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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear colleagues,

On behalf of our newly appointed and our returning Board of Directors, let me welcome you to the new bar year. I believe that this year is going to be productive and meaningful to you. Before we move on to this month's business, I would like to personally thank Bryon Bereano for his vision, handiwork and leadership over the past year. Thank you, Bryon for all that you have accomplished. I would also like to thank our departing members of the Board of Directors for their service.

Congratulations to our elected Secretary, Jeffrey Harding and a hearty welcome to our new Board members, Jason DeLoach, Giancarlo Ghiardi, Llamilet Gutierrez, Donnaka V. Lewis, Byron Richardson, Ann L. Wagner Stewart, Donnell Turner and Master Judy L. Woodall. These Board members join our returning Board members Denise M. Bowman (President Elect), Hon. Joseph Wright (Treasurer), Jeffrey Harding (Secretary), Bryon Bereano (Immediate Past President), Clayton A. Aarons, Ereik L. Barron, Hon. Robin D. Bright, Arnold Bruckner, Manuel R. Geraldo, Walter W. Green, Hon. Erik H. Nyce, William F. Renehan, Benjamin E. Rupert, C. Todd Steuart, Benjamin Woolery and Hon. Gerard F. Devlin (Parliamentarian).

Here's what we have planned for the next 3 months. We are thrilled to announce that the Honorable Mary Ellen Barbera, Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals has graciously agreed to join us as our guest speaker at our September 17th membership meeting at the Newton White Mansion. This event will be followed by a Young Lawyer's event on September 26th at Sasser, Clagett and Bucher, a Happy Hour networking event at the Old Towne Inn on October 17th; and a Happy Hour event at the DAV hall (thanks to Judge Devlin!) on November 14th. I look forward to seeing you all at these events.

With the strong support of our Bench and our experienced practitioners, for which we are fortunate to have, we will continue our commitment to raise the quality of our lawyers. It is my desire to continue to keep the Bar moving in the direction that has been in place for the past 5 years. We will continue to hold Law Practice 101 sessions on the first Thursday and Brown Bag lunches every third Thursday of every month. Over the next 3 months, we will also be holding an Estates & Trusts Seminar on September 19th in the Lawyer's Lounge and the Torts Law Seminar on October 19th. On November 21st, we will hold our annual Memorial Service. Please call the bar headquarters for more information and to register.

As to the business practice, this past June, I attended the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Maryland State Bar Association at Ocean City, Maryland. Of the various seminars that were offered, Ellen Freedman, Freedman Consulting, Landsdale, PA, gave a seminar called: "Show me the money!" I found this seminar to be very helpful in my practice and I've extracted the following excerpts from Ms. Freedman's materials on how to make a law practice more profitable: How many of us have created a business plan? According to Ms. Freedman, "a business plan is your roadmap to the financial future." She identifies four essential elements of a business plan – "a general description of your business, including the services you intend to provide and the markets you intend to serve; your financial plan including a budget detailing anticipated revenues and expenses; your management plan with a description of how you will set up your office and support and the delivery of your legal services; and a marketing plan,



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showing how you intend to keep existing clients and reach new ones.” In terms of profitability, Ms. Freedman writes that every practitioner should “know when to raise their rates.” She writes that “the time to raise your rates is when you have more work than you can handle.” “It’s better to have a little less work which is more profitable than more work at a lower profit rate.” She also writes that every lawyer should know how much it costs to provide an hour of legal services. What are your payroll costs, supply costs and overhead costs? Next, every lawyer should effectively capture his/her time. Ms. Freedman suggests that the lawyer “track all of his/her time (even non-billable and administrative time) and then you can create a baseline to see exactly how your time is being spent and then use the information to increase your financial return.” She writes, “an easy way to do this is to note your arrival time and your departure time, and how much time was spent over lunch.” “If the billable and non-billable hours on your timesheet at the end of the day do not add up to the total of the hours spent at the office, you know you’ve lost time – at least some of which represents unbilled fees that you are owed.” Lastly, get paid! Ms. Freedman writes that “client satisfaction is the ultimate key to profitability in the law firm. Initially, every lawyer should perform

an adequate intake – making sure that you ask the kind of questions, up front, in order to make sure you are working with and for clients that both want your services and are willing to pay for them, strive to understand the client’s objectives (both emotional as well as legal), adequately explain the legal



process, create realistic expectations (and eliminate unrealistic ones) keep your clients constantly informed, stress client service among staff and seek feedback about your services and implement client suggestions.”

