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The President's Message: A Message of Gratitude

In the last several years, I have seen many social media friends adopt November as a "thankfulness" month, extending the holiday of Thanksgiving for a full month and challenging themselves and their friends each day to identify something for which they are grateful. The practice, while light-hearted and social in nature, invites us to take stock of our lives and recognize what is truly important. The November issue of The Baltimore Barrister focuses on Professionalism and Ethics; it is well timed, as it too invites us as lawyers and judges to take stock and identify what makes the practice of law more than a business, or in other words, what makes us a profession.



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There is no time more important to do so, and perhaps no time more difficult to do so, than now. We inhabit a world that is becoming, as it was for Alice in Wonderland, "curiouser and curiouser." Our 24/7 news cycle bombards us with dizzying speed, as newsmakers compete to stay on our screens. We see so many outrageous comments and behaviors in our national news every day that we become numb to outrage. Truth is relative; facts are alternative; and science is an optional belief system. The world self-divides into "us" and "them," and winning at any cost begins to take priority over our collective best interests. This national incivility seeps incipiently into local and individual spheres as we retreat into our "bub-

bles" and individuals begin to de-personalize others in their communities. Taken to the extreme, the ongoing depersonalization of "the other" leads to atrocities such as those seen in the last few weeks, including the cold-blooded murder of two kind, loving grandparents because they were black, and the massacre of 11 upstanding community members because they were Jews.

We as lawyers have long inhabited an adversarial system. By its nature and design, our system of justice has "winners" and "losers." Unchecked, such a system could readily descend into the divisive "us/them" mentality that currently infects our national conversation. We all recognize a duty to zealously represent our clients, and in our current climate, we may face increasing pressure from clients and others to depersonalize the opponent, and to win at any cost.

Fortunately, our legal system is not unchecked. Centuries of living with an adversarial system, kept in perspective, have produced a set of principles and mores that guide our interactions with each other, with our courts, and with our clients. Certain of these have been codified into professional rules of ethics; others are more ingrained as unwritten guides to "doing the right thing." These unwritten guidelines may be more difficult to discern than one might imagine, because as the articles in the November issue of the Baltimore Barrister illustrate, many situations create shades of gray for which there is no easy answer. Many lessons in professionalism and ethics can be learned only

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Young Lawyers' Division Update Mentors & Mock Trials

The Young Lawyers' Division has had an extremely busy month. On October 11th, District Court Judge Kevin Wilson spoke to litigators at the CLE Committee's "Practice Tips on Tap" about various topics such as preparing your clients for trial and interacting with your opposing counsel. On October 17th, the Public Service Committee volunteered with The Harambe Center (formerly Kids Safe Zone) to act out a mock trial at the Wabash Courthouse. The trial of People vs. Jack and the Beanstalk was presided by District Court Judge Diana Smith.



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On October 24th, our Membership Committee hosted an extremely successful networking happy hour at City Café in Mount Vernon. The packed event allowed lawyers of all ages to mingle with each other and representatives from various legal services organizations. Court reporters, business strategists, and medical providers were some of the seventy or so people in at-

tendance.

On October 29th, the Health and Wellness Committee organized the first-ever active event for lawyers. "Circuit Court to Circuit Training" encouraged lawyers to come out at the end of the work day to a fun but intense workout led by Suzanne Miranda, owner of City Fit Gym, and hosted in the office of Harbor Physical Therapy. Amanda Macht of HPT walked the attendees through a 15 minute stretching session after the full body workout.

The morning of October 30th started out with a "Breakfast with the Bench" featuring U.S. District Court Magistrate Judge Copperthite. The 8 a.m. CLE Committee event had one of the biggest turnouts since this series was started a few years ago. Attendees enjoyed listening to Judge Copperthite speak about "Meeting in the Middle" and preparing cases for mediation and settlement. (I like alliteration for those that may not have caught on yet).

