



NEWSLETTER

September 2021

Remember Our Oath

By: Cristine Evans LoVetro, BAFC President

"I do solemnly affirm that I will at all times demean myself fairly and honorably as an attorney and practitioner at law; that I will bear true allegiance to the State of Maryland, and support the laws and Constitution thereof, and that I will bear true allegiance to the United States, and that I will support, protect and defend the Constitution, laws and government thereof as the supreme law of the land; any law, or ordinance of this or any state to the contrary notwithstanding." (An. Code 1957, art. 10, § 10; 1989, ch. 3, § 1.)

In the off-chance that you haven't contemplated our Oath for Admission to the Maryland Bar recently, I thought you might enjoy reminiscing about that moment at the Court of Appeals building where you raised your right hand and repeated the words above. While our individual paths in pursuit of this sought-after rite of passage varied, taking the Oath with our fellow inductees unified us and we were instantly – finally – transformed into attorneys. As we said those words, we were not merely entering a profession; rather, we assumed a new identity. It was a very, very big deal. We became, as Alan Winik often reminds us, brothers and sisters at the Bar.

No matter where you stand presently in your journey, I encourage you to take a moment out of your busy (or no-longer-so-busy) day and reflect on the meaning of the words above. (While I admit that I find the phrase "demean myself" to be challenging and not at all inspirational, I just substitute "humble" for "demean" and it sounds much better to my post-therapy ears. Try it, you'll see.) We all have done important work as ambassadors of the justice system and we all have more important work to do. Find your place at the table and dig in.

Staying active in your Bar Association is one way to ensure that you continue to abide by the directives of the Oath. Although we have no plans to protect and defend the Constitution at the Annual Picnic, social events such as these solidify our individual and collective foundations so that we are more equipped when the need arises. Please join us at Milkhouse Brewery on September 9th to enjoy some great barbeque and camaraderie among your current peers, retired mentors, and judges/magistrates.

While the Oath demands that we dedicate ourselves to supporting the rule of law, what it does not mention is the necessity of our allegiance to one another. As I am sure many of you are aware, one of our beloved Bar members

Stephen LeRoux, is fighting cancer. As his family, fiancé, friends, Frederick community and the BAFC rally around Stephen to help in his battle, we ask you to join us with your prayers, financial contributions, and attendance at the Benefit for Stephen on September 25th. More information about the event and the link to the GoFundMe page are included below. Stephen, our brother at the Bar, we are with you.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the picnic next week. Remember that we are not having a Bar Lunch in September. Also, although Judge Solt will swear in the Grand Jury on September 13th, there will be no BAFC presentation and members are asked not to attend Opening Term of Court. Our next Bar Lunch will be on October 5, 2021, at Noon at the Delaplaine. Our speaker will be Natalie McSherry, President of the Maryland State Bar Association.

Annual Golf Tournament

Thursday, September 9, 2021

- **Musket Ridge Golf Club** (3555 Brethren Church Rd., Myersville, MD 21773)
- **9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Tee Times** (Please arrive early to hit range balls and find your cart assignment.)
- **\$60, Registration Deadline: September 2, 2021**
- **Registration limited to 32 players** (So register early!)
- **Includes greens fees, cart, range balls and prizes**

Players of all skill levels are encouraged to join. Players will be assigned to a team to safeguard that everyone will be a candidate for the Green Tees Award!

