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## President's Message



Dear Fellow Members of the Bar,

I hope everyone had a happy and fun summer and survived the heat wave of the last month. As the fall approaches (and football season) the activities of the Bar will pick up to full speed. The Bar year starts off with the Missouri Celebration on the 29th of September and I encourage all members to attend this event. The deadline for reservations is September 10 so please send your reservation and payment in as soon as possible. Following this event is the Memorial Service on the 18th of November and the Holiday Party on the 14th of December. Hopefully all of our members will support these events.

As you know the Bar Association members passed an Amendment to the By-Laws for an interview portion to be added to the voting portion for our Bar's recommendation for judicial office. By the time this newsjournal comes out the Commission will have been set up and will have started preparing to conduct interviews for the judicial vacancies.

In that vein, the Board of Directors has approved a new voting procedure for judicial selections. We will no longer be sending out ballots by mail. Our members will now vote on line. This new voting procedure will allow our members to vote at their computer via their email to a secure site. Each member will be notified by email when the election process starts. They will merely have to click onto the provided site and cast their vote. The system will record their vote and keep track of who has voted but not who they voted for. This system should be up and running by October. So I am reminding members that when there is a judicial vacancy do not be expecting an envelope with a ballot from the Bar Association. All voting documents will be received via email. If anyone has questions about how this voting program works, or any other questions about the procedure, feel free to contact the Bar Association. Obviously the key to the success of this program is accurate email addresses. If any members have changed their email and not notified the Bar Office please do so immediately.

The Board has also formed a new committee on fund raising. As you know in these lean economic times, we have had to make cuts to the Bar budget but we are still trying to seek ways of increasing our revenues. This committee has taken on the task of looking into possible fund raising events. On that note, the committee is planning a silent auction at the holiday party. It is the committee's hope to have a few up-scale fun items to auction off.

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Anybody wishing to contribute or having any ideas on possible auction items, please let us know.

Last but not least congratulations are in order for a number of our members. The Bar Association wants to congratulate the Honorable Michele Hotten on her recent appointment to the Court of Special Appeals. We will miss her in the courthouse in Upper Marlboro. I also want to congratulate the Honorable William D. Missouri on his retirement. On behalf of the bar I wish him the best of luck, Godspeed and our thanks for his years of support. Congratulation to the Honorable Sheila R. Tillerson Adams on her appointment to succeed Judge Missouri as both the County and Circuit Administrative Judge. The bar wishes her well in her new position.

It is with regret that I inform our members that Ryan Thompson will be leaving our Association to take a position in the Clerk's Office. Ryan has been an invaluable member of the Bar Office and has done an outstanding job with the Lawyer Referral Service. He will be greatly missed and on behalf of myself, the Board of Directors, and the Bar I thank Ryan for his service and wish him the best of luck in his new position.

In closing, I would encourage all of our members to support the upcoming events and to be active members of our Association. My door is always open as is that of our Board members. We welcome all concerns, comments or ideas. I am looking forward to a successful year for the Prince George's County Bar Association.

Sincerely,

Nicholas E. Rattal

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Hope all of you had a great summer! We have some positive updates to report. We want to welcome two new members to our Board of Directors, **Roberto L. Hylton**, Chief of Police for Prince George's County Police Department and **Patricia A. McCarthy, Esq.** We also welcome our new board officers **Lindsey K. Erdmann, Esq.**, President, **Jennifer L. Muskus, Esq.**, Vice-President, **Edith Lawson Jackson, Esq.**, Secretary, and **John C. Fredrickson, Esq.**, Treasurer. We look forward to working with you!

Our special gratitude goes to our immediate past President, Master **Paul Bauer Eason** for his dedicated service and leadership. We are happy that he will remain on our Board for a while longer. Special thanks go to our out-going board members **Jodi H. Blecker, Esq., Lt. Gov. Anthony G. Brown, Michelle LaRocca, Esq., the Hon. Cathy Serrette, and the Hon. Julia B. Weatherly.** They will

remain CLS Members Emeritus. We also thank **Clayton A. Aarons, Esq.** who has completed his tenure and has served as Secretary on our Board of Directors.

