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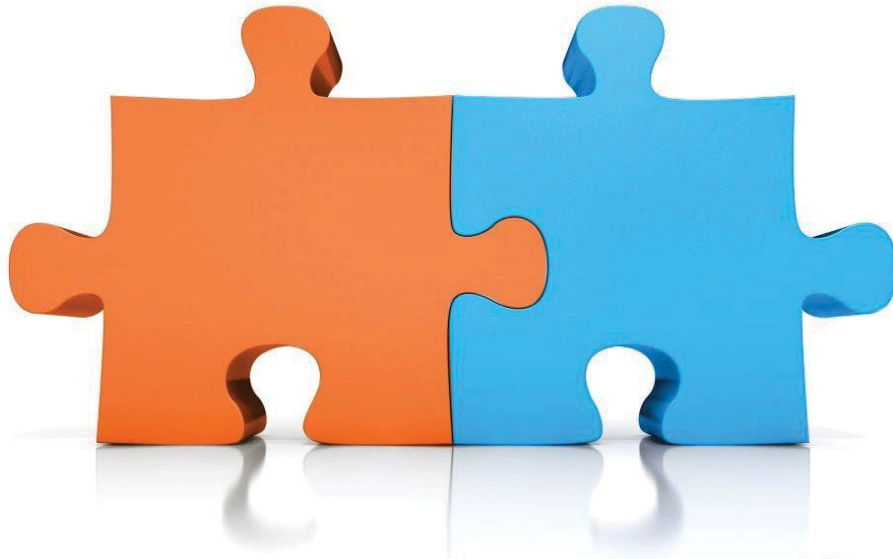
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# Message from the President

By *The Honorable Dana M. Middleton*  
*Access to Justice: Senior Legal Services*



If you are a member of BABC, then you know that our theme for the 2019-2020 bar year is “Access to Justice”. In order to promote our theme, each month I will discuss a different legal services organization that operates in Baltimore City, their purpose, and how an interested member can contribute to the organization, if they so choose. This month, I want to highlight BABC’s Senior Legal Services.

## What is Senior Legal Services?

Senior Legal Services is a joint program of the Bar Association of Baltimore City and Baltimore Bar Foundation dedicated to providing free legal services, advice, education and representation to Baltimore City residents age sixty and older. The program was founded in 1992 as Legal Services to the Elderly. Part of its mission is to improve the quality of life and to prevent the exploitation of Baltimore City Seniors.

## What need does it serve, and why is this program needed?

In 2017, The Legal Services Corporation, compiled a justice gap report which included many disturbing statistics about one of our most vulnerable populations. Approximately 6.4 million seniors had incomes below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level. A family income below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level corresponds to \$30,750 per year or less for a family of four. Fifty-six percent (56%) of low-income seniors’ households experience a civil legal problem every year. The most common types of civil legal problems for low-income seniors’ households include: health (33%), consumer and finance (23%), income maintenance (13%), and wills and estates (12%). Unfortunately, low income seniors seek professional legal help for only 19% of their civil legal problems, and receive little to no professional legal help for 87% of all of their problems.

Fortunately, seniors in Baltimore City have a place to turn when they face civil legal challenges. Senior Legal Services offers advice and legal representation in most, if not all of the aforementioned legal matters that burden seniors the most including estate planning, consumer and debt collection issues, landlord/tenant disputes, housing matters, foreclosure, probate, and guardianship. They typically serve approximately 1,300 seniors each year with direct legal services. In addition, every April Senior Legal Services and its community partners hosts its Annual Law Day for Seniors. In April of 2019, the event was held at the New Psalmist Baptist Church in Baltimore City. To date, the event was the most well attended Law Day in the history of the program, serving close to 400 attendees. As a member of this church, whose mother attended the program in 2018, I can personally attest to its success and the broad participation from service providers across the City of Baltimore and the State of Maryland.

## What can you do to help?

Expanding access to justice for low income seniors includes the involvement of the private bar and maximizing pro bono representation. The Justice Gap report stated that while civil legal problems related to health issues and consumer finance are most common among low-in-

come Americans, they are not the problem areas most likely to get attention from a legal professional. In general, low income Americans turn to legal aid organizations for (30% of problems), paid private attorneys (29%), social or human services organizations (24%), volunteer attorneys (11%), disability service providers (10%), and legal hotlines for 8% of their civil legal matters.

## Volunteer your time. Every minute counts!

According to the article, “How Legal Aid Programs Can Address the Growing Problem of Senior Poverty” (Justice Gap Measuring the Civil Legal Needs of Low-Income Americans, 2017), programs that provide inexpensive powers of attorney, or simple estate administration can “free up” legal services staff attorneys to handle cases that pro bono attorneys are unlikely to handle because of the time commitment and legal complexity. By volunteering in one-day events, such as the Senior Legal Services estate planning clinic, you can provide valuable advice to a number of people in a short period of time. In addition, you could consider working as hotline staff. Over thirty states provide free legal services to clients over the age of sixty (60) through senior legal hotlines. This form of service can be an effective means to provide advice and brief services, and offers hotline volunteers an opportunity to develop expertise in the most common areas, and to serve more seniors.

If you have more time, give more time. The retired Baltimore legal community is rich with experience. Your legal wisdom can assist the growing number of seniors who face foreclosure as a result from reverse mortgage schemes, denial of Medicaid long-term care services, and elder abuse. These are civil legal matters that threaten the health, and economic security, and housing security of our seniors. Senior Legal Services is always looking for new volunteers. If you do not have a lot of legal experience, do not be deterred. SLS offer volunteers the opportunity to be mentored by a more “seasoned” member of the bar.

Finally, as the daughter of two senior parents, I believe it is important to protect a generation that has given so much of their own time and talent to make life better for us. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, feel free to call Senior Legal Services at (410) 396-1322. If you would like to volunteer, please complete the online form <http://www.baltimore-seniorlegalservices.org/volunteer/register>. You can also purchase a ticket to the Senior Legal Services’ annual Cabaret and Cabernet fundraiser and volunteer recognition event, that will be held on Thursday, October 17 at Westminster Hall, 500 W. Baltimore Street.

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# Young Lawyers' Division Report

By Joseph A. Pulver, Chair, Young Lawyers' Division

## Making Public Service Fun and Rewarding



I recently attended the BABC's Managing Partners Lunch where the Honorable Mary Ellen Barbera, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland, addressed a group of attorneys on access to justice. During her remarks, Chief Judge Barbera noted that many legal practitioners that do not provide as much pro bono service as

they would like, report that it is very difficult to do more due to the long hours that they work and that the thought of providing legal services in their scant free time is not appealing.

This is understandable, but reveals a conundrum. Generally, people maximize their contributions to society by providing service in areas where they are naturally talented and/or experienced. For lawyers, the most efficient way to give back is often through providing legal advice and services. And there is a significant need for these legal services, because only attorneys are able to provide them.

I have found, and would recommend to young lawyers (or any lawyer for that matter), that providing service through bar organized or sponsored pro bono events is a great way to make providing pro bono legal service feel like less of a chore. At many events you have the opportunity to work among a group of attorneys. This is great for two reasons – (1) it creates a fun and collegial team approach to lawyering that you might not normally experience in your job, and (2) it allows young attorneys to work with their more seasoned

counterparts, and expand on their legal skill set. Additionally, these events are often limited-time, limited-scope engagements. Which means that you do not have to spend more than the afternoon (often much less than that) working on a particular matter. Although you could choose to continue your representation beyond that afternoon if you feel called to do so.

If you already provide pro bono service, and are looking for another way to give back, there are also a number of public service events available through the YLD, which are held monthly throughout the City. Just last year, the Public Service committee volunteered at: the Believe in Tomorrow Children's House at Johns Hopkins, The Harambee Center, Our Daily Bread, Baltimore Teacher Supply Swap, The Book Thing and Maryland SPCA. In addition, YLD attorneys put on their annual Holiday Party for Children Living in Shelters at The Maryland Science Center and worked with Senior Legal Services to put on a Senior Law Day event at the New Psalmist Baptist Church.

Volunteering at YLD public service and pro bono events can also be a great way to network, something that is often a significant source of stress and frustration for young lawyers. Sacrificing your free time to go out and socialize with strangers is not something that naturally appeals to many people. But when you have a reason to be somewhere, and common interests with others in attendance, it can greatly reduce the anxiety and allow for more natural connections to form.

Luckily, the YLD provides a number of events and activities that can help young attorneys give back and make doing so fun. I encourage you to learn more about public service and pro bono events sponsored by the BABC and YLD by visiting the BABC website and checking the calendar of events.

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## YLD Member Spotlight

**A**lison Schurick. Alison is a litigator in the Government Enforcement and Investigations practice group at Baker Donelson. In addition to being a top notch attorney, and contributor to the YLD, Alison is a physical fitness enthusiast. Alison co-chairs the YLD Health and Wellness committee with Angie Pallozzi. The Health and Wellness committee is a special committee – which means it is relatively new (2 years old) and still in the process

of being monitored and tweaked to see if it is a worthwhile and sustainable committee, which could result in its conversion into a standing committee. So far, the committee has been mainly focused on physical fitness and mindfulness events and has been a great success. This year, Alison and Angie are working with Ellie Dayhoff-Branigan, to pilot a new initiative that will focus on family, motherhood and life balance.

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# MEMBER IN THE SPOTLIGHT

*Joseph A. Pulver, Chair, Young Lawyers' Division*



**Hometown:** Columbia/Clarksville  
**Undergrad/Law school:** UMD/UB  
**Married:** Caitlin Pulver

**Children:** Ella (6) and AJ (4)  
**Pets:** Kinsey (Border Collie) and Lucky Chip (Cat), both rescues  
**Favorite restaurant:** Ananda (used to be Bicycle in Federal Hill before it closed)  
**If this were Sunday, what would you be doing?** Church, family brunch, watching football (American and EPL), building/yard projects  
**Favorite ice cream:** Black Cherry  
**Favorite movie:** Braveheart  
**Favorite food:** Crabs  
**Most memorable vacation:** OBX  
**Hobbies:** Sports (watching and playing), home improvement projects, cooking, reading (mostly fantasy fiction), public service,

Pokemon GO  
**Books you are reading now:** Witch Wraith, White Fragility, The Cost of Discipleship and the Bible  
**Favorite childhood memory:** Time with my grandparents  
**When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?** Prosecutor  
**Where you would most like to visit:** South America  
**Orioles or Ravens?** Orioles  
**Hero:** Barry Sanders  
**Most famous person you met:** Tom Yost  
**Any fears?** Spiders (says my wife)  
**How has the Bar Association impacted your life/career?** Given me the opportunity to serve and

make connections with other lawyers – most of my connections and friends are non-lawyers.  
**One thing most people do not know about you:** I met and started dating my wife when I was 16.  
**If you had to leave your house (never to return) with only three items, what would you take?** My car keys, my wallet and my dog.  
**If you could live your life over, would you change anything?** Plenty of things. Too many to count.  
**Things that really bother me:** Bad drivers, phony, inconsiderate and/or pushy people.