REGISTRATION FORM

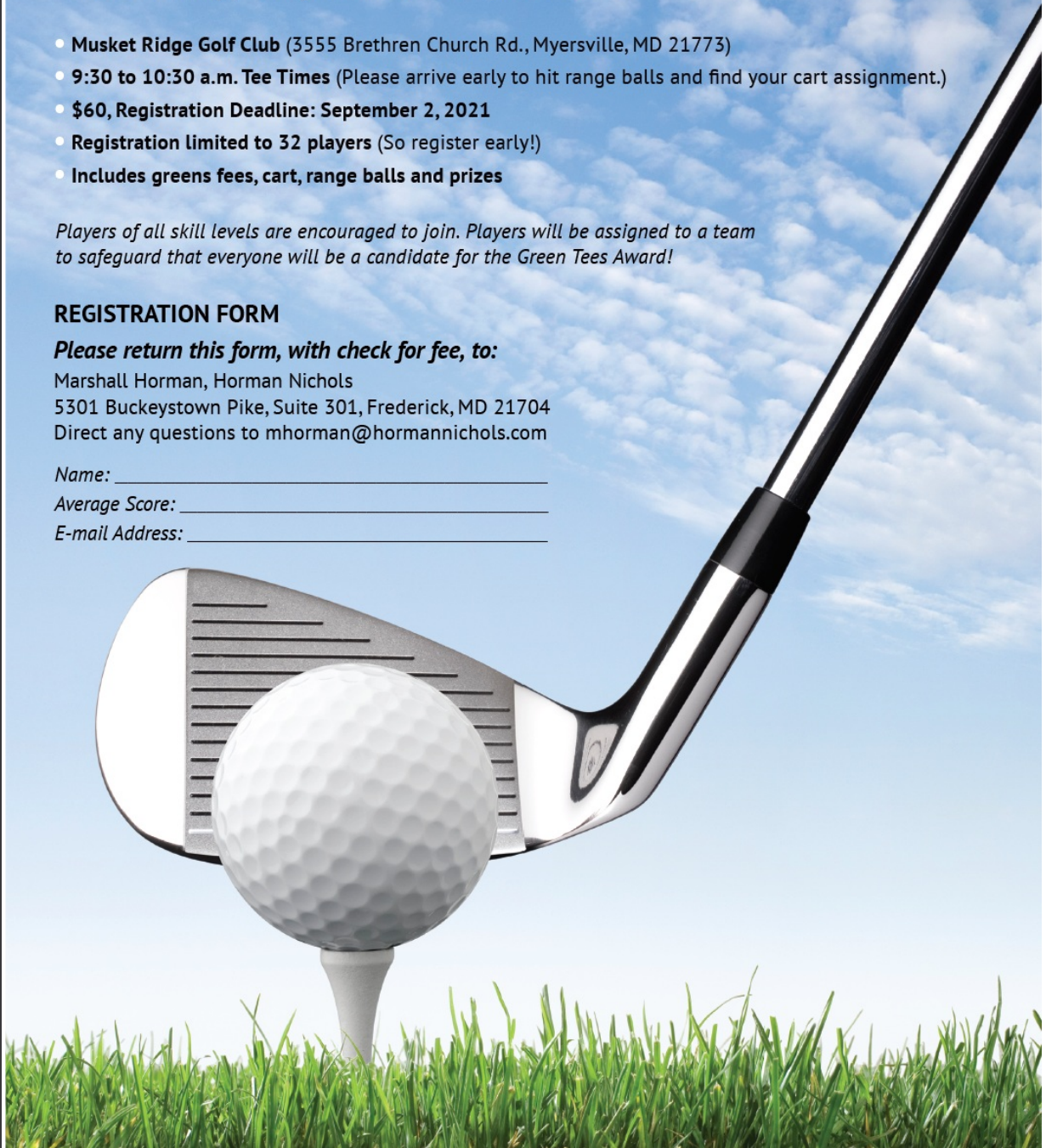
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Section Updates

Family Law Section

The **Family Law Section** has scheduled the following meetings:

- **Wednesday, September 22, 2021, at 5pm via Zoom:** Jane Wettach, Esq. with the Coalition for Responsible Home Education will be speaking on the topic of homeschooling and will be providing tips on how to navigate potential issues that could come up when a family is involved in homeschooling.
- **Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at 5pm via Zoom:** Paul Berman, Ph.D.

Rebecca Snyder, Ph.D., Lisa Fishberg, Esq., and Erin Kopelman, Esq., will present the results of a more than a yearlong workgroup project regarding the use of Brief Focused Assessments in contested custody cases. They will discuss 10 proposed processes and the methodologies for Brief Focused Assessments that you can apply to cases to avoid the need for a full custody evaluation when one is not needed or appropriate.

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

Young Lawyers Section

The **Young Lawyers Section** will be coordinating **volunteers for BrewFest** at Milkhouse Brewery at Stillpoint Farm on **Saturday, September 11th**. In return for volunteering a donation is made to Camp Jamie (Frederick Health Hospice). Please sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48ABAA28A4FC1-volunteer>

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

Business Law Section

The **Business Law Section** will have the meeting on **September 30th at 12pm** at Lusk Law. Attending remotely by zoom is available by emailing Rebekah Lusk at rlusk@lusk-law.com,

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

**BAR ASSOCIATION
OF FREDERICK CO.**
2021 ANNUAL

**BBQ
Picnic**

Thursday, September 9th

**5 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M.
MILKHOUSE BREWERY**

BEER & WINE

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★ P.I.G.S ★**

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ONLY \$30**

Members & Current Law Clerks only event.

