



# July Newsletter



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# SAVE THE DATE

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**August 22, 2024**  
**Annual BAFC Golf Tournament & Picnic**  
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**September 9, 2024, 9am**  
**Opening Term of Court**  
Circuit Courtroom 1

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## THE NEWSLETTER

The Bar Association of Frederick County, MD, Inc. newsletter is published monthly. Articles and information to be included in the newsletter must be submitted in written or electronic format by the 25th of the month preceding publication month.

Classified and display advertising are available at a modest cost. Go to <http://www.frederickbar.org> for information.

Additional information regarding lunch sponsorships is available at [www.frederickbar.org](http://www.frederickbar.org).

# A Little Fun

The June Mystery Member was Angela Oetting. There were NO correct guesses!

## July Mystery Member

1. What is your favorite food? Chocolate cake!
2. From where did you receive your undergraduate degree? What was your major? Bowling Green State University (BGSU) - Psychology.
3. From where did you receive your law degree? University of Pittsburgh
4. If you could go back in time and give advice to your eighteen year old self, what would you say? Trust yourself, surround yourself with people who are doing good in the world.
5. What is your best advice to a young lawyer? Read the law, then ask the question. Never send an email/message in anger. Write it, walk away, then read it again when you are not emotional, then send the revised message.
6. If you were not a lawyer, what would you do for a living and why? I would be a therapist or a teacher; I want to help folks in a meaningful way.
7. Who is your role model? Why? John Glenn. He was humble, loyal, fiercely protective of his family, and smart.
8. If you had one wish that was guaranteed to be granted, what would that wish be? I would wish that every child would know the unconditional love of a nurturing parent.



**Who is this?** Email your guess to Maegan at: [info@frederickbar.org](mailto:info@frederickbar.org) by 9am on the day of our monthly luncheon (August 6th).





# Member Updates

**Luqman Law** has moved! Please make note of their new address:

108 Byte Drive  
Suite 102  
Frederick, MD 21702

**Randall J. (Randy) Rolls** visited Penn State Dickinson Law, formerly Dickinson School of Law, on June 4th. His visit to the law school was a double celebration of his 72nd birthday and 47th anniversary of his graduation from the law school on his birthday. The law school made note of his visit on its LinkedIn page.



Annual

**BAFC**  
**BBQ**  
**PICNIC**

\$35 per BAFC member/law clerk  
RSVP by 8/15

*Lewistown Social Hall*  
Thursday, August 22nd  
5PM-7:30PM  
10540 Putman Road, Thurmont  
Food, Drinks & Fun!  
Members & Current Law Clerks only.  
Register at [www.frederickbar.org](http://www.frederickbar.org)

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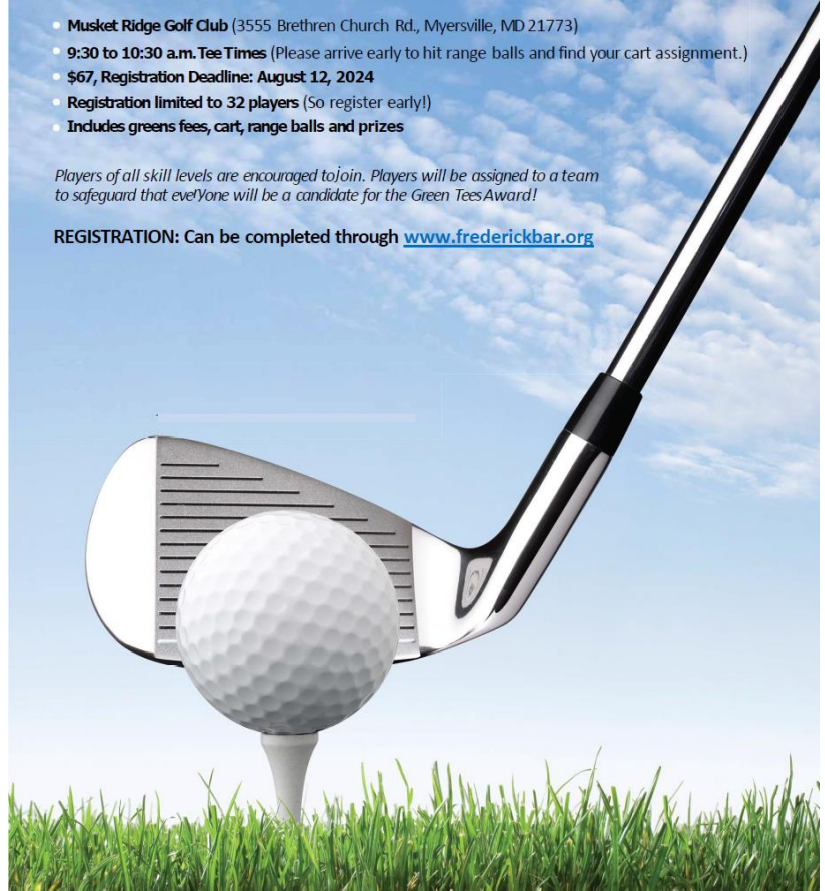
## Annual Golf Tournament