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## Michelle K. Wilson, President, Baltimore Bar Foundation



**Hometown:** New York City (Brooklyn and Queens)  
**Undergrad/Law school:** University of Delaware and University of Maryland School of Law.  
**Married:** No  
**Children:** None  
**Pets:** A beautiful boxer/bulldog named Callie  
**Favorite restaurant:** I like food, so to name just one is impossible.  
**If this were Sunday, what would you be doing?** Working in my

garden, laundry, cooking or grilling and relaxing as much as possible to prepare for the week.

**Favorite ice cream:** Chocolate (if it has chocolate in it I am willing to try it)

**Favorite movie:** Pretty Woman or Dirty Dancing

**Favorite food:** Shrimp

**Most memorable vacation:** I'm sorry but I don't have just one. My last vacation to St. Maarten was memorable because it was such a beautiful country, with great beaches. Also, a trip to Costa Rica I took a few years ago always sticks in my mind because it was the most adventurous vacation I have ever had. From whitewater rafting, horseback riding and zip lining in the clouds, it was incredible.

**Hobbies:** Gardening, working out, traveling and reading

**Books you are reading now:** Not in My Neighborhood: How Bigotry Shaped a Great American City by Antero Pietila.

**Favorite childhood memory:** Riding my bike through Brooklyn with all of the kids in my neighborhood. We were so young and fearless.

**When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?** I also wanted to be a lady lawyer.

**Where you would most like to visit:** Egypt

**Orioles or Ravens?** Ravens

**Hero:** My parents. My parents worked hard to make sure that my sister and I had the skills needed to be successful, this included understanding the importance of God, family, and an education. I appreciate all of their support and guidance as we were growing up.

**Most embarrassing story:** Lol. I'm too embarrassed to share it.

**How has the Bar Association impacted your life/career?** I am not a native Baltimorean. I came to Baltimore to attend law school and decided to make Baltimore City my home. Once I made the decision to live and work in Baltimore City, it was important to me that I get involved with the Bar Association. The Bar Association has allowed me to be a part of an organization that supports and advances the needs of local lawyers, while also working to assist the community and its residents. The Bar Association has given me an

opportunity to meet and engage with people from all different backgrounds and practice areas. It feels good to be a part of and work with people who are about making lawyers better, but who are also focused on making their community better. So my life and career have been impacted because the continuing legal education courses and other trainings have made me a better lawyer, but the community engagement has made me a better person.

**If you had to leave your house (never to return) with only three items, what would you take?** Not including my family who are not items (I don't want them to get insulted because I didn't list them), my dog, cell phone and passport. My dog because she is the best, my cellphone because it contains over 10,000 photos and my contacts and my passport just because I am sometimes practical and I want to be free to go anywhere if I cannot return to my home. Everything else can be replaced.

**If you could live your life over, would you change anything?** No

**Things that really bother me:** Fake news and dishonesty

## The Honorable Dana Michele Middleton, President, Bar Assoc. Baltimore City



**Hometown:** Baltimore  
**Undergrad/Law school:** Morgan State University /The George Washington University  
**Married:** Nope  
**Children:** None  
**Pets:** Chappo the Chihuahua  
**Favorite restaurant:** The Food Market  
**If this were Sunday, what would**

**you be doing?** If this were Sunday, I would be in church. Then I would be heading to breakfast with my mom.

**Favorite ice cream:** Haagen-Dazs, Irish Cream Brownie (I mean come on... you have to love it!)

**Favorite movie:** Bridesmaids

**Favorite food:** Crab Mac & Cheese

**Most memorable vacation:** My most memorable vacation was this past summer, July in Paris, with my mother and best friend.

**Hobbies:** I love to cook

**Books you are reading now:** Bill Clinton and James Patterson: "The President is Missing"

**Favorite childhood memory:** I loved going to work with my dad. He used to take me with him to court. He was a great lawyer, and inspired me to use the law to help people.

**When you were a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?** I always wanted to be a lawyer, just like my dad.

**Orioles or Ravens?** Go Ravens!!!

**Hero:** My Mother!! Wonder Woman-runner up

**Most embarrassing story:** On my first day, as a 7th grade middle school student, I had high expectations. The year before, I attended private school, but I begged my parents to go to public school so that I could be with my friends. To my surprise my "zone school" was not Fallstaff Middle, it was William H. Lemmel Middle School. I was in the heart of West Baltimore, and I know I had to come to school "fresh". Determined to make the ultimate first impression, I wore new jordache jeans, new tennis, new shirt, and even a new hair style. I walked towards the school, feeling confident and self assured (fly), ascended the stairs, and tripped. Yes, I tripped walking up the stairs, as I entered the building. Sooooo embarrassing.

**Most famous person you met:** Ray Lewis

**Any fears?** Not really.

**How has the Bar Association impacted your life/career?** The Bar Association has had a major influence on me, personally and professionally.

Personally, it has challenged me to get out of my comfort zone, meet new people, and to take on more leadership roles. Being a member of BABC has also contributed to my professional growth. The breadth of CLEs offered by the Bar association expanded my exposure to other areas of practice. In addition, members of the Bar Association are very helpful, and some have become professional mentors.

**One thing most people do not know about you:** Most people do not know that I am an introvert.

**If you had to leave your house (never to return) with only three items, what would you take?** I would take my dog, my cell phone, and my purse.

**If you could live your life over, would you change anything?** No. I appreciate everything about my life, the good and the disappointments. Every experience helps to shape us into the person that we are today.

**Things that really bother me:** Two things that bother me the most are bad hair days, and rude people.



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YLD Volunteer Event at Johns Hopkins Believe in  
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September 16-19, 2019

Bench/Bar Wellness Week

September 24, 2019

BABC's End of Summer Members Reception

September 26, 2019

Thursdays at the Museum of Baltimore Legal History

October 3, 2019

BABC Annual Crab Feast at Bo Brooks

October 17, 2019

Senior Legal Services Fundraiser – Cabaret &  
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October 24, 2019

Thursdays at the Museum of Baltimore Legal History

October 30, 2019

Museum of Baltimore Legal History Volunteer  
Recognition Lunch

November 19, 2019

Constitutional Law Seminar – Federal Constitution

November 21, 2019

Thursdays at the Museum of Baltimore Legal History

November 26

25th Annual Past Presidents' Luncheon

December 4, 2019

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December 7, 2019

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### Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Committee

#### *James W. Motsay, Chair*

The Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee (ADR) was fully engaged during the bar year of 2018-2019. The committee consists of over 50 members and has a very active core group of 15 members. This year we emphasized more committee engagement, expansion of the active core group, utilization of the committee members in CLEs and finding new speakers. The committee succeeded in all three areas.

We produced four very well attended CLEs this bar year. Three of the four were held in the Baltimore City Circuit Courthouse at Noon with lunch provided thanks to the generosity of sponsors. The remaining CLE was joint with the Baltimore County Bar and held in the evening at the Baltimore County Courthouse.

The first CLE was on December 4, 2018 for the topic of "Mediation vs. Arbitration – When to choose one over the other, plus Problems, Issues and Tips". This CLE was moderated by James W. Motsay, with panelists Senior Judge Clifton Gordy, attorney Michael Gordon and attorney Jane Santoni.

The second CLE was on February 27, 2019 for the CLE topic of "Mediation Styles from the Perspective of the Mediator, the

attorney and the client". This CLE was co-sponsored by the Baltimore County Bar Association. Our Moderator was Elva Tillman. The panelists were Jeff Trueman of Jeff Trueman Mediation, attorney Andrew Bailey a former Assistant City Solicitor and now in his own private practice and William Burgee a Transaction Specialist for Baltimore City Housing and Community Development where he was the City representative in Condemnation proceedings and mediations.

With the Baltimore County Bar Association, we once again co-sponsored a CLE for April 9, 2019. William Konstas moderated. The topic was "Inside the Mind of the Mediator" as presented by Ken Vogel, Esquire – Mediator/Arbitrator.

Our Final CLE was on April 17, 2019 covering the Topic of Mediation Tips for Attorneys. Our Moderator was Allan Abramowitz. The panelists were Senior Judge Edwards Angeletti, Judge Pamela White and attorney Hasson Barnes.

The committee was engaged in following trends and issues in mediation at the court and in the Legislature. We also followed closely the employment of a new Director of Dispute Resolution for the Court.



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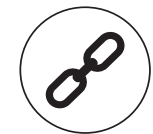
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### Bench-Bar Committee

*Natalie McSherry, Esquire, and the Honorable Christopher Panos, Co-Chairs*

The BABC Bench-Bar Committee, comprised of members of the private bar, government and public interest lawyers, and members of the judiciary, held its organizational meeting on September 24, 2018. Committee members present at the organizational meeting were solicited regarding desired topic(s) of interest pertaining to educational programming. After that discussion, the committee next met on November 19, 2018 and held an educational program addressing the Baltimore City Home Detention Program, associated protocol, rules and regulations, and practical considerations encountered by practitioners and the courts. The program speakers panel included the Honorable Charles J. Peters, Associate Judge of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, Samuel Kelly, Correctional Case Manager and Acting Assistant Administrator, Home Detention Case Management Unit, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Robert Weisengoff, Executive Director, Pretrial Release Services Program, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Rodney Gray, Esquire, and Patrick Motsay, Assistant State's Attorney for Baltimore City, Division Chief, War Room/Charging, Central Booking Intake Facility. The program was well attended. Informal feedback revealed those who attended found the program enlightening and highly useful.

