

**RICHMOND LSC / SINGLE PROJECT / SERVICE TO THE BAR**

**PROJECT INFORMATION FORM**

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AFFILIATE NAME: **The Virginia Bar Association Young Lawyers Division**

PROJECT TITLE: **University of Richmond Law School Council**

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1. TYPE OF PROJECT

Please check appropriate type:

☒ Service to the Public

☐ Service to the Bar

2. DEGREE OF CHANGE OR GROWTH

Check appropriate response:

☐ New Project this Year

☒ Project Continued from Previous Year

3. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Please provide a brief description (250 words or less) of your project. Be sure to include a description of the role(s) played by the young lawyer volunteers in the undertaking of this project; any products resulting from the project; and in the case of continuing projects, if they have been expanded explain how.

**The Virginia Bar Association conceived the Law School Council ("LSC" or "Council") as a way to connect tomorrow's bar leaders with current, practicing attorneys and serve as a means of introducing the students to the VBA's important mission of improving the bar and the community through service. The University of Richmond Law School Council (URLSC) was established in 2001. Through the URLSC, law school students can become active members of the VBA Young Lawyers Division (YLD) with other current young lawyers and have the opportunity to participate in VBA-YLD meetings and networking activities in the area, which encourages their involvement later as members of the Bar. Students in the URLSC are able to establish mentoring relationships with young attorneys in the area and participate in service to the community through volunteer and outreach programs, and service to the bar through the planning of educational programs.**

**This year, the URLSC developed, organized and hosted a four-hour "Ethical Issues in Elder**

Law" Symposium on March 4, 2011 with three fantastic panels of speakers. In addition, building on the successes of previous years, the URLSC continued its successful mentor program and paired about 50 law student members with attorney mentors in the community. The students also participated in the Fifth Annual Legal Food Frenzy, during which they helped the law school raise an astounding 152,790 pounds of food for the Central Virginia Food Bank, winning the Attorney General's Cup for law schools for the third year in a row.

#### 4. NEEDS ASSESSMENT

What was the reason for undertaking this project? (e.g., was the project internally or externally motivated; was there a need in the community for the project; was there a target audience?).

Young attorneys who participate in the functions and programs sponsored by the URLSC are looking for ways to not only contribute to the law school but also to act as a network, both socially and professionally, for the soon-to-be attorneys of the URLSC. The students participating in the URLSC want to play a larger role in the legal community, both in the Greater Richmond Metropolitan area and in the Commonwealth at large.

The VBA LSC program allows each chapter of young lawyers to tailor a student-run organization to meet the needs of its particular student body. Because of the flexibility of the LSC program, the studentmembers are free to adjust the nature and character of the LSCs' events annually to account for the changing dynamic within the student body.

This year, the students and young lawyers of the URLSC were determined to plan and execute an educational program that was relevant and would draw both students and attorneys from all over the Richmond area. The students chose elder law, a topic that encompasses numerous thought provoking ethical and legal issues of interest to both students and practitioners. The URLSC recruited eleven (11) impressive speakers to take part in three separate panel discussions for their "Ethical Issues in Elder Law" Symposium. See Symposium Flyer, attached as Exhibit A. The panels covered the topics of Capacity, Conservatorship/Guardianship, and Healthcare Fraud. The URLSC Symposium Committee (with the assistance of the panelists in providing some of the materials) put together an extensive 165-page program, complete with outlines and exhibits, that was provided to each symposium attendee. The URLSC applied for MCLE credit for the symposium and was able to offer the attendees 4 CLE credits, including 1.5 ethics credits. Over 55 people attended the symposium, which was held at the University of Richmond Law School. The URLSC received universally positive feedback as a result of their hard work. This relevant and extremely successful symposium brought well-deserved attention to the VBA and the URLSC and continued the group's tradition of providing excellent educational programs.

In addition, for the fifth year in a row, the URLSC participated in the VBA Fifth Annual Legal Food Frenzy. The University of Richmond Law School, in an effort spearheaded by the Community Service division of the URLSC, collected a whopping 152,790 pounds of food — or 318 pounds per capita — for the Central Virginia Food Bank, becoming the Law School winner of the Attorney General's Cup for the third year in a row by raising more food than any other law school in the Commonwealth. See UR Law School announcement and Attorney General's Office Press Release, attached as Exhibits B and C. This incredible amount of food exceeded the amount the URLSC raised in the last two years combined (134,000 pounds). The URLSC engaged students, staff, and faculty in the Legal Food Frenzy through flyers and emails and by organizing competitions between classes and journals to encourage participation, and by soliciting the assistance of a significant donor to aid in their efforts.