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BAFC 2nd Annual Gleaning Event

The BAFC seeks volunteers to help harvest fruits and vegetables for food banks, homeless shelters, soup kitchens, and other food providers throughout Maryland on **Saturday, October 16, 2021 from 9-11:30a.**

THIS IS A FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENT organized by the BAFC

YLS. Volunteers will meet at First Fruits Farm, Inc., located at 20431 Middletown Road, Freeland, MD 21053 at 8:45am. There will be plenty of space and jobs to allow for social distancing. With a mid-October gleaning date, the BAFC will likely help harvest cabbage, greens, turnips or potatoes, apples, and/or pumpkins!

If you are interested in serving as a volunteer, please go to [Liability Waiver](#) to sign-up and fill out the liability waiver for each person attending. Please email bafcyls@gmail.com with any questions. The BAFC encourages participants to wear their yellow BAFC Quarantine 2020 t-shirt if you have one! To learn more about this project and organization, check out <https://www.firstfruitsfarm.org/>.

BENEFIT for Stephen LeRoux

*Together we can help
Stephen beat cancer.*



**ATTABOY
BEER**

September 25, 2021 from Noon to 3:00 p.m.
Location Attaboy Barrel House (24 S. Wisner Street).
Admission \$10.00
(includes mask & 1 raffle ticket)

il Porta
Fine Italian Restaurant

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Recently, BAFC Member Stephen LeRoux, was diagnosed with Stage Four colon cancer.

Stephen, and his wonderful fiancé, Emily, need our help and support in the coming months. There are several ways



that you can participate:

1) Please share and attend the fundraising event listed above that is being organized by a group of Stephen's closest friends. The event is on Saturday, **September 25, 2021**, at Attaboy Barrel House from Noon - 3pm for live music, drinks, food provided by Il Porto, and an awesome raffle. A \$10 entry fee will get you entry to the event, a custom face mask (fabric picked by Stephen), and 1 raffle ticket. See the Facebook event [HERE](#).

2) You or your firm could donate an item for the raffle. Please contact Carin Golze at Carin@winiklaw.com or 240-315-4365 if you wish to donate so she can make arrangements to obtain the item and add it to the list.

3) Help now by sharing and donating to the GoFundMe site [HERE](#).

4) Look for ways to donate directly at upcoming In-Person BAFC events, starting with the BAFC Annual Picnic on **September 9th**.

Thank you all for joining Stephen's Army of Support.

FROM THE COURTHOUSE

FREDERICK COUNTY PHASE IX RESUMPTION Notice to the Bar and Public

On Monday, August 9, 2021, the Circuit Court for Frederick County implemented the new Masking and Social Distancing protocols as outlined in Chief Judge Barbera's latest Administrative Order.

Under the Orders of August 9, 2021, **all individuals**, even those who have obtained the COVID vaccine, must wear a mask inside the courthouse. Those that are vaccinated may gather without social distancing. Those that are unvaccinated must observe social distancing.

All individuals entering the courthouse must comply with COVID screenings conducted by the Sheriff's Department.

Julie S. Solt
Administrative Judge
Circuit Court for Frederick County

[BAFC Website](#)

RECENT EVENTS

Retirement Celebration for Judge Nicklas

It was a double celebration on August 12th. Not only did we celebrate Judge William R. Nicklas, Jr.'s transition into retirement, but it was also his birthday!

Friends from far and near gathered at the Delaplaine Arts Center to express their appreciation to the judge. Midway through the evening BAFC President Cristine LoVetro introduced a tribute video made by colleagues who wished to express their gratitude to the judge for not only what he taught them but also the justice and compassion he gave to the citizens of Frederick County. (There may have been a few stories and inside jokes shared along the way.) After the video, a group of Judge Nicklas' former law clerks presented him with a photo collage thanking him for all the doors he opened for them.