On November 27, 2018, the committee convened a meeting of an eight-member Task Force regarding judicial evaluations. The following committee members served on the Task Force: Natalie Amato, Esquire; James B. Astrachan, Esquire; Alan J. Bloom, Esquire; Kay N. Harding, Esquire; Scott P. Kurlander, Esquire; Magistrate Kimberly McBride; Kerry Smith, Esquire; and Tracy L. Steedman, Esquire. Over the next several months, the Task Force met in-person, electronically and by teleconference, as it conducted a countrywide study of states which utilize judicial evaluations programs. Upon information derived from the Task Force study, as well as membership discussion and consultation, the Bench-Bar Committee presented the Task Force report offering recommendations to BABC Executive Council leadership on May 22, 2019. The report includes statements regarding its genesis, conclusions drawn from the study of other states' judicial evaluations programs and recommendations regarding the implementation of a pilot judicial evaluations program in Baltimore City. Currently, that implementation will be guided by a variety of factors, including the endorsement, if any, by the State's judiciary leadership as it relates to consideration of, and uniformity among, potential similar programs to be implemented in Maryland's other counties, new rules relating to judicial disabilities matters (effective July 1, 2019), and current and future BABC leadership vision.

### Business Law Committee

*Nicholas C. Stewart, Chair*

During the 2018-2019 term, the committee hosted a very successful, continuing legal education event on June 19, 2019. The program, entitled "Cannabis in Maryland and Beyond: Lessons Learned & What Lies Ahead," discussed the ever-changing laws and regulations surrounding cannabis. The program had a particular focus on Maryland, as the state considers ways to expand its own medical cannabis program and studies the impact of adult use of cannabis in other states. The program also provided insights around the roles of the FDA, USDA and DEA in regulating cannabis, hemp and/or hemp-derived products, the state of CBD and the future of CBD-containing products.

Our guest speaker was Jonathan Havens, Co-Chair of the

Cannabis Law Practice at Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr LLP. Jonathan offered a presentation and then he and his colleague, Nicholas C. Stewart, engaged in a "fireside chat" on hot topics in the cannabis industry, while taking questions from, and engaging with many members of, the audience.

The program was generously sponsored by Gorman & Williams, Rose Law Firm, LLC, Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr LLP, and Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, LLP.

Members of the planning committee for the event were Nicholas C. Stewart, Michael R. Naccarato and Chastity Threadcraft, who were aided ably by Kathy Sanzone, Patty DeGuilmi and Sabina Mohan.

### Business Litigation Committee

*Joseph A. Pulver, Chair*

During the 2018-2019 term, the Business Litigation Committee held a membership meeting and produced two very successful Continuing Legal Education (CLE) events.

On January 29, 2019, the Committee invited the Judges sitting on the Baltimore City Circuit Court's Business and Technology docket to join business litigators of the BABC for a panel discussion on attorneys' fees awards. The panel of experienced business

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litigators, including Judge Pamela White of the Business and Technology docket, David Musgrave of Gordon Feinblatt, LLC, and Ramsay Whitworth of Silverman, Thompson, Slutkin & White, LLC, discussed the applicable Maryland Rules (and related Federal counterparts), case law, and practical advice on issues impacting the award and amount of attorneys' fees in Maryland litigation.

On May 16, 2019, the Committee presented an Electronically Stored Information (ESI) roundtable discussion on practical tips for working with clients and ESI service providers. The panel consisted of an expert ESI service provider (Chris Lauer, Senior Director at Trustpoint.one) and two business litigators with strong ESI credentials (Matthew Esworthy of Bowie & Jensen and Robert Gaumont of Gordon Feinblatt, LLC). The panelists provided practical advice to business litigators in order to help them understand the issues and trends in ESI preservation, review and production,

including what types of information to look for, what questions to ask, and how to prepare for ESI discovery and related disputes in litigation.

Both CLE events offered a great opportunity for attorneys of a variety of experience levels and practice areas to learn something new and become more proficient in issues that regularly impact business litigation. These events were possible due to the involvement of, and input from, the Committee's members. The Committee meets in the fall to discuss topics and ideas for future events and new and old members are welcome.

The Business Litigation Committee looks forward to continue hosting educational trainings on topics of importance to business litigators in Baltimore City and welcome feedback and suggestions from members of the association.

## Communications and News Journal Committee

### *Evelyn Lombardo Cusson, Chair*

During the 2018-2019 term, the Communications and News Journal Committee published four issues of the Baltimore Barrister, each focusing on a different substantive topic. The August/September issue featured the new bar leadership, including messages from President Kelly Hughes Iverson and Young Lawyers' Division Chair Divya Potdar, as well as committee reports from the previous bar year. The issue also featured a recap of the many events hosted by the BABC during the summer including the Hospitality Suite at the MSBA Conference and the Annual Golf Outing. The November/December issue provided an "Ethics and Professionalism Update" for our membership, including an article by Bar Counsel Lydia E. Lawless titled "Tips for Responding to Bar Counsel," and articles focusing on social media traps, do's and don'ts for litigators, and a summary of recent Attorney Grievance decisions.

The February issue of the Barrister focused on new attorneys

and solo practitioners, including a Q & A with Divya Potdar, an article by Mary Keating on how new attorneys can develop both expertise and business through pro bono service, tips on networking for solo practitioners, and the importance of client reviews and testimonials for solo practitioners. In the May issue of the Barrister, seasoned bankruptcy attorneys contributed articles providing a primer on bankruptcy issues for non-bankruptcy attorneys. The articles debunked the bankruptcy chapters, preferences, the interrelationship of bankruptcy and family law, and bankruptcy and commercial leases, arming readers with tools for spotting bankruptcy-related issues in their practices. Thank you to the dedicated members of the committee for writing and contributing articles, developing themes for each issue, and editing the final product. The committee is always in need of new members. For more information, please contact Evelyn Cusson at [evelynclombardo@gmail.com](mailto:evelynclombardo@gmail.com).

## Continuing Legal Education Committee

### *The Honorable Lynn Stewart Mays, Chair*

The Continuing Legal Education has been quite busy this bar year, as have other BABC Committees, presenting CLE programs for our members. Programs presented include:

#### **September**

Special Planning for Special Needs

#### **November**

Nonjudicial Settlement Agreements: Cutting Out the Court in Resolving Trust Disputes

Problems & Perils in Depositions: How to Prepare for and

Respond to Them

Baltimore City's Home Detention Program

State of the Orphans' Court

#### **December**

Mediation vs Arbitration: When to Choose One Over the Other Problems, Issues and Tips!

#### **January**

Lunch with the Incoming & Outgoing Judges in Charge of the Criminal Division

Meet the Business & Technology Judges and a Panel Discussion



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on Attorneys' Fees Awards

### February

Administering Estates with Revocable Trusts  
 Medical Perils & Pitfalls: Protecting Your Clients & Yourselves  
 During the Settlement Process  
 Views from the Family Law Bench  
 Mediation Styles from the Mediator's Perspective, the Attorney's Perspective and the Client's Perspective

### April

Use of PowerPoint and Demonstrative Exhibits During Trials  
 Mediation Tips for Attorneys

### May

Mindfulness as a Foundation for Ethical Lawyering  
 Lunch with Lydia: Exploring Ethical Issues with Bar Counsel  
 ESI Roundtable: Practical Tips for Working with Clients and ESI Service Providers  
 2019 MD General Assembly Legislative Wrap-up

### June

Cannabis in Maryland and Beyond: Lessons Learned and What Lies Ahead

*Thank you, committee members, and BABC members for a wonderful year. We are already starting to plan for next year.*

## Courting Art Baltimore

### **Brian D. Katzenberg and Carrie J. Williams, Co-Chairs**

In its fourth contest and fifth year from its inception, Courting Art Baltimore is an art contest hosted by the District Court of Maryland for Baltimore City public high school students that promotes the arts, awards scholarships to student artists, connects the legal community with local Baltimore communities, and reduces stress and anxiety for litigants and visitors by beautifying local courthouses. Now in its fourth contest, once again, Courting Art Baltimore improved in all of its metrics. Courting Art Baltimore raised more money, received more contest entries, increased attendance at its two award ceremonies, and awarded more scholarships than ever before.

Courting Art Baltimore was very proud to host 55 contest entries from ten different schools, up from thirty-five students from seven schools in 2018. The committee continued relationship with Arts Every Day, a non-profit group that supports and advocates for arts-based learning in Baltimore City public schools, proved to be very helpful with outreach.

Additionally, Courting Art Baltimore raised \$26,125.00, an increase of \$4,725.00 over 2018. Courting Art awarded \$20,000 in scholarships (six times more than its inaugural year) and provided \$1,300 in art-supply gift cards to young artists in the Baltimore City public schools. The committee increased its number of donors from 56 in 2018 to 62 in 2019.

Courting Art Baltimore hosted two catered exhibitions for the contestants and the community. The first exhibition was April 4,

2019, at Baltimore City Community College, where all 55 entries were on display. The event was well attended by the students and their families, and provided an opportunity for the faculty of Baltimore City Community College to discuss higher education opportunities with the students.

The second event was held on May 15, 2019, at the Eastside District Courthouse. The top 19 entries were professionally reproduced, framed, and displayed. The top five works selected received a total of \$20,000 in scholarships. Additionally, the top two artists received free placement at MICA's summer program, the Young People's Studio. This event was also well attended by students, students' families, and donors, which included many members of the local bar and bench. The reception was also covered by the local news.

This year's artwork remains on display and joins the artwork from previous years in enhancing the Eastside District Courthouse.

The Committee looks forward to another successful program in 2020. One of the Committee's goals for 2020 is to solidify and increase its grant funding. The Committee has already accessed new resources that have provided philanthropic foundations that Courting Art Baltimore may solicit. Courting Art Baltimore will continue to increase public awareness of the program through local press coverage and marketing. Lastly, in its fifth contest, Courting Art Baltimore hopes to have participation from 75 young artists.

## Diversity Committee

### **Kay N. Harding, Chair**

During the 2018-2019 term, the committee hosted two very successful events.

On May 1, 2019, the Bar Association of Baltimore City's Diversity Committee organized an in-depth discussion regarding

the challenges faced by the LGBTQ community in the Criminal Justice System. The goal of this program was to continue the Committee's discussion regarding diversity and inclusion by honing in specifically on the Transgender community.

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better understand the unique challenges the community faces from arrest, bail review, to incarceration. The panelist included The Honorable Charles Peters, Circuit Court for Baltimore City, The Honorable Alexander Williams, Jr., Retired Federal Judge; Silverman, Thompson, Slutkin & White; Sergeant Kevin Bailey, Baltimore Police Department LGBTQ Liaison Officer; Marek Moise, Victim Advocate, LGBTQ Community Liaison at Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City and Ana Hernandez, Esq., Office of the Public Defender for Baltimore City.

