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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Jack Quinn



OF PURSES AND PRESIDENTS

I believe myself to be a natural born executive. At the Maryland State Conference of Bar Presidents, I proved it.

I don't recall whether I was elected to high office in grade school, high school or college although in high school, I was voted "Most Likely to Receive the Attention of the State of New Jersey." I fled before fulfilling that prophecy. As to Academic high elective office, I now remember – I wasn't elected to anything.

All of that changed after I starting practicing law. I am proud to say that within the democratic law firm that employs me that I have been elected chairman of the Beer Procurement Committee and recently Co-Chair of the Firm Aristotelian Debate Society. Unlike the former, it is not a very active committee but I am co-chair.

Another highlight was being elected your president. While others described as shameful the fact that in order to swing the election, I promised 31 law firm managers the position of Commodore of the Bar Association Navy – to me, it was just politics. For

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WE ARE ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF TOYS AND GIFT CARDS TO BENEFIT THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAMILY JUSTICE CENTER CLIENTS

The Bar Association/Bar Foundation is collecting new, unwrapped toys for all ages and grocery store gift cards to benefit the clients of the Montgomery County Family Justice Center.* We would like to help spread a little joy to these families during this holiday season.

*The Mission of the Family Justice Center is to promote safety, well-being, and healing for victims of family violence.

Since opening its doors in 2009, more than 1700 clients have sought services provided by the MCFJC. In a desire to serve those clients and help support the wonderful work of the staff and volunteers of the MCFJC, the MCFJC Foundation continues to seek the community's support.

*Donations will be accepted through
December 9th at the
Bar Association of
Montgomery County, MD
27 West Jefferson Street
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November 1, 2011 – Speaker: The Honorable John W. Debelius, III, Administrative Judge, Circuit Court for Montgomery County

December 6, 2011 – Speaker: The Honorable Eugene Wolfe, Administrative Judge, District Court of Maryland for Montgomery County

February 7, 2012 – The Honorable Ben C. Clyburn, Chief Judge of the District Courts of Maryland

March 6, 2012 – Glenn M. Grossman, Bar Counsel for Attorney Grievance Commission

April 3, 2012 – Douglas F. Gansler, Maryland Attorney General

Rockville United Methodist Church
112 West Montgomery Ave., Rockville, MD
12:15p.m. - 1:00p.m.

If you have a dietary restriction and require a special meal, please contact Cindy at Cindy@barmont.org at least 1 week prior to the luncheon. PLEASE NOTE ... We must receive your request in writing at least 1 week in advance of the luncheon so that we can accommodate you.

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All calls are strictly confidential.

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CURRENT UPDATE

CIRCUIT COURT NOTES

The renovation of courtrooms for Circuit Court use in the former District Court at 27 Courthouse Square is now complete and the following courtrooms have been assigned through the current judicial rotation which continues through December 2012:

COURTROOM	JUDGE	TYPES OF DOCKETS	27 COURTHOUSE SQUARE
18	BOYNTON	JUVENILE DUTY/ DELINQUENCY	LOWER LEVEL
19	McGANN	JUVENILE DUTY/ DELINQUENCY	LOWER LEVEL
50	CLOSED	N/A	CLOSED
51	McCALLY	JUVENILE DEPENDENCY/ FAMILY	COURTROOM: 2 nd FLOOR CHAMBERS: 3 rd floor
52	CALLAHAN	JUVENILE DEPENDENCY/ FAMILY	COURTROOM: 2 nd FLOOR CHAMBERS: 3 rd floor

Thank you for your patience during the transition period.

COURT INTERPRETERS: Court interpreters are in high demand in court proceedings throughout the State and particularly in Montgomery County. Staff interpreters must juggle the needs of mul-

multiple courtrooms every day; for many languages, the Clerk's Office must obtain contract interpreters for whom the cost must be paid, whether or not the interpreter is actually used. **PLEASE notify the Clerk's Office when you have requested an interpreter for your client or a witness and your case has settled or the interpreter will not be needed for any hearing. During two months in this current fiscal year, the Clerk's Office was forced to pay over \$20,000 in cancellation fees, a waste of taxpayer resources that can neither be borne nor justified. As noted on the request, failure to inform the Clerk's Office that the requested interpreter is either no longer needed or not needed for a particular hearing may result in the costs of the interpreter being assessed against the party or parties who have requested this services.**

ADR: PLEASE notify the court-ordered mediator with whom you are scheduled for an ADR session at least 24 hours before any scheduled ADR session if your case settles. We have had several

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instances of court-appointed mediators who have been appointed by the Court to conduct ADR session(s) at the rate set by the Court, have cleared the time on their schedules to do so, spent time preparing in advance of the session only to have the parties fail to appear. On investigation, the parties had already settled and simply did not notify the Court or the mediator. The Court's deep pool of experienced attorneys, former judges, and mediators will diminish if litigators do not exercise common professional courtesy in notifying the mediator that the appointment is no longer needed due to settlement.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE, cont'd

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the cost of 31 goofy hats, I was able to realize a moment where all of my political accomplishments reached an apex.

There I was at the Maryland State Bar Conference of Bar Presidents. There were lots of little candies on the vendors' tables and I had my own name tag with a blue, deep blue, almost purple blue ribbon identifying me as a President. Most important to a narcissistic political animal like your president, I got to stand up before the august assemblage to announce what mountain I came down from. Considering the seriousness of the moment, I sought advice from a key member of my cabinet (my cabinet), Julie Petersen, our executive director. Her response was direct and surprisingly firm for a cabinet member to a PRESIDENT: "Jack, say no more than one short sentence and watch my purse."

MORAL

Ours is a very mature Bar Association led by a fabulous Executive Director and talented and dedicated staff. The Committees, Sections and Events run extremely well led by a cadre of hard working lawyers. We should be proud of this institution and always strive to make it better but we should never miss the opportunity to thank those who make it all work.

EPILOGUE

I watched the purse with the dedication, intensity and panache that you would expect from your president. Julie had very few criticisms.

**Could you
use more clients?**

**To sign up for the
Lawyer Referral Service,
contact Maria at
301.424.7040**

**or
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~

***In these Economic Times,
How can you afford NOT to belong?***

Committee & Section Communication

The Committees & Sections of the BAMC will now have two means of communication:

1. E-mail: All information pertinent to the entire membership of the committee or section (ie: Meeting and CLE Notices) will be delivered via mass e-mail to the membership. These e-mails will be generated from the Bar Offices. To receive these e-mails, you simply need to be a member of the committee or section.
2. Forums: Forums will take the place of the current list serve system. Each Forum is accessible to its own members only. The discussions on the Forum are archived and searchable, so when you post a question or begin a discussion, it is important to make the Discussion Thread Title descriptive. For example...June 6, 2011 meeting minutes...

To access a Forum:

1. Log into www.montbar.org (if you have not logged into the new site yet, your username is the e-mail address we have on file for you and the default password is banc. You will be asked to reset your password)
 2. Go to the Sections and Committees Tab; there will be a drop down, Click on Committees
 3. Click on Forums in the line that says: To visit the Forums of the Committee that you are currently serving on, please use this link
 4. If you would like to receive e-mail notifications of any posts on the Forum, click on the Preferences tab on the upper right side of the maroon banner, and follow the directions given.
 5. If you don't want to receive e-mail notifications, I would encourage you to make a short cut on your desktop, or set a reminder in your electronic calendar to check the forums at a time convenient to you.
- Please feel free to e-mail me, or give me a call with any questions you may have, and thank you for your patience during the transition to the new website and system.

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CURRENT UPDATE

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Pursuant to Commercial Law Article, Section 17-307, intangible property held for the owner by the Court for more than three years after disposition of the cause of action shall be deemed abandoned and transferred to the State Comptroller who serves as Administrator for disposition in compliance with the Maryland Uniform Disposition of Abandoned Property Act.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE OBLIGATION TO CONDUCT DISCOVERY IS NOT STAYED BY THE FILING OF A DISPOSITIVE MOTION. Motions continue to be filed seeking lengthy postponements and re-issuances of scheduling orders due to the failure of the parties to conduct any discovery on the basis of a pending motion to dismiss or for summary judgment or because the parties have been discussing settlement. Absent good cause, lengthy postponements will not be routinely granted, even when sought by consent or joint motion.

As previously noted, for all **CIVIL TRACK 3** cases filed after July 1, 2010, settlement conferences are now conducted by retired judges, followed by pretrial hearings, if required, before the administrative judge. Bar representatives at last year's Civil DCM review identified the need for substantive settlement conferences conducted by judges with adequate time for discussion by counsel, parties, and any representatives with authority to settle a case. **In the rare occasions in which a party or representative seeks by motion to participate by phone due to extreme hardship or distance or infirmity, please be aware that, if granted, the party is expected to participate by phone rather than merely being on telephone stand-by.** To respond to this need, six retired judges have been committed to conduct Settlement Conferences, which will be held on Thursday afternoons. Depending on the number of cases scheduled, one or more of the following judges will be scheduled to conduct these conferences: the Hon. D. Warren Donohue; the Hon.

A NOTE FROM TEXAS

My thanks to both old and new friends who made my retirement party so memorable. Special thanks to my Committee, Judge John Debelius, Judge Cheryl McCally, Donna McBride, Jim Debelius, John Monahan, Bryan Renehan and Jim Bonifant, and all of the sponsors.

Judge Gary Crawford

Ann S. Harrington, the Hon. Paul A. McGuckian, the Hon. S. Michael Pincus, the Hon. William J. Rowan III, and the Hon. James L. Ryan. Attendance of counsel, parties, and representatives is mandatory unless a settlement agreement has been reached and needs only to be put on the record. **PLEASE FILE PRETRIAL STATEMENTS ON A TIMELY BASIS** to allow the judges to prepare for these conferences.

On the date of the Settlement Pretrial Hearing, please report to the location

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noted on the monitors where the judge will conduct the settlement conference. Where settlement agreements have been or are reached, they will be placed on the record. At the point that the judge conducting the settlement conference determines that a settlement will not be reached, the judge will excuse the parties and direct them to report to the Administrative Judge, who will conduct the Pretrial Hearing and set a trial date. **PLEASE NOTE: Settlement Conferences are not intended to serve as or replace mediation or non-binding arbitration; these may take several hours or even several sessions. Counsel are urged to utilize ADR as early as possible in a case and are encouraged to request ADR orders via the Special Master. Attendance at a Settlement Conference is mandatory even where parties have previously participated in ADR and have not yet reached an agreement.**

Please be reminded that attorneys who have entered their appearance prior to a Criminal Scheduling Hearing must request that their locally incarcerated client be transported if they want their client present at the Scheduling Conference. Defendants who are not transported will be served a copy of the Scheduling order by the Sheriff's Office.

