



The Legal Star

Message from the President:

Happy Spring everyone! If you're like me, you've been enjoying the extra hours of daylight in the evenings and the milder temperatures (well, mostly). The RVPA Board has been quite busy making plans for the upcoming months – we have a lot of great events in the works that you won't want to miss!

RVPA is committed to providing quality educational opportunities to its members. Our CLE Committee has put together an excellent line-up of CLE speakers for the months ahead. Visit RVPA's website to preview the upcoming speakers and topics for our monthly Lunch & Learns. Unable to join us in person? You also have the option to register for a virtual attendance to watch our speaker's presentation via Zoom! Whether you are joining us in person or virtually, I hope to see many of you at a future Lunch & Learn.

The RVPA Board would like to congratulate all of our student members who will be graduating from their paralegal studies programs this spring! We are proud to have all of you as part of this organization – we love our students! Congratulations on all of your hard work and achieving your goals. We look forward to working alongside some of you as you begin your paralegal careers. In honor of your achievement, we will be hosting a Graduation Social on an upcoming weekend in April – date and location to be announced later. Keep an eye on your email! All RVPA members are invited to attend and help us celebrate the graduates!

We have a number of other exciting events planned – our annual Evening with the Judges event, the Jaunt for Justice 5K this fall, and our biannual Practically Legal Conference next February. Follow RVPA on Facebook and LinkedIn or visit our website for the most up-to-date information on upcoming events.

I can never fully express the depth of my gratitude to the

RVPA officers and board members for all of their hard work in keeping this organization running smoothly. None of this would be possible without you – you all are the best!

Finally, I want to say THANK YOU to all of our members for your continued support and dedication to RVPA. You are the reason we do what we do! Stay safe, enjoy this beautiful spring, and I will see you all very soon!

Shannon Honaker - RVPA President

April Lunch & Learn



April 14th, 2022

SPEAKERS:

Sara Shuler & Samantha Linkous with Randstad

TOPIC:

Tips for Paralegals –
Investigating Career Options
and Navigating Today's Job
Market

[LEARN MORE](#)

**RSVP By April
12th to get the
information.**

DATE AND TIME

04/14/22
12:00pm-04/14/22
1:00pm

May Lunch & Learn

May 12th, 2022

SPEAKER:

David Calhoun
El Puente Immigrant
Connection

TOPIC:

Coming Soon

RSVP By May
10th to get the
information.

DATE AND TIME

05/12/22
12:00pm-05/12/22
1:00pm

June Lunch & Learn

June 9th, 2022

SPEAKER:

Danny Brabham
Gentry Locke

TOPIC:

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RSVP By June
7th to get the
information.

DATE AND TIME

06/09/22
12:00pm-06/09/22
1:00pm

Clean Valley Day is on April 9th!



Join us at Vic Thomas Park for the Clean Valley Counsel's annual spring clean up day! Don't forget to wear your RVPA T-shirt or a blue shirt. Gloves and trash bags will be provided. Visit our website to Volunteer.

[Learn More about Clean Valley Day](#)

When: April 9th at 8:30 a.m.

Where: Vic Thomas Park

1234 Midvale Ave SW, Roanoke, Virginia 24016.

(The park behind BlackDog Salvage at the Memorial Ave/13th Street Bridge.)

Volunteer!

Save the Date:

Jaunt for Justice 5K

October 1st, 2022

The RVPA will host the third annual "Jaunt for Justice 5K," a 5K Run/Walk to benefit Legal Aid Society of the Roanoke Valley (LASRV).

Online registration will open July

1st. Come on out and help RVPA support Legal Aid Society!

[LEARN MORE](#)



Supreme Court Nomination



The nomination of Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court is set to be voted upon on April 4. Judge Jackson would be the 116th Associate Judge of the United States Supreme Court. Judge Jackson, who is from Washington D.C. but was raised in Miami, FL, is the daughter of a lawyer and an educator. Judge Jackson attended Harvard for both her undergraduate degree and her law degree. At the start of her career, and before she received her JD, she was a staff reporter and researcher for Time Magazine. After she received her JD, she was the law clerk to a judge from Massachusetts, and then to a judge from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. She also clerked for Justice Stephen Breyer of the U.S. Supreme Court. In 2009, Judge Jackson was nominated by Barack

Obama to become vice chair of the U.S. Sentencing Commission. If selected, Judge Jackson would be the first black woman to serve on the Supreme Court.

