



NEWSLETTER

March 2022

President's Message

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

Well, I am President of the BAFC now. I have been trying to avoid this responsibility for some time. I tried to convince Cris Lovetro to remain as President for Life, but she gracefully snubbed my efforts. I want to thank Cris for the terrific job she did as President, Janice Rockwell who has served her parole as Past President, and all of the members of the Executive Committees I have served on for the past five years. I am happy to serve with a great group of people on the current Executive Committee as we work to do the business the members have asked us to do. And of course, a big thanks to Maegan Cooper, our wonderful Executive Director who makes sure everything actually works.



I believe my biggest challenge this year will be to keep our members engaged and connected with the Bar Association and with each other. The last two years have been a difficult period for everyone, and the BAFC has not been immune to the vagaries of COVID. Membership has decreased, lawyers we all know have retired, and bar events have been greatly changed, reduced, or even eliminated. It appears that we are heading back towards whatever "normal" will look like. The Court returns to regular unrestricted operations (Phase V) beginning March 7, and it appears that there will be no more masks required nor entrance screenings at the Frederick County Courthouse. I know we all look forward to coming into the courthouse the way we used to. Please join us for our Monthly meeting on March 1 via ZOOM; Clerk of the Circuit Court Sandra Dalton will join us and will be addressing how her office will be moving forward in Phase V.

As I stated at our Zoom luncheon last month, our Bar Association is recognized across the State as one of the best bar associations in Maryland by many lawyers, judges, and other bar associations. That is due to you, the members of this Association. Thank you all for participating in our events that serve the community at large as well as our legal universe here in Frederick County. I look forward to seeing all of you soon.

New Member Spotlight

Daniel M. Moore, a Frederick native, is currently the senior law clerk to the Honorable Joseph M. Getty, Chief Judge, Court of Appeals of Maryland. Mr. Moore previously served as a term law clerk to Judge Getty (2019-2020) and as a term law clerk to the Honorable J. Mark Coulson, Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the District of Maryland (2020-2021).



Mr. Moore graduated *magna cum laude*, Order of the Coif, and Order of the Barristers, from the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law in 2019. There, he became Captain of the National Trial Team, a member of the National Moot Court Team, and Executive Notes and Comments Editor of the *Journal of Business & Technology Law* (Vol. 14.1 & 14.2). As a student attorney in the Consumer Bankruptcy Clinic, Mr. Moore appeared on behalf of Chapter 7, *pro se* debtors proceeding in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Maryland. Mr. Moore is also a *magna cum laude* graduate of the Catholic University of America (B.A. Politics, 2016).

While in law school, Mr. Moore completed several internships, notably with the Honorable Ellen L. Hollander, United States District Court for the District of Maryland; the Office of the Attorney General of Maryland, Criminal Appeals Division; the Honorable Sally D. Adkins, Court of Appeals of Maryland; the Honorable Andrea M. Leahy, Court of Special Appeals of Maryland; and the Office of the Attorney General of Maryland, Department of Natural Resources. Additionally, he worked as a summer associate in the Baltimore office of Ballard Spahr, LLP.

Mr. Moore is admitted to practice in Maryland, the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, and the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

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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)

ARTICLE OF INTEREST

Report from our Bar Historian

by: Tom Slater, BAFC Historian

I am in the process of drafting the fourth in the “Practioners of the Bar” series. It will feature W. Jerome Offutt. Anyone with stories about Mr. Offutt or pictures should contact me. I hope to have the article published in the April issue of the bar newsletter.

Paul Phillips, who is now retired and living in Florida, recently sent to me a copy of the 1929 Constitution, By-Laws, Schedule of Fees, and Canons of Ethics of the Frederick County Bar Association. Some interesting information from this 1929 document:

- Dues were \$1.00 per year.
- Section VII of the By-Laws: “Any member who fails to attend any meeting of the Association without sufficient excuse shall be fined \$.50 to be collected by the Treasurer; the sufficiency of the excuse shall be determined by the Association.” Fortunately the By-Laws provided for only two meetings a year, in April and October.

A selection from the Minimum Fee Schedule:

- Office work - \$20 to \$50 per day depending on the experience of the attorney
- Trial work - \$25.00 per day if in the City of Frederick, an additional \$25.00 if outside the City of Frederick
- Verbal advice: \$5.00
- Written opinion: \$10.00
- Drawing a will: \$10.00
- Orphans’ Court - Estate not greater than \$25,000: \$250.00 + \$10.00 for each additional \$1,000
- Uncontested Divorce: \$50.00
- Contested Divorce: \$75.00
- Court of Appeals (submitted on brief): \$100.00
- Court of Appeals (if argued) : \$ 150.00

- Hearing before a Justice of the Peace: \$7.50

From the Canons of Ethics: "No lawyer is obliged to act either as adviser or advocate for every person who may wish to become his client. He has the right to decline employment. Every lawyer upon his own responsibility must decide what business he will accept as counsel, what cause he will bring into Court for plaintiffs, what cases he will contest in Court for defendants. The responsibility for advising questionable transactions, for bringing questionable suits, for arguing questionable defenses, is the lawyer's responsibility. He cannot escape it by urging as an excuse that he is only following his client's instructions."

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



We received the thank you card at left from Ballenger Creek Elementary School for supplying gifts and clothes through the Young Lawyers Section Holiday Gift Drive.

Dear Bar Association of Frederick -
I wanted to reach out on behalf of BCES and the families, to thank you all for your overwhelming generosity at the holidays. You all brought such "magic" to those who lost hope and were struggling. Without your thoughtfulness none of this would be possible. Thank you for giving them a ray of light.
Many Thanks -
BCES

UPCOMING TRANINGS

Continuing Mediation-Related Education Program

May 4, 2022, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Check in: 7:30 am

The Bar Association of Frederick County (BAFC) is sponsoring a four-hour Mediation Skills Update Seminar for civil and family mediators at the Delaplaine Arts Center, 40 S. Carroll Street in Frederick. Check-in starts at 7:30 am, and light breakfast will be served.

The cost of the seminar is \$75 for BAFC members and \$150 for non-members.

Local policies regarding COVID 19 safety protocols at the time of the event will be followed.

To register, please fill out the form below or register online at www.frederickbar.org/events.html.

Registration will be closed one week in advance of the seminar date; no requests for refunds will be honored after this date.

All mediators must complete four hours of continuing mediation-related education in each calendar year in one or more of the topics set forth in Rule 17-104. (Rule 17-205(a)(5))

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May 4, 2022, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm

Check in: 7:30 am

Name: _____

Email: _____

Registration Fee: \$75 BAFC members; \$150 for non-members

Include a check for the registration fee payable to: Bar Association of Frederick County
P.O. Box 3088
Frederick, MD 21705

Registration will be closed one week in advance of the seminar date (April 27, 2022); no requests for refunds will be honored after this date. **Registration is also available online at www.frederickbar.org/events.html.**

[Register HERE.](#)

Events

- **March 1, 12p: VIRTUAL BAFC MONTHLY MEETING.** Please join us as we welcome our speaker Sandra Dalton, Clerk of the Circuit Court.

Save the Date

o April 5, 12p. Monthly Luncheon Meeting. Delaplaine Arts Center.

o May 4, 8a-12p BAFC Mediation Skills Update Seminar. Delaplaine Arts Center. Watch your email from registration coming soon.

[Full Calendar of Events](#)

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