This year we will also be supporting programs offered through the bar association that promote the community’s respect for the court system. Our hope is to have everyone participate in a program such as Law Links,

Softball (benefiting the Carol Jean Cancer Foundation) and Mock Trial. Participating as a Law Links sponsor for the past 4 years has been very meaningful. J. Yarborough, a student who participated in the 2013 program had this to say about the 2013 Law Links program: “this program made me appreciate the generous deeds and the once in a lifetime opportunities that are granted to us so that we can be successful.”... “An amazing opportunity that will never be forgotten because of its impact in my life.” See attached picture taken at the closing ceremony for the 2013 Law Links program.

Once again, our commitment for the coming bar year is to increase membership. Throughout the next few months members will be asked to give feedback to the Board of Directors on how we can achieve a higher level of participation. We need ideas and suggestions on this very important issue so please be generous with your comments. I look forward to hearing from you!

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FAMILY LAW, MATTERS - PREPARE YOUR CLIENTS FOR CHILD ACCESS (CUSTODY/VISITATION) MEDIATION

by *Walter A. Herbert, Jr., Esq., and Justin J. Sasser, Esq.*

Child access or “custody” mediation will be ordered in the vast majority of cases that involve custody and visitation litigation. The success rate for this type of mediation, as measured by the parties’ ability to obtain a partial or total agreement that resolves the child-related issues, is between 60% and 65%. Under these circumstances the careful practitioner will want to insure that his or her client is adequately prepared for the give-and-take of the mediation sessions (usually two separate sessions), yet mediators report that many parties still appear for their mediation uninformed and ill-prepared. As we know all too well the uninformed and ill-prepared do not necessarily make workable agreements (i.e. those after the fact clients who want you to pull a rabbit out of your hat).

Schedule a meeting with your client prior to the onset of mediation, preferably after the commencement of the parent education seminars, to prepare for the mediation sessions. It is unfair to your client to assume that they can appear for their mediation sessions and hammer out an agreement without your counsel. At this meeting you should explore the mediator’s role in the ADR process (Alternative Dispute Resolution for those of you died in the wool litigators), and also discuss in practical, concrete terms the parameters of a potential agreement. This also serves to clue you in as to what it is that your client truly wants, which they may not have done for themselves. Remember, divorce and custody = trauma. Few of us are lucid, much less cope well with trauma.

OK, on with the nuts and bolts or this preparatory client meeting. It may seem obvious to you, but tell your client not to bring the children to the mediation session; tell your client not to bring the new “... significant other...”, either. Most important, strongly urge your client to actually show up for the sessions. In many jurisdictions clients are charged for missed sessions.

It is crucial that your client understand the role of the mediator; the brief explanation

of the mediator’s function that your client receives at your scheduling conference should be your starting point for this discussion, not the sum total.

Advise your client that the mediator is not a judge, not an arbitrator and not an advocate; the mediator does not take sides and will not represent the interests of a party who is not prepared. On the other hand, your client’s odds of creating a workable agreement increase as soon as they realize that mediation is the best chance they have to maintain some control of their situation. Explain that the mediator will calmly ask each party difficult questions that force them to explain and defend their positions, and that the mediator will use the answer to these questions to nudge each party towards an agreement.

Mediation generally fails when a party continuously recites their wish list; your client must be able to adapt to the fluid situations that develop in the course of the mediation session, and your discussions must include a proper response to the gamesmanship and posturing that accompany domestic mediation. Remember that the opposing party brings a host of their own grievances to the table and that they may not even want to obtain an agreement; your client must be prepared to ignore the verbal jabs that are a part of any mediation session (and that can be delivered with ruthless accuracy by any partner) and to concentrate on the issues that you have identified as of paramount importance.

Finally, even though most jurisdictions have mechanisms to allow for attorney review of any proposed agreement, please advise your client not to sign anything until you have had an opportunity to review it with them. Many times clients wish so desperately to resolve the matter that they enter into agreements without considering the details (and the devil is truly in the details of a child access schedule) of the proposed schedule. Actually sit down with your client and a calendar and have them explain the proposed schedule to you. If

they have trouble demonstrating to you how the schedule works in the sheltered environment of your office, you can only imagine what problems lie ahead when the “holidays” arrive and they have to deal with “the other side”. And truly, your client probably has no more desire to call you on the eve of a holiday with a frantic custody/visitation dispute than you have in taking such a call. The time you spend with your client in thoroughly thinking through the pros and cons of various permutations and computations of the child access schedule they proposed will pay dividends for your client (and you) in the long run. And believe me, the number of years between minority and the age of majority is indeed a long run.