**Please Join Us in a
Retirement Celebration
for Circuit Court Judge
Thomas L. Craven**

**Thursday, December 1, 2011
5:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
Circuit Court Atrium**

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Reviews of Termination of Parental Rights (TPRs), Adoptions and Guardianships in both the Juvenile Court and Family Divisions will begin in November, with a review of the Family DCM Plan to begin in early winter this fall. Please contact Suzanne Schneider at 240-777-9358 or by email: sschneider@mccourt.com with any questions or feedback you may have regarding the procedures for TPRs, adoptions, guardianship, juvenile delinquency and dependency matters, as well as any ongoing feedback for criminal and civil DCM procedures.

*John W. Debelius, Administrative Judge for
Montgomery County, MD*

**2011 JUVENILE BENCH/BAR
MEETINGS SCHEDULE**

**DELINQUENCY
(Courtroom #19/ 12:30 p.m.)**

Thursday, November 17
Wednesday, February 15
Wednesday, April 18

Wednesday, June 20
Wednesday, September 19
Wednesday, November 21
CINA (Courtroom #18/12:30 p.m.)
Wednesday, January 18
Wednesday, March 21
Wednesday, May 16
Wednesday, July 18
Wednesday, October 17

**URGENT REQUEST FROM
THE CLERK OF THE COURT**

Interpreter cancellation fees are incurred by the Court when interpreters are not cancelled within 2 days of the scheduled hearing/trial and the hearing/trial does not take place. The Circuit Court is now on pace to spend over \$120,000 just this year in cancellation fees. In tight economic times, this number is simply unacceptable both to the Clerk's Office and to the Court.

While the Clerk's Office and the Court are certainly aware of the extenuating circumstances of our practices which

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often involve 11th hour settlements of cases, they are deeply concerned about cases which have been settled for weeks, or matters which will take place without the appearance of the parties requiring interpreters, but for which the Clerk's Office has not been notified to cancel the interpreter. The Clerk's Office then incurs the non-refundable cancellation fee. The financial concern has grown so great that the Clerk's Office, in conjunction with the Court, is now considering a variety of options to address this problem if the problem does not abate. Some of these options will be greatly unattractive to members of the Bar.

Please do your part. If you have an interpreter scheduled in your matter and the matter has been settled or otherwise will not require the need of an interpreter, please contact the Clerk's Office immediately so that they may avoid incurring these substantial costs.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Loretta Knight, Clerk of the Court, at lknight@mcccourt.com or (240) 777-9466.

MCCC LAW LIBRARY – CHECK IT OUT!

Montgomery County lawyers know that the Circuit Court Law Library has exceptional print and online legal resources – but are you aware of other helpful services that the Courthouse library provides?

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am to 5:30 pm. These rooms, with speaker phone and a/v capabilities, are regularly used for mediations, depositions and client meetings for two to twelve people.

- **Copy and Printing Services:** A bargain at 25¢ a standard page, the Library has high-speed copiers that can copy in either black/white or color, single- or double-sided or through a multi-page feeder. Printing is also available through the Court WIFI system or off the Internet.

- **Faxing:** The Library can process both incoming and outgoing faxes at 50¢ a page.

- **Maryland State Bar Association program replays:** The Library is a local site for video replays of state bar CLE programs. Recent program topics have included new developments in guardianship, criminal law, estates & trusts and bankruptcy.

- **Professional Meetings:** The Women's Bar, the Divorce Roundtable and other attorney groups regularly meet in library conference rooms.

For more information, or to schedule a meeting, contact the Circuit Court Law Library at 240-777-9120 or lawlibrary@mcccourt.com. We also welcome your suggestions to improve library services.

Kate Martin, Circuit Court Law Librarian

THE LAWYERS' LITERARY CIRCLE

On **Thursday, November 17th** we will be discussing *Snow*, by Orhan Pamuk. This story is drawn straight from today's headlines in Turkey. Religious young women, pressured by the State to

take off their headscarves are committing suicide... Defines the modern day Turkey on the crossroads of East and West. Bob Dean recommended this book and he will be returning from Ramallah to attend this meeting.

With some rare exceptions, all of our meetings are held in the offices of Miles & Stockbridge P.C., 11 North Washington Street, Suite 700, Rockville, Maryland 20850, and begin at 4:30 in the afternoon.

If any of your friends and associates would like to join our group, all they need to do is to show-up for any of our meetings – everyone is always welcome to attend and snacks are always served.

Jim Demma, (301) 762-1600

MONTGOMERY COUNTY DIVORCE ROUNDTABLE

On Thursday, November 10, 2011 the Montgomery County Divorce Roundtable will offer a Brown Bag Lunch Presentation "**Understanding the Impact of Assisted Reproductive Technology on Domestic Relations Cases.**" The program will take place at **12:00 – 1:30 PM at the Judicial Conference Room in the Circuit Court building.** The presenter, **Jennifer Fairfax, Esq.**, will discuss the various manners in which assisted reproductive technology can impact a domestic relations case. There is no charge for this program, but prior registration is required and seating is limited. For more information about this program, contact John Spiegel at jspiegel@mediationoffice.net. To register, contact Carolyn Finney at cfinney@mediationoffice.net.

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Ethical Constraints on Protecting Attorney's Fees

At a time when the economy and accounts receivables have taken nose-dives, how do lawyers protect themselves from becoming the victims of delinquent clients? Offered are practical steps to add to the tool kit of "ethical economics": methods both for securing attorney's fees and expenses and for helping to ensure that clients keep their promise and respect their fee agreements.

1. Assert Retaining or Charging Liens:

The Maryland Court of Appeals has consistently recognized a lawyer's right to assert a retaining lien on client papers and/or a charging lien on proceedings, or judgments or awards. *See e.g., Aslzman v. Schechter*, 196 Md. 168, 173- 476 A.2d 139, 141 (1950); *see also, Attorney Grievance Commission of Maryland v. McIntire*, 286 Md. 87, 405 A.2d 273 (1979); *Campen v. Talbot Bank of Easton*, 271 Md. 610, 319 A.2d 125 (1974); *Skeens v. Miller*, 331 Md. 331 (1993) (reaffirming the right of an attorney to exercise a retaining lien). However, a lawyer's right to assert a retaining or charging lien is not without constraints.

In Maryland State Bar Association (MSBA) Ethics Opinion **81-33**, the MSBA Ethics Committee noted such a limitation in addressing the issue of the attorney's retaining lien *after* the attorney has been discharged or has withdrawn from representing the client. The Committee advised the Bar that attorneys may ethically assert a lien only to prevent fraud and gross imposition by the client. The Committee noted that its opinion was based on the "administration of justice" standard in Disciplinary Rule ("DR") DR1-102(A) (5) and not the "foreseeable prejudice" standard in DR2-110(A) (2).

Key to the Committee's opinion was its concern over approving an attorney's retention of papers (allegedly necessary to prosecute a claim or establish a defense) where such retention could be prejudicial to the administration of justice, and thus in violation of DR1-102(A)(5). Accordingly, the Committee found that the only limitation on the exercise of a retaining lien was the administration of justice.

The Committee noted that the common law retaining lien is enforceable under Maryland Rule 2-652(a), and Maryland's statutory charging lien (*Md. Code Ann., Bus. Occ. & Prof. 10-501* (1997)), is enforceable under Maryland Rules 2-652(b). Nonetheless, and despite its enforceability, a lawyer's right to assert a retaining lien over client documents is limited by that lawyer's obligation to avoid prejudicing a former client.

Similarly, in Ethics Opinion **90-21**, the Committee addressed the issues involved with an attorney's right to retain a client's file. It cited Ethics Docket **89-11**, which stated the following:

"The ethical right of a Maryland attorney to retain a client's file after withdrawal from service is controlled by Model Rule 1.16(d) of the Maryland Rules of Professional Conduct. This Rule states that "[u]pon termination of representation, a lawyer shall take steps to the extent reasonably practicable to protect a client's interests, such as...surrendering papers and property to which the client is entitled...The lawyer may retain papers relating to the client to the extent permitted by other law." (emphasis added).

Referencing Rule 1.16(d) of the Maryland Lawyers' Rules of Professional Conduct (MLRPC), the Committee affirmed that an attorney may retain a client's files to the extent permitted by other law, specifically contractual obligations between the client and the attorney.

2. By Confessed Judgment Promissory Note:

In Ethics Opinion **83-32**, the Committee concluded that it is permissible for an attorney to ask a "former client" to sign a Promissory Note containing a confession of judgment clause in the amount of the debt. In that Opinion, the committee emphasized that the "fee due" must have been earned.

Further, the Opinion stated that although the Code of Professional Responsibility does not directly address the issue presented by a confessed judgment note as a security interest in amounts owing, it did recognize that "...a lawyer may protect his right to collect a fee for his services by the assertion of legally per-

missible liens." *See* DR5-103 (A)(1). Thus, the committee determined that it was not *per se* improper for an attorney to take back a note containing a confessed judgment clause in the amount of an earned fee.

That Opinion also recognized that the MLRPC impose a duty of loyalty, which survives the formal termination of the attorney-client relationship. *See Id., citing* Ethics Docket Nos. **79-80**, **79-44** and **77-31**. The committee noted that the continuing duty of loyalty includes the attorney's obligation to ensure that the former client knowingly and voluntarily signs the instrument. Thus, a lawyer must ensure that the former client is fully apprised of the consequences of the confession of judgment clause. To do so, the Committee determined that the attorney's request must be accompanied by a detailed explanation of the rights of a holder of a confessed judgment note, including (i) the likelihood of a judgment being entered, and (ii) the real possibility that liens may be created on real and personal property without prior notice to the maker of the note. Procuring the former client's informed consent is mandatory. It is noteworthy, however, that the Committee did not opine concerning potential ethical constraints on an "existing client" relationship.

Opinion 83-32 only dealt with a "former client," not a current one. Before seeking a Promissory Note from a current client to secure payment of unpaid fees, the attorney should review the requirements of Rule 1.8, MLRPC, prohibiting business transactions between a client and a lawyer unless, among other things, the client (i) has been informed, in writing, of the desirability of seeking the advice of independent counsel, and (ii) waives his/her right to have independent counsel review the agreement. Because entering into a Promissory Note with an existing client to secure payment of unpaid fees is not an "ordinary business arrangement," the required provisions of this rule be met.

3. By Mortgage on Real Property of Client:

Ethics Opinion **86-40** dealt with the permissibility of securing fees by means of a mortgage on the client's real property. The key issue was whether or not it would be ethically permissible to acquire

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a mortgage on the client's property in order to secure fees ("attorney's fee mortgage"). Specifically, the attorney sought to secure fees, both hourly and contingent, with an attorney's fee mortgage recorded while the client was attempting to obtain a loan from the savings and loan company. On those facts, the Committee opined that the attorney's fee mortgage would be impermissible; it would violate DR 5-103(A), particularly if the lawyer's fee mortgage was given priority over the interests of a party to the litigation.

To illustrate the constraints associated with this approach, the Committee noted that, given the specific facts before them, the savings and loan company could make a settlement offer which would entail a proper recording giving its mortgage priority over the legal fee mortgage. This approach places the attorney's fee mortgage at risk.

The Committee further opined that, although Maryland is a race statute state ("first-in-time", referencing *Annotated Code of Maryland, Real Property Article* Section 3-203), another constraint would arise where the recorded lawyer's fee mortgage enjoys priority over unrecorded mortgages (a potential central issue in the litigation).

