

CITY BAR REPORT

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The President's Message: New beginnings

Change is in the air. As the holiday season wraps up, our attention turns, as it always does, to the business of the new year. Traffic picks up, phones ring more frequently (or so it seems), and to-do lists practically jump off the page. New years' resolutions, not yet broken, hold the promise that this year will be the year that we [insert long-standing unattained goal here]. There is a new legislature in Washington and a new legislature in Annapolis. While the nature and extent of the 2018 "blue wave" can be debated, few would deny that both legislative bodies that convene this month have some surprising new faces and new personalities, and politics-watchers wait with bated breath as new interpersonal and political dynamics begin to take shape.



Kelly Hughes Iverson

Change can be good, and change is often the driver of progress. But to be more effective than disruptive, particularly in the legal profession, change must be tethered to the values that have anchored us since the days of the Founders. Checks and balances in governance, respect for the rule of law, and the independence of the judiciary are a few of the core principles that we must take care to tend and nurture, even as the winds of change blow hot and cold across the political landscape.

The Bar Association's Legislation Committee is charged this year with minding the store, so to speak, in Annapolis. The Committee will be monitoring the bills introduced in the General Assembly, looking for anything

that might impact the legal profession in Baltimore City. If the Committee identifies concerns, the concerns will be brought to the attention of the Association's officers and potentially the full Executive Council, and if it is agreed that a particular legislative undertaking would impact the profession in Baltimore City, the Council will determine whether to take a formal position, or even testify, on a bill. The Association is not interested in taking ideological sides; some of the more controversial legislative bills in the past have, for example, pitted the plaintiffs' bar against the defense bar on certain policy questions. The Association does not intend to weigh in on such measures. But where our core principles are in play, or where our membership as a whole is potentially affected, a more significant presence may be warranted. Members of the Association who have concerns about a bill that may impact the legal profession are urged to contact our Legislation Committee chair so that the Association may study the issue and potentially propose next steps.

In the meantime, the new year marches forward. With a full plate of CLE programs, health and wellness programs, and social and cultural events, the Association is diving headfirst into the new year, striving to give our members tools to help them continue to develop professionally and personally, and to practice the profession with excellence. If you have not yet resolved to become more active in the Association this year, it is not too late. Participate in what the Association has to offer in the new year, and buckle up. In the midst of uncertain times, one can nevertheless count on change. And from all appearances, it looks to be a wild ride.

Young Lawyers' Division Update Hitting the ground running

The YLD had a fantastic end to the 2018 year. Our Public Service Committee pulled off another successful Holiday Party for Children Living in Shelters. The event has developed such a great following we actually had the pleasing problem of having too many volunteers. The silent auction at the BABC Holiday Party raised approximately \$4,000.00 to help pay for the children's party so thank you to all who donated and purchased auction items. For the second year in a row, our Public Education Committee coordinated a mock trial competition where students from both competing Baltimore City Public Schools were transported to the Mitchell Courthouse for the trial. A big thank you to Circuit Court Judge Middleton for presiding on the trial and hosting it in her courtroom. And to Judge Panos and former prosecutor Letam Duson for speaking to the students during lunch regarding their criminal law background and answering challenging questions from the audience.



Divya Potdar


Almost every one of our committees will be hitting the ground running after the holidays and has an event lined up for January. We plan to start off the year with a Zumba class on January 14, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. The hour-long workout will be held at City Fit Gym in Mt. Vernon and welcomes attendees of all fitness levels. Get a head-start on your new year's resolutions and join the Health & Wellness Committee for the 'Post-Holiday Burn.'

On January 16th at 8:00 a.m. Judge Nicole Taylor will be speaking about Putting on

Your Case: Elements and Evidence in Civil and Criminal Cases. As always, this monthly Breakfast with the Bench will be held at the office of Whiteford, Taylor & Preston. On January 30th the CLE Committee is organizing another 'How to Survive' lecture series. Judge Mark Scurti, Judge Joan Gordon, and Dr. Brian Lerman will discuss fundamentals of personal injury cases and how to put on your District Court tort case. This event will be held at the Mitchell Courthouse, Room 504, and will begin at 5:00 p.m. Refreshments will be generously provided by the MSBA YLS Education Committee.

Because our Public Service Committee never sleeps, on January 19th from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., they will be volunteering with the Teacher Supply Swap and help provide supplies to Baltimore City education. After a quick hiatus in December due to the numerous holiday parties, our Membership Committee will be organizing a happy hour in late January which will be free to members and non-members alike.

