

# PGCBA NewsJournal

Newsletter of the Prince George's County Bar Association, Inc.

# President's Message

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First and foremost, I would like to wish all members of the Bar Association a Happy Thanksgiving. As we wind down 2009, the Bar Association has many reasons to be thankful. We have just reopened the Lawyers' Lounge. As you know, the Lawyers' Lounge was closed for many years during the reconstruction and remodeling of the Duvall Wing of the Courthouse. I would like to thank Chief Judge William D. Missouri for all of his efforts on behalf of the Bar Association regarding the Lawyers' Lounge. I would also like to thank the Honorable Sheila Tillerson Adams, Chairman of the Building Committee, whose unrelenting support of the Bar Association was instrumental in getting the location and the space

that we have. Next I would like to personally thank Isaac Marks, Sr., for his leadership on the Building Committee and in our Lawyers' Lounge.

The Association also benefitted from many firms and members making donations to allow for the furnishings of the lounge. We have four firms who are Platinum Members due to their generous donations to the Lawyers' Lounge. I would like to thank the firm of O'Malley, Miles, Nylen & Gilmore, P.A., the firm of Joseph, Greenwald & Laake, P.A., the firm of Gantt & Barnes, LLC, and the firm of Alexander & Cleaver. The Gold Level sponsorships I would like to thank are the firms of Roberts & Wood, Marcus & Bonsib, LLC, and DeCaro, Doran, Siciliano, Gallagher & DeBlasis, LLC. I would also like to personally thank all of the Silver Sponsors which are too numerous to mention.

I would also like to thank the Honorable Glenn T. Harrell, Jr., for his inspiring words at our October meeting.

As we approach 2010, our Bar Association faces a number of challenges. Our Bar Association is also suffering from the financial climate much like many of our members and many of the businesses across the State of Maryland. Our membership has been in decline and our bills have been on the increase. The utility bills, condominium association fees, and general upkeep of the Bar Association are unrelenting expenses that the Bar Association has to meet. To counter these expenses, our Bar Association has tried to limit the undertaking of any new projects. For instance, we have placed the new photo directory of the Bar Association on hold for at least a year. New projects will be addressed as the Bar Association and our members reach a better financial footing. We have also had struggles in obtaining sponsors for many of our events. In the past, many banks sponsored some of our

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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meetings. However, those banks are now very reluctant or unable to do so. The Board has met these challenges head on and we have trimmed our projected expenses and have looked to save money to secure the Bar Association not only into the next decade, but also into the next century.

Our Association is still a very strong and vibrant organization. We have members in all fields of law and with all backgrounds. This makes our Bar Association very diverse and unique among many of the Bars across the State of Maryland. It is to this end that the Board of Directors and I pledge to make the Bar Association more meaningful and beneficial to our members. Once again, I would like to encourage all of our members to look at our new and improved website and to attend as many events and committee meetings as possible.

In conclusion, please feel free to tell either myself, members of the Executive Committee, Board of Directors Committee, or Section Chairs of any concerns, comments or ideas you may have regarding our Association. It is sharing ideas together that will help us accomplish our goals.

Once again, Happy Thanksgiving and I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our holiday meeting on December 15, 2009 at the Newton White Mansion.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas E. Rattal



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#### 2009-2010

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## NEW MSBA/ABA PROBONO TAX PROGRAM by Robb A. Longman, Esq.

GREENBELT—October 13, 2009--Robb A. Longman, senior associate in Joseph, Greenwald & Laake's business/tax practice group, has been tapped by the Maryland State Bar Association Tax Section to expand the Section's award-winning pro bono program nationally with the American Bar Association.

"Last year our section won the MSBA pro bono service award for its program in matching pro bono tax attorneys with pro se litigants at the U.S. Tax Court," explained Longman. "The program was so successful that we were approached by the Tax Section of the American Bar Association to work with its pro bono coordinator to set up this program in 32 venues around the country."

The U.S. Tax Court travels to different cities on a regular basis. For example, it will be in Baltimore on November 30. Mr. Longman uses the MSBA list serve to recruit volunteer attorneys to appear at the Tax Court's calendar call. "Pro se litigants with a case under \$50,000 can meet with one of our volunteers and the Internal Revenue Service counsel. Hopefully, a consent agreement can be reached. If not, the volunteer attorney may represent the litigant pro bono if the attorney chooses to do so."

In his new role, Mr. Longman will be working with the ABA's pro bono coordinator to set up this program in other states. There are 32 sites where the Tax Court sits that do not have any pro bono clinic. "These 32 sites will be our focus," said Mr. Longman.

"The Tax Court has been thrilled with the program," said Mr. Longman. "It moves the docket along and has saved countless hours of courtroom time."

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This information is being provided as a service to the public and our members. The Prince George's County Bar Association does not screen the qualifications of the attorneys appearing in this listing, if they maintain certain levels of malpractice insurance or whether they hold a level of experience in the category presented.

