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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Colleagues

The month of October is here. By the time you read this newsletter we will have honored Judge Chapdelaine and Judge Smith at the September Bar meeting. We will have had the opportunity to reflect on their tremendous contributions to the Bar and the community. Most of all we all would have the opportunity to informally chat with our colleagues, to share stories about our families, our law practices, and golf games. This is arguably the best part of the meeting. As a matter of fact the toughest part of the meeting is getting everyone to stop talking and to have a seat to allow us to start the meeting. In the midst of our otherwise busy schedules, few would argue that this is time well spent. The next general membership meeting will be December 13, 2011. This is the annual holiday party held at Newton White Mansion. The annual holiday party is different than the other membership meetings in that it is a purely social event. It is truly a festive occasion with wonderful decorations, great food and good companionship. The agenda is to have a good time and support some local charities; local food pantries, the Waxter Center, and the Prince George's County Police "toys for children." So mark your calendar and come out and support the Bar and the community.

I am excited that membership is up from this same time last year. Membership dues are the lifeblood of any organization. Maintaining our membership is key to the success of the organization. In these difficult times, we appreciate all those who chose to rejoin the Bar Association.

Our bar association membership fluctuates between 900-1100. This 200 member discrepancy can greatly affect our budget. Knowing this the board of directors spends a large part of its time and effort recruiting and retaining members. Over the past three years we have instituted several incentives to increase membership. We continue to find new ways to attract members. Our goal is 100% membership of attorneys at the States Attorneys and County Attorneys offices. To that end we have instituted a discounted dues payment schedule for government



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For the next couple of weeks, the membership committee, headed

by Isaac Marks, Allison Leonard-Leach and Clayton Aarons along with other members of the Board of Directors, will be contacting past members who are now inactive in an attempt to reclaim them. We are sure you just overlooked it. Take a minute and write a check. Help us keep our association viable, active and meaningful.

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"Histories make men wise..."¹

Writers/ Committee Volunteers Needed – There are so many wonderful stories and lessons to be learned from the rich history of Prince George's County. To this end we would like to invite members to volunteer to become member of the History Committee and/or contribute an article for this column. Kenneth L. Boehm, Esq., has also recommended that we include good "legal war stories".

Please contact me at 301 952 3020 or cssaxon@co.pg.ms.us if you would like to contribute to this effort.

Part IX

This is the final installment 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. Arthur A. (Bud) Marshall, Jr. served as the State's Attorney for Prince George's County from 1963 to 1984. Over that time, he transformed the way criminal cases were handled in the County.

The series first drew upon the perspectives of Bud's 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 other individuals who had worked with Bud in various capacities. Unfortunately, the flow of the series was interrupted by the passing of Bud Marshall on Thursday, January 13, 2011.

In 1962, when Bud Marshall was elected State's Attorney, there were very few positions available to law graduates that provided trial experience. The Office of the Public Defender was non-existent. Typically, judges would designate a private attorney to represent a person if they did not have counsel in a felony case and their services would be paid for by the court. The salary of Assistant State's Attorney was not impressive, but in 1962, law school graduates did not necessarily have to borrow large amounts of money to complete school. Consequently, it was easier for a young lawyer to accept a position paying a modest wage in exchange for the opportunity to acquire trial experience.

Bud Marshall was the first full time prosecutor employed by Prince George's County. He was also a strong leader committed to excellence, hard work and justice. He took it upon himself to convert the part-time positions of Assistant State's Attorney's into full time positions. He set a high standard of excellence and integrity. Young, talented lawyers who were not afraid of hard work sought jobs in Prince George's County. During the 24 years he served as State's Attorney Bud trained scores of lawyers. Many went on to become outstanding trial attorneys, served in leadership positions in public service, became judges and served the community in many other capacities.

Administrative Judge Sheila R. Tillerson Adams talks about how her professor at Howard University Law School, Alex Williams, Jr., now a federal District Court Judge, advised her to apply for a position as an Assistant State's Attorney in Prince George's County. He told her that lawyers were breaking down doors to get into this office. He contacted Bud Marshall and recommended her for an interview. He told her if she got an opportunity to work in Bud's office, she had better take it. He told her that some of the finest lawyers in the area had come out of this office and that Prince George's County presented big city crime in a small town environment.

