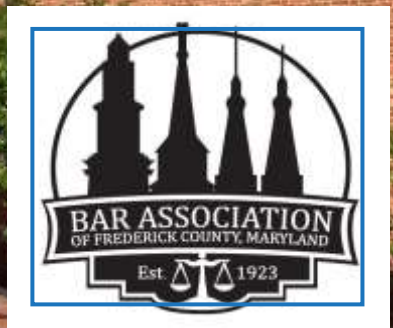




# October Newsletter



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## *SAVE THE DATE*

**November 9, 2023**

Judge Solt Retirement Celebration  
Union Mills Public House  
5-8:30p

**December 14, 2023**

BAFC Annual Holiday Party  
Union Mills Public House  
5-8p

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# *President's Message*

Well, Summer and one of my favorite months is now over. I like September, because the temperatures start to cool, but all of the sounds of summer are still around, crickets, cicadas, and baseball announcers. September is also the month when the butterflies abound in the garden. Fortunately, the butterfly bushes are one of the plants the deer seem to forego. Not to be lost about September is the full on return of college football!

September was a big month for Frederick lawyers. Tim Maloney started the month off with his summary of the 2023 legislative session at our luncheon, on September 5. We held the Fall Opening Term of Court on the 11th, the Elder, Disability, and Guardianship Section held its meeting on the 13th, then the Family Law Section held their monthly meeting on the 14th. We were also privileged to have Justice Steve Gould, Judge Ed Dwyer, Judge Erik Nyce, Erin Risch, Esquire, and Al Frederick, Esquire present on Professionalism and Civility upstairs at Brewers' Alley. Finally, the Retirement Celebration of The Honorable Theresa M. Adams was held before a packed house on the 28th at Dutch's Daughter.

This seems like a good time to thank BAFC's Executive Director, Maegan Cooper, without whom none of the activities of the Bar would be so successful. Indeed, some of these events would not even take place without Maegan!

The Fall calendar continues to provide multiple opportunities for our members to meet and greet. There is obviously our October luncheon with Tom Slater, Esquire, speaking on a unique and fun subject: "Presidential Sites Within Two Hours of Frederick That You Have Probably Never Heard Of." The Family Law Section will again meet on the 5th, via Zoom, with a presentation from FCPS' Chief Legal Counsel, Steven Blivess, Esquire, and FCPS Staff Attorney, Michelle Dauksha, Esquire.

I would especially encourage attendance at the Young Lawyers Section's New Attorney and Law Clerk Happy Hour on October 12. This gathering is an excellent way to meet the newest members of the Bar Association.

Finally, mark your calendar for the Retirement Party of The Honorable Julie Stevenson Solt on Thursday, November 9, at Union Mills Public House.

Tim Price, President.



# Member Updates

The **Attorney Grievance Commission** is pleased to announce that **Thomas M. DeGonia, Esquire** has been selected to serve as **Bar Counsel for the Attorney Grievance Commission of Maryland**. Mr. DeGonia's appointment was approved by the Supreme Court of Maryland, **effective October 23, 2023**.

**Congratulations** to BAFC members **Carin Golze and Lindsay Parvis** for being named 2 of the 25 attorneys listed as **2023 Family Law Power List** in Maryland's The Daily Record. Go [here](#) to read the article.

# Section and Committee Updates

## Young Lawyers Section

The **Young Lawyers Section** will be hosting a **New Lawyer/Law Clerk Happy Hour** on **October 12<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30p** at Frederick Social. RSVP is not required.

For more information on the Young Lawyers Section, please email at [bafcylys@gmail.com](mailto:bafcylys@gmail.com).

## Family Law Section

The next **Family Law Section Meeting** will be on **Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at Noon** via Zoom. FCPS' new Chief Legal Counsel, Steven Blivess, Esq. and FCPS Staff Attorney, Michelle Dauksha, Esq. will join so Mr. Blivess can introduce himself and provide an overview of best practices for the process for subpoenaing records or coordinating FCPS staff testimony.