On May 15, 2019, the Bar Association of Baltimore City's Diversity Committee held an in-depth discussion on how attorneys representing employees and employers are addressing sexual harassment, discrimination and retaliation claims in light of the MeToo Movement. (The #MeToo Movement – Employers, Employees and the Legal Landscape).

The panel discussed practical tips for attorneys to utilize in their practice and how employers could avoid complaints. The

following panelists were Jennifer Glover, Esquire, Associate, Baker Donelson and Glendora Hughes, Esquire, General Counsel, State of Maryland Commission on Civil Rights.

Members of the planning committee were: Committee Chair, Kay N. Harding, Esquire, Baltimore City Department of Law; Honorable Lynn Stewart Mays, Judge, Circuit Court for Baltimore City; Theresa Furnari, Magistrate, Circuit Court for Baltimore City; Jan Bryant, Esquire, Baltimore Police Department; Kelley McCalister, Esquire, Baltimore City Department of Law; Marley Rydelek, Esquire, Baltimore City Department of Law; Susan Francis, Esquire, Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service; and Yolanda Sonnier, Esquire, Sonnier Legal & Consulting Group.

The Diversity Committee looks forward to continue hosting educational trainings on topics of diversity, equity and inclusion and welcome feedback and suggestions from members of the association.

## Estates and Trusts Committee

### *Michaela C. Muffoletto and Jennifer S. Yeagle, Co-Chairs*

In its seventh year, the Committee has continued many of the initiatives from its inaugural year as well as several new initiatives. A critical initiative is to maintain the Committee's active, cooperative partnership with the Orphans' Court for Baltimore City and the Office of the Register of Wills for Baltimore City.

The Committee benefits from the active participation and valuable insight of those of the judges from Orphans' Court for Baltimore City and the Register of Wills or her staff, who attend the meetings. In furtherance of that initiative, the Committee held its seventh annual "State of the Orphans' Court and Register of Wills" address in November. The address was delivered by the following Judges of the Orphans' Court for Baltimore City and the Register of Wills: Chief Judge Lewyn Scott Garrett, Associate Judge Michele Loewenthal, Associate Judge Charles G. Bernstein and the Honorable Register of Wills Belinda Conaway. The address covered a wide range of issues relevant to the Baltimore City Orphans' Court and the Register of Wills. The address was followed by an open question and answer session. Those in attendance directed questions to the judges and the register. The event went well and was attended by an even larger audience than in prior years.

Another important initiative of the Committee is providing information to the public and attorneys by providing education and outreach programs. This year the Committee presented three programs:

Special Planning for Special Needs by Helen Smith and Leete Garten on 9/25/18;

Nonjudicial Settlement Agreements by Kelly Preteroti and Rob Horne on 11/8/18; and

Administering Estates with Revocable Trusts by Matt Penater and Alice Young on 2/5/19.

Keeping our members apprised of legislative changes, changes to the Maryland Rules and developing proposed changes are important initiatives of the Committee. Several Committee members also serve on the MSBA Trust and Estate Section Council and led several discussions throughout the year regarding changes to the law effecting estates and trusts practice. The Committee's last meeting of the year was a Legislative update by Jonathan G. Lasley, chair of the Trust and Estate Section Council.

The Committee is planning a Membership Mingle with the MSBA Trust and Estate and Young Lawyers Sections tentatively scheduled for October 24, 2019.

## Events Committee

### *Kerri L. Smith, Chair*

The Events Committee worked actively during the 2018-2019 bar year to host events for the BABC membership. Some of the highlights of the year include:

- The End of Summer Members' Reception was held at the Kaplan Court on September 26, 2018.
- The annual Crab Feast at Bo Brooks' was held on October 2, 2018.



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- On December 3, 2018, several members participated in the Supreme Court Swearing-In Ceremony.
- The Annual Holiday Party was held on December 6, 2018 at the Lord Baltimore Hotel and included a silent auction which benefitted the Young Lawyers' Division's Holiday Party for Children Living in Shelters.
- A Night at Camden Yards on May 22, 2019 where members enjoyed a bullpen party followed by a ballgame versus the Yankees.
- The Annual Meeting of the Bar Association of Baltimore City, held in conjunction with the Annual Meetings of the Young Lawyers' Division and the Baltimore Bar Foundation, was held on May 30, 2019 at the Grand.

### Family Law Committee

#### *Mollie G. Caplis, Chair*

On September 26, 2018, Andy Levy of Brown Goldstein Levy, attorney and co-presenter of Evidence Boot Camp addressed evidence issues for family law litigators.

On October 16, 2018, Amy Mazer, Esther Finglass, Erika Slater, and Scott Holzman discussed parent coordination.

On November 27, 2018, Deena Hausner, Esquire and Mary Pezzulla, of the House of Ruth presented on interviewing victims, recognizing domestic violence dynamics, and victim red flags.

On December 18, 2018, Carol Cooper, Frederick L. Kobb, Ferrier Stillman, and Dana W. McKee presented on 2018 Family Law Updates, i.e., legislative updates, and updates to Maryland Rules and case law.

On January 15, 2019, Raymond A. Hein, Deputy Bar Counsel, Attorney Grievance Commission of Maryland, Deputy Bar Counsel presented several topics including the following: Fees and fee agreements; Client communications & confidentiality concerns unique to family law matters; Conflicts; Candor and other ethi-

cal obligations in litigation; Balancing professionalism and zealous advocacy on behalf of client.

On February 26, 2019, Family Law Judges of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, namely, Judge Kendra Ausby, Judge Dana Middleton, Judge John Nugent, and Judge Barry Williams answered questions, provided court updates.

On March 25, 2019, Richard Bloch, Esquire presented on privilege issues that arise in context of mental health providers in family law cases.

On April 17, 2019, a multi-jurisdictional dinner program was held featuring judges in charge of the family divisions of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Carroll County, Harford County, and Howard County. Woodholme County Club; the topic was high conflict custody cases.

On May 21, 2019, Linda Ravdin, Esquire presented on representing the financial weaker party in the context of prenuptial agreements.

### Government and Public Interest Lawyers Committee

#### *Ryan Dietrich, Chair*

Once again, the year has been a success for the Government and Public Interest Lawyers Committee. After a productive meeting in October, several events were held throughout the year. First, in November, members of the Committee (who braved an early season snow storm) bonded over axe-throwing at a social event at Urban Axes in Brewer's Hill.

On January 19, 2019, the Committee partnered with the Young Lawyers' Division for a service event at the Teacher Supply Swap, which is an organization that accepts donations of materials and then distributes them to teachers who need them. Members of the Committee participated by accepting and sorting donations.

On January 23, 2019, members of the Committee helped inspire law students to pursue careers in government and public service by participating on a career panel at the University of Maryland School of Law. The panel, which was moderated by

Ryan Dietrich, represented a variety of experiences and positions, and consisted of: Samantha McGovern (Senior Legal Services), Myshala Middleton (Department of Homeland Security), Kurt Heinrich (Baltimore City Law Department), LaZette Ringgold-Kirksey (Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office), and Amy Hennen (Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service). (A career panel is being planned at the University of Baltimore in the fall.)

Finally, on at our annual reception on April 18, 2019, the Committee presented the 14th Annual Government and Public Interest Lawyer of the Year award to Lauren Young. Ms. Young was selected based on her extensive public service career, including her last 20 years with Disability Rights Maryland as its director of litigation. Our featured speaker for the evening was Maryland Attorney General Brian Frosh, who gave remarks extolling the value of public service.



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### Health & Wellness Committee

#### *Lydie Glynn and Alison Schurick, Co-Chairs*

The 2018-2019 term was the Health & Wellness Committee's second year in existence. This Committee is a work in progress and a labor of love for all those involved.

Starting in the Fall, the Committee partnered with the YLD to provide group workout classes for our membership throughout the year. Then, during Mental Health Awareness week, on March 10, 2019, the Committee worked with The Movement Lab in Remington to provide a discounted relaxation and healing workshop for BABC members. The 90-minute workshop introduced attendees to healing spinal movement, meditation, acupuncture, essential oils, and sound healing. This event was a valuable opportunity to discover new self-care methods available in Baltimore City.

On May 8, 2019, in observance of Mental Health Month 2019, the Committee welcomed Jennifer Dill, Esq. of Ferrante, Dill, & Hisle, LLC to discuss Mindfulness as a Foundation of

Ethical Lawyering. Jennifer Dill is the Maryland/DC Chair of the Mindfulness in Law Society, a non-profit organization comprised of judges, lawyers in private, non-profit and legal services organizations, law professors and students, law firm administrators, and others in the legal profession across the country focused on education and providing resources to bring together the legal profession around mindfulness and well-being. The event introduced attendees to the concept of mindfulness, its benefits, and its importance to our profession.

The following week, on May 17, 2019, several committee members had the opportunity to attend the Lawyer Wellness Retreat organized by the MSBA and the Mindfulness in Law Society. The afternoon consisted of discussions with experts in mindfulness as well as the exploration of yoga and meditation techniques for managing day-to-day stressors. Participation in the Retreat was open to all and free of charge.

Finally, throughout the 2018-2019 term, the Chairs of the

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Committee worked on two long-term projects:

1. The Committee partnered with other Bar associations across the state to create and put on the first Bench/Bar Wellness Week in this State. This effort will feature four days of seminars, exercise and wellness activities, and discussions around the state culminating with a health Expo for members of the bench and bar. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear from professionals with experience in both the legal and health arenas, and participate in workshops for fitness, nutrition, mindfulness, stress management, and more. The Wellness Week is scheduled to occur from September 16, 2019 to September 19, 2019. For more information go to: [www.msba.org/wellnessweek](http://www.msba.org/wellnessweek).
2. The Committee is also focused on developing a Health & Wellness webpage for the BABC website. The aim is for the webpage to provide educational resources relevant to health and wellness issues in the legal profession, contact information for various organizations providing relevant services, upcoming events of interest around

the State, and the opportunity for feedback and conversation on this issue.

There is a lot more to do as we strive together to attain the highest level of skill, including well-being, to improve the law and the legal profession and to exemplify the legal profession's ideals of public service. The Health & Wellness Committee looks forward to meeting this challenge with programming, events, discussions, and resources during the upcoming 2019-2020 term.

