



CITY BAR REPORT

News from the Bar Association of Baltimore City

Ethics Hotline Volunteer

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In light of the New Year, the Bar Association of Baltimore City decided to pause and take a brief visit into the past. From the archives, Past President Thomas C. Cardaro, 2004-2005, leaves a message that is still applicable to this day almost two decades later.

Five Resolutions for '05

Well friends, it's that time of year again. The time when we take the traditional, annual glance in the mirror to inspect ourselves in order to determine what changes to make for the upcoming year. Of course, most of us will decide that we need to lose a little weight, improve our diet, or make some other change in our personal habits designed to improve our own health – all of which are fine resolutions to make for ourselves. But, how about thinking outside the box when making your resolutions this year? How about making resolutions that will not only benefit yourself, but will also benefit your profession, your community, and yes . . . your Bar organization? Well, as President of your organization, I thought I could help you in this regard by suggesting five resolutions to which we should all aspire in 2005. (Do not panic, I promise none of the following resolutions require you to spend hours sweating in a smelly place, or to subsist on small amounts of non-fat foods that taste like rubber.)

RESOLUTION NO. 1: Resolve to take time out of the daily grind to

actually say hello to someone you do not know, and to learn a new name. Now this may sound a bit silly, but do you actually know the name of the cleaning lady or maintenance man who comes to your office every day to clean or fix something? It is surprising how many people we encounter on a daily basis who we barely acknowledge and whose names we do not know. By taking the time and effort to introduce yourself to someone new you will be creating a warm and friendly environment as well as making new contacts that may benefit you or your business down the road. So, resolve to extend a friendly hello or learn a new name each day regardless of whether the unknown face belongs to a custodial worker or to a judge.

RESOLUTION NO. 2: Resolve to take time out to enjoy the arts your community offers. Whether you attend a play, an art exhibit, or a local musical event, your attendance will help sustain an important outlet for your community's expression of itself. Additionally, you of course will have a good time at the event, and may lose a little office stress at the same time. Luckily for those of you who have not yet purchased tickets for the Baltimore Bar Foundation's Center Stage Events, there are still two remaining plays left on the schedule: March 16th and May 5th (to purchase tickets call 410-539-5936). Not only will you see great

plays and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow members of the bar, but you will also help the Bar Foundation carry out its important mission of helping those in need.

RESOLUTION NO. 3: Resolve to take time to help improve your profession and community. As you are well aware, we have now passed the time of year when we are inundated with requests to make monetary donations for charitable causes. While it is necessary to fulfill such requests as much as possible, you and your community will also benefit by donating your time instead of dollars. Thus, I encourage you to donate your hands and become actively involved in one of the Bar association's committees. By doing so, you will feel good about being personally involved in an enterprise designed to make a positive impact. Of course, your profession and community will also benefit through your assistance. Call Bar Headquarters (410-539-5936) to see how you can help out.

RESOLUTION NO. 4: Resolve to get one new person to join our organization this year. If each of us got only one new member to join our organization this year, the rewards for our organization and the community would far outweigh the amount of effort it required. Simply stated, the more members our organization has, the more resources we have at our disposal to run the programs

that benefit our profession and our community. Additionally, if you are lucky, you may be able to get two birds with one stone: that is, achieve this resolution by meeting resolution No. 1.

RESOLUTION NO. 5: Resolve to meet the first four Resolutions. No just kidding – you do not get off that easy. Rather, resolve to always remember those whom you serve in your role as an attorney. Simply remembering that we are serving our clients or our community when we are in a courtroom fighting over legal precedents, or when we are in a school classroom teaching youth about civic responsibility, will go a long way in ensuring that we exhaust all efforts to achieve a successful outcome for our clients and our community. Working your hardest on each task will of course make you the best attorney you can be for your clients, as well as the best role model for the community's youth. Additionally, always putting forth your best effort will only increase respect for our profession. To meet this resolution, I encourage you to take advantage of the Continuing Legal Education events our organization offers and to participate in our organization's various community outreach events.

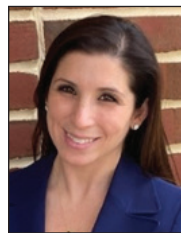
With the above in mind, have a happy, healthy New Year and good luck with your resolutions in '24!



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A Look Back and a Look Ahead with the YLD

By RACHEL SAMAKOW, YLD CHAIR



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The calendar year has come to a close, and the YLD has earned a celebratory holiday pause. Before we gear up for a busy 2024, I would like to thank Sara El-Shall for all that she has accomplished for the YLD, not only as Chair, but for the

last decade of her contributions to the BABC.