For more information about the Family Law Section, please contact Carin Golze at [Carin@WinikLaw.com](mailto:Carin@WinikLaw.com).



## Elder, Disability and Guardianship Law Section

The next **Elder, Disability, and Guardianship Law Section Meeting** will be on **Wednesday, November 8th at Noon** at Brewer's Alley. Michael Powell, Esquire will be joining to speak about being an Orphans' Court Judge. He will share what brought him to run for Frederick County's Orphans' Court and what common, fixable problems he has seen during his term thus far.

For more information about the Elder, Disability and Guardianship Law Section contact the chair, Lorraine M. B. Prete at [lprete@kandplawfirm.com](mailto:lprete@kandplawfirm.com).

## Pro Bono Committee

The Frederick Center will host free legal clinics quarterly that will offer brief advice to the LGBTQ+ community. Upcoming Clinic Dates for **2024** are: **January 11, April 11, July 11, and October 10**. If you would like to volunteer for future clinics, please contact Trevor Addie-Carter at [taddiecarter@hormannichols.com](mailto:taddiecarter@hormannichols.com).

### *Dates to Remember*

- **October 3, 12p: BAFC Monthly Luncheon Meeting.** Delaplaine Arts Center. Speaker: Tom Slater. Our sponsor is Minnesota Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company.
- **October 5, 12p: Family Law Section Meeting** via Zoom. Speakers: FCPS' Chief Legal Counsel, Steven Blivess, Esq., and FCPS Staff Attorney, Michelle Dauksha, Esq.
- **October 12, 4:30-6:30p: YLS New Attorney/Law Clerk Happy Hour.** Frederick Social.
- **November 7, 12p: BAFC Monthly Luncheon Meeting.** Delaplaine Arts Center. Our sponsor is Moore Financial.
- **November 8, 12p: Elder, Disability, and Guardianship Law Section Meeting.** Brewer's Alley. Speaker: Michael Powell, Orphans' Court Judge.
- **November 9: Retirement Celebration for The Hon. Julie R. Stevenson Solt.** *RSVP due November 1<sup>st</sup>, or as space permits.*
- **November 11, 9a-1p: Civics and Law Academy.** Frederick High School. *See article on page 5.*
- **November 22: Annual Thanksgiving Dinner with the Salvation Army.** *More information coming soon!*
- **December 14, 5-8p: BAFC Annual Holiday Party.** Union Mills Public House.





# Upcoming Dates of Interest

## Civics and Law Academy

**Civics and Law Academy** will be held on **Saturday, November 11, 2023** at Frederick High School this year. We have a great line up of lawyers and other law related professionals on board to present to high school aged students (FCPS and more).

We are again offering both a Mock Trial track and a Civics and Law track. The registration information has already been sent to FCPS and Mock Trial coaches and students are already registering. Please spread the word to any families/students you know that may be interested. Registration can be found [here](#).

If you have any questions, please reach out to Joanie Raymond, [Joanie.Raymond@MDCourts.gov](mailto:Joanie.Raymond@MDCourts.gov) or Judge Theresa Adams, [Theresa.Adams@MDCourts.gov](mailto:Theresa.Adams@MDCourts.gov).

## Comment Period for Mandatory CLE

The Bar Association of Frederick County was asked to request feedback from Maryland attorneys regarding the recent report to the Supreme Court on **WHETHER AND HOW MANDATORY CLE SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED IN MARYLAND**. The report can be found at: [mdcourts.gov/lawyers/cle](http://mdcourts.gov/lawyers/cle).

