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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Colleagues:

This is my last newsletter as President of the Prince George's County Bar Association. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as President of such a prestigious organization. During the last two years, I have had the opportunity to attend many events, represent the Association and to meet attorneys across the state and within our organization. I am extremely proud to add my name to the list of Bar Presidents dating back to T. Van Claggett, who became President

in 1902, and running to my successor, Debra Davis, who will add her name starting in 2011.

This last year and 11 months have gone very quickly. I would like to thank so many people. I know if I list people I will be forgetting somebody, so I apologize in advance. I first want to thank all of the members who served on the Board of Directors who volunteered to come and work for the organization. I especially want to point out three individuals who I coaxed out of retirement and whose experience, sound advice, and presence, helped bring the Bar Association back to some of its past glories. These three individuals are Betty Hewlett, Esquire, William Brennan, Esquire, and Jeff Harding, Esquire. I would like to thank, on behalf of the Bar Association, Judge William D. Missouri and Judge Sheila R. Tillerson Adams. As Administrative Judges of the Circuit Court, they have not only provided their time to help the Association, but they provided use of the courthouse and sage advice. The close relationship that the Bar Association has had with the judiciary is unique to Prince George's County and is one of our strong suits.

I want to thank all the committee chairs who put on events and the people who worked on them. I would especially like to highlight the Family Law Committee, the Criminal Law Committee, and the Bankruptcy Committee. A further special thanks goes to Judge Vincent Femia, Esquire, who organized and maintained the Lawyer Memorial Service. I would like to thank Judge Sherrie Krauser whose unwavering support and dedication to the Mock Trial Program has benefitted thousands of students throughout the years. I offer my thanks to Arnold Bruckner, Esquire, who chaired the Law Day free legal advice line.



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as Immediate Past President and whose counsel and advice has been vital to the Association. Lastly, and probably most importantly, I need to thank Georgia Perry, the Executive Director of the Bar Association, who is truly the backbone of the organization, and the employees over there who do such an outstanding job, Becky Tippett, Josie Mattos, and Ryan Thompson.

It is usually at this time I tell everybody that if they have any ideas, suggestions or concerns to contact me. Now I ask you to please contact Debra Davis, the new President, who will do an outstanding job.

Until I see you at the next meeting,

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THANK YOU!



Thank you to Debra Oliver for manning the phones for our Legal Advice Line on May 3, 2011.

Thank you to Lindsey Erdmann and Elvita Martin for a successful Family Law Seminar on May 7, 2011.

Thank you to Arnold Bruckner for arranging the Legal Advice Line for Law Day and all the lawyers that answered the phones on Law Day.

Law Day Legal Advice

PGCBA celebrated Law Day on May 2, 2011 by providing a legal advice line from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Bar Office. Arnold Bruckner headed up the service and enlisted the following attorneys: Anthony Keder, Perry Becker, Thomas Griffith, David Cross and Gerry Baker. The Bar Association is very grateful that these attorneys support this program and were willing to donate their time and energy to it. A special thanks to all of them.

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THE HISTORY CORNER | Carolyn Starks Saxon, Esquire

The History Corner is a feature of the Prince George's County Bar Association's newsletter. It contains information related to the history of Prince George's County.

"Histories make men wise..."1

This is the seventh part of a series of articles regarding the impact of one good man on the fabric and history of the Prince George's legal community as told through the eyes of some of the individuals who were touched by his life. The name of this individual is Arthur A. (Bud) Marshall, Jr. He served as the State's Attorney for Prince George's County from 1963 to 1984. The series began with a firsthand account of his accomplishment by his close friend, Judge Vincent Femia. In Part III we added the voice of his oldest child, Patricia Marshall and the discussion included his family background. Subsequent articles included the voices of several individuals who had worked with him in various capacities. The flow of the series was interrupted by the passing of Mr. Marshall on Thursday, January 13, 2011. This event did not mark the conclusion of the series because his service as the State's Attorney for Prince George's County for 24 years and his impact on the social and legal community of Prince George's County cannot be summarized with just a few pages.

