



August Newsletter

Issue 8 | 2024 | The Bar Association of Frederick County, MD

SAVE THE DATE

August 22, 2024
Annual BAFC Golf Tournament & Picnic
More Information on page 3!

September 9, 2024, 9am
Opening Term of Court
 Circuit Courtroom 1

In This Issue

- Save the Date1
- Mystery Member2
- Member Updates.....3
- More Save the Dates3
- Section & Committee Updates.4
- YLS Night at XGolf5
- Dates to Remember5
- Legal Information of Interest.....6
- Information of Interest..... 7

The Bar Association of
Frederick County, MD, Inc.
PO Box 3099
Frederick MD 21705-3088
240-285-9660 phone
info@frederickbar.org
www.frederickbar.org

2024 OFFICERS

President

Carla Clarke, 240-575-9146

President Elect

Margaret "Mimi" Teahan,
301-698-8182

Treasurer

The Hon. Julia A. Minner,
301-600-2973

Secretary

Michael Moore, 301-600-6696

Assistant Secretary

Detric Kemp, 301-620-1190

Assistant Treasurer

Shondell Foster 301-732-4970

Past President

Tim Price, 301-698-8182

ASSOCIATION OFFICE

Executive Director

Maegan Cooper, 240-285-9660

THE NEWSLETTER

The Bar Association of Frederick County, MD, Inc. newsletter is published monthly. Articles and information to be included in the newsletter must be submitted in written or electronic format by the 25th of the month preceding publication month.

Classified and display advertising are available at a modest cost. Go to <http://www.frederickbar.org> for information.

Additional information regarding lunch sponsorships is available at www.frederickbar.org.

A Little Fun

The **June Mystery Member** was **Angela Oetting**. There were NO correct guesses! The July and August mystery members will be revealed at the August luncheon.

August Mystery Member

1. **What is your favorite sports team?**
Pittsburgh Steelers
2. **What is your favorite food?** Maryland Blue Crab. There is nothing like picking for hours.
3. **From where did you receive your undergraduate degree? What was your major?**
Mount Saint Mary's – Sociology & Criminal Justice
4. **From where did you receive your law degree?**
Widener University School of Law
5. **What was the biggest adjustment you experienced as you transitioned into your current role?**
The pressure and responsibility of handling life altering issues of clients, versus reading about cases in law school.
6. **If you could go back in time and give advice to your eighteen-year-old self, what would you say?** Take time to enjoy the journey while pursuing the destination.
7. **What is your best advice to a young lawyer?** Work hard and when you think you are finished, ask yourself what more can be done. Listen more than you talk (you will learn a great deal when your adversary boasts about the weaknesses in your case and the strengths in their case).
8. **If you were not a lawyer, what would you do for a living?** Ski Patrol.
9. **Who is your role model? Why?** My Father. Worked very hard without ever voicing a complaint and always made time for the family.
10. **If you had one wish that was guaranteed to be granted, what would that wish be?** Elimination of illnesses and tragic losses.



Who is this? Email your guess to Maegan at: info@frederickbar.org by 9am on the day of our monthly luncheon (August 6th).



Member Updates

Denise Hicks Brown has joined the **Family Legal Advocacy Group, LLC (FLAG)** as a **Senior Associate Attorney**. Denise will continue to practice in Frederick and surrounding counties and the following is her new contact information:

Denise@flagfamilylaw.com

Office: 410.884.0440

www.flagfamilylaw.com

Family Legal Advocacy Group, LLC
9256 Bendix Road, Suite 307
Columbia, MD 21045

Annual Golf Tournament

Thursday, August 22, 2024

- **Musket Ridge Golf Club** (3555 Brethren Church Rd., Myersville, MD 21773)
- **9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tee Times** (Please arrive early to hit range balls and find your cart assignment.)
- **\$67, Registration Deadline: August 12, 2024**
- **Registration limited to 32 players** (So register early!)
- **Includes greens fees, cart, range balls and prizes**

Players of all skill levels are encouraged to join. Players will be assigned to a team to safeguard that everyone will be a candidate for the Green Tees Award!

