

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“Finding It In The Dirt”

by Jonathan L. Thornton



Legendary golfer, Ben Hogan, was often asked to reveal the secret to his incomparable golf swing. He replied simply that “it was in the dirt”. By this, he was referring to the countless hours he had spent on the practice range in search of a reliable golf swing. Success did not come quickly for Ben Hogan as it took him a decade to win his first professional tournament, and he did not win his first major championship

until age 34. Once he mastered his swing, he captured nine major championships in a six year span.

Recently, I was playing golf, in a manner no way reminiscent of Ben Hogan, with my teenage daughter. Rather than despair over the beating she was methodically and joyfully administering to me, I instead found my thoughts drifting to Mr. Hogan and how his quest for mastery of his golf swing mirrors the challenges that we, as lawyers, face in our profession. (OK, I didn't think of the analogy at that precise moment, but it came to me later that evening as I was enjoying a “John Daly”, which is, for the uninitiated, a high-octane version of the “Arnold Palmer”).

There are some obvious similarities in the quest for legal and golfing acumen—each takes up way too much time, requires a high level of patience, anger management, an ability to grind, a short memory, and provides us short-lived moments of brilliance intermingled with periods of anxiety, confusion, and, occasional fits of rage. The master golfer learns to control multiple tools—driver, irons, putter, and most importantly, emotions on different courses and under various weather conditions. The master lawyer, too, commands all implements in the legal “toolbox”—the facts, case law, witnesses, key documents, but also has skills to communicate and persuade while remembering to take his craft, but not himself, too seriously. In golf, the player is responsible for adhering to the rules and maintaining the integrity of the game just as attorneys are responsible for self-policing the profession.

Sports psychologists contend that the master golfer strives to focus on the process of the game (being committed before you

swing, playing without fear of the outcome, staying in the present, etc.) rather than simply the results on the scorecard. The master lawyer, too, should focus on the process of practicing law: representing clients ethically and zealously, and regardless of outcome, gaining some measure of satisfaction that he or she practiced with maximum effort and integrity.

One of the great ironies in the quest for law and golf excellence is the elusive and fleeting nature of success in both pursuits. It is the all too rare moment of success in winning a tough trial, closing a difficult deal, hitting the perfect tee shot or draining the long birdie putt, that keeps us engaged and makes all of the hard work and practice worthwhile. And, a few refreshing “John Dalys” with your fellow competitors at the end of the day doesn't hurt either.

....AND SPEAKING OF GOLF: The VBBA “Dick Brydges Classic” Golf Tournament is OCTOBER 10 at VB National. 12 Noon Check-In with a 1 p.m. Shotgun Start. Come out for a day of fun and fellowship with your Judges, Clerks, colleagues and friends. Go to page 7 in this newsletter to find the registration form.

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At the Virginia State Bar's Bar Leaders Breakfast in June, President Jon Thornton and Director Chris Boynton accept the award of merit for sustained projects for the Seatack Mentoring Program.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

David M. O'Dell is the new Clerk of Court for Virginia Beach General District Court effective May 1, 2014. Dave is a 1982 Cum Laude graduate of Old Dominion University where he completed a B.S. in Business Administration. Dave was an auditor with the Auditor of Public Accounts from 1982 through 1984. In 1985 he accepted a position with the Supreme Court of Virginia as a Regional Internal Auditor and in 2007 he became a Circuit Court Analyst where he served until May 1st, 2014 when he was sworn in as the Clerk of Court for Virginia Beach General District Court. Dave has served as the President of the Larchmont/Edgewater Civic League for 13 years and coached Naval Base Little League from 1995 through 2004. He was also involved in the Hampton Boulevard Congestion Relief Committee from 2010 through 2012 and has been a Volunteer Officer with Kappa Alpha Order since 1985.