(As previously published in the Maryland State Bar Association Bar Bulletin)

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The Jaklitsch Law Group is pleased to announce that **Debbie Potter** was presented with the Anne Arundel Bar Association's Trustees' Award at the association's Annual Meeting in June. She and Jim Nolan, of Council, Baradel, Kosmerl & Nolan, were recognized for their outstanding service to the legal community as co-chairs of the Connections for our Future Capital Campaign to fund new technology to better serve the bar association members.

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DON'T LET LATE NIGHT MEALS SPELL DISASTER FOR YOUR WAISTLINE!

The idea that eating late at night leads to greater weight gain has long been a source of interest and debate. Most nutrition experts have felt that this is not necessarily true. The common belief has been that if you eat more than you expend, then you will gain weight – regardless of whether the calories come from breakfast, dinner, or a late night snack. However, there have been few reliable studies to confirm that calories eaten at night are metabolized the same as calories eaten during the day. In fact, in experimental studies recently conducted, results showed that mice who ate the majority of calories during their typical sleeping hours did gain more weight than mice that ate on a more regular schedule, despite consuming the same number of calories and engaging in equal amounts of physical activity. Keep in mind, that these were results from a study involving mice and not humans, and therefore cannot conclusively establish that the results would hold true in humans. However, researchers do strongly believe, that the same results would be realized in human studies.

Those who reject the notion that late night eating is more likely to result in weight gain have explained the excessive weight gain by reasoning that the late night eaters most likely are individuals who tend to eat more calorie-dense foods and thus eat more total calories which can cause weight gain. This school of thought proposes that it's probably not when you eat that's the problem, but rather *what* and *how much*. For example, they would suggest that late night eaters probably find themselves sitting on a couch late night for hours, watching movies, and mindlessly munching away at chips or a gallon of ice cream. Contrasted to this are the day-time eaters who probably eat meals during short, designated periods

of time which don't allow prolonged, mindless eating.

Another reason why these late night calories may seem to stick to you more easily is that when you eat late at night, usually you simply go to sleep afterwards and don't get a chance to burn off any of the freshly consumed calories. Because your body requires more calories simply to sit at your desk and type then it does to sleep, you get to burn off more of the calories that you've eaten when you continue to move about and engage in your normal daily activities. Again, you'd think it all balances out, as long as you consumed the same number of calories and engaged in the same level of activity, right? Maybe not....I know countless individuals who swear that cutting off their food consumption by 6 p.m. results in greater weight and fat loss. So the jury is still out on this one, but I say play it safe and end the epicurean delights by 7 p.m. if at all possible.

In the event that you simply can not end your intake of food by 7 p.m. here are some tips that may help minimize the effects of the late night munching:

Avoid tempting situations. If you struggle to break the habit of nibbling on junk food late at night, make a plan to decrease availability of those foods. For example, keep the junk food out of the pantry and stock up on fruits and vegetables. Eat small, well-planned meals throughout the day to help avoid a starvation binge late at night and restrict eating to the kitchen or dining room table.

Set SMART goals. SMART (specific, measurable, attainable, relevant, and time-bound) nutrition and physical activity goals help set the stage for weight loss success by replacing vague visions of thinness into a specific plan for a healthier lifestyle. Here's just one example of a SMART goal: "I would like to lose five pounds in the next two months. I will do this by eliminating post-dinner snacks, avoiding eating while watching TV, and exercising

for 30 minutes five days per week." Post visible reminders of the weight, dietary, or fitness goal to help make achieving the goals a reality.

Use behavioral substitutions. Many people turn to food when bored or stressed. Before raiding the refrigerator or pantry, consider why you are eating. If it is for any reason other than hunger, aim to substitute alternative behaviors to eating. For example, if you eat when you're bored, take a 10 minute walk instead.

Retrain your brain – and taste buds. Commit to eating a healthy, well-balanced diet which includes portion-controlled servings of a few of your favorite foods, together with less-processed, less fatty foods. This way the deprivation and cravings are minimized. After just a couple weeks, you'll be surprised to find that the fat- and sugar-filled foods which were once so desirable lose much of their allure.

