



2008 to 2019: The Firm’s Second Century Begins

Commencing its second century in 2008, the Firm experienced change, and continued to adapt to the ever-changing needs of its clients. In doing so, it reinforced its place as a pre-eminent provider of legal services in Northern Virginia, and beyond.

The Firm said sad goodbyes to some attorneys, and introduced many new attorneys as well. The passing of beloved partners Jesse B. Wilson III, Gary W. Brown, and Randolph Church, Jr. was felt keenly by those who grew up as lawyers with these greats, and even by those in the Firm who knew them only through stories and legends, and never had the privilege of practicing with them. Long-time partner W. McCauley Arnold retired in 2013. Anne Reilly Jones, a partner who had worked principally with one of the Firm’s major clients, the Claude Moore Charitable Foundation, resigned in 2014 to serve as the Foundation’s General Counsel, and continued to work closely with the Firm in that capacity. Anne succeeded Randolph A. Sutliff, former President of the Firm, who served as the Foundation’s General Counsel and then as its Deputy Executive Director. Also in 2008, Daniel P. Lyon—an associate since 1992 and partner since 2000—became general counsel to a government contracting corporation that he helped found, along with his wife. In 2019, Dan rejoined McCandlish as Senior Counsel. Brian R. Sanderson left the Firm in 2015, Adam W. Smith left at the end of 2018. Various associates joined the Firm and later moved on to other positions.

All are missed by their former colleagues at the Firm. However, times waits for no one, and others have joined and seized the professional opportunities to learn from more experienced partners, with many making an impact early on, and laying a very promising foundation for another generation of high-achieving “McCandlish lawyers”.

2009 – 2012

Alan B. Croft joined the Firm as Senior Counsel in March 2009, practicing principally out of the Leesburg office. Prior to becoming a member of the Firm, Alan was a litigation attorney for over thirty years, including for a time with a well-known local real estate firm, and more recently with a boutique D.C. firm. He has served as lead counsel in more than 100 trials in state and federal courts throughout the United States as well as countless hearings before arbitration tribunals. Relying upon his early experience as a criminal prosecutor for the Commonwealth of Virginia, and skills acquired later as the president of a real estate development firm, Alan has concentrated on handling matters involving complex technical and commercial issues, and also fiduciary litigation, and even serious personal injury litigation.

Laura Golden Liff also joined the Firm as a summer associate in 2009, and then, as a full time Associate in 2010. Another Northern Virginia native, Ms. Liff devoted a great deal of time and

energy in encouraging pro bono participation among the Firm’s attorneys. She served as a chair of Virginia Bar Association’s Pro Bono Hotline and was recognized as being among Virginia’s “Legal Elite” by Virginia Business for her leadership. Ms. Liff’s practice initially included family law and domestic relations. Later, she worked closely with Peyton Mahaffey and other senior litigation partners in substantial and complex commercial and fiduciary litigation cases. The Firm also hired Derek E. Karchner as a Summer Associate in 2010, while he attended Catholic University’s Columbus School of Law in the evenings. Derek joined the Firm full-time as an Associate in 2011, in the Firm’s business and real estate practice groups.

After forming and successfully running his own firm for over 35 years, Benjamin J. Trichilo joined the Firm in 2011, bringing with him extensive experience as a trial and appellate lawyer. Ben focuses on worker’s compensation and personal injury matters. Ben’s representation of the Washington Commanders (formerly the Washington Redskins) has been a source of interesting worker’s compensation matters, and reinforces the allegiance of (most of) our attorneys and staff to the franchise that has both delighted and frustrated football fans in the Washington Metropolitan area since 1937.

2012 saw the relocation of the Firm’s Leesburg office to a brand new commercial office space in downtown Leesburg. Having outgrown its long-standing home adjacent to Dodona Manor in Leesburg, the Leesburg office moved into a newly constructed office space at 201 Loudoun Street.