The URLSC also continued its successful mentor program designed to foster mentoring relationships and networking with young lawyers. The URLSC paired about 50 students with volunteer local attorneys. In addition to encouraging a mentoring relationship throughout the school year, the students organized two dinner and cocktail events for the mentors and mentees – one in the Fall and one in the Spring. The fall mentorship dinner was held at the Law School, while the URLSC decided to try something new this spring. They hosted a spring mentorship wine tasting event on March 30, 2011 at a Richmond cafe, drawing over 30 mentors and mentees—the highest attendance for a spring mentorship event in the past several years. See Spring Mentorship Event Invitation, attached as Exhibit D. This creative event provided a fun networking atmosphere for the mentors and mentees alike. Both mentorship events this year had excellent attendance by both the student mentees and the attorney mentors. Mentors provided students with valuable advice, counsel and assistance in choosing practice specialties, preparing resumes, pursuing internships, clerkships, summer associate and associate positions, bar preparation, as well as pro bono legal services.

#### 5. ACHIEVEMENT OF GOALS/IMPACT

What were the goals and objectives of the project and how were they met?

The LSC goals are: (1) to foster in law school students a commitment to service to the public and to the bar in addition to maintaining the highest ethical standards; (2) to assist law school students in setting and attaining their career goals; (3) to promote a collegial practice of law; and (4) to provide opportunities for mentoring relationships to develop between young lawyers and students.

These goals were met by clearly communicating the programs goals to law school administrators and faculties and soliciting their support for the program; selecting law student leaders to assist in the selection of projects which would be most beneficial to their student-body; providing opportunities for law school students to interact with young lawyers and to candidly discuss their career goals and personal objectives; and by providing informational panels through which law students were introduced to the VBA's mission.

5A. If goals were not met, why not?

**The goals were met.**

5B. Will this be a recurring affiliate project? If yes, will you make any revisions?

**Yes. The program will be strengthened each year as the LSCs begin to collaborate and share ideas in order to provide students at their respective institutions with meaningful service, educational and networking opportunities. The LSC co-chairs and student leaders from institutions with established LSCs, such as the University of Richmond, will work with the co-chairs at other institutions in their efforts to recruit committed students and to plan programs best suited to the students at the law schools.**

#### 6. DEGREE OF PARTICIPATION BY MEMBERS

6A. How many young lawyer members actually participated in this project? (Consider young lawyer involvement in all the different stages of the project ... planning, organization, implementation, and/or presentation.)

**The URLSC co-chairs assist student leaders in brainstorming networking events, educational projects, and community service projects. The co-chairs also work with the law school administration to obtain its support and assistance in furthering the Councils' projects and in formulating projects that meet the law school's needs. The student leaders organize, publicize, and execute the Councils' events.**

**Please indicate how many:**

<b>11</b>	young lawyer leadership (officers, directors, board membership)
<b>11</b>	young lawyer committee members
<b>Approx. 75</b>	young lawyer general membership

6B. Was the project conducted with the Senior Bar?

**X**      Yes  
            No

**Members of the senior bar are invited to attend educational and networking events hosted by the Councils.**

6C. What other groups or individuals participated and in what numbers?

**Each LSC elects officers from the law school student body who gather ideas for programs and educational programs that would benefit the law school and then are assisted by young lawyers in organizing those events. In addition, members of the law school faculties, including administrators and professors, offer their insights into programs that would benefit the students.**

6D. What do you think is the optimum amount of members needed to carry out this project?

**One school year (September to May).**

## **7. TIMEFRAME**

7A. How much time did it take to organize the project?

**The project was established in 2001. It is an ongoing project that continues with the start of each new school year.**

7B. How much time did it take to recruit members for the project?

**New law student leaders of the URLSC are elected each spring. The students volunteer or are nominated to run for the various leadership positions available (President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chairpersons of Mentorship / Community Service / Symposium Committees, Third-Year Representatives, etc.), and the URLSC holds a student election during its final meeting of the spring semester. In addition, attorney volunteers are recruited to act as mentors each fall, and are paired with students who sign up to participate in the mentorship program when they join the VBA Law School Council at the beginning of the school year. In several instances, the mentorship relationship continues throughout the mentee's 3-year law school career.**

7C. How much time did it take to carry out the project from beginning to end?

**The project is ongoing.**

8. BUDGET

7A. What was the cost of this project excluding in-kind/donated services?

**Approximately \$3,000.**

7B. How was the project funded?

**The project was funded by the VBA YLD General Budget. The URLSC also receives a modest stipend from the UR Student Bar Association to supplement the funds available from the VBA YLD.**

7C. How long did it take to raise the funds needed for this project?

9. SUGGESTIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

What suggestions/recommendations would you make to other young lawyer groups who would consider undertaking a similar project?