Finally, the YLD Nominating Committee is accepting applications for seven officer and council positions to serve on the YLD Council. The positions include: Chair Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, 3 Members-At-Large, and 1 Elected Member. Serving on the YLD Council provides a great way to grow your network and give back to the community. The Committee will interview candidates on February 4, 2019. Anyone interested in serving on this wonderful Council should submit a letter and resume to Bar Headquarters no later than 4:30 p.m. on February 1, 2019. If anyone is interested in serving as a committee chair, feel free to contact me or incoming Chair, Joe Pulver, directly as those positions are appointed by the YLD Chair.



BAR ASSOCIATION of BALTIMORE CITY
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The Bar Association of Baltimore City
 Business Litigation Committee
 Joseph A. Pulver, Esq., Chair

Presents

**Meet the Business and Technology Judges
 &
 A Panel Discussion on Attorneys' Fees Awards**

Tuesday, January 29, 2019
 Clarence Mitchell Courthouse
 100 N. Calvert Street, Room 504
 Baltimore, MD 21202
 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Come meet the Judges sitting on the Circuit Court for Baltimore City's Business & Technology docket and enjoy a brief panel discussion on issues relating to attorneys' fees awards in Maryland - including the applicable Maryland Rules, case law, and practical advice on issues impacting the award and amount of attorneys' fees in Maryland litigation.

Guest Speakers

David S. Musgrave, Esq. <i>Gordon Feinblatt LLC</i>	The Honorable Pamela J. White <i>Circuit Court for Baltimore City Business & Technology Case Management Program</i>
Ramsay M. Whitworth, Esq. <i>Silverman, Thompson, Slutkin & White, LLC</i>	

Moderator

Joseph A. Pulver, Esq.
Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, Department of Housing and Community Dev.


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Health & Wellness Committee
 PRESENTS

Post-Holiday Burn

BAR ASSOCIATION OF BALTIMORE CITY &
 YOUNG LAWYERS' DIVISION.




January 14th at 5:30pm





Join us for Zumba to burn off all those holiday treats and get a head start on your new year's resolutions! Gym attire suggested. Street parking available. Cost is \$5/person. [CLICK HERE to RSVP](#)

For more information or questions, contact [Angela Palozzi](mailto:Angela.Palozzi@offitkurman.com) at apalozzi@offitkurman.com or info@baltimorebar.org

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CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

On Thursday, January 17, 2019, from 12:30 p.m.- 2:00 p.m. in Room 504, Clarence Mitchell Courthouse, 100 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202, the Bar Association of Baltimore City's Criminal Law Committee, G. Adam Ruther, Esq., and Carrie J. Williams, Esq., Co-Chairs, presents Lunch with the Incoming and Outgoing Judges in Charge of the Criminal Division. Our guest speakers are: The Honorable Charles J. Peters, Outgoing Judge In Charge, Criminal Division, Circuit Court for Baltimore City; and The Honorable Melissa M. Phinn, Incoming Judge In Charge, Criminal Division, Circuit Court for Baltimore City. The program will be moderated by Carrie J. Williams, Esq., Chief, Criminal Appeals Division, Office of the Attorney General. On January 1, 2019, Judge Melissa Phinn became the Judge in Charge of the Criminal Division, taking over for Judge Charles Peters. Come hear from both judges about the Criminal Division of the Baltimore City Circuit Court, Judge Peters's thoughts on his tenure as Judge in Charge, and what changes you can expect under Judge Phinn. A must-attend event for anyone who practices criminal law in Baltimore City. Lunch is generously sponsored by Rosenberg Martin Greenberg, LLP. Admission is FREE for BABC members, Non-members - \$40*. BABC members may register by e-mailing info@baltimorebar.org. Non-members may register at www.baltimorebar.org, or by calling 410-539-5936. Space is Limited - Register Early!