In sum, the Committee opined that the lawyer seek other methods to protect his or her fees. It is important to note, however, that the Committee did not conclude that a lawyer was never permitted to record an attorney's fee mortgage.

4. Obtain a Security Interest in the Proceeds of Lawsuit:

In Ethics Docket **1978-15**, the Committee addressed the issue of whether or not the lawyer, who secured his fee by means of an assignment of the proceeds of the lawsuit, "...had acquired a proprietary interest in the cause of action, such that his legal judgment would be impaired." Citing Disciplinary Rule 5-103(A), as the exception, the Committee opined that a lawyer is permitted to obtain a security interest in the proceeds of a client's lawsuit to pay legal fees and expenses, whether contingent or non-contingent.

Attorneys have multiple tools for securing earned fees while adhering to ethical economic principles.

Jacqueline E. Ngole, Committee Member

Jeffrey M. Axelson

Samuel M. Shapiro

Legal Ethics Committee Co-Chairs

NOTICE OF MEETING OF BAR ASSOCIATION

The Bar Association will have a meeting of its members in conjunction with the November Bar Luncheon on November 1, 2011, for the purpose of voting on the Amendment to Article III of the Constitution of the Bar Association of Montgomery County, Maryland, which adds a new category of membership, which is detailed below. The Executive Committee has approved the Amendment which it believes will benefit the Association through increased membership, participation and revenue. Please attend.

(6) Government Legal Office: An attorney

- (a) who is a member of the Bar of the Court of Appeals of Maryland;
- (b) who is not be disbarred or under suspension by any court or jurisdiction;
- (c) who does subscribe to the Lawyers' Creed of Professionalism;
- (d) who is engaged in the practice of law, or employed as an attorney; and
- (e) who is employed as an attorney by the Montgomery County State's Attorney Office, the Montgomery County County Attorney's Office, or the Montgomery County Public Defender's Office which joins the Association as a Government Legal Office.

Members who are employed by the Montgomery County State's Attorney Office, the Montgomery County County's Attorney Office, or the Montgomery County Public Defender's Office shall be eligible to vote; to hold any office in the Association, and to participate in all committees, social, and other activities of the Association.

The President and/or Executive Director of the Association shall be authorized, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee, to offer to the Montgomery County State's Attorney, the Montgomery County Attorney, or the Montgomery County Public Defender a flat group rate for dues to cover all attorneys in said that particular Government Legal Office that may be lower than the dues each attorney would be required to pay as a member of any of the other membership categories. Upon payment of said dues all attorneys who meet the qualifications set forth hereinabove shall be treated as Active Members for the remainder of the Association's fiscal year provided he or she remains employed by that Government Legal Office.

LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE

Are you looking for new clients? Sign up to be on the Lawyer Referral Service panel! We have introduced new procedures to make the program easier for attorneys and more up to date for the public.

As you know, the Lawyer Referral Service is a non-profit program run by the BAMC with the goal of providing legal services to members of the public who need an attorney but do not know where to turn. A prospective client calls the Lawyer Referral Service at (301) 279-9100, and the BAMC staff assists the individual in making an appointment with an LRS panel attorney who practices in the area of law requested. The LRS committee has furnished screening questions in each of close to 40 areas of the law that are requested by the prospective clients, and through the screening process is able to make an assessment of the client's need for counsel.

The new procedures enable the BAMC staff to collect the fee up front (something my law professors always emphasized!) by putting it on the client's Visa, Mastercard, or Discover credit card prior to the actual referral to the panel attorney. This eliminates the need for the referred attorney to collect the fee. The Bar Association keeps an account for each panel attorney and will issue referral checks on a quarterly basis.

New increased rates for an initial 30-minute consultation are as follows:

- Standard Fee Referral: \$50
- Gray Fee Referral: \$50
- Reduced Fee Referral: \$25

The Bar Association will credit the account of the Panel Attorney for each referral at the following pre-established rates:

- Standard Fee Referral: \$20 LRS fee
- Gray Fee Referral: \$20 LRS fee
- Reduced Fee Referral: \$15 LRS fee

In addition, once the client retains the Panel Attorney, the attorney may charge his or her hourly rate, except as follows:

- Gray Fee Referral: Two thirds of the attorney's normal rate
- Reduced Fee Referral: \$100.00 out of court and \$120.00 in court

Clients who qualify for gray panel fees and reduced fees must meet certain income guidelines that are above those used in the pro bono program. The fee for a simple Will under the Lawyer Referral Service is \$150.

To sign up for the Lawyer Referral Service, please contact Maria at (301) 424-7040 or mdelgado@barmont.org.

Elizabeth G. Loggia, Chair

This month's Tech column speaks to mobile developers, web marketers and all of us trying to keep our Net presence something close to relevant in our fast moving society. The following was prepared by an expert web developer who happens also to be my oldest kid, Charlie Hoover. He addresses a subject of growing interest - the important distinctions between mobile applications as used across all platforms. This informative write up is taken from a piece Charlie very recently presented in WDC. Charlie Hoover, is key a developer at Fathom Creative located near Logan Circle and has kindly said we may reprint his work here. For questions you may reach Charlie at choover@fathomcreative.com

THREE DIFFERENT MOBILE SOLUTIONS

Summary:

Working at a creative firm we are often-times approached to provide a mobile solution for our clients. A client wants to reach a wider audience through mobile media, but doesn't know where to start. "What is the right mobile solution for us? Web App vs. Mobile App? Is one better than the other?" These are all common questions, however, the answer is more complicated, and may not necessarily hold true for every given scenario. In this discussion I will try to help discern the difference between three mobile solutions, and offer insight into what solution is right for you.

Native App



A "Native App" is an application designed specifically for a particular device, that devices' firmware, and written in a native language like Objective C (ios) Java (droid, blackberry) or others. Native Apps are downloaded through the App Store, and are installed on the device.

Pros:

- Speed, (stored on the device)
- Ties into hardware (accelerometer, camera, gps)
- Native Look & Feel

Cons:

- Requires more development/testing time. Takes longer (i.e costs more)
- Development is needed for each device.

Mixed:

- Can be downloaded from App store.

Hybrid Apps:

Heard of PhoneGap? How about Appcelerator? They are platforms that allow an app to be deployed across multiple devices. This attempts to tie together benefits of both native and web. Appcelerator uses native



components while, PhoneGap acts as a wrapper for a web app, which allows you to tie into the hardware (camera etc.) and submit your app for approval to the respective app stores.

Web App



Unlike a Native App, a "Web App" is created using web technologies, like HTML 5, and Javascript. A web app is deployable across many devices, and is accessed by the devices browser.

Pros:

- Develop once, deploy to multiple devices.
- Less Time needed for

dev (i.e cheaper)

- Can utilize new features like HTML storage, geolocation ...etc

Cons:

- Performance can sometimes take a hit, depending on design (e.g the sticky scroll)
- Requires internet (unless saved in local) storage

Mixed:

- Accessed via browser. Using either user detection + redirection, or a designated subdomain or url (e.g m.facebook.com)

Mobile Site



Different than an App (Native or Web) a "Mobile Site" or mobile optimized version of your website can be an elegant solution to enter into the mobile arena, while not going through the lengthy and oftentimes expensive process of creating a completely new application.

Pros:

- Significantly less development time.
- Easy entry into mobile.
- Has all of your site content, and probably all you need!

Cons:

- Not technically an "Iphone app".
- Some people might want to see your normal site.
- You might want/need a full blown App.

Mobile Site Techniques | Adaptive vs. Responsive Design

Mobile Site adaptive design



- User Detection
- Redirect
- Change overall design based on device type.
- Progressive enhancement

Responsive Design

Mobile Site responsive design



- Media Queries
- Fluid Layout
- Flexible Images

"This difference is pretty subtle but very important. Responsive web design changes as the viewport does, adaptive changes once the viewport has." ~ <http://csswizardry.com/>

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DISCOVER PROCESS CHANGES

CHANGES/UPDATES TO SAO DISCOVERY PROCESS IN DISTRICT COURT EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2011

As a result of meeting with a number of defense attorneys and members of the Criminal Law Section of the Montgomery County Bar Association, the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office has reviewed its **district court discovery procedures** and made some changes. Thank you for your constructive suggestions.

DISTRICT COURT

1. As always, the SAO will provide you with open file discovery prior to trial. In court, the SAO will provide you access to the discovery and an opportunity to copy it if possible and if so desired.

2. If you wish to review discovery materials prior to the court date, arrangements can be made by calling the discovery unit. The SAO will provide for defendants and their attorneys to review discovery together in confidential settings at the SAO.

3. If you wish to obtain copies of discovery materials, the SAO discovery unit can process that request if made 10 calendar days prior to the trial date. Of course, every effort will be made to process requests made after that, but priority must be given to timely requests. Fees have been reduced for copies of district court traffic and district court criminal cases requested through the SAO discovery unit prior to the trial date. There is a flat fee of \$5.00 in traffic cases and \$10.00 in criminal cases for copies of

reports. If you want the report mailed to you, please add \$.50 to the amount. Please make money orders or checks payable to Montgomery County, Maryland (note: the SAO will collect fees payable into the county's general fund. Money is NOT paid to the SAO).

4. If there is additional discovery such as photos, audio or visual recordings, or other that you request in your motion, the SAO will compile those materials and notify you of the availability of the materials for viewing at SAO free of charge or copying at an additional cost.

5. The SAO Discovery Unit will process DWI discovery requests more expeditiously in order to accommodate MVA hearing dates whenever possible.

6. The SAO has designated a staff member each day to handle walk-ins and answer general phone inquiries regarding district court discovery requests. Contact the main number (240-777-7300) and ask for the discovery aide on duty.

JUVENILE and CIRCUIT: the \$20.00 flat fee remains.

A BALANCING ACT

This is the part of the newsletter that is here to help you de-stress and lead a more balanced life. Each month, our newsletter will give you a tip that you might implement.

Feeling Overwhelmed?

Many lawyers routinely feel overwhelmed. This can be the result of over-commitment because we have such a hard time saying "no". Here are some steps to reduce the times when you feel overwhelmed:

1. When you are feeling overwhelmed it is a good time to exercise or do some activity which helps your body feel better. Getting a massage, a Yoga class, taking a walk or even stretching in your office can help.

2. Once the feeling is abated or reduced, write a "to do" list. Writing out what you have to do can help you feel less overwhelmed.

3. Take the list and put it on a calendar. Be sure to break each matter down to it's parts. For example, one matter might have a writing element, a deposition, trial preparation, trial, etc.

4. On your calendar, make sure you include extra time each day for the unexpected things that happen, including a new case.

5. When you have your calendar finished, it may be easier to say "no" because you can practically say I don't have the time. Similarly, when doctors book appointments, if there are no slots, they do not add any more appointments that day. What about you?

Do you need some coaching in this area?