Although we are sad to not have Judge Nicklas as a daily presence inside the Frederick Courthouse, we look forward to him serving as a senior judge from time to time as well as still being an active member of the BAFC.





Events

- **September 7: NO BAFC LUNCHEON due to ANNUAL PICNIC AND GOLF TOURNAMENT.** See below.
- **September 9, BAFC Annual Golf Tournament** at Musket Ridge Golf Course. Tee times 9:30-10:30a. **RSVP by September 2nd** to Marshall Horman at mhorman@hormannichols.com.
- **September 9, BAFC Annual Picnic 5-7:30p** at Milkhouse Brewery. Members and Law Clerks only. **RSVP by September 3rd.** <https://secure.affinipay.com/pages/frederickbar/events>.
- **September 10: Pro Bono/IOLTA Reports Due.**
- **September 11: BrewFest at Milkhouse Brewery at Stillpoint Farm.** Sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48ABAA28A4FC1-volunteer>
- **September 13: Opening Term of Court.** Swearing in of Grand Jury. **No member gathering due to COVID.**
- **September 22, 5p: Family Law Section Meeting via Zoom.** Speaker: Jane Wettach, Esq. with the Coalition for Responsible Home Education.
- **September 25, 12-3p: Benefit for BAFC Member Stephen LeRoux.** Attaboy Brewery.
- **September 30, 12p: Business Law Section Meeting** at Lusk Law. Remote attendance is available via Zoom.

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

Save the Date

o **October 5, 12p: Monthly Luncheon Meeting.** Delaplaine Arts Center. Our speaker will be MSBA President Natalie

McSherry.

o **October 16, 9-11:30a BAFC
2nd Annual Gleaning Event.**
First Fruits Farm, Freeland, MD.

o **October 20, 5pm via Zoom:
Family Law Section meeting.**
Speakers: Paul Berman, Ph.D.
Rebecca Snyder, Ph.D., Lisa
Fishberg, Esq., and Erin
Kopelman, Esq. See "Section
Updates" in this newsletter for
more details.

[Full Calendar of Events](#)



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2021: 10th Anniversary Justice for All Fund Grants

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fn=Bar+Association+of+Frederick+County+Justice+for+All+Fund](https://www.frederickcountygives.org/Giving-Your-Way/Explore-Funds?fn=Bar+Association+of+Frederick+County+Justice+for+All+Fund)

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.

Mediation Services Available

The **Law Offices of Richard P. Bricken** is offering *fee reduced services* for *voluntary mediations* of all legal matters with **free consultation screening** and discretionary terms of the service provider.

For situations in which all parties in dispute wish to avail themselves of this opportunity, please call [301-694-5850](tel:301-694-5850).

Job Opportunity - Associate Attorney

Ethridge, Quinn, Kemp, Rowan & Hartinger, an established AV rated Montgomery County and Frederick County, Maryland law firm, has an immediate opening for a full-time associate attorney with 2-5 years experience in Family Law, Civil Litigation, and and/or Business law. Newly barred attorneys will be considered as well. Excellent benefits including paid health

insurance. Metro accessible and paid parking. Competitive Salary. Send resume and salary requirements to: Colleen Coffman at ccc@eqlawyers.com or call 301-762-1696.

Reminder: Pro Bono Reporting Hours due **September 10th**

All attorneys authorized to practice law in Maryland must file an annual Pro Bono Legal Service Report of their pro bono services hours by September 10 each year, even if they did not provide pro bono services, using the Attorney Information System (AIS). **Maryland attorneys on active status who fail to pay the annual CPF assessment by September 10 will incur a \$25.00 late fee on September 11.**

While attorneys may choose to pay the CPF assessment online or through the U.S. mail (accompanied by an invoice printed from AIS), pro bono and IOLTA reports must be completed online using AIS. Attorneys who fail to pay the assessment, confirm their tax ID number, or complete pro bono and IOLTA reporting may be subject to a temporary suspension or decertification from the practice of law. **All compliance requirements must be completed no later than September 10th.**

Log onto the Attorney Information System (AIS) at www.mdcourts.gov/lawyers/ais to pay the CPF assessment by the deadline and avoid the late fee.

For additional information about attorney compliance requirements and AIS, please visit <https://mdcourts.gov/lawyers/ais/annualcompliance>.

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 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.

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

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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