“Ice Bucket Challenge” for charity

The Firm also welcomed Angela G. Campbell as a full-time Associate. Prior to joining McCandlish Lillard, Ms. Campbell served on the staff of U.S. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott

from 1997 to 2005. During her tenure on Capitol Hill, Ms. Campbell progressed in responsibility and was ultimately appointed as Senator Lott's Counsel and Director of Projects.

While 2012 saw many positive developments, the Firm mourned the passing of Jesse B. Wilson, III. Just months before Mr. Wilson's passing, the Firm had re-instituted a tradition Jesse had started: Hound Dog Day was (and *still is*) celebrated by the Firm each year on August 2nd, exactly six months after Groundhog Day. According to legend, if on August 2nd Mr. Wilson's hound dog rose and walked to its water bowl for a drink, the region could expect summer to continue for six more weeks, but if he passed it by, winter would certainly come early.



McCandlish attorneys in lobby of Fair Oaks Plaza, April 2015.

Left to right, rear: Lawrence J. McClafferty, Robert H.J. Loftus, Stephen C. Price, Autumn D. McCullogh, John W. Farrell, William J. Walsh, R. Peyton Mahaffey, Alan B. Croft, Adam W. Smith, Ralph M. Tener, Eric J. Berghold, Derek E. Karchner.
Front: J. Robert McAllister, Laura G. Liff, Benjamin J. Trichilo, Bethany R. Benes, Angela G. Campbell, Gary W. Brown, William J. Bethune, Rachael E. Pashkevich, Douglas J. Sanderson

2015

In May, 2015, the self-proclaimed, "supremely awesome" Wendy Musco joined the M&L family as our new Office Administrator. Wendy succeeded Tom Duka, who relocated to South Carolina. Wendy wasted no time in whipping the attorneys into shape, and in perfectly appropriate, passive aggressive manner, Firm management effectively retaliated by stripping her of her middle initial. Everyone else gets one (*Bob Loftus even gets two-RHJL*), but it evolved that Wendy would be perpetually referred to as just, "WM" in Firm memos. Turning the slight to her advantage, Wendy pointed out that her new moniker works rightside up and upside down. Ignoring the slight, Wendy in fact focuses on everything that it takes to keep our law Firm running.



Bookkeeper Rebecca Kennedy and Wendy Musco having fun in a photobooth

While the Firm has always celebrated Hound Dog Day internally, we hosted the first Hound Dog Day Community-Wide event on Saturday, August 1, 2015. The event raised funds and awareness for pet adoption on behalf of four regional dog rescue groups. The event—free to the public—brought local community members and their canine companions out to Lake Fairfax in Reston to enjoy an array of outdoor activities and to witness the annual proclamation of whether there would be six more weeks of summer, or an early fall.

Peyton Mahaffey, President of McCandlish Lillard, read the Hound Dog Day Proclamation and informed all who gathered that on Saturday morning, the hound dog did indeed stop and drink from his water bowl, meaning six more weeks of summer. While disappointed with this news after an already hot summer, event Co-Chairs, Laura Golden Liff and Rachael E. Pashkevich, presented the event beneficiaries with substantial checks from raised from funds through sponsorships and signature Hound Dog Day t-shirt sales.



August 2015: The Firm celebrated Hound Dog Day with a Community-Wide charitable event in Reston



Hound Dog Day beneficiaries receive checks to support their good works (left)
Peyton and Libby Mahaffey with their “rescue” golden retriever, Macy (right)

Everyone enjoyed free music, glitter tattoos, strolling jugglers, a photo booth and over twenty pet-related exhibitors. Barbeque, hot dogs and snow cones were among food items available

from local food trucks. The exhibitors offered pet-related products and non-profit information on local pet rescue and support groups.

2016

In 2016, the Firm welcomed Elizabeth L. Gray as a principal. Liz joined to expand the Firm's already burgeoning Wills, Trusts and Estates practice. Liz has developed an extensive practice in the areas of elder law, estate planning, special needs planning, guardianships and conservatorships, and estate administration. She has also established a reputation as one of the preeminent elder law and special needs attorneys in Virginia, frequently lecturing and making presentations on the subjects to other lawyers and professionals.

