



NEWSLETTER

January 2023

President's Message

By: The Honorable Dino E. Flores, Jr., BAFC President

Happy New Year to all! Let us hope that 2023 brings us closer to a “normal” world. Thanks for the members who attended the Holiday Party at Tenth Ward Distillery, and most importantly, to all who donated to make our CINA contribution the largest the BAFC has ever made: \$6,478.00! The Young Lawyers Section also met the goals they set for their Toy and Clothing Drive to assist families in our community. Truly the Holiday giving spirit was shining upon the BAFC. Now take down those holiday decorations and lights!



This will be a banner year for the BAFC. We are preparing to celebrate our 100th year as a bar association, and we will have a lot of exciting events planned. We have scheduled our sorely missed Dinner with the Judges for May 18, 2023. Our guest of honor will be Maryland's first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Maryland, Matthew J. Fader. We will keep you posted about other events as we prepare for this coming year.

Our regular luncheon is scheduled for January 3, 2023, and we have as many as six new potential members to present to the membership. We have consistently been adding new members every luncheon if you haven't noticed, and we look forward to our current members meeting them at the luncheons.

Opening Term of Court is scheduled for February 6, 2023. We will present a Memorial Resolution to the Circuit Court on behalf of our departed friend Blaine Hoffman. Our BAFC luncheon will be the next day, February 7, at which time we will introduce the slate of incoming officers for your approval. Don't forget to pay your dues. Please keep coming to the luncheons and our other events. Make it a New Year's Resolution (that you won't break)!

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- Chair, Montgomery County Criminal Law Section
- Handled 50+ jury trials

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- Washingtonian* Best Lawyers, 2015-2022
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- Lectured around the U.S. on asylum law to immigration lawyers
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SECTION/COMMITTEE UPDATES

Young Lawyers Section

The Young Lawyers Section is pleased to announce that they successfully filled the donations for the FCPS family they adopted due to the outpouring generosity and support of many BAFC members. Your support is greatly appreciated.

A special thank you to the following individuals for their donations:

Judge Theresa Adams, Mimi Teahan, Marshall Horman, Clark Adams, Kelly Lynch, Carin Golze, Randy Rolls, Mary Beth Kaslick, April Dixon and Rada Machin.

YLS is proud to announce the **2023 YLS Board**:

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For more information about the Young Lawyers Section, please email bafcyys@gmail.com.

For more information about the Elder, Disability, Trusts and Estates section please contact Tim Price at tcp@eqlawyers.com.

Business Law Section

For more information about the Business Law Section please contact Rebekah Lusk at rlusk@lusk-law.com

BAFC Website

RECENT EVENTS

BAFC Annual Holiday Party

Holiday Television Classics was the theme of this year's BAFC Holiday Party but the word that probably describes the event the best is "NEW".

On the evening of December 15th, despite the soggy weather about 75 BAFC members and guests gathered at Tenth Ward Distilling Company's Whisky Hall to eat, drink, and be merry. Along with the new venue we also had a new caterer (Canapes Catering) and new opportunity to raise money for CINA with an ornament contest (see article below for more on that).

The membership did not disappoint with their competitiveness to take home the night's costume contests. There were several Charlie Brown's in the house, a blue velvet suit and even a visit from the royal family of Arendelle! Living up to their streak, Mary Beth Kaslick and Lorraine Prete took home the "Best Holiday Television Classic" award for their portrayal of SNL's segment "Schweddy Balls". Bethany Shechtel took home the "Best Holiday" costume award for her Hanukkah Princess ensemble complete with silver glitter boots!

It was a great night filled with lots of laughs, door prizes, and a gratefulness to gather once again at the BAFC's biggest annual event. The committee is already planning next year! A big "thank you" to our sponsors who allowed us to try all the "newness". It wouldn't have happened without you: Minnesota Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company, Planet Depos, Kaslick & Prete LLC, Mlles & Stockbridge, and Janice Rockwell LLC,





CINA Fundraiser and Ornament Contest

Our CINA fundraiser also got a makeover this year. Instead of signing or gingerbread houses it was decided that ornaments would be this year's option to show off the creativeness of our members and their families. Ornaments could be handmade or an existing ornament could be refurbished. There were 8 entries in all and they were displayed in a courthouse jury room prior to the Holiday Party for our Frederick judges and magistrates to vote. The winners of the Ornament Contest are: "Best Holiday" Ornament: "Angel Duet" by Lori Carsey, mother of Executive Director Maegan Cooper. "Best Holiday Television Classic" ornament to "Charlie Brown" by Deb Shechtel, mother of BAFC member Bethany Shechtel and two "Honorable Mentions" to "Grinch Trio" by Executive Director Maegan Cooper and "America" by Lyla Cooper, daughter of Maegan Cooper.

The ornaments were then displayed at the BAFC Holiday Party for silent auction. Two ornaments were popular among attendees and it was decided to convert their auctions to "live". Bringing in over \$100 was Mary Beth Kaslick's "Love" ornament. The biggest money raiser of the night went to Lyla Cooper's sequined "America" ornament which created quite the bidding war for several members with Scott Morrison eventually having the winning bid of \$450! Thank you to all those who made ornaments; each was beautiful and unique.

Thank you to all those that donated to CINA, either through a direct donation, "tip" at the BAFC Holiday Party, or bidding on ornaments. We raised over **\$6400 for the CINA children**, breaking the 2020 record for the most money we've ever raised! Your generosity is amazing and appreciated more than words can say.



•A Few Reminders as we enter 2023:

- **2023 due invoices came out on December 1st.** You can renew online via the new membership software or mail a check. Dues for active/associate members is \$160 and for Young Lawyers is \$75 (those passing the bar between 1-5 years ago). **2023 dues were due January 1, 2023.** If you need assistance with paying your dues online contact Maegan at info@frederickbar.org.
- The **FCPS Mock Trial Competition** will be gearing up soon. The tentative dates are on Tuesday and Wednesday beginning January 10th through March 1st. Attorney volunteers are needed to serve as judges. Competitions are held at the Frederick Courthouse and start at 6p. Please watch your email and consider signing up. We will be sending a link once FCPS is back in session and we have confirmation of all dates.

Events

- **January 3, 12p: BAFC Monthly Meeting.** Delaplaine Arts Center. Our speakers will be a panel of judges & magistrates from the Frederick Circuit and District Courts.

Save the Date

o **February 6, 9am: Opening Term of Court.**Circuit Courtroom 1.

o **February 7, 12p: BAFC Annual Meeting** Delaplaine Arts Center. Our speaker will be Shannon Aleshire, CEO of the Mental Health Association of Frederick County and Planet Depos is our sponsor.

o **May 18th: Judges Dinner & 100th Anniversary Celebration.** Dutch's Daughter. Details coming soon!

[Full Calendar of Events](#)

**Thank you for supporting
the **Justice For All Fund** last month:**

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Information of Interest

Maryland Bar Foundation Awards: Call for Nominations

Know someone who deserves recognition? The Maryland Bar Foundation is accepting nominations for its annual award. **The deadline for nominations is Jan. 30, 2023.** The Curran and Legal Excellence awards will be presented at the MSBA's Open Meeting on March 30, 2023. See more information [here](#).

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:
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