



NEWSLETTER

December 2021

President's Message

By: Cristine Evans LoVetro, BAFC President

Happy Holidays, Everyone!

I hope this message finds all of you ready to embrace this season of giving and enjoy the company of others. The best way that I can think of to jump-start your celebratory mood is to join your Bar Association for the Annual Holiday party on December 9th! The Hawaiian Theme for this year's party will add even more "merry" to an already entertaining evening. Don your tropical apparel (and cheerful holiday mask) and join the festivities!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the Salvation Army Thanksgiving Dinner! Whether you supplied food, packed/served meals, or washed dishes, your kindness was appreciated and resulted in 466 people enjoying a traditional holiday feast. I am always amazed by how quickly the spaces on the sign-up sheet are filled by our generous members. (I think that is reason number 1,623 why I am so proud to be a member of our Bar Association...)

During the week of December 6th, the MSBA is presenting the Gubernatorial Interviews to provide each candidate with a platform to share his or her ideas and vision for the future of our great state. What a wonderful opportunity for all of us to watch live online as the candidates address issues that are so important to all of us. You can get login information on the MSBA website [here](#).

In an abundance of caution, and to include members who are not yet comfortable venturing out to in-person meetings, your Executive Committee has decided to hold the December 7th and January 4th Bar Meetings virtually. The speaker for our December 7th Meeting is Mayor Michael O'Connor. I spoke with him today and I am certain that you will find his presentation very interesting. Please bring your questions and log on at noon.

As 2021 draws to a close and you reflect on the challenges and changes that all of us have experienced, consider reaching out to someone who you haven't seen for a while. Our collective pandemic experience created personal distance between us that is far in excess of six feet. Unless we ask, we often have no idea what is going on in someone else's world – please remember to be kind to one another. I share with you one of my favorite Maya Angelou quotes:

*"I've learned that people will forget what you said.
People will forget what you did. But people will never
forget how you made them feel."*

We're on Facebook! Follow us at [The Bar Association of Frederick County, MD](https://www.facebook.com/TheBarAssociationofFrederickCountyMD) for updates, reminders, photos, and announcements.



Mele Kalikimaka

BAFC Annual Holiday Party

**Thursday, December 9, 2021, 5-8pm
The Delaplaine Visual Arts Center**

Gingerbread House contest to benefit CINA; Hawaiian Photo Op.;

Hors d'oeuvres; Drinks;

**Costume Contest Prizes
– Most Festive, Best
Hawaiian Theme, Most
Creative;**



Door Prizes;

Fun, Friends, & More

COST: \$20



Event open to Bar Members and their guests 21+

RSVP by December 1, 2021 at www.frederickbar.org OR

Send payment and this form to: BAFC, P. O. Box 3088, Frederick, MD 21701

Name(s): _____

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BAFC ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY - December 9th

Mele Kalikimaka! We are ready to ditch 2021 and enjoy a tropical vacation as we celebrate **IN-PERSON** the coming of a new year that

will be sure to bring more in-person gatherings and opportunities to connect. Don't miss out on the fun! We are bringing back the Gingerbread House contest that created the biggest BAFC CINA donation in history in 2020. Festive food, drink, music, costumes, and contests will all be available with your ticket purchase as well as great door prizes for those in attendance! Join your colleagues and office staff as we share lots of laughs and good cheer. RSVP early.

Deadline to register has been extended to Friday, December 3rd.

[RSVP HERE.](#)

Member Updates

Leveque Intellectual Property Law, P.C., a boutique law firm located in historic downtown Frederick, is pleased to announce the **promotion of Adam M. Treiber to the position of Partner with the firm.**

Adam is a patent attorney with over 20 years of legal experience built upon a solid foundation of engineering experience in the Defense and Aerospace industries. Adam's legal expertise includes all facets of intellectual property including patent preparation, prosecution and portfolio management, opinion and due diligence work, patent litigation, trademarks and copyrights. Adam's education and experience particularly apply to the fields of electrical engineering, computer science and mechanical engineering.

Adam grew up and resides in Frederick with his family. Mr. Treiber can be reached at [301-668-3073](tel:301-668-3073) or adam@levequeip.com.

McMillan Metro, P.C. is pleased to announce that **Peter E. Ciferri** has become a **Partner** of the firm. Mr. Ciferri joined McMillan Metro in early 2017 and has been a licensed attorney since 2012.

Mr. Ciferri's primary practice area is the representation of developers, builders and investors in commercial real estate transactions, commercial lease negotiations, and entitlement processes, including zoning, subdivision and permit approvals. Mr. Ciferri is also the Montgomery County Chapter Chair for the Maryland Building Industry Association. He is licensed to practice law in Maryland and the District of Columbia.

