



March Newsletter



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SAVE THE DATE

March 1, 2024, 4p

Investiture of Julia A. Minner
Circuit Courtroom 1

March 18, 2024, 4p

Investiture of Joanie Raymond Brubaker
Circuit Courtroom 1.

RSVP by 3/11 to lisa.turner@mdcourts.gov

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THE NEWSLETTER

The Bar Association of Frederick County, MD, Inc. newsletter is published monthly. Articles and information to be included in the newsletter must be submitted in written or electronic format by the 25th of the month preceding publication month.

Classified and display advertising are available at a modest cost. Go to <http://www.frederickbar.org> for information.

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

Let's Have a Little Fun!

This year we will use our monthly newsletter to highlight, at random, fellow members of the BAFC. Each month we will publish a "baby" picture of a mystery member, accompanied by the mystery member's responses to a brief questionnaire; we invite you to have some fun and take your best guess at who the mystery member is! Please email your guess to Maegan at: info@frederickbar.org by 9am on the day of our monthly luncheon. A winner will be picked at random from the correct responses submitted, and the winner will receive a \$10.00 gift card to the Perfect Blend Café.

The identity of the mystery member will be revealed at the monthly luncheon (and included in the next month's newsletter).

Get those baby pictures ready, and happy guessing!

Carla Clarke, President.

March Mystery Member

1. **What is your best advice to a young lawyer?** Your word is your bond, don't ever forget it!
2. **Who are your role models? Why?** Judge Dwyer and my Father. I hope someday to be half as intelligent as they.
3. **Two of your favorite quotes:** Advice. The wise don't need it. The foolish won't heed it.

Those who sleep...weep. Those who snooze...lose. For sleep doth clothe the man is rags.

4. **If you had one wish that was guaranteed to be granted, what would that wish be?** My Family remain healthy.
5. **What is your favorite sports team?** Pittsburgh Steelers
6. **What is your favorite food?** Squirrel Pot Pie

Who is this? Email your guess to Maegan at: info@frederickbar.org by 9am on the day of our monthly luncheon (March 5th).



Member Updates

Offit Kurman's Frederick office has a new location! Our new address is:

The Patrick Center
30 West Patrick Street, Suite 300
Frederick, MD 21701

As a reminder, the BAFC members in the Offit Kurman's Frederick office are: [Ian P. Bartman](#) | Principal, [David S. Greber](#) | Principal, [Noel Manalo](#) | Principal, [Keith Schiszik](#) | Principal and [David A. Severn](#) | Principal.

Jill D. Caravaggio announces the **relocation of her firm** to:

Westview Village Professional Park
5100 Buckeystown Pike, Suite 250
Frederick, MD 21704

Jill practices Civil Litigation and is barred in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia. She can be reached at 301-363-3913 or jill@jill-lawoffice.net.

Jill also **welcomes an associate** to the practice. **Tracy Kissler** handles landlord tenant matters and construction related claims. Tracy can be reached via email at Tracykissler@jill-lawoffice.net.

Congratulations to BAFC members **Carin Golze** and **Mary Drawbaugh** for being appointed to serve as the Circuit Court for Frederick County's **new Magistrates**.

2024 BAFC dues were due January 1, 2024.

If you haven't already, please renew your dues ASAP. You can renew online via your member login on our website 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). If you need assistance with paying your dues online contact Maegan at Info@frederickbar.org.



*The honor of your presence is requested at the
Investiture of*

Joanie Raymond Brubaker

*As Associate Judge of the Circuit Court
For Frederick County, Maryland*

On Monday, the eighteenth day of March

Two thousand and twenty-four

At four o'clock in the afternoon

At the Circuit Court for Frederick County, Maryland

100 West Patrick Street

Frederick, MD 21701

*Reception following at
Olde Mother Brewing Company*

526 North Market Street

Frederick, Maryland 21701

RSVP required (for food count)

via email lisa.turner@mdcourts.gov

(please put "RSVP" in subject line)

There is limited parking at Olde Mother.

If driving, carpooling is encouraged.

Parking available at Gravel and Grind parking lot

Or on-street parking.

