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Thankful for the Rule of Law



The Hon. Teresa Epps Cummings, President of the Bar Association of Baltimore City

Tuesday, November 5, 2024, is election day in the United States. Most citizens will be anxiously awaiting the election results as this may be one of the most important

elections in our lifetime. A lot is at stake, both locally and nationally. And while there may be congressional power shifts and an occupancy change at the White House, one thing will remain the same and that is the role that the Rule of Law will continue to play regardless of the outcome of the

election.

The Rule of Law has allowed societal norms to be established and maintained if citizens continue to agree that it is important to follow the rules and if the rules have not become impossible to follow. At times, the Rule of Law can be predictable and at other times the Rule of Law can be unfair. But it is unfathomable to contemplate a society without the order and precedence which is the byproduct of the Rule of Law.

According to the American Bar Association, in 2007, ABA President William Neukom established the World Justice Project. The World Justice Project recognizes the problem that "the 'rule of law' is a frequently used term that is rarely defined." The World Justice Project has proposed a

working definition of the rule of law that comprises four principles:

1. A system of self-government in which all persons, including the government, are accountable under the law
2. A system based on fair, publicized, broadly understood and stable laws
3. A fair, robust, and accessible legal process in which rights and responsibilities based in law are evenly enforced
4. Diverse, competent, and independent lawyers and judges

Considering the guiding principles of the Rule of Law, on Thanksgiving as we are gathering with family and friends to give thanks, let us not forget to be thankful for the Rule of Law. Be thankful that despite our societal challenges, we still live in a civil

society where all persons are to be held accountable under the law. This is not to say that accountability is always swift or equitable, but we still must be thankful that there is a system in place. Let us be thankful for a system that is fundamentally clear, available for scrutiny by all and while it is a system that may sometimes be slow to change, the pace at which change does occur allows for the system to remain stable. Be thankful for a system that can be a means of strength and power for the marginalized members of our society. And, finally, let us all be thankful for being members of a profession which is on the front-line as the first defenders of the Rule of Law which remains the bedrock of our democracy.

Happy Day of Gratitude to you all!

It's the most YLD time of the year!



Rachel Samakow, Chair of the Young Lawyers' Division

If you've been shopping lately, you may have noticed your grocery store and HomeGoods aisles have recently been taken over by Christmas. From peppermint

marshmallows, to embroidered placemats with matching glassware, the holiday season is upon us, (or if

you've been in any candle aisles lately, assaulting us nasally). Which in the YLD world means one thing: it's time for The Holiday Party for Children in Shelters!

If you've never been to this fabulous fete, The YLD takes over the Maryland Science Center and transforms it into a kids' holiday "happening." With arts and crafts, a magic show, an awesome meal for the kids and their families, and a photo op with Santa, the kids' party really is holiday magic in action.

So how do the YLD elves put it all together? Through donations from our legal community! Whether that's

bidding on a silent auction item at the BABC Holiday party, writing a check on behalf of you or your firm, or just handing us a stack of cash (we're not picky), those donations go a long way. You can choose to sponsor a specific party item, such as dinner, gifts for the kids, transportation to and from the shelters, or just give a general donation.

The other great way to support the YLD is to volunteer alongside us at the party. An extra set of hands is always welcome, and I promise you'll have a great time and will leave with some warm fuzzies from seeing the

kids have a blast. The party is also the only place you'll see me in a menorah headband just in case you need any extra incentive to join.

So, turn on that radio station that's already playing Christmas carols even though we haven't finished our Thanksgiving turkey, and support the YLD on December 10th at the Maryland Science Center!

To donate an item for the Silent Auction, or to make a donation, please contact the bar office at info@baltimorebar.org.



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Trial BY Jury

AN OPERETTA BY GILBERT & SULLIVAN

Would you take a case for a breach of promise to marry? In Gilbert and Sullivan's courtroom farce Trial by Jury, the faithless defendant, Edwin, has jilted the plaintiff, the beautiful Angelina - who promptly sues him. Come watch fellow members of the bench and bar perform in this zany 45-minute update of the 19th century British comic operetta - all to benefit the Baltimore Bar Foundation.