**The comment period will close on Friday, November 10, 2023.** If you would like to comment on the report and its recommendations, you may send them to the Clerk of the Supreme Court by sending an email to [CLEfeedback@mdcourts.gov](mailto:CLEfeedback@mdcourts.gov), or sending feedback by mail to:

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# Recent Events

## Opening Term of Court

On September 11<sup>th</sup> Circuit Courtroom 1 was filled with BAFC members and guests for Opening Term of Court. The ceremonious event was led for the last by Judge Julie Stevent Solt as Administrative Judge of the Circuit Court. Former BAFC member, Shelley McVicker was remembered with the reading of a Memorial Resolution. Two newer members of the bar association, Isabelle Sturgill and Matthew Graham, signed the Lawyer's Book, a Frederick County tradition that dates back to 1946. BAFC President, Tim Price, gave a synopsis of the bar association's activities since February 2023 and the grand jury was present and sworn in. Thank you to all of those that attended this tradition and mark your calendars for the next Opening Term of Court on February 5, 2024.



## Seminar on Civility

Members of Keep Professionalism Alive (KPA) helped organize a free Professionalism and Civility Seminar for approximately 50 BAFC members on September 14<sup>th</sup> at Brewer's Alley. Presenters included Justice Steve Gould, Judge Ed Dwyer, Judge Erik Nyce, Erin Risch, Esq., former Acting Bar Counsel, and Al Frederick, Esq. Those in attendance were able to network both before and after the speakers thanks to complimentary appetizers provided by Minnesota Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company. A special thank you to Judge Ricky Sandy for helping organize the event and Rada Machin for designing marketing for the event.



## Retirement Celebration for Judge Theresa M. Adams

The Bar Association of Frederick County was honored to assist in celebrating with over 150 colleagues, friends, and family members of the Honorable Theresa M. Adams on her retirement from the Circuit Court of Frederick County. September 28<sup>th</sup> at Dutch's Daughter was a night full of many laughs, some memorable speeches, and a few secrets spilled in honor of Judge Adams 's almost 20 years on the bench. Thank you for all those that attended and expressed their congratulations. Find photos from the night on the next page.









# Article of Interest

## BAFC PRACTITIONERS OF THE BAR: Five Generations of Weinbergs at the Bar

*An occasional series of profiles of former Frederick County attorneys*

By: Tom Slater, BAFC Historian

In 1872 U.S. Secretary of State Hamilton Fish signed a document saying “the undersigned Secretary of State of the United States of America hereby request all whom it may concern to permit safely and freely to pass Samuel Weinberg, a Citizen of the United States, and in case of need to give him all lawful aid and protection.” This document adorns the wall of Frederick lawyer Cody Weinberg. Family lore says that Samuel Weinberg, Cody’s great, great, great grandfather was given the pass so he could travel into the reconstructed American South on Union business without being shot on site as a carpetbagger.

Samuel’s son, Leo Weinberg, Cody’s great, great uncle, was one of the giants of the bar in Frederick County in the first half of the nineteenth century. John Ashbury includes Leo in his book “Frederick County Characters – Innovators, Pioneers & Patriots of Western Maryland” which I summarize in this article. He was born into one of Frederick’s leading Jewish families and was known for his eloquence. A lover of English language and literature, he had what was believed to be a photographic memory. He was one of nine children, one of whom, (Isaac) was Cody’s great, great grandfather. Graduating from Boys High School in 1903, he received a law degree in 1906 and was admitted to the bar in 1907. He soon formed a partnership with Frank L. Stoner. It was said that whenever Leo argued a case before the Court of Appeals, lawyers in Frederick would close their offices and travel to Annapolis just to hear his eloquent appellate arguments. Locally, citizens of Frederick were known to gather on the grounds of the courthouse (now Frederick City Hall) to get in line to join the gallery to hear cases that he argued in the Circuit Court. His most notable client was Emory L. Coblentz, who faced multiple criminal and civil charges related to the collapse of the Central Trust Bank and closure of its fourteen offices. Coblentz was acquitted or found not liable in every case.