When I can't sleep at night and just have to have something to eat to settle my late night food cravings, I trained myself to first reach for nutrient rich and filling foods before I reach for junk. So, I'll tell myself that I should eat a banana first, and then if I'm still hungry I can have the cookie that I'm craving. And if it's salty foods (instead of sweets) that you have a taste for at night, use the same approach. Tell yourself that if you first eat a piece of seasoned, grilled chicken breast, and then you're still hungry, you can have the chips that you're craving. Nine times out of ten, you won't want the junk food that you thought you wanted because your craving will be satisfied with the healthier food option you ate first. So try first to avoid late night eating, but if you simply must give in to those cravings, these simple tricks to "fool" your hunger triggers will help you make smarter decisions, and will result in a trimmer you without a great deal of effort.

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The Prince George's County Bar Association was fortunate enough to be able to offer Public Service Grants again this year. The Public Service Awards Committee headed by Manuel Geraldo and The Honorable Cathy Serrette awarded grants to 9 different non-profit organizations that serve Prince George's County. The recipients were Law Links, Extra-Ordinary Birthdays, Inc., CASA/Court Appointed Special Advocate, Independence Now, Inc., Liberty's Promise, Joe's Movement Emporium, Foundation for the Advancement of Music Education, Community Advocates for Family & Youth, Inc., and Maryland Umbrella Group Back to School Program. All of the recipients were very appreciative of this monies awarded them and for some it was the difference in a program going forward or being cancelled. These awards are a direct result of the Traffic School Program that the Prince George's County Bar Association manages with the support of the Judges of the District Court and Circuit Court of Prince George's County. The Bar Association hopes to be able to continue these grants especially in these tough economic times.



Manuel Geraldo, Public Service Committee chair and Arleen B. Joel, Director of Community Advocates for Family & Youth



Manuel Geraldo and Robert Ponichtera, Director, Liberty's Promise



Manuel Geraldo, Brooke Kidd (left) Director, Anthony Henderson, Program Director (Center) and Lisa Alfred Managing Director of Joe's Movement Emporium



Manuel Geraldo and Christal Batey, Vice-President, The Maryland Umbrella Group



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Speakers: Master Tim Thurtle, Wendy Weeks, Esq.
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When: October 2, 2013 6 - 8:30 pm

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At our last board meeting, our executive director, **Neal T. Conway** presented plaques to two very special board members, namely **Jennifer Muskus, Esq.**, our immediate past President for her visionary leadership and commitment to the continued growth of CLS, and



Chidera Ken-anueyiagu



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Jennifer Muskus receives plaque from Neal T. Conway



Orlando Barnes, center

to **Orlando Barnes, Esq.**, who has volunteered for CLS for the past six years, as a board member and as an attorney.

We had a wonderful group of young people helping us this summer! We thank them for all the great work!

Chidera Ken-anueyiagu from the Law Links Student Internship Program

Ingrid Martinez from the Multicultural Youth Center Summer Internship Program

Jaylin Shorts and **Yyan Shorts**, twin sons of our staff member **Angela Wright**

Yaskara Kon and **Shirley Mero**, nieces of our staff member **Oswaldo Perez** who were visiting the country for one year

CLS held a **Foreclosure Solutions Workshop** for homeowners on August 12, at the Spauldings Branch Library in District Heights, MD. This workshop

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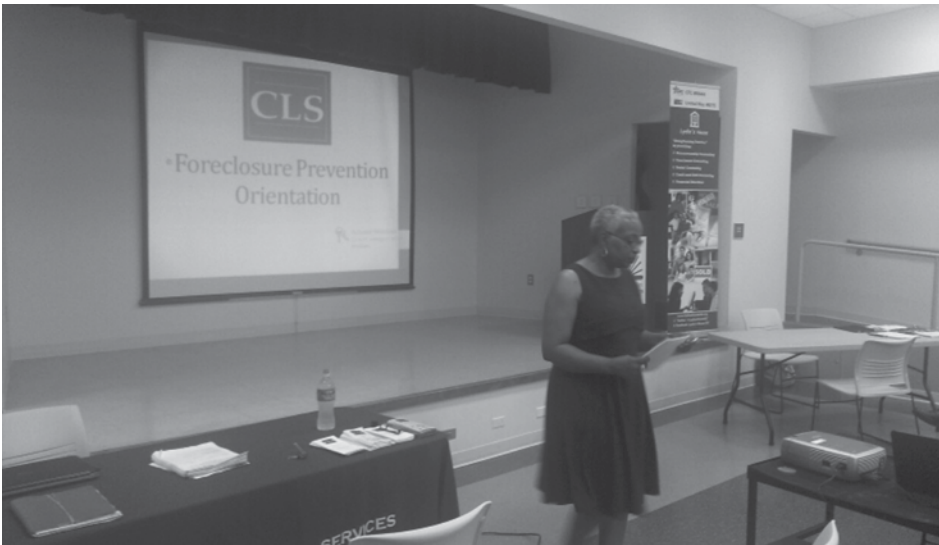
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SEPT. 17 – MEMBERSHIP MTG	6:00 PM	NEWTON WHITE MANSION (CHEESE, WINE & CHOCOLATE)
SEPT. 19-BROWN BAG LUNCH	12:00 PM	COURTHOUSE-LAWYER’S LOUNGE

