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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.

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 October Mystery Member was Trevor Addie-Carter. Congratulations to Magistrate Carin Golze for her correct guess! The November Mystery Member will be revealed at the November luncheon.

November Mystery Member

- 1. What is your favorite sports team? Pittsburgh Steelers
- **2. What is your favorite food?** Orchard ripe fruit
- **3. What is your childhood nickname?** Tidy-bowl man
- 4. From where did you receive your undergraduate degree? Penn State University What was your major? Public Administration
- 5. From where did you receive your law degree? Dickinson School of Law
- 6. What was the biggest adjustment you experienced as you transitioned into your current role? Handling administrative duties ②



- 7. If you could go back in time and give advice to your eighteen year old self, what would you say? Believe in yourself you can do whatever you want.
- **8.** What is your best advice to a young lawyer? People pay handsomely for our services. Don't take it for granted; always give your best.
- **9.** If you were not a lawyer, what would you do for a living and why? Farmer or greenhouse owner because I like playing in the dirt.
- **10.** Who is your role model? Why? My dad. He was comfortable in his own skin, kind, hard-working, earnest, and found pleasure in the simplest aspects of life.
- 11. If you had one wish that was guaranteed to be granted, what would that wish be? Human beings killing other human beings would not happen, ever.

Who is this? Email your guess to Maegan at: <u>info@frederickbar.org</u> by 9am on the day of our monthly luncheon (November 12th).





Member Updates

Congratulations to Lorraine M. B. Prete of Kaslick & Prete, LLC for being one of only 25 attorneys statewide recognized in the Daily Record's 2024 Family Law Power List. The Kaslick & Prete team is extremely proud of her. Lorraine works tirelessly to uphold the highest of legal standards as she serves her clients and the entire legal community. Well deserved!

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.



Pro Bono Committee

The Frederick Center hosts **free legal clinics** that offer brief advice to the LGBTQ+ community. The 2025 clinics will be held quarterly with the first one being held on **January 9th**, 2025. If you would like to volunteer for future clinics, please contact Trevor Addie-Carter at <u>taddiecarter@hormannichols.com</u>.

Frederick Community College is hosting a **Pro Bono Legal Clinic** and is looking for volunteers on **Thursday, November 7**th **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 <u>TParker@frederick.edu</u>. The clinic will be held in Annapolis Hall on the first floor.



Dates to Remember

- 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 9, 8:30-1p: Civics & Law Academy. Frederick High School. *Deadline to register is November 1st!*
- **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.
- November 26, 12-5p: Annual Thanksgiving Dinner with the Salvation Army. See information below.
- **December 3, 12p: BAFC Monthly Luncheon.** Delaplaine Arts Center. Our speakers will be from the Maryland Office of Administrative Hearings. Our sponsor is ACNB Bank.
- **December 12, 5-8p: Annual Holiday Party.** Isabella's Taverna and Tapas Bar.

Upcoming Dates of Interest

MSBA Event: Frederick & Carroll County Mix & Mingle

On **Wednesday, November 6th**, the MSBA is hosting a **FREE** event for 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

Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

The BAFC will once again host a **Thanksgiving Dinner through the Salvation Army** on **Tuesday, November 26th.** Serving times will be from 12-5pm. You can volunteer to serve and/or donate items for the dinner. Sign up here.





Recent Events

Annual Dinner with the Judges and Magistrates

The weather turned slightly crisp on Thursday, October 10th, making it a beautiful night to enjoy the Bar Association's Annual Dinner with the Judges and Magistrates at Dutch's Daughter. There were over 100 guests, including over 30 judges and magistrates from surrounding counties as well as the Appellate Court and Supreme Court of Maryland.

This year tables were named after famous Frederick County landmarks and introductions of the bench were made by one of Frederick's newest judges, the Honorable Joanie Raymond. Judge Raymond offered up a brief moment of silence in remembrance of unexpected losses to the bench in the last year, the Honorable Andrew F. Wilkinson of Washington County Circuit Court and the Honorable Michael John Stamm of St. Mary's County Circuit Court. Chief Justice Matthew Fader then briefly addressed the crowd. He shared how the judiciary is addressing the current mental health crisis. He also talked about the current climate of distrust of government, leading to a growing discontent of the process, which affects judges and attorneys in their daily work.

Dinner was followed with the presentation of the BAFC annual awards (see next article) as well as the presentation of two Past President plaques to Cristine Evans LoVetro (2021) and Timothy Price (2023)

Mark your calendars for **Thursday**, **October 9**th, **2025** for the next **Dinner with the Judges**. We look forward to seeing you there!



BAFC Annual Awards

At the annual Judges Dinner the BAFC Annual Awards were presented. Read below to find out more about the members recognized and be sure to offer them congratulations the next time you see them around town!

The award presentations began with the Honorable Joanie Raymond presenting the Gordon M. Cooley Pro Bono Service Award to Sarah Nadolny. Sarah's entire legal career has been focused on providing for the underrepresented. After graduating from law school, Sarah worked for Heartly House. She then went on to work at HopeWorks in Howard County representing victims of sexual and intimate partner violence and then returned to Heartly House in 2020. Sarah was a dedicated staff attorney and then Interim Director at Heartly House through 2023, serving victims and survivors of domestic violence in Frederick County. She has continued to provide services for those in need on a pro bono basis through Maryland Volunteer Legal Services and was recognized by MVLS for the past 2 years for handling 10 or more pro bono cases. Despite now working at a practice in Howard County, she has remained a member of the BAFC and continues to perform pro bono work in Frederick County.



