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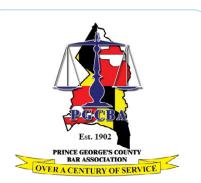


SPRING CLEANING

It struck me after our February 5, 2013 joint meeting with J. Franklyn Bourne Bar that I have only one more general meeting left as your President. For some of you, that will be a welcome return to newsletter articles that do not reference HBO television shows but to me, I became very reflective of what we, as a Bar have accomplished over the past year. The joint meeting was a wonderful time spent with our friends from J. Franklyn Bourne and the Montgomery County Bar Association. Our guest speaker Chief Judge Robert M. Bell gave a

wonderful talk on the history of the civil rights movement in Maryland. That was not the only exciting program that the Bar Association presented during the month of February. Many thanks to Judge Michael Whalen who spoke at our Law Practice 101 on new developments in the areas of search and seizures and confessions. It really was a must for all attorneys who practice criminal law in our county. If you were unable to attend, you will find Judge Whalen's updates on the Bar Association website. Also, many thanks to Marilyn Booth of the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office for her Brown Bag lunch in conjunction with our expungement project. Marilyn did a great job teaching attorneys the fine points of filing for an expungement, and in turn those attorneys were able to help the Prince George's County Community at the Largo-Kettering Library for our first expungement program. We have received a wonderful amount of support for the program. Because of the increase in demand we have added a second training season on March 20, 2013 at 5:30 pm at the Bar Office. We hope to see you there!

If you think there were a lot of events in February, just wait and see what March has in store for the Bar Association. The month kicks off on March 7, 2013 with another installment of our award winning Law Practice 101. This month's topic is District Court motions with Judge Erik Nyce and Motions for Summary Judgment with Judge Sean Wallace. The program starts at 4:00 pm in courtroom 1404M. Again, this is must see for all civil practitioners in the county and the program is FREE to members. March 20, 2013 at 5:30 pm is the second training session for the Prince George's County Expungement Project. March 21, 2013 is a big day for the Bar Association. At noon, Judge Larnzell Martin, Jr. will speak at our Brown Bag lunch about "Tolerating Judges and the Self-Represented." The Brown Bag lunch will be held in the Lawyer's Lounge located on the third floor, Duvall Wing of the Courthouse. Then from 5:00-6:30 pm our famous March Madness happy hour will take place at the Old Towne Inn. There will be free food and drinks for our members and non-members can pay \$25.00 to enjoy the festivities as well. Come by and cheer on your favorite college basketball



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team during day one of the NCAA tournament, or simply come by and cheer against Duke. Either way, it is a great fun and casual way to meet other members of the bar association and the Judges in the county. Finally, do not forget about our Goldstein Criminal Practice Seminar on March 30, 2013.

Recently, my parents were doing some spring cleaning and came across my autobiography that I wrote when I was in second grade. Sadly, I'm not sure that my writing has improved much since then, but I wanted to share some of the more interesting passages from my life story (as seen through the second grade me). Apparently the night before my first day of school I "cried like anything." (Sounds a lot like my nights before trial.) In second grade, I liked my teacher, but did not like the fact that she made us do our work in class (on some computer program called "System 20") before we got our snack. A note to our younger members: there used to be a time when we didn't have smart phones and internet in schools. I'm not sure how we got any learning done. My wife's favorite part about my autobiography is that I had chapters in the four page story. They were labeled "Infancy," "2-6" and "7-Present," speaking to my ages. I simply explain to her that the chapters were necessary because how else was I supposed to know where to pick back up when I write the second part of my autobiography.

The most interesting part of my autobiography for me was looking back and seeing what I wanted to be "when I grow up." (For the record I'm not sure that I have grown up yet.) Apparently, in the second grade I wanted to be a soccer player or a football player. Needless to say, those dreams never panned out. (Although, I was one of team Broccoli Spears best defenders in the Stoddert Soccer League). But that doesn't mean that because I did not reach my seven year old goals that as an adult I look back at my life with regret. Sure, it would be nice to be a Redskin had football player become a reality. My message for this month is professionally, we are all attorneys for only a finite amount of time. It is important to take every advantage of the education that we have received and our positions in the community. Make sure that when you are ready to write your autobiography that you don't look back at your past professional goals with regret because you have not achieved them.

Until next month, make sure you enjoy one of our many bar programs and keep reading for monthly updates on all of our events.

