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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Colleagues

On December 15, 2011, I had the honor of speaking before the Court of Appeals at the swearing in ceremony for new admittees to the Maryland Bar. It is a long standing tradition to invite Bar presidents to speak at the ceremony. I would like to share with you an excerpt from my speech.

"... I respectfully offer these words of advice for your consideration:

Remember the pride you feel today. It will guide you through difficult times as a beacon of light. Reflect on

these ideals when you get over whelmed by the day to day struggles of making a living. Recall the passion you have right now for being a part of something great. Something larger than your individual selves.

Uphold the profession. Uphold the profession by practicing civility, being professional, being honest. Carry the torch of civility. There is no excuse for anything less. As an officer of the court you must always believe that our system of laws and government works. Mainly because everyone is free to challenge those laws that you feel are unjust. Win or lose thank the court and your opposition. And then reconfirm your respect for the adversarial process with a handshake. Get a mentor, or two, who you admire and respect. Learn all you can, than mentor someone else. Protect your reputation. Once you lose the respect of your peers it is difficult to regain it.

Lastly, give back. Volunteer to handle pro bono cases. It's what we do. Its one of the ways we show our commitment to protecting the liberties provided in the constitution. Join your local and or state bar associations. As a bar president, I assure you this is not a shameless plug for membership. Every one of the distinguished judges before you are currently or have been active in the state and local bar associations. Stay in touch with other lawyers. Resist the temptation to isolate yourselves. Your legal career is far richer when you build relationships with colleagues from the bench and bar.

I am confident that you will pass the flame in tact to the next group of new lawyers. Congratulations to each of you and to your families who have supported you through this journey. May you continue to follow your dreams. May you always remember why you chose to pursue this noble profession as a career... and may you never forget the awesome privilege and responsibility being bestowed upon you today...."

I am already six months into my term as President. This is certainly one of the highlights thus far. Check out the entire speech at http://www.courts.state.md.us/coappeals/baradmissionwebcast.html . The December 15, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. broadcast.



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We collected two hundred seventy five dollars in cash, canned goods and toys for the needy. Secretary Denise Bowman, Managing Partner at Alexander and Cleaver, donated her talents for organizing and fund-raising. She knew exactly who to call. The University of Maryland and Rick Jaklitsch, Esq., the Law Offices of Bryon Bereano, Law Offices of Alexander & Cleaver, P.A., Walter Green, Esq., Law Offices of DeCaro, Doran, Siciliano, Gallagher & Deblasis, LLP, Law Office of Benjamin Woolery, Timothy Maloney, Esq., Jeff Harding, Esq., Manuel Geraldo, Esq. and Jeffrey Greenblatt, Esq., all contributed items to be auctioned. Two stalwarts of our community who always step to the front, Rick Jaklitsch of the Jaklitsch Law Group and Jeff Harding, managing partner of Sasscer, Claggett and Bucher, donated some extraordinary items to auction, led the auctions and even purchased auction items. We raffled off an IPAD donated by Minnesota Lawyers Mutual Insurance Company. Board members Clayton Aarons, Jennifer Muskus, Robin Bright, Janet Hart, Walter Laake, Bryon Bereano, Georgia Perry, Denise Bowman and Patricia Rosier donated gift cards which were auctioned off as a gift card tree. One lucky winner won the lottery scratch off tree of one hundred dollars worth of lottery scratch off tickets that I donated. Bryan Bereano and Joseph Wright provided the holiday music. Lastly Georgia Perry and our entire bar staff held all the loose ends together.

We are still counting, but at last count we raised over \$4,000.00. These funds will be passed along to the membership in free and reduced cost events. A true collaboration of almost two hundred of our colleagues and members of the community who are dedicated to supporting the Prince George's County Bar Association. What a way to close out the holiday season. Thank you, thank you ... thank you all.

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# MEMORIAL SERVICE OVERVIEW | by Judge William D. Missouri (Ret.)

Prior to my retirement in September 2010 I was visited by my friend and colleague, the Honorable Nicholas E. Rattal, President of the Prince George's County Bar Association, who asked if I would chair the Bar Association's Memorial Service Committee. He explained that the Honorable Vincent J. Femia, who became Chair of the Committee after Judge Jacob Levin retired, gave notice that he would retire from the position after the November 2010 Memorial Program. I considered his request as he assured me that the position would not require a lot of my time. Although I was reluctant to undertake a post-retirement obligation I agreed to Chair the Committee beginning in November 2011. I agreed primarily because Nick Rattal, who since becoming a Judge, never refused or complained about a judicial assignment. Hence, I concluded that I owed him a positive response.