SEE EDUCATION 13A



The Bar Association of Baltimore City
Personal Injury Litigation Committee
Alison D. Kohler, Esq., Chair



Presents

An Evening of CLE and Networking

Medical Perils & Pitfalls: Protecting Your Clients & Yourselves During the Settlement Process

Wednesday, February 13, 2019
City Cafe
1001 Cathedral Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Come get relief from the winter doldrums and learn from two experts in the field of Medicare liens and Medicare Set-Asides about the current law, guidelines and trends relative to Medicare Secondary Payer Compliance

Guest Speakers

Rodd Santomauro, Esq.
Vice President of Business Development
Synergy Settlement

Joanna Seidman Wynes, Esq.
Settlement Planner, Synergy Settlement

Moderator

Alison D. Kohler, Esq.
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Liquid Refreshments and light appetizers provided.

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The Bar Association of Baltimore City
Estates & Trusts Committee
Michaela C. Muffoletto, Esq. & Jennifer S. Yeagle, Esq., Co-Chairs

Present

Administering Estates with Revocable Trusts

Tuesday, February 5, 2019
12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Clarence Mitchell Courthouse
100 N. Calvert Street, Room 504
Baltimore, MD 21202

Guest Speakers

Alice Young, Esq.
Nusinov Smith, LLP

Matthew F. Penater, Esq.
The Penater Law Firm, LLC

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CITY BAR BRIEFS

Come Join the BABC and the YLD for a Post-Holiday Burn Workout TONIGHT!

Come join the BABC and the YLD tonight at City Fit for a Post-Holiday Burn Zumba workout to burn off all those holiday treats and get a head start on those New Year's Resolutions! Class starts at 5:30 pm. Gym attire suggested. Street parking available. Cost is \$5 per person. For questions or for more information or to attend, go to www.baltimorebar.org.

Deadlines to Apply for BABC and YLD Positions Approaching

President Kelly Hughes Iverson recently appointed the Association's Nominating Committee comprised of Charles M. Blomquist, Chair, Robert D. Anbinder, Joshua L. Caplan, Hon. Lynn Stewart Mays, Joseph A. Pulver, Hon. Michael W. Reed, and Kerri L. Smith. The Committee will meet in early February to interview and nominate candidates for the offices of President-Elect, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, three Elected Members to the Executive Council who are not young lawyers, and the BABC's Delegate to the American Bar Association. The Committee will also nominate five representatives to serve a two-year term on the Maryland State Bar Association Board of Governors for the First District (Baltimore City). Members interested in any of these positions should submit a letter and resume to Charles M. Blomquist, Chair, Nominating Committee, The Bar Association of Baltimore City, 111 N. Calvert Street, Suite 627, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, or submit electronically to ksanzone@baltimorebar.org. Resumes must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15, 2019.

Divya Potdar, Chair of the Young Lawyers' Division, appointed the following to serve on the YLD's Nominating Committee: Kerri L. Smith, Chair, Sarah P. Belardi, Eleanor Dayhoff-Brannigan, Aaron DeGraffenreidt, Michael R. Hudak, Angela Pallozzi, and Nathaniel Risch. The Committee is soliciting applications for YLD positions for the 2019-20 Bar year for Chair Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, three Members-at-Large, and one Elected Member. Applications may be made by anyone who is a young lawyer and a member of the BABC. Any member of the BABC may recommend the name of any Division member for consideration by the Nominating Committee. If you are interested in being considered for any of the above positions, please write to Kerri L. Smith, Chair, YLD Nominating Committee, c/o Bar Association of Baltimore City, 111 N. Calvert Street, Suite 627, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, or email to info@baltimorebar.org. Your letter and resume must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Friday, February 1, 2019. All applicants or recommended persons must be available for an interview by the Nominating Committee.

Baltimore Teacher Supply Swap

In partnership with the Government and Public Interest Lawyers Committee of the BABC, the YLD Public Service Committee will be volunteering at the Baltimore Teacher Supply Swap (1794 Union Ave, Baltimore, MD 21211) on Saturday, January 19, 2019 from 10:30 am - 2:00 pm. BTSS's mission is to provide teachers and students with access to educational materials. We will first receive an orientation, and then we will process incoming donations, stock shelves, and help guests through the checkout process. Space is limited. Please email yldpublicservice@gmail.com if you would like to participate!

YLD Happy Hour & Networking Event at the Spirits of Mt. Vernon

Come join the BABC's Young Lawyers' Division for its Happy Hour and Networking Event on Wednesday, January 23, 2019, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Spirits of Mt. Vernon, 900 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21201. Network with your fellow attorneys and get a chance to win some cool door prizes. First 40 to RSVP will receive one FREE drink ticket! This event is generously sponsored by Academy Financial, Inc. ALL INVITED! Space is Limited – Register Early! RSVP to info@baltimorebar.org.