Thanks, Bryon S. Bereano President, Prince George's County Bar Association



Member Announcements



The black and white parking permits issued to the Bar Association will expire on February 28, 2013. Since we are trying to merge the cycle of the permits with our dues payment we are issuing stickers that will extend the deadline for your current parking pass until June 30, 2013.

There is a minimal cost of \$20 for this sticker. Please send a self addressed stamped envelope along with a check for the \$20 fee to PGCBA, 14330 Old Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 and we will send you the sticker for your permit. SAVE THE DATE "MYRTLE BEACH CLE" OCTOBER 10-14, 2013 SANDS OCEAN CLUB RESORT SPONSORED BY F. ANTHONY MCCARTHY AND JUDGE HASSAN EL-AMIN CONTACT: DENISE WILLIAMS 301-952-3788 Dalowe-williams@co.pg.md.us

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April 18, 2013 BROWN BAG LUNCH JUDGE CATHY SERRETTE 12:00

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TOPIC: "PUTTING ON A CASE FOR ALIMONY" MEMBERS ONLY March 7, 2013 THURSDAY

LAW PRACTICE 101

"Motions in District Court" by Judge Erik Nyce and "Summary Judgment in Circuit Court" by Judge Sean Wallace

> Courthouse Upper Marlboro 4:00 PM

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March 21, 2013 - 12:15 PM Lawyer's Lounge, 3rd Floor Duvall Wing

"Tolerating Judges and the Self-Represented" Speaker: Judge Larnzell Martin, Jr.

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GET HEALTHY TODAY | by Edith Lawson-Jackson



<u>New Year's</u> <u>Resolution</u> <u>In Baby Steps -</u> <u>Part II</u>

Last month's column was about how to begin the most common New Year's resolution

of weight loss and achieving better health. I talked about how this resolution could be made much less difficult if you worked towards this huge goal by taking "baby steps". We all know that the two main components of achieving goals of improved health and weight loss are proper nutrition and exercise. That's it plain and simple; but often what appears to be so straightforward and simple can be in fact burdensome and extremely difficult. And this is why I like to advocate breaking down your goal into smaller, easier to accomplish steps.

The first step which I suggested in the quest to actually accomplish this year's New Year's resolution of better health was to eliminate or substantially reduce sugar intake. As I stated last month, I chose this as the first step because of the many ways that sugar can negatively affect weight loss efforts, energy levels, and because it serves as a base to build upon when making further, more difficult modifications to your diet. If you've stuck with the program and eliminated (or substantially reduced) high fructose syrups, white cane sugar, store bought undiluted juices, and baked goods made with these ingredients, you should be noticing a difference in both your energy levels and your clothes already. If you got off to a good start, but then fell off the wagon and slipped up with a piece of pie or a slice of cake here and there, all is not lost. Get up, look forward, and start anew. Any steps you take are better than none and you are never limited in the number of times you can give it another go. Just keep at it.

Once you've gotten your sugar cravings under control, and you know that these cravings can often be satisfied by snacking on a piece of fruit or sipping a beverage artificially sweetened with sucralose or stevia, you're ready for the next phase of accomplishing that New Year's resolution. The next phase isn't going to be something that's too difficult to maintain while compounded with the first phase of sugar reduction. You will need to continue keeping your sugar intake low, so we will alternate hard and easy steps to allow your body time to adjust to all the phases aimed at reaching your ultimate goal. The second baby step - striving to get in five to six meals each day.

I've talked before about why it's important to eat more than three meals each day and how doing so actually increases your metabolic rate, allowing you to burn more calories than by just eating your "three squares". In case you didn't read that month's article, I'll do a quick recap. The reason you burn more calories by increasing the number of meals you consume in a given day is because each time you eat, it causes a metabolic reaction by your body using energy to process the food you have consumed. In some instances, you can actually burn more calories than you are consuming in a particular meal. It seems unbelievable but it is a fact! However, this is only the case when you eat food items such as cucumbers, lettuce, mixed salad greens, and the like. That's because there are fewer calories in those foods than your body uses to go through the process of consuming and processing those foods for use by your body. So knowing this, when eating your 5-6 meals each day, try to get in a couple of "negative calorie" meals. That is, try to incorporate a meal or two where you consume a large bag of mixed salad greens or a sandwich bag full of raw broccoli or a cucumber. Now, I'm certainly not advocating that all of your meals should look like this, but if you can eat six meals, and make two of them look like this, that gives you four additional meals of more calorie-substantial food choices that you get to eat each day.