Thursday, August 22, 2024

- **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.)
- **\$67, Registration Deadline: August 12, 2024**
- **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: Can be completed through [www.frederickbar.org](http://www.frederickbar.org)



## SAVE THE DATE

**October 10:** Annual Dinner with the Judges & Magistrates, Dutch's Daughter.

**December 12:** BAFC Annual Holiday Party, Isabella's Taverna & Tapas Bar.



# Section and Committee Updates

## Elder, Disability and Guardianship Law Section

The next **Elder, Disability, and Guardianship Law Section Meeting** will be on **Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at noon** at JoJo's Restaurant. The speaker will be Eric Jorgensen, Hospice Veteran Liaison.

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).

## Family Law Section

**Meaghan Delawter** and **Shondell Foster** are the **new co-chairs** of the **Family Law Section**.

For more information about the Family Law Section contact one of the co-chairs at [mld@delawterlaw.com](mailto:mld@delawterlaw.com) or [sfoster@thedelawgroup.com](mailto:sfoster@thedelawgroup.com).

## Pro Bono Committee

The Frederick Center hosts free legal clinics that offer brief advice to the LGBTQ+ community. Upcoming Clinic Dates are: **July 11, and October 24**. 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

- **July 7: Legal Clinic at the Frederick Center.**
- **August 6, 12p: BAFC Monthly Luncheon.** Delaplaine Arts Center. Our speaker will be from Children of Incarcerated Parents Partnership (COIPP). Our sponsor is Paradigm Forensics.
- **August 22: BAFC Annual Golf Tournament.** Musket Ridge Golf Club. Tee Times start at 9:30a. Registration is open on the website and the **deadline to register is August 12<sup>th</sup>**.
- **August 22, 5-8p: BAFC Annual Picnic.** Lewistown Social Hall. Registration is up on the website and the **deadline to register is August 15<sup>th</sup>**.
- **September 3, 12p: BAFC Monthly Luncheon.** Delaplaine Arts Center. Our speaker will be Chief Justice Matthew J. Fader. Our sponsor will be Planet Depos.
- **September 9, 9a: Opening Term of Court.** Circuit Courtroom 1.
- **September 11, 12p: Elder, Disability, and Guardianship Law Section Meeting.** JoJo's Restaurant. The speaker will be Eric Jorgensen, Hospice Veteran Liaison.

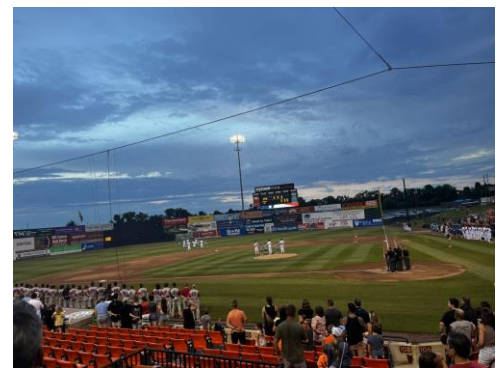




# Recent Events

## BAFC Friends & Family Night at the Frederick Keys

On Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> about 40 BAFC members, family and friends gathered for a picnic in hopes of catching a Frederick Keys game. Despite the gloomy skies and dismal forecast the weather held out and plates of fried chicken, delicious sides, and lots of cookies were consumed thanks to McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC. While catching up with each other and discussing summer plans, the skies continued to darken and the game was called due to rain. Luckily, everyone who attended is able to exchange their tickets for another game this season.



## Mediation Seminar

The BAFC held their annual Mediation Refresher Training on Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. For the first time in several years, we offered two sessions with one focused on family mediation and the other on civil mediation. About 50 people used the federal holiday of Juneteenth to meet their 4 hours of continuing mediation related education requirement. The topics covered ranged the gamete, with two sessions (ethics and mediation statistics presented by the courts) overlapping the two groups.

Special thanks to Lorraine Prete, Shondell Foster, and Judge Julia Minner who coordinated this annual training.