Commonwealth's Attorney Colin D. Stolle announces the following additions to the Virginia Beach Commonwealth's Attorney's Office:

- Mr. Gerald Harris was hired as an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney effective July 7, 2014. Mr. Harris received his Bachelor of Science degree from James Madison University and Juris Doctor from Regent University School of Law. Mr. Harris has prior experience at the Norfolk Commonwealth's Attorney's Office and in private practice. He is currently assigned to the Fourth Precinct Prosecution Team.
- Ms. Jennifer Guiliano was hired as an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney effective July 7, 2014. Ms. Guiliano received her Bachelor of Arts degree from The College of William & Mary and Juris Doctor from William & Mary Law School. Ms. Guiliano has prior experience at the Albemarle County Commonwealth's Attorney's Office and the Newport News Commonwealth's Attorney's Office. She is currently assigned to the First Precinct Prosecution Team.
- Ms. Vena Sanders was hired as an Associate Commonwealth's Attorney effective July 7, 2014. Ms. Sanders received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Nevada- Las Vegas and Juris Doctor from The University of Arizona College of Law. Ms. Sanders has prior experience at the Virginia Beach Commonwealth's Attorney's Office and the Law Offices of Michael I. Ashe. She is currently assigned to the Special Prosecution Team.

Judge Tanya Bullock has been selected as the new Chief Judge for the Virginia Beach Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court effective July 1, 2014.

The Virginia Beach Bar Association Young Lawyers has been extended an invitation to join the Virginia Bar Association at its Hampton Roads Membership Social. Please join them Thursday, October 2nd, at McCormick and Schmick's in Virginia Beach Town Center from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Meet and greet members of the Virginia Bar Association and some of our local judges while learning about the benefits of membership in the Virginia Bar Association.

From the Virginia Beach Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, regarding the Standards to Govern the Performance of Guardian Ad Litem for Children: "This summary may be written or oral. If written, copies of the summary should be provided to the other parties and their counsel at least five days prior to the hearing unless otherwise directed by the court."

The Judges of this Court are requesting that the GAL reports are submitted in writing to the court, the parties and their counsel at least five days prior to the hearing. Delays in filing such reports can cause a delay in the hearing. Please include case number(s), style of case, and court date on the cover sheet with the report.

The Court would like to thank you for your service to the public and to this court.



The Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court Committee has purchased two televisions for the waiting area in Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court to display information to assist citizens who come to court. Many thanks to Committee Chair Paul Powers and special thanks to Mitch Brody who got the bar association a great deal in the purchase of the televisions.

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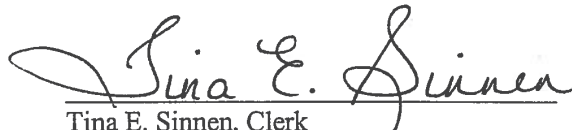
Faxing documents to the Court

I have noticed that we are receiving many pleadings, reports, copy requests, and other documents in our office fax machines. We installed those machines to facilitate the sending of documents from this office where time was of the essence. We never envisioned, and I do not believe that it is proper, that we should receive documents for filing, etc., via our fax machines.

We did establish an office policy concerning the sending and receiving of fax transmissions. In that policy statement, we said that it is improper to "file" a fax transmission in a court file. We did agree that there may be occasions when counsel might wish to send us an emergency copy of something which could then be held only until the original arrives. Those "emergency" transmissions could only be sent after calling one of our Supervisors and receiving prior authorization to do so.

Instead, we have reached a point where copy requests, subpoena requests, notices, orders, and other pleadings are an "all day - every day" occurrence. No one bothers to call anyone for an authorization, the fax just arrives. We have even begun to receive ones that say "2nd or 3rd request."

So many people have our number that it would be impossible to send a notice to everyone saying that we will no longer accept these fax filings, requests, etc. BUT, **effective immediately**, I have instructed my staff that, upon receipt of an unauthorized fax, they are to fax this Memorandum to you. We must insist upon having the original before we act. We will not make your fax transmission a part of the court file. Any further documents sent to us via fax, without prior authorization, will be discarded.



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RE: Prosecution of All DUI Cases

Dear Fellow Members of the Bar:

During my campaign for the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney, I promised the citizens of Virginia Beach that if elected, I would ensure that all DUI cases would be prosecuted by a member of my Office. This letter is to inform you that I am carrying out that promise.