So now that we're into the second phase of changing your nutrition habits to become healthier or more fit, you only have two simple steps to follow: keep your sugar intake low and to try to eat five to six meals each day. Remember though that you can't fill your four remaining meals with anything your heart desires. We've already reconciled to eliminate simple and processed sugars from all meals so you can't make extremely bad meal choices. However, you may be tempted to make your remaining four meals all cheeseburgers and fries. After all, they have a relatively low sugar content. But that's not going to help you reach your health and fitness goals. I would say you should definitely try to make at least one of your four remaining meals primarily a fruit based meal. Fruit and low-fat yogurt as a meal are an excellent choice. Endeavor to make another one of the four remaining meals a lean protein meal - chicken breast from a fast food restaurant, tuna with light mayo on crackers, lean sandwich meat in an open faced sandwich (Subway, Quizno's, etc with one piece of the bread removed) etc. That leaves you two more meals each day to fill as you please....just make sure you monitor your portion sizes and stick to the plan regarding sugar elimination. That way, if you'd like to have a piece of fried chicken with "mean greens" for one meal or a slice of veggie pizza, it's okay. When you're doing all of these other things such as consuming six meals and avoiding sugar, it counteracts one slice of pizza or a fried food meal.

Stay on track with last month's plans to avoid soft drinks, juices, and added sugar to beverages. Remember to drink lots of water, especially with your "calorie free" meals, and to aim for a minimum of a half gallon of water daily. At this point, your body should be adjusting quite well to the reduction in sugar and adding meals (to get to 6 a day) should actually make you feel better.

Step two in this process is easy. Just take steps in advance to ensure that you'll have enough food to make up six meals a day. Pack your yogurts, fruits, bags of raw veggies, and tuna packs and keep them in your office. This will ensure that in addition to going out to eat your lunch, and having your dinner at night, you have enough food to fuel you throughout the day and get your six meals in. I even keep an apple and a trail mix bar in my car at all times. So I'm never in a position where I have nothing to eat. Eating at regular intervals is such a big component of optimum health. If you're a Judge who's sitting on the bench all day or an attorney who spends 4 hours at a stretch in the courthouse, pack some small nutritious snacks in your briefcase or in your office. I try to pack items that'll stay fresh all day or even for a few days...like protein bars, peanuts, bananas, and apples. Try not to ever go more than 3 hours without eating something - even if it's just a banana, a granola/protein bar, or a cup of low fat yogurt. Any one of these will do the trick.

And you'll have to always eat your next meal within a three hour period of your last meal in order to effectively get your six meals in, and get that body furnace burning six times a day.

This second baby step is easy to accomplish. It just requires a small amount of planning. But the results will be astounding. So let's get started right away. Stock up on healthy items that constitute "small meals" and be sure to put them in places where you'll have easy access - leave low fat yogurts and fruit in your car, place tuna packs and granola bars in your office desk, carry a banana and protein bars in your briefcase, and take some calorie free foods with you to work each day. If you continue to stay on track and stick to these baby steps, you won't have to take drastic steps to lose 20 pounds. It'll come off easily in a few short months and you'll feel much better in the process. Keep telling yourself that this year you're going to get healthier, and you'll achieve this goal by taking the slow, steady route....baby steps.



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FAMILY LAW, MATTERS - A LAW CLERK'S PERSPECTIVE by Sara B. Turkel

When I was asked to prepare an article for the Prince George's County Bar Journal detailing my experiences as a law clerk, I would be hard pressed to say I was anything but shocked. I had been an official member of the bar for all of five minutes and a law clerk to Judge Serrette for only a few months. However, in my nine months of working with Judge Serrette, I have been exposed to so much information useful to my practice. I am excited about the opportunity to share my experience as a law clerk with the bar as well as provide a few helpful hints for new attorneys seeking to practice family law.

I suppose I should start with an explanation of why I decided to become a law clerk. The reason is twofold. First, a clerkship is a great way to be exposed to many different types of law and attorneys. Thus, for those recent graduates who had not yet decided what law to practice, a clerkship helps in narrowing that decision. Second, at no other time in my career will I have the opportunity to work in a judge's chambers and experience a case from a judge's perspective. It really helps to learn now, before I have obligations to clients, supervisors and organizations, the information and behavior that judges appreciate and deem relevant. Also, a clerkship is an amazing way to learn the law – especially the procedural rules and quirks of the system that can only be learned through experience. Essentially, a clerkship is like a bonus year of study before having to enter the real world.