Alan Winik presented the **James McSherry Memorial Award** to **Magistrate Carin Golze**. This award recognizes a member who has demonstrated outstanding service to the Bar Association of Frederick County. Alan shared a story of a piece of advice given to him by Mr. McSherry: "Always take care of your clients. That's the most important thing." Alan said it was a pleasure and honor to present the award to Magistrate Golze, who is like a daughter to him. He shared how he has watched her over the years and her intense focus on not only becoming a better lawyer, but also a better citizen. Magistrate Golze was the BAFC Family Law Section Chair for years and, aside from scheduling speakers and events for the section, ensured that there was regular communication between the family bar and the bench. She is a habitual supporter of bar events, regularly attends luncheons and events.



The award presentation concluded with Ian Bartman presenting the **W. Jerome**Offutt Award to Paul Flynn. This award recognizes a member who has contributed to the advancement of professionalism and civility in the practice of law in Frederick County. Ian shared how he had personally nominated Paul for this award for several years and found it humorous that this year was the year he hadn't. Ian stated he has practiced on the same side with Paul, against him, and considers him a valued peer and friend as well as an asset to our bar. Words used to describe Paul include: a kind human, always acts with grace, professional, civil and an example to young lawyers on how to practice law with integrity. One nominee summed up their nomination by stating "Paul's calm demeanor is steadfast and he never riles or responds in anger. He is respectful to all and humble in his approach to the practice of law. He exemplifies professionalism and civility and is a role model to all attorneys."





Articles of Interest

Understanding Money Scripts and Their Impact on Divorce

By: Steve Schleupner, CFP®, CDFA®, ChFC®, CDC® MBA

Divorce is not just the dissolution of a marital relationship but also a significant financial event that challenges individuals to rethink their approach to money. The concept of money scripts—deeply ingrained beliefs about money developed during childhood—plays a crucial role in how individuals manage their finances, especially during a divorce. These scripts, combined with the shift from wealth accumulation to using money as a support tool, create complexities for clients and pose challenges for attorneys.

The Four Money Scripts

Money scripts are unconscious beliefs about money that influence financial behavior. Understanding these scripts can provide insight into clients' financial decisions during divorce:

- 1. Money Avoidance: Individuals with this script believe money is bad and that wealthy people are greedy. They may avoid financial matters, leading to neglect of their financial well-being.
- 2. Money Worship: This script involves the belief that more money will solve all problems and bring happiness. Individuals may prioritize wealth accumulation, often at the expense of other aspects of life.
- 3. Money Status: People with this script equate their self-worth with their net worth. They often link their identity and social standing to their financial success.
- 4. Money Vigilance: This script is characterized by a focus on frugality, saving, and being alert to financial threats. While it promotes financial security, it can also lead to excessive anxiety and reluctance to spend money.

Pre-Divorce Financial Focus

Before divorce, many individuals focus on wealth accumulation. This focus is not just about financial security but also a reflection of their professional achievements and their commitment to the vows and intentions set for their family. Accumulating wealth often serves as a testament to their hard work, dedication, and ability to provide for their loved ones.

For many, this wealth accumulation is tied to:

- · Professional Identity: Success in their career is often measured by financial milestones, bonuses, promotions, and the ability to afford a certain lifestyle.
- · Family Commitments: Financial stability ensures the fulfillment of promises made to their family, such as funding education, vacations, and a comfortable home.

(*To finish reading this article in its entirety, please click here.*)



Plaintiff's Tip- Not all communications with experts are discoverable

By: Stephen Campen, BAFC Member; Campen & Manganaro

For a very long time, it was the law that all communications with experts were discoverable.

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Dutch's Daughter

Not so now. Maryland Rule 2-402(g)(1)(D) states as follows: "Protection for Communications Between a Party's Attorney and Expert Witnesses. A party is not entitled to the discovery of communications between another party's attorney and an expert witness, regardless of the form of the communication, except to the extent that the (i) relates to compensation for the expert's study or testimony, (ii) identifies facts or data that the attorney provided and the expert considered in forming the opinion to be expressed, or (iii) identifies assumptions that the party's attorney provided and the expert relied on in forming the opinions to be expressed."

Thus, be careful when responding to the defense discovery requests that typically are overbroad and request all communications with experts.

Information of Interest



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.

Volunteer Wanted

Second Chances Garage, Inc. ("SCG"), a local 501(c)3 nonprofit, seeks an attorney to fill an upcoming vacancy on its Board of Directors. SCG, now in its fourteenth year, has a passion for cars and helping those in need. SCG seeks to make a difference in the Frederick Community by offering "second chances" for individuals and families on their journey to independent living by providing assistance with their personal transportation needs. SCG solicits vehicle donations, refurbishes the vehicles, and places them with gainfully employed individuals referred to SCG by Partner Agencies. SCG offers additional programs, such as reduced-cost repairs. Eligibility for SCG programs aligns with the ALICE guidelines. If you are interested in serving on the Board or have any questions, please contact April Dixon at adixon@mdglawfirm.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, <u>TParker@frederick.edu</u>. 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 <u>click here</u>, you will see only those opportunities that exist in Frederick County, OR that are statewide, remote, or online. <u>www.probonomd.org/statewide-opportunities</u>