Geoff Gilbert is a former practicing CPA at Ernst & Young and business attorney in Montgomery County. He now coaches Lawyers, CPA's and Executives to help them manage their practices better and teaches stress related courses at the University of Maryland in College Park. You can reach him through his website at www.executive-coach-for-lawyers.com.

Thank You!

Judge Crawford's Retirement Committee wishes to publicly thank the sponsors of the Retirement Party. These generous donations permitted staff from the Court and government attorneys to attend at a price less than the per person cost of the event.

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NEW PRACTITIONER SECTION

NEW PRACTITIONER SECTION MEETING DATES

November 22, 2011 March 27, 2012
January 24, 2012 April 24, 2012
February 28, 2012 May 22, 2012

All meetings will be held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the CLE Classroom of the Bar Association building, 27 West Jefferson St., Rockville, MD, unless otherwise noted.

So far, we have had a great turnout at our events and programs held this fall, and there is plenty more to come throughout year. As always, we invite YOU to join us!

In lieu of our regular monthly meeting, this month we invite you to our annual fall "Friendraiser" Happy Hour, which will take place on Thursday, November 10, 2011 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at BlackFinn, located at 4901 Fairmont Avenue, Bethesda. There is no charge for this event, and we will have plenty of food and drink specials!

In addition, we are happy to announce that we are co-hosting this annual event with our friends in the **Community Outreach Committee**. We will be collecting new, unwrapped toys for all ages, as well as grocery store and other gift cards, to benefit the clients of the Montgomery County Family Justice Center. Donations can be made at the Friendraiser Happy Hour. For more information on donating, please see the Community Outreach Committee section of the newsletter.

CHAMBER CHAT

Our November Chamber Chat will take place on Thursday, November 17, 2011, at 12:30 p.m. hosted by the Honorable Richard E. Jordan. Judge Jordan began his tenure serving on the Circuit Court bench in March, 2009. He is currently in the Civil Rotation and will be the Civil Duty Judge the week of the November Chamber Chat. Judge Jordan

will discuss the practice of appearing before the Civil Duty Judge. Bring your lunch, take advantage of this opportunity to get to know a member of our Circuit Court bench in an informal setting, and bring your questions for Judge Jordan. No R.S.V.P. is required, and **please note that the Chamber Chat is open to all members of the Bar**, not just members of the New Practitioners Section. Judge Jordan's Chambers are located on the 8th Floor of the Circuit Courthouse in Room 800.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Aindrea Conroy, at (301) 762-1696 or amc@eqkmrh.com.

MENTOR/MENTEE COMMITTEE

First, thank you to all of our Mentors and Mentees who attended the Happy Hour at La Tasca on October 20th. It was a fun evening, and we encourage our Mentors and Mentees to continue attending Bar Association events together. Don't fret if you could not make it to this Happy Hour; we will be hosting another one in the Spring.

Meanwhile, it is almost time for November Bar Exam results and that means a whole class of new admittees will soon be looking for mentors. We encourage and invite experienced attorneys who have practiced seven years or more to sign up to be a Mentor. The time commitment is minimal (fall and spring social events and accompanying your Mentee to at least one Bar event), and your impact on your Mentee can last a lifetime.

We invite all attorneys in practice for seven years or less to take part in the BAMC Mentor-Mentee Program as a Mentee. Experienced attorneys of the Montgomery County Bar generously donate their time, energy, and wisdom to make this program work. Mentees learn about the "nuts and bolts" of the practice of law and gain other useful practical advice from their mentors. Mentors are paired with mentees for a term of 12 months.

For more information about the BAMC Mentor-Mentee program, or if you would like to participate in the program either as a mentor or mentee, please contact Jeremy Rachlin at jrachlin@pasternakfidis.com or Samantha Kravitz at skravitz@delaneymckinney.com.

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ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION SECTION

November 9, 2011 March 14, 2012
December 14, 2011 April 11, 2012
January 11, 2012 May 9, 2012
February 8, 2012 June 13, 2012

All meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 8:00 a.m. at the First Watch restaurant, located at 100 Gibbs Street, Unit D, Rockville, Maryland 20850 (right in Rockville Town Square).

*Erik Johnson, Co-Chair
Judy Mustille, Co-Chair*

BUSINESS LAW SECTION

The BAMC Business Law Section will have its November meeting on **Wednesday November 16, 2011** at the offices of Stein, Sperling, Bennett, De Jong, Driscoll, PC located at 23 West Middle Lane, Rockville, MD 20850.

We are pleased to have the **Hon. Robert J. Garigiola**, State Senator for

Maryland District 15, who will be giving us a **preview of the 2012 Legislative Session**, and will be available to speak with the membership to discuss issues of importance to our clients. We look forward to seeing you on the 21st! As always, a light dinner will be provided.

The following is a schedule of meeting dates for the BAMC Business Law Section for the upcoming bar year:

Wednesday, November 16, 2011
No December meeting
Wednesday, January 18, 2012
Wednesday, February 15, 2012
March CLE
Wednesday, April 18, 2012
May 2012 CLE (Law Day)

All section meetings will be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at a location to be determined, unless otherwise noted. Continuing Legal Education Seminars will be held in locations to be determined due to the BAMC building renovations, involving the CLE Classroom.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding the Section, please do not hesitate to contact either of us at any time.

*Marc Bergoffen, Co-Chair
Bob Gottschalk, Co-Chair*

CIRCUIT COURT BENCH BAR COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

November 2, 2011 March 7, 2012
December 7, 2011 April 4, 2012
January 4, 2012 May 2, 2012
February 1, 2012 June 6, 2012

All meetings are open and any members of the BAMC are welcome to attend the meetings. All meetings will be held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 8:00 a.m. in the Administrative Judge's Conference Room on the 3rd floor of the Circuit Court building in Rockville.

The Clerk of the Court, Loretta Knight, brings the following matters to your attention:

COURT FEES – SPECIAL ADMISSION FOR OUT-OF-STATE ATTORNEY: On October 1, 2011, the filing fee for an out-of-state attorney who asks to be admitted to a circuit court in this State increased to \$100. Seventy-five dollars of the fee will go to the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Program.

EMERGENCY OR INCLEMENT WEATHER: To find out if Montgomery County Circuit Court is closed there are various avenues. The designated phone number, 240-777-9399 with a recorded message as to the status of the Circuit Court's business hours, the weather page on the court's web site:
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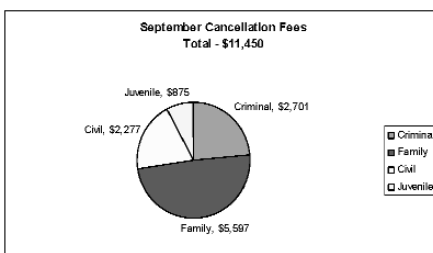
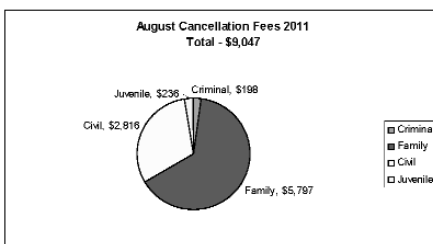
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David Merkin, Co-Chair

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COLLABORATIVE LAW SECTION

2011-2012 Section Meetings

November 3, 2011	March 1, 2012
December 1, 2011	April 5, 2012

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All meetings will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the CLE Classroom of the Bar Association building, unless otherwise noted.

Please join us on **November 3rd** for our **Fall CLE** and on **December 1st** for our **regular Section meeting**. All meetings will be held on the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 in the CLE Classroom of the Bar Building.

Please reserve **November 3rd** from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for our **Fall CLE "Civil and Commercial Applications in Collaborative Practice."** Like divorce, disputes affecting **businesses, partnerships, employment issues, medical malpractice, construction, real estate, and probate and estate matters** are often financially and emotionally disruptive for everyone involved. Collaborative Law benefits resolution in these areas as well by focusing on problem-solving among the parties and their attorneys, rather than on adversarial approaches that typically result in costly protracted litigation. Collaborative Law encourages the use of jointly-retained experts and consultants in a confidential setting. **Be a trail-blazer in Montgomery County!!** This CLE will explore how Collaborative Law is used in civil and commercial cases and will take you through various scenarios in a hypothetical case. Please join us for education, lively discussion and refreshments! Our panel members will be: Ronald Bergman, Suzy Eckstein, Stephanie Fink, Roger Hayden, and Daniel Kennedy (current President-Elect of the Montgomery County Bar). We

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hope to see Family Law, ADR, Business Law, Commercial Litigation, Employment Law, Estate & Trust Law, New Practitioners and any other Section's members who want to learn more about the use of Collaborative in all areas of the law.

December's Section Meeting Program: A funny thing happened on the way to the IACP Forum in San Francisco and you missed it? No worries! For our December meeting, we will fill you in on what you missed! Shortly after the IACP Forum, we will post on the BAMC Collaborative Law Section online Forum a list of the IACP Forum workshop topics which focused on interesting issues for collaborative attorneys. You then can vote on what is of specific interest to you and we will prepare a presentation on the top 3 topics chosen! For newcomers, the IACP is the International Academy of Collaborative Professionals and each year, collaborative professionals from all over the world meet for networking, education and a whole lot of fun! This year, the annual IACP Forum is

being held at the end of October in San Francisco and will feature a wide variety of international presenters on hot topics in Collaborative Law. Don't feel left out JOIN US in December!

In true collaborative tradition we will have **food and drink at each meeting!**

We thank those who attended our meeting on October 6th and joined in the lively and informative discussion on *Defining Advocacy in the Collaborative Process*. Special thanks to Jeanne Koerber and Keller Williams Realty for the wonderful refreshments at that meeting!

You need not be collaboratively trained to join or attend our meetings.

See you on November 3rd and December 1st!

*Suzy Eckstein, Co-Chair
Darcy Shoop, Co-Chair*

COMMERCIAL LITIGATION SECTION

The next breakfast meeting of the Commercial Litigation Section will take

place on **Thursday, November 3, 2011, from 8:00-9:00 a.m.**, at the offices of Stein, Sperling, Bennett, De Jong, Driscoll & Greenfeig, P.C., 25 West Middle Lane, Rockville. Please RSVP to Chris Grube at (301) 838-3269 or cgrube@steinsperling.com. More information as to speaker and topic will be published and circulated in the near future.

For upcoming events, the Commercial Litigation Section will sponsor a Fall CLE. More information as to speaker and topic will be published and circulated in the near future.

*Brad McCullough, Co-Chair
Jeff Schwaber, Co-Chair*

COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE

We invite all members of the Bar to our annual fall "**Friendraiser**" **Happy Hour, which will take place on Thursday, November 10, 2011 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at BlackFinn, located at 4901 Fairmont Avenue, Bethesda.** This

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Based upon busy schedules, we are moving our MANNA food event to January. Please be on the look-out for information in December's newsletter providing the details of this event.

The Community Outreach Committee continues to volunteer the second Friday of every month at Shepherd's Table. Shepherd's Table pro-

vides basic services to those in need and specifically provides a dinner meal from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. seven nights a week. We will seek up to 10 volunteers for each Friday night. Please contact Dan Shaivitz at ds@eqkmrh.com if you are interested in volunteering.

