



NEWSLETTER

July 2022

President's Message

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

The Judiciary should be the most unassuming of the three branches of our government. I think I can speak for all our Frederick County Judges when I state that we all would like to decide our cases in the best way that we can and quietly move on to the next case. No judge goes looking for publicity if we can avoid it. The United States Supreme Court, however, does not have that luxury. Last week's earth-shattering opinions relating to two of the most controversial social issues in the United States, abortions and guns, will reverberate for decades to come. Many Americans have strong feelings on either side of these issues, and the Supreme Court and its justices are the object of ire or adulation depending on their viewpoint. As lawyers we know that the courts don't create laws; the legislature does. We also understand the role of the courts. The majority of non-lawyers, however, do not necessarily comprehend that.



I recently moved into a new house and was happy to find a former Sheriff's Deputy whom I have known for 25+ years living a few doors down from me. I was not as happy when he told me a neighbor already knew a judge was moving into the neighborhood. I told him, "make sure they know I'm just a local judge and not a Supreme Court justice." We judges do worry about security in this day and age. Just a few weeks ago a judge in Wisconsin was murdered by a man he had sentenced to prison years ago. My best friend from college is a judge in the Superior Court for Bergen County, N.J., and as a former Assistant United States Attorney he is personally acquainted with U.S. District Court Judge Esther Salas. Judge Salas' son was murdered and her husband shot in their family home in 2020 by an attorney who was angry with her rulings. Frederick County is fortunate to have such close-knit legal family as I view our Bar Association. I am sure that all our members realize our judges are real people from our close interactions at bar functions and other places. When you see me outside of the courthouse, please say hi and call me "Dino." I prefer that you not call me "Judge Flores" in public. It's too formal from one lawyer to another outside of the work environment, and I never know who may be listening. There is no luncheon in July, but I hope to see everyone at the Key's Game on July 8 and at our August luncheon on August 2.

SALVATION ARMY FISHING TRIP

Friday, July 15, 2022 from 8:30-10:30
a.m.
at Culler Lake



The BAFC once again is sponsoring a morning fishing outing for children attending the Salvation Army Day Camp. We anticipate 40 children will attend this year, and we need your help.

We need:

- At least 30 member volunteers
- 45 fishing poles (to borrow)
- Fishing tackle (bobbers, swivels, and hooks)
- Bait
- Bottled water
- Ice

Anyone who is interested in donating items or volunteering, please contact Ricky Sandy at Richard.Sandy@MDCOURTS.GOV or Mike Moore at MMoore3@statesattorney.us



SECTION UPDATES

Young Lawyers Section

The **Young Lawyers Section** is excited to announce a **Bowling and Arcade Party** on **July 21st from 5-9p.** at Fourth Dimension Fun Center open to all BAFC members and their guests. The event is \$25 per person and includes 2 hours of bowling, unlimited pizza, salad, dessert, and soft drinks as well as reduced arcade pass tickets for \$7. Thank you to Conklyn & Kemp Law Firm and The Machin Law Firm, LLC for helping sponsor this event.

Save the date of September 10th for Brewfest at the Farm 2022 at Still Point Farm and Milkhouse Brewery. This fundraising event will benefit Camp Jamie. Look for volunteer signups this summer! Volunteers get free admission to the event.

For more information about the Young Lawyers Section, please email

bafcyls@gmail.com.

Family Law Section

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

Business Law Section

The **Business Law Section** will meet on **July 21st at 12pm at Lusk Law**. (Zoom available upon request.) The topic is "Renting in a Post-COVID World". We will address the updated Real Property Codes that took effect June 1, 2022, and post-COVID case law. In addition, we will discuss what should be advised to landlord and tenant clients regarding renting in this post-COVID world. As well as having other recent business case updates.

A link to the section's second edition of their quarterly newsletter can be found [HERE](#).

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.



Join the Bar Association of
Frederick County for a

BOWLING & ARCADE PARTY!

presented by the

Young Lawyers Section

Thursday, July 21, 2022
From 5:00pm - 9:00pm
Fourth Dimension Fun Center
4725 Arcadia Dr, Frederick, MD 21703
Admission \$25.00
Unlimited pizza, salad, dessert, and soda provided.

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RECENT EVENTS

MSBA Legal Summit & Annual Meeting

By: Magistrate Joanie Raymond

This year was a very different year for the MSBA Legal Summit and Annual Meeting. It was the first year back to an in-person meeting since COVID took over our lives, but it was also the first year at the Ocean City Convention Center. The number of Frederick lawyers attending was lower and we had some notable absences, but the ones who traveled to Ocean City enjoyed being with other lawyers, learning, networking and playing just a little.