The Public Education Committee's Mock Trial programs at Highlandtown Middle School and Francis Scott Key Middle School have been going on in

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CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

On Monday, November 19, 2018, from 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. at One South Street, 21st Floor Conference Room, Baltimore, MD 21202, the Bar Association of Baltimore City's Bench Bar Committee, M. Natalie McSherry, Esq., and The Honorable Christopher L. Panos, Co-Chairs, presents "Baltimore City's Home Detention Program." This seminar will provide guidance and answer questions regarding Home Detention program protocol, rules and regulations, and address practical considerations encountered by practitioners and courts. Our moderator will be The Honorable Christopher L. Panos, Associate Judge, Circuit Court for Baltimore City. Our guest speakers are: The Honorable Charles J. Peters, Associate Judge and Judge-in-Charge, Criminal Division, Circuit Court for Baltimore City; Samuel Kelley, Correctional Case Management Manager & Acting Assistant Administrator, Home Detention Case Management Unit, Department of Public Safety & Correctional Services; Rodney Gray, Esquire, Rodney Gray Law; Patrick Motsay, Esquire, Assistant State's Attorney, Division Chief, War Room/Charging, Central Booking Intake Facility, Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City; and Robert Weisengoff, Executive Director, Pretrial Release Services Program, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. Lunch is generously sponsored by: Erik Atas, Esquire, Zirkin & Schmerling Law; The Law Office of Bader & Cooper; Catherine A. Bledsoe, Esquire; The Honorable Cynthia Jones; Wallace Kleid, Esquire; and Mead Law. 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, November 28, 2018, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 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 CLE Committee, Natalie Amato, Esq., and Sarah Belardi, Esq., Co-Chairs, presents "How to Survive: What They Don't Teach You in Law School About Trial Practice." Our guest speaker is The Honorable Lynn Stewart Mays, Circuit Court for Baltimore City. 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!

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CITY BAR BRIEFS

24th Annual BABC Past Presidents' Luncheon to be held November 20

The 24th Annual Past Presidents' Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2018, at The Grand, 225 N. Charles Street, Corinthian Room, Baltimore, MD 21201, with a cash bar at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch at 12:00 noon. Our 2018 Presidential Award recipients are Marshall B. Paul, Esq., Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr, LLP, and Alan J. Dunklow, Esq., Office of the Attorney General of Maryland. The Honorable Yvette M. Bryant, Circuit Court for Baltimore City, is the recipient of the 2018 Margaret Brent-Juanita Jackson Mitchell Award. Jeff Trueman, Esq. is the recipient of the 2018 Paul A. Dorf Memorial ADR Award. We will also recognize the newest members of the Bench and recently retired Judges: The Honorable Catherine Chen, District Court of Maryland for Baltimore City; The Honorable Geoffrey G. Hengerer, District Court of Maryland for Baltimore City; The Honorable Gregory Sampson, Circuit Court for Baltimore City; The Honorable Robert K. Taylor, Jr., Circuit Court for Baltimore City; The Honorable Deborah Sweet Eyler (Ret.), Maryland Court of Special Appeals of Maryland, At Large; The Honorable Edward R.K. Hargadon (Ret.), Circuit Court for Baltimore City; The Honorable George M. Lipman (Ret.), District Court of Maryland for Baltimore City; The Honorable Timothy D. Murphy (Ret.), District Court of Maryland for Baltimore City; and The Honorable Alfred Nance (Ret.), Circuit Court for Baltimore City. Tickets are \$65 per person and can be purchased online at www.baltimorebar.org. Registrations must be received by Wednesday, November 14, 2018. For more information, call 410-539-5936 or e-mail us at info@baltimorebar.org.

GPIL Committee Axe Throwing Tournament & Social Event - November 15

The Government and Public Interest Lawyers Committee invites you to its Axe Throwing Tournament and Social Event on Thursday, November 15, 2018, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Join your fellow members for a fun (yet safe) night of throwing axes at Urban Axes, 1 N. Haven Street, Baltimore, MD 21224. You will receive instruction on how to throw the axes and then participate in a tournament; when the dust settles the axe-throwing champion will be crowned. Open to all abilities and ages - the only limitation is that you must not wear open-toed shoes. Cost is \$40, which includes pizza.