We have a new legal assistant, **Omar Gonzalez.** We welcome him! Some of you may know him. He has been volunteering at our Clinic in the Upper Marlboro Courthouse for many months, assisting our legal assistant **Michael Udejiofor.** I have featured him in a previous article for his dedicated volunteer service. He will manage the Clinic full time. If you have any question or need to schedule volunteer hours at the clinic, you can reach him at 301-952-3010. Michael Udejiofor is transferring to our Riverdale office to manage our new outreach in Suitland and re-start our Bankruptcy Referral program.

**New CLS Clinic in Suitland, MD**

We are promptly opening a new Law Clinic in Suitland, MD. The clinic will be operated by CLS staff attorney **Darlene Wright Powell** and **Michael Udejiofor.** The opening of the clinic is made possible due to a cy pres fund we have been

awarded. As previously mentioned, CLS has been selected to receive approximately \$62,000 from a Circuit Court award in Montgomery County, thanks to plaintiff's attorneys **John Beins, Seth Goldberg, and Joe Hennessey.**



*CLS board and staff members at the CASA de Marland Multicultural Center grandopening:*

*Left to right: Lindsey K. Erdmann, Esq., Edith Coral Johnson, and Angela Wright*

Very special thanks go to our summer interns: **Catrina Aquilino**, Baltimore School of Law student, and **Krystal Diez-Canese**, Law Kinks intern from Duval High School. We are grateful to you for all the assistance you provided to us in during the summer!

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Left to right: Seth Goldberg, Neal T. Conway, John Beins, Nora Eidelman*



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# MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

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The 10th Annual Family Law Seminar, sponsored by the Prince George's County Bar Association's Family Law Committee, was held on May 1, 2010 and was an overwhelming success!!! We had a fabulous turn-out for the Seminar, and have received positive feedback and rave reviews. A special thank you to our Faculty for their generosity of time and materials, and for spreading their words of wisdom: **David S. Coaxum, Esq., Master Paul Bauer Eason, Lindsey K. Erdmann, Esq., Monica M. Haley-Pierson, Esq., Elveta M. Martin, Esq., Jennifer L. Muskus, Esq., Paul J. Reinstein, Esq., Justin Sasser, Esq., and Judge Julia B. Weatherly.** We would also like to thank all those in attendance for their continued support of the Family Law Committee and our Annual Seminar. We look forward to another successful program next year!!!  
-- Lindsey K. Erdmann, Esq., Co-Chair, Family Law Committee

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A special thank you to Judge Lamasney and Judge El-Amin for hosting the Brown Bag Lunch in the Lawyer's Lounge. We greatly appreciate their support of this program.



# JUDGE SHEILA R. TILLERSON ADAMS NAMED PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AND 7TH CIRCUIT ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE



(ANNAPOLIS, Md. – Aug. 9, 2010) Judge Sheila R. Tillerson Adams

will be the new administrative judge for Prince George's County

Circuit Court and the 7th Circuit, which includes Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's counties. The historic appointment, announced today by Chief Judge Robert M. Bell of the Maryland Court of Appeals, will be effective Sept. 4.

In this dual appointment, Judge Adams will be serving multiple roles. As the county administrative judge, she will supervise all judges, officers and employees of the Prince George's County Circuit Court, the assigning of judges to cases, and the court's budget. As administrative judge for the 7th Circuit, Judge Adams will also be responsible for the administration of the courts within the judicial circuit and will supervise Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's counties' administrative judges.

