



CITY BAR REPORT

News from the Bar Association of Baltimore City

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The Baltimore Bar Foundation Turns 50! (Well 53 Actually)



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In 2020, as COVID was dominating everyone's minds, the Baltimore Bar Foundation turned 50 years old. So, I hope you'll excuse me in taking the opportunity to celebrate this fact three years later.

Let's first take a step back. What is the Baltimore Bar Foundation? We are the charitable arm of BABC, and we were incorporated in 1970 with several laudable goals: "to foster and maintain the honor and integrity of the profession of the law; to improve and to facilitate the administration of justice, to enhance and improve the image of lawyers, and

to promote the study of the law and research therein and the diffusion of knowledge thereof."

But in short: We raise money, and then we give it away through a vetted grants process.

In fact, in our over 50 years, the Foundation has given away more than \$180,000 in funding grants to a wide range of worthy organizations, including the Pro Bono Resource Center, FreeState Justice, and the Homeless Persons Representation Project, just to name a few.

That brings me to another question: How do we raise money? Yes, we do ask that you donate to us when you renew your BABC membership. But, more importantly, we hold great fundraising

events throughout the year.

The first is our "Spaghetti Opera" event, which will be in March. Held at Chiapparelli's in Little Italy, the event includes a networking hour followed by a fantastic Italian dinner. The best part: the dinner is accompanied by short performances by professional opera singers and musicians. This event has become so popular, we have had to increase the event to two nights. You won't find another event like it!

In May, we will hold our annual golf outing at Woodholme Country Club in Pikesville. With a scramble format, this excellent event is perfect for seasoned golfers and beginners alike, or for the person who, like me, plays only a few times a year. The golfing is followed by

dinner, awards, and a silent auction. We welcome you to come out and bring your clients.

By supporting these events, you not only have a lot of fun (and perhaps get some culture along the way), but you allow us to support the greater Baltimore community, and in doing so raise the profile of both the BABC and the legal profession generally.

Be on the lookout for more 50th anniversary special events as the year progresses!

You may have more questions about what we do. Perhaps you have suggestions about what we can do better? If that is the case, we'd love to hear from you.

Gratitude, Kindness, and Empathy

Greetings! Happy Fall! I thoroughly enjoyed the comprehensive and thoughtful CLE discussion, "Bites and Rights; Navigating Dog-Related Litigation." Thank you to our excellent panel of speakers including Sam Pulver, Carey Hansel, and Derek Van De Walle. The membership committee (special thanks to Sarah Belardi and Maria Bermudez!) also did a fantastic hosting a "Yappy Hour" later in the evening at Pariah Brewing Company. It was so much fun mingling with other members and their pups! Thank you to Veritext for sponsoring the event that also benefited BARCS (Baltimore Animal Rescue and Care Shelter).

Giving Tuesday is just around the corner and our annual National Adoption Day will take place this Saturday, November 18, 2023, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Please contact Ashley Ward at award@cordelllaw.com if you would like to volunteer or donate gifts for the families. This is a very humbling and joyous event and hope we have a great turnout.



Please don't forget to register for the Past Presidents' Luncheon on Tuesday, November 21st. Congratulations to our incredibly dedicated

YLD member, Sarah Belardi, on receiving the Presidential Award as well as fellow recipient Paul Kramer. Cynthia Leppert will also be honored for receiving the Margaret Brent/Juanita Jackson Mitchell Award.

The membership committee is ending the month with a Rise & Shine Morning Mingle on November 29th from 7:30 AM to 9:00 AM at Au Bon Pain. I can't think of a better way to start the morning with a little caffeine, something sweet, and great conversation. This event is free and open to all.

With all that is going on in the world today, I want to acknowledge that we are currently in a time where many of us are experiencing difficult emotions including fear, grief, anxiety, sadness, and pain. As Thanksgiving approaches, many Americans traditionally reflect on what we are grateful for in life. Now more than ever, I hope that we can provide compassion, understanding, and support for one another. The holidays are a time to unwind and spend valuable time with family and friends. My wish is that everyone has a happy, health, and restful Thanksgiving!



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GIVING TUESDAY

NOVEMBER 28, 2023

Consider a \$50 donation to the Baltimore Bar Foundation in celebration of their 50th Anniversary!

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The Bar Association of Baltimore City cordially invites you to the

28th Annual
Past Presidents' Luncheon

November 21, 2023
11:30 a.m. Reception, Cash Bar
12:00 p.m. Lunch

The Lord Baltimore Hotel
20 W. Baltimore Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

Presidential Awards
Paul R. Kramer, Esq.
Sarah Belardi, Esq.