Effective June 1, 2014, any DUI arrest made on this date or later in Virginia Beach will be handled by the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney in General District Court.

Effective June 30, 2014, with the cooperation of Judge Gene A. Woolard and the judges of the General District Court, all DUI cases will be set in the Traffic D Courtroom.

Regarding all DUI cases with an arrest date of May 31, 2014 or earlier, our Office will be handling them if we have received a request for assistance from the Virginia Beach Police Department or other law enforcement agencies.

Instead of only one prosecutor, two will be assigned to the courtroom. Cases involving the Division of Forensic Science will continue to be scheduled on the first three Wednesdays of each month. Other DUI cases will not be scheduled on those dates.

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When there is a change of procedures, there will always be concern. I understand that many in the Defense Bar are worried that the dockets will be longer now that the Commonwealth is involved and the cases are being originally consolidated in one courtroom. While there will be some difficulties in effecting this change, I promise you that steps are being planned in order to make the transition as smooth as possible.

My Office has been working diligently with the General District Court's Clerk's Office and the Virginia Beach Police Department in order to make sure that not too many cases are scheduled on each day. We also anticipate that as other courtrooms open up, some of the cases will be moved from Traffic D in order to speed up the docket. I also encourage communication between the Defense Bar and my attorneys prior to the trial date.

I have always felt that the Office of the Commonwealth's Attorney has had a professional and cordial relationship with the Virginia Beach Defense Bar and I am sure that will continue during my tenure.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Colin D. Stolle
Commonwealth's Attorney



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August 4, 2014

TO: All attorneys

Please be advised that the Circuit Court Clerk's Office of Isle of Wight County has again improved the efficiency of our office by providing E-Filing effective August 4, 2014.

The Virginia Judiciary E-Filing System (VJEFS) is a comprehensive automated system developed by the Office of the Executive Secretary of the Supreme Court of Virginia, to integrate the circuit court clerks' offices' existing statewide Circuit Case Management, Case Imaging (CIS), and Financial Management Systems.

The VJEFS will allow attorneys to file electronically in most civil cases. The registration is free to use, and this E-Filing system will help reduce costs for law offices as well as the Clerk's Office.

The Isle of Wight Clerk's Office already provides to attorneys the ability to view entire case files online using the Officer of the Court Remote Access System (OCRA).

This office has continually strived to enhance and streamline the court operations, as well as land records, and to make it convenient to citizens and all who conduct business with this office.

You may visit our Clerk's Office Home Page on the Isle of Wight County website, and learn about E-Filing, and much more concerning the operations of the Isle of Wight County Circuit Court Clerk's Office.

You may also contact our office directly at (757) 365-6233 for information or you may email me at snjones@courts.state.va.us.

Sharon N. Jones
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OPINIONS

RECENT VIRGINIA BEACH CIRCUIT COURT OPINIONS

Note: Copies of these opinions may be obtained from the Clerk's Office.

COMMONWEALTH V. ALBERT CHARLES BENJAMIN UZZLE, DOCKET NO.: CR13-2573 (JUDGE CROSHAW, 2/18/14)

– defendant moved to suppress a spoon and a smoking device seized from his vehicle. Defendant was arrested after police responded to a call about a suspicious vehicle that had been legally parked for three hours at the oceanfront. When an officer approached, defendant began reaching toward the compartment on the driver door panel; ultimately defendant showed his hands as instructed. Next, the officer noticed that the defendant had very constricted pupils, involuntary jerking of his head, dry mouth, and was extremely agitated, causing him to suspect that the defendant was under the influence of narcotics. Defendant asserted to the officer that he was the victim of racial profiling, and the officer explained that this claim required him to contact his supervisor. Another officer arrived on the scene, and the initial officer called traffic safety for information on the procedures for a blood draw. Both officers believed narcotics rather than alcohol were involved, as the defendant had to blow repeatedly into a breath machine to keep the car running, and there was no odor of alcohol. The defendant refused to consent to search of his vehicle the first time it was requested. Later, he opened his door unprompted, displaying in plain view a metal spoon with white residue on it. An officer again asked for permission to search the car, and the defendant consented. The court found the search and seizure proper. The officer was initially entitled to approach the car under the community caretaker doctrine. He had reasonable suspicion for a Terry stop once he made contact with the defendant, based upon the physical signs of narcotic use and the defendant's reaching down when the officer approached. The spoon with white residue was in plain view once the defendant opened his door. There is no evidence the subsequent consent to search was coerced, and the stop was not unnecessarily prolonged as the officers had to contact others for direction regarding a possible blood draw and the claim of racial profiling. Accordingly, the court denied the motion to suppress.