If you have any thoughts or comments for the Committee, please contact Heather Collier at hcollier@draggalaw.com or Rhian McGrath at rmcgrath@lerchearly.com.

*Heather Collier, Co-Chair
Rhian McGrath, Co-Chair*

CRIMINAL LAW SECTION

Come and Join the Criminal Law Section on **November 8, 2011** at 5:00 p.m. to hear our guest speaker **Eric Nee, Assistant State's Attorney**, who will be speaking on how to effectively examine Expert Witnesses. Eric Nee has been a State's Attorney for several years and is

currently on the Major Felony Team at the State's Attorney's Office. The meeting will be held in the conference room of the Bar Building. We look forward to seeing you there.

*Carlotta Woodward, Co-Chair
Jessica Zarrella, Co-Chair*

DISTRICT COURT BENCH BAR COMMITTEE

December 1, 2011	March 1, 2012
January 5, 2012	April 5, 2012
February 2, 2012	May 3, 2012

All meetings will be held at 8:00 a.m. in the District Court building, 191 East Jefferson St., Rockville, MD, unless otherwise noted.

Richard D. London, Chair

EDUCATION LAW SECTION

2011-2012 Section Meetings

November 11, 2011	March 9, 2012
December 9, 2011	April 13, 2012
January 13, 2012	May 11, 2012
February 10, 2012	

All meetings will be held at 12:15p.m. in the Conference Room of the Bar Association building, 27 West Jefferson St., Rockville, MD, unless otherwise noted.

*Pat Hoover, Co-Chair
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ELDER LAW SECTION

2011-2012 Section Meetings

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December 14, 2011	April 11, 2012

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All meetings will be held at 8:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Bar Association building, 27 West Jefferson St., Rockville, MD, unless otherwise noted.

The next section meeting will take place on **November 9**. **David Modell** will speak about **transfers of real estate and related issues**.

On **December 14**, the speaker will be **Deborah Carter, Supervisor of the Medical Assistance Long Term Care Unit for Montgomery County**.

Morris Klein, Chair

EMPLOYMENT LAW SECTION

Thanks to **Glendora Hughes** from the Maryland Commission on Human Rights and **Loretta Garcia** from the Montgomery County Office of Human Rights for the informative CLE on administrative processing.

On **November 9, 2011 at 12:00**

noon, Maryland Senator Jaime Raskin will present a **Legislative Update**. Don't miss this! Senator Raskin is always a great source of information and is always responsive to our interests and concerns.

Upcoming Meetings

December 8, 2012 – Happy Hour, 5:30p.m.

January 18, 2012 – SAVE THE DATE –

Joint CLE Seminar with the Taxation

Law Section–Executive Compensation

February 7, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

March 8, 2012 – CLE Seminar; 5:30p.m.

April 3, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

All meetings will be held in the Conference Room of the Bar Association building, 27 West Jefferson St., Rockville, MD, unless otherwise noted.

Laurel Anchors, Co-Chair

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ESTATE & TRUST LAW SECTION

2011-2012 Section Meetings

November 14, 2011 March 19, 2012

January 23, 2012 April 16, 2012

February 13, 2012

All meetings will be held at 11:45 a.m. at the offices of Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Pordy & Ecker, P.A., located at 12505 Park Potomac Ave., 6th Floor, Potomac, MD.

Jay Eisenberg, Chair

FAMILY LAW SECTION

November 16, 2011 February 15, 2012

January 18, 2012 March 21, 2012

May 16, 2012

All Section meetings will be held in the CLE Classroom of the Bar Building at 5:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month.

First and foremost, we want to thank David Goldberg and Maureen Glackin for teaching the CLE Understanding Health Insurance Issues for the Separating or Divorcing Client. We also want to thank Judge Patricia L. Mitchell for taking us on a tour of the new District Court building.

Our November section meeting will take place on **November 16, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.** (location TBD) and will feature a program on the **UCCJEA taught by Stephen**

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Cullen. With very little case law in Maryland on the UCCJEA and the forthcoming changes to the statute, this program will give you the nuts and bolts of the current law and what to expect in the future. This program will be a great refresher before the CLE in November and **food will be served!** At the start of the meeting, we will be holding a **vote on whether to support the legislative efforts discussed at the October meeting.** Our November meeting is sponsored by Susan Rosenberg of SLR Reporting, a court reporting agency headquartered in Rockville, MD. SLR Reporting has more than 15 years of experience providing court reporting services, including videography and transcription. Please visit www.slrreporting.com for more information.

Please mark your calendar for the **CLE on International Relocation and Abduction, on November 29, 2011, at 5:30 p.m. in the CLE Classroom of the Bar Building.** Stephen Cullen, Hadrian Hatfield and Melissa Kucinski will discuss international relocation and international abduction including the applicable legal remedies and practical pitfalls.

Update your calendar with the 2011-2012 Section Meetings. Unless otherwise noted, all Section meetings will be held in the CLE Classroom of the Bar Building at 5:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month: November 16, 2011 (location TBD)
January 18, 2012
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Rita Rosenkrantz Basic Family Law Training will be held on two Monday

evenings, **November 7 & 14, 2011, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.** Scott Strickler and John Weaver will be hosting panels of speakers who will cover the nuts and bolts of family law including: (1) Initial Interview/Retainer Agreements; (2) Pleadings & Divorce Grounds, Scheduling Hearings, Uncontested Divorce Hearings; (3) Discovery, Financial Statements, and Marital Property Statements; (4) Pendente Lite Financial Issues, Voluntary Impoverishment, Child Support, Taking Exceptions to a Master's Recommendations; (5) Litigating a Child Custody Case; and (6) Marital Settlement Agreements. The extensive materials exceed 500 pages and include many sample forms. The \$250 course fee is waived for attorneys who agree to take a pro bono case at the time of the training. (Please note that a nominal \$10 materials fee will be charged to attorneys taking a pro bono case). Please register through Yesenia Mendez in the Bar Association's CLE Office.

Speaking of pro bono, don't forget to participate in this year's **Family Law Section Pro Bono Initiative.** We are asking every member of the Family Law Section to volunteer for a minimum of two (2) hours between now and Law Day 2012 at the Family Law Self Help Center or at a Montgomery County Bar Foundation Pro Bono Program clinic. **Our goal is to provide at least 200 hours of pro bono services over the next year to these deserving programs.**

Pro Bono Volunteer Option 1: Family Law Self Help Center

Attorneys may volunteer at the Family Law Self Help Center to provide legal advice to *pro se* litigants. The Self Help

Center is located in Room 224 on the 2nd floor of the Montgomery County Circuit Court and is open from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. No advance planning is necessary; volunteers may come at any time.

Pro Bono Volunteer Option 2: Pro Bono Clinics

For those of you who find it difficult to miss work during the day, there is an evening option. You can volunteer at any of the below **clinics run by the Montgomery County Bar Foundation Pro Bono Program.** To volunteer at a clinic, you must sign up in advance with Clarice at 301-762-5831 or Clarice@mcbfprobono.org.

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Our goal of 200 hours volunteered between the Family Law Self Help Center and the Pro Bono Program clinics is attainable with your support, and of course, some friendly competition. Awards will be given at Law Day to the individual and to the firm who volunteer the most hours. In order to keep track of the hours, **please make sure to sign the Family Law Section Pro Bono Initiative Log upon your arrival and departure.** If you forget to sign in, please contact Jillian Morris at jmorris@clarkandglass.com with your full name, firm name and address, the day you volunteered, your start and end time and whether you volunteered at the Self Help Center or at a clinic.

We greatly appreciate all of you who have volunteered thus far. As of September 30, 2011 we have 63.3 hours towards our pro bono initiative. We greatly appreciate the following volunteers who donated their time: LMDD Biggs, Julie Christopher, James R. Dever, Sandra Guzman, Harvey A. Jacobs, Alisha Jacobsen, Martine Jean, Erin L. Kopelman, Adrienne Lord-Sorenson, Kate McDonough, Jillian

Morris, Elizabeth Pugliese, Lanarka Rose, A. P. Pishevan, Heather Sunderman, Florian Tabaku and Robert Wagman.

Save the Date for our Annual Family Law Section Holiday Party on Thursday, December 8, 2011, at Delaney McKinney, LLP. Details and registration info to follow!

Check your email for Family Law Section updates and reminders regarding the Fall 2011 Programs and CLE schedule, and don't forget to **register for the new Bar Association E-mail Forum at <http://www.montbar.org/forum.cfm>.** To have forum posts delivered directly to your email, login to the Forum, click on Preferences, and select "All" next to the Forum topics.

*Julie Christopher, Co-Chair
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IMMIGRATION LAW SECTION

SECTION MEETINGS:

Section meetings this year will generally be held on Tuesday evenings from

6:00 – 7:30 PM in the Bar Association Conference Room or CLE Classroom. Our section focus this year will on how to set up, run and promote your immigration law practice as well as immigration basics. We also hope to interest other sections in holding joint mixers to promote connections between immigration section and other practice areas. We also hope to line up sponsors for these events to provide food.

TENTATIVE MEETING DATES – SAVE THE DATES:

1. November 15, 2011
2. December 13, 2011
3. January 10, 2012
4. February 21, 2012 (CLE Classroom)
5. March, 13, 2012

SECTION LEADERSHIP – YOUR SECTION NEEDS YOU:

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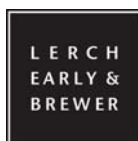
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the section to a new Chairperson this coming year and I will mentor any members that are interested in taking on a leadership role in the immigration section.

CALL FOR SPEAKERS & TOPICS:

Please contact me if you have any suggestions on topics for our meetings or you are interested or willing to speak on a particular immigration topic.

Matthew Glinsmann, Chair

JUVENILE LAW SECTION MEETING DATES

November 9, 2011	February 8, 2012
December 14, 2011	March 14, 2012
January 11, 2012	April 11, 2012
May 9, 2012	

All meetings will be held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month in Courtroom #20 of the District Court building from 12:30p.m. to 1:30p.m.

Dan Gaskill, Co-Chair

LAW FIRM MANAGEMENT SECTION MEETING DATES

November 17, 2011	February 16, 2012
December 15, 2011	March 15, 2012
January 19, 2012	April 19, 2012
May 17, 2012	

All meetings will be held at 8:00 a.m. at the offices of Hostetter Strent LLC, located at 7201 Wisconsin Ave., Suite 675, Bethesda, MD.

Amy Strent, Chair

LAWYER TO LAWYER COMMITTEE MEETING DATES

November 10, 2011	February 9, 2012
December 8, 2011	March 8, 2012
January 12, 2012	April 12, 2012
May 10, 2012	

All meetings will be held at 5:00PM on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the CLE Classroom of the Bar Association building, 27 West Jefferson St., Rockville, MD, unless otherwise noted.