Margaret Brent/Juanita Jackson Mitchell Award
Cynthia Leppert, Esq.

Recognition of recently retired judges and newly appointed judges in Baltimore City.
\$70 a person, \$540 for a table of 8
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THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF BALTIMORE CITY PRESENTS


THURSDAY'S AT THE MUSEUM:

THE REAL STORY BEHIND MARYLAND'S SHIELD LAW

Professor Dean Smith will be speaking about his article "The Real Story Behind the Nation's First Shield Law: Maryland 1884-1897."



Professor Smith sets the record straight on how Maryland's shield law, the first of its kind in the nation, was enacted in response to a national campaign to protect reporters in the wake of a Washington bribery scandal in 1894.



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30	12:30 - 1:30 PM
www.baltimorebar.org	Held remotely on Zoom



The Bar Association of Baltimore City Young Lawyers' Division Presents


RISE & SHINE MORNING MINGLE

November 29, 2023
7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Au Bon Pain
One South Street, Baltimore, MD 21202

Enjoy a little caffeine and something sweet while getting to know other YLD members in an informal setting.

RSVP to this FREE event at www.baltimorebar.org/calendar

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THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF BALTIMORE CITY PROFESSIONAL ETHICS COMMITTEE PRESENTS


Your Money or Your License?

Speaker: Irwin R. Kramer, Chair, Professional Ethics Committee

BABC's Professional Ethics Committee will show you how to have both – building a profitable practice while complying with a maze of regulations that have cost other lawyers their careers.

In this session, we'll show you the nuts and bolts of managing your attorney trust account, show you how to avoid ethical traps that may threaten your license, and discuss ways to handle billing questions, retainers, fee disputes and a range of other practical issues.

This program will review what they didn't teach you in law school, so you may graduate with a firm understanding of how to manage money in the practice of law.
[One hour of instruction followed by 30-minutes of Q&A]



December 1, 2023
12:00 - 1:30 pm
Zoom

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The Bar Association of Baltimore City cordially invites you to the

Annual Holiday Party

December 6, 2023
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Zander's
135 E. Baltimore Street, Baltimore, MD 21202

Celebrate the holidays with the BABC.
All members, friends, and guests welcome.
 Party will include heavy hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine, along with a virtual silent auction and Wine Pull to benefit the YLD's Annual Holiday Party for Children Living in Shelters.

\$80 Regular/Legal Affiliate/Business Affiliate Members
Per Person

\$55 Young Lawyers' Division/Law Student Members
Per Person

\$90 Guests/Non-members
Per Person

To purchase tickets, go to www.baltimorebar.org/calendar/

The Bar Association of Baltimore City Family Law Committee Presents

A DISCUSSION WITH OUR ESTEEMED FAMILY LAW JUDGES AND MAGISTRATES

Guest Speakers:

The Honorable Michael DiPietro and the Esteemed Family Law Judges

Moderator:

Alice G. Pinderhughes, Family Law Committee Chair

This meeting will be in person and members will be able to talk to the Judges.

Lunch will be served.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024
12:30 - 1:30 PM
CLARENCE MITCHELL COURTHOUSE ROOM 504

Members: FREE; Non-Members: \$40

RSVP: www.baltimorebar.org/calendar/



Presented by Baltimore City Bar Association Young Lawyers Division



CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY PARTY

FOR FAMILIES IN SHELTERS

Entertainment, dinner, gifts, and a special appearance from Santa!

MARYLAND SCIENCE CENTER

DECEMBER 12TH
6 TO 8 pm

For more information please contact gwaterworth@gmail.com

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BALTIMORE BAR FOUNDATION WINTER GRANT CYCLE IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

DUE DATE: December 15, 2023

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In furtherance of those objectives, the Foundation provides financial support for non-profit programs and organizations that have a significant relation to the Baltimore City community and that may be expected to contribute to:

1. the improvement of the administration of justice
2. the provision of legal services through staff attorneys or unpaid volunteers to persons who find it difficult to obtain legal services through normal channels
3. the education of the general public, including primary and secondary school students, regarding law and the legal system
4. the improvement of the image of lawyers and of the legal profession through lawyer participation in community outreach programs and other good works

Although on occasion the Foundation will provide all of the funding necessary for the accomplishment of a given objective, in most cases only a portion of the projected budget will be underwritten, usually on the express condition that the balance of the funds be raised from other sources. Grants of "seed money" in this manner for a law-related project often provide help and confidence for foundations that wish to offer gifts for such projects but lack expertise in the legal field to make a judgement as to whether the project is worthy of support. Thus, the Foundation can act as a catalyst in bringing support from other donors to projects that require more funds than the Foundation can offer.

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