



NEWSLETTER

May 2022

President's Message

By: The Honorable Dino E. Flores, Jr., BAFC President

As I review a synopsis of laws passed in the most recent legislative session, I am struck by the potential impact on the private practice of law. The Legislature has moved forward on several fronts to create more attorney positions for governmental or quasi-governmental agencies. Last year the Legislature authorized Legal Aid to provide attorneys to low-income tenants in failure to pay rent cases; this year the Legislature set about funding that mandate by sending money to Legal Aid to pay for the tenants' counsel. One can assume Legal Aid will be hiring quite a few attorneys to staff every jurisdiction in Maryland for Rent Court.



The Legislature also mandated that every juvenile defendant is entitled to counsel before any interrogation by police; that right cannot be waived and is only subject to two exceptions. The Office of the Public Defender has never provided for counsel prior to a defendant being charged, but it is difficult to see how the OPD won't be required to begin providing on-call representation for juvenile interrogations.

As to the OPD's main task of providing attorneys to indigent criminal defendants, 97% of all applicants to OPD receive an attorney from that office. When the government supplies someone with a free attorney, it becomes the exception rather than the rule that a defendant hire private counsel. Feel free to watch a District Court criminal docket and count for yourselves how many defendants are represented by OPD and how many have private counsel. At the same time, the Judiciary has moved forward with providing assistance to self-represented litigants. Frederick County opened the Maryland Courts Self-Help Center (now called the Help Center) in 2017; per the Judiciary website, the Help Center "provides free limited legal services for people who are not represented by a lawyer." Just recently all judges and magistrates were required to complete a training session on how to accommodate self-represented litigants. Again, come to the courthouse and observe how many people, particularly in domestic matters, are attempting to handle their own cases.

I appreciate the professionalism of all the attorneys who appear before me no matter how they are engaged or employed. As a District Court judge, I am not writing this to offer an opinion on the merits or lack thereof the developments I have mentioned above. Rather I bring it to the membership's attention because the vast majority of this Bar Association consists of attorneys engaged in the private practice of law. Every session of the Legislature provides food for thought and I urge our members to pay attention to what goes on down in Annapolis.

A Bar Association of Frederick County Special Event

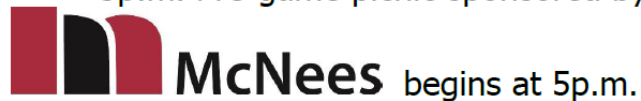


BAFC Friends & Family Night at the Frederick Keys

Friday, July 8

*Game starts at 7p.m.

*5p.m. Pre-game picnic sponsored by



Plus  **FIREWORKS** after the game!

Registration coming soon!

Member Update

Suzanne Ryan would like to notify the membership of a **change in address** of the Suzanne Ryan Law office located in Rockville to **1201 Seven Locks Road, Suite 360, Rockville, MD 20854**. Please update your records for correspondence. The Frederick office address of Suzanne Ryan Law remains the same (129-12 West Patrick Street, Frederick, MD 21701).

Congratulations to Ruhe Yilma of Lusk Law who was named by Maryland Legal Aid as their **Pro Bono Attorney of the Month** for the month of April.

"Pro Bono work is important to me, because the right to have access to the legal system and its officers should not be limited to those who have the money to pursue justice, but for all who need it." - Attorney [Ruhe Yilma](#)



PRO BONO — OF THE — MONTH

**RUHE YILMA
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SECTION UPDATES

Family Law Section

The **Family Law Section** will meet via Zoom on **Wednesday, May 25th, at 5pm**. The Honorable Ricky Sandy, Magistrate Joanie Raymond, and Lindsay Parvis, Esq., will provide an overview of Maryland's contempt laws and how *Breona C. v. Rodney D.*, 253 Md. App. 67, 263 A.3d 1090, (2021) changes the civil contempt landscape.

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

Business Law Section

The **Business Law Section** would like to invite all attorneys to a presentation "**What the Practicing Attorney Needs to Know about Business Valuation**" by speaker Alan Zipp. The presentation will be on **June 28th from 4:30-6p** at

Lusk Law. (More details on what to expect can be found in the "Upcoming Trainings/Presentations" section of the newsletter.) To ensure enough space, if you plan to attend **please RSVP to Rebekah Lusk** at rlusk@lusk-law.com.

The **Business Law Section** will meet on **July 21st at 12pm at Lusk Law.**
(Zoom available upon request.)

Mark your calendars for an upcoming section presentation entitled "**Mind Your Business: Coordinating Business and Estate Plans to Preserve Value**".
This virtual presentation will be held **September 15, 2022 at 12pm, via Zoom.**

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

LGBTQ+ LEGAL ADVICE CLINIC

Family law, estate planning, guardianship,
name change, landlord-tenant, criminal law,
and other civil legal matters.

About this event

The Frederick Center advocates on behalf of the LGBTQ+ community and through its Legal Services Committee has put together a pro bono event to provide the LGBTQ+ community with a free legal advice clinic. Attendees will have the opportunity to meet for fifteen minutes, one-on-one with local volunteer attorneys who can answer their questions and provide legal information and advice about specific legal matters they may have.

Tue, May 17, 2022 • 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

**The Frederick Center
322 West Patrick Street, Frederick, MD 21701**

Registration Required

Eventbrite Registration

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/307083824987>



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Our LGBTQ+
Community

2022-2023 BAFC Executive Committee



2022 BAFC Executive Committee (Top to Bottom): The Honorable Dino Flores (President), Tim Price (President Elect), Carla Clarke (Treasurer), Mimi Teahan (Secretary), Magistrate Julie Minner (Assistant Secretary), Michael Moore (Assistant Treasurer), and Cristine Evans LoVetro (Past President)

We're on Facebook! Follow us at [The Bar Association of Frederick County, MD](#) for updates, reminders, photos, and announcements.