OCTOBER 2013

OCT. 1 – EXECUTIVE CMTE	12:00 PM	BAR OFFICE
OCT. 3 – LAW PRACTICE 101	4:00 PM	COURTHOUSE ROOM TBA
OCT. 8 – BOARD MEETING	5:30 PM	COURTHOUSE-ROOM 0421
OCT. 17 – BROWN BAG LUNCH	12:00 PM	COURTHOUSE-LAWYER’S LOUNGE
OCT. 17 – HAPPY HOUR YL	5:00 PM	OLD TOWNE INN
OCT. 19 – TORT LAW SEM.	9:30 AM	JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM

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NOV. 21 – BROWN BAG LUNCH	12:00 PM	COURTHOUSE-LAWYER’S LOUNGE
NOV. 21 – MEMORIAL SERVICE	4:00PM	COURTHOUSE-ROOM 3400

DECEMBER 2013

DEC. 3- EXECUTIVE CMTE	12:00 PM	BAR OFFICE
DEC. 17 – HOLIDAY PARTY	6:00 PM	NEWTON WHITE MANSION

JANUARY 2014

JAN. 2 – LAW PRACTICE 101	4:00 PM	COURTHOUSE ROOM TBA
JAN. 7 – EXECUTIVE CMTE	12:00 PM	BAR OFFICE
JAN. 14 – BOARD MTG.	5:30 PM	COURTHOUSE M0421
JAN. 16 – BROWN BAG LUNCH	12:00 PM	LAWYER’S LOUNGE
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JAN. 25 – WILLS, TRUSTS SEM	9:00 AM	JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM

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FEB. 6 – LAW PRACTICE 101	4:00 PM	COURTHOUSE ROOM TBA
FEB. 11 – JOINT MEETING	6:00 PM	FEDERAL COURTHOUSE GREENBELT
FEB. 20 – BROWN BAG LUNCH	12:00 PM	LAWYER’S LOUNGE

MARCH 2014

MAR. 4 – EXECUTIVE CMTE	12:00 PM	BAR OFFICE
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MAR. 20 – BROWN BAG LUNCH	12:00 PM	LAWYER’S LOUNGE
MAR. 20 – MARCH MADNESS	5:00 PM	TBA
MAR 29 – GOLDSTEIN SEM.	9:00 AM	JURY ASSEMBLY ROOM

APRIL 2014

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MAY 13 – BOARD MEETING	5:30 PM	COURTHOUSE M0421
MAY 15 – BROWN BAG LUNCH	12:00 PM	LAWYER’S LOUNGE

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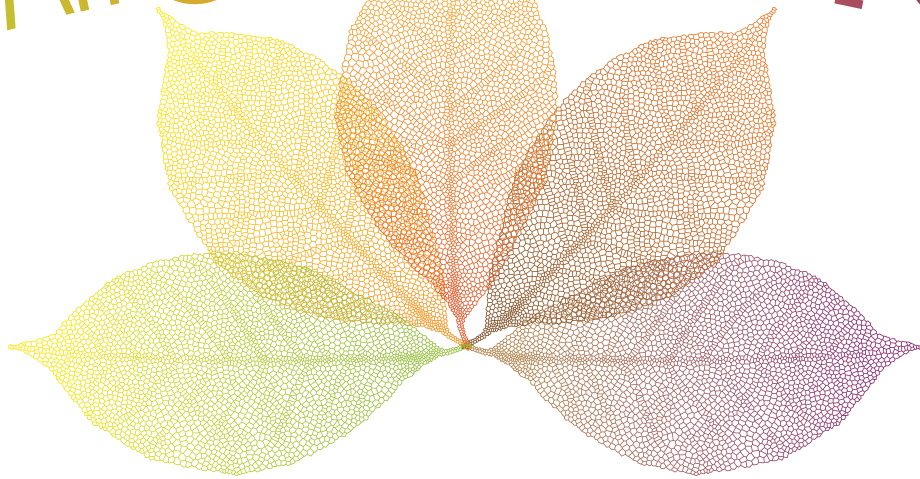
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