations until **August 10th**. You can drop off school supplies at Raleigh Court Presbyterian Church at 1837 Grandin Road, Roanoke, Virginia 24015, any weekday during regular business hours (9-4).

[Learn More Here](#)

Holiday Social Questionnaire

This year, the RVPA Social Committee is proposing to host the annual Holiday Social as an evening event rather than a luncheon. The Holiday Social would be held on Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 202 Social House from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Heavy hors d'oeuvres and one adult beverage would be included in the ticket price, which will be approximately \$35 per person. Attendees are invited to bring a guest (such as a spouse or significant other, friend, adult child) provided that they include their guest in their RSVP so that the committee will have a proper headcount for the venue.

Evening Holiday Social or Luncheon Holiday Social?

Evening Holiday Social

Select

Luncheon Holiday Social

Select

How likely would you attend the Holiday Social as described above?

Very Likely

Select

Somewhat Likely

Select

Not Likely

Select

If you attended, how likely would you be to bring a guest?

Very Likely

Select

Somewhat Likely

Select

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Get some RVPA Swag today to show off your RVPA Pride!

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President Biden Names Twenty-Second Round of Judicial Nominees

Judge Robert Stewart Ballou: Candidate for the United States District Court for the Western District of Virginia

Judge Robert Stewart Ballou has served as a United States Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Virginia since 2011. Prior to joining the bench, Judge Ballou was a partner at Johnson, Ayers & Matthews in Roanoke, Virginia, where he worked from 1992 to 2011. From 1988 to 1991, Judge Ballou was an associate at Christian, Barton, Epps, Brent & Chappell in Richmond, Virginia. Judge Ballou served as a law clerk for Judge Peter Beer on the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana from 1987 to 1988. Judge Ballou received his J.D. in 1987 and his B.A. in 1984, both from the University of Virginia.

[Read the Full Nomination Statement Here](#)

Register Now!

Jaunt for Justice 5K
October 1st, 2022

[Learn More!](#)



RVPA is hosting the 3rd annual “Jaunt for Justice 5K” on Saturday, October 1st, 2022.

The 5K raises crucial funds for Legal Aid Society of Roanoke Valley, which provides free legal services to low-income residents in our local community who would otherwise not be able to afford an attorney to help them achieve a fair and equitable outcome in civil matters such as eviction, workplace discrimination, and domestic abuse.

You have the option to register for either the traditional 5K run/walk, which will take place at the Tinker Creek Greenway at Fallon Park, or you can register for the Virtual 5K, choose your own 5K course, and submit your time online.

This year we will also host a 1-mile fun run for the kiddos! All participating kids will receive a finisher medal (and some major kudos).

Another new feature this year - we will hold a raffle for some REALLY cool prizes following the medal ceremony. All in-person 5K registrants will automatically receive one entry into the raffle drawing - additional entries can be purchased the day of the race. So far, our raffle prizes include passes to **Mill Mountain Zoo**, tickets to a **Roanoke Rail Yard Dawgs** hockey game, a gift card to **Three Notch'd Brewing Company**, passes to **Launching Pad Trampoline Park**, a complimentary annual family membership at the **Virginia Transportation Museum**, and gift cards to **Lancerlot Sports Complex**! You must be present to win, so be sure to hang around after the race!

Participants who register before September 20th are guaranteed an event T-shirt. Register today and help RVPA support the Legal Aid Society!

CLE Opportunity

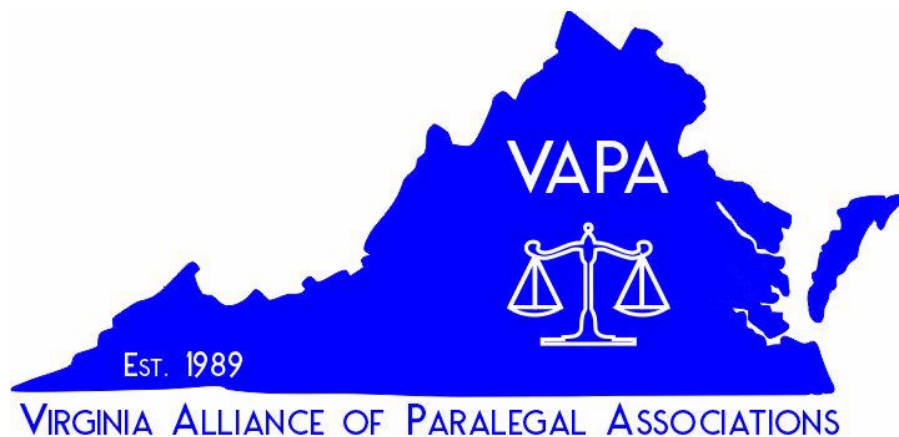


Virginia CLE, the non-profit educational division of the Virginia Law Foundation, is offering paralegals