### Members of the 2018-2019 Health & Wellness Committee:

*Committee Co-Chair*, Lydie Glynn of the Maryland Office of the Attorney General, *Committee Co-Chair*, Alison Schurick of Baker Donelson P.C., The Honorable Edward R.K. Hargadon of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City (retired), Magistrate James P. Casey of the Juvenile Court for the Circuit Court of Baltimore, Snehal Massey of Butler, McKeon & Associates, P.A., Ilya Altman of the Maryland Office of the Attorney General, Lauren E. Lake of Gordon Feinblatt LLC, Abena Y. Williams of The Maryland Legal Aid, and Kaitlin R. Zarro of Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, LLP.

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## Historical Committee

### *Elva E. Tillman, Esquire, Chair*

The Historical Committee (“Committee”) has accomplished a great deal during the past year. The Bar Association notes that the Committee “Develops and maintains historical records of the Association, provides support for the Museum of Baltimore Legal History (“Museum”), and organizes the Annual Memorial Ceremony to pay tribute to members of the Baltimore Bar who passed away during the preceding year.” To accomplish this, the Committee has undertaken the following:

**Legal Museum**—Assisted the Courthouse and Legal Museum Foundation, Inc, Sub-committee (“Foundation”) in its efforts to raise \$60,000.00 for the redevelopment/updating of Museum exhibits (i.e., replace bulky exhibit stands with electronic monitors which can afford more immediate updating of exhibits and ADA compliance). The Honorable William Dunn conducted research to stimulate the Foundation and the Committee to launch this project. Members of the Historical Committee and the Foundation actually helped to raise the funds. Members of the Foundation Sub-committee include: The Honorable William Dunn (Chairperson), the Honorable Mark Scruti, Robert Anbinder, W. Edward Leon (Baltimore City, Commission on Historical and Architectural Preservation—CHAP), William “Bill” King and Elva E. Tillman.<sup>1</sup> Honorary members of the Foundation Sub-committee include: The Honorable Robert M. Bell, The Honorable John Carroll Byrnes, The Honorable Joseph H. H. Kaplan, The Honorable James Schneider and the late Sheila Sachs, Esquire. The honorary members made *invaluable contributions—in time and funds*. We cannot thank the late Sheila Sachs enough for her support, even when she was transitioning. Note: to negate ethical issues, none of the active judges were involved in fundraising efforts.

During the summer 2019, Judge Dunn is scheduling meetings with the project vendor and with Committee members who will update the information required to redevelop the new exhibits. It is anticipated that the project will be completed around September 1, 2019. A “Gala” event is planned to introduce Museum improvements. The Annual Docent Recognition (initially held in October of 2018) will be combined with a “status report” event on October 30th, 2019, around the time of the Museum’s 35th Anniversary.

**Programming:** Has been exciting and well received. Events have included:

**1. Thursdays at the Museum** – This program was advertised as, *“Interesting presentations and conversations with local au-*

*thors and lawyers, in the Legal Museum, on the last Thursday of three months during the fall, from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Brief presentations, question and answer period, book sales and signing.”* More than 60 new patrons have been introduced to the Museum as a result of the new series. The following authors were invited during the noted months to make presentations regarding their publications: Antero Pietella in September 2018 (historical and development publications about Baltimore City); Janine Scott, Esquire in October 2018 (financial advice for public service lawyers); and, James E. Astrachan, Esquire in November 2018 (historical information and tips about copyrights and patents). The programs were also co-sponsored by the Library Company of Baltimore City.

**2. Constitutional Law Seminars**—Federal and Maryland – Were a great success. Capacity audiences were attracted to the Brown Room, in the Mitchell Courthouse. Program attendees appreciated the information presented and wanted more time for questions.

David Ledyard, Esquire facilitated the federal seminar. Pocket sized copies of the Federal Constitution were provided. University of Maryland, Francis King Carey Law School Professor Mark Graber excited seminar participants about the various interpretations of the federal constitution. As the current political climate heats up—program attendees wanted more information. Professor Graber agreed to return next fall.

Bill King, Esquire, facilitator for the Maryland Constitutional Law Seminar, received nothing but positive feedback about the Maryland State Constitutional Seminar. Pocket sized Maryland State Constitutions were distributed. The Honorable Mark Friedman, The Court of Special Appeals of Maryland, enlightened participants about the historical development and practical application of the Maryland Constitution. Judge Friedman left seminar participants wanting more. He also agreed to return next year to “continue the conversation.”

**3. Black History Month**—Received very positive feedback about the panel (i.e., “The Importance of Minority and Specialty Bar Associations in the Legal Profession”) for Black History month, in February 2019. The panel included judges, lawyers and bar association leaders. The Honorable Lynn Stewart Mays facilitated the program. The variety of persons discussing the continued need for specialty bars was impressive.

**6. Woman’s History Month**—Provided a diverse (i.e., age and race) panel of woman politicians and lawyers—“Political Involvement; Why it is important and how you do it.” Magistrate Theresa Furnari facilitated an enlightening program, in March 2019. Both woman and men attended the program. Program participants and attendees left the seminar anxious to

<sup>1</sup> Note: The Foundation Sub-committee is continuing the fundraising efforts. The Sub-committee is following up with law firms, Foundation Board members, and Bar Association members who have yet to donate. The Sub-committee is also continuing *GoFundMe* outreach, and waiting for a response from at least two additional grant sources. The rationale for the additional fund raising is practical: 1) Planning for additional unforeseen expenses; 2) Allocating new funds toward content creation for the new electronic exhibits; and, 3) The consideration of adding an additional monitor.

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get involved in political efforts to enhance the advancement of women's causes.

**5. Green Mount Cemetery Tour**--Was developed several years ago to honor outstanding women (as a part of Woman's History Month—in March) who were buried in Green Mount Cemetery. Once again, this year the tour was over-subscribed. The historian/guide, Wayne Schaumburg suggested a maximum of 20 persons for the tour; registration was closed at 22 people and more wanted to attend. We will retain the tour on our schedule for next year.

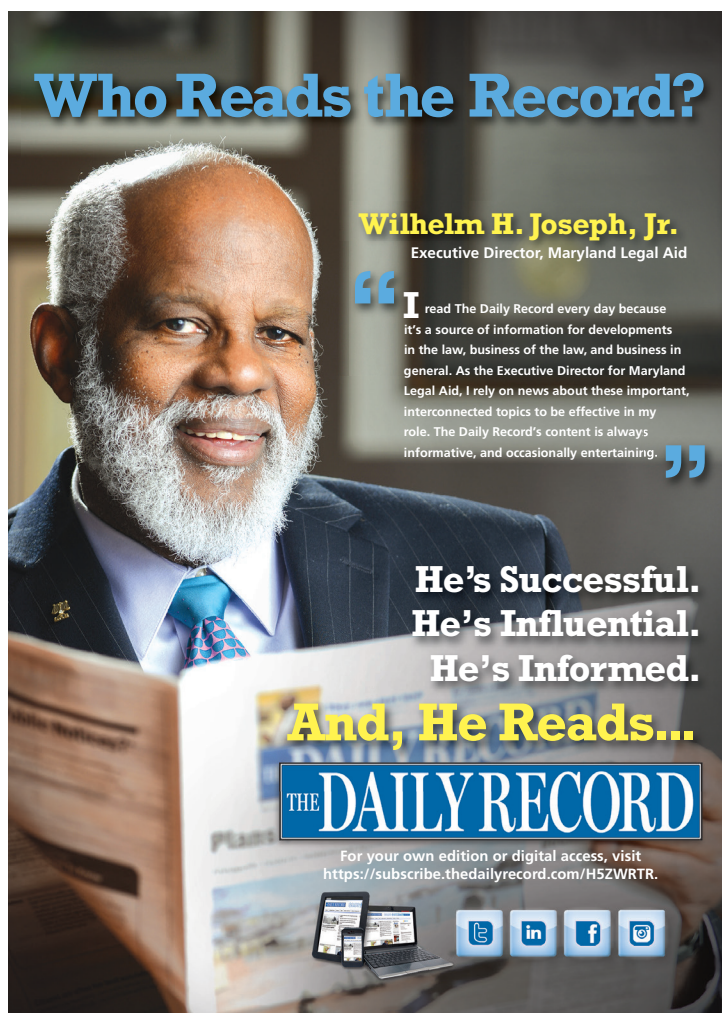
**6. Memorials**--The Honorable Mark Scurti, with the assistance of other lawyers, always manages an outstanding tribute at the Bar Associations' Annual Memorials Program. The program was held on Tuesday, May 14th, 2019, at 4 p.m. in the Ceremonial Court Room, on the 4th floor, of the Mitchell Courthouse; 30 persons were memorialized. There was a capacity crowd of

relatives, judges, lawyers and legal associates. A lovely reception followed in Kaplan Court on the second floor of the courthouse. This event graciously captivates its audiences with the outstanding contributions made by legal community members who have transitioned from lives well lived.

Many thanks to the actively productive members on the Historical Committee 2018-2019, included here in alphabetical order: Diane Bristow, Judge William Dunn, Dominique Flowers, Michael Gordon, Glenn Grossman, Magistrate Theresa Furnari, Bill King, David Ledyard, Judge Lynn Stewart Mays, Dean Merritt, Judge Mark Scurti, and Matthew West (Clerk).

We intend to repeat our wonderfully successful programming again in 2019-2020.

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### Judicial Selections Committee

#### *David J. McManus, Jr., Chair*

The Judicial Selections Committee had a productive year. Last fall, the Committee interviewed sixteen applicants for one District Court vacancy and submitted a report with the Committee's rec-

ommendations to the Trial Courts Judicial Nominating Commission on October 15, 2018. Attendance among the 35 members of the committee was very good for both sessions held to interview those applicants.

### Membership Committee

#### *Joshua L. Caplan, Chair*

The BABC Membership Committee had another incredibly successful year of member retention and recruitment with a 99% collection rate of the budgeted dues revenue. While many bar associations are struggling with member retention/recruitment, this figure is a powerful testament to the BABC's success in delivering unparalleled value to our membership. Many thanks to all members who assisted with and responded to our retention and outreach campaigns this year!

One significant initiative was the dissemination of a voluntary Member Survey to learn more about the membership and collect data that can be utilized to inform the BABC's programming, services, and strategic planning. This survey yielded valuable membership data including demographics, practice settings, practice areas, and experience levels. This data has and will continue to assist the BABC with identifying trends and issues that arise within a large organization (2,500+ members) and the legal profession.