When I started in Judge Serrette's chambers, I initially felt very overwhelmed. I knew Judge Serrette was the coordinating judge of the family division, but I had no idea what that really meant. Judge Serrette handles nearly every motion relating to a domestic case– motions to dismiss, motions to strike, motions to ratify sales, continuances and phone requests, as well as a variety of submissions from self-represented litigants. Considering the sheer number of family cases, and the amount of filings that go into each case, our chambers is very busy.

When a case enters our chambers, I am normally the first person to see it. When I get a case, I go through the case and mark

the relevant pleadings. I read through the pending motion and any responses. Then, I draft a brief memo for Judge Serrette summarizing the facts of the case and the motion. I include all relevant statues and case law, an analysis of the facts applied to the law, and a recommendation as to the outcome. Additionally, I research and analyze new issues that arise during trial. Thus, I am exposed to nearly all cases, motions and attorneys that come through our chambers. This exposure has taught me a great deal about what the Judge and our administrative assistant like to see in pleadings, motions and attorneys as well as what techniques are most effective. I have also learned what techniques are not effective and what information is likely to elicit a negative response.

As part of writing this article, I was asked to provide a few tips for new attorneys looking to practice family law. Anyone entering an appearance in a family case in Prince George's County is likely to have some contact with Judge Serrette's chambers, so it is my hope that these tips help family cases run smoothly and ensure that everyone is satisfied with their experience. Thank you so much and I hope these tips help!

1. Continuance Requests

Please try to file your continuance and telephonic appearance requests more than one day in advance. If your motion is short-notice, please come to court, grab the file, file your motion in the clerk's office, then walk through a courtesy copy of your motion and the file. The earlier you get your request to our chambers, the faster we will rule on it. Also, this prevents us from getting the continuance request at 4:30 the night before.

On a similar note, whenever a continuance request is filed, we are obligated to notify all parties as soon as the request is ruled on. As a matter of practice, Judge Serrette rules on continuances the day before the hearing. Since we will notify you when the continuance is ruled on, it is not helpful for attorneys to call us and ask whether the continuance has been ruled on. We will always call you in every case.

2. Motions

Please make sure each motion filed is supported by a statute, rule or case law and that the supporting authority is referenced in the motion. Many motions I receive do not contain any supporting authority. In fact, many motions I receive contain only a recitation of facts previously pled and a prayer for relief – nothing about the court's power to grant the relief, what cases or statutes support the party's position, or even what supports the relief sought. Without supporting authority, the court cannot rule on the motion. This means that the outcome of your motion depends almost entirely on the research done by the law clerk. Thus, the cases and statutes that you found supportive may not be given weight, or even found, by the law clerk. My advice is that the more support found in your motion, the stronger your position and you will garner a reputation as an attorney whom the court can trust. Additionally, the less time the law clerk must spend supplementing your motion with supporting authority, the faster the law clerk can get the motion to the judge for a ruling.

3. Filing with the clerk's office and the time our chambers receives your filing

Many calls I get from attorneys go something like this: "I mailed in X motion to the court three weeks ago and it has not been ruled on. What's going on?" The majority of the time, it takes weeks for motions mailed to the court to be received in Judge Serrette's chambers. This is because the motion is first processed in the mail room, taken to the clerk's office to be docketed, forwarded to the paralegals' office for review, and then sent to our chambers. This is a lengthy process, especially when the case jacket cannot be found. Once the motion reaches our chambers, I work quickly to ensure that I get motions and proposed orders to Judge Serrette as soon as possible.

My advice in this regard is that if you have an urgent motion, like a Motion to Continue a hearing in three days, come to court, file the motion in person, grab the jacket, and walk it through to our chambers. However, if your motion is not urgent, like a Motion for Attorney's Fees, please go through the regular channels. On a similar note, unless an absolute emergency arises, Judge Serrette rules on motions as they come in. We do not bump motions to the front of the line, despite an attorney's phone call asking us to do so.

4. Legal advice

As a law clerk, I receive many phone calls from attorneys asking how to handle unique situations that arise in their cases. Unfortunately, I am not allowed to provide any legal advice to either attorneys or self-represented litigants. This includes telling an attorney what to do, providing the attorney with the relevant statute, or suggesting that an attorney take one course of action over another. I understand that many questions attorneys ask may not seem like legal advice, so the blanket rule is that I am not allowed to give substantive advice to any parties to a case.