Meghan Noga - RVPA Board Member



Law Day, held annually on May 1st, is a national day set aside to celebrate the rule of law in our society and to cultivate an understanding of the legal profession. Law Day provides an opportunity to understand how law and the legal process protect our liberty, strive to achieve justice, and contribute to the freedoms that all Americans share.

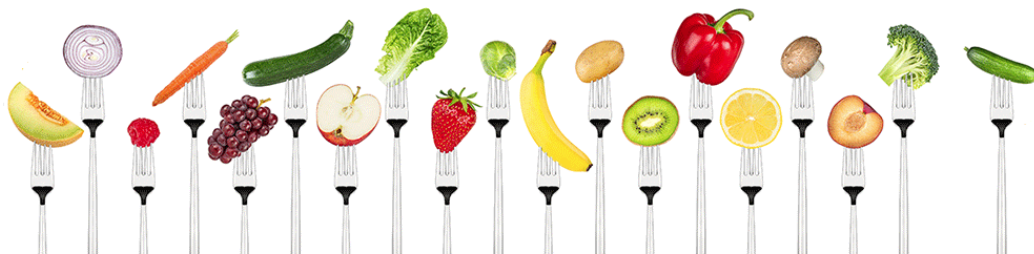
This year's theme is "Toward a More Perfect Union, The Constitution in Times of Change". "We the People of the United States, in Order to form a more perfect Union..." are the opening words of the U.S. Constitution. At 4,400 words and signed in 1787, it is one of the shortest and oldest written constitutions in the world. It is a dynamic document, as it not only outlines a blueprint for government, but also delegates power, articulates rights, and offers mechanisms for change. It is neither perfect, nor exhaustive, as our nation's history makes clear. Legislation, court rulings, amendments, lawyers, and "we the people" have built upon those original words across generations to attempt to make the "more perfect Union" more real. That effort continues today, as contemporary leaders and everyday citizens raise their voices as loud as ever to fulfill the promise of the

Constitution. Defining and refining those words of the Constitution might be our oldest national tradition, and how each of us works—together—toward a more perfect Union.

The American Bar Association will be holding a live stream event on Youtube & Zoom called "Toward a More Perfect Union: The Constitution in Times of Change" on Thursday, April 28th from starting at 3:00pm.



[Learn More](#)



Legal Food Frenzy 15th Annual Statewide

April 18 - April 29, 2022

Legal Food Frenzy (LFF) is an annual fundraising competition created in partnership with the Virginia Attorney General, the Young Lawyers Division (YLD) of the Virginia Bar Association, and the Federation of Virginia Food Banks.

RVPA is a participating organization in the 2022 Legal Food Frenzy. Be on the lookout for an upcoming email with more details!

If your law firm is interested in getting involved as well (there's a contest!), you can find the details [HERE](#).

Want to get more involved with RVPA?

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!

Much of the "behind the scenes" work of planning and coordinating RVPA's events and efforts throughout the year is accomplished by committees.

Joining a committee is a great way to get to know paralegals from other Roanoke area law firms. The time commitment is minimal - perhaps a couple of hours a month, but the rewards are infinite!

If you are new to the area, just started a new job at a local law firm, or are a paralegal studies student at VWCC or ANU, becoming active with RVPA provides excellent networking opportunities and a chance to interact with others in our tight-knit Roanoke legal community.

We hope you will become involved with a committee this year!

[Learn More!](#)

Something to Brighten your Day

when counsel from opposing parties start going nuts on each other on a reply all email chain



Upcoming RVPA Events:

April 9th: Clean Valley Day at Vic Thomas Park

April 14th: April's Lunch & Learn at Billy's

April 18th - 29th: Legal Food Frenzy

TBD: Graduation Social

May 12th: May's Lunch & Learn at Billy's

June 9th: June's Lunch & Learn

August 18th: Evening with the Judges

October 1st: 3rd Annual Jaunt for Justice