REGISTRATION: Can be completed through www.frederickbar.org



Annual

BAFC
BBQ
PICNIC

\$35 per BAFC member/law clerk
RSVP by 8/15

Lewistown Social Hall
Thursday, August 22nd
5PM-7:30PM
10540 Putman Road, Thurmont

Food, Drinks & Fun!
Members & Current Law Clerks only.
Register at www.frederickbar.org

Made with PosterMyWall.com

SAVE THE DATE

October 10: Annual Dinner with the Judges & Magistrates, Dutch's Daughter.

December 12: BAFC Annual Holiday Party, Isabella's Taverna & Tapas Bar.



Section and Committee Updates

Elder, Disability and Guardianship Law Section

The next **Elder, Disability, and Guardianship Law Section Meeting** will be on **Wednesday, September 11th at noon** at Isabella's Taverna & Tapas Bar. The speaker will be Eric Jorgensen, Hospice Veteran Liaison.

The Elder, Disability, and Guardianship Law Section's **November Meeting** will be on **Wednesday, November 13th at Noon** at Isabella's. The speakers will be Scott Birdsall, LMSW, Frederick County DSS, Adult Protective Services and Brad Petersen, Director, Resource and Service Navigation with the Division of Aging and Independence.

Please mark your calendars for Winter/Spring 2025 meeting dates: January 15th, March 12th, and May 14th. Speaker information will be sent out closer to these dates.

For more information about the Elder, Disability and Guardianship Law Section contact the chair, Lorraine M. B. Prete at lprete@kandplawfirm.com.

Family Law Section

The **Family Law Section** will meet in **September** at **noon via ZOOM!** Date and speaker coming soon! Your co-chairs Meaghan Delawter and Shondell Foster are the nailing down the specifics for the September meeting as well as **monthly meetings for the rest of the year**. Watch your email for updates!

For more information about the Family Law Section contact one of the co-chairs at mld@delawterlaw.com or sfoster@thedelawgroup.com.

Pro Bono Committee

The Frederick Center hosts free legal clinics that offer brief advice to the LGBTQ+ community. The last scheduled clinic date for 2024 is **October 24**. If you would like to volunteer for future clinics, please contact Trevor Addie-Carter at taddiecarter@hormannichols.com.

Frederick and Washington County Chapter of the Maryland Women's Bar Association

Mark your calendars for the **WBA Frederick and Washington Counties Family Halloween Event** on **October 25th, 2024**. Details coming soon!

 **PARADIGM FORENSICS, LLC**
Valuation Advisors And Expert Witnesses

Robert N. Cantor, CPA, CVA, CFE, CDFA
Managing Member

☎ 410-609-4740, ext. 101
☎ FAX 410-609-4741
☎ 240-446-2401
✉ rcantor@paradigmforensics.com

5100 Buckeystown Pike
Suite 290
Frederick, Md. 21704
www.paradigmforensics.com



Recent Events

YLS Night at XGolf

On Thursday, June 27th about 15 members of the the BAFC gathered after work for an event at XGolf in Frederick. The YLS coordinated the event and attendees enjoyed delicious food and drinks while competing against each other in virtual golf. A special thank you to Planet Depos for sponsoring this event!



Upcoming Community Care: Mental Health in Maryland Legislative Briefing and Community Events



August Briefing and Event

Learn about Emergency Petitions, Incompetency to Stand Trial (IST) proceedings, and Not Criminally Responsible (NCR) case outcomes. We will explain these processes and propose proactive, solution-based bills that utilize our funding effectively.

SAVE THE DATES

Legislative Briefing

August 20, 2024
3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Virtual Briefing

Panel Discussion + Q&A

August 27, 2024
6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Trinity United Methodist Church
703 W Patrick St, Frederick, MD
21701



View the briefing on
[FB @MarylandOPD](https://www.facebook.com/MarylandOPD)