In August 2016, Peyton Mahaffey was named to the 2016 class of "Leaders in the Law" by Virginia Lawyers Media, publisher of *Virginia Lawyers Weekly*. The award recognizes those who are setting the standard for other lawyers in the Commonwealth, by changing the law, serving the community, changing the practice of law, or improving the justice system.

2017

Our long-time friend and partner, Gary W. Brown, passed away in August, 2017. Gary joined our Firm in 1990, and had retired in May 2017 after 50 years of practicing law. Born and raised in Oklahoma, Gary entered the private practice of law in the Washington, D.C. area in 1970. He concentrated in the area of medical malpractice defense, legal malpractice defense, product liability and employment discrimination, and was a trained arbitrator and mediator. In addition to being active in community affairs, bar activities and church activities, Gary, a former "DC Defense Lawyer of the Year", headed up the Medical Malpractice Defense Group of the Firm. He was Chairman Emeritus of McCandlish Lillard's Board of Directors. Each year around the holidays, Gary led a toy and clothing drive at the Firm to benefit the Salvation Army. That tradition continues, and is now led by legal assistant Sarah Glover.

We are pleased to share some photos from happier times, at Gary's retirement party at International Country Club thrown by the Firm earlier that year.



At Gary Brown's retirement party at International Country Club.

Left to right, rear: Adam W. Smith, Peter Lipresti, Lawrence J. McClafferty, Robert H.J. Loftus, Douglas J. Sanderson.

Front: Elizabeth L. Gray, C. Vincent Leon-Guerrero, Alexandra L. Rhee, Mark Brown, Ralph M. Tener, Dana Simpkins, Alice and Gary W. Brown, R. Peyton Mahaffey, Stephen C. Price, Alan B. Croft, Randy Sutliff, Joseph A. Figueroa, William J. Walsh, Bethany R. Benes, Wendy Musco, William J. Bethune.



Gary Brown's Retirement Luncheon. Left photo, left to right: Gary's wife Alice, son Mark, long time assistant Dana Simpkins and colleague Adam Smith. **Right photo:** President Peyton Mahaffey presents Gary with a plaque signed by his partners commemorating his exceptional legal career, valuable guidance, and outstanding service to the Firm

Kathryn Swain first joined McCandlish Lillard in 2017 as a Summer Associate. After graduating from George Mason University Law School in 2018, Ms. Swain clerked for the Honorable Daniel E. Ortiz, Judge of the Fairfax County Circuit Court. In the Fall of 2019, Ms. Swain returned as a full-time Associate practicing in the areas of civil litigation, estate planning, and family law. She capably serves on the Board of the Fairfax Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section, and is active with the Young Lawyers Division of the VBA.



Elizabeth Gray and Kathryn Swain

In August 2017, Virginia C. Haizlip joined the Firm as a Principal. Having already established a successful career as a family law attorney in Northern Virginia, Ms. Haizlip expanded her practice at the Firm to include estate planning and elder law. She was named to the 2019 Class of “Influential Women of the Law” by Virginia Lawyers Weekly and serves on the board of the Northern Virginia Chapter of the Virginia Women Attorneys Association, having completed a term as President in June 2020.

2019

In 2019, Melinda Merk joined the Firm as a Principal. As a seasoned tax and estates and trusts attorney, Melinda enjoys working with a wide range of clients to successfully protect and preserve their wealth. She brings a unique and diverse perspective from her work in private law practice at a large national firm, Big Four accounting, and private banking/trust services. Melinda was recently awarded the Accredited Estate Planner® (AEP®) designation by the National Association of Estate Planners & Councils, which distinguishes designees for their dedication to being a collaborative advisor. In 2024, Melinda would be named a “Leader in the Law” by *Virginia Lawyers Weekly*, following in the footsteps of her partners Elizabeth L. Gray and R. Peyton Mahaffey who had been so recognized in earlier years.