*Please RSVP to lisa.turner@mdcourts.gov by **March 11th**
if you intend to join Judge Raymond Brubaker after the
Investiture.*



Section and Committee Update

Elder, Disability and Guardianship Law Section

The next **Elder, Disability, and Guardianship Law Section Meeting** will be on **Thursday, March 14th at noon** at JoJo's Restaurant. Speakers will be Carolyn True, Area Agency on Aging Director for Frederick County, and Joshua Brewster, Senior Assistant County Attorney.

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: **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

- **March 5, 12p: BAFC Monthly Luncheon.** Delaplaine Arts Center. Our speaker will be Tom DeGonia, Bar Counsel for the Attorney Grievance Commission. Our sponsor will be Silverado Memory Care Communities.
- **March 14, 12p: Elder, Disability, and Guardianship Law Section Meeting.** JoJo's Restaurant. Speakers: Carolyn True, Area Agency on Aging Director for Frederick County, and Joshua Brewster, Senior Assistant County Attorney.
- **April 2, 12p: BAFC Monthly Luncheon.** Delaplaine Arts Center. Our speaker will be Al Frederick talking about AI. Our sponsor will be the Trish Mills Team with Charis Realty Group.
- **June 19: BAFC Mediation Refresher.** Delaplaine Arts Center. *More information coming soon.*

Ayres, Jenkins, Gordy & Almand, P.A.



Ayres, Jenkins, Gordy and Almand, P.A. is pleased to announce that Al Frederick has joined the firm, as of counsel. Al will be continuing his statewide practice and is also available for ethical consultation, risk management advice, expert witness engagements and mediation.

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Recent Events

Opening Term of Court

February started off with Opening Term of Court on Monday, February 5th. The benches in Circuit Courtroom 1 were full as members and colleagues gathered for this ceremonial event. This was the first Opening Term of Court led by our new administrative judge, The Honorable Richard “Ricky” Sandy.

The morning started with the presentation of not one, but TWO, retired judges portraits. The portraits for Judge Theresa M. Adams and Judge Julie R. Stevenson Solt were unveiled prior to being hung in the courthouse alongside the portraits of our other retired judges from Frederick County. This was followed by the reading of two Memorial Resolutions for bar association members that we’ve recently lost. The first was in memory of David S. Weinberg and was read by his grandson and fellow BAFC member Cody Weinberg. The second was in memory of Francis Theodore Elliot III and was read by his former law partner, Judge William R. Nicklas, Jr.

We also had several lawyers sign the Lawyer’s Book, a Frederick County tradition dating back to 1946. Congratulations to Melanie West, Dave Greber, and Nicholas Christopher. BAFC President, Tim Price, also gave a summary of the activities of the Bar Association over the last six months before State’s Attorney Charlie Smith swore in the new grand jury.

Mark your calendars for Monday, September 9th for the next Opening Term of Court. We look forward to seeing you there.



BAFC Annual Meeting

The BAFC Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday, February 6th. Approximately 70 members showed up to this annual business meeting where the highlight was hearing from our local judges as they answered questions submitted previously by the membership as well as from the floor. We also approved 5 attorneys for membership, several of whom come from the Office of the Public Defender.

The 2024 Executive Board that was approved includes:

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Legal Information of Interest

BIA Training through MSBA

The MSBA Family and Juvenile Law Section is excited to offer its annual, virtual presentation of **Maryland's Best Interest Attorney Training** on Wednesday, April 17th and Thursday, April 18th, 2024 from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Experienced practitioners will cover crucial topics such as child development and access schedules, parenting coordination, custody evaluations, interviewing children, representing your child client effectively, the impact of family dysfunction, the use of expert witnesses and more.

This training complies with Child Counsel and Custody Rules and Guidelines, Maryland Rule 9-205.1.

For more information and to register click [HERE](#).

6.5 hours of credit will be offered for the surrounding MCLE states. If you're unable to attend the live virtual program in April, the entire event will be recorded and available to you to view later. You can pre-purchase the OnDemand [HERE](#).

Nominate an Exceptional Pro Bono Partner for the 2024 Maryland Pro Bono Service Awards

Know of a local lawyer, firm, or member of the judiciary who shows a strong commitment to pro bono service?

Each year, the Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland, as the pro bono arm of the Maryland State Bar Association, recognizes members of the legal community who have demonstrated an exemplary commitment to pro bono service for those in need through the Maryland Pro Bono Service Awards. This year, PBRC plans to recognize award recipients during MSBA's Legal Summit and Annual Meeting.