ARNETTE M. HAYES V. VINCENT HAYES, DOCKET NO.: CL11-3089 (JUDGE CROSHAW, 8/7/14)

– the primary issues in this divorce revolved around equitable distribution and spousal support. The court awarded wife 50% of the marital share of husband's military retirement, but declined to allocate debt due to insufficient evidence and because other

remedies were available to husband. After consideration of wife's history as a cancer survivor, current unemployment but ability to work, and husband's income, the court awarded wife \$800 a month for 3 years.

DONALD WASHBURN V. LISA WASHBURN, DOCKET NO.: CL12-5037 (JUDGE O'BRIEN, 7/23/14)

– at issue in this divorce were grounds, spousal support, and attorney's fees. The court found that plaintiff condoned defendant's adultery, and denied a divorce on that basis. This finding was based upon the parties engaging in a sexual relationship, purchase and use of gifts for each other, support and reliance during medical treatments, and attending social events together. The court imputed income to wife in the amount of \$16,640, based on her last employment and lack of credible evidence as to her current earning capacity. Ultimately, after consideration of the statutory factors, the court awarded wife \$1,000 a month for five years. The parties were held responsible for their own attorney's fees.

BUTTS V. LOANCARE, A DIVISION OF FNF SERVICING, INC., ET AL., DOCKET NO.: CL13-5499 (JUDGE CROSHAW, 5/9/14)

– this action sought to set aside a foreclosure sale, and the defendants demurred to all claims for equitable relief. The court sustained the demurrer. First, a breach of contract claim against the trustee was insufficient as there were no allegations of any obligation owed to plaintiff by the trustee. Likewise, plaintiff failed to sufficiently plead fraud or inadequacy of price so as to have the sale rescinded.

LABOR OF LOVE TOTAL HEALTHCARE, INC. V. TATIANA RAYS AND HNH VIRGINIA, INC., DOCKET NO.: CL13-5791 (JUDGE O'BRIEN, 4/24/14)

– this matter involved claims relating to a breach of duty of loyalty, and of an employment agreement, in soliciting plaintiff's clients and employees to move to HNH. HNH demurred. The court found a claim for conspiracy sufficiently alleged an unlawful act by alleging Rays solicited clients and employees before ending her employment. Allegations of the involvement of HNH were sufficient, as plaintiff alleged HNH knew Rays and other employees still worked for plaintiff when they contacted HNH, and that HNH would not have hired these employees without an assurance customers would come along as well. However, the request for an injunction against HNH soliciting and hiring plaintiff's employees was denied, as plaintiff has not pleaded facts showing the remedy available at law was insufficient.

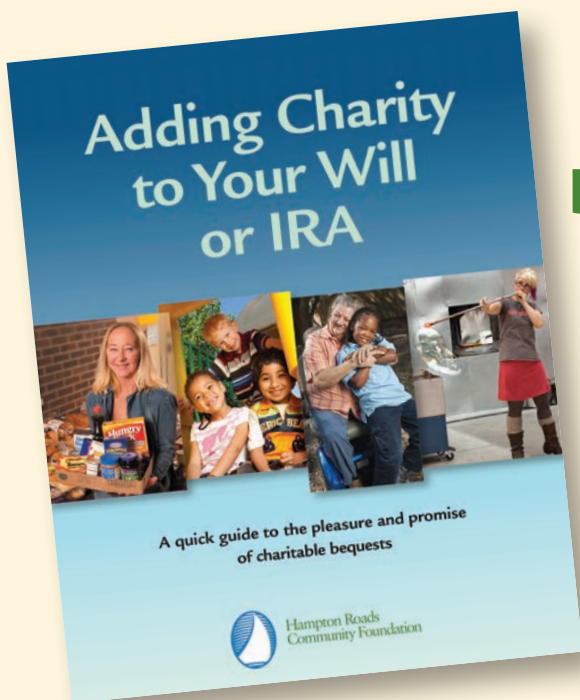
COMMONWEALTH V. CLINTON L. CLARK, JR., DOCKET NO.: CR13-4512 (JUDGE O'BRIEN, 5/29/14)