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Continued from 12A

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On Wednesday, January 30, 2019, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in Room 504, Clarence Mitchell Courthouse, 100 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202, the Bar Association of Baltimore City's Young Lawyers's Division's CLE Committee presents How to Survive: District Court Torts. Our guest speakers are: The Honorable Joan Bossmann Gordon, District Court of Maryland for Baltimore City; The Honorable Mark F. Scurti, District Court of Maryland for Baltimore City; and Dr. Brian Lerman, Stein & Lerman, P.A. Light refreshments generously co-sponsored by the MSBA's Young Lawyers' Section Education Committee. Admission is FREE for all BABC members and MSBA YLS members, Non-members – \$40*. BABC and MSBA YLS members may register by e-mailing info@baltimorebar.org. Non-members may register at www.baltimorebar.org, or by calling 410-539-5936.

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JANUARY 16

CLE – YLD Breakfast with the Bench – The Honorable Nicole Egerton Taylor
(SOLD OUT)

JANUARY 17

CLE – Lunch with the Incoming and Outgoing Judges in Charge of the Criminal Division

JANUARY 23

YLD Happy Hour & Networking Event at the Spirits of Mt. Vernon

JANUARY 29

CLE – Meet the Business & Technology Judge & Panel Discussion
on Attorney's Fees Award

JANUARY 30

YLD – CLE – How to Survive: District Court Torts

FEBRUARY 5

CLE – Administering Estates with Revocable Trusts

FEBRUARY 13

CLE – Medicare Perils & Pitfalls: Protecting Your Clients and Yourself
During the Settlement Process

FEBRUARY 19

Black History Month Program

FEBRUARY 26

CLE – YLD Breakfast with the Bench – Magistrate Hope Tipton

FEBRUARY 27

CLE – Mediation Styles from the Mediator's Perspective, the Attorney's
Perspective and the Client's Perspective

MARCH 19

Women's History Month Program

MARCH 30

Greenmount Cemetery Tour

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On Tuesday, February 5, 2019, from 12:00 noon - 1:30 p.m. in Room 504, Clarence Mitchell Courthouse, 100 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202, the Bar Association of Baltimore City's Estates and Trusts Committee, Michaela C. Muffoletto, Esq. & Jennifer S. Yeagle, Esq., Co-Chairs, present Administering Estates with Revocable Trusts. Our guest speakers are Alice Young, Esq., Nusinov Smith, LLP and Matthew F. Penetar, Esq., The Penetar Law Firm, LLC. Lunch is generously sponsored by Nusinov Smith, LLP and The Penetar Law Firm, LLC. Admission is FREE for BABC members, Non-members – \$40*. BABC members may register by e-mailing info@baltimorebar.org. Non-members may register at www.baltimorebar.org, or by calling 410-539-5936. Space is Limited – Register Early!

On Wednesday, February 27, 2019, from 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. in Room 504, Clarence Mitchell Courthouse, 100 N. Calvert Street, Baltimore, MD 21202, the Alternative Disputer Resolution Committees of the Bar Association of Baltimore City, James Motsay, Esq., Chair, and the Baltimore County Bar Association, William P. Konstas, Esq., Chair, present Mediation Styles from the Mediator's Perspective, the Attorney's Perspective and the Client's Perspective. Our guest speakers are: Andrew G. Bailey, Esq., Law Office of Andrew G. Bailey; William Burgee, Esq., Transaction Specialist, Housing and Community Development, City of Baltimore; and Jeff Trueman, Esq., Mediation and Settlement Conference Neutral. Each presenter will discuss from their perspective: What are the various styles that are seen in mediation from all sides? Why do you choose/like one style over others, What are the more successful styles used in mediation, When to change the form/style during a mediation and why. The program will be moderated by Alice G. Pinderhughes, Esq., Alice G. Pinderhughes, PA. Lunch is generously sponsored by Bouland & Brush, LLC, Farace & Scherr, PA, LP Senft & Associates/Baltimore Mediation, Elva Tillman, Esq., and Wright, Constable & Skeen, LLP. Admission is FREE for BABC and BCBA members, Non-members – \$40. BABC and BCBA members may register by e-mailing info@baltimorebar.org. Non-members may register at www.baltimorebar.org, or by calling 410-539-5936. Space is Limited – Register Early!

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