Judge Adams succeeds Chief Judge William D. Missouri, the current administrative judge of the Prince George's County Circuit Court and the 7th Circuit, who will retire Sept. 3 after more than 25 years on the bench. Judge Missouri was appointed to the Prince George's County Circuit Court in January 1988, and was named county administrative judge in October 1992. He was appointed administrative judge for the 7th Circuit, and has served in that capacity since, May 1997. Before joining the Circuit Court, from 1985 through 1987, Judge Missouri served on the District Court of Maryland, sitting in Prince George's County. He

served as that District's administrative judge from 1987 until his appointment to the Circuit Court.

"Judge Missouri has been an invaluable asset and a superlative leader for the Maryland Judiciary, serving the citizens of this State in many important capacities during his long and distinguished career. His star has shone bright indeed during his stewardship of the Prince George's County Circuit Court and the 7th Circuit. On behalf of the Judiciary, I express profound gratitude for Bill's extraordinary and selfless service to the people of Maryland, and in particular to the 7th Circuit." Judge Bell said. "I am confident that Judge Adams will continue the fine leadership for which Judge Missouri's tenure is known," he added. "She brings exceptional leadership and management skills, in her own right, and that makes her uniquely qualified to fill these demanding and responsible positions and build upon Judge Missouri's excellent example."

Judge Adams was appointed, in June 1993, a judge of the District Court of Maryland sitting in Prince George's County, where she served until December 1996, when she was appointed to the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. Her experience in preparation for the bench included being a staff attorney in the Domestic Law Unit of the Legal Aid Bureau, Inc., from 1982 to 1984; an assistant state's attorney for Prince George's County, from 1984 to 1988, ascending to chief of the Sexual Assault Unit; and deputy county attorney for Prince George's County, from 1988 to 1993. Judge Adams graduated from Morgan State University in 1979 and earned her law degree from the Howard University School of Law in 1982. She also received a Master of Laws

degree in taxation from the Georgetown University Law Center in 1987.

Judge Adams is a member of the American, National, Maryland State, Women's and Prince George's County Bar Associations and is a past president of the J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association, Inc. She serves on the State's Drug and Alcohol Council, and has served on the Judiciary's Public Awareness Committee and Ad Hoc Committee on the Implementation of Family Divisions. For the past decade, she has served as chairman of the Building Committee for the Circuit Court for Prince George's County. In this capacity, she oversaw the expansion of the Marbury Wing and the renovation of the Duvall Wing, culminating in the grand reopening of the historic courthouse in May 2009.

"I am confident that Judge Adams will be an excellent leader and administrator," Judge Missouri said. "It is gratifying to know, that as I prepare to retire as administrative judge for Prince George's County and the 7th Circuit, the administrative duties that are integral to the well being of all judges and staff will be in competent hands. After all, Judge Adams is an erudite, affable, organized and common sensed jurist who has consistently demonstrated her management abilities and leadership skills. She is an excellent choice for these positions."

"I am deeply honored to receive these appointments," Judge Adams said. "I would like to thank Chief Judge Bell for the confidence he has shown in me with these appointments, and of course, I am especially grateful and thankful to Judge Missouri for the wonderful example of leadership he has provided, which I hope to continue."



## AGING TO PERFECTION

This month's article addresses health and fitness concerns that senior members of our community are faced with.

While the information in this month's column will specifically be geared towards seniors, it is information that anyone can benefit from - both now and in the future. Physical exercise programs are becoming increasingly popular among seniors. Seniors are realizing the numerous benefits of exercise and how it can improve their quality of life. Specifically, exercise has been proven to minimize and alleviate some of the ailments and health issues that develop with age. Almost anyone is capable of engaging in some sort of exercise program, no matter how old you are. But it's always smart (and necessary) to speak with a doctor before commencing any exercise program. This is especially true for seniors.