Part VII HONOR

Arthur A. "Bud" Marshall, Jr.
October 10, 1930 – January 13, 2011
Burial
May 10, 2011
Full Military Honors
Arlington National Cemetery

Tay 10, 2011 was a beautiful day; the sun was shining and the temperature was in the mid 70's. On this day Arthur A. "Bud" Marshall, Jr., was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery. He was afforded this honor because he served his country as a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and was awarded the Purple Heart for injuries he sustained in the Battle of Pork Chop Hill. The service was scheduled at 11:00 AM at the Old Post Chapel on the grounds of Ft. Myer, Virginia. Members of Bravo Company of the 3rd U.S. Infantry, traditionally known as "The Old Guard" served as the pallbearers and marched in step as they carried the US flag draped casket into the chapel. "The Old Guard" is the oldest active-duty infantry unit in the Army and has served our nation since 1784. It is the Army's official Army Honor Guard and escort to the President. Its duties include providing funeral escorts at Arlington National Cemetery." The service was conducted by Rev. John Luther. He is married to the former Jeanne Marshall and they reside in North Carolina. In his remarks he shared how over the past 10 years he would have periodic discussions with Mr. Marshall about God

and eternity. He said that he wanted to bring to mind some of the things that he and Bud talked about this past summer on the Marshall family trip and in Dec/Jan before he died. At the conclusion of his comments he said these words, "My prayer for those of us who remain is that you may find Jesus Christ as a real basis of hope in your life. It is during these times of mourning that we often seek answers to life's greatest questions about life after death. Today you have been given the words of hope. You have heard the words of life that are in Jesus Christ, that he loves you and has given his life for you. He bids us to place our hope not in ourselves, our achievements or others but in Him and his work of forgiveness on the cross. Rest in him and you will have a true hope that will lead you to eternal life."

Rev. Luther then asked Judge Femia to speak about an aspect of Mr. Marshall's character that he admired. Judge Femia prefaced his remarks by saying, in essence, that today we were writing the last chapter of the life of a real hero. He said that Bud Marshall was, "the gold standard for honor and doing the right thing," He said that Bud Marshall demanded that a person believe that what they were doing was right. He followed these comments by recounting that on one occasion Bud Marshall was asked to pull a winning ticket for a raffle. He pulled a ticket and then he immediately pulled another ticket and provided the second ticket as the winner. He pulled a second ticket because the first ticket was his own ticket number. He also said that there was an occasion when Bud Marshall was attending a conference he received a call from an officer that Mrs. Marshall had been involved in an accident and that he was considering writing her a ticket for Failure To Yield. He asked the officer how involved his wife had been in the accident. After listening to the officer he told him to write the ticket. He concluded his comments by saying, "We will miss him, not just at lunch (Bud lunched each Monday with retired cops, lawyers and judges); we will miss him in our lives. Thank God he was there for all of us."

At the conclusion of the service the members of the Bravo Company of "The Old Guard "marched in unison as they carried the flag draped casket outside and placed in on a black artillery caisson. "Caissons were built in 1918, and used for 75 mm cannons. They were originally equipped with ammunition chests, spare wheels, and tools used for the cannons. Today these have been removed and replaced with the flat deck on which the casket rests." The caisson was pulled by six horses that were matched grey in color. Only four of the six horses were mounted with members of the Caisson platoon of "The Old Guard." "This tradition began in the early horse-drawn artillery days when one horse of each team was mounted while the other carried provision and feed. Astride four of the horses, soldiers sit ramrod straight and stiff. The soldiers are trained to ride in an erect posture of solemn military attention in a military forward position and sitting in a McClellan saddle. The horses are trained to hold their heads in an erect position as

they carry the riders. The Caisson platoon has the honor of carrying a comrade for his last ride. "

In the procession in front of the caisson was a color guard, the US Army Band (Pershing Own) and an escort platoon of soldiers from the Bravo Company of The Old Guard". Family members and friends followed the caisson on foot as the procession marched through Arlington Cemetery to the grave site. Along the procession could be heard the sounds of the drums as the soldiers marched in unison. Upon arrival at the grave the soldiers marched in step as they carried the casket up a small hill to the final resting site. After everyone was in place seven riflemen fired three volleys of shots for a 21 gun salute. A soldier positioned slightly above the gathering played "Taps". "Taps" in Army protocol is the trumpet or bugle call to "Put out the lights. Go to sleep". As the soldiers folded the flag covering the casket the band played "America the Beautiful". The officer gently whisper to Mrs. Marshall as he handed the folded flag to her. After this act was completed the solders marched away and a lone man played "Amazing Grace" on the bag pipes.

At the end of the service I had an opportunity to speak to Rev. Luther and his wife, Jeanne. During our conversation Jeanne shared with me a letter she read to her father from his mother just before he passed away. The letter was written to him in 1953 while he was away from home involved in the Korean War. His mother told him how much she loved him. She said that she was not a very religious woman, but that she believed in prayer and would be praying for him. Finally she closed with the words to Psalm 91. Psalm 91 is known as "The Soldier's Prayer" and Jeanne was reading the words to Psalm 91st to her father when he passed away. Some of these words were included in the funeral program and read as follows:

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

If you say, "The Lord is my refuge," and you make the Most High your dwelling, no harm will overtake you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands,

so that you will not strike your foot against a stone. You will tread on the lion and the cobra; you will trample the great lion and the serpent.