Daniel P. Lyon, a former principal of McCandlish, rejoined the Firm as Of Counsel. Dan had departed in 2008 to establish and operate a successful government consulting company, which he co-founded with his wife Paula. Dan served as the company’s General Counsel, Chief Financial Officer and a member of its Board of Directors. Dan has extensive knowledge of the legal and financial needs of government contractors.

Peyton Mahaffey was named to the Class of 2019 of the “**Virginia Lawyers Hall of Fame.**” The Hall of Fame is sponsored by *Virginia Lawyers Media*, in cooperation with the Virginia Bar Association, and honors attorneys on the basis of their career accomplishments, contributions to the development of law in Virginia, contributions to the bar and the Commonwealth, and efforts to improve the quality of justice in Virginia.



Peyton Mahaffey and wife Libby at his Virginia Lawyers Hall of Fame Induction in May 2019

With the inspiration and leadership of new colleague Melinda Merk, the Firm invited clients and colleagues to join us for an Open House in June. The Firm enjoyed a great turnout, getting to see everyone outside of business hours – even if still in our office space!





2020 to Present: The Pandemic and Beyond

2020

COVID-19 hit early in the year and hard, but McCandlish not only survived, *it thrived*. The Firm remained open for business throughout the pandemic while rigidly adhering to Governor Northam’s Executive Orders and CDC guidelines. It came as no surprise when facing a worldwide pandemic, many people started to think about estate planning, and the Firm hosted a number of webinars for potential clients and referral sources. Our attorneys and staff worked from home as needed, and discovered other new and creative ways to get our work done. When circumstances required, estate plans were completed and executed in the parking circle in front of our building, or in homes and a variety of continuous care facilities. We learned to “hate” Microsoft Teams, and even Zoom sometimes.



In March 2020, Randolph W. Church, Jr. passed away. While he had not practiced with us since 1986, Church succeeded Bob McCandlish and became the Firm's Managing Partner in 1972 (a position he would hold until 1983). He was originally from Richmond and attended undergraduate and law school at the University of Virginia. Church joined the Firm on June 27, 1960, quickly developing a reputation for meticulous preparation on all matters that he handled. He practiced in virtually every Virginia court early in his career, and was capable of handling almost any legal matter for both businesses and individuals. Church's long hours were legendary and he reputedly made use of a shower facility in the Firm and maintained a cot in his office. Reliable and attentive to detail, Church was a master at serving and retaining clients brought into the Firm by McCandlish and others. During his tenure, Church would become general counsel to such entities as the Fairfax County Water Authority and American Medical Laboratories, Inc. He argued a number of cases before the Virginia Supreme Court on a variety of legal subjects. Church also continued and enhanced the Firm's reputation for participation in bar and civic activities, motivating and inspiring others to do the same.

Later in the year, Peter A. Arntson, a widely respected tax and trust and estate practitioner decided to step back from the active practice of law and retire. While still visiting the offices from time to time, particularly when meeting as a board member of The Claude Moore

Charitable Foundation in our building in Fairfax, Pete reports that he is enjoying retirement immensely. His former colleagues miss his daily presence.

2021

With many other firms still tightening their belts due to the pandemic, McCandlish actually hired two new associates and a paralegal. The Firm welcomed a new member to our Trust and Estates team, attorney Sarah Caitlyn Aviles, in April 2021. Sarah concentrates her practice in the areas of estate planning, trust and estate administration, guardianships and conservatorships, and civil litigation. Sarah has also represented many fiduciaries through the complex post-death trust and estate administration process, from insolvent estates to multi-million dollar estates and trusts. She also represents prospective guardians and conservators of incapacitated adults and minors through the Court appointment and qualification process. Sarah has also litigated civil cases in various areas of the law, including business, employment, real estate, construction, adverse possession, and contract law. Having excelled in her practice areas, in 2023 Sarah was elevated to Principal in the Firm.