Finally, the Committee recommended the re-institution of a "Sustaining Membership" level of BABC affiliation that will be available at the beginning of the coming BABC fiscal year. Sustaining Membership provides an opportunity for BABC members

to support the mission, growth, and success of the Association by paying an additional \$175 above the regular dues amount. Sustaining Members will receive the following benefits to acknowledge the members generous support:

- Listing on the BABC's Website.
- Recognition in BABC print and electronic publications.
- A special ribbon on name badges to wear at BABC functions.
- A lapel pin reflecting Sustaining Member status.
- Use of the BABC logo on a member's website to highlight his/her support.

Recognition in the Annual Meeting program and acknowledgment at the End-of-Summer Members' Reception.

The Membership Committee looks forward to another great year and always welcomes suggestions on new initiatives that can grow our membership and generate additional resources for BABC programming and services.

### Past Presidents' Committee

#### *Charles Blomquist, Chair*

The Past Presidents' Committee took the 2018-2019 term to support the BABC and President Kelly Hughes Iverson. Traditionally the Committee hosts the Past President's Luncheon.

On November 20, 2018, BABC hosted the 24th Annual Past Presidents' Luncheon at the Grand Historic Venue. During the Luncheon, the Committee took opportunity to present that year's Presidential Award Recipients, Marshall B. Paul and Alan J. Dunklow: two extremely well deserving attorneys who's tireless contributions to the Association help make the BABC a jewel in the Maryland legal community. Also recognized was Judge Yvette M. Bryant, Circuit Court for Baltimore City, who was honored with the Margaret Brent – Juanita Jackson Mitchell Award. The

Paul A. Dorf Memorial ADR award was presented to Jeff Truman.

While the Past-Presidents' Committee traditionally hosts the luncheon, this past year we also hosted a Remembrance for the 100 Year Anniversary of the WWI Armistice, along with recognizing Major German H. H. Emory, who died in action ten days prior to the armistice. Major Emory was a graduate of the University of Maryland School of Law and was one of six members of the Baltimore bar who were killed in the First World War. The Committee is exploring the possibility of restoring the Memorial to the Baltimore WWI Fallen that is located in the Kaplan Court of the Clarence Mitchell Courthouse.

The Committee also considered forming a Travel Committee



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component to its duties. The Travel Committee would help identify and organize both domestic and overseas legal travel opportunities that would introduce our membership to exciting and interesting locals with a focus on delving into their legal institutions and traditions. As many are aware, visiting Cuba was first on the list, and we are still committed to making this travel opportunity possible.

On a sad note, this year the Association and Committee observed the passing of one of its legendary members and past Pres-

ident of the BABC. Sheila Kleinman Sachs, served as President of the Bar Association of Baltimore City from 1987 – 88. She was the first woman to serve as President. In 2011, the BABC recognized Sheila as one of Baltimore's Living Legal Legends, an honor richly deserved.

The Past-President's Committee looks forward to continuing its support to the Bar Association of Baltimore City and its President.

### Professional Ethics Committee

#### *Jeffrey Hines, Chair*

Members of the Professional Ethics Committee and others continue to monitor the Ethics Hotline. The Ethics Hotline is a member benefit of the Bar Association of Baltimore City. The volunteers informally answer questions related to the Maryland Rules of Professional Conduct.

On May 13, 2019, the Committee sponsored "Lunch with

Lydia." Lydia Lawless, Bar Counsel for the Attorney Grievance Commission of Maryland, provided valuable insights into the Attorney Grievance Process. Each year, Bar Counsel's staff processes approximately 2,000 complaints against attorneys. Ms. Lawless acknowledged the value of the Bar's Ethics Hotline and urged our monitors to make use of it.

### Senior Legal Services

#### *The Honorable Laurie Bennett and Benjamin Grossman, Co-Chairs.*

The SLS is grant dependent. We received grants from the Baltimore Bar Foundation, CARE – Baltimore City Health Department, Exelon, the David and Barbara B. Hirschhorn Foundation, Maryland Legal Services Corporation, Project Household, Volunteer Maryland, and the Weinberg Foundation.

The SLS partnered again this year with Exelon and McGuire-Woods LLP for an estate planning clinic for seniors.

Staff attended a life estate deed training webinar offered by Craig Enck, Esquire, Rosenberg Martin Greenberg, LLP.

On April 13, 2019, the SLS held its 28th Annual Law Day for Seniors, once again at the New Psalmist Baptist Church and Conference Center. Over 300 seniors attended this free event and had the opportunity to attend a variety of educational sessions and visit with over two dozen non-profit and government vendors who distributed valuable information. The Hon. Brian E. Frosh gave the keynote speech on scams that target seniors. Educational sessions included diverse topics, such as scams, grandparents' rights, vacant homes, the Home Preservation Project, avoiding guardianship, and probate and estate administration (once again generously presented by Chief Judge Lewyn Garrett of the Baltimore City Orphans' Court). Attendees had an opportunity to ask general legal questions from a panel of seasoned attorneys. The SLS Committee supported Law Day by helping to plan the agenda, coordinating the events, and obtaining sponsors. The full-day program cost

\$8,394.00, all of which was covered by sponsorships.

The SLS is committed to reaching seniors at various locations, including senior centers and senior apartments. Paralegal Jacqueline Jones, who has worked for the SLS for nearly ten years, is instrumental in these outreach efforts. She visits senior apartments about twice a month. The SLS also made home visits to offer legal assistance to seniors whose limited mobility prevented them from leaving their homes.

SLS attorneys and members of the volunteer panel assist seniors with issues related to housing (including landlord/tenant), consumer and collection matters, estate planning and administration, guardianships, and elder justice issues. SLS is on track to bring over 1,400 legal matters to a close. SLS attorneys have given 26 presentations on legal topics throughout Baltimore, attended by 1,902 seniors!

The SLS Committee would like to thank the Bar leadership for its support. In addition, the program would like to acknowledge the 180+ attorneys on the SLS volunteer attorney panel. The program would not be able to serve nearly as many Baltimore City seniors without your help.

The SLS extends its gratitude to outgoing chair/co-chair Cathleen Opel, Esquire, who has generously served on the Committee since 2008. Ms. Opel's vision and enthusiasm helped the SLS grow and thrive. Thank you also to Ms. Opel's firm, Saul Ewing, for graciously providing meeting space for the committee.

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### Transition Committee Report

#### *The Honorable Lynn Stewart Mays, Chair*

The Transition Committee has met on two occasions since its inception. The first meeting was very general. Dates, ideas, thoughts, timelines, search committees among several other topics were discussed. The Committee is determined to keep the BABC on track and to so such, has decided that the preservation of institutional knowledge is as important as the day to day operations of the BABC. To that end, we are dedicated to devising and implementing a successful plan for continuity.

The committee chair has met with Immediate Past President Kelly Hughes Iverson and President Dana M. Middleton; both have approved of the committee's initial plan of action. This plan includes:

1. BABC Committees taking more responsibility for their meetings, programs and events.
2. Current members of the Executive Council will "Shadow" Kathy Sanzone as she prepares for and negotiates contracts for BABC events.
3. Administrative Assistant Sabina Mohan will be taking on

additional responsibilities for the YLD, membership, communications, and BABC committees.

4. Kathy Sanzone and Patty DeGuilmi will be preparing a transitional manual to document their daily duties, responsibilities, activities, and how they handle them.
5. A Search Committee was formed to find a new Executive Director. Past President Robert Ferguson has agreed to chair the Search Committee.
6. Kathy Sanzone intends to retire in June 2021. Patty DeGuilmi intends to retire in December 2021.
7. Current Transition Committee member, Mary Chalawsky will chair this committee for the 2019-2020 Bar year. The Honorable Lynn Stewart Mays will remain a member of the committee.

The members of the Transition Committee, Mary Chalawsky, Cynthia Leppert, Adam Sean Cohen, Kathy Sanzone, Patty DeGuilmi, and I, are dedicated to remaining a part of this committee for as long as the BABC President approves.

### Workers' Compensation Committee

#### *Angela Garcia Kozlowski, Chair*

The Workers' Compensation Committee sought to be an educational and collegial resource for Baltimore City attorneys on both the claimants' and employers' sides of the bar. We held two informative meetings amongst members of the committee with much speculation as to the new members of the Workers' Compensation Commission. The Workers' Compensation Commission welcomed three new members in the past twelve months:

Allan Kittleman, Esq., Howard Metz, Esq., and Ju Y. Oh, Esq., with a fourth new Commissioner expected later this year. At the two lunch meetings amongst Committee members, held at Franklin & Prokopik and at the Circuit Court for Baltimore City, members were able to discuss relevant issues affecting both sides of the bar before the Workers' Compensation Commission in an informal setting, owing to the great deal of collegiality amongst the members of the bar practicing in this field.

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### Membership Committee

#### *Sara El-Shall and Ellyn Riedl, Co-Chairs*

During the 2018-2019 Bar Year, the YLD Membership Committee members planned multiple happy hour and networking events at a variety of different locations throughout Baltimore City.

The Committee began the Bar Year in October with a well-attended networking happy hour at City Café. Members of the private bar, government and public interest lawyers, law students, and health care providers mingled over drinks and appetizers generously sponsored by Mid-Atlantic Spinal Rehab & Chiropractic.

In November, the Committee worked with the YLD's Mentorship Committee to co-host an exceptionally successful event, "Meet Your Mentor/Mentee Networking Event" sponsored by the Yost Legal Group. The Mentor/Mentee event offered an informal meeting place for mentors and mentees to meet each other in addition to socializing with a diverse group of attorneys and members of the judiciary.

In lieu of holding a December event, the Committee encour-

aged members to attend the BABC Holiday Party and YLD Holiday Party for Children Living in Shelters. In January, the Committee welcomed back members after the holidays and held an event at Spirits of Mount Vernon sponsored by Academy Financial Inc.

The Spring offered other opportunities for co-hosting events. In March, YLD Membership worked with the alumni office at University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law to host an on campus happy hour. We also joined forces with the YLD CLE Committee to co-host "Financial ABCs for the Young Lawyer," where financial advisors provided valuable information and answered questions regarding personal and professional financial goals.

In addition to the above highlighted events, YLD Membership hosted happy hours at Phillips Seafood, Joe Squared, and Little Havanas. The Committee is very grateful to the sponsors who helped make these events a success including CRC Soloman, M&T Bank, Diva Law, Morgan Stanley, S.E.A., and Ranstad Professionals.

### Awards Committee

#### *Aaron DeGraffenreidt & James Robinson, Co-Chairs*

The Awards Committee continued to recognize YLD members for their outstanding contributions to the YLD and legal community at large.

