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SAVE THE DATE

November 9, 2023

Judge Solt Retirement Celebration
Union Mills Public House
5-8:30p

December 14, 2023

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

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President's Message

On October 12th my wife, Alison, and I flew to San Francisco to spend ten days with one of our sons and his girlfriend. Since our son moved to San Francisco we have been reminded that time spent together is always precious, now seemingly more so than before.

We did a lot of the touristy things. Our first weekend we went to Lake Tahoe where we saw the sunrise every day (easy to do when your body clock is three hours ahead), took long and short hikes, cooked wonderful meals, and enjoyed the beauty of the landscape. We returned to San Francisco Tuesday through Friday morning where my wife and I explored San Francisco, did the Alcatraz tour, spent an afternoon in Sausalito, and went to see the Redwood Forest at Muir Woods.

The itinerary had us traveling to Sonoma for our final weekend on Friday, October 20th, to spend time in wine country before making the return trip home. We had a great time, dining and visiting vineyards, but the weekend was affected and tempered by the tragic news from Washington County.

I was immediately hit by the severity of the human loss, the impact the loss would have on multiple families, friends, co-workers, and the gross attack on our judicial institutions. As attorneys we, more than most of our fellow citizens, rely on the rational and consistent application of the law to a set of facts, and the understanding the application will provide guidance to our work and society as a whole. As officers of the Court we must not allow these attacks to temper the zealous representation of our clients, even though Judge Wilkinson's tragic murder brings to better light the potential dangers posed by simply doing our job.

Possibly more important, we need to support in every way possible, each and every actor in our judicial system, especially in regards to their personal safety. Our system relies on the willingness and passion of individuals of high caliber and their desire to serve our society as judges, magistrates, clerks, administrators, sheriffs, and bailiffs. We cannot allow Judge Wilkinson's murder to temper or change the administration of justice.

Along with many members of the Bar, I attended Judge Wilkinson's funeral. Doing so was another reminder of the many losses resulting from his murder. I was also touched and moved by the number of attorneys in attendance, the number of classmates of Judge Wilkinson's children in attendance, and the show of support and defiance by the substantial number of justices, judges, and magistrates in attendance. There was also a life lesson: Judge Wilkinson's wife, Stephanie, spoke about compassion for all and reminded those gathered how many lives are dramatically impacted and altered by the vicious attack, some clearly without intent. All those individuals need our compassion, and our judicial system needs our continued involvement and dedication. The final life lesson/reminder was the importance and preciousness of time spent together.

Tim Price, President.



Member Updates

A small group of local lawyers attended the recent MVLS Celebrate Pro Bono awards ceremony at the Reginald Lewis Museum in Baltimore. The ceremony honored outstanding volunteers, plus one community partner with MVLS. One honoree was the BAFC's own **Sarah L. Nadolny, Esq.** of Mulinazzi Law Office who was recognized for taking 10 or more pro bono cases during fiscal year 2023.

In the photo below is Sarah with Attorney General Anthony Brown who acknowledged all of the honorees at the ceremony. **Congratulations Sarah!**



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Retirement PARTY

for
The Hon. Julie Stevenson Solt

THURSDAY THE 9TH OF NOVEMBER 2023

FROM FIVE O'CLOCK TILL EIGHT THIRTY IN THE EVENING

UNION MILLS PUBLIC HOUSE
340 E. PATRICK ST FREDERICK, MD 21701

HEAVY HORS D'OEUVRES BEER & WINE

TICKETS \$45 @ WWW.FREDERICKBAR.ORG
QUESTIONS? INFO@FREDERICKBAR.ORG

RSVP BY NOVEMBER 1ST

Section and Committee Update

Elder, Disability and Guardianship Law Section

The next **Elder, Disability, and Guardianship Law Section Meeting** will be on **Thursday, December 7th** 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.



Pro Bono Committee

The Frederick Center will host free legal clinics quarterly that will offer brief advice to the LGBTQ+ community. Upcoming Clinic Dates for **2024** are: **January 11, April 11, July 11, and October 10.** If you would like to volunteer for future clinics, please contact Trevor Addie-Carter at taddiecarter@hormannichols.com.



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Dates to Remember

- **November 7, 12p: BAFC Monthly Luncheon Meeting.** Delaplaine Arts Center. Our speaker is Chief Lando from the Frederick City Police Department and our sponsor is Moore Financial.
- **November 9: Retirement Celebration for The Hon. Julie R. Stevenson Solt.** *RSVP due November 1st, or as space permits.*
- **November 11, 9a-1p: Civics and Law Academy.** Frederick High School. *Registration closes November 3rd.*
- **November 21: Annual Thanksgiving Dinner with the Salvation Army.**
- **December 5, 12p: BAFC Monthly Luncheon Meeting.** Delaplaine Arts Center. Our sponsor is ACNB.
- **December 7, 12p: Elder, Disability, and Guardianship Law Section Meeting.** Brewer's Alley. Speaker: Michael Powell, Orphans' Court Judge.
- **December 14, 5-8p: BAFC Annual Holiday Party.** Union Mills Public House. *Watch your email for details coming soon!*

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Upcoming Dates of Interest

Civics and Law Academy

Civics and Law Academy will be held on **Saturday, November 11, 2023** at Frederick High School this year. We have a great line up of lawyers and other law related professionals on board to present to high school aged students (FCPS and more).

We are again offering both a Mock Trial track and a Civics and Law track. The registration information has already been sent to FCPS and Mock Trial coaches and students are already registering. Please spread the word to any families/students you know that may be interested. Registration can be found [here](#). **Registration will close November 3rd!**

If you have any questions, please reach out to Joanie Raymond, Joanie.Raymond@MDCourts.gov or Judge Theresa Adams, Theresa.Adams@MDCourts.gov.

Comment Period for Mandatory CLE

The Bar Association of Frederick County was asked to request feedback from Maryland attorneys regarding the recent report to the Supreme Court on **WHETHER AND HOW MANDATORY CLE SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED IN MARYLAND**. The report can be found at: mdcourts.gov/lawyers/cle.

The comment period will close on Friday, November 10, 2023. If you would like to comment on the report and its recommendations, you may send them to the Clerk of the Supreme Court by sending an email to CLEfeedback@mdcourts.gov, or sending feedback by mail to:

Clerk, Supreme Court of Maryland
361 Rowe Boulevard
Annapolis, MD 21401



Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

The BAFC will once again host a Thanksgiving Dinner through the Salvation Army on Tuesday, November 21st. Serving times will be from 12-6pm. You can volunteer to serve and/or donate items for the dinner. Sign up [here](#).

Recent Events

New Lawyer/Law Clerk Happy Hour

On October 12th the Young Lawyers Section hosted a Happy Hour for new law clerks and newly barred attorneys at Frederick Social. The weather was perfect for this inside/outside venue and the smiles seen over tasty food and beverages were indicative of a good time by all in attendance.



INFORMATION OF INTEREST

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.

