I am resending the newsletter with corrected links for the Thanksgiving Dinner Sign-Up. Sorry for the inconvenience.



### **NEWSLETTER**

November 2021

#### **President's Message**

By: Cristine Evans LoVetro, BAFC President

Sometimes we have tough jobs. I spent the last few days cleaning out the apartment of a deceased client. While I was honored that he had trusted me to, as he said, "take care of things" for him and I completed the necessary tasks with a humble heart and willing hands, I was moved frequently by the sadness of the activity. The most obvious source of sorrow was, of course, the fact that a really nice guy had passed away. The other, more evasive, genesis of melancholy arose from the fact that I did not know this man very well and I was performing a service that "should" have been done by someone who knew him intimately.

I mulled this over as I sorted through my client's possessions and tried to figure out how to effectively translate my private experience into words. Last month, I wrote a little about the importance of forming connections with one another, about being "there" for other members of our Bar Association, about making positive contributions to both our legal and Frederick communities. Taking it a step further, this month I invite each of you to go a little deeper and consider the role of gratitude in your daily practice of law.

I know. It's not easy. Feelings of gratitude can be somewhat elusive when preparing for trial, dealing with difficult clients, juggling a demanding caseload, worrying about a loved one, paying bills and chasing fees, but I encourage you to give it a shot. In the midst of a crazy-busy-can't-fit-another-thing-in kind of day, take a deep breath, step away from the computer and the phone and the noise and just make a list. Write down five things about which you feel most grateful. Sometimes, the list comes easy; other times, you have to look a little harder.

The purpose of this exercise? To remind yourself, even in the midst of seemingly pointless toil, that you have a place of value in this world that only you can occupy. When you make a "gratitude list" you will inevitably think of the people in your life - the ones who make you smile, the ones who hold your heart, the ones who matter. Take a moment to remind those people how important they are to you; invest the time to make those relationships

stronger. When the years pass and we drift away from this legal arena, certainly we will remember the good and not-so-good moments of our careers, but with whom will we share these memories? Be sure to thank your people today, so that you can be there for one another in the future.

In this season of Thanksgiving, your Bar Association will once again be serving meals at the Salvation Army. Be sure and sign up early; the opportunities to contribute to this activity are filled quickly. For the second year, members of our Bar participated in a gleaning project through First Fruits Farm and harvested pumpkins and potatoes for homeless shelters and food banks. Janice Rockwell, our Past President, discovered the existence of this opportunity last year when searching for a safe volunteer activity. Thank you, Janice, for introducing this fun and worthwhile event!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Bar Luncheon at the Delaplaine on November 9th. Remember, we are not meeting on November 2nd because of Election Day. Tim Maloney will be present to bestow his wisdom upon us through his uniquely-delivered legislative update. Mr. Maloney is a popular speaker, so be sure to RSVP early. Once again, we will be serving boxed lunches and have to submit the order in advance. Space will be limited as we continue to maintain social distancing and safety protocols. Please don't forget your mask!

Now that I've wrapped up this article, I'm going to go make my list for the day. All of you are on it. Thank you!



The BAFC will once again host a **Thanksgiving Dinner** through the Salvation Army on **Tuesday**, **November 23rd**. Serving times will be from 12-6pm. You can volunteer to serve and/or donate items for the dinner. Sign up **here**.

#### **Member Updates**

McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC is pleased to announce the addition of Paul D. Rose, Jr., an accomplished litigator and business advisor, joining the firm's Construction, Real Estate and Litigation Practice Groups, and litigator Kelly E. Lynch, who joins the firm's Construction and Procurement Law and Litigation Groups, to the firm's Frederick, Maryland office.

Their practice will focus on commercial business litigation, representing clients in disputes relating to construction, real estate and general civil litigation matters.

Paul Rose, Jr. can be reached at 301-241-2011, <a href="mailto:prose@mcneeslaw.com">prose@mcneeslaw.com</a>, and Kelly Lynch can be reached at 301-241-2012, <a href="mailto:klynch@mcneeslaw.com">klynch@mcneeslaw.com</a>.

**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. Leveque Intellectual Property Law has been dedicated exclusively to intellectual property law for over 25 years. Mr. Treiber can be reached at 301-668-3073 or <a href="mailto:adam@levequeip.com">adam@levequeip.com</a>.

#### From FCPS: Mock Trial Judge Availability

FCPS appreciates all the support it has received over the years from area attorneys volunteering their time to serve as judges for our high school mock trial program. To make the program happen this year, we are looking for some early feedback regarding your willingness to act as judge for the upcoming season. While we were grateful to be able to provide a virtual competition last year, we are hoping to be able to return to in-person competitions this year. Our ability to hold in-person competitions this year, however, depends on the willingness of people like you to judge our trials. If you are interested in serving as a judge in any way, please take a few moments to complete this short survey. Your feedback will help us make a decision about our competitions which are scheduled to begin in January. This survey will close November 5th.