Judge Adams took the advice and interviewed with Bud Marshall. At the time, she was wearing her hair in braids. He ignored her braids and discussed the issues and the prosecution of cases. He wanted to know if she could think on her feet.

When Judge Adams came to Upper Marlboro, it was a very small town. The present 7-11 store was a High's and you had to drive to Rip's in Bowie or North Beach if you wanted to go to a nice place for lunch.

Prior to working in Upper Marlboro, Judge Adams had worked as an attorney in the Domestic Unit of the Legal Aid Bureau in Baltimore City. When she began working as an Assistant State's Attorney in Prince George's County, she learned that domestic violence cases were handled on an assault docket in District Court. This docket was often referred to by the lawyers as the "Punching Judy Day." She told Bud that the office needed to develop a better way to handle these cases. He told her to change it and allowed her to meet with Tracey Brown, Director of Domestic Violence, Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City.

Bud then took her out of her trial rotation assignment so that she could organize and implement a domestic violence unit. After she completed this assignment, he transferred her back to her regular rotation because he said he wanted her to grow and develop as a lawyer.

Generally, the State's Attorney rotation included time in district court, juvenile court, and then the criminal trial division. Everyone had to complete the rotation in the office. If he felt a lawyer could not do the work at a particular step, he would send them back to the prior level.

Judge Adams said Bud had a no-nonsense attitude at work. He would walk through the office and check on his employees. For

every case, the ASA's had to write down a disposition that included the result and an explanation, even if the case was stettered or entered nolle prosequi.

Under Bud, lawyers were taught how to prepare for trial. They also generally screened their own cases, which included scheduling dates to review the case with the officer. Officers were required to bring their entire file to the meeting. Bud required lead detectives to bring detailed "dictated" reports with them. This helped ASAs better determine if something was missing from the file or if there were problems. They were also required to set a date to review evidence and go to the scene with the detectives.

Judge Adams said Bud stressed the importance of camaraderie amongst his staff. Under him, everyone tried to have as much fun as they could in the course of working hard for the office, doing what were right and protecting victims.

If I had more time and space, I would print many more comments from others with their stories about Bud Marshall and the impact he had on people and our county. Bud earned every accolade everyone has said about him for his service to the citizens of Prince George's County, the State of Maryland and for his contribution to the development of the legal community. Instead, let me end this series by listing some of the individuals who worked in Bud Marshall's office and subsequently served in public office or as a judge. This list includes individuals who were employed as ASA's or law clerks. They are members of a "cloud of witnesses" who can attest to the blessing that Bud Marshall was and continues to be to our community.

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Staying Healthy While Traveling

Summertime vacations are particularly notorious for sabotaging all the hard-earned fitness you've acquired after your New Year's Resolution and "getting ready for Spring" exercise and nutrition campaign. But summer vacations and other business travel doesn't have to derail your fitness efforts. With proper planning and some important information that I'm about to give you right now, you can do all the vacation and business traveling you want, without compromising your healthy lifestyle habits. You can even plan to vacation, and come back feeling more energized and possibly even more fit.

First things first - no matter where you travel, you can incorporate exercise, especially if you're traveling to the beach. During travel to tropical or sunny destinations, explore the city on foot, walk the beach each morning before breakfast, play beach volleyball, or go on snorkeling and/or hiking excursions. You'll have so much fun engaging in these activities, you won't even feel like you're exercising. I like to go out first thing in the morning and find a destination at the other end of the beach that takes me about 15 minutes to walk or jog to each morning. Once you get to that destination, you have to get back right? Well there you have it. By ten a.m. you've already easily finished a 30 minute cardiovascular workout to start your day.

Not going to the beach? That's fine. Destinations such as Arizona have opportunities for hiking in addition to the spas. Southern cities such as Florida will have parks and nature trails that you can bike or walk. Even metropolitan destinations have great opportunities to get in your exercise in a fun and exciting way. Almost every city has a great staircase or stadium where you can hit the stairs (pretending you're Rocky). And if getting outside to exercise just isn't your thing, be

sure to call ahead and book a hotel that has a workout facility. If there's a gym at your hotel or resort, there's really no excuse for not getting in at least 30 minutes of exercise every day of your vacation. Hitting the gym for 30 minutes first thing in the morning is the best way to energize you throughout the day and to make sure you're alert and clear-headed for meetings, if your travel is business related.