If interested, immediately contact GPIL Committee Chair Ryan Dietrich at ryandietrichesq@gmail.com.

Join us for our Annual Adoption Day Celebration - November 17

On Saturday, November 17, 2018, the Bar Association of Baltimore City will sponsor, in conjunction with the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, its 12th Annual National Adoption Day Celebration. This event not only celebrates the children whose adoptions are finalized that day, but it is part of the national effort to raise awareness of the more than 117,000 children in foster care waiting to find permanent, loving families. This event will be held in the Circuit Court for Baltimore City's Ceremonial Courtroom 400, Clarence Mitchell Courthouse, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The adoption ceremony lasts from approximately 10:00

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through experience, which includes watching others with more experience navigate the inevitable bumps along the road.

This is where the Bar Association plays an important role. With the number of young lawyers striking out on their own soon after law school, the opportunities to learn at the feet of more experienced lawyers can be more limited. The Bar Association offers that opportunity, both through a formal mentorship program and through informal contacts and discussions. And on a broader scale for lawyers with all levels of experience, the Bar Association serves an

important purpose in developing professionalism. It is more difficult to depersonalize, cast as "the other," and employ scorched earth or "gotcha" tactics against someone whom we see often at social events or with whom we serve on professional committees. The Bar Association reminds us that, regardless of the identity of our clients, we have much more in common than we have differences. Our fractured society could learn something about professionalism from us, and from our collective centuries of experience. We have been and continue to be, first and foremost, a learned profession. And for that, I am thankful.

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full swing. The programs are led by the Public Education Committee Co-Chairs Kate McComiskey, general counsel at Sylvan Learning Center, and Alan Dunklow, from the Office of the Attorney General. (Alan is also the winner of the BABC Presidential Award and will be honored at the Past President's Luncheon on November 20th).

Volunteers go into the two schools every week to help the 11-12 year old students prepare both the prosecution and defense cases in *People v. Clevenger*. The case is about vandalism, computer crimes, and school searches/seizures. Students practice against their classmates with the help of 3-6 volunteer lawyers and judges in each session. The Big Finale Mock Trial Competition will be between both schools and will be held at the Circuit Court for Baltimore City. Circuit Court Judge, and President-Elect of BABC, Dana Middleton, will preside over the final Mock Trial Competition in mid-December.

The Mentoring Committee, chaired

by Joshua Caplan, also from the Attorney General's Office, and Christine Hogan, attorney at Wilson Elser, has matched up approximately thirty-five pairs of mentors and mentees. The YLD Mentoring Program matches new attorneys with less than seven years of experience with attorneys who have been barred for more than seven years. Participants are encouraged to meet twice in a year and attend at least one BABC event during the bar year. We had a kick-off happy hour for the participants on November 7th at Mount Vernon's swanky new rooftop bar, Topside. This event was open to all, BABC members and friends of members. The event was sponsored by The Yost Legal Group and the Injured Workers Pharmacy. As we are nearing the holiday season, we encourage attendees to bring donations of new toys and/or books for the YLD's Annual Holiday Party for Children Living in Shelters which will be held on Tuesday, December 11th at the Maryland Science Center.

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Celebrate the holiday season with members of the Bench and Bar at the

The Bar Association of Baltimore City's
84th Annual Holiday Party

Thursday, December 6, 2018
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
The Lord Baltimore Hotel Ballroom
20 W. Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

Evening includes
Sparkling Wine Greeting and Holiday Music
Imported Cheese, Nuts and Berries, House Jam, Crustade
Carving Station and Classic Caesar Salad
Pasta Station
Beef Carpaccio, Pineapple Shrimp Spoons and Chicken Satay
Roasted Vegetables
Assorted Desserts and Coffee
Open Premium Bar

The Holiday Party will also feature a Silent Auction benefitting the Annual Holiday Party for Children Living in Shelters, as well as other charitable programs for children in Baltimore City, sponsored by the Young Lawyers' Division.