Please access the survey here.

#### **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.

#### **Young Lawyers Section**

The Young Lawyers Section will meet for our last Happy Hour of 2021 on Wednesday, November 10th at 4:30 p.m. at Cucina Massi (formerly Nido's). Look for YLS on the outdoor patio if the weather is nice! Otherwise, we'll be inside. Cucina Massi's excellent happy hour

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The YLS is accepting nominations for the 2022 YLS Executive Committee ("EC") until November 15, 2021. If you are interested in serving on the YLS EC or would like to nominate someone to serve, please submit your name or the nomination to <a href="mailto:bafcyls@gmail.com">bafcyls@gmail.com</a>. If voting is necessary, YLS will email additional information following the nomination period. If you have any questions regarding YLS EC or want to learn more about the YLS EC, please email <a href="mailto:bafcyls@gmail.com">bafcyls@gmail.com</a> and a current EC member will contact you! Current EC members will also be at the November 10th happy hour at Cucina Massi if you wish to ask questions at that time.

The YLS is seeking nominations for the Annual Up-And Coming Lawyer Award and the Annual YLS Mentorship Award. Nominations are currently open and will continue to be remain open until November 9, 2021. Voting will commence on November 10, 2021 and will end on November 23, 2021. Visit the website to learn more about both awards and to submit nominations. Please note: Any BAFC member may nominate and vote for someone for the Up-and-Coming Lawyer award. Only YLS members may submit nominations and vote on the Mentorship award. If you have any questions, please direct them to bafcyls@gmail.com.

For more information about the Young Lawyers Section, please contact April Dixon (Inskeep) or email <a href="mailto:bafcyls@gmail.com">bafcyls@gmail.com</a>.

#### **Business Law Section**

For more information about the Business Law Section, please contact Chairperson Rebekah Lusk at <a href="mailto:rlusk@lusk-law.com">rlusk@lusk-law.com</a>.

**BAFC** Website

#### **RECENT EVENTS**

#### **NEW LAW CLERK/ATTORNEY HAPPY HOUR with YLS**

On October 7, 2021, BAFC and YLS members gathered at Rockwell Brewery for the annual New Lawyer/ Law Clerk Happy Hour. Twenty-five attendees enjoyed craft beers and a.k.a Friscos sandwiches and loaded potatoes on Rockwell's outdoor patio as they welcomed the new class of judicial law clerks and new practitioners to the BAFC.

The new class of Circuit Court clerks in attendance included Robert McCabe, Justin Spencer, Andrew Curran, and William Sasse. Since the happy hour on

October 7th, Derek Moscati joined the class of clerks! If you have not had the opportunity to meet the law clerks, please be sure to say hello the next time you visit the courthouse! *Please also read the bios on all the law clerks in the article below.* 



#### **GLEANING EVENT AT FIRST FRUITS FARM**

On the morning of Saturday, October 16th, ten members of the BAFC and their family members gathered at First Fruits Farm in Freeland, Maryland, for the BAFC's 2nd Annual Gleaning Event. In just two hours, approximately 200 volunteers from various organizations harvested 60,000 pounds of Kennebec potatoes! An additional 50 volunteers harvested pumpkins in nearby fields. First Fruit Farms will go on to harvest 120,000 pounds of potatoes every week through November.

First Fruits Farm is the largest fresh produce provider to the Maryland Food Bank, which distributes to local food banks, homeless shelters, and soup kitchens. First Fruit Farms' efforts extend beyond Maryland with the donation of produce throughout the Mid-Atlantic region and from time to time throughout the country, such as during hurricane relief. The Maryland Food Bank experienced an 89% increase in need during the COVID-19 pandemic, with 1 in 3 families experiencing food insecurity. Fortunately, First Fruit Farms responded to that need, and in 2020, First Fruit Farms harvested 1,677,945 pounds of produce from their 203-acre farm with the assistance of just shy of 10,000 volunteers.

At the end of our morning's work, the BAFC volunteers left with a smile on their faces, a sense of gratitude and accomplishment, and a pumpkin to take home! The Gleaning event was a good time for all – adults and children. We hope that you will consider joining the BAFC in volunteering next year!



#### **ARTICLES OF INTEREST**

### Circuit Court for Frederick County 2021-2022 Judicial Law Clerks By: April Dixon, YLS President

Andrew Curran is the law clerk to the Honorable Scott L. Rolle. Andrew lives in Frederick and graduated from the University of Maryland Carey School of Law. While clerking, Andrew has enjoyed observing how attorneys approach cases in different factual and legal situations and learning new legal subjects and issues. After more than a year of studying and working from his basement, Andrew is happy to work at the courthouse and appreciates the opportunity to learn the operations of the courthouse. Andrew is interested in litigation, health care, and intellectual property law.