So you're a late riser, you say, and your hotel has no gym, and to make matters worse, by the time you're done your business activities, it's too late to get outdoors and exercise. Have no fear, there are great "in-room" exercises you can do that will get you back home feeling like you didn't miss a beat. All you need is a jump rope and a pair of lightweight dumbbells or an exercise tube. Exercise tubes and jump ropes are very light weight and easy to travel with. You can find these items at a Target, Ross, and an exercise store and they are very inexpensive items to purchase.

Now for the in-room exercises... jump rope in your room for 2 minutes alternating with dumb bell or tube or body weight exercises for 5 consecutive intervals and you'll have gotten in an excellent workout that incorporates both cardio and weight training. For example, jump rope for two minutes then do a combination of dumbbell squats and shoulder presses for 15 repetitions. Then jump rope for two more minutes, followed immediately by bicep curls for 15 repetitions. Jump rope for two minutes and then do pushups for 15 repetitions. Jump rope for two minutes followed by 25 abdominal crunches. Then, as your last interval jump rope for two minutes followed by a combination set of bent-over dumb bell rows with triceps kickbacks. You repeat this entire cycle one more time, and you've gotten in a great workout in about 30-40 minutes. Trust me when I say your heart will be pumping and you'll break a mild sweat. And the best thing about this type of "in room" workout is that you can even do it while watching TV!

Now that you know how to get in your exercise in fun (or at least non-painful) ways, the other part of hitting the road without packing on the pounds consists of knowing what you should and shouldn't eat. First off, there's NO place where you can't eat. Smart meal choices can be found everywhere nowadays. Let's start with getting to where you're going. Flying? Not a problem. The key to getting off on the right foot when flying is to stay hydrated. Drink a liter of water if possible before you get on the plane. Long flights can dehydrate you and cause swelling and water retention. Although it sounds oxymoronic, drinking lots of water actually prevents you from retaining water. So skip the cocktail. Once on the plane, opt for water whenever your flight attendant offers you beverages. Snacks anyone? Well unless you're flying first class, snacks are all you'll be offered. If you have a choice between cheese and crackers, pretzels, or peanuts, always choose the peanuts. They have the least amount of carbohydrates and "bad" fats of all the choices. Plus they have the protein that your body needs to preserve its muscle. But an even better idea is to pack fruits such as sliced oranges and apples along with healthy snack bars such as Fiber One chewy snack bars. Unlike beverages, you can get these past security and onboard.



Taking a road trip? Kids want to stop at McDonald's? Not a problem. But here are the "must follow" rules: when given the choice of a burger and fries versus a grilled chicken sandwich versus a grilled

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Chicken Caesar salad, choose the salad. It'll keep you satisfied for a few hours which is all you need before it's time for you to eat again. What's wrong with the chicken sandwich you might ask? The bun is packed with carbs that have hardly any nutritional value. So if you don't mind pulling off the bread, you can even have the grilled chicken sandwich. You say the spouse wants to stop at Starbucks for some caffeine? That's okay, too. Just be sure to make your drink either a skim or a skinny version and if you're tempted by their edible treats, try either the fruit salad or the turkey and Swiss sandwich which is quite delicious and provides 26 grams of protein.

Are you going on a trip that will require you to be away from healthy food options for several hours? Perhaps it's a business convention where all that's available is

what you can find in vending machines or the pastries and croissants served in the reception area? Well don't pack M&Ms to take with you. There are much healthier portable meals that can be carried in your purse or briefcase. Nowadays you can find easy-to-open packages of chicken, tuna, and even salmon in grocery stores and places like Target. An easy to open envelope of white Albacore in water provides a whopping 41 grams of protein and only five grams of "good" fats and only 220 calories. You can spoon this onto your plate during lunch break or take a quick trip to your room to eat in private. Heck, this is such a healthy food choice, you could even stand to put in on crackers and have a pretty good meal. These type of on-the go, easy to eat meals are also perfect to pack when you go hiking, skiing, on a short boat cruise, or even to keep in the supply cabinet at your workplace. And

when you tire of fishy choices, grab your Fiber One peanut butter bars, a pack of instant Quaker Weight Control Oatmeal (I've asked for hot water on a plane and eaten this as a great satisfying meal) or fresh fruit. All of these are portable, healthy, excellent meal options when on the go. Just remember to pack enough to consume one of these "mini-meals" about six times each day, or every 2-3 hours.