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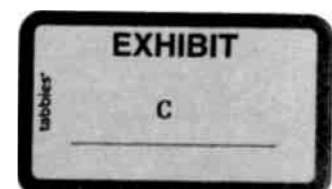
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**Small (1-20 persons) Law Firm: Total Pounds: "The Brunswick Stew Award"**

Schettine & Nguyen, PLC (Richmond) 22,866 pounds

**Small (1-20) Law Firm: Per Capita: "The Shenandoah Apple Award"**

Day & Johns PLLC (Fairfax) 2,236 pounds per person

**Medium (21-100) Law Firm Total Pounds: "The James River Shad Award"**

McCandlish Holton (Richmond) 108,051 pounds

**Medium (21-100) Law Firm Per Capita: "The Hanover Tomato Award"**

McCandlish Holton (Richmond) 1,662 pounds per person

**Large (101 and up) Law Firm Total Pounds: "The Smithfield Ham Award"**

McGuireWoods LLP (all locations) 210,233 pounds

**Large (101 and up) Law Firm Per Capita: "The Chesapeake Bay Blue Crab Award"**

Vandeventer Black LLP (all locations) 462 pounds per person

**Sole Proprietor (1-2) Law Firm Total Pounds: "The Virginia Peanut Award"**

Guidance Law Firm (Norfolk) 1,300 pounds

**Law School Winner of Attorney General's Cup Total Pounds and Per Capita:**

University of Richmond School of Law (Richmond) 152,790 pounds, 318 pounds per person

**Government and Public Service Total Pounds: "The Urbanna Oyster Award"**

Office of the Attorney General (Richmond) 105,819 pounds

**Government and Public Service Per Capita: "The Old Dominion Soybean Award"**

Prince William County Attorney's Office 1,177 pounds per person

**Legal Department (new award): "The Virginia Strawberry Award"**

Dominion Resources Services, Inc. (Richmond) 510 pounds per person

A copy of this news release may be found on the website of the Attorney General of Virginia at [http://www.vaag.com/PRESS\\_RELEASES/index.html](http://www.vaag.com/PRESS_RELEASES/index.html).

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## VBA Spring Mentors-pi o Event - Wine aging

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Please join us for the spring VBA. mentorship event! This semester we will be hosting a wine tasting at Cafe Caturra on Grove Avenue. The wine tasting will feature six different wines from France. Take this opportunity to catch up with your mentor or mentee and enjoy some great wines. This is bound to be a fun event!

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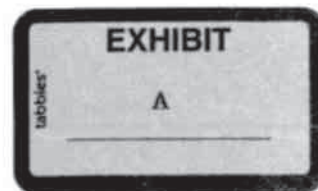
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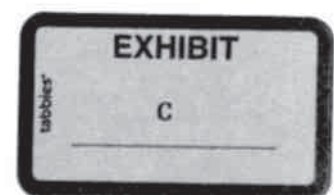
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**Small (1-20) Law Firm: Per Capita: "The Shenandoah Apple Award"**

Day & Johns PLLC (Fairfax) 2,236 pounds per person

**Medium (21-100) Law Firm Total Pounds: "The James River Shad Award"**

McCandlish Holton (Richmond) 108,051 pounds

**Medium (21-100) Law Firm Per Capita: "The Hanover Tomato Award"**

McCandlish Holton (Richmond) 1,662 pounds per person

**Large (101 and up) Law Firm Total Pounds: "The Smithfield Ham Award"**

McGuireWoods LLP (all locations) 210,233 pounds

**Large (101 and up) Law Firm Per Capita: "The Chesapeake Bay Blue Crab Award"**

Vandeventer Black LLP (all locations) 462 pounds per person

**Sole Proprietor (1-2) Law Firm Total Pounds: "The Virginia Peanut Award"**

Guidance Law Firm (Norfolk) 1,300 pounds

**Law School Winner of Attorney General's Cup Total Pounds and Per Capita:**

University of Richmond School of Law (Richmond) 152,790 pounds, 318 pounds per person

**Government and Public Service Total Pounds: "The Urbanna Oyster Award"**

Office of the Attorney General (Richmond) 105,819 pounds

**Government and Public Service Per Capita: "The Old Dominion Soybean Award"**

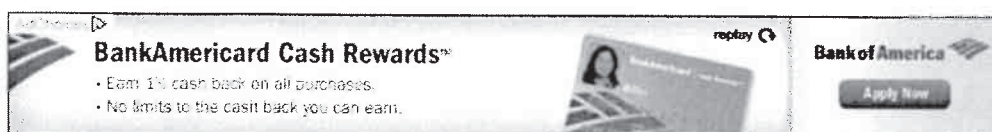
Prince William County Attorney's Office 1,177 pounds per person

**Legal Department (new award): "The Virginia Strawberry Award"**

Dominion Resources Services, Inc. (Richmond) 510 pounds per person

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## VBA Spring Mentorship Event - Wine Tasting

HOST:  
VBA YLD LSC

WHEN:  
Wednesday, March 30 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM

WHERE:  
Cafe Caturra 5811 Grove Avenue Richmond, VA 23226

This event has already occurred.

## Up for Drinks?

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VBA YLD LSC Host



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Please join us for the spring VBA mentorship event! This semester we will be hosting a wine tasting at Cafe Caturra on Grove Avenue. The wine tasting will feature six different wines from France. Take this opportunity to catch up with your mentor or mentee and enjoy some great wines. This is bound to be a fun event!

Please RSVP no later than March 23.

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