<p>Featuring</p> <p>Claire Iverson Angelina (Plaintiff)</p> <p>Thom King Usher</p> <p>Justice Jonathan Biran Foreman of the Jury</p> <p>Thomas Hochla Judge</p> <p>Louis Tiemann Edwin (Defendant)</p> <p>Hannah Wardell, Esq. Counsel for Plaintiff</p>	<p>Jurors</p> <p>Judge Michael Reed Mike Lee, Esq. Ifeanyi Ezeigbo, Esq. Bill Riggins, Esq. Jeff Hochstetler, Esq. David Shea, Esq. Tim Kjer John La Costa</p> <p>Bridesmaids</p> <p>Meg Tippett - 1st bridesmaid Dorienne Hoven Fallon Goodman Christina Stringer, Esq. Emma Webster Asella Medina-Smith Margaret Yefimenko</p>	<p>Gallery</p> <p>Esther Brodsky Kathy Kelly Howard, Esq. Kelly Hughes Iverson, Esq. Alison Kohler, Esq. Barbara Zektick David Patterson Howard Freeland</p>
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6:00 PM RECEPTION
7:00 PM SHOWTIME

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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 6, 2024
12:00 - 1:30 pm
Zoom

The Bar Association of Baltimore City cordially invites you to the

29th Annual Past Presidents' Luncheon

November 26, 2024
11:30 a.m. Reception, Cash Bar
12:00 p.m. Lunch


The Grand Hotel
225 S. Charles Street
Baltimore, MD 21201

Presentation of the Presidential Awards

Presentation of the Charles H. Dorsey, Jr. Mentor Award

Presentation of the Paul A. Dorf Memorial ADR Award

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The Bar Association of Baltimore City

Holiday Party


Tuesday, December 3, 2024
6.00 pm- 8.00pm

B&O American Brasserie
2 N. Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

Silent Auction to Raise Money for
The YLD Holiday Party for Kids Living in Shelters

Young Lawyers: \$60
Members: \$80
Non-Members: \$90





The Bar Association of Baltimore City
Estates & Trusts Committee
Presents

Annual State of The Orphans' Court for Baltimore City

Thursday, December 4, 2024
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr. Courthouse, Room 504
Lunch will be served.

Moderator
Michael I. Gordon, Esq.
Wright, Constable & Skeen, LLP

Speakers
The Honorable Lewyn Scott Garrett
Chief Judge, Orphans' Court for Baltimore City
The Honorable Michele Loewenthal
Associate Judge, Orphans' Court for Baltimore City
The Honorable Charles G. Bernstein
Associate Judge, Orphans' Court for Baltimore City

BABC Members: FREE, Non-members: \$40.
To register, go to
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Cabaret & Cabernet
2024 Annual Fundraiser

B.A.B.C. members came out to share their talents and there was even a surprise serenade to Past President Robert Anbinder and of course our Master of Ceremonies, BBF President Natasha Dartigue. Thank you to all the sponsors and people who donated to SLS.



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VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD WINNER JEFF COWAN

AWESOME PERFORMANCE BY JEANNE HARRIS-COVINGTON

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ROBERT ANBINER GETS SEREMADED BY SCARLETT M. CORSO

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Please join us for this casual lunchtime gathering and meet & greet for Solo and Small Firm attorneys.

Our guest speaker will be Tom DeGonia, Bar Counsel for the Attorney Grievance Commission. He will share with us his thoughts regarding issues of special interest to Solos and Small Firm attorneys.

This is a terrific opportunity to hear from Mr. DeGonia and connect with other Solo/Small Firm practitioners.

We hope you can join us!

DATE
Thursday, 5 December 2024

TIME 12:00 PM ***LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED***

LOCATION
Officence Conference Room
300 E Lombard St., Suite 840
Baltimore, MD



**THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF BALTIMORE CITY
WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS WHO HAVE JOINED
FROM OCTOBER 1, 2024
THROUGH OCTOBER 31, 2024**

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Freeman, Hannah
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Gharbawi, Gina
Gibson, Natalie Cheyney
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