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DECEMBER 14, 2023

BAFC Annual Holiday Party Union Mills Public House 5-8p

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Classified and display advertising are available at a modest cost. Go to ww.frederickbar.org for information.

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

100 Years Ago...

Frederick, Maryland February 5, 1923

A meeting of the Bar Association of Frederick County, Maryland was held at the Court House on the above date and was called to order by the President, Milton G. Urner with the following members present; - Judge Worthington, McShery, Etchison, Keedy, Parsons Newman, Laslie Coblents, Haller, DeLauter, Rohrback, M.G. Urner Jr., Ross, Brown and Motter.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

W. Clinto McSherry on behalf of the Committee appointed to draft a Constitution, ByLaws and Code of Ethics then read the ByLaws which with a few amendments were adopted as read.

The Committee reported that the Code of Ethics was being prepared in printed

form and would be presented to each member at the next regular meeting of the Association.

It was regularly moved and carried that the Association heartily second the invitation that had been extended by the Chamber of Commerce to the State Bar Association to hold its next regular session in Frederick County, Maryland.

No further business appearing the meeting adjourned.

/s/

Guy K. Motter, Secretary

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President's Message

May 2023 will be a busy month for BAFC! The month's activities start immediately on Monday, May 1, the day recognized nationally as Law Day! Law Day was first proclaimed by President Eisenhower in 1958. Congresses passed a joint resolution in 1961 marking May 1 as Law Day. The American Bar Association defines Law Day as: "A national day set aside to celebrate the rule of law. Law Day underscores how law and the legal process have contributed to the freedoms that all Americans share."

Frederick County students will be in attendance at the Circuit Court and District Court to learn more about our judicial system and to observe courtroom proceedings. After a COVID induced hiatus, Members of BAFC will once again be volunteering their time at sites across the County assisting citizens across the County with executing Health Care Directives. Thank you to Michele Hansen for spearheading this opportunity.

Tuesday the 2nd brings our regular luncheon at the Delaplaine Arts Center and the Maryland State Bar Association is sponsoring an event at Brewer's Alley on Monday May 8.



On the business side of our Association, BAFC is once again sponsoring a continuing education program for mediation. Thank you to this year's committee and presenters for putting the time and energy into making this an informative and valuable offering to attorneys' providing mediation services.

Most importantly, the Judges' Dinner returns on May 18 at Dutch's Daughter, where the crab cakes are certain to please. *Deadline to register for this popular event is May 1st*!

Lots of opportunities to interact with your fellow members of the Bar, it should be fun!

Tim Price, President.



Member Spotlight

Congratulations to BAFC Member, **The Honorable Bethamy Brinkley**, who was named to The Daily Record's 2023 listing of **Leaders in Law**.

Through Leaders in Law, The Daily Record and the Maryland State Bar Association honor outstanding legal professionals across Maryland who are serving businesses, clients and individuals and making communities stronger.

Awards are presented in the following categories: Alternative Dispute Resolution, Dealmakers, Generation J.D., Justice Champion, Law Firm Innovation, Law Firm Support Staff, Leadership in Law, Lifetime Achievement and Paralegal.

Section Updates

Young Lawyers Section

The Young Lawyers Section is happy to announce the reschedule date for the Summer Bash at Fourth Dimension Fun Center. Please SAVE THE DATE: June 29, 2023! Registration and ticket details coming soon. In the meantime, **WE ARE LOOKING FOR SPONSORS! Come on big law, we are looking at you!** Match or BEAT Employment Law Center's and Woodsboro Bank's generous donations of \$500!! With one more sponsor, we will be able to reduce ticket prices... so let's get those sponsorships in. Sponsors will also be advertised on all flyers related to the event! Check out our flyer on the next page!

For more information about the Young Lawyers Section, please contact them by email at <u>bafcyls@gmail.com</u>.

Family Law Section

The Family Law Section will be hosting a Meet & Greet Frederick's new Family Services Administrator, Laura Hiser. on **Thursday, May 11th, at 5pm** at Frederick Social. Please come by and introduce yourself to Laura! There will be free drinks on a first-come-first-serve basis.

For more information about the Family Law Section, please contact Carin Golze at Carin@WinikLaw.com.





Dates to Remember

- May 2, 12p: BAFC Monthly Luncheon Meeting. Delaplaine Arts Center. Our speaker will be Graham Bennie from Maryland Center for Legal Assistance. Our sponsor will be BMC Accounting.
- May 3, 8a-12p: BAFC Mediation Skills Update Seminar. Delaplaine Arts Center.
- May 8, 5-7p: Frederick County Connections Event with the MSBA. Brewer's Alley.
- May 18, 5-9p: Dinner with the Judges and Magistrates. Dutch's Daughter. Registration closes May 1st.
- June 6, 12p: BAFC Monthly Luncheon Meeting. Delaplaine Arts Center. Our sponsor will be Woodsboro Bank.
- June 16, 7p: BAFC Friends & Family Night at the Frederick Keys. Picnic hosted by McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC will start at 5pm.