There's no reason you have to come back from vacation looking and feeling like you've just come back from a cruise. Challenge yourself. Find fun activities to engage in everyday. Always take the stairs up to your hotel room. Walk the beach each night after dinner, explore the city on foot. You'll be amazed when you return home and step on the scale to see that you've actually gotten trimmer while on vacation.

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The Family Law Clinic meets the first Tuesday of every month and is hosted by **Nakia Gray, Esq.** of Joseph, Greenwald, & Laake, P.A. These free monthly trainings are for attorneys who have accepted/or will accept a pro bono case from CLS. Attorneys meet at her office and discuss their particular cases. The next training is scheduled on Tuesday, November 1st, 2011 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. To register for the trainings, please email Karin Dalichow, Esq. at dalichow@clspgc.org

Letter from our Executive Director, Neal T. Conway

This letter appears in our Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2011. You can access the Report at our website at www.clspgc.org or let us know if you would like us to mail you a copy.

Dear Friends of CLS,
CLS opened our newest clinic in Suitland, Maryland to start off our year! I thank the many people who have made this possible.

You may remember that our long-time supporters **John Beins, Seth Goldberg and Joseph Hennessy** donated over \$61,000 to CLS at the end of FY2010. This donation provides support for our new Suitland Clinic.

Retired Prince George's County Police Chief and current Board Member of CLS, **Roberto Hylton**, identified Suitland as one of the geographic areas of our county in need of legal services. Roberto introduced me to **Ms. Elsie Jacobs**, unofficial mayor of Suitland, who opened her arms and office space to CLS. Ms. Jacobs reminds us each week that our community needs us five days per week in Suitland and she is determined to help us find the funding to support our expansion.

In December, CLS received the Maryland Bar Foundation's **Professional Legal Excellence Award for the Advancement of the Disadvantaged** for our Foreclosure Prevention Project.

Over my 17 years with CLS, one of the keys to our success has been my outstanding staff and their continued commitment to legal services. Although we have very

little turnover, staff attorney **Charles "Chuck" Ashurst** decided this year to leave for private practice. Chuck stated he was going into private practice for the challenge and to make money. I will miss his sense of humor. Like me, Chuck is in a second career and I wish him many years of success.

CLS was selected by the **Taproot Foundation** which matched us with professional experts to develop this annual report. We thoroughly enjoyed working with the team and appreciate their commitment of time and talent to the success of CLS.

As we closed out FY2011, we received a \$25,000 technology grant from the **Philip Graham Fund** to make technology work to improve services to our clients and to make it easier to work with our hundreds of volunteer attorneys.

I am committed to partnering with you to continue strengthening our families and building economic security for our neighborhoods. I thank you for your continued support!

Neal T. Conway

Community Legal Services of Prince George's County, Inc. is a non-profit organization established to provide quality civil legal services to low-income persons in Prince George's County. It does this through the generous contribution of legal advice and legal representation by members of the private Bar. Additionally, CLS operates free legal clinics in the County. They are located in the Circuit Court House and Langley Park. For more information about our services, please contact Nora C. Eidelman, at 301-864-4907, ext. 12.

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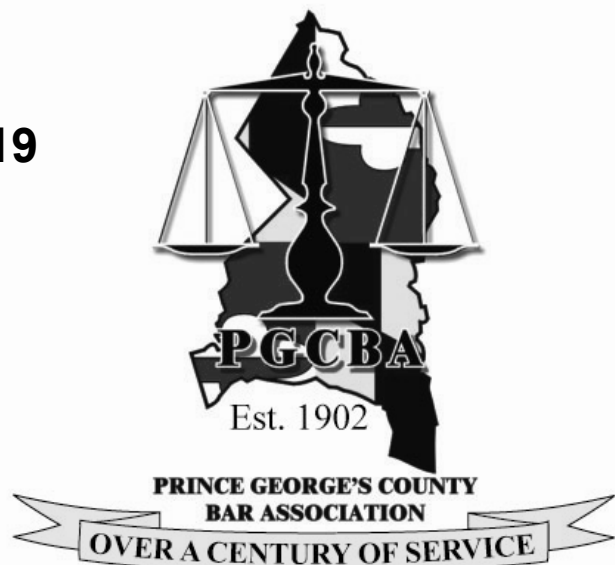
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