Thank you to all who came out on April 14th to celebrate the life of BAFC member Stephen LeRoux with his family and friends.

Anyone who did not receive a Stephen LeRoux bracelet and would like one or anyone who would like an additional one, please stop by Carin Golze's office located at 19 N. Court Street, Suite 101, Frederick, MD 21701 or email her at carin@winiklaw.com to make alternative arrangements.



UPCOMING TRAININGS/PRESENTATIONS

Presentation by the Frederick Business Bar Section

“What the Practicing Attorney Needs to Know about Business Valuation”

Speaker: Alan Zipp

When: June 28, 2022 4:30pm - 6:00pm

Where: Lusk Law, 113 E. Church St, Frederick (subject to change depending on # of people attending)

Who Should Attend: Attorneys who practice business law (buy/sell, partnerships, business disputes), family law (specifically divorces), estates & trust, & tax.

Topics You will Learn:

When do you need a Business Valuation?

Different types of Valuations?

What type of valuation do I need for Court?

Do I always need a full evaluation?

What will it cost?

What goes into an evaluation?

Is it just an opinion?

Is the opinion credible?

How to cross-examine a business valuation?

RSVP: Rebekah Lusk, rlusk@lusk-law.com

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Events

- **May 3, 12p: BAFC MONTHLY MEETING.** Please join us as we welcome our speaker Sheriff Chuck Jenkins.
- **May 4, 8a-12p BAFC Mediation Skills Update Seminar.** Delaplaine Arts Center
- **May 25th, 5pm Family Law Section Meeting via ZOOM.** The Honorable Ricky Sandy, Magistrate Joanie Raymond, and Lindsay Parvis, Esq. will present.
- **May 31-June 3: MSBA's Legal Summit and Annual Meeting** in Ocean City.



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- o **June 7, 12p: Monthly Luncheon Meeting.** Delaplaine Arts Center. Our speaker will be Senator Michael Hough, who serves on the Judicial Proceedings Committee. Thank you to our sponsor Community Living Inc.
- o **June 28, 4:30-6p: The Business Law Section presents “What the Practicing Attorney Needs to Know about Business Valuation” by speaker Alan Zipp.** Lusk Law. **RSVP for space considerations to Rebekah Lusk at rlusk@lusk-law.com**
- o **July 8, 5p: BAFC Night at the Frederick Keys.** Picnic sponsored by McNees Wallace & Nurick, LLC.
- o **July 21, 12pm: Business Law Section Meeting.** Lusk Law. Zoom available upon request.
- o **September 15, 12p: Business Law Section presentation, “Mind Your Business: Coordinating Business and Estate Plans to Preserve Value” via Zoom.**

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Job Openings

Administrative Assistant

Ethridge, Quinn, Kemp, Rowan & Hartinger seeks a full time Legal Administrative Assistant in Rockville. Minimum of two years' experience in family, civil, and criminal law preferred.

Candidate required to work independently in a fast-paced environment and display strong typing skills with excellent grammar, punctuation and spelling. Proficiency in Word, Adobe Acrobat Pro, and PCLAW required.

Benefits include paid parking, paid individual health insurance premiums, paid vacation and participation in a 401(k) plan. Position is on-site.

Please forward resume and transmittal letter with salary requirements to jmh@eqlawyers.com and ck@eqlawyers.com. J.D. candidates need not apply.

Family Law Attorney Wanted

Paré & Associates, LLC is currently seeking an Associate Family Law Attorney. The ideal candidate will have a minimum of 8-10 years of family law experience - divorce, child custody, alimony, child support, and domestic violence. Attorney will handle all aspects of case management, including drafting pleadings, attending hearings, and conducting trials. This role requires a bilingual (English & Spanish) candidate. Main office located in Germantown. Remote work is available 1-2 days per week. Pay from \$125,000.00 per year plus bonus and benefits, depending on experience. Email resumes and cover letter to info@alicelaw.com. No phone calls please.

**Thank you for supporting
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Attorney Wanted for Board of Directors

The Golden Mile Alliance (Alliance) is a volunteer-driven 501 c3 non-profit with a mission to drive the Golden Mile to be a welcoming, economically-strong, and desirable commercial and residential community. The Golden Mile encompasses the diverse and vibrant communities along Route 40 and serves as the western gateway to the City of Frederick, Maryland. The Alliance promotes economic vitality and growth for the businesses, residents, and property owners along the Mile.

The Alliance is seeking an attorney to join its energetic Board of Directors for 2021. The attorney would provide a unique perspective to the Alliance Board of Directors and its volunteers as the Board often makes decisions that affect development and businesses in Frederick. It would involve attendance at monthly board meetings and some volunteer work on a committee.

Specifically, an ideal candidate for an attorney board member would be someone with the skills to assist the Alliance in a variety of upcoming actions:

1. Work with the Alliance Executive Committee on maintaining 501 c3 requirements and providing input into legal matters regarding the Alliance's policies and programs, as necessary.

2. Provide guidance in the upcoming review and revision of Alliance By-laws and liaison with the City of Frederick, as necessary.
3. Assist Alliance in its outreach to the small business community.
4. Assist with the legal issues associated with the development and implementation of a signature event (s) on the Golden Mile.

Prior board members who recently completed terms on the Board are Dave Severn, Peter Ciferri, and Stephen LeRoux.

If interested, please contact Sandra Wastler, President, Board of Directors at President@goldenmilealliance.org or 301-639-8518.

BAFC Website

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.

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