Because he loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue Him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble. I will deliver him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.

Psalm 91

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²The Old Guard Regimental Homepage (May 17, 2011)

³1/3 Battalion HHC Caisson Platoon (May 17, 2011)

⁴1/3 Battalion HHC Caisson Platoon (May 17, 2011)

GET HEALTHY TODAY | Edith Lawson-Jackson



Eating Healthy On A Budget

Many people think that they can't eat a healthy diet because it's unaffordable. While eating organic can be

very expensive, and even eating healthy can cost a little more, it's not entirely impossible to eat a healthy and nutritious diet on a budget. In fact, you can eat an entire day's worth of healthy meals for about what it costs you to eat one fast food meal -or about \$8.00 a day. Sound too good to be true? Well, it's not. But you have to put in a little more effort than just cruising through the drive-thru line at McDonald's. Most of your meals will have to be prepared at home, and you'll have to be sure to actually eat all of the food that you buy (because so much food that we buy goes to waste). However, if you follow these simple guidelines, you'll be able to get in three nutritious meals plus some snacks each day for about eight bucks. Here's how to do it:

Breakfast:

Option 1 – make oatmeal at home. I like Quaker Weight Control Oatmeal because it is low in sugar, high in fiber, and has a good amount of protein. Plus you can have 2 servings for about .75 cent. Add a sliced banana that you purchased from the grocery store and the cost increases by only about .35 cent. Total cost: \$1.10

Option 2 – Egg White/Egg substitute Omelette Muffin with cheese and spinach (or cheese and turkey). Use a whole wheat English muffin (about .35 cent) with four eggs, using egg substitute purchased in quart sized cartons (about .85 cent) with a ¼ cup of reduced fat cheddar cheese (about .40 cent) and either 1 cup of baby spinach or 2 slices of turkey breast meat (about .30 cent). Total cost: \$1.90

Lunch:

Option 1 – 2 Grilled chicken wraps with cheese, salsa, and lettuce. Use

a whole wheat sandwich wrap (about .20 cent) with a whole, large grilled chopped chicken breast (about \$1.50) 1/4 cup of reduced fat cheddar cheese (about .40 cent) with 4 tablespoons of salsa (about .20 cent) and 1/2 cup of shredded lettuce (about .20 cent). Total cost: \$2.50

Option 2 - Mixed Greens Salad with Albacore tuna. Buy a pack of mixed greens at the grocery store and use half for your salad (about .90 cent). Add one can of albacore tuna (about \$1.30) mixed with 3 tablespoons of fat free or reduced fat salad dressing (about .30 cent). Add to that an apple or pear (about .50 cent). Total cost: \$3.00

Dinner:

Option 1 - Whole wheat pasta with turkey and spinach. Purchase a box of Barilla Plus pasta which is high in essential fats and lower in carbohydrates and "bad" fats. You'll have to cook your own pasta (which only takes about 15 minutes). One serving of the pasta will cost you about .50 cent. Add to that 1/3 pound of ground turkey which you cook (about \$1.60) and ½ cup of chunky vegetable style pasta sauce (about .50 cent). Add to this a serving of spinach which you buy frozen (about .40 cent). Total cost: \$2.50

Option 2 - Chicken and white bean (or Garbanzo bean) chili. One grilled large chicken breast (about \$1.50) added to ½ can of white or Garbanzo beans (about .50 cent) with water and 1/3 of a bag of frozen mixed veggies with peppers, carrots, and onions (about .50 cent). Add ½ can of tomatoes (about .50 cent) and season to taste. Total cost: \$3.00

Snacks:

Strawberry-Banana yogurt smoothies: Blend a cup of low fat Yogurt (I like Dannon Light and Fit – it costs about .80 cents a serving) with ½ cup of frozen strawberries (buy a large bag of frozen strawberries – about .25 cent a serving) and ½ of a banana (about .35 cent). Total cost: \$1.40

Fiber One bar - buy a box of your

favorite flavor and carry to work as snacks. I bar costs about .30 cents

Whole fruit – go for a red pear, a granny smith apple or a large orange. Your total cost will be about 70 cent

Apple sauce - If you buy a large container from the grocery store you can easily package up servings in togo Tupperware type bowls. One 2-cup serving will cost you only about .40 cent

Fruit smoothies – you can use fresh fruit from your refrigerator, especially if its very ripe or has gone uneaten and is about to spoil OR you can use ½ cup of frozen fruit (try frozen blueberries, strawberries and raspberries). Blend with 1 cup of orange juice, ½ of a banana, ice and 3 packs of Splenda (or 4 tablespoons of honey if you don't like artificial sweetener). This will only set you back by about \$1.10.