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#### MINUTES FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING COURTHOUSE, ROOM M0421 5:30 PM

September 15, 2009

**PRESENT:** The Honorable Nicholas E. Rattal, Acting President, Bryon S. Bereano, Secretary, Robin D. Bright, Linda Gantt, Nakia Gray, Jeffrey Harding, Janet Hart, Elizabeth Hewlett, Isaac H. Marks, Erik H. Nyce, the Honorable Mark T. O'Brien, William J. Parker, Jr., C. Todd Steuart, Joseph L. Wright, the Honorable Gerard F. Devlin, and Georgia Perry

**ABSENT:** Debra Davis, Clayton A. Aarons, William Brennan, Denise Bowman, Erin Hebert, Alicia R. Lucero, Richard Allen Moore, II, Jennifer L. Muskus, the Honorable Michael R. Pearson, Ryan Richie, Timothy Smith.

#### **The President's Report**

Acting President Rattal gave his report on the October 20, 2009 bar meeting and the speakers. Additionally, Judge Rattal talked about reinstituting the Law Practice 101 program along with Judge Leo Green's help. The program would consist of 4 programs: 2 brown bag lunches and 2 CLE style meetings at the courthouse in the afternoon.

The Judicial nomination bylaws committee gave a report of its meetings to change the way the Bar Association handles its vote for those who apply for judicial vacancies. The proposed changes are to be e-mailed to the Board of Directors, pursuant to Mr.



Harding, before the October 20, 2009 meeting.

A discussion was held about selling lists and labels of attorneys in the bar association to outside parties such as doctors for their solicitations. The decision was made that those that wanted to buy the list would get the whole list and not a partial list based upon attorney specialties.

#### The Secretary's Report

The minutes from the August 18, 2009 Bar Board Meeting were reviewed and accepted with a couple of minor spelling corrections. Motion was made by Jeff Harding and seconded by Bill Parker. The Motion was approved unanimously.

#### **The Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report noted that there was a \$900.00 charge for the renting of a DVD player that had to be used for the driving school program.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report was made by Mr. Parker and seconded by Elizabeth Hewlett. The Motion was approved unanimously.

#### **Old Business**

Isaac Marks discussed the details of the Lawyers lounge. Furniture for the outside common area of the lounge was purchased for \$1985.00 from a local coffee shop going out of business. A discussion took place on the access method to the lounge: either a key cipher or a card access system. A motion was made by Mr. Marks to move to a key cipher system and seconded by Judge O'Brien. The motion passed with only Bryon Bereano dissenting.

#### **Executive Director's Report**

There are 135 members from last year who have not paid their dues. The list was divided up amongst the Board members for phone calls to be made.

A request for Honorary Bar Membership was made for Eugene Pitrof:

A motion to extend Honorary Bar Membership was made by Erik Nyce, seconded by Nakia Gray and approved unanimously.

A Motion was proposed by Mr. Bereano to accept new members and was seconded by Mr. Parker. The Motion was approved unanimously. The new members are:

Rene' Cynthia Swafford Kenysha Dione Bartee Teresa Cho Edwards Janine Marie Evans Jerry L. Williams, III W. Alton Lewis Shelore Ann Cary Williams Janelle M. Ryan-Colbert

#### **New Business**

Joseph Wright discussed the annual J. Franklin Bourne/PGCBA golf outing. It is scheduled to take place on June 1, 2010 at Lake Presidential Golf Course.

Ms. Gray proposed a motion that would waive bar dues for new admittees. It was decided that the proposal would be discussed with the Executive Committee and with the Treasurer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.



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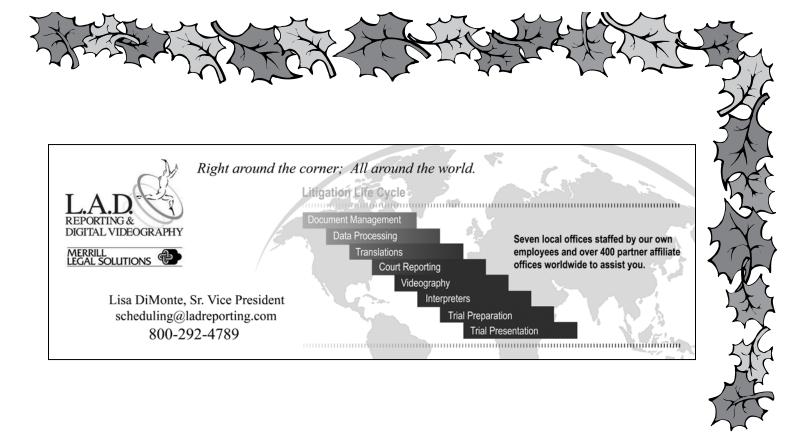
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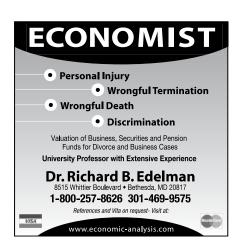
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