Chris Heidenrich, in “Frederick Local and National Crossroads” and John Ashbury both credit Leo Weinberg with the establishment of the first synagogue in Frederick in the former Elks Lodge building at 20 W. Second Street, next door to Leo’s home. At Weinberg’s encouragement a local chapter of the National Council of Jewish Women was formed in 1921, and in 1923 Leo and his wife, Rae, donated the Elks building for a synagogue and, after the building was renovated, Beth Sholom was dedicated to Leo’s parents Samuel and Amelia on September 2, 1923.

Leo’s life ended too soon on September 17, 1942. He wrote his own obituary which read, in part, “Thus death has closed a colorful, contradictory career. He was indeed intolerant of opposition, yet he identified himself with a profession in which he was bound to be opposed. He advocated law and the social standards and conventions arising out of them. Yet he violated them. He knew all of the thrills of ecstasy and felt all of the pangs of misery. He was either at the apex of glory or in the abyss of despair.”

Leo’s nephew, Manuel, followed Leo’s path, graduating from Washington and Lee University in 1931 along with future U.S. Supreme Court Justice Lewis F. Powell, Jr. Manny was a night magistrate in Frederick and joined his Uncle Leo in the practice of law. Manny’s son, David graduated from the University of Maryland School of Law and, in the late 1950s, joined his father to form Weinberg and Weinberg. Seymour Stern started his practice of law in Frederick with Weinberg and Weinberg. In the 1970s Weinberg, Michel, and Stern was formed. Allen Winik and Lawrence Finegan worked as associates with this firm.



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Rand Weinberg became the fourth generation of Weinbergs to practice law in Frederick. After graduating from Washington and Lee's law school, Rand clerked for Federal Judge Edward S. Northrop and, from 1984 to 2012, was the sole owner of Weinberg and Weinberg. Later, Scott Miller joined as a partner before becoming Of Counsel for the Thompson Company in 2012. Rand also owned a title company for many years and primarily practiced real estate law. He is still associated with Miles and Stockbridge. Rand's son, Cody, is now the fifth generation of Weinbergs practicing law in Frederick. After working at Miles, he now is associated with McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC and primarily practices finance, business, and real estate law.

Not many communities can take claim to five generations of lawyers from the same family.

Photos clockwise: 1) Leo Weinberg, 2) Leo Weinberg in the 1929 BAFC composite, 3) The Weinberg building on North Market Street, 4) Dan and Rand Weinberg from the BAFC 2008 composite.





## INFORMATION OF INTEREST

**Walk a Mile in Their Shoes** is an annual walk to raise awareness about the work Heartly House does in the community and the clients we serve. Walk a Mile originally began to raise awareness about domestic violence against women, but over the years we have expanded the purpose of our Frederick walk to recognize power-based violence against all people.

The event will be held on Sunday, October 21st at the Bandshell in Baker Park. We will gather at 10:00 AM for survivor speakers, a chance to meet and learn about community partners. Then we will walk together through Baker Park to make some noise, raise awareness, and demonstrate support for survivors.

At the end of the walk, our **top individual and team fundraisers will win The Hoffmann Cup. The Hoffmann Cup is an award given away in memory and recognition of BAFC member, Blaine Hoffmann, Esq.** Blaine played an integral part in establishing our annual Walk a Mile event. A tireless advocate for individuals, he created safer spaces for victims and survivors in our community!

Sponsors make it possible for EVERYONE to participate in an event that impacts the health and wellbeing of our whole community and for that we need YOU.

When YOU join with Heartly House, fellow sponsors, participants, and community partners, together WE make a bigger impact on our community than any one of us could do on our own.

Sponsorship registration and information is available on the [website](#).

Want to do more? Or maybe sponsorship isn't right for you this year?

Please consider starting a fundraising team. It is fast and easy. Just set a goal or set a challenge goal between departments or other partners. **And thanks to a generous Challenge Grant from the Ausherman Family Foundation, every dollar you raise will be matched.** So, a donation of \$25 is matched by the Foundation – Heartly House then receives \$50 because of YOU. [Click here to start a fundraising team](#)

## 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](mailto: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](http://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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