Your logo could be on this flyer!

Contact YLS today to see about sponsoring this fun family event.

Email <u>bafcyls@gmail.com</u> Today!



From the Courthouse

Laura Hiser has been selected as the NEW Circuit Court Family Services Administrator, replacing Colby Hall who left in March and moved to Colorado.

Laura officially began her new role on April 8, 2023. Her new phone number will be 301-600-2023 and her email address will remain <u>Laura.Hiser@mdcourts.gov</u>.

You may know Laura already as she was the previous Family Services Case Manager and was often a point of contact for questions about Family Services.

She will be taking on all of Colby's duties (including budgeting and supervisory duties) and will not have a Family Services Case Manager to assist her right away. **Please be patient if it takes a bit longer than usual to respond to questions or requests.**

Please extend a warm welcome and congratulations to Laura when you see her. We know everyone is happy that the position was filled so quickly and fortunately Laura is already familiar with Family Services operations.



Safeguarding Legal Practices: Workplace Safety in the Legal Profession-

May 12th, 2023

Date: May 12, 2023 | Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12 p.m. EST | Location: OCBA Center & Livestreamed

This course is a **free** event in response to recent incidents of lawyer violence. This training will be conducted by Lieutenant William Bartlett of the Orange County Sheriff's Department and Steve Hardee, a Senior Security Architect at Microsoft. The course will cover topics such as workplace violence scenarios, active assailant statistics, attacker characteristics, planning and prevention, what to do during an active shooter incident, "Stop the Bleed" information, and how to protect yourself from cyber threats. The course will also include case studies, videos, and Q&A sessions with law enforcement experts. Register <u>HERE</u>.



From the MSBA



MSBA Frederick Event

On **May 8th from 5-7p come to Brewer's Ally** to join the MSBA with connecting judges, attorneys, paralegals and partnership organizations from around the state and beyond. This event is open to all of the legal professionals in and around Frederick County for an opportunity to meet and mingle with MSBA President David Shapiro, Esq., local bar leaders, and other members of the profession near you. Register <u>HERE</u>.

Recent Events

Pendente Lite Hearing Prep Seminar

By: Rada Machin, YLS Chair

The Young Lawyers Section sponsored a "*Pendente Lite* Hearing Prep Seminar" on April 21st at noon in Magistrate Facility 1. There was an exceptional turnout with about 40 individuals in attendance. There was a comprehensive discussion on Pendente Lite hearings, the subject matter that these hearings cover, and the expectations of the Bar in our practice before this court. The seminar covered voluntary impoverishment, evidentiary requirements, where experts are needed, and PL procedure.

On behalf of the Young Lawyers Section, I would like to express our sincerest gratitude for Magistrates' Minner and Raymond for serving as Honorary Speakers. Magistrates Minner and Raymond, your presence and contributions to the seminar were invaluable and your insights and expertise were inspiring and informative. I believe our attendees gained a lot from your presentation. YLS is particularly grateful for the time and effort you took to prepare for the seminar and to field questions. We would love to welcome you both to speak again!"







Article of Interest

BAFC PRACTITIONERS OF THE BAR: Ed Storm

An occasional series of profiles of former Frederick County attorneys By: Tom Slater, BAFC Historian

Edward D. Storm had an important impact on Frederick and was a distinguished and influential practitioner at the Bar. Born in 1912, died in 1985 (at age 73, buried at Mount Olivet Cemetery), briefly a teacher and social worker, State Senator, Trial Magistrate, lawyer, father, husband: the basic facts associated with his life are simple, but Ed was a renaissance man.

I interviewed Ed Storm on January 20, 1971 when I was researching my Master's Degree thesis, "Frederick County Politics 1950-1970: A Study in Rural Conservativism." In my list of sources I said of Ed Storm: "Served in the State Senate, 1946-1950; on Democratic State Central Committee, 1962-1966. A seasoned veteran of Frederick County politics who was most cooperative and candid in discussing Frederick County politics, 1950-1970." He also served as president of the Young Democrats of Maryland. Storm attended the 1952 and 1956 Democratic Conventions. He also served as a delegate to the 1967 Maryland Constitutional Convention. In my thesis, I wrote of Storm's re-election defeat in 1950 as follows:



"State Senator Edward D. Storm, a young progressive Democrat, who after unsuccessfully seeking the office of State's Attorney for Frederick County in 1942, was elected State Senator in 1946. Storm was a strong supporter of Governor Lane. ... Storm's association with Lane was probably a factor in his defeat in that Storm supported Lane's proposal for a statewide sales tax." (Lane's sales tax, Maryland's first, was designed to pay for the Bay Bridge (now known as the William Preston Lane, Jr. Bridge) and led to Lane's defeat for re-election as well as Storm's defeat by long-time Republican delegate Jacob R. Ramsburg.)

