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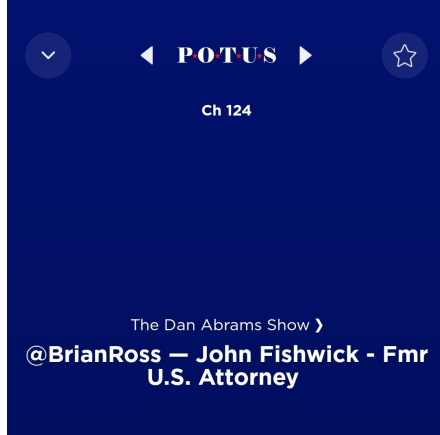
Campaign to Name Federal Building for Rueben E. Lawson

Great response from the community as we begin the project to rename the Richard H. Poff Federal Building to the Reuben E. Lawson Federal Building. Reuben E. Lawson was a civil rights titan, but unfortunately is not as well-known as his peers such as Roanoke attorney Oliver Hill. He brought the legal cases that successfully integrated the schools in Grayson County, Floyd County, Pulaski County, Lynchburg City, Roanoke City, and Roanoke County. This was not easy work, as he had to overcome many roadblocks and the “massive resistance” that was commonplace in the South in the late 1950s and 1960s. A federal courthouse is where people go in search of legal recourse and vindication, and it should be named after someone who reflected that principle. Reuben E. Lawson did just that. Below are photos from the press conference, where we were joined by Reverend Edward Burton, who gave his support to the campaign.



Office Update

Owner and Attorney, John Fishwick, has been interviewed by the National Media as a legal expert concerning the Mar-a-Lago criminal investigation. Brian Ross from the Dan Abrams Show on SiriusXM interviewed him, and Alex Wagner of MSNBC featured him again as a guest contributor. Mr. Fishwick was also quoted in *The Wall Street Journal* regarding the criminal trial of Igor Danchenko in the Russia investigation.



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Probe Into FBI's 2016 Russia Investigation's Origins Winds Down as Second Trial Begins

Trial of Russia analyst Igor Danchenko will be a major test for Special Counsel John Durham

Judge Trenga last month declined to dismiss the case, but said in court it was “an extremely close call.” That comment could signal a challenge for prosecutors as they try to prove their case to a jury beyond a reasonable doubt, said John Fishwick, a former U.S. attorney during the Obama administration.

“You want these cases to be a lock, that it’s easy to explain why it’s a lie, and there’s a lot of gray area here,” Mr. Fishwick said. “You have to connect a lot of dots to prove it’s a lie, and I think that makes it challenging to win.”

The trial could provide new insight into Mr. Durham’s long investigation. “It has been so secretive up until this point that it’s an opportunity for the American public to evaluate what’s been happening with it, and that’s a good thing,” Mr. Fishwick, the former top prosecutor, said.

WHAT DOES HAZING MEAN IN VIRGINIA?

Hazing has been rightfully described as an epidemic. It is estimated that over half of university students partake in some form of hazing each year, not only in fraternities and sororities, but in recreational clubs, academic clubs, and honor societies as well. In...

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Employee Spotlight



Monique Jennings

Legal Assistant

Monique worked as a flight attendant with Piedmont Airlines for many years. She moved to Roanoke from Atlanta in 2010 and quickly fell in love with the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. In 2020, Monique decided to change careers and joined Fishwick and Associates and has been a wonderful addition to the team. Shortly thereafter, she completed her degree to become a paralegal. She is prudent, hardworking, and brings her Jamaican joyful approach to everything that she does. Monique enjoys spending time with her family, traveling, reading, writing, being outdoors, and volunteering with local organizations in the Roanoke Valley.

What's Happening Outside the Office?

What a time to live in the Blue Ridge Mountains! Many of our employees have been outside the office enjoying the beautiful Fall weather and colors that our area has to offer.



Firm Investigator, Isaac Van Patten, and his family traveled to Busch Gardens for their Annual Howl-O-Scream.



Legal Assistant and Marketing Director, Jack Fishwick, wrapped up his Fall Season as Roanoke College's Assistant Men's and Women's Tennis Coach. The team has a short break before returning to action in January!



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