Although I agreed to Chair the Committee due to my respect for Judge Rattal, I did not anticipate the emotional toll that preparing the Memorial Service's Program would extract! Frankly, I was ill-prepared for the deaths of people like William E. (Bill) Knight, Sr.; C. Paul Champion, III; Francis J. (Frank) Ford; and Peter F. O'Malley, III. Moreover, the death of Arthur A. "Bud" Marshall, Jr. was an emotional blow to my entire family because he was my first boss after law school. But "being my first boss after law school" does not fully describe the relationship for Bud was also a friend who supported my career. I will always be

honored and grateful for his friendship, his guidance, and his support.

In addition to the above names, the Committee was also honored to memorialize Richard B. Bland; Donald J. Caulfield; Edward W. Nylen; and, Martin E. Gerel. Suffice it to say, the 2011 Memorial Program honored the legal legends of the Prince George's County Bar and I thank all who attended the November 17 service.

Speaking of thanks, I owe the success of the Memorial Service to the caliber of the presenters, as well as to those working behind the scene. Firstly, I applaud the presenters for the historical and touching remarks presented. It is fitting therefore that I offer thanks and appreciation to Bar Association members Ralph W. Powers, Jr. for Richard B. Bland: Karen K. Pasciuto for Donald J. Caulfield; Honorable Graydon S. McKee, III (Ret.) for C. Paul Champion, III; Steven N. Nemeroff for Francis J. Ford; Robert G. Samet for Martin E. Gerel; John F. Shay, Jr., for William E. Knight, Sr.; Honorable Vincent J. Femia (Ret.) for Arthur A. "Bud" Marshall, Jr.; Robert Troll for Edward W. Nylen; and, Honorable Glenn P. Harrell, Jr. for Peter Francis O'Malley, III. Secondly, I am greatly indebted to Deborah J. Ward, who was my contact person. Deborah, an administrative assistant in the Prince George's County Office of Law, volunteered to assist me with the Program and her assistance was crucial to the Program's success. Thirdly, I also thank Georgia Perry and her staff for their assistance. Fourthly, I thank the Honorable Sheila R. Tillerson Adams for providing the jury assembly room as an overflow venue and collage display area. And, lastly but most importantly, I thank M. Andree Green, Acting County Attorney, for her support in authorizing Deborah J. Ward to assist me. Ms. Green, a long standing member of the Bar Association understood that Deborah's assistance was essential to me. She only requested that I ensure that the business of the office received priority.

The Memorial Service for our fallen colleagues was poignant and it reminded me of a deceased pastor's admonition, "Man plans and God laughs." Hence, Judge Rattal's words that little work is required of the Memorial Service's Committee Chair and my perception that we would probably have at most two to three members to memorialize demonstrates how insightful were the Pastor's remarks. Indeed I may have planned, but God certainly was laughing at my meager plans. However, at the end of the day I am thankful to Judge Rattal and the Prince George's County Bar Association for the opportunity to serve. And, if it is written that man plans and God laughs, I simply say that I am willing to continue as Chair but I will do so without Deborah's outstanding assistance because she retires in July 2012.

Judge William D. Missouri (Ret.) Chair - Memorial Committee



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# GET HEALTHY TODAY | by Edith Lawson-Jackson



Winter Workouts at Home

Let's face it...it's hard to get up and head out to the gym after you've had a long day at work and you've gotten all

comfortable and settled in at home. This is especially true during winter months when it's dark at 5 pm and exceedingly cold out. So working out at home, if possible, is a much more appealing option for those who are short on time, don't have disposable income for a gym membership, or...just cringe at the idea of leaving their nice warm home to trot across town on a cold winter evening to work out at a gym.

The good news is that if you're not feeling like leaving the comfort of your warm home, that doesn't necessarily preclude you from getting in your workout. So even if there's a blizzard this winter, there's a way you can be assured to get in a healthy dose of exercise. The key to your success in escaping the winter workout blow-off is going to be preparing your home to be workout friendly. You don't have to invest in fancy or expensive gym quality equipment for a good workout that will sufficiently exercise your cardiovascular system as well as your muscles. All you need is a relatively spacious area - one where you can lay flat out on the floor and not be constricted by any furniture or other items. And you'll need to purchase just a few relatively inexpensive exercise items.

If you happen to have a treadmill or stair stepper, or other similar equipment, that's excellent! You have no excuse for not getting in a full 20-30 minutes of cardiovascular exercise on a regular basis. Investing in a home-gym quality treadmill is a worthy investment that will yield many years of use. But even if you don't have the budget for this type of investment, there are several other options. You can purchase plastic step class platforms and risers, together with DVDs with a variety of stepclass videos. And there are some videos that don't require any equipment at all that will give you an excellent cardiovascular

type workout. You'll want to invest in 1-2 pound strap on ankle weights which will increase the level of resistance and aid in your calorie burning process. You will also want to purchase light weight hand-held weights. I'd suggest 2 and 3 pound sets for beginners and 5 pound sets for those with some experience with weight training. Another excellent piece of equipment is the medicine ball. A set of two or three is optimal. I'd suggest a 6 pound, an 8 pound, and a 10 pound exercise ball. All of these items, collectively, can be acquired on the cheap if you find online bargains. Or you can visit your local target and purchase them at reasonable prices.