5. Attitude

As much as we would like to believe it does not happen, there are times when attorneys are disrespectful to chambers staff. As a law clerk in a busy chambers, I understand the stress, time commitment and problems that arise daily in family law cases. However, a ruling not in an attorney's favor, the fact that a motion has not made it to the judge's chambers, or the law clerk's inability to provide an attorney with legal advice is not the law clerk or administrative assistant's fault. It is vital to remember that chambers staff work diligently to ensure that motions are ruled on and that cases run smoothly. Things do not always run perfectly and we try to accommodate. We understand the immense pressure felt by trial attorneys, but that pressure does not justify the mistreatment of chambers staff.

Having said that, the majority of attorneys I deal with regularly are nothing but respectful, diligent and a pleasure to speak with. I have truly enjoyed putting names to faces and familiarizing myself with the local firms. I sincerely hope that this court's family law attorneys will stop by and say hello because I appreciate learning the names and faces behind the motions I work on every day.

6. Disposition Hearings

A disposition hearing is a scheduled court date. If the parties submit the required information on or before the scheduled court date, their presence is excused. If the

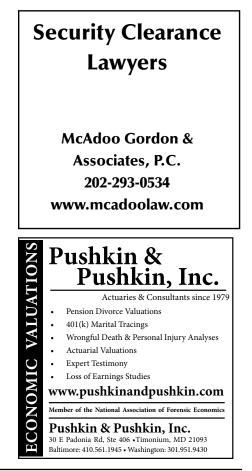


required information is not submitted, the parties are required to appear in court and explain to the judge the reasons why the requested information is not ready. What we have noticed is that attorneys do not treat disposition hearings like regularly scheduled hearings. If you do not have the requested information ready to go the night before, please call our chambers and let us know what is going on.

In sum, we would like to thank everyone for their continued support and dedication to the family branch of our court. This has been an excellent experience for me and I am appreciative of everything I have learned thus far. We appreciate all of your help!

Bio:

Sarah graduated *magna cum laude* from The Catholic University of America, Columbus School of Law in May 2012. She served as a member of the Law Review, Trial Team, and the Innocence Project and as a constitutional law teaching assistant. She plans to dedicate her career to public interest law. When she is not at work, Sarah enjoys yoga, hiking and drawing, and hopes to cross backpacking through India and northern Africa off of her bucket list.



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The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, April 12, 2013. Elections will be held at the Bar Association's Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 4, 2013.

Minimum qualifications for an officer position are delineated by the By-laws. Generally, anyone who has been an Active PGCBA member in good standing for two years and has served on the Board OR as a chair or co-chair of a standing or special committee or section for two years may be a candidate for the office of Secretary.

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The Prince George's County Bar Association's Expungement Project



The events will take place at the following locations:

Hyattsville Library Saturday, March 23rd 10am to 2pm

Clinton Library Saturday, April 27th 10am to 2pm

Upper Marlboro Library Saturday, May 4th – Maryland Law Day! 10am to 2pm

MEMBERS NEEDED TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP ON THE ABOVE DATES. PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING YOUR TIME TO THIS OUTREACH PROGRAM. CONTACT GEORGIA PERRY AT 301-952-1442 FOR MORE INFORMATION. TO PARTICIPATE, YOU MUST ATTEND A TRAINING SESSION. VISIT <u>WWW.PGCBA.COM</u> FOR MORE INFORMATION.

PRO BONO OPPORTUNITY: Expungement Project



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Four opportunities throughout Prince George's County to help citizens expunge criminal records so they may find/keep their jobs!

Must attend training session to participate.

Next training session:

Upper Marlboro Bar Office Wed. March 20th @ 5:30 PM.

Call 301-952-1442 for more info.

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



5K FUN RUN...!!!

Join us to our 2013 5K FUN RUN! It will be held on April 20, 2013 (Rain Date April 26). T-shirts will be provided to ALL Participants! Proceeds will benefit

Community Legal Services of Prince George's County, Inc.