Pete Arntson, with Paralegal Susan McClean, who also retired in 2020

Another beloved partner, Eric J. Berghold, decided to take early retirement. An avid hunter, Eric and his wife Kathleen had purchased some property in Stafford that afforded him the luxury of putting on his camo and taking the crossbow (presented to him by his colleagues at a dinner in his honor) with him out his back door and exploring the woods on a much more regular basis than the full-time practice of law had ever permitted. Eric stays in touch with his former colleagues and is missed dearly by all.



With the addition of Ryan Logan as an associate attorney in 2021, the Firm added depth to the business and corporate practice areas. Ryan's practice focuses on business and real estate transactional law, working primarily in the Firm's Fairfax office representing clients in Northern Virginia and throughout the DC metropolitan area.

McCandlish Lillard mourned the passing of Jack Rust in 2021. While Jack was a principal with ML for only 6+ years, he had an outsized influence on all of the Firm's attorneys who had the privilege to work with and learn from him. Jack was remarkable, and was a "lion of the bar". A tremendous human being, Jack was always "*the smartest guy in the room.*" He was understated, gentle and kind, and a great mentor to the Firm's younger attorneys, especially Peyton Mahaffey, during his time with McCandlish Lillard, and after. As anyone who had the



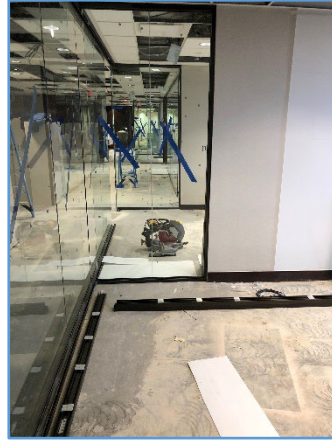
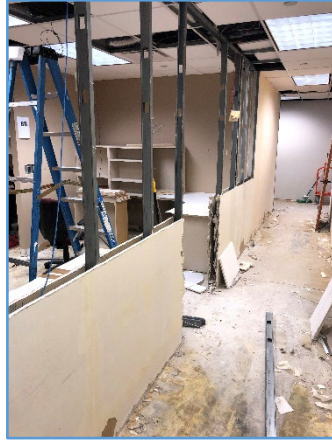
John H. "Jack" Rust, Jr. 1947-2021

good fortune to work with him will attest, Jack was fun to be around. Well-versed in business, law, and politics, Jack had a myriad of tremendous personal and professional accomplishments throughout his life. Through his actions, his work ethic, and his treatment of clients and colleagues alike, he taught us what we needed to know about being good lawyers. We will miss staying in touch with our friend, but will always cherish our time with him, and the lessons that he taught us. We are better lawyers, and people, for having known Jack Rust.

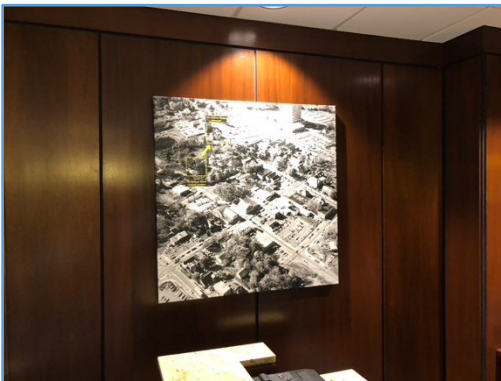
2021 also saw the passing of William C. Bauknight, Jr., another former partner with McCandlish Lillard. He passed away peacefully in Williamsburg, Virginia with family at his side at the age of 99. Bill joined the Firm (then known as McCandlish Lillard Bauknight Church and Best) in 1976. Bauknight had first come to Fairfax in 1953 and joined practice with John Webb and Jack Wood. He had opened his own office in 1956 and in 1960 formed a law firm with Edgar A. Prichard and F. Shield McCandlish, Bob McCandlish's third cousin, once removed. In 1973 Bauknight again opened his own office, this time in Annandale, Virginia. Pete Arntson approached him about joining the Firm, and reported Bauknight's interest back to the partners. Bauknight was the classic "rainmaker", and in order to accommodate his established practice, the McCandlish Firm maintained an Annandale office which was primarily manned by Mr. Bauknight, with Jesse B. Wilson, III and then third-year associate, Randy Sutliff. The primary reason that Wilson and Sutliff were in Annandale was the lack of adequate space in the Fairfax office due to the construction of the additions and other renovations to the Barbour House during that period.



