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SAVE THE DATE

December 12, 2024

BAFC Annual Holiday Party
Isabella's Taverna and Tapas Bar

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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.

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

A Little Fun

The **September Mystery Member** was **Detric Kemp**. Congratulations to Janice Rockwell for her correct guess! The October Mystery Member will be revealed at the October luncheon.

October Mystery Member

1. **What is your favorite sports team?** The Pittsburgh Pirates (*I know*)

2. **What is your favorite food?** Pho.

3. **From where did you receive your undergraduate degree? What was your major?** American University - Major in Justice with a Minor in Anthropology

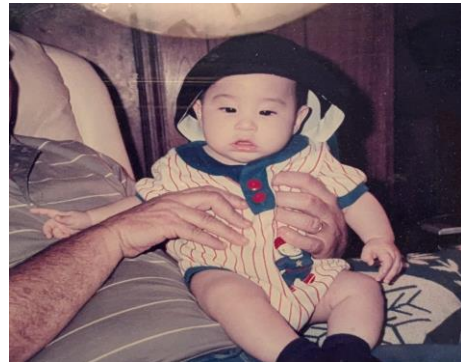
4. **From where did you receive your law degree?** American University Washington College of Law

5. **If you could go back in time and give advice to your eighteen year old self, what would you say?** Never say "never."

6. **What is your best advice to a young lawyer?** Always remember that nothing would get done without clerks and support staff. Also, be open to the many professional opportunities you will have throughout your career.

7. **If you were not a lawyer, what would you do for a living and why?** Likely something in the psychology field. The human mind fascinates me.

8. **Who is your role model? Why?** My father. Without his guidance growing up, I wouldn't have ended up where I am today.



Who is this? Email your guess to Maegan at: info@frederickbar.org by 9am on the day of our monthly luncheon (October 8th).

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Section and Committee Updates

Elder, Disability and Guardianship Law Section

The next **Elder, Disability, and Guardianship Law Section Meeting** will be on Wednesday, November 13th at noon at Issabella's Taverna & Tapas Bar. The speaker will be Scott Birdsall, LMSW, Frederick County DSS, Adult Protective Services and Brad Petersen, Director, Resource and Service Navigation with 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 next **Family Law Section** meeting will be held **virtually on Thursday, October 10th at noon**. The speaker will be Eva Street from the Self-Help Clinic. She will be discussing an additional service set to begin soon at our Friday morning dockets where members of the Self-Help Clinic will be providing assistance to pro se litigants regarding service, scheduling, paperwork, etc. to help streamline the process. Tune in for more information.

For more information about the Family Law Section, please contact:

Co-Chair Meaghan Delawter at mld@delawterlaw.com or

Co-Chair Shondell Foster at 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 Community College is hosting a **Pro Bono Legal Clinic** and is looking for volunteers on **Thursday, November 7th from 4pm to 8pm**. They are looking for 25 attorneys in a variety of areas of law to do either a 2 hour shift or a 4 hour shift that evening. If you are able to help, please RSVP with shift and area of law to Dr. Tracy Parker at TParker@frederick.edu. The clinic will be held in Annapolis Hall on the first floor.

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

Join the **WBA Frederick and Washington Counties Chapter** for a fun **Family Halloween Event** on **October 25th from 5-8 pm** at Milkhouse Brewery located in their pavilion. There will be a trick or treat for kids, arts and crafts, food and drink! Tickets are \$15 per person, \$5 per child over 5 years of age. Children 5 and under are free. Adult tickets include one beer/wine token per person. There will be a food truck on site.

Tickets can be purchased by check at Machin Law Firm, via venmo @ranimachin, or zelle at 240-499-4081. Any questions please contact Rada Machin at mailto:rada@machinlawfirm.com.