The Run will be held at the: WB&A Trail at Glenn Dale Community Center

11901 Glenn Dale Boulevard (Rte. 193) Glenn Dale, MD 20769. Time: 8:00am Registration; 9:00am Race Pre-register by: April 5, 2013

Entry fees:

\$25 for Pre-registration (\$20 is Tax Deductible)\$30 for Race Day Registration (\$25 is Tax Deductible)

Day of registration cash or check welcomed ONLY.

Online payments are available through paypal online at www.clspgc.org You can mail checks to: P.O. Box 374 Riverdale, MD 20738 payable to Community Legal Services (CLS). For questions contact us at CLS at 240-391-6532, ext. 10.

New Staff Members at CLS

We have hired two new persons at CLS. Attorney **Angelia Rowe Garner** has joined our courthouse clinic staff and will be working on Wednesday and Fridays in the clinic. Stop by to greet her if you have a chance! **Sandy Vivar-Herrera** has joined **Karin Dalichow** in Langley Park on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays as the program's legal assistant. **Linda Gantt** is moving to our *Foreclosure Prevention Program* full time. **Darlene Wright Powell** has moved to Mondays in our courthouse clinic and continues in our Suitland clinic on Fridays. We welcome them all to their new position!

Free Foreclosure Prevention Training for Lawyers

The Pro Bono Resources Center (PBRC) provides training to attorneys who would

like to help but lack knowledge and training. The training is in exchange for a pro bono commitment. PBRC also provides a listserv for attorneys to actively communicate with each other and discuss various foreclosure issues in real-time! You can visit their website for further details at www.probonomd.org

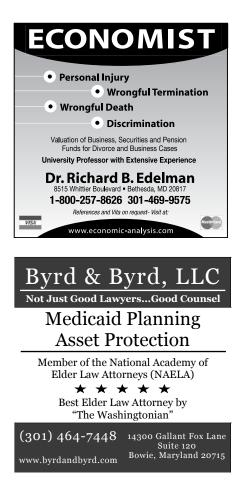
CLS provides advice and mentoring for volunteer attorneys on foreclosure law, defense and modification strategies. Please contact Angela Richardson Green at 240-391-6413; extension 16, or email her at richardson@ clspgc.org If you need to refer a client facing foreclosure to CLS, please direct them to our Foreclosure Prevention line at 240-391-6413. Spanish speakers may ask for our bilingual legal assistant Oswaldo Perez at this same number.

We Have Funding Available to Pay for Attorneys Fees!

CLS continues to refer cases under our Family Law Judicare funding project made available by Maryland Legal Services Corporation. Attorneys receive \$80.00 per hour up to \$1,600.00 per case. Payment is made after the case is concluded. Due to increased funding from Maryland Legal Services Corporation, CLS is temporarily able to suspend our requirement of accepting one pro bono case for each Judicare case. This is temporary, so please contact Michael Udejiofor or Angela Wright at 240-391-6532 to get on the list!

Community Legal Services of Prince George's County, Inc. is a non-profit organization established to provide quality civil legal services to lowincome 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, Langley Park and Suitland. For more information about our services, please contact Nora C. Eidelman, at 240-391-6532, ext. 12.





IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF LANCASTER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA ORPHANS' COURT DIVISION

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IN RE:

LILY KALYN McCLAIN

A Minor

)) No. 2012 – 1951)

Date: February 11, 2013

TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS OF CORY KELLY

TO: CORY KELLY

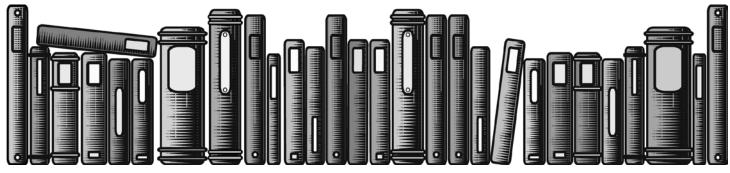
You are hereby notified that a Petition to Confirm Consent & Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights has been filed against you, asking the Court to terminate all rights you have to your child, LILY KALYN McCLAIN, having been born August 20, 2012. The Court has set a hearing to consider ending your rights to your child. That hearing will be held in Court Room No. 6 (Orphans' Court Room), on the Third Floor of the Lancaster County Court House, situate at 50 North Duke Street, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, said hearing to be held on <u>Thursday, April 25, 2013 at 9:05 o'clock a.m.</u> If you do not appear at this hearing, the court may decide that you are not interested in retaining your rights to your child and your failure to appear may affect the Court's decision on whether to end your rights to your child. You are warned that even if you fail to appear at the scheduled hearing, the hearing will go on without you, and your rights to your child may be ended by the Court without your being present.