Renovation to the Firm's Fairfax office space in 2021-22



Meticulously reproduced canvas versions of the historic Barbour House pictures adorn the lobby areas of the renovated Fair Oaks offices



On a lighter note, it was decided to move the Firm's annual Hound Dog Day celebration to Peyton Mahaffey's back yard in August 2021. Our renovated offices were not quite ready for prime time, but more pointedly, everyone was ready to celebrate outside as the pandemic had basically precluded so many other celebrations. A great time was had by all!



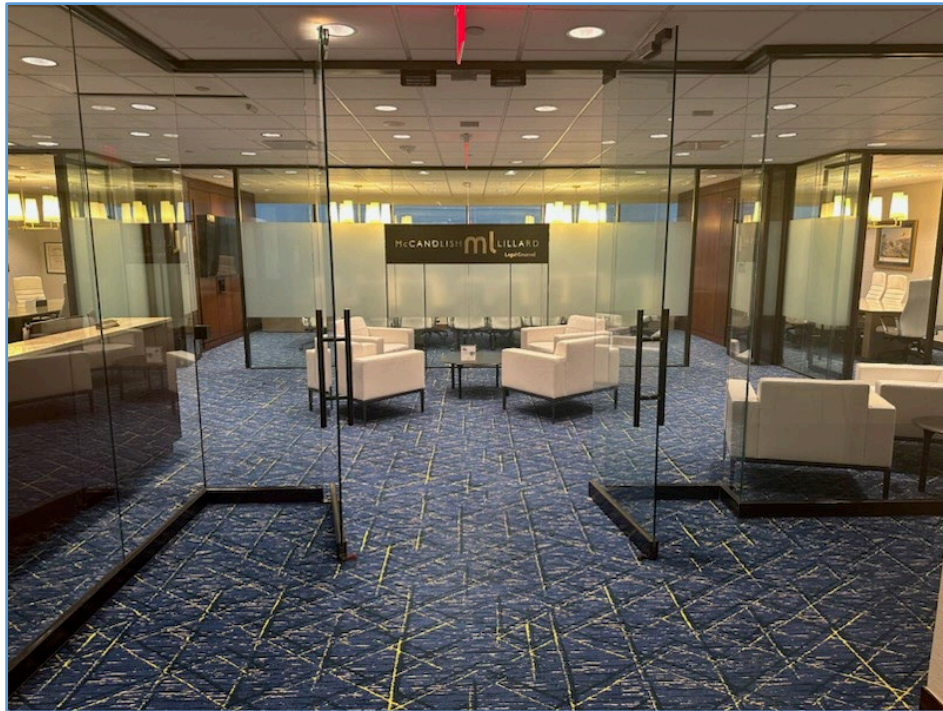
After joining the Firm as a summer clerk in 2018, Theresa Dalmut Small gathered valuable experience after graduating from law school as a 2-year judicial clerk for the Judges of the Fairfax County Circuit Court. During her clerkship experience, Theresa not only focused on the intricacies of Virginia law, but had the timely opportunity to become well versed in remote hearings. She participated on a panel discussion for a CLE concerning Effective Virtual Advocacy Using WebEx and Zoom platforms. In September 2021, we were pleased to welcome her back as a full time associate.



In June 2021, R. Peyton Mahaffey announced that he would be stepping down as the President and Managing Partner of the Firm, effective at the end of the calendar year. Having been a partner since 1988, a long-standing member of the Firm's executive committee, member of numerous other committees, and having served as President and Managing Partner since 2007, Mahaffey was eager to see others step into leadership positions thereby ensuring the long-term health of the Firm.

