**The Bar Association of Frederick County, Maryland, Inc.**

**Monthly Membership Meeting Agenda**

**MINUTES: April 5, 2022**

**Call to Order was made by President Flores at 12:22 pm.**

**Sponsor:** Jessica York & Rachel Payne, Planet Depos

**Meeting Minutes and Treasurer’s Report:** March minutes and February Treasurer’s Report were approved.

GUESTS:

* Sarah Cline was present as a guest of Judge Dino Flores, Sarah is Chair of the MSBA Real Property Section.
* Derek Roussillon was a guest of Paul Rose.

**Old Business was discussed, specifically the following:**

* The BAFC is hosting a 4-hour **Mediation Skills Update Seminar** on **May 4th from 8a-12p** at the Delaplaine Arts Center. Registration is $75 for BAFC members and $150 for non-members. Registration can be done on our website at http://www.frederickbar.org/events.html or mailed into P.O. Box 3088, Frederick, MD 21705. Deadline to register is April 27th.

# New Business

* **Congratulations to Ruhe Yilma of Lusk Law** who was named by Maryland Legal Aid as their **Pro Bono Attorney of the Month** for the month of April.
* The **Family Law Section** will have a **Happy Hour on April 28, 2022 beginning at 4:30 pm at Frederick Social.** We will have the option of gathering both indoors and outdoors. This event is sponsored by Scheuerman Law, LLC. There will be complimentary food along with drinks of your choice. For more information about the Family Law Section, please contact Carin Golze at Carin@WinikLaw.com.
* The **Business Law Section** will meet on **April 21, 2022 at 12pm at Lusk Law.** (Zoom available upon request.) For more information about the Business Law Section, please contact Rebekah Lusk at rlusk@lusk-law.com. Rebekah announced that a link would be sent closer in time to the program.
* The **Business Law Section** is having a virtual presentation entitled **“Mind Your Business: Coordinating Business and Estate Plans to Preserve Value” on** **September 15, 2022 at 12pm, via Zoom.**
* **Small Business Advisory Commission of Frederick County**: BAFC member and Business Law Section chair Rebekah Lusk speaking. https://frederickcountymd.gov/8249/Small-Business-Advisory:

Rebekah advised that the Commission acts as a means for civil engagement. Rick Weldon is the chair and Rebekah Lusk is the Vice hair.

* There will be a **Celebration of Life** **for BAFC member Stephen LeRoux** on **April 14th at New Spire Arts** (15 W. Patrick St.). The legal community is asked to come between the hours of **4-6p** to help spread out the number of people coming to pay their respects.
* **Brief Introduction of Litigant in need of representation:** Monnique Nettleford-Bruce, mnbruce@mdlab.org:

 **The applicant is a 63 year old resident of Frederick who is revising her will. She has two children in her home. She is looking for legal assistance.**

* **Maryland Legal Aid** has more resources available at the current time to take in qualified clients in domestic cases. They can usually provide assistance to income eligible clients who are the primary custodian of a minor that is involved in a contested domestic case. Walk-in intake is open or  a client can complete an intake by phone at (888) 465-2468.

**New Members**

* **Justin Spencer** (Sponsor: Judge Julie Solt): was unanimously approved for membership. As a side note, Judge Adams was the babysitter for his mother, showing a Frederick connection.

**Guest Speaker**

Our speaker was Wayne Dorsey, President of Safe Ride. Wayne described that the Safe Ride program permits any individual in Frederick County who believes they are impaired to call and get a ride. Safe Ride will have two of their volunteers show up and one will provide a ride and the other will drive the caller’s vehicle home. There is no fee for this service and they also take volunteers who need to do community service.

**Adjournment was at 12:49 pm**

The next meeting will be our monthly luncheon on **May 2nd at 12:00 p.m**. with speaker Sheriff Chuck Jenkins at the Delaplaine Arts Center.