You may learn more about Peter's practice by visiting <https://www.mcmillanmetro.com/our-people/peter-ciferri/>. You may also contact Peter directly at [\(240\) 778-2307](tel:240-778-2307) or pciferri@mcmillanmetro.com.

SECOND ANNUAL BAFC

GINGERBREAD HOUSE COMPETITION



ENTRIES DUE DECEMBER 6TH AT 12PM
ALL PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT CINA KIDS

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2nd Annual BAFC Gingerbread House Competition

Join the BAFC in our 2nd Annual Gingerbread House Competition to benefit CINA. You can enter individually, as a group, or as a firm. **All entries need to be photographed and are due by 12pm on Monday, December 6th to**

info@frederickbar.org. In addition, entries will need to be delivered to the Delaplaine Arts Center December 9th between 3-5p to be on display at the Holiday Party. **Winners for Best Holiday Theme, Best Hawaiian Theme and People's Choice will be awarded.** All entries will be up for voting on our website Tuesday, December 7th and will remain up through 5 pm on Thursday, December 9th. Additional voting will be available at the Holiday Party. Voting for People's Choice will happen with your \$: each \$1 will count as one vote for the house of your choice and **ALL proceeds will benefit the CINA kids.** All winners will be announced LIVE at our Holiday Party on December 9th!

Section Updates

Family Law Section

The **Family Law Section** will be having their Holiday Gathering on **Thursday, December 2nd from 5-7pm at Thacher & Rye**. It will take place outside around their large firepit so we can stay warm! There will be ample space for folks to spread out. The inside bar will also be available. There will be complimentary drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Please stop by for some holiday cheer!

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

Business Law Section

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

Young Lawyers Section

The **Young Lawyers Section** has partnered with FCPS to "adopt" a family of four (4) children in need this holiday season for the annual **YLS Holiday Project**. Please join YLS in spreading holiday cheer to this family. You can find the sign-up sheet with the ages of the children and the items on their wish lists at: <https://www.signupgenious.com/go/70A0B48ABAA28A4FC1-2020>

Please plan to deliver all unwrapped gifts and monetary donations no later than Friday, December 10, 2021. Please contact April Dixon at 240-285-5869 or adixon@mdglawfirm.com to arrange delivery of your unwrapped gift(s) to her (in person or mailing to her house). If you would like to make a monetary donation, you can do so by using Venmo (@April-Inskeep) or by contacting April directly to further arrange.

For more information about the Young Lawyers Section, please contact April Dixon (Inskeep) or email bafcyys@gmail.com.





BAFC Website

FISHING FOR CIVILITY 2022

Our annual trip to Rock Hall pairing three young lawyers and three “older” lawyers has been tentatively scheduled for **July 8th, and July 9th, 2022**. It is truly one of the best events for Bar Members!!! It has been two (2) years since we have been able to schedule this event. As a result of having to book and guarantee payment for the motel rooms, caterer, and fishing captains months in advance, once again we will need a firm count of the number of participants and sponsors. As trial calendars are quickly being filed for the next year (and 2023), this advance notice is being provided.

Accordingly, registration for this event will be open until **Monday, February 7th, 2022**. The costs are as follows:

- a. Fishing -- \$120.00 per person
- b. Motel -- \$ 50.00 per person, 2 persons to room
- c. Dinner-- \$50.00 per person (Planned menu: AYCE Appetizers, Crabs, BBQ Ribs, Dessert and all types of Beverages)

These amounts **INCLUDE** all necessary gratuities.

In the past, our older lawyers and Firms have sponsored all of the young lawyers desiring to attend. Also, one need not fish to attend. Spouses/Partners and adult Children are invited. If you are interested in attending as a young lawyer, please contact Brooke Gomulka at bgomulka@statesattorney.us. Please indicate whether you desire to fish, and whether you need a sponsor. “Older” lawyers desiring to attend or just sponsor a Young Lawyer may contact Amber Garns at Amber.Garns@MDCOURTS.GOV.



*You are cordially invited to attend
The Investiture of
Kathleen D. English
As Judge of the Circuit Court
For Frederick County
On Friday, the tenth day of December
Two thousand and twenty-one
At four o'clock in the afternoon
In the Circuit Court, Court Room One
Frederick, Maryland*

*Reception will follow at
Evangelical Reformed United Church of Christ
15 West Church Street
Frederick, MD*

*R.S.V.P. Acceptances ONLY by December 3, 2021
Event space is limited
Respond by email to melissa@puhala-english.com
Or by telephone at 301-228-3350*

A Special Message from our Executive Director

Dear Members of the Bar
Association of Frederick
County,

Over the last month I have received countless texts and emails and two cards physically signed by several of you at the November luncheon when the news of my stage 1 breast cancer diagnosis was announced. I can not begin to express how much your personal messages have meant to me and my family as we journey through this challenge that so many others have faced.