To recap last year, the YLD created some new programs and continued with some old favorites. To highlight a few: In September we hit the ground running with a well-attended Joint Bar Happy Hour at the Maryland Club. The YLD Mix and Mingle in the newly renovated Hotel Indigo and our early bird members started their day with a Rise and Shine morning networking

at Au Bon Pain in October - caffeine was enjoyed by all. In November, we created a new type of hybrid program with our virtual Bites and Rights dog related litigation CLE, and then took things off-line with our in-person Yappy Hour – a howling good time was had by dogs and humans alike. In December, the YLD took over the Science Center for our annual Holiday Party for Kids Living in Shelters. The kids (and our YLD volunteers) enjoyed a magic show,

balloon animals, crafts, and a visit with Santa! Of course, these events would not be possible without two things, our creative, talented YLD board and our generous sponsors that make these endeavors possible.

Exciting programs continue in January when the YLD will host a tour and tasting at Baltimore Spirits Co., which, like all YLD events, is open to all members of the BABC. We hope to see you there and toast to a fantastic 2024!

Ethics Hotline

The Ethics Hotline is a member benefit of the Bar Association of Baltimore City. It is staffed by

volunteers who informally answer questions related to the Maryland Rules of Professional Conduct.

The advice given reflects the best judgment of those volunteers and no attorney/client relationship is created.

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The Bar Association of Baltimore City Welcomes New Members who have joined from December 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

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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

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www.baltimorebar.org/calendar/



THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF BALTIMORE CITY YOUNG LAWYERS' DIVISION PRESENTS

LOCAL SPIRITS TASTING & DISTILLERY TOUR



Join the YLD at the Baltimore Spirits Company for networking with colleagues, a spirits tasting, and a tour of the distillery.

5:30 PM
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1700 W. 41ST STREET, STE. 430
BALTIMORE, MD 21211




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EXPLORATION OF BALTIMORE CITY'S PAST AND PRESENT INITIATIVES

GUEST SPEAKERS

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BALTIMORE CITY LAW DEPARTMENT

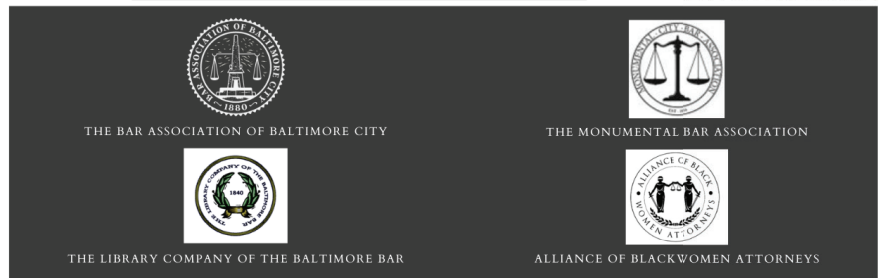
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Ebony M. Thompson, Dana P. Moore, and José Anderson will be speaking on Baltimore City's racial past and what the government is doing and can do to address lingering racial disparities.

12:00 - 2:00 P.M.
Wednesday, February 7, 2024
Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr. Courthouse, Room 504
LUNCH WILL BE SERVED

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The Bar Association of Baltimore City Professional Ethics Committee Presents

AI ETHICS: THE INTELLIGENT USE OF EMERGING TECHNOLOGY



MODERATOR: IRWIN R. KRAMER 

12:30 - 1:30 PM
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2024
ZOOM

PANELISTS



Carolyn Elefant
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James B. Astrachan
Partner
Goodell, DeVries, Leech & Dann, LLP



Jared Jaskot
Managing Attorney
Jaskot Abogado Law



Dave Pantzer
Deputy Director
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As AI technologies revolutionize the practice of law, lawyers must harness their power to enhance legal services informed without compromising ethical standards.

This seminar will explore the **ethical considerations, challenges, and opportunities** that arise when lawyers leverage AI in their practice. Our panel will provide valuable insights into how legal ethics rules can adapt to this evolving technological landscape while emphasizing the critical importance of lawyers' independent judgement, client communication, and AI supervision.

Our webinar will help to navigate the complex intersection of legal ethics and artificial intelligence, ensuring that lawyers can harness AI's benefits responsibly and ethically in service to their clients and the legal profession.

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Baltimore, MD 21218

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JANUARY 23

CLE - A Discussion with Our Esteemed Family Law Judges and Magistrates

JANUARY 25

YLD Local Spirits Tasting & Distillery Tour

FEBRUARY 7

CLE - Paving the Path to Equality: A Black History Month Exploration of Baltimore City's Past and Present Initiatives

FEBRUARY 8

CLE - AI Ethics: The Intelligent Use of Emerging Technology

FEBRUARY 15

Baltimore Docket play