Scan to RSVP
bit.ly/4bXaIVC



Dates to Remember

- **August 6, 12p: BAFC Monthly Luncheon.** Delaplaine Arts Center. Our speaker will be from Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership (COIPP). Our sponsor is Paradigm Forensics.
- **August 22: BAFC Annual Golf Tournament.** Musket Ridge Golf Club. Tee Times start at 9:30a. Registration is open on the website and the **deadline to register is August 12th.**
- **August 22, 5-8p: BAFC Annual Picnic.** Lewistown Social Hall. Registration is up on the website and the **deadline to register is August 15th.**
- **September 3, 12p: BAFC Monthly Luncheon.** Delaplaine Arts Center. Our speaker will be Chief Justice Matthew J. Fader. Our sponsor will be Planet Depos.
- **September 9, 9a: Opening Term of Court.** Circuit Courtroom 1.
- **September 11, 12p: Elder, Disability, and Guardianship Law Section Meeting.** Isabella's Taverna & Tapas Bar. The speaker will be Eric Jorgensen, Hospice Veteran Liaison.

Legal Information of Interest

Lawyer Referral Service Available to Members

Members of the Bar Association of Frederick County can join the Baltimore County Bar Association's (BCBA) ABA-certified Lawyer Referral Service (LRS). The BCBA will waive the \$175 annual fee for BAFC members. In addition, the BCBA LRS will waive the requirement for BAFC panel attorneys to perform four, two-hour mandatory screening sessions per program year. Any calls received from Frederick County residents will be referred to Frederick County LRS panel attorneys.

The referral year runs from July 1 - June 30. You can sign up at any point online or through a physical copy during the year and will need to reapply for every year that you would like to remain on Lawyer Referral.

Online and paper application available [HERE](#). After reading over the LRIS Rules and completing the application in its entirety, please download the application. Once the application is downloaded, please email the application and a Declaration Sheet from your legal malpractice carrier to abah@bcba.org. Following your application submission, you will receive an invoice via email. After the invoice is paid to the BCBA, you will be active and able to receive referrals. If you would like to turn in a physical application please follow the mailing directions on the application.

Berman | Sobin | Gross LLP is hiring a LAW CLERK / ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY in our Frederick office!

Job Description

We are a Maryland law firm with an excellent reputation in personal injury and workers' compensation seeking candidates to help grow our litigation and appellate departments specifically in our Western Maryland office. Our Frederick County office is currently seeking law school graduates or 3rd Year law school students. We have both full-time and part-time positions available depending on whether you are currently in school and licensed in Maryland. Strong writing skills are a MUST. We are looking for team players who are driven and want to make a difference in their communities. This position will provide a substantial amount of hands-on litigation experience for the right candidates. This position also offers a clear pathway for professional development, presenting the opportunity to transition into an associate attorney role post-graduation.

Benefits: 401(k), Dental insurance, Flexible spending account, Health insurance, Life insurance, Paid time off, Parental leave, Retirement plan, Vision insurance

Work Location: In person

Visit our careers page at bsglaw.com for more information.

BSG
BERMAN | SOBIN | GROSS LLP



Information of Interest

Are You Looking for a Paralegal?

If you are in need of a paralegal, Dr. Tracy Parker, Program Manager for Frederick Community College's Paralegal Program, may be able to help. You can reach Dr. Parker at : 301-624-2819, TParker@frederick.edu. To find out more about FCC's Paralegal program visit: <https://www.frederick.edu/programs/business/paralegal.aspx>

Willing to Take a Pro Bono Case?

The Pro Bono Resource Center has a website called Statewide Opportunities that shows users a database of pro bono service opportunities, trainings, public interest jobs, etc. around the state. The database can be filtered by county, as well as by specific types of opportunities. For example if you [click here](#), you will see only those opportunities that exist in Frederick County, OR that are statewide, remote, or online. www.probonomd.org/statewide-opportunities

Job Opportunity



MARYLAND OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE AUGUST 2, 2024

Visit us to meet our exceptional team, explore the dynamic realm of public defense, and discover our exciting job opportunities.

This event is for

- Judicial law clerks
- Experienced attorneys
- Entry level attorneys
- Law students

11am -1pm
Virtual - Zoom
Meeting ID: 873 1904 2637
Passcode: 339124

[Click Here to Register](#)

For more information on available positions or for an application for the Office of the Public Defender, please visit: <https://www.jobapscloud.com/MD/sup/bulpreview.asp?b=&R1=24&R2=005799&R3=0018>