One of the most important benefits of exercise is that it can help you live longer. This is true in part because exercise reduces the likelihood of health hazards in seniors. It helps control blood pressure, bodyweight, and cholesterol levels. Exercise also reduces the risks of hardening arteries, heart attack, and stroke, which most commonly affect seniors. Additionally, exercise can strengthen bones and prevent serious injuries associated with falling, which is a big concern for seniors. Most individuals don't realize that exercise also provides

other benefits such as a lower risk for certain types of cancer. Finally, exercise is probably one of the best all-natural laxatives. This is an especially helpful benefit for seniors because the improved digestion aids in weight management and improved nutrient absorption.

Now that I've highlighted some of the benefits of seniors incorporating a fitness program into their schedule, there are some crucial points that seniors need to know about how to get started. Firstly, if you're someone who hasn't been engaging in any type of muscular conditioning program in recent times, you ought to begin with calisthenics or endurance type exercise and forego weight bearing exercises during the beginning phases of your program. There are plenty of options for cardiovascular type exercises that provide mild muscle stimulation at the same time. Most popular among seniors are aqua aerobics, yoga, square dancing or ballroom dancing, walking, swimming, or group classes specifically geared towards seniors. If possible, seniors should try to engage in this type of exercise activity four to five times per week. How much time you spend exercising, as well as how you exercise, will be impacted by several factors including your heart health, lung capacity, and joint health. There are many conditions that could affect what types of activities you can engage in. These conditions include, but are not limited to, uncontrolled hypertension, diabetes, angina, post-heart attack or post-bypass, heart valve disease, arthritis, post-surgical/rehabilitation, and neuromuscular disorders. The key is to start by discussing with your health care practitioner that you are interested

in starting an exercise program, and soliciting his/her suggestions as to how to approach such a program.

Once you get the go-ahead to begin a program, including a calisthenics/cardio type fitness regime, you want to begin slowly. Sometimes, it's necessary for those who've been inactive to start with as little as two minutes of activity three times per day until they can manage to do a straight session of 10 minutes or so of walking or some other low impact activity daily. After achieving a 10 minute non-stop session four times per week for a couple of weeks, the goal for seniors might then be to work up to a 30 minute session four to five times per week. At this point, this is an ideal level of cardio exercise for seniors to improve health and reap the health benefits I've already discussed.

After becoming well acclimated to this initial phase of exercise (usually about 3-4 weeks), you should be ready to incorporate some gentle resistance type exercises, such as light hand

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weights and perhaps rubber tension exercise tubes. This is where it's crucial to have qualified supervision. If you're going to be using weights, it's important to start off with a personal trainer who has experience working with seniors, or at least have a qualified instructor demonstrate what exercises you should be engaging in. Remember, never use heavy weights. Always start out light and perform higher repetitions. After mastering this level of some basic light-weight movements for every body part, you may be ready to also incorporate some variable-resistance exercise machinery, under qualified supervision. A good resistance training program for seniors should include about three days per week of training which covers the entire body over a week's period, with a day of rest between each day of training.

It's especially important to remember that every exercise session should begin and end with a flexibility and range of motion phase that involves

stretching. The entire body should be stretched to warm it up and prepare it for the exercises to follow, before each session. After a workout session, stretching and flexibility training is helpful to relax and stretch back out any muscles that were contracted during the training session. Further, this post-workout stretching assists with removing the built up lactic acid from muscles and allows for increased oxygen flow through the muscles. An additional benefit is that stretching both before and after exercising limbers up joints that have been stiffened by arthritis and improves range of motion for those suffering from arthritis. Keep in mind that stretching shouldn't "hurt". Do not stretch to the point of pain or severe discomfort.

It's never too late to start a fitness program and substantially improve your health and quality of life. Seniors are not excluded. In fact, seniors are presented with a great deal of benefits which can be reaped if they embark

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upon a fitness regime. While many of us use the excuse that we don't have time to exercise, seniors generally have more free time on their hands and have no excuse for not fitting in regular workout sessions. If you can't make it to the gym, look into mall-walker programs, spring/summer/fall gardening programs, or even volunteering to walk neighborhood pets. Where there's a will, there's a way to get it in. When I can't get to a gym, I'll do sit-ups, push-ups, squats, and toe touches (or jog in place) for the duration of every commercial that comes on television while I'm watching my favorite hour-long program. That's about fifteen minutes right there! And who says you have to stop when the commercials go off? My point is, there really isn't any excuse not to exercise.....especially

for seniors who have a little more time on their hands and who would really benefit from incorporating this type of activity into their daily schedules.