## MSBA Legal Summit

By: Judge Joanie Raymond Brubaker

The 2024 MSBA Legal Summit (AKA “Bar Conference”) once again did not disappoint. This year a first timer from Frederick attended, our BAFC President Carla Clarke. Tom Slater, our longest attending member, also attended and snapped pictures at the event. There were a number of members who wore the 10+ year attendee ribbons as well. Lorraine Prete, Mary Beth Kaslick, Mary Ann Day, Ian Bartman, Joanie Raymond are just some of the members who have been attending for more than 10 years - most in that group have attended for more than 2 decades and some for 3 decades. We’ve seen a lot of changes in the Bar Conference.

Members attended what felt like the most classes ever. It was difficult to choose which class to attend at a certain time. The sessions had quality instructors and were packed with attendees.

Our members, Carin Golze and Al Frederick, were inducted into the Bar Foundation - congratulations! There was the Young Lawyers happy hour, the welcoming reception, the hospitality suites each night, the President’s Reception, the afternoon at Seacrets, the new judges reception and then all the spontaneous gatherings - from informal dinners with old and new colleagues to an afternoon in the swings at Fish Tales to karaoke. The Frederick group hopes our President will return in future years for what is always an entertaining, educational and connection-building event.

(Pictures of the Legal Summit can be found on the next page.)







# Investiture of Magistrate Mary Drawbaugh

On May 29, 2024, we celebrated the investiture of Mary Drawbaugh, Frederick County Circuit Court Magistrate. BAFC members joined friends and family to celebrate. Congratulations Magistrate Drawbaugh!





# Article of Interest

## **Plaintiff's Tip – Communicate Regularly and Efficiently with Your Clients**

By: Stephen Campen, BAFC Member; Campen & Manganaro

This isn't necessarily a tip for only plaintiff's lawyers but for everyone. Now that I am old enough to be defending unfortunate lawyers in trouble with Bar Counsel, I have found that the primary reason attorneys get in trouble (aside from misusing trust funds) is because they don't communicate regularly or clearly with their clients. Remember that while you may have a dozen or more cases running at any one time, they only have one. Thus, they want to know that you are as concerned about their case as they are. Calendar a call or email with each client regularly and from you personally (as opposed to from your paralegal or secretary) and it will go a long way toward assuring them you care and are handling their case competently.

Also, make sure you listen when communicating. Because we are all so bright and educated, we are often thinking one step ahead of the clients and not really hearing them. That is a big mistake because not only will the client sense you are blowing off what they are saying, you may well be missing important facts they are trying to bring to your attention. I can't tell you how many times I have tried a case and realized later that had I given more weight to what the client was saying as opposed to my own ideas or strategies, the case may have ended more favorably.

## Legal Information of Interest

### **Lawyer Referral Service Available to Members**

Members of the Bar Association of Frederick County can join the Baltimore County Bar Association's (BCBA) ABA-certified Lawyer Referral Service (LRS). The BCBA will waive the \$175 annual non-member fee charged to non-BCBA Members. In addition, the BCBA LRS will waive the requirement for BAFC panel attorneys to perform four, two-hour mandatory screening sessions per program year. Any calls received from Frederick County residents will be referred to Frederick County LRS panel attorneys.

The referral year runs from July 1 - June 30. You can sign up at any point online or through a physical copy during the year and will need to reapply for every year that you would like to remain on Lawyer Referral.

Online and paper application available [HERE](#). After reading over the LRIS Rules and completing the application in its entirety, please download the application. Once the application is downloaded, please email the application and a Declaration Sheet from your legal malpractice carrier to [abab@bcba.org](mailto:abab@bcba.org). Following your application submission, you will receive an invoice via email. After the invoice is paid to the BCBA, you will be active and able to receive referrals. If you would like to turn in a physical application please follow the mailing directions on the application.



## **Berman | Sobin | Gross LLP is hiring a LAW CLERK / ASSOCIATE ATTORNEY in our Frederick office!**

### **Job Description**

We are a Maryland law firm with an excellent reputation in personal injury and workers' compensation seeking candidates to help grow our litigation and appellate departments specifically in our Western Maryland office. Our Frederick County office is currently seeking law school graduates or 3rd Year law school students. We have both full-time and part-time positions available depending on whether you are currently in school and licensed in Maryland. Strong writing skills are a MUST. We are looking for team players who are driven and want to make a difference in their communities. This position will provide a substantial amount of hands-on litigation experience for the right candidates. This position also offers a clear pathway for professional development, presenting the opportunity to transition into an associate attorney role post-graduation.

**Benefits:** 401(k), Dental insurance, Flexible spending account, Health insurance, Life insurance, Paid time off, Parental leave, Retirement plan, Vision insurance

**Work Location:** In person

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## *Information of Interest*

### **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 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.

[www.probonomd.org/statewide-opportunities](https://www.probonomd.org/statewide-opportunities)