Dan Gaskill, Co-Chair

LEGAL ETHICS COMMITTEE

2011-2012 Committee Meetings

November 2, 2011	February 1, 2012
December 7, 2011	March 7, 2012

January 4, 2012	April 4, 2012
May 2, 2012	

All meetings will be held at 4:30 p.m. at the offices of Axelson, Williamowsky, Bender & Fishman, 401 North Washington St., Suite 550, Rockville, MD.

Jeff Axelson, Co-Chair
Sam Shapiro, Co-Chair

PERSONAL INJURY LITIGATION SECTION

The first meeting of the year was well attended. MGM Trial Services provided lunch and an informative presentation on the topic of using technology to succeed at trial which was well received by the members in attendance. Thanks to MGM for a wonderful presentation. The next meeting will be on **November 18th**. Thomson West will provide lunch at that meeting as well as a presentation on **how to use the internet to maximize your business potential**. Please RSVP aforte@wfortelaw.com or

pchung@shulmanrogers.com by November 11 if you plan on attending. A preliminary list of the remaining meetings and presentations immediately follows.

Jan. 27 – Real Analysis – How to Use Cell Phones/GPS and electronic devices in discovery, investigation and trial

Mar. 23 – Gelman, Rosenberg & Freedman – The successful use of a CPA to defend and pursue lost wage and diminished earning capacity claim.

Paul Chung, Co-Chair
Andre Forte, Co-Chair

REAL ESTATE LAW SECTION

November 8, 2011

No December Meeting

January 10, 2012 March 13, 2012

February 14, 2012 April 10, 2012

May 18, 2012 – Annual Meeting Law Day

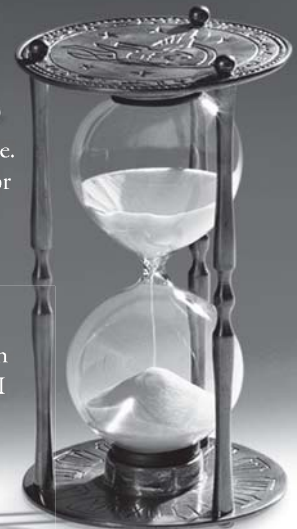
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Alexis Peters, Co-Chair*

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*Monica Harms, Co-Chair
Lili Khozeimeh, Co-Chair*

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Strategic Planning Committee completed its 2010-2011 efforts by creating a Matrix of Operational Priorities for that year; assigning responsibilities, and

monitoring activities and results. Under the leadership of the Bar Association President, Trish Weaver, and Bar Foundation President, Joe Fitzpatrick, most of the strategic goals were realized, or progressing towards a positive realization. The Committee completed its 2010-2011 activities by preparing a Matrix of Operational Priorities for 2011-2012. Under the leadership of our new Association President, Jack Quinn, and Trish as Foundation President, we will continue our efforts by updating our new priorities and monitoring the continuing pursuit of our strategic goals on a regular basis.

2011-2012 Section Meetings

November 16, 2011 March 21, 2012
January 18, 2012 May 16, 2012

All meetings will be on the 3rd Wednesday of alternating months at 5:30 p.m. at the offices of Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Pordy & Ecker, P.A., 12505 Park Potomac Ave., 6th Floor, Potomac, MD.

David Pordy, Chair

TAXATION LAW SECTION

Happy Fall Everyone! This month, there are a number of interesting things going on in the tax world. For example, the IRS recently announced its Voluntary Classification Settlement Program for employers who have been improperly classifying their employees. Our economy continues to confound our lawmakers as they search for new ways to increase revenues without losing jobs to foreign soils. Estate, tanning and Maryland taxes are also in the news.

VCSP — Taxpayers who participate in this program agree to treat the class of workers as employees for future tax periods. In exchange, they will pay 10 percent of the employment tax liability that may have been due on compensation paid to the workers for the most recent tax year. See, IRC 3509. In addition to agreeing to a 6 year SOL assessment from the regular 3, the participating Taxpayer will not be subject to interest or penalties on the liability or be exposed to an employment tax audit with respect to the worker classification of the workers for prior years. Eligibility requires: consistent treatment of past workers as nonemployees, all required Forms 1099 for the previous three years were filed; there is no current audit by the IRS, Dept. of Labor or state agency with respect to classification of the workers and the participant must file Form 8952, *Application for Voluntary Classification Settlement Program*, 60 days prior to changes in the treatment of the workers.

STIMULUS — There is still a lot of back and forth with regard to the 2004 Repatriation tax breaks. (Pub. L. No. 108-357) Some in the Senate believe that it failed to stimulate jobs and instead caused US multinationals to move more jobs and investments offshore while reduced the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 5.25 percent. Others hold a different view saying that it will cause multinationals to invest more in our country in the form of jobs and investments. See, *BNA Daily Tax*. In the past 11+ years, 286 of the Fortune Global 500 companies, ranked by worldwide sales, were headquartered in the US or Japan. Today, it has dropped to 201 companies.

ESTATE PORTABILITY REQUIRING MANY TO FILE — Claiming the unused estate tax exemption of a spouse is
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known as portability. This may now require many to file the Form 706 for estates where the spouse died after 2010. In Notice 2011-82, IRS advised such executors that to claim the unused portion of a spouse's 2011 estate and gift tax exemption, they must file a complete and timely Form 706.

TANNING TAKES A TOLL — The new excise tax on indoor tanning services imposed by last year's health care reform law, has drawn universal industry criticism. "The impact has been devastating," Bart Bonn, owner of Nebraska-based Ashley Lynn's Inc., tells IRS officials. "We're on a course where half our industry will be gone in a couple of years."

NO USTC JURISDICTION OVER INTEREST OVERPAYMENTS — on Oct. 7th, the federal court of appeals ruled in *Sunoco v. Commissioner*, 3d Cir., No. 09-2423, 10/7/11, that overpayments of interest are not an overpayment of tax therefore jurisdiction does not exist. The difference between deficiency interest and

overpayment interest is that deficiency interest is charged to a taxpayer for outstanding balances due. IRC 6601. Overpayment interest is where the interest is in no way part of or related to the taxpayer's liability. See, 6661(a), 6512(b).

MARYLAND TAXES — SB 248/HB 1175: *Wine Shippers*. Holders of direct wine shipper permits are required to collect sales and use tax on the sales into the state, and file quarterly returns to report and remit the taxes.

SB 398/HB 502 — *Sale of Electricity Generated by Solar & Residential Wind Energy Equipment* — *Exemption*: exemption expanded to exclude the sale of electricity generated by solar energy equipment or residential wind energy equipment, as defined under Section 11-230 of the Tax-General Article, for use in residential property owned by an eligible customer-generator under Section 7-306 of the Public Utilities Article.

SB 994/HB 1213 — *Alcoholic Beverages* — A flat 9% sales and use tax rate on the taxable price of alcoholic beverages.

Those affected are not to file and remit returns using the EFT ACH (Electronic Funds Transfer Automated Clearinghouse) option as it cannot accommodate. Instead, such taxpayers are to electronically file and are to use the Comptroller's bFile web application: www.marylandtaxes.com.

Join us for our November 2nd CLE: Will You Be Ready When the IRS Knocks on Your Client's Door?

All meetings begin at 5:30 p.m. and are held in the County Bar Offices.

Month: Topic:

November 2 CLE – The IRS is Coming!

December 7 In-business OICs

January 11 After the FBAR

February 1 IRS Installment Agreements

March 7 Negotiating Maryland Tax Liabilities

April 4 Bankruptcy and Taxes

Please let me know if you would be interested in speaking on any of our CLEs. We are currently looking for speakers for the Employment/Tax Section CLE. If you have an interest in participating or want to speak our monthly meeting please contact me at (301) 424-7585 or via email at ckundra@kundrataxlaw.com.

Chaya Kundra, Chair

WORKERS COMPENSATION LAW SECTION

2011-2012 Section Meetings

November 10, 2011 February 9, 2012

December 8, 2011 March 8, 2012

January 12, 2012 April 12, 2012

May 10, 2012

All meetings will be held at 5:00 p.m. at the offices of Meiselman, Salzer, Inman and Kaminow, P.C., located at 611 Rockville Pike, Suite 225, Rockville, MD.

Will Inman, Co-Chair

Jeff Stickle, Co-Chair

YOUTH COURTHOUSE PROJECT COMMITTEE

2011-2012 Committee Meetings

November 2, 2011 February 1, 2012

December 7, 2011 March 7, 2012

January 4, 2012 April 4, 2012

May 2, 2012

All meetings will be held at 12:15p.m. in the Conference Room of the Bar Association building, 27 West Jefferson St., Rockville, MD.

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PRO BONO UPDATE... *by Clarice Ewing, Program Coordinator*

Family Law Training. Don't miss your opportunity to participate in family law training next month. The Rita Rosenkrantz Family Law Training Seminar will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 PM on November 7th and 14th. Scott Strickler and John Weaver will host the panel of speakers; check the Bar Association website www.montbar.org for an update of the names of additional speakers. You can also register for this CLE through the website. The practical six-hour training seminar covers the nuts and bolts of family law. The extensive materials exceed 500 pages and include many sample forms; a link to download the materials will be provided and a CD will also be provided at the seminar. The training and materials are available for nearly free (\$10 registration fee) when an attorney signs an agreement with the Pro Bono Program to take a case. If an attorney prefers not to take a pro bono case, the fee is \$250. In addition, attorneys that accept a pro bono case will be assigned to a small training/mentoring group led by an experienced family law attorney. The small group sessions will meet on a regular schedule and will provide the opportunity to discuss your assigned pro bono case. Thank you to Erik Arena, Bruce Avery, Lindsay Parvis, Brian Pearlstein and Rob Weinberg for volunteering to host the Pro Bono Training Groups.

Family Law Section Pro Bono Initiative. The Pro Bono Program welcomes all attorneys that want to participate in the Family Law Section Pro Bono Initiative to any one of the four legal advice evening clinics. The Family Law Section is asking each member to volunteer for a minimum of two hours at the Family Law Self Help Center during business hours or at a Pro Bono Program evening legal advice clinic before Law Day 2012. If volunteering in the evenings fits your schedule, please contact us and we will find a place and date

for you to volunteer at a clinic. All attorneys must be scheduled into a clinic.

Legal Advice Clinics. The legal advice clinics are held twice each month in four different locations (see box below) to assist low-income residents of Montgomery County in obtaining immediate legal advice in civil matters. Eligible clients present their legal problems to an attorney for immediate advice, consultation, and or referrals. Each clinic is staffed with two supervising attorneys. In addition, five volunteer attorneys are needed at each location. We strive to have attorneys from a variety of practice areas available to meet the client legal needs. Recently barred attorneys are welcome at the clinics. By volunteering at a clinic you have the opportunity to network with other attorneys and clients. Many attorneys find this volunteer experience very rewarding and return often to assist clients.

Bankruptcy Cases. The Pro Bono Program is recruiting attorneys to join our panel for bankruptcy case referrals. For a limited time we have opened the client intake line for bankruptcy cases. Please call to join our panel.