– this came before the court on a motion to suppress evidence from a cell phone seized during a traffic stop. First, the court found reasonable suspicion for the stop since the car passed another vehicle in a no passing zone. Second, it found that seizure of the phone during a pat-down violated the Fourth Amendment because there was no evidence that the officer believed the cell phone, attached to defendant's belt, could be a weapon. However, the phone would have inevitably been lawfully seized, because an inventory search of the vehicle would have revealed drugs and drug paraphernalia in the car, providing probable cause to arrest the defendant and search him. The information on the phone also would have inevitably been discovered, as the defendant voluntarily consented to its search by giving his password for the phone. The motion to suppress was denied.

COMMONWEALTH V. JERMAINE DURELL SPENCE, DOCKET NO.: CR14-1048 (JUDGE O'BRIEN, 8/6/14)

– this matter involved a motion to suppress based upon an alleged unjustified stop. The officer responded to a dispatch about an attempted hotel room break-in involving a black man and a white woman wearing certain clothes and driving a black car. On scene, a white woman dressed as described in the dispatch was outside the room in the black car, and a black man matching the dispatch description was in the room. A woman was in the room who appeared sick. However, there were no signs of a break-in, and the information given to 911 was not direct, but came from the calls from other guests to the front desk. Thus, there was no justification for a Terry stop. The community caretaker doctrine also did not justify the stop. Motion to suppress granted.

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Practice tips from the Circuit Court

By: Amy H. Jones
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CHANGES TO MOTIONS AND DUTY DOCKET; FEDERALLY MANDATED FORM FOR INCOME DEDUCTION ORDERS; REMINDER ABOUT REQUIRED DIVORCE AFFIDAVIT QUESTIONS

REMINDER ABOUT CHANGES IN MOTIONS/DUTY DOCKET RULES

As indicated in a notice emailed to members by the VBBA, effective Aug. 1 a number of changes went into effect for the duty judge and Friday motions dockets. Highlights of some of the requirements follow. First, the duty judge docket has returned to only being available for half days, in part to accommodate trial docket needs. Second, pendente lite hearings cannot be set on the duty judge docket, but must be placed on the Friday motions docket. At the same time, matters that are briefed can only be placed on the duty judge docket. Third, the duty judge docket will not proceed as a “notice by phone/email” docket. Instead, with limited exceptions, a written motion that sufficiently identifies the issues or basis for the motion, and relief sought, must be filed five business days before the scheduled hearing date. While the parties will need to submit a newly developed “Duty Judge Motion Docket Hearing Request” form to schedule the hearing, that form alone does not satisfy the written motion requirement.

Along these same lines, counsel cannot simply keep noticing more and more motions up until the start of the hearing simply because they have a time slot on the duty docket. Additional motions beyond those originally scheduled must be approved by the duty judge. Finally, any memoranda or briefs must be filed in compliance with Supreme Court Rule 4:15, which essentially requires that the last brief be filed no later than seven days before the hearing. This means that counsel should fully brief matters before setting them for hearing. Filing a brief the day before (or later!) will not be acceptable. The point of all of these requirements is to have orderly and expeditious resolution of duty judge hearings, with the goal of providing a ruling from the bench.

It is extremely important that you review all of the new requirements as set forth in the Motions Docket Procedures Manual, located here: <http://www.vbgov.com/government/departments/courts/circuit-court-judges/Pages/Motion-Docket.aspx>.