Many in the BAFC remember his daughter, Mary, who died in 2016. Mary was the first female attorney to practice in Frederick County and practiced with her father. She was a past president of the BAFC as was her father. In order to fill in the blanks about the life of Storm, I tracked down his other daughter, Penny, who is a retired college professor now living in Florida. Thanks to Penny, a more fully developed picture of this extraordinary man emerges.

Storm was a graduate of Frederick High School, the University of Virginia, and the University of Maryland School of Law. For four years after graduation from law school, he worked as a U.S. Conciliation Commissioner under the U.S. District Court. After serving in the Navy, and earning two battle stars, he worked as a general practice attorney, including time as a trial magistrate. At various times he shared office space with Manny Weinberg, Sam Barrick, and Ben Rosenstock. Ed was the attorney for the Town of Emmitsburg for 20 years.

Penny remembers that in the 1950s or 1960s the number of clients and range of income of Frederick lawyers were listed and her father had the most clients but not nearly the highest income. That discrepancy occurred because he often accepted whatever his clients could afford to pay. One client promised to pay him a bushel of corn every year for as long as he lived, in payment for services rendered. Even after Ed died, the former client continued to deliver the corn to his wife. He also received as payment for services a small island in the Potomac River, where he often fished, but always threw back into the river any fish he caught. Eventually the U.S. Park Service took over ownership of the island.



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Far Left: 1950 Campaign Photo

Left: Ed Storm being sworn in by Clerk of the Court Ellis Wachter with his wife and motherin-law looking on. (Unsure what he is being sworn in for.)

In the 1970's, he represented two young men with long hair who looked like hippies. Storm advised them to cut their hair and dress conservatively, but they told him that they wouldn't follow his advice. Ed then decided that he would let his hair grow long so his clients would not look so out of place when they appeared in court. When the court date came, Ed showed up looking like a hippie, and his clients had changed their minds, cut their hair, and cleaned themselves up.

Penny reports that once the police showed up at Parkway Elementary where she was attending school because one of her father's clients, who was unhappy with the result of his criminal case, threatened to make his attorney pay and there was concern for her safety.

He was appointed to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission and the Maryland Public Service Commission. As with many of his generation, Ed Storm was a joiner. He was active with the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, American Red Cross, Frederick Historical Society, Chamber of Commerce, the United Fire Company, PTA, Elks, Moose, Eagles, Lions Club, VFW, Amvets, 4-H, the Indian Lookout Conservation Club, and the Presbyterian Church. He helped organize the Frederick Counseling Services, the Frederick Jacees, the Frederick Torch Club, and the Frederick South End Civic Association.

After the assassination of John F. Kennedy Ed wrote a letter to the editor of the Frederick News Post which illustrates how outspoken he was. Some excerpts from that letter include the following:

"Have we permitted a climate to develop even in Frederick that makes it possible for frustrated egotists to masquerade as patriots while they undermine the very foundations of America's freedom. ...Do we unwittingly encourage them when we fail to challenge their sly insinuations, scurrilous literature and fear peddling attacks on UNICEF, the National Council of Churches, local religions groups, the United Nations, or our public schools? Who are these patriots who accuse Kennedy, Eisenhower, and Truman of being communists? Who are these censors of the state Board of Education and the local School Board?"

Ed's life centered on family, politics, the law, sports, travel, painting, and music. He played the piano, harmonica, accordion, and the melodica. Ed could read music as well as play by ear. His daughters, Mary and Penny, gave him a director's baton each birthday for Ed to use when listening to music. They had to give him a new one each birthday because he was so enthusiastic that he hit furniture with his active movements and by the end of the year his baton was worn down. He was a choir member of his church and was in the St. Joseph's Special Choir. Active in the theatre, Ed was involved with the Vagabond Players in Baltimore, Goucher Players, the Hood College Auxillary Players, and the



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Fredericktown Players. He loved to swim, golf, and play tennis. He was very competitive in card games, especially proficient at bridge, backgammon, and scrabble. In his later years Ed traveled to Europe, Africa, India, Afganistan, and Pakistan.

Ed was married to Mildred ("Millie") who shared Ed's love of theatre and was a teacher. Millie was also active in the community, serving as president of the Maryland Federation of Womens' Clubs. She was involved in the starting of the annual Frederick Marti Gras and the purchase of the Steiner House by the Frederick Woman's Civic Club. Like Ed, Millie was an advocate for civil rights. After Millie died, Ed married Dorothy ("DeDe"). Together Ed and DeDe enjoyed their retirement years in Frederick and St. Croix, Virgin Islands. DeDe died in 2009.

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