Lawrence McClafferty would succeed him as President in January 2022. Mahaffey was honored to have been asked by the Firm’s Board to remain active as a “*McCandlish lawyer*”, and to become Chairman of the Firm upon stepping down as President, which he was pleased to accept.

There was plenty left to do in the second half of 2021, and beyond. Mahaffey undertook another role with the Firm that allowed him to focus on originating new work for the Firm, providing the benefit of his experience on cases wherever possible, and run special projects such as completing major lease negotiations and guiding the tenant improvements that would begin in late 2021. Working closely with the Firm’s administrator, Wendy J. Musco, and the construction, architectural, and design teams, this vitally important task was indeed accomplished. By mid 2022, the Firm’s lawyers and staff in its Fairfax offices returned to “regular in-office” workdays, and enjoyed totally refreshed, and in the main conference and public areas, truly beautiful “post-pandemic” modern work spaces.



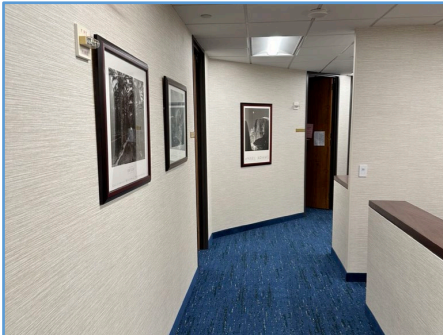
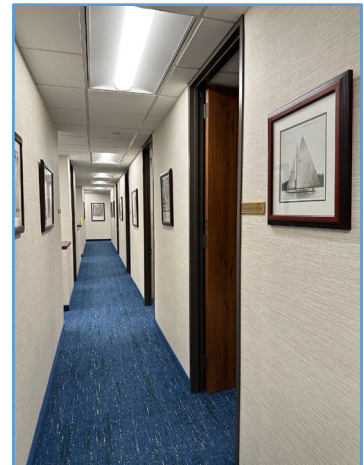
Renovated Fairfax Lobby



Refreshed and renovated Conference Room 3 (*above*)



Entering the Fairfax Offices (*below*)



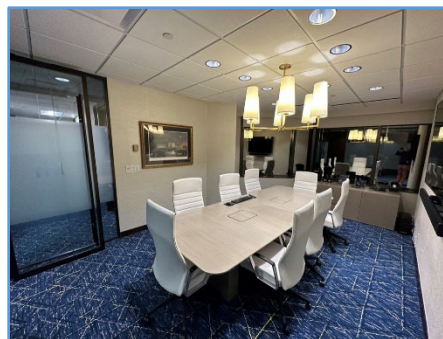
Fairfax lobby, typical common hallways, and the new break room



Ceremonial Law Library and Sitting Area



Conference rooms
1, 2, 4 and 5





**Theresa Small,
Douglas Sanderson,
David Murphy, and
Benjamin Trichilo
working in
Conference Room 2**

2022

Following her graduation from George Washington University Law School, Hannane (“Hannah”) Amanpour joined the Firm as an associate attorney, having been a summer clerk in 2021. Hannah is based in the Firm’s Fairfax office, practicing in the areas of family/domestic relations law and business law. Before attending law school, Hannah co-owned and operated a local moving and storage business for several years. Prior to that, she spent eight years in the auto industry, working in service for luxury car lines.

Through the efforts of partner Melinda Merk, Office Administrator Wendy J. Musco, and a proverbial “cast of thousands”, we happily hosted a 2022 “Octoberfest” for the dual purposes of thanking and celebrating the clients and friends of the Firm, and to show off our completely refreshed and renovated Fairfax offices.

