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SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

Judge Adams Retirement Celebration
Dutch's Daughter
6-8p

November 9, 2023

Judge Solt Retirement Celebration
Location TBD
5p

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

Dates to Remember

- **September 5, 12p: BAFC Monthly Luncheon Meeting.** Delaplaine Arts Center. Speaker: Tim Maloney. Our sponsor is Planet Depos.
- **September 11, 9a: Opening Term of Court.** Circuit Courtroom 1.
- **September 13, 12p: Elder, Disability and Guardianship Law Section Meeting.** At Isabella's.
- **September 14, 12p: Family Law Section Meeting** via Zoom. Speakers: Cris LoVetro and Megan McGrew.
- **September 14, 4:30-7p: Presentation on Professionalism and Civility.** Brewer's Alley. **Presentation 5:15-6p followed by networking.**
- **September 28, 6-8p: Retirement Celebration for The Hon. Theresa M. Adams.** Dutch's Daughter. **Space limited. RSVP by 9/21.**
- **October 3, 12p BAFC Monthly Luncheon Meeting.** Delaplaine Arts Center. Our sponsor is Minnesota Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company.
- **October 5th, 12p: Family Law Section Meeting** via Zoom. Speakers: FCPS' Chief Legal Counsel, Steven Blivess, Esq. and FCPS Staff Attorney, Michelle Dauksha, Esq.
- **October 12th: YLS New Attorney/Law Clerk Happy Hour.** *More Information Coming Soon!*
- **November 9: Retirement Celebration for The Hon. Julie R. Stevenson Solt.** *More Information Coming Soon!*
- **December 14, 5-8p: BAFC Annual Holiday Party.** Union Mills Public House.



Member Updates

Haspel & McLeod, PC is proud to announce that **Thomas M. Weschler, Jr.** and Karen Yeager have become **name partners** at the law firm and the firm name will be changing to **McLeod, Weschler & Yeager, PC**. The excellent service will remain the same.

Long-time BAFC member, **Seymour Stern**, passed away on August 10, 2023. As a former President of the MSBA, there is a nice write-up about his legal and Frederick community accomplishments on the MSBA website. Read it [here](#).

Section and Committee Updates

Family Law Section

The next **Family Law Section meeting** will be on **Thursday, September 14th**, at **Noon** via Zoom. Cris LoVetro, Esq. and Megan McGrew, Esq. will provide an overview of the Medicaid application process and how asset division in a divorce can affect that process.

The Family Law Section's **October Meeting** will be on **Thursday, October 5th** at **Noon** via Zoom. FCPS' new Chief Legal Counsel, Steven Blivess, Esq. and FCPS Staff Attorney, Michelle Dauksha, Esq. will join so Mr. Blivess can introduce himself and provide an overview of best practices for the process for subpoenaing records or coordinating FCPS staff testimony.

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

September 14, 2023
4:30 to 7 p.m.*
Brewer's Alley
124 N Market St, Frederick, MD 21701

Cash Bar
Hors d'oeuvres
Courtesy of Minnesota Lawyers Mutual
*Speakers from 5:15 to 6. Socializing from 6 to 7. Cash bar throughout.

Our conduct as advocates reflects not only on ourselves but on the legal system as a whole.

Join us at Brewer's Alley on September 14, 2023, to discuss the critical need to maintain professionalism and civility in our work. Speakers include:

Justice Steve Gould
Judge Ed Dwyer
Judge Erik Nyce
Erin Risch, Esq., former Acting Bar Counsel
Al Frederick, Esq.

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Elder, Disability and Guardianship Law Section

The next **Elder, Disability and Guardianship Law Section meeting** will be on **Wednesday, September 13th**, at **Noon** at Isabella's. Lindsey McCormick from Silverado Memory Care Communities will discuss dementia and wants to understand situations that attorneys find themselves in when working with older clients and their families.

The Elder, Disability, and Guardianship Law Section's **November Meeting** will be on **Wednesday, November 8th** at **Noon** at Brewer's Alley. Michael Powell, Esquire will be joining to speak about being an Orphans' Court Judge. He will share what brought him to run for Frederick County's Orphans' Court and what common, fixable problems he has seen during his term thus far.

For more information about the Elder, Disability and Guardianship Law Section contact the chair, Lorraine M. B. Prete at lprete@kandplawfirm.com.

Below Photo: Members of the Elder, Disability, and Guardianship Law Section met on August 30th at Isabella's to learn more about pro bono opportunities courtesy of the Community Foundation of Frederick County



From the Courthouse

Property Review Board Vacancies

In accordance with Transportation Article 8-327, the Circuit Court is inviting any interested member of the BAR who would like to serve a term on the Property Review Board to please submit their letter of interest to the Honorable Julie S. Solt, Administrative Judge, Circuit Court for Frederick County, 100 West Patrick Street, Frederick, Maryland 21701, no later than Friday, September 15, 2023, at 4:30 p.m.

The Board of Property Review of each County has three (3) members appointed by the Judges of the Circuit Court. One shall be a lawyer, one shall be a farmer engaged in full time in some sort of agricultural pursuit, and one shall be an engineer or a person with an engineering background and knowledge. Each board member serves for a term of two (2) years and until his successor is appointed and qualifies. Compensation is set by the Court of Appeals. Also, if anyone knows a full-time farmer or an engineer who may be interested, please forward this information to them so they may submit their names accordingly.