Meals like these don't take much time to prepare, are nutritious and extremely affordable. And if you prepare meals such as the pasta in large quantities, you can easily refrigerate or freeze servings for later in the week. The same goes for the fresh fruit. If you don't consume the fruit before it begins to get overly ripe, make good use of these food by making fruit smoothies. It just takes a little time and preparation in the evenings (maximum 20 minutes) or maximum 10 minutes in the morning to prepare breakfast, and you're saving yourself a good deal of money, as well as investing in your good health.

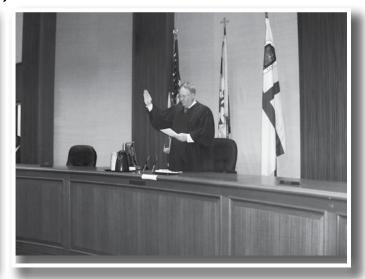
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COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES NEWS | Nora C. Eidelman, Deputy Director



We are fast approaching the end of Fiscal Year 2011 (July 1-June 30). For CLS, the year has been marked by progress and a continued challenge to become more efficient despite the

economic conditions non-profit organizations faced in funding cuts as a result of national economic difficulties. In Fiscal Year 2010, we assisted over 9,160 clients through our various services and we certainly expect that number would be higher this year!

In our next article, we will be ready to report on the number of clients that were served thanks to your work, members of the private bar, and the dedicated work of our personnel at CLS. We will publish the names of all the attorneys who represented our clients, as well as the names of those who provided legal advice at our clinics. We are grateful for your support!

These are some of the highlights of the year: Our Foreclosure Prevention Pro Bono Project received the Maryland Bar Foundation's Professional Legal Excellence Award for the Advancement of the Rights of the Disadvantaged. The Taproot Foundation selected CLS to receive pro bono professional services! Twenty five organizations applied but only seven were selected! We opened our CLS Clinic in Suitland, Maryland. This was possible as CLS was selected to receive approximately \$62,000 from a Circuit Court award in Montgomery County, thanks to plaintiff's attorneys John Beins, Seth Goldberg, and Joe Hennessey in a class action lawsuit.

Two Foreclosure Success Stories

A woman homeowner in College Park fell behind on mortgage payments in 2009 because of a loss of employment as a public school teacher. She began making partial payments in May 2009. However by December, the lender PNC Bank stopped accepting any payments. This homeowner sought the assistance of a CLS pro bono attorney to navigate through the loss mitigation process. As a result of the attorney's efforts, her

foreclosure case was dismissed and she is no longer in jeopardy of foreclosure.

A Lanham mother struggling to put her son through college fell behind on payments because of a reduction in monthly income. She received a PNC loan modification for her first mortgage, but a second mortgage was acquired by a new lender, Partners for Payment Relief. A foreclosure action was filed on the second loan and she experienced difficulty resolving the problems. She contacted CLS for assistance and a volunteer attorney was assigned to her case. The attorney successfully negotiated the re-payment plan with the second mortgage holder and is no longer is danger of foreclosure.

A Domestic Violence Success Story

This quarter, a client sought our assistance for a domestic violence situation. She reported that her boyfriend was harassing, stalking, and threatening her. One day, he approached her in his car while she was walking with her son and yelled out the window, "I will get you soon! I will kill you one day." She was very frightened and called the police. Since the Respondent had already left, the police told her there was nothing they could do.

She came to our Family Law Clinic in Langley Park for help. Our attorney, **Karin Dalichow**, helped her file a temporary petition for protection. The client then applied to our pro bono program for a volunteer attorney for her final hearing. Ms. Dalichow contacted one of our volunteer attorneys, **Anthony Davis**, **II**, and he agreed to take this case. Mr. Davis represented her in the court hearing and not only obtained a final protective order for her but also custody of her son, emergency family maintenance and a stay away clause for her boyfriend to not enter her home for one year.

The client was very happy that she received not only protection, but also custody and financial support!

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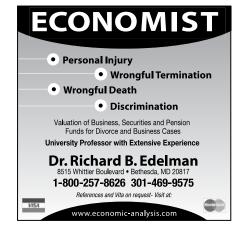
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