**Robert McCabe** is the law clerk to the Honorable Theresa M. Adams. Robert lives in Walkersville and graduated from Georgetown Law School. Robert is licensed to practice law in Maryland and D.C. After graduating from law school in 2015, Robert worked as a litigator for two large firms in D.C. for about six years. Through clerking, Robert is excited to explore opportunities for the next stage of his legal career. Robert is interested in both appellate and transactional practices involving business law and trusts and estates.

**Derek Moscati** is the law clerk to the Honorable Julia A. Martz-Fisher. Derek lives in Silver Spring and graduated from the University of Baltimore School of Law. As Derek prepares for his start date of November 3, 2021, he looks forward to building relationships in the Frederick legal community and is interested in the diverse aspects of legal practice that he will be exposed to while clerking. Derek is excited for the opportunity to contribute meaningfully to the community. Derek also looks forward to learning more about several areas of law, including estates and trusts, criminal procedure, health law,

administrative law, family law, and civil liberties.

**Justin Spencer** is the law clerk to the Honorable Julie R. Stevenson Solt. Justin lives in Frederick and graduated from the University of Baltimore School of Law. Justin is primarily interested in criminal law but would like to learn more about the practice areas of labor law and civil rights. So far, Justin has enjoyed exposure to numerous areas of law in such a short period of time. Justin appreciates the knowledge Judge Solt shares with him and enjoys discussing cases with her and learning the tricks of the trade.

William Sasse is the law clerk to the Honorable Richard J. Sandy. William lives in Frederick and graduated from the University of Baltimore School of Law. William enjoys learning from Judge Sandy as well as the other judges and courthouse staff. In his short time clerking, William has found that seeing the good, the bad, and the ugly of the practice of law is very enlightening. William has prior experience serving as a Rule 19 student attorney in Montgomery County and clerking at a small local law firm. William looks forward to learning more about the practice areas of criminal law, family law, civil litigation, and trusts and estates





Group photo (Left to right) William Sasse, Robert McCabe, Justin Spencer and Andrew Curran. Individual photo: Derek Moscati

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## PRACTITIONERS OF THE BAR – An occasional series of profiles of former Frederick County attorneys

By:Tom Slater, BAFC Historian

Cleopatra Campbell was a force of nature. Very few people who met her failed to remember her. As best I can tell, she was the second female attorney in Frederick County. Mary Storm was reported to be the first, but she came to the Frederick Bar shortly before Cleo. Cleo practiced law in Frederick County from 1967 until a few years before her death in 1918 at age 82. As far as I know, she is the only member of the Bar Association of Frederick County to lie in state, at her direction. Her obelisk at Mt. Olivet is unique.

I am one of the few individuals who knew Cleo before she went to law school (and almost 20 years before I became an attorney.) As a freshman at Frostburg State Teachers College, one of the college administrators I met was Cleopatra Campbell, whose title was "Social Director." What an apt title for Cleo. She was charged with the responsibility of enforcing the draconian rules that applied mostly to women on campus (think dress codes, curfews, etc.).

After working at Frostburg, Cleo attended law school at the University of New Mexico (one of only two women in her class). She had been raised on a farm in Worchester County, Maryland near what was locally called Campbelltown. She had a twin sister, Penelope, who is a retired history professor in Georgia. Before law school Cleo received degrees from Baylor University (B.A.) and Ohio State University (M.A.).

After obtaining her law degree, Cleo moved to Frederick to join the law offices of Mathias, Mathias, and Mitchell in 1967. She became the first female prosecutor in Frederick County when she joined the State's Attorney's office in 1972. She often said she learned in the State's Attorney's office that as long as she had a file, she could try a case. After leaving the State's Attorney's office, she practiced solo. While practicing solo, she gained notice for representing All-Saints' custodian Jerome Morris, who was convicted of murdering his wife 9 years earlier. She obtained a new trial for Morris in which he was acquitted of the murder. In 1986, Cleo and I became law partners and formed Campbell and Slater, P.C. Later our firm became Campbell, Slater, and Aldridge, when Dave Aldridge joined us. After Tommy Dorsey was defeated for State's Attorney in 1994, he joined our firm as an associate. The firm lasted ten years, until 1996. She was intrepid, bold, and never afraid to tell you how she felt about something, sometimes even the tie you were wearing or not wearing. She lived to travel and was willing to go anyplace for adventure including floating down a river in Africa in a canoe with her twin sister. At the time of her death, she was planning a cruise down the Danube. She loved animals and underdogs. Sometimes she was not as vigorous in collecting fees as she could have been but also willingly represented people pro bono. She always represented her clients with vigor and enthusiasm and was quick on her feet. In 1978 she married Eugene Anderson, a farmer and engineer, who died in 1995.