With nothing more than the items mentioned above you can do the following 45 minute workout: Wide-legged Squats holding the exercise ball straight over head for 20-25 repetitions, Crunches with the 10 pound exercise ball between your feet to act as a counter-weight for 15-20 repetitions, shadow boxing for 2 minutes with the 3 pound hand weights, Single –legged hamstring curls with ankle weight s with 25-30 reps for each leg, Biceps curls with the 5 pound weights for 25 reps on each arm, Step-ups onto your Stepping platform (using the risers if you can) while holding the 6 pound medicine ball straight out in front of your body and aiming for 20 stepups per leg, overhead triceps extensions with the ten pound medicine ball for 20 repetitions, and trunk twists from left to right while holding a 6 pound medicine ball straight out in front of you for 20 twists to each side. Add 15 minutes of stepping to your step video, jumping rope, jogging in place, or walking on a treadmill and you've gotten in a workout that will burn just as many calories as if you had headed out to the gym. But...you have to do all of these exercises back to back, with very little rest between exercises....and you have to go through the routine twice. But you only need to do a total of 15 minutes of the cardio portion.

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# COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES NEWS | By Staff Attorneys Karin Dalichow and Angela Richardson Green For

Angela Richardson Green, Esq.

n Saturday, December 10, attorney **J**Karin Dalichow presented a family law presentation for the Spanish Self-Represented Litigant Orientation project of the Family Division of the Prince George's County Circuit Court. This is the Spanish version of the English orientation that takes place at the courthouse on Wednesday evenings. The Spanish Orientation takes place on a Saturday afternoon in a community center or church in the Spanishspeaking community. The Orientation is an excellent way to meet clients who have family law cases. Please contact Norberto Martinez at 301-952-5950 or <u>nmartinez@</u> co.pg.md.us if you would like to volunteer.

CLS is looking forward to helping to organize the 2012 Teen Dating/Domestic Violence Summit that will take place on February 25, 2012. The Summit is hosted by Judge Herman C. Dawson. For more information contact Brandes Ash, Judicial Law Clerk to Judge Herman C. Dawson, at 301-952-3676.

CLS would like to thank the following volunteer attorneys who provided legal representation to our clients in domestic violence matters in the past two months: Melissa Linebaugh, John Hopkins, Olekanma Ekekwe-Kauffman, and Rosa Sobhraj. Please contact Karin Dalichow at 301-864-4907, ext. 14 or Dalichow@ clspgc.org if you would like to volunteer for a domestic violence case, some of the cases are judicare funding eligible.

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The foreclosure crisis in Prince George's County, Maryland is still looming and may seemingly be unending. But in the past years CLS has made great strides to combat the problem. None of that would have been possible, but for the professional service providers who have donated countless hours assisting homeowners navigate a myriad of circumstances. To those who have given of themselves, we extend our sincerest gratitude.

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During this season of merriment and giving, let's not forget that according to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development over 27 percent of all foreclosures statewide occurred in Prince George County in the third quarter of this year (the largest share among all Maryland jurisdictions). Let's remember an estimated 18,000 notices of intent are slated to be delivered to the residents in this jurisdiction. Let's remember that without the help of the legal community, the crisis will continue to be an economic drain on everyone in the county...in the state. The residences of Prince George's County need our help to quash homelessness and thwart poverty. As we sit snug in our homes with our family opening gifts, please take a moment to remember the true reason for this season.

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arbara Arnwine, Executive Director **B**of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law will be the speaker at the Joint Meeting of the Prince George's County Bar Association and the J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association on February 7, 2012 at the Federal Courthouse in Greenbelt. The Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization, was formed in 1963 at the request of President John F. Kennedy to involve the private bar in providing legal services to address racial discrimination. The principal mission of the Lawyers' Committee is to secure, through the rule of law, equal justice under law.

Barbara R. Arnwine, Executive Director of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law since 1989, is internationally renowned for contributions on critical justice issues including the passage of the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1991. A graduate of Scripps College and Duke University School of Law, she continues to champion civil rights issues nationally and internationally in the areas of housing, fair lending, community development, employment, voting, education, environmental justice and more. A prominent leader in the civil rights community, Ms. Arnwine also continues to fight for the preservation of affirmative action and diversity programs.

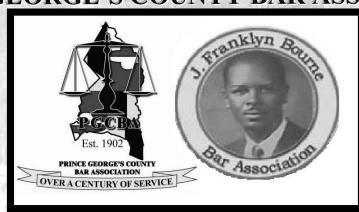
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