Attendees could watch several gubernatorial candidates speak – both in person and virtually. The Republican primary governor forum on May 31 was digital and featured only Kelly Schulz as the other Republican candidates declined to take part. Dan Abrams, Ari Melber and Brandon Etheridge were the keynote speakers at the Convention Center on Wednesday, June 1. Frederick lawyers were in attendance at the opening happy hour with a band and great appetizers (some people were stalking the raspberry brie in phyllo dough). The specialty bar hospitality suite opened at the Double Tree that night.

Classes began in earnest June 2, with offerings from wellness to cyber security to substantive law. The Hon. Lynne Battaglia, et al. led “Are you Smarter than a Law Clerk Redux?” mid-day and before the Seacrets happy hour sponsored by the Worcester County Bar Association and Vallit. Seacrets saw lawyers and judges mingling with their feet in the sand with beautiful warm breezy weather. Some members attended the Seacrets event while others attended the Maryland Bar Foundation event that afternoon. A storm then moved in just as the President’s Reception and 125th Anniversary celebration started later that evening. The weather did not impact the attendees’ enjoyment. Partygoers were able to watch the storm roll in from the floor to ceiling windows in the Convention Center while listening to music, catching up with colleagues and enjoying the food from numerous stations. The night capped off with “Late Night” with local bar associations hosting a hospitality get-together and silent disco.

Friday was more classes, the new Judges’ reception, the 125th Anniversary Thought Roundtable, the Closing Reception and a bonfire on the beach. Many members stayed even after the classes and meetings ended on Friday, gathering for dinner and sharing thoughts on the changes to the conference.

While the Convention Center is more spacious and offers nearly unlimited parking, many members missed having the conference at a venue where they can stay overnight. Traveling between locales for MSBA conference events made the event feel less cohesive. Members were disappointed by the lack of interaction between classes and with vendors. However, the MSBA Legal Summit will be held at the Convention Center for at least the next year. So, mark your calendars for June 7-9, 2023 so your calendar is clear to attend.

Those that attended hope more BAFC members will attend in the future. The Summit is a great way to network with lawyers outside of Frederick County and take classes/attend meetings in your specialty practice area with lawyers who engage in that practice throughout the state. If you want more information on



Shown are (Left to right, clockwise): 1) BAFC President Elect, Tim Price (right) with Adam Abrahams (Montgomery County attorney) at Opening Reception. 2) BAFC contingent at a Dine Around at Barn 32 3) Scott Hartinger and Tom Slater at President's Reception 4) Scott Hartinger (far right) with vendor representative and Calvin Awkward (middle, Baltimore City attorney) at Opening Reception 5) BAFC contingent at Seacrets events sponsored by Worcester Co Bar Assn 6) BAFC contingent at President's Reception.



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- Dozens of acquittals in felony jury trials

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- *Washingtonian* Best Lawyers, 2017-2022
- *SuperLawyers* Best Lawyers, Maryland, 2014-2022
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- *Washingtonian* Best Lawyers, 2015-2022
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- Lectured around the U.S. on asylum law to immigration lawyers
- Several precedent-setting 4th Circuit wins

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- Several precedent-setting BIA and Fourth Circuit decisions

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Job Openings

Attorney Wanted

Mid-sized Maryland firm in Washington suburbs seeking a full-time criminal defense attorney. MD bar required. Spanish proficiency and VA bar a plus. Competitive salary, bonus, and benefit package. Email resume Isabel@Jezicfirm.com.

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Events

- **July 8, 5p: BAFC Night at the Frederick Keys** Picnic sponsored by McNeese Wallace & Nurick, LLC
- **July 15, 8:30-10:30am: Salvation Army Fishing at Culler Lake** To help, contact Ricky Sandy at Richard.Sandy@MDCOURTS.GOV or Mike Moore at MMoore3@statesattorney.us.
- **July 21, 12pm: Business Law Section Meeting** Lusk Law. Zoom available upon request.
- **July 21, 5-8p: Bowling and Arcade Party with YLS** Fourth Dimension Fun Center. Purchase tickets by using your member login on the BAFC website.

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Save the Date

o **August 2, 12p: BAFC MONTHLY MEETING.** Delaplaine Arts Center. Thank you to our sponsors Amada and Oasis.

o **September 10th: Brewfest at the Farm 2022.** Still Point Farm and Milkhouse Brewery.

o **September 15, 12pm: Business Law Section presentation, “Mind Your Business: Coordinating Business and Estate Plans to Preserve Value”** via Zoom.

[Full Calendar of Events](#)

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

Information of Interest

The Pro Bono Resource Center’s Annual Report for 2021 is now available.

Check out page 10 to see BAFC members Carin Golze and Joanna Shapiro mentioned as award recipients for the 2021 for Pro Bono service awards

[2021 Annual Report | Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland \(probonomd.org\)](#)

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>

BAFC Website

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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