Case Referrals. The Pro Bono Program office staff answers calls from potential clients in need of legal help. The client intake line is open from 9 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Thursday. Callers that have a type of case that we handle and meet all eligibility requirements have their case opened and referred to an attorney for client representation. Callers also receive referrals to the legal advice clinics or other appropriate agencies that may be able to assist the client. Callers most often request assistance with a divorce, separation agreement or custody issue. We also refer adoption and guardianship cases as well as simple name changes. Other cases referred by the program include limited debt collection

defense, bankruptcy, private landlord tenant, wills and power of attorney, limited immigration and limited employment issues. We do not accept modifications, contempt, emergency or post judgment matters.

Judicare Project. The Pro Bono Program participates in the Judicare Project for contested custody and complex family law cases funded by the Maryland Legal Services Corporation. Attorneys can seek reimbursement of \$80 per hour with a limit of 20 hours per case. The Pro Bono Program requires that for each Judicare case referred to an attorney a pro bono case is referred at the same time.

Contact to Volunteer. Please contact Clarice at 301.762.5831 or email clarice@mcbfprobono.org to add your name to a clinic schedule or to join the Pro Bono Panel for case referrals.

Thank You Volunteer Attorneys! The following attorneys provided legal services for the Pro Bono Program during September 2011. On behalf of the Board of directors of the Bar Foundation, we thank these attorneys for their time, dedication and service.

Pro Bono / Judicare Case Referrals

Badaki, Ayodeji*	Lloyd, Scott
Bluefield, Judith	Marshall, John
Bunker, Kate	Oliver, Debra*
Chamblis, Tarica	Pasti, David
Chang, Alyssa W.*	Pierre, Marilyn*
Fairbrother, Maggie*	Pugliese, Elizabeth
Grady, Michael J.*	Scott, Regina*
Guzman, Sandra V.	Sunderman, Heather*
Higdon, Anne*	Ugelow, Richard*
Isaacs, Jonathan	Vorv, Marlynda*
Jacobsen, Alisha	Walsh, Howard J.*
Koh, Debra*	Willis, Floyd
Kurnot, Stacy*	Xu, Eva Y.*

East County Service Center

Biggs, LMDD	Pugliese, Elizabeth
Jacobsen, Alisha	Washington, Juan+
Montero, R. Manuel+	

Gilchrist Center – Germantown

Bloom, Jon+	Tabaku, Florian
Canarte, MaryKay+	Wagman, Robert
Greenblatt, Lonnie	

Gilchrist Center – Wheaton

Bunker, Kate	Pasti, David
Guzman, Sandra	Rudert, Jaime
Marks, Jay+	Vega, David+
Martine, Jean	Washington, Juan+
McDonough, Kate	

TESS Community Center

Auerbach, Ken	Sharma, Priya
Burch, Melody	Vega, David+
Jean, Martine	Washington, Juan+
Marks, Jay+	

* = accepted more than 1 case
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Charles Gilchrist Center for Cultural Diversity - Upcounty Germantown
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Germantown, MD 20874

2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month
(5:30 PM to 8:30 PM)
Tel: (240) 777-4940
**Charles W. Gilchrist Center
for Cultural Diversity**
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Wheaton, Maryland 20902

1st and 2nd Thursday of each month
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**EAST County Regional Services
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The next J. FRANKLYN BOURNE BAR ASSOCIATION, INC., Montgomery County Committee meeting will be held on **Saturday, November 5, 2011**, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at 27 West Jefferson Street, Rockville, Maryland 20850. Breakfast will be served. The Committee usually meets on the first Saturday of the month. If you cannot attend the November meeting, join us on **Saturday, December 3, 2011**. For more information, contact our committee chair, Holly Reed, Esq. at (301) 587-9480 or hreedlaw@msn.com.

The next J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association General Body meeting is **Thursday, November 17, 2011** at 6:00 p.m. at the Vista Gardens Market Place, 10201 Martin Luther King, Jr. Highway, Bowie,

MD 20720. The General Body Meeting is usually on the third Thursday of the month.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION

Thanks to all who attended for the success of our first event of the year – Dinner at Normandie Farm. More than one hundred people enjoyed drinks, dinner, and comradery. Everyone was inspired by the stories of the Women's Bar Foundation Scholarship recipients, presented by the Honorable Katherine Savage. We also toasted the Honorable Audrey Creighton, who shared with us some of her experiences during her first year on the District Court bench. A special "thank you" to Donna Van Scoy for her contributions to the evening's success.

We are now looking forward to our annual **Holiday Party** scheduled for Wednesday evening, **December 14, 2011**. Susan Oldham has, yet again, graciously agreed to host the party at her beautiful home. We invite all members of the legal/courthouse community to join us and celebrate the spirit of the holiday season.

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held **Tuesday, November 8, 2011** at noon, in the Circuit Court Law Library. If you have any questions or suggestions regarding WBA activities, please do not hesitate to give me a call anytime.

Barbara R. Graham, President

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Please join us for our Fall Educational Program: **Military Courts:**

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Faith Dornbrand is pleased to announce that she has opened a new law firm, **Dornbrand Law LLC**. Ms. Dornbrand, a Fellow in the American Academy of Lawyers has been practicing family law in Maryland and the District of Columbia for over twenty-five years. The offices of Dornbrand Law LLC are located at 4824 Edgemoor Lane, Suite 201, Bethesda, MD 20814. The firm phone number is 301.913.0650 and the firm website is www.dornbrandlaw.com.

Jezic, Krum & Moyse, LLC is pleased to announce the addition of **Amal A.**

Bertrand to the firm's growing civil practice and that **Jaime A. Alonso** has joined the firm's family practice. Ms. Bertrand graduated cum laude from American University's Washington College of Law and previously clerked for the Honorable Michael S. Pincus in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County. Ms. Bertrand is fluent in French and Arabic. Mr. Alonso, a California native, returned to California after graduating from Brooklyn Law School to work for the California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc., an organization dedicated to providing free legal assistance to low-income rural Californians. He is a 2005 graduate from U.C.L.A. and a 2009 graduate from Brooklyn Law School. Prior to joining the firm, Mr. Alonso clerked for the Honorable Marielsa A. Bernard in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County in 2010. His focus will include all aspects of the firm's family practice, and he will also be involved in the firm's personal injury and criminal practices.

Louis Leibowitz is pleased to announce the opening of the **Law Offices of Louis M. Leibowitz, LLC**. His litigation law firm focuses on criminal defense, traffic, personal injury, land use, business and domestic matters. The office is located at 401 East Jefferson Street, Suite 201, Rockville, MD 20850. Mr. Leibowitz can be reached at (301) 279-0224. For more information on the firm, please visit its website www.Leibowitz-Law.com.

Offit Kurman is pleased to announce the addition of a new associate, **Christopher M. Wachter**, to its Family Law Group. Mr. has significant experi-

ence in civil litigation matters of all types, including family law matters, labor and employment claims, and complex commercial litigation. He was formerly an associate at a respected local firm and later founded and operated a general civil litigation law firm in Montgomery County, Maryland. Mr. Wachter is based in the firm's Washington, DC area office in Bethesda, Maryland.

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Adjudicatory Crim - Duty Cases	Bornick	Nunley	Tesfu	Tomazic	Tomazic
Duty Courtroom/am	Tomazic	PT's	Earle-Hill	Bornick	Bornick
Duty Courtroom/pm	Tomazic	Tesfu	Earle-Hill	Bornick	Bornick
Emergencies	Kaplan	Bornick	Nunley	Tesfu	Tesfu
Court Coverage	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Drug Court/Triunity	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Other	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Not Available	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Adjudicatory Crim - Duty Cases	MONDAY 7	TUESDAY 8	WEDNESDAY 9	THURSDAY 10	FRIDAY 11
Duty Courtroom/am	Tesfu	Nunley	Tomazic	Kaplan	HOLIDAY
Duty Courtroom/pm	Nunley	Kaplan	PT's	Earle-Hill	HOLIDAY
Emergencies	Kaplan	Nunley	Nunley	Earle-Hill	HOLIDAY
Court Coverage	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Drug Court/Triunity	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Other	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Not Available	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Adjudicatory Crim - Duty Cases	MONDAY 14	TUESDAY 15	WEDNESDAY 16	THURSDAY 17	FRIDAY 18
Duty Courtroom/am	Nunley	Tesfu	Kaplan	Tomazic	Kaplan
Duty Courtroom/pm	Kaplan	Tomazic	PT's	Nunley	Tesfu
Emergencies	Kaplan	Tomazic	Tomazic	Nunley	Tesfu
Court Coverage	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Drug Court/Triunity	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Other	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Not Available	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Adjudicatory Crim - Duty Cases	MONDAY 21	TUESDAY 22	WEDNESDAY 23	THURSDAY 24	FRIDAY 25
Duty Courtroom/am	Nunley	Tomazic	Tesfu	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY
Duty Courtroom/pm	Tesfu	Nunley	PT's	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY
Emergencies	Tesfu	Nunley	Tomazic	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY
Court Coverage	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Drug Court/Triunity	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Other	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Not Available	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Adjudicatory Crim - Duty Cases	MONDAY 28	TUESDAY 29	WEDNESDAY 30	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Duty Courtroom/am	Tesfu	Tomazic	Nunley	-----	-----
Duty Courtroom/pm	Nunley	Tesfu	PT's	-----	-----
Emergencies	Kaplan	Nunley	Kaplan	-----	-----
Court Coverage	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Drug Court/Triunity	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Other	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Not Available	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

DATE	MONDAY 7	TUESDAY 8	WED 9	THURSDAY 10	FRIDAY 11
C-411 A.L.M.Z	Turnbull/Sanford	Andrews/Hardy	-----	Michael/Garrett	-----
C-412	Larson	Costello	-----	Sanford	-----
T-414	Barnes	Barnes	-----	Larson	-----
T-413	Garrett	Michael	-----	Zucker	-----
T-SS-301	Costello	Sanford	-----	Turnbull	-----
T-SS-302	Andrews	Garrett	-----	Hardy	-----
C-401 A.L.M.Z	Hardy/Michael	Larson/Turnbull	-----	Barnes/Costello	-----
C-402 A.L.M.Z	-----	-----	-----	Haynos/Hagan	-----
8:30 Dkt	Binstock	Binstock	Wink	-----	-----
WEEK 2	14	15	16	17	18
C-411 A.L.M.Z	Indefurth/Barnes	Larson/Andrews	-----	Sanford/Barnes	Haynos/Hagan
C-412	Ballard	Indefurth	-----	Michael	Zucker
T-414	Turnbull	Turnbull	-----	Andrews	Michael
T-413	Costello	Michael	-----	Costello	Indefurth
T-SS-301	Andrews	Barnes	-----	Larson	Sanford
T-SS-302	Larson	Garrett	-----	Ballard	Costello
C-401 A.L.M.Z	Garrett/Michael	Sanford/Costello	-----	Garrett/Indefurth	Turnbull/Ballard
C-402 A.L.M.Z	-----	-----	-----	Haynos/Hagan	-----
8:30 Dkt	Wink	Binstock	Wink	-----	Binstock
WEEK 3	21	22	23	24	25
C-411 A.L.M.Z	Ballard/Garrett	Andrews/Indefurth	-----	-----	-----
C-412	Larson	Costello	-----	Thanksgiving	Court Closed
T-414	Andrews	Ballard	-----	Day	-----
T-413	Michael	Zucker	-----	-----	-----
T-SS-301	Turnbull	Barnes	-----	-----	-----
T-SS-302	Indefurth	Larson	-----	-----	-----
C-401 A.L.M.Z	Barnes/Sanford	Turnbull/Michael	-----	-----	-----
C-402 A.L.M.Z	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
8:30 Dkt	Binstock	Binstock	Binstock	-----	-----
WEEK 4	28	29	30	December 1	2
C-411 A.L.M.Z	Larson/Barnes	Garrett/Sanford	-----	Michael/Indefurth	Haynos/Hagan
C-412	Michael	Turnbull	-----	Andrews	Zucker
T-414	Indefurth	Michael	-----	Binstock	Barnes
T-413	Wink	Schwartz	-----	Costello	Sanford
T-SS-301	Garrett	Indefurth	-----	Garrett	Andrews
T-SS-302	Sanford	Larson	-----	Sanford	Turnbull
C-401 A.L.M.Z	Andrews/Costello	Costello/Barnes	-----	Turnbull/Larson	Garrett/Indefurth
C-402 A.L.M.Z	-----	-----	-----	Haynos/Hagan	-----
8:30 Dkt	Tang	Binstock	Wink	-----	Tang