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Recent Events

Annual BAFC Golf Tournament Summer

By: Marshall Horman, *BAFC Member; Horman Nichols, LLC*

The Annual Golf Tournament was held on August 24th this year at Musket Ridge Golf Club. Other than a passing rain shower, the weather cooperated with another beautiful summer day. Five teams set out to be the lucky winners to have their names engraved on the “Charlie Frey Cup.”



None other than Charlie Frey himself joined after travelling up from Florida to play. Charlie organized and ran this golf tournament for 24 years (1992 to 2015), and is the namesake behind the trophy that graces the offices of those that come in first place. In true Charlie Frey fashion, he was quick with a joke and donned a hat that said, “I Don’t Know How to Act My Age, I’ve Never Been This Old Before.”

Closest to the pin winners were Marshall Horman for hole No. 2, Jack Quinn for hole No. 8, Paul Rose for hole No. 13 and Ed Goundry for hole No. 17.

The play was very competitive and only 5 strokes separated the winning team and the not so coveted “Green Tee” winners. At the end of play, a score of 65, which was 7 under par, was enough to earn the team of Ed Goundry, Tom Lynch, the Honorable Judge Bigham and Stephen Slater the honor of 1st Place. The team of Daniel Williamson, Michael Moore, David Kindermann and Jay Malik earned 2nd Place by shooting 5 under par. There was a tie for 3rd Place at 4 under par. After a card match review, 3rd Place went to Jack Quinn, Paul Rose, and Andy Nichols.

After searching the tournament archives it revealed no team has won the Green Tees with a score below par...until this year. With a score of 70, the team of Brian Barkley, Scott Waxter, Scott Hartinger and Janice Rockwell were declared the winners of the Green Tees!

Thank you to everyone who participated and made it to this year’s tournament. We hope to see everyone back next year, plus all of those who could not participate this year but promised to come back next year (you know who you are)!

Please save the date of August 22, 2024 on your calendars. If you have any questions or comments regarding the golf tournament, please reach out to any of the members of the newly formed golf committee: Marshall Horman, Paul Rose or Scott Hartinger.



Annual BAFC Picnic

By: Magistrate Julie Minner, *BAFC Member; Frederick County Circuit Court*

The Bar Association held its annual picnic on August 24, 2023. This year we tried a new venue, the Lewistown Social Club. This location was well received and reminiscent of the “old days” at Fishing Creek (except with more women’s toilets!). We were able to enjoy the shade, pavilions, and privacy offered by the Social Club.

About 70 members gathered and enjoyed a dinner also reminiscent of yesteryears at Fishing Creek: grilled steak and barbeque chicken, corn on the cob, green beans, macaroni and cheese, cornbread/rolls and lovely desserts. (The key lime pie and tres de leche cake making several folks vie for the last piece!)

Everyone enjoyed the chance to hang out and chat with fellow members and meet some of the new law clerks from the circuit court. The weather was perfect and the atmosphere relaxed and delightful. If you didn’t make it, be sure to come out next year!





INFORMATION OF INTEREST

Walk a Mile in Their Shoes is an annual walk to raise awareness about the work Heartly House does in the community and the clients we serve. Walk a Mile originally began to raise awareness about domestic violence against women, but over the years we have expanded the purpose of our Frederick walk to recognize power-based violence against all people.

The event will be held on Sunday, October 21st at the Bandshell in Baker Park. We will gather at 10:00 AM for survivor speakers, a chance to meet and learn about community partners. Then we will walk together through Baker Park to make some noise, raise awareness, and demonstrate support for survivors.

At the end of the walk, our **top individual and team fundraisers will win The Hoffmann Cup. The Hoffmann Cup is an award given away in memory and recognition of BAFC member, Blaine Hoffmann, Esq.** Blaine played an integral part in establishing our annual Walk a Mile event. A tireless advocate for individuals, he created safer spaces for victims and survivors in our community!

Sponsors make it possible for EVERYONE to participate in an event that impacts the health and wellbeing of our whole community and for that we need YOU.

When YOU join with Heartly House, fellow sponsors, participants, and community partners, together WE make a bigger impact on our community than any one of us could do on our own.

Sponsorship registration and information is available on the [website](#).

Want to do more? Or maybe sponsorship isn't right for you this year?

Please consider starting a fundraising team. It is fast and easy. Just set a goal or set a challenge goal between departments or other partners. **And thanks to a generous Challenge Grant from the Aushman Family Foundation, every dollar you raise will be matched.** So, a donation of \$25 is matched by the Foundation – Heartly House then receives \$50 because of YOU. [Click here to start a fundraising team](#)

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 (www.probonomd.org/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.



The poster for the Maryland Office of the Public Defender Job Fair & Hiring Event features a group photo of five diverse professionals in business attire. The text on the poster includes the event title, dates (September 21 & 22, 2023), and time (9:00 AM - 5:00 PM). It lists three guaranteed benefits for attendees: receiving information about careers at OPD, interviewing on the spot (with registration strongly encouraged), and receiving immediate consideration for their application. A call to action encourages pre-registration to secure an interview slot at www.opd.state.md.us. The poster also includes social media handles for @MarylandOPD and the tagline 'Take Your Career to the Next Level'.

