

# Tidewater Bankruptcy Bar Association e-Newsletter

July 2011



## Dear TBBA Members:

We hope that everyone's summer is going well. Do not miss out on the Summer Social outing at Harbor Park in August. The TBBA is committed to communicating with its members regarding new developments and any news that will keep the members informed. We encourage any members who have any professional or personal news or announcements that they would like to communicate to TBBA members, to forward the information to us. We include these items in future newsletters.

TBBA membership continues to grow. The continued success of the TBBA requires a strong membership base. If you know of anyone who would benefit from membership in the TBBA, please pass along an invitation to join.

Sincerely,  
John R. Bollinger  
TBBA Communication's Chair

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## TBBA News and Updates

**Charles Marcus Retires as Chapter 7 Trustee:** After 48 years of service as a Chapter 7 Panel Trustee, Charles Marcus appeared at his last 341 meeting on June 21, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. He was not alone, as the last case was called. The TBBA made sure to have members of the Board present on this momentous occasion. The TBBA presented Mr. Marcus with a desk clock with a special inscription commemorating his commitment and professionalism as a Chapter 7 Trustee over his career. He will be missed. We can all take with us what we observed and learned from him over the years. We should all strive to attain the class and standards that he exemplified through his many years of service. Cheers!! We wish him the very best!

**Appointment of two new Chapter 7 Trustees:** In anticipation of the retirement of Charles Marcus, the United States Trustee for Region Four has appointed two new Chapter 7 Panel Trustees in the Eastern District of Virginia, Norfolk Division. The new trustees, whose appointments were effective June 1, 2011, are Lawrence H. Glanzer and John C. McLemore. The TBBA congratulates Mr. Glanzer and Mr. McLemore on the appointments and wish them success in their new endeavors. For your convenience, their contact information is as follows:

Lawrence H. Glanzer  
580 E. Main Street, Suite 300, Norfolk, VA 23510  
Phone: (757) 622-9005

John C. McLemore  
500 East Main Street, Suite 1210, Norfolk, VA 23510  
Phone: (757) 625-4300

**Appointment of New Bankruptcy Judge in Alexandria Division:** The Honorable Stephen S. Mitchell is retiring from the bench in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Alexandria Division, effective August 31, 2011. Brian F. Kenney has been appointed as the new judge and he is expected to begin his 14-year term in the fall of 2011.

## LAW UPDATES

We would like to keep everyone apprised of relevant changes to federal and state law on a regular basis. Please make note that the following Virginia Code provisions have been addressed through recent legislation:

VA Code Ann. Section 34-26 (Effective July 1, 2011)- The "Poor Debtor's" exemption has been amended to add an exemption for one firearm not to exceed \$3,000.00 in value, and increased the exemption for a motor vehicle from \$2,000.00 to \$6,000.00 in value.

VA Code Ann. Section 58.1-3219.5 (Effective April 6, 2011)- Exemption for Disabled Veterans from taxation. Generally, the amendment provides that disabled veterans and their spouse are exempted from real estate taxes on their principal residence starting in TY 2011; Disability must be 100% service-connected, permanent, and deemed a total disability and must be rated such by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs or its successor agency; and the Disabled veteran must file affidavit/statement with city/county where the real property is located.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS/NOTES

- Congratulations to Laura Pyle for the birth of her baby boy.

## SAVE THE DATES

### TBBA Summer Social

Norfolk Tides v. Lehigh Valley Ironpigs

**Date/Time:** Thursday, August 11, 2011 at 12:15 p.m.

**Location:** Harbor Park, 150 Park Avenue, Norfolk, VA 23510

### TBBA Holiday Social -

**Date:** Thursday, December 8, 2011

**Location:** To be announced

### TBBA 20th Annual CLE Seminar-

**Tentative Date:** February 10, 2012

**Location:** The Westin, Virginia Beach Towne Center

**Schedule of Speakers:** To Be Announced

The TBBA is constantly looking for speakers and topic ideas for its annual and /or luncheon seminars. If you have a topic and are interested in speaking please contact Cullen Drescher at [cdrescher@mcguirewoods.com](mailto:cdrescher@mcguirewoods.com). Your contribution is always appreciated.



## TBBA MEMBERSHIP / RENEWAL FORM

I desire to JOIN / RENEW (circle one) a membership with the TBBA:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Enclosed is a check payable to the TBBA for my annual dues in the amount of \$100.**

Please submit a completed form and dues to the TBBA Treasurer:

Ann B. Brogan, Treasurer  
Crowley, Liberatore & Ryan, PC  
1435 Crossways Blvd, Ste 300  
Chesapeake, VA 23320

The TBBA is on a March 1st fiscal year. Please pay your dues for the new year immediately to maximize your membership benefits. Non-paying parties will not be permitted to attend TBBA functions.