Fitness is golden. Meet with your doctor, then get going today. And don't ignore the other components of good health which include eating a well-balanced diet, not smoking, and going to regularly scheduled doctor's visits. Seniors should view their retirement years as an opportunity to do all the things they never had the time, money, or sense to do when they were young. Be courageous, get out there and embark upon all types of activities that your health condition permits... go horse back riding, learn to swim, learn to Salsa dance, become a Yoga Diva, run a marathon. Youth is wasted on the young...take that to heart!

## THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 8, 2010 at Newton White Mansion. The main purpose of the June meeting is to vote for board members and to pass the reins of governing to a new President. As you know, Judge Rattal will step up from Acting President to President for the 2010-2011 Bar year. The new members to the Board are: Judge Sheila R. Tillerson Adams, Robin D. Bright, Arnold D. Bruckner, William C. Brennan, Jr., Walter W. Green, Jeffrey L. Harding, C. Todd Steuart, Benjamin J. Woolery, and Jennifer L. Muskus as new Secretary.

Members also voted for the proposed amendment to the By-Laws regarding the establishment of a Judicial Selection Committee to interview prospective judicial candidates. The amendment passed with a margin of about two to one.

The meeting was also a chance to honor members who have contributed their time and energy so generously to the Bar Association. These members have been instrumental in putting on well-attended seminars that have not only provided valuable information but have been financially successful. John Burns was honored for his Bankruptcy seminars, Judge Michael Pearson for his contribution to the Goldstein seminar over the years and Lindsey Erdmann for her dedication to the Family Seminar program. The Bar Association is sincerely grateful for their hard work and support.

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*District of Columbia Court of Appeals Sides with Injured Minor League Professional Athletes Under Contract with a Major League Club – Can Make Claims Under the District’s Workers’ Compensation Act*

**WASHINGTON, D.C. — (August 3, 2010)** — The District of Columbia Court of Appeals upheld an award of District of Columbia workers’ compensation benefits to a former minor league player in the Washington Capitals’ hockey organization, Jamie Huscroft (No. 08-AA-1476). The outcome of the case enables minor league professional athletes under two-way contracts to seek workers’ compensation benefits from the parent club.

Huscroft played for the Portland Pirates, the Capitals’ American Hockey League (AHL) affiliate from Portland, Maine. During an AHL game in Quebec, Canada on October 13, 2000, he sustained head injuries which brought an end to his hockey playing career. Huscroft filed for workers’ compensation benefits in the District of Columbia alleging that the principal service for which he was retained by the Capitals was to play in the National Hockey League. Washington-area law firm, ChasenBoscolo, represented Huscroft and argued that the time he spent in Portland was ancillary and preparatory to the principal service he was hired to perform. Additionally, the firm maintained that Huscroft’s affiliation agreement gave the Capitals control over every aspect of his employment in Portland.

“This is an important case for professional athletes who work for organizations that call the District of Columbia home,” says Benjamin Boscolo, partner at ChasenBoscolo Injury Lawyers. “This case enables minor league professional athletes under contract with a major league club to file claims against their parent clubs when in the best interest to do so.”

The Huscroft case reinforces ChasenBoscolo’s experience in the area of sports law and high-profile workers’ compensation litigation. Boscolo, lead attorney in the Huscroft proceeding in collaboration with his colleague, Gerry Herz, recently co-wrote a chapter in a textbook on the law of professional sports. The textbook titled, “The Law of Professional and Amateur Sports,” focuses heavily on pro athletes and the law of workers’ compensation.

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