A dark blue poster for an Oktoberfest event. At the top are three icons: a glass of beer, a pretzel, and a beer mug. The text reads: "McCANDLISH LILLARD OKTOBERFEST". Below this, it says "When Wednesday, October 19, 2022 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM EDT" with a link "Add to Calendar". The main description says: "Please join us for happy hour/Firm open house - featuring craft beer and wine from Three Fox Vineyards & Brewery, catered fare, and entertainment by Mason Music Productions of the George Mason University Dewberry School of Music."/>

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In November, the Firm added even more depth to its family law group with the hiring of Dianya (“Dani”) Pu as an associate attorney. Dani is a seasoned lawyer working primarily in the Firm’s Fairfax Office; however, she represents clients across Northern Virginia with a practice focusing on family law, guardianships/conservatorships, trust & estates, and litigation. Since the beginning of her practice, Dani has focused her practice on issues relating to divorces, separation, child custody and visitation, equitable distribution, and support.



A “typical October 31 meeting” with Wendy Musco, Rebecca Kennedy, Susan McLaurin, David Murphy, Ryan Logan, Linda Pascarella, Elizabeth Gray, Dianya Pu, and Theresa Small

Ralph M. Tener retired from a distinguished legal career in 2022. Ralph and Peyton Mahaffey had succeeded Gary W. Brown and Randolph A. Sutliff as Chairman and President respectively in 2007. During his 23 years with McCandlish Lillard, he trained attorneys and helped to build the depth of the Firm. Ralph was a thoughtful and trusted colleague who shared his wisdom and experience, particularly with the Firm’s lawyers who had the good fortune to work with him. Ralph headed the Firm’s Information Technology Group, and practiced computer and intellectual property law for more than 25 years.

2023

The Firm continued to add youth and bring even more experience to its practice areas. In March 2023, David E. Murphy joined as a Senior Associate at McCandlish Lillard practicing litigation, including employment, business &



Congratulating Ralph Tener at his belated retirement party

commercial litigation, post-employment restrictive covenants, personal and business torts, breach of contract, defamation, severance review and analysis, and executive compensation and termination. David represents clients in both state and Federal courts across Virginia, Maryland, and Washington D.C.



Virginia Haizlip, Caitlyn Bender, Ryan Logan, and David Murphy taking a break in the building's lower level break room



Douglas Sanderson, David Murphy, Theresa Small, and Wendy Musco checking out the building's new fitness center

Caitlyn Bender is an associate attorney practicing in the areas of civil litigation, real estate, workers compensation, family law, elder law, and estate planning. Caitlyn was a summer clerk for the Firm in 2022, and now as an associate, works primarily in the Firm's Leesburg Office. However, she represents clients across Northern Virginia.

Continuing to Look Forward with Optimism and Professionalism

We view ourselves as part of a world economy. We have expanded the use of voice mail, email, teleconferencing and iPhones to include Apple Watches, Zoom, Web-Ex, Teams, and similar video conferencing platforms—all in the tradition and spirit of our founders: whatever it takes to be in touch and serve the business and legal needs of our clients. Metro's Silver Line is now operational all the way to its terminus at Loudoun (Moorefield) Station. Development continued throughout the pandemic and beyond, even as the economy waxed and waned.



**Wendy Musco, the firm's administrator,
and long-time bookkeeper
extraordinaire Becca Kennedy**

Today, we remain the beneficiaries of a legacy of excellence and leadership built over more than a century of practice in Northern Virginia and the Washington metropolitan area. Far from being stuck in the past, however, this legacy drives us toward the future, helping us to anticipate and meet the legal challenges our clients will face tomorrow. While we are rightfully proud of our history, we speak the language of technology. We stand ready to counsel and advise our clients whenever and wherever possible, fighting when necessary, in order to face tomorrow with confidence and success, no matter how uncertain it may seem.

The Washington metropolitan region is ever-changing, and always presenting new and serious legal challenges to our clients. McCandlish Lillard remains well-positioned to help individuals and businesses not only meet, but take advantage of these challenges, and to create opportunities for them as well. While always being professional, we also endeavor to keep perspective, and to look for opportunities do some good for those who could use a break. Our mantra remains to deliver excellent legal product, work as hard as we can for our clients, always with professionalism and as much grace as possible.

Somewhere, Jesse Wilson is looking down, and smiling.