a 30% discount on Online Bundles, Unlimited Online Passes, publications, and discountable seminars. Recurring payment options for bundles and passes are also eligible. The coupon code is PARALEGAL. More information can be found at www.vacle.org.

[Learn More Here](#)

Save the Date!



October 3 - October 7, 2022

Virginia Alliance of Paralegal Association is in the early stages of planning for the 2022 Virtual Education Conference. VAPA is once again offering scholarships to assist eligible individuals with the cost of attending the Conference. Any paralegal, whether currently employed or unemployed, or any paralegal student is eligible to apply for these scholarships. Scholarship information and application can be found on their website.

[Learn More Here](#)

Get More Involved Today!

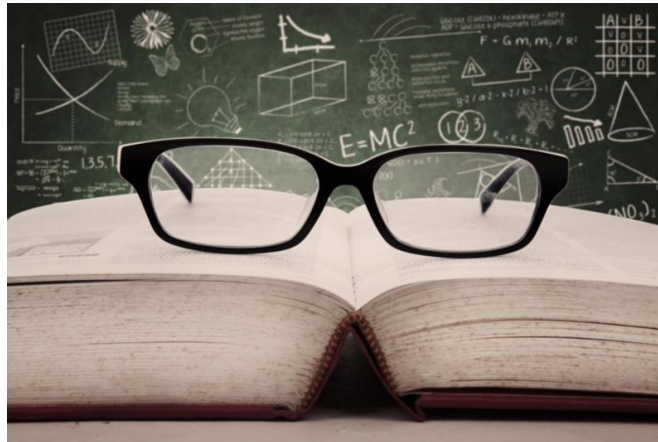
Are you looking for a way to get more involved?

Do you have ideas for future RVPA events?
Are you looking for a new way to network?

Join one of RVPA's Committees today to get started. There is a perfect place for everybody!

Get involved today!

Final Fall Legal Education Seminar



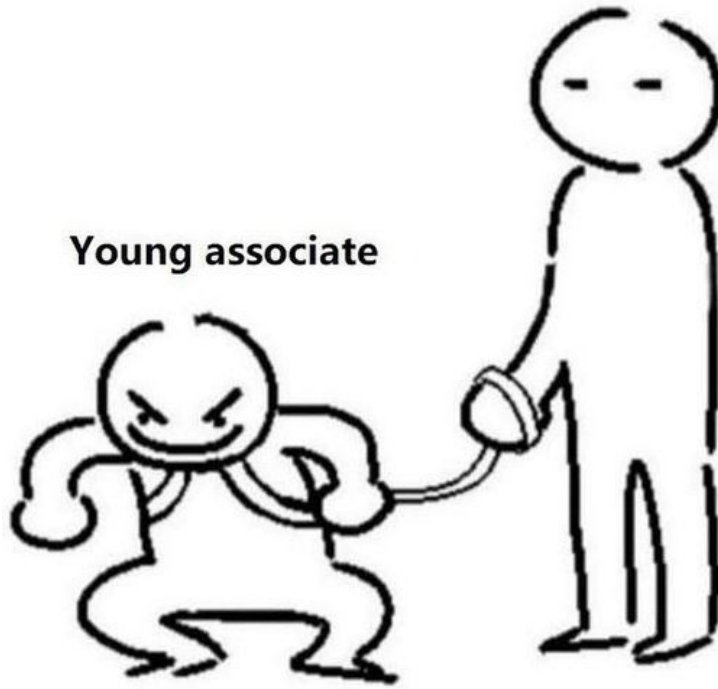
Virginia Legal Support Professionals will host its Final Fall Legal Education Seminars and Membership Meeting on Saturday, September 17, 2022, beginning promptly at 9:30 a.m. at the Lynchburg Grand Hotel, 601 Main Street, Lynchburg, Va 24504.

Registration deadline is September 5, 2022.

**Download the Registration Form and
Schedule**

Something to Brighten your Day

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