On May 15, 2019, the YLD held its 4th Annual Spring Social and Awards Reception at the Lord Baltimore Hotel Sky Bar. At the event, the Honorable Dana M. Middleton of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City presented the awards to the following recipients: Eleanor Dayhoff-Brannigan (Sustained Leadership Award); Hannah Dawson (Public Service Award); and Sarah Belardi (Rising Star Award). CED Technologies and Minnesota Lawyers Mutual provided generous sponsorships for the event.

In addition, the Awards Committee nominated three YLD members for The Daily Record's Leadership in Law (Generation JD) award, which honors Maryland's up-and-coming attorneys who are already making a difference in the legal profession and in their communities. The three nominees were Lauren Lake, Angela Pallozzi, and Richard Adams. The Daily Record selected all three nominees as recipients for the award.

The Awards Committee thanks all of the members of the YLD for their continued hard work and dedication to the profession and looks forward to recognizing many more dedicated YLD members in the year ahead!

### Continuing Legal Education

#### *Natalie Amato and Sarah Belardi, Co-Chairs*

The Continuing Legal Education (CLE) committee for the YLD had one of its busiest and most diverse years yet! Co-chairs Natalie Amato and Sarah Belardi started the year committed to offering a variety of topics and speakers. For example, this year the CLE committee hosted events featuring state district and circuit court judges, a family magistrate judge, and a federal district court magistrate judge. Other speakers included a medical expert and certified financial planners.

The YLD CLE committee kicked off the bar year by piloting a new event entitled "Practice Tips on Tap." The Honorable Kev-

in Wilson answered questions submitted in advance by Bar Association members via Survey Monkey on a wide range of topics from nuanced inquiries about tort law and district court motions practice to tips on courtroom style and demeanor. Held at Maisy's in Mount Vernon, this fun and lively event pulled in a large audience and permitted those who might be too nervous to ask a judge a question in person with the opportunity to do it anonymously. CLE plans to make this successful event an annual tradition.

CLE continued its Breakfast with the Bench series, generously hosted by Whiteford Taylor & Preston, LLP. This year, the YLD was joined by The Honorable A. David Copperthite, who dis-



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cussed preparing a case for mediation and settlement, as well as by The Honorable Nicole Taylor, The Honorable Hope Tipton, and The Honorable Cynthia Jones.

CLE also continued with its How to Survive Series. In October, The Honorable Lynn Stewart Mays offered frank advice to young attorneys about what is not taught in law school about trial practice (which followed nicely after The Honorable Diana Smith's presentation in March 2018 on How to Survive Trial Prep). Next, the YLD CLE convened a panel of two district court judges (The Honorable Mark Scurti and The Honorable Joan Gordon), as well as a medical expert, to discuss How to Survive: District Court Torts. This event was co-sponsored by the Maryland State Bar Association's Young Lawyers Section's Education Committee. It was wonderful to co-sponsor such a well-attended and well-received event with other young lawyers.

Finally, the YLD CLE closed the bar year with another How to Survive event on the practical, but sometimes daunting, topic of personal finances. Two certified financial planners from Morgan Stanley discussed Financial ABCs for the Young Lawyer, including tips about taking on a mortgage, managing student loan debt, assessing employer benefits packages, and planning for a child's college fund.

Our events are free for all members, and we are committed to providing free educational programming during the day and in the evenings.

Thank you to all who attended and for all of your insightful questions and feedback during our events. We have already begun planning for the 2019-2020 bar year, and the Committee looks forward to another successful year.

### YLD Nominating Committee

#### *Kerri L. Smith, Chair*

The Nominating Committee of the Young Lawyers' Division, comprised of Kerri L. Smith, Chair, Sarah Belardi, Eleanor Dayhoff-Brannigan, Aaron DeGraffenreidt, Michael Hudak, Angela

Chair Elect	Lauren Lake
Treasurer	Alan Dunklow
Secretary	Samuel Pulver
Elected Member	Sara El-Shall

Palozzi and Nathaniel Risch, considered applicants for 2019-2020 Division Officers, Elected Member, and Members-At-Large and nominated the following individuals for YLD positions. There was no contested election.

Members-at-Large	Natalie Amato
	James Robinson
	Bryan Upshur

Joseph Pulver, who served as Chair-Elect in 2018-19, will serve as Chair of the Young Lawyers' Division in 2019-2020.

### Public Service Committee

#### *Monica Basche and Lauren Lake, Co-Chairs*

The goal of the YLD Public Service Committee is to mobilize volunteers for community service projects that improve the health, education, and quality of life for low-income children and families. Over the past year, our committee held meetings on a nearly monthly basis to receive input from our committee members on organizations with which to partner for service events and past and upcoming events. We had the pleasure of sponsoring several public service events over the bar year.

On September 6, 2018, we attended the YLD's Meet and Mingle and dressed in holiday-themed hats in order to spark conversation among YLD members about the Holiday Party for Children Living in Shelters. We also had a ton of volunteers help serve dinner at the Believe in Tomorrow House at Johns Hopkins Hospital to patients and their families on September 16, 2018. The following month, on October 17, 2018, a handful of committee members assisted with the Harambee Center's mock trial of Peo-

ple vs. Jack and the Beanstalk. Then, on November 26, 2018, our Committee served dinner to residents of Our Daily Bread and the participating committee members said they really enjoyed themselves during this event.

On December 11, 2018, the Committee hosted its annual Holiday Party for Children Living in Shelters at the Maryland Science Center. This year, approximately 250 children and their families from five area shelters—Sarah's Hope, Geraldine Young, House of Ruth, Bea Gaddy, and the Ark—attended the party. The party included a magic show, balloon animals, a hot meal, a visit with Santa, and holiday gifts. Almost 90 volunteers participated this year, whose participation was essential to the party's success. This was by far our largest event of the year!

New this year, on January 19, 2019, our committee partnered with the BABC Government and Public Interest Lawyers Committee to volunteer at the Baltimore Teacher Supply Swap where committee members inventoried, organized, and stocked donated

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supplies for Baltimore City educators and students. On February 18, 2019, some committee members spent President's Day at The Book Thing, sorting book donations and stocking shelves. The next month, on March 23, 2019, we volunteered with the Maryland SPCA, cleaning the animals' areas, preparing treats, and playing with animals that were up for adoption.

April was a busy month for our committee! On April 10, 2019, after about one month of collecting business attire from firms and government offices in Baltimore City, our committee again partnered with the Harambee Center, this time for a professional

clothing fashion show. The kids enjoyed dressing up in the clothing and learning about what attorneys wear on the job and why we dress professionally. The committee donated the surplus clothing to Sharp Dressed Man and Dressed for Success. A few days later, on April 13, different committee members volunteered at the BABC Senior Law Day, which was the most attended Senior Law Day ever!

Many thanks to all who have helped us have a great year and we hope to see you out at a public service event next bar year!

### Public Education Committee

#### *Alan Dunklow and Kate McComiskey, Co-Chairs*

The Public Education Committee of the Bar Association of Baltimore City Young Lawyers' Division provides outreach, programming, and information designed to educate the public about the law, the legal system, and the profession. The work of this committee includes mentoring and presenting at local schools on legal issues, facilitating mock trials, and sponsoring educational projects and excursions.

This year, the Public Education Committee continued its expanded mock trial program at both Highlandtown Middle School and Francis Scott Key Middle School. Approximately 20 volunteers participated over the course of 12 weeks to get the students ready. On December 11, 2018, approximately 16 students from each school competed in the final mock trial held at the Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr. Courthouse. Thanks to Judge Dana M. Middleton, who presided over the trial, and to Judge Christopher L. Panos, who spoke to students over lunch.

In addition, the Public Education Committee continued its outreach to other city schools in connection with the American Bar Association's Law Day. This year's theme was "Free Speech,

Free Press, Free Society." On May 1, 2019, approximately 20 volunteer lawyers and judges visited 8 different schools across the city. Volunteers taught lessons, spoke about their careers, or both. Not only did this bring together new members who had not participated in mock trial, but also brought back members who participated in last year's Law Day and wanted to again.

Concurrently with Law Day, students from Francis Scott Key Middle School and Mergenthaler Vocational Technical High School took a field trip to Morgan State University. Approximately 40 students visited the Civil Rights Exhibit at the Student Center to learn about the pioneering role local students had in the sit-in movement. Thanks to Mr. Pace McConkie and Dr. Simone Barrett of the Robert M. Bell Center for Civil Rights in Education, Professor Larry Gibson of the University of Maryland School of Law, and Dr. Khalilah Harris of the Center for American Progress, who served as panelists, as well as to the Monumental City Bar Association, which co-sponsored this special event.

And, of course, thanks to all who volunteered their time and talents to the mock trial program, visited classrooms on Law Day, or both.

### Public Relations Committee

#### *Natalie Krajinovic, Chair*

During the 2018-2019 Bar term, the Public Relations Committee was active in supporting and publicizing the many YLD events. The Committee is responsible for the management of the YLD's social media platforms and coordinates with other the YLD committees and the Bar Office regarding the promotion and scheduling of events.

In addition to advertising YLD events, the Committee was responsible for attending YLD functions, taking photos at the events,

and serving as a conduit for member outreach. The Committee was also responsible for assisting in securing corporate sponsors for events, most notably, for the End of the (Bar) Year Celebration.

The Public Relations Committee looks forward to continuing in their supportive role for the upcoming 2019-2020 Bar term.

Members of the Public Relations Committee: Stanley Carignan, Esq., Kaitlin Corey, Esq., Natalie Johnson, Esq., Julianne Kelly, Natalie Krajinovic, Esq., Michael March, Esq., Stephanie Rondo, Esq., Rachel Samakow, Esq., and Ashley Wetzels, Esq.

# The Bar Association of Baltimore City Crab Feast at Bo Brooks

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# 139th Annual Meeting of the Bar Association

May 30, 2019

Over 200 members of the Bench and Bar attended the 139th Annual Meeting of the Bar Association of Baltimore City on May 30 at The Grand Historic Venue.



Baltimore Bar Foundation President, Michelle K. Wilson, presents plaque to outgoing President, Jason C. Hessler.



YLD Chair, Joseph A. Pulver, presents plaque to outgoing Chair, Divya Potdar.



Outgoing Baltimore Foundation President, Jason C. Hessler, presents plaque to President, The Honorable Dana M. Middleton



Headtable: (Standing 1-r) Kelly Hughes Iverson, Kerri L. Smith, Jason C. Hessler, Michelle K. Wilson (Seated 1-r) Divya Potdar, Joseph A. Pulver; Pamela C. Ortiz, and The Honorable Dana M. Middleton.