Never afraid of leadership roles, she was president of the Bar Association of Frederick County for two consecutive terms. Until her presidency, the president of the bar association was selected based on the order in which new attorneys signed the attestation book in the Clerk's office. The person who was supposed to succeed Cleo (I believe it was Bill Kalis) did not want to serve as president, so Cleo announced that she would run for re-election, and the use of the attestation book to choose bar presidents was ended. Cleo also served on the Board of Governors of the Maryland State Bar Association, president of Goodwill Industries, president of the Humane Society, president of the Frederick County Defense Bar, and president of the Frederick AAUW. She was also a member of the Rotary Club and an active congregant at All Saint's Episcopal Church. She was elected to a term on the Republican State Central Committee of Frederick County and to two terms on the Orphans' Court (2010 and 2014). She was a Rockefeller Republican and not a fan of Donald Trump.

Cleo was a mentor to many lawyers in Frederick, particularly female lawyers. An avid feminist, who occasionally smoked cigars and drank whiskey, Cleo lived life to the fullest.









Pictures (starting at top left):
#1 – Cleo while Social Director at
Frostburg State Teachers
College in 1962
#2 – Cleo's office at 120 W.
Church St. (she was previously
at 130 W. Church St.)
#3 – Cleo's obelisk
#4 – Cleo, Tom, and Dave at
MSBA Mid-Year meeting in
Barbados in 1991

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

#### **Events**

- November 5: 62nd Annual Conference of Bar Presidents. Virtual.
- November 9, 12p Monthly Luncheon Meeting. Delaplaine Arts Center.
   Our speaker is Tim Maloney giving a legislative update and our sponsor is Kiernan Waters from Minnesota Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company.
- November 23, 12-6pm BAFC Annual Thanksgiving Dinner with the Salvation Army. Sign up <a href="here">here</a>.

#### **Save the Date**

o December 2, 5-7p : Family Law Section Holiday Happy Hour. Thatcher & Rye

o December 7, 12p: VIRTUAL Monthly Luncheon Meeting.

o December 9, 12-6pm BAFC Annual Holiday Party. Watch

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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.

#### From the Circuit Court for Frederick County

Beginning on November 1, 2021, all Scheduling Conferences, in family cases only, will be held in open court with all parties and counsel expected to appear in-person. These proceedings will not be set as Remote or Virtual Hearings any longer. A Motion will need to be filed and granted, if counsel or parties would like the Scheduling Conference to be held virtually. Scheduling Conferences in any other type of case will routinely be held virtually.

#### **For Rent**

First floor, street front office space, with two levels (approximately 569 square feet), available for rent January 1, 2022, at **19 North Court Street, Frederick, MD** – one block from the courthouse. Common area restrooms on each level of the building. \$1,150.00 / month (includes CAM). For more information, please contact Leslie Powell at 301-668-7575.

Second floor, street front office space (approximately 582 square feet) available for rent December 1, 2021, at **19 North Court Street, Frederick, MD** – one block from the courthouse. Space includes a reception area, two open office spaces, one private office with plenty of natural light; kitchen area with sink and a file/storage room. Common area restrooms on each level of the building. \$1,250.00 / month (includes CAM). For more information, please contact Leslie Powell at 301-668-7575.

#### **Article Request**

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

Law Forum in 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 <a href="mailto:ublawforumarticles@outlook.com">ublawforumarticles@outlook.com</a> 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.

## DEMYSTIFYING 5 PROBONO MYTHS

## MYTH #1: PRO BONO LEGAL SERVICE IS JUST LIKE ANY OTHER KIND OF CHARITABLE WORK.

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## MYTH #4: YOU HAVE TO BE A LITIGATOR IN ORDER TO DO PRO BONO SERVICE.

There are many opportunities at legal services organizations for non-litigators to engage in impactful pro bono service. A few examples include helping a low-income senior draft a will to preserve their family home for future generations, filing a name change petition, or volunteering at an expungement clinic.

### MYTH #5: I COULD NEVER DO PRO BONO OUTSIDE MY AREA OF PRACTICE.

Legal services organizations including the Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland provide substantive legal trainings, both live and on demand. When you volunteer, staff attorneys are often available to provide guidance and mentorship. The experience you gain will further develop your legal skills.

#### 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

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#### Volunteer with Immigration Legal Services at Catholic Charities, D.C.

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Immigration Legal Services program.

For more information, please reach out to James Feroli by email at james.feroliecc-dc.org.



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