Tickets: \$75 Regular/Legal Affiliate/Business Affiliate Members;
\$50 Young Lawyers' Division/Law Student Members; \$90 Non-Members/Guests

To register, visit www.baltimorebar.org.
All registrations must be received by **Friday, November 30, 2018**.
For more information, e-mail info@baltimorebar.org

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Historical Committee and Bar Library Present Thursdays at the Museum!

DECEMBER 1

The Bar Association of Baltimore City, Alliance of Black Women Attorneys and the WBA-Baltimore Carroll Chapter Joint NYC Bus Trip – SOLD OUT!

DECEMBER 3

Supreme Court Group Admission – SOLD OUT!

DECEMBER 6

BABC Annual Holiday Party

DECEMBER 11

YLD Annual Holiday Party for Children Living in Shelters

DECEMBER 14

BABC Leadership Open House

FEBRUARY 19, 2019

Black History Month Program

FEBRUARY 26, 2019

CLE – YLD Breakfast with the Bench – Magistrate Hope Tipton

MARCH 19, 2019

Women's History Month Program

MARCH 30, 2019

Greenmount Cemetery Tour

APRIL 9, 2019

Constitutional Law Seminar – Maryland Constitution

JUNE 24, 2019

Baltimore Bar Foundation Annual Golf Outing Fundraiser

BRIEFS, Continued from 12A

a.m. to 11:00 a.m. The fun then begins when the 200+ attendees come to Kaplan Court (2nd floor) to enjoy all of the activities including face painting, temporary tattoos, balloon art, gifts for the children, and a dessert reception. We hope to see you there!

Join the BABC's Historical Committee and the Bar Library for Thursdays at the Museum!

Please join us at the Museum of Baltimore Legal History, located in the Clarence Mitchell Courthouse, 100 N. Calvert Street, Room 243, from 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m., for very interesting presentations and conversations with local authors and lawyers. Our next presentation will be The IP Story of the invention of corn flakes and how shredded wheat came to lose exclusive right to its name on November 29, 2018, presented by James B. Astrachan, Esq. Members and friends of the BABC and the Library Company are invited to attend. Admission is free – space is limited. Register now by emailing info@baltimorebar.org. We look forward to seeing you on Thursdays at the Museum!

Baltimore Bar Foundation Accepting Grant Applications

The deadline for applications for the next Baltimore Bar Foundation grant cycle is 4:30 p.m. on Friday, November 30, 2018. The Baltimore Bar Foundation supports law related programs that have a significant relation to the Baltimore City community. Grant application is available at www.baltimorebar.org.

BABC Annual Holiday Party to be held on December 6

The BABC's 84th Annual Holiday Party will be held on Thursday, December 6, 2018, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at The Lord Baltimore Hotel Ballroom, 20 W. Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21201. The evening will include assorted hors d'oeuvres, desserts, coffee and open premium bar. There will also be a silent auction to benefit the YLD's Holiday Party for Children Living in Shelters, as well as other charitable programs for children in Baltimore City sponsored by the YLD. Tickets are \$75 for Regular members; \$50 for YLD members; and \$90 for Non-members. Register online at www.baltimorebar.org. Registrations must be received by November 30, 2018. For more information, call 410-539-5936.

YLD is seeking Volunteers and Donations for Annual Holiday Party for Children Living in Shelters

Help make the holidays brighter for Baltimore's children by contributing to the party that brings children and their caregivers to the Maryland Science Center for entertainment, a hot meal, a visit with Santa and holiday gifts. This year's party will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2018, from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. If you wish to make a tax deductible donation, go to www.baltimorebar.org/donate and indicate your donation is for the "Children's Holiday Party." Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law and will support charitable programs for children in Baltimore City sponsored by the Young Lawyers' Division of the Bar Association of Baltimore City, including, but not limited to, the Holiday Party for Children in Shelters. If you would like to volunteer, or would like more information, contact Public Service Committee Co-Chairs, Monica Basche and Lauren Lake, at yldpublicservice@gmail.com.



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