INCOME DEDUCTION ORDERS MUST USE A FEDERALLY MANDATED FORM ORDER

Due to certain changes in the Social Security Act, a federal form is required for income deduction orders. Employers are technically required to reject income deduction orders that do not use the federal form. While this has been in place for cases in the juvenile and domestic relations court for a couple of years (where such orders are more common), counsel need to be aware that it also applies to circuit court cases. This means you cannot use an order that you created yourself, or the prior form created by the Commonwealth. Instead, you need to use the current version of form DC-645, which according to the Virginia Supreme Court is available in PDF-fillable format on the Virginia State Bar web site. The form is in the portion of that web site available for bar members only, and if you have not already done so, you will need to register to use that part of the site.

REQUIRED USE OF COURT'S AFFIDAVIT QUESTIONS FOR DIVORCES

We have recently seen apparent confusion about the statement that “you must use this court’s affidavit questions” on the Correction Form. In response to this notation, attorneys have been re-submitting their own version of affidavit questions and adding in some of the court’s questions. As a reminder, Procedure 7 of the Uncontested Divorce Manual states “The deposition or affidavit shall conform to and not deviate from the questions required by this Court.” This means that there should be no additions to, deletions from, or alterations to the court’s questions. Among other reasons, the questions were developed to speed processing, both by having information in routine and expected locations, and by avoiding disputes over whether attorney-drafted questions were or were not sufficient. So, there’s no need to take the hard road – just block copy the court’s questions!

WHAT'S NEW AT WAHAB

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- The Articulate Attorney: Public Speaking for Attorneys
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- Goolsby & Haas on Virginia Corporations
- Virginia Law and Practice: A Handbook for Attorneys, 2014
- Virginia Practice Series: Tort and Personal Injury Laws, 2014
- Several new NOLO titles, including
- Every Dog's Legal Guide, 2013
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- 6th Annual Advanced Business Litigation Institute
- 23rd Annual Employment Law Update Seminar
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- Life of a Contested Guardianship, 2014
- Manual for Commissioners of Accounts, 2014
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- Annual Dick Brydges Golf Outing at the Virginia Beach National Golf Course October 10, 2014
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- Seminar on Elder Law October 23, 2014
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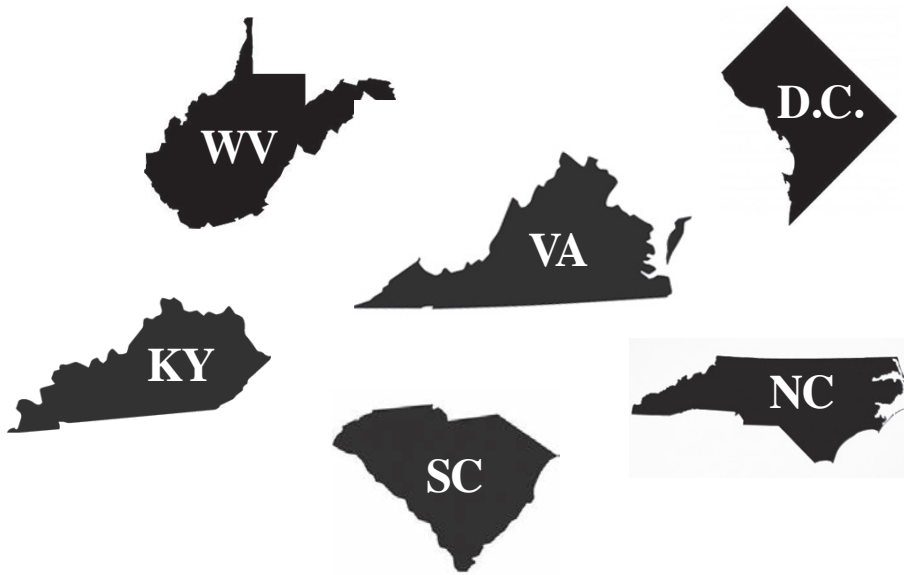
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★ ★ ★ On the following dates: September 29, 30, October 1, 2, 3, November 26, & December 12 the arraignments will be held at 11:00 a.m.
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