Congratulations 50 Year Honorees (Members admitted to the Bar in 1969): (Standing l-r) Lawrence S. Greenwald; Joel J. Shugarman; Lawrence D. Coppel; Francis J. Gorman; Haven H. Kodeck; Barry Bach; Searle E. Mitnick; (Seated l-r) Harry L. Chase; The Honorable Robert M. Bell; and Aaron Kadish.



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Andrew Radding, Chair of the Baltimore Bar Foundation Fellows, presents the 2019 Fellows Award to Nicole K. McConlogue, Clinical Teaching Fellow, Civil Advocacy Clinic, UB Law School.



President, The Honorable Dana M. Middleton, presents plaque to outgoing President, Kelly Hughes Iverson.



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June 24, 2019



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June 5, 2019



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**September 26, 2019**

**Antero Pietila**

**“The Ghost of Johns Hopkins: The Life and Legacy that Shaped an American City”**

Author Antero Pietila spent thirty-five years as a reporter and editor with the *Baltimore Sun*, most of it covering the city's neighborhoods, politics, and government. A native of Finland, he became a student of racial change during his first visit to the United States in 1964.

**Members and friends of the BABC and the Library Company are invited to attend.**

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**We look forward to seeing you on *Thursdays at the Museum!***



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## Around the Offices

The McCammon Group is pleased to congratulate one of our own, **Honorable Martin P. Welch (Ret.)**, who was awarded the 2019 Anselm Sodaro Judicial Civility Award by the Maryland State Bar Association. The award was presented to **Judge Welch** at the Maryland State Bar Association Legal Summit and Annual Meeting on June 15, 2019 in Ocean City, MD. The Honorable Anselm Sodaro Judicial Civility Award is presented annually to a sitting judge of the District, Circuit or Appellate Courts of Maryland who demonstrates exceptional judicial temperament, civility, and courtesy to attorneys, litigants, and others. Though retired, Judge Welch is often recalled as a Senior Judge to assist the Circuit Court for Baltimore City.

Tydings & Rosenberg welcomes **Danielle H. Russell** as an associate in its litigation department and health care group. Danielle represents healthcare providers, including hospital systems, pharmacies, individual practitioners, long-term care facilities, and other medical groups and professionals, as well as businesses and insurers in litigation and administrative matters. Tydings is also pleased to announce that The Daily Record honored Herbert J. Belgrad with its Leadership in Law Lifetime Achievement Award. This award recognizes his long history of professional achievements, community service, and mentoring.

Kramon & Graham, a leading law firm providing litigation, real estate, and transactional services, recently announced that firm principal **Christopher C. Jeffries** has been named a 2019 Daily Record VIP List winner. The VIP List recognizes successful Maryland professionals who are 40 years of age and younger. Winners are selected for their professional accomplishments, community service and commitment to inspiring change. The award will be presented at a reception ceremony at Gertrude's restaurant at The Baltimore Museum of Art in September. An accomplished trial lawyer with an active practice, Chris handles a full range of complex commercial disputes in trial and appellate courts, including breaches of contract and business defamation cases. He has substantial experience defending individuals and businesses in personal injury actions, including claims against property owners for alleged lead paint exposure.

Kramon & Graham criminal defense principal **James P. Ulwick** accepted the prestigious John Adams Award on behalf of 84 members of the Criminal Justice Act Panel. The award is presented each year by the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland to an attorney or attorneys on the elite panel who best exemplify the qualities exhibited by former President John Adams in representing indigent clients. Mr. Ulwick was presented with the award on behalf of all CJA panel members who were involved in defending the individuals indicted in the Eastern Correctional Institution prison case, the largest prison corruption case in Maryland history. More than 80 defendants were indicted for their alleged roles in an extensive network of contraband smuggling and trafficking. The case involved the largest number of individuals ever indicted in a single case in the District of Maryland and placed a significant burden on the court and its ability to ensure fair representation. Supported by Kramon & Graham defense attorney **William J. Harrington**, Mr. Ulwick represented a former ECI correctional officer who was charged with smuggling drugs and other contraband into the prison. Following a three-week trial, a jury acquitted the client of racketeering, bribery, and narcotics distribution charges. Of the 80 defendants named in the indictments, only the firm's client and one other defendant were acquitted. Charges were eventually dropped against another defendant.

Kelvin Antill joined the Real Estate Practice Group at Rosenberg Martin Greenberg. **Barry Greenberg**, RMG's Managing Partner and head of the firm's real estate practice group, said, "Kelvin brings more than thirty years of commercial real estate experience, both as a lawyer and on the development side. We are happy to welcome him to the team." As a lawyer, Kelvin has been in private practice and in-house, the latter serving, among other roles, as General Counsel of both a public Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT) and a private development company. In addition to being a key member of the senior management teams, advising and assisting a Board of Directors, and counseling and providing strategic and legal advice to the executive teams, Kelvin also worked closely with and assisted the development teams in acquiring, entitling, developing, obtaining municipal and state financial assistance for, and constructing large retail shopping centers around the country.



**G**oldberg Segalla added associate Daniel I. Andorsky to the firm's Workers' Compensation practice group in Baltimore. Andorsky was previously with Semmes, Bowen & Semmes in Baltimore. Andorsky focuses his practice on representing and defending employers, insurers, and third-party administrators in matters before the Maryland Workers' Compensation Commission and on appeals in courts throughout Maryland. His experience covers all aspects of the workers' compensation litigation process, including administrative hearings, depositions, and jury trials, as well as case assessment and developing claims-handling strategy. Andorsky earned his bachelor's at the University of Maryland and went on to use his J.D. at the University of Baltimore Law School. During law school, Andorsky gained experience as a legal intern for the Hon. Judge John Addison Howard in the Baltimore City Court, as a Criminal Practice Clinic student attorney in the Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office, Eastside District Court, and as a legal intern for the Hon. Judge Lenore Gelfman in the Howard County Circuit Court.

## Welcome New BABC Members!

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Admin	Judge At Large	Judge W. Michel Pierson, AJ	234E/208E	396-4916 & 4917
Part 1	Civil	Judge Jeannie J. Hong	236M/234M	396-5140 & 5141
Part 2	Criminal	Judge Melissa K. Copeland	464M/462M	396-5076 & 5077
Part 3	At Large	Judge W. Michel Pierson	234E/208E	396-4916 & 4917
Part 4	Juvenile	Judge Emanuel Brown, JICJ	A3401 (C-2)	443-263-2796
Part 5	Criminal	Judge Yvette M. Bryant	230E/252E	396-5102 & 5103
Part 6	Civil	Judge Gregory Sampson ***	417M/407M	396-5070 & 5071
Part 7	Civil	Judge Pamela J. White	428M/426M	396-5056 & 5057
Part 8	Domestic	Judge Dana M. Middleton	F-1/122E	396-5090 & 5091
Part 9	Criminal	Judge Wanda K. Heard, CJ	600M/642M	396-4918 & 4919
Part 10	Civil	Judge Jeffrey Geller	330E/330E	396-5008 & 5009
Part 11	Criminal	Judge Lynn Stewart Mays	228E/214E	396-5052 & 5053
Part 12	Criminal	Judge Charles J. Peters	404E/406E	396-5080 & 5081
Part 13	Civil	Judge Michael DiPietro	420M/424M	396-5060 & 5061
Part 14	Civil	Judge Althea M. Handy	523E/529E	396-5054 & 5055
Part 15	Criminal	Judge Christopher L. Panos	329E/329E	396-5062 & 5063
Part 16	Criminal	Judge Timothy Doory	400M/466M	396-5112 & 5113
Part 17	Civil	Judge Philip S. Jackson	636M/636M	396-5066 & 5067
Part 18	Juvenile	Judge Cynthia H. Jones	A3401 (C3)	396-5082 & 5083
Part 19	Civil	Judge Julie R. Rubin	509E/505E	396-5132 & 5133
Part 20	Criminal	Judge Marcus Z. Shar	203M/245M	396-5100 & 5101
Part 21	Criminal	Judge Yolanda Tanner	438M/436M	396-5074 & 5075
Part 22	Criminal	Judge Robert K. Taylor, Jr. ***	406M/408M	396-4020 & 4021
Part 23	Civil	Judge Audrey J. S. Carrion	225E/209E	396-5130 & 5131
Part 24	Domestic	Judge Kendra Y. Ausby, JICFD	F-2E/120E	396-4627 & 4631
Part 25	Juvenile	Judge Robert B. Kershaw	A3401(C1)	443-263-2793
Part 26	Civil	Judge Lawrence Fletcher-Hill, JICC	113M/103M	396-6826 & 6843
Part 27	Criminal	Judge Sylvester Cox	231M/217M	545-3766 & 3767
Part 28	Criminal	Judge Melissa M. Phinn, JICCr	540E/550E	545-6235 & 6236
Part 29	Criminal	Judge Karen C. Friedman ***	430E/432E	396-3836 & 3837
Part 30	Civil	Judge Shannon E. Avery	226M/228M	545-0115 & 0116
Part 31	Domestic	Judge Barry G. Williams	F-4/126E	545-3516 & 3517
Part 32	Criminal	Judge Jennifer B. Schiffer ***	434M/432M	545-0887 & 0888
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Part 99	Visiting Judges	Judge Paul E. Alpert	255E	396-8057 & 1119
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Part 95	Visiting Judges	Judge John M. Glynn	237E	6-8057
Part 94	Visiting Judges	Judge Carol E. Smith/Judge Edward Hargadon	237E	6-8057
Part 93	Visiting Judges	Judge John Carroll Byrnes	237E	6-8057
Part 92	Visiting Judges	Judge John Addison Howard	253E	6-8057
Part 91	Visiting Judges	Judge M. Brooke Murdock	509M	6-8343
Part 90	Visiting Judges	Judge Ellen M. Heller	237E	6-8057
Part 89	Visiting Judges	Judge Thomas J. S. Waxter	247E	5-3490
Part 88	Visiting Judges	Judge Louis Becker	237E	6-8057
Part 87	Visiting Judges	Judge Gale Rasin	134M	6-8057
Part 86	Visiting Judges	Judge Tealette Price/Judge Marcella Holland	JJC / 255E	6-8057/5-6090
Part 85	Visiting Judges	Judge Paul Smith	264E	6-8057
Part 84	Visiting Judges	Judge David Young	317M	6-8350
Part 83	Visiting Judges	Judge Evelyn Omega Cannon	237E	6-8057
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