Nominations will be accepted until Friday, March 15, 2024. To nominate an exceptional individual or program for one of the eleven award categories, please visit the link here: www.probonomd.org/awards.

A promotional poster for the Maryland Pro Bono Service Awards. The top section features the Maryland Pro Bono Resource Center logo, which includes a stylized grid pattern and the text "Maryland PRO BONO RESOURCE CENTER in partnership with MSBA". Below this, the title "Maryland Pro Bono Service Awards" is written in a large, serif font. To the right of the title is a circular inset photo of three people: a woman in a white blazer, a woman in a black dress holding a framed certificate, and a man in a suit. The bottom section of the poster has a dark blue background with white text that reads: "Nominate an exceptional advocate or program for one of the eleven award categories by March 15, 2024." Below this text is a yellow banner with the URL "www.tinyurl.com/probonomdaward" in black. To the right of the URL is another circular inset photo of a woman in a yellow blazer holding a framed certificate, standing next to a man in a suit. The background of the poster is decorated with large, stylized stars in yellow and blue.

Change in Parenting Coordination Orders

Frederick has made a change to its standard Parenting Coordination Orders.

The current language states, “The parties shall be required to pay the Parenting Coordinator an advance deposit in the amount of \$1,000.00 per party which shall be held in escrow by the Parenting Coordinator...”.

The newly added language states, “The parties shall be required to pay the Parenting Coordinator an advance deposit in the amount of \$1,000.00 per party, **to be paid within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order**, which shall be held in escrow by the Parenting Coordinator...”.

New Chapter of Women’s Bar Association Formed

It is with great pleasure that we inform you about the creation of the **Frederick and Washington Counties Chapter** of the Women's Bar Association of Maryland. The Executive Committee for the Frederick and Washington Counties Chapter for 2024 will be: Rada Machin – President, Bethany Shechtel - Vice President, Carin Golze – Treasurer, Jaime Seaton – Secretary.

All are welcome to join, but you must be a member of the WBA of Maryland to join the Chapter! Dues for the Chapter are \$25 for attorneys and \$5 for students. Click [JOIN NOW](#) to join the Chapter and WBA if you are not currently a member. The WBA application is also attached here! Once you have joined the Chapter, you can find and join the group on Facebook by clicking [HERE](#) and a website will be forthcoming!

There will be an inaugural event held on April 25th, location/time TBD, honoring our two new Judges and two new Magistrates, so [JOIN](#) today and stay tuned to coming announcements! Mark your calendars!

Berman | Sobin | Gross LLP is hiring a LAW CLERK / ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY in our Frederick office!

Job Description

We are a Maryland law firm with an excellent reputation in personal injury and workers’ compensation seeking candidates to help grow our litigation and appellate departments specifically in our Western Maryland office. Our Frederick County office is currently seeking law school graduates or 3rd Year law school students. We have both full-time and part-time positions available depending on whether you are currently in school and licensed in Maryland. Strong writing skills are a MUST. We are looking for team players who are driven and want to make a difference in their communities. This position will provide a substantial amount of hands-on litigation experience for the right candidates. This position also offers a clear pathway for professional development, presenting the opportunity to transition into an associate attorney role post-graduation.

Salary: \$20.00 - \$22.00 per hour. **This increases upon successful admission to the Maryland bar.**

Benefits: 401(k), Dental insurance, Flexible spending account, Health insurance, Life insurance, Paid time off, Parental leave, Retirement plan, Vision insurance

Work Location: In person

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INFORMATION OF INTEREST

For Sale

Fait & DiLima LLP is selling their Frederick townhouse office, a historic property located at 233 West Patrick Street. The property is a short walk to the Courthouse and there is parking in the rear. Renovations have recently been completed. For more detail contact Dorothy Fait at: dfait@fdfamilylaw.com.

Volunteer Opportunity

Domestic Violence Coordinating Council - 2 vacant positions

The county is seeking one attorney with experience representing criminal defendants with domestic violence charges and one attorney with experience representing victims of domestic violence.

Persons interested in serving need to send a letter of interest and a current resume by mail to Joyce Grossnickle, County Executive's Office, 12 E. Church Street, Frederick, MD 21701 (301-600-1102) or to fcbboards@frederickcountymd.gov

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.