One of the first questions I'm often asked is "How is work taking the news?" This allows me to share my opinion that the legal community of the Frederick Bar is made up of the most supportive and generous people I know. I see this play out time and time again through our annual events, never considering that some day I would be on the receiving end of such overwhelming kindness.

Things will look a little different the next few months as I will not be seeing you in person as often and your Executive Committee takes on some new tasks. However, the opportunities to network with colleagues and support your local Frederick community will still look very much the same in 2022. (We might throw in a few new ideas because we like to see you rise to the challenge of friendly competition all in the name of a good cause.) In the meantime, I thank all of you for your support and wish you and your families a joyous holiday season and a healthy new year!

Sincerely,
Maegan Cooper

RECENT EVENTS

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER



Thank You

to all who donated and volunteered for the **Annual Thanksgiving Dinner** with the Salvation Army on November 23rd. **Together we served 466 meals to the residents of Frederick.**

FINAL 2021 HAPPY HOUR WITH YLS

On November 10th, 2021, the **Young Lawyers Section** hosted its final happy hour of 2021 at Cucina Massi. The covered outdoor patio and warm fall temperatures made for a perfect setting for BAFC and YLS members to gather to enjoy cocktails and conversation. Courtesy of Minnesota Lawyers Mutual, Kristin King, Trevor Addie-Carter, and Tyler Cejka received door prizes, including Amazon gift cards and sweet holiday treats!



2021: 10th Anniversary Justice for All Fund Grants

Give online today at:

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Donations can also be made by writing a check to **The Community Foundation of Frederick County** with the notation **"Justice For All Fund"**. Mail donation to 312 E. Church St., Frederick, MD 21701.

Events

- **December 2, 5-7p : Family Law Section Holiday Happy Hour.** Thatcher & Rye
- **December 6, 12p Deadline for 2nd Annual BAFC Gingerbread House Contest** to benefit CINA.
- **December 6-10: MSBA Governor Candidate Interviews.** See schedule [here](#).
- **December 7, 12p: VIRTUAL Monthly Luncheon Meeting.** Our speaker is Mayor Michael O'Connor and our sponsor is Frederick County Bank.
- **December 9, 5-8pm BAFC Annual Holiday Party.** Delaplaine Arts Center.
- **December 10, 4p. Investiture of Kathleen D. English,** Circuit Court, Courtroom 1.
- **December 10: Deadline to submit gifts/donations for YLS Holiday Drive.**

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Save the Date

o January 4, 12p: VIRTUAL Monthly Meeting.

o February 1, 12p. BAFC Annual Meeting. Watch your email for more information!

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

Court Auditor Opening

Matt Ruble, one of two Court Auditors, is retiring as of December 31, 2021. This creates vacancy for a court auditor. Anyone interested should send a letter of interest, plus a brief resume, to Judy Lohman, Circuit Court Administrator, 100 West Patrick Street, Frederick, Maryland 21701, on or before **December 31, 2021**.

Associate Attorney in Family Law/Estates Wanted

d|law is hiring! Great opportunity for learning and growth. Opening for an associate attorney interested in family law and estates.

- Attend court hearings;
- Prepare for Trial
- Meeting with Clients;
- Draft Motions and Pleadings ;
- Assist as needed.

Qualified candidate must have a minimum of one to three years of legal experience.

Must be a member of the Maryland Bar.

Salary commensurate with experience.

Please send resume and salary requirements to Meaghan Delawter at mld@delawterlaw.com.

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Experienced sole practitioner with long-time Frederick presence is looking to share space, administrative support, and office expenses with another attorney or firm. Downtown Frederick area with accessibility for elderly clients is preferred. Minimum 3-year commitment. Please contact Marty at [301-662-0007](tel:301-662-0007) or marty@martinwsnyder.com.



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Article Request

The University of Baltimore Law Forum ("Law Forum") is currently accepting articles for our Spring 2022 publication.

Law Forum is the **only** law journal in the country that focuses solely on issues in Maryland and provides both practitioners and the community with information on the changes in Maryland law. We are hoping this year that members of the Bar Association of Frederick County will participate in this year's publication.

Article proposals may be submitted to the *Law Forum* Articles Editors, Erin

Winkelmeyer and Craig Snyder, at ublawforumarticles@outlook.com by **Friday, December 10, 2021 for Spring 2022 publication** Articles are continuously accepted. We are accepting articles across *all practice areas* for our Spring publication.

All proposals should include a half to one-page abstract and contact information, including phone number.

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.

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