You are also notified that following the hearing to consider ending your rights to your child, an adoption hearing may be held, as a result of which the Court may decree that an adoption take place whereby your child shall be adopted by another and all parental rights with respect to the child shall be placed in another.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO BE REPRESENTED AT THE HEARING BY A LAWYER. YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER OR CANNOT AFFORD ONE, GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW TO FIND OUT WHERE YOU CAN GET LEGAL HELP.

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New Titles! New Editions! At the Prince George's County Circuit Court Law Library

The Prince George's County Circuit Court Law Library presents a list of new materials acquired January 2013. Feel free to visit the Library and review any materials, new or old.

<u>BOOKS</u>

Bankruptcy Code, Rules and Forms: Including Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Federal Rules of Evidence, 2013 ed.

KF 1510.99 .B38 2013 RESERVE

- Drunk Driving Defense, 7th ed., with 2012 supplement KF 2231 .T39 2010
- Every Landlord's Legal Guide, 10th ed. KF 590 .Z9 S74 2012 RESERVE
- Maryland Workers' Compensation, 2011-2012 ed. KFM 1542 .S63 RESERVE
- Police Misconduct, 3rd ed., 2011-2012 update KF 1307 .A98 2011 RESERVE
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Scientific Evidence, 5th ed. KF 8961 .G53 2012 Search and Seizure: A Treatise on the Fourth Amendment, 5th ed. KF 9630 .L26 2012

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Basic Estate Tax Planning, 2012 Revised Edition KFM 1340 .B372 2012 RESERVE

CD-ROMS

Drunk Driving Defense, 7th ed. Kept at Reserve Desk

Every Landlord's Legal Guide, 10th ed. Kept at Reserve Desk

Maryland Civil Procedure Forms (Lexis), 2012 update Kept at Reserve Desk

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LEG 393 – Nuts and Bolts of a Civil Jury Trial (*In Partnership with Anne Arundel Bar Association*) Gain knowledge on how to prepare and conduct a civil jury trial from start to finish. Learn to use the appropriate tone and substance in opening statements and how to push the envelope while avoiding objections. Sharpen your skills on direct and cross examinations. Discuss common trial errors from the judicial perspective. *\$55.00 (add'l \$5.00 if out of county resident)*

Speakers:Hon. Michele Jaklitsch, and Debbie Potter, Esq.When: March 27, 2013 6 - 8:30 pmWhere:Room 100, Center for Applied Learning Technologies (CALT) Building

LEG 395 – Estate Planning for Same-Sex Couples: Where Do I Begin? (*In Partnership with Anne Arundel Bar Association*) Gain knowledge and practical tips for estate planning for same-sex partners, whether unmarried, married, or in a civil union. Learn about changes in state and federal law, including the Defense of Marriage Act, in Maryland and the District of Columbia. Review and learn about inheritance rights, property distribution, and healthcare decisions, taxes and domestic partnerships. *\$55.00 (add'l \$5.00 if out of county resident)*

Speakers: Michele Zavos, Esq. & Frank Campbell, Esq.When: April 9, 2013 6 - 8:30 pmWhere:Room 100, Center for Applied Learning Technologies (CALT) Building

LEG 359 – Mediator Ethics: Self-Determination Focus on the ethical principle of self-determination in mediation. Review MPME Maryland Standards of Conduct for Mediators and Title 17. Explore the requirements and issues related to self-determination in the practice of mediation through lecture, videoclips, case discussion and role play. *\$50.00 (\$55.00 if an out-of-county resident) Note: This course satisfies Title 17 continuing education requirements and MPME mandate for continuing education in ethics training.*

Speaker: Kate Quinn, Esq. Where: Room 253, Careers (CRSC) Center When: May 8, 2013 6 - 8:15 pm

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<u>April 2013</u>

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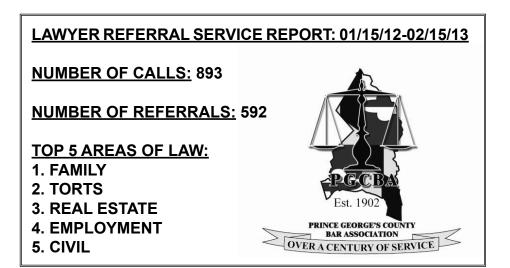
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