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DATE		RV411	RV412	RV413	RV414	RV512	RV513/ Bonds	SS401	SS402	SS301	SS302	HR303
Tuesday	1	Hamilton	Evergam	VJ	Creighton	CLOSED	Kim	Mitchell	Johnson	VJ	Sarsfield	CLOSED
Wednesday	2	Evergam	VJ	Hamilton	Creighton	VJ	Sarsfield	Kim	VJ	Simmons	Johnson	CLOSED
Thursday	3	Evergam	Kim	VJ	VJ	Johnson	Hamilton	Sarsfield	Creighton	VJ	Mitchell	CLOSED
Friday	4	Johnson	Mitchell	VJ	VJ	Sarsfield	Evergam	Hamilton	Simmons	Creighton	VJ	CLOSED
Monday	7	Hamilton	Sarsfield	VJ	Conroy	Evergam	Johnson	Mitchell	Simmons	VJ	Creighton	CLOSED
Tuesday	8	Simmons	Conroy	VJ	Kim	Hamilton*	Evergam	Sarsfield	Mitchell	Creighton	Johnson	CLOSED
Wednesday	9	Evergam	VJ	Johnson	Creighton	Conroy	Mitchell	Hamilton	VJ	Kim	Sarsfield	Simmons
Thursday	10	Kim	Evergam	VJ	VJ	Mitchell	Creighton	Johnson	Simmons	VJ	Conroy	CLOSED
Friday	11	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY
Monday	14	Sarsfield	Johnson	VJ	VJ	Hamilton	Simmons	Kim	Conroy	VJ	VJ	CLOSED
Tuesday	15	Conroy	Evergam	VJ	Hamilton	Johnson	Creighton	Sarsfield	Kim	Simmons	Mitchell	CLOSED
Wednesday	16	Mitchell	VJ	Creighton	Evergam	VJ	Sarsfield	Simmons	Johnson	VJ	Hamilton	Conroy
Thursday	17	Hamilton	Sarsfield	VJ	VJ	Simmons	Evergam	Creighton	Mitchell	VJ	Johnson	CLOSED
Friday	18	Evergam	Mitchell	VJ	VJ	Creighton	Sarsfield	Johnson	Hamilton	VJ	Simmons	CLOSED
Monday	21	Evergam	Simmons	VJ	VJ	CLOSED	Mitchell	Kim	Creighton	VJ	Hamilton	CLOSED
Tuesday	22	Hamilton	Evergam	VJ	VJ	CLOSED	Kim	Simmons	Mitchell	VJ	Creighton	CLOSED
Wednesday	23	Simmons	VJ	Evergam	VJ	CLOSED	Creighton	Conroy	VJ	Hamilton	Kim	CLOSED
Thursday	24	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY
Friday	25	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY	HOLIDAY
Monday	28	Mitchell	Creighton	Kim	VJ	Conroy	Johnson	Hamilton	Sarsfield	VJ	Simmons	CLOSED
Tuesday	29	Conroy	Kim	Creighton	VJ	CLOSED	Mitchell	Sarsfield	Johnson	Simmons	Hamilton	CLOSED
Wednesday	30	Conroy	Simmons	Mitchell	VJ	Sarsfield	Wolfe	Johnson	VJ	Hamilton	Kim	Creighton
Date Prepared: August 31, 2011 Date Revised: Oct. 3, 2011 * - Special Set/VOPs		RV514 3-Simmons 10-Hamilton							SS402 7-Meters 14-Speed 21-Meters 28-Red Lights			

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Circuit Court

Judges Schedule - 2011

	2011	Criminal	Civil	Duty	Motions	Family	FamDuty	General	CINA	Delinq	JuvDuty	BAP Duty	Drug Court
	November												
		Bernard PT-16											
11/7/2011	7th-13th	McCormick	Rupp	Mason	Algeo	Salant	Salant	Bernard	McCann	Quirk	Boynton	Dist Court	Adult - Rupp
	wk 932	Burrell CM	Craven			Callahan		Rubin	McCally	McCann			Quirk
			Scrivener			(Thompson)		Greenberg					
			Jordan			McCally		McCormick					Juvenile - Savage
			Johnson			Dugan		Craven					
						Savage							
						Quirk							
11/14/2011	14th-20th	McCormick	CM Rupp	Jordan	Scrivener	Algeo	Craven	Bernard	Quirk	Boynton	McCann	Dugan	Adult - Rupp
	wk 933	Burrell PT	Johnson			Salant		Rubin	McCally			Bernard	
						Callahan		Greenberg				15-20	
						(Thompson)							Juvenile - Savage
						McCally							
						Dugan							
						Savage							
						Mason							
						Quirk							
		No PTS											
11/21/2011	21st-27th	Greenberg PT	Rupp	Johnson	McCormick	Algeo	Savage	Rubin	Boynton	McCann	Quirk	Johnson	Adult - Rupp
	wk 934	Bernard CM	Craven		No Motions	Salant		Burrell	Callahan		Boynton		
			Scrivener		21, 22, 23	Callahan							
			Jordan			(Thompson)							Juvenile - Savage
						McCally							
						Dugan							
						Mason							
						Quirk							
11/28/2011	28th-4th	Greenberg	CM Rupp	Algeo	McCally	Salant	Rubin	Burrell	McCann	Quirk	Boynton	Dist Court	Adult - Rupp
	wk 935	Bernard PT	Craven		Scrivener 2 NO	Callahan		McCormick	Callahan	Boynton	McCann		Quirk
			Scrivener		McCormick 28	(Thompson)							
			Jordan			Dugan							
			Johnson			Savage							Juvenile - Savage
			Quirk			Mason							
						Craven							

*Family Duty; CM=Criminal Motions; PT=Criminal PreTrial Jury Demand/Appeal Docket

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| 1 | 12:15p.m. | | Bar Luncheon |
| 2 | 8:00a.m. | C/S | Circuit Court Bench Bar Committee |
| | 12:15p.m. | CR | Youth Courthouse Project Committee |
| | 4:30p.m. | C/S | Legal Ethics Committee Meeting |
| | 5:30p.m. | CLE | CLE Seminar – Taxation Law |
| 3 | 8:00a.m. | C/S | Commercial Litigation Section Meeting |
| | 5:30p.m. | C/S | Collaborative Law Section Meeting |
| 7 | 5:30p.m. | CLE | CLE Seminar – Family Law |
| 8 | 8:00a.m. | C/S | Real Estate Law Section Meeting |
| | 5:00p.m. | CR | Criminal Law Section Meeting |
| 9 | 8:00a.m. | C/S | ADR Section Meeting |
| | 8:00a.m. | CR | Elder Law Section Meeting |
| | Noon | CR | Employment Law Section Meeting |
| | 12:30p.m. | C/S | Juvenile Law Section Meeting |
| 10 | 5:00p.m. | CLR | Lawyer to Lawyer Committee Meeting |
| | 5:00p.m. | CR | Foundation Board of Directors Mtg. |
| | 5:00p.m. | C/S | Workers Compensation Law Section |
| | 5:30p.m. | C/S | New Practitioner Section/Community Outreach Committee Friendraiser |
| 11 | 12:15p.m. | CR | Education Law Section Meeting |
| 14 | 11:45a.m. | C/S | Estate & Trust Law Section Meeting |
| | 5:00p.m. | CR | Executive Committee Meeting |
| | 5:30p.m. | CLE | CLE Seminar – Family Law |
| 15 | 6:00p.m. | CR | Immigration Law Section Meeting |
| 16 | 5:30p.m. | CLR | Family Law Section Meeting |
| | 5:30p.m. | C/S | Strategic Planning Committee Meeting |
| | 6:00p.m. | C/S | Business Law Section Meeting |
| 17 | 8:00a.m. | C/S | Law Firm Management Section Mtg. |
| | 12:30p.m. | C/S | Circuit Court Chamber Chat |
| 18 | Noon | CR | Personal Injury Litigation Section Mtg. |
| 22 | 5:30p.m. | CLR | New Practitioner Section Meeting |
| 29 | 5:30p.m. | CLE | CLE Seminar – Family Law |

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| 1 | 8:00a.m. | C/S | District Court Bench Bar Committee |
| | 5:30p.m. | C/S | Collaborative Law Section Meeting |
| | 6:00p.m. | C/S | Judge Craven's Retirement Celebration |
| 6 | 12:15p.m. | | Bar Luncheon |
| 7 | 8:00a.m. | C/S | Circuit Court Bench Bar Committee |
| | 12:15p.m. | CR | Youth Courthouse Project Committee |
| | 4:30p.m. | C/S | Legal Ethics Committee Meeting |
| | 5:30p.m. | CR | Taxation Law Section Meeting |
| 8 | 5:00p.m. | C/S | Lawyer to Lawyer Committee Meeting |
| | 5:00p.m. | CR | Workers Compensation Law Section |
| | 5:30p.m. | CR | Employment Law Section Happy Hour |
| | 5:30p.m. | C/S | Family Law Section Holiday Party |
| 9 | 12:15p.m. | CR | Education Law Section Meeting |
| 12 | 5:00p.m. | CR | Executive Committee Meeting |
| 13 | 6:00p.m. | CR | Immigration Law Section Meeting |
| 14 | 8:00a.m. | C/S | ADR Section Meeting |
| | 8:00a.m. | CR | Elder Law Section Meeting |
| | 12:30p.m. | C/S | Juvenile Law Section Meeting |
| 15 | 8:00a.m. | C/S | Law Firm Management Section Mtg. |
| 26-30 | ~ Bar Association & Bar Foundation Offices Closed ~ | | |