MSBA Event: Frederick & Carroll County Mix & Mingle

On **Thursday, November 6th**, the MSBA is hosting a **FREE** event for with judges, attorneys, and paralegals from across Frederick and Carroll Counties and beyond. The event will be from 5-7p at O'Lordans Pub in Westminster (14 Liberty Street). This social event is open to all legal professionals in and around Frederick and Carroll Counties for an opportunity to meet, mix & mingle, and have a great time. Register here: https://msba.org/site/rise/Events/Event_display.aspx?EventKey=MM11072024&WebsiteKey=5379acd8-e637-4c48-a814-b520fa60a952

Dates to Remember

- ****October 8, 12p: BAFC Monthly Luncheon.** Delaplaine Arts Center. Our speaker will be Tim Maloney. Our sponsor will be Minnesota Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company. ****2nd Tuesday due to a scheduling conflict.**
- **October 10, 12p: Family Law Section Meeting** via Zoom. Eva Street from the Self-Help Clinic will be the speaker.
- **October 10, 5-8p: Annual Dinner with the Judges & Magistrates.** Dutch's Daughter.
- **October 16, 3:30p: Memorial and Dedication Service in honor of Judge Andrew Wilkinson.** Washington County Circuit Court
- **October 24: Legal clinic for LBGTQ+ community.** The Frederick Center. Contact Trevor Addie-Carter if you can volunteer.
- **October 25, 5-8p: Family Halloween Event** presented by the WBA Frederick & Washington Counties Chapter. Milkhouse Brewery.
- **November 6, 5-7p: Mix & Mingle Event with the MSBA.** O'Lordans Pub in Westminster. *See registration link above.*
- **November 7, 4-8p: FCC Pro Bono Clinic.** *To volunteer, please see contact information on page 3.*
- ****November 12, 12p: BAFC Monthly Luncheon.** Delaplaine Arts Center. Our sponsor will be Vallit Dispute & Valuation Advisors. ****2nd Tuesday due to Election Day.**
- **November 13, 12p: Elder, Disability, & Guardianship Section Meeting.** Isabella's Taverna & Tapas Bar.



Recent Events

Opening Term of Court

Opening Term of Court was held on Monday, September 9th. The morning started with the reading of two Memorial Resolutions for bar association members that we've recently lost. The first was in memory of Seymour Stern and was read by Meaghan Delawter. The second was in memory of Richard Bricken and was read by Magistrate Mary Drawbaugh. Family for Mr. Stern and Mr. Bricken were both present to hear the resolutions and were very appreciative of this BAFC tradition to honor their departed loved one.

We also had two lawyers sign the Lawyer's Book, a Frederick County tradition dating back to 1946. Congratulations to Meghana Vodela and Shondell Foster. BAFC President, Carla Clarke, also gave a summary of the activities of the Bar Association over the last six months before State's Attorney Charlie Smith swore in the new grand jury.

Mark your calendars for Monday, February 3rd for the next Opening Term of Court. We look forward to seeing you there.



YLS New Attorney/Law Clerk Happy Hour

The Young Lawyers Section hosted their annual New Law Clerk/Admittee Happy Hour on September 26th at Frederick Social. The event was well attended by many of the new law clerks, and it was a great opportunity to introduce them to the Frederick legal community. Thank you to all who attended!



Information of Interest

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.

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& November 4th, 2024
MOPD Training Center

The Office of the Public Defender has a variety of positions available and is hosting a Job Fair on November 4th. Visit <https://opd.state.md.us/jobfair> for more information.

Help Wanted

Weaver & Fitzpatrick, P.A. is seeking: Legal Administrative Assistant: Part-time: 20 to 25 hours weekly at busy law practice. Option to increase to full-time. Professional appearance, positive attitude, respectful, friendly demeanor, and positive outlook are essential. Experience with Microsoft Word, Excel, and Adobe Acrobat and ability to type a minimum of 50 wpm essential. Familiarity with TimeSolv is preferred. No benefits offered at part-time level. If candidate converts to full-time, vacation, health, and retirement plan are offered on specified terms at the full-time level. Submit resumes and cover letters to samantha@weaverfitzlaw.com.

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

