



# CITY BAR REPORT

News from the Bar Association of Baltimore City

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## The President's Message *Is anybody out there?*



Darren Kadish

I usually like to start my column every month by mentioning Harry, my son, in some way. Often I mention him in a way that references, or maybe foreshadows, the topic of that month's column. But not this month. As much as I would love to mention Harry, I wanted to talk about something else. I have to admit something this month. I am worried that absolutely no one is reading this column. Well maybe worried is not the right word. Maybe concerned is a better word. Not because of any great words of wisdom I think I have imparted to any potential reader, nor because of any point of personal pride, but rather because this is the monthly space allotted for the President of the Bar Association of Baltimore City to communicate with the membership, and the public at large, or at least those non-members who read The Daily Record.

The importance of communication cannot be understated. While I am firmly of the belief that maintaining strong links to our members is the only way that the Bar Association of Baltimore City cannot just survive, but thrive, there are other goals as

well. This column lets me highlight the BABC's accomplishments, upcoming events and goals. Beyond member engagement, it also serves to provide insight to those outside Baltimore City, both in the legal and business community on who the BABC is, what we do, and even perhaps give others ideas of how they can help their own constituencies. In this time of social isolation, it is perhaps even more important to let everyone know that we are working hard, and will continue to do so. It is my belief that we can all get through this together, that there is light at the end of this tunnel, and that building a sense of community can help us all "keep on keeping on."

Which is why, here and now, at just past the midway point of this Bar Year, I have been thinking about the fact that I have gotten zero feedback or comments with regards to this column. To be honest, I have no idea if this is unusual, or par for the course. But it does make me wonder if anyone is actually reading this! I have always been a fan of feedback on my work. As a litigator, I always take seriously any opportunity to improve. For instance, win, lose or draw, if I have the opportunity, I will ask the trial judge how I can improve my performance. What could I do differently? Now while the opportunity after

trial does not always present itself, in this forum it certainly does.

Which is why I am reaching out to you, the reader, for any feedback. Good or bad. Hate my grammar? Love my jokes (however unlikely)? Feel like the topics could be better? I'd love to know. Even if you just want to say "hello", that feedback is welcome as well! My email is [Dkadish@Kadish.Law](mailto:Dkadish@Kadish.Law). I'd love to hear from you, about anything, even if it is not specifically about this column. Have an idea for a program? Want to know which committee might deal with an issue you have? I'm here to help. Please reach out.

And while there is light at the end of the tunnel, as the COVID-19 vaccine rolls out, the BABC continues to provide a host of virtual programming. The following programs are coming up: **January 12** – CLE – The Clerk's Office – Let's Dialogue Over Lunch – (FREE to members); **January 14** – District Court Civil Division E-Signing and Other Procedures During COVID and Emotional Resilience During COVID-19 – (FREE to members); **January 26** – Assisting Domestic Violence Survivors; and **March 16** – Pathways to Leadership for Women: The Women Who Led The Bar Association of Baltimore City. I do have to interject a personal note and tell you how excited I am about the last pro-

gram. I cannot recall any prior program like it before, and it looks spectacular!

The last week of February will be "Member Appreciation Week." The BABC, in partnership with the Bar Associations Insurance Trust/Agency, will be sponsoring a week-long of programs, including CLE's, social events, family friendly event, and our Black History Month program. ALL FREE for BABC members. More details will be coming soon.

The final event I want tell you about is the **June 28** – Baltimore Bar Foundation Annual Golf Outing. I have a feeling this will be a sellout. As many of you know, our longtime Executive Director, Kathy Sanzone will be retiring on June 30 of this year. And if you know Kathy, I am sure you know of her love for golf! Be sure to join her, and the full field of golfers, on June 28. I am sure it will be a spectacular event. More details coming soon.

Lastly, I am thrilled to mention that Governor Hogan has appointed two BABC Executive Council members, Treasurer Myshala Middleton, and Elected Member Erik Atas, to the Circuit Court for Baltimore City. Congratulations Judges-Designate Middleton and Atas!

Wishing you all a Happy and Healthy 2021! Please stay safe!

## Young Lawyers' Division Update Hello 2021!



Lauren Lake

The start of a new year is a time for retrospection, reflection, and resolution. We can think back upon what we have accomplished and forward to what new goals we should set. During 2020, I spent most of

the year glued to my screen, through which I attended remote happy hours and social gatherings, court hearings, bar association events, and so on. You probably did too.

This year, we have recognized that we cannot control much of what is hap-

pening around us, but the little things will get us through these challenging times. We can choose to find the bright side to some of the new, unexpected aspects of our days. For example, it may be more convenient to work from home or attend virtual events where we can eliminate any commute by logging in from the comfort of our homes. I have most enjoyed the bar association's exploration of a new variety of events, including a virtual mixology class and trivia night, which have shaken up the traditional happy hour. We also held a few outdoor in-person events, which offered a welcome reprieve for those of us who spend our time in offices.

I don't have a crystal ball, but I think 2021, like 2020, will have a fair mix of bleak and optimistic moments. After an unusually virtual-heavy 2020, it's time to focus on refreshing, resetting, and striding into 2021 with as much brightness as we can muster. Some aspects of 2020 should continue indefinitely. There are things we've done this year that we never would have done if 2020 had been a normal year. Technology has garnered greater participation for events, such as the YLD CLE Committee's panel on election law in October. Within a matter of seconds, our members can transition from their office to a bar association event, whether a morning breakfast

with the bench, committee lunch meeting, or evening CLE.

During this time, we would like to hear from you about your experience during 2020. The YLD Public Relations Committee is accepting fun photos to share with our members on social media and in The Barrister that capture how our legal community adapted to the 'new normal.' If you would like to show off your new co-workers (human or furry), workspaces, or office views, please submit your photos to [mmicco@kg-law.com](mailto:mmicco@kg-law.com).

May everyone have a healthy and joyful new year, and I hope you join us for a bar association event in 2021!

## CITY BAR BRIEFS

### Notice of Appointment of BABC and YLD Nominating Committees

The Nominating Committee of the Bar Association of Baltimore City, comprised of Hon. Dana M. Middleton, Chair, Mary Cina Chalawsky, Kate McComiskey, T. Christine Pham, Samuel R. Pulver, Hon. Michael Studdard, and George G. Tankard, III, will meet in early February to interview and nominate candidates for the offices of President-Elect, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, three Elected Members to the Executive Council who are not young lawyers. The Committee will also nominate four representatives to serve a two-year term on the Maryland State Bar Association Board of Governors for the First District (Baltimore City). Members interested in any of these positions should submit a letter and resume addressed to Hon. Dana M. Middleton, Chair, Nominating Committee, The Bar Association of Baltimore City, 111 N. Calvert Street, Suite 627, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, electronically (preferred) to [ksanzone@baltimorebar.org](mailto:ksanzone@baltimorebar.org). Submissions must be received no later than **4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 15, 2021**.

Lauren Lake, Chair of the Young Lawyers' Division, appointed the following to serve on the YLD's Nominating Committee: Joseph Pulver, Chair, Sarah Belardi, Alan Dunklow, Letam Duson, Natalie Krajinovic, Divya Potdar, and Kerri Smith. The Committee is soliciting applications for YLD positions for the 2021-22 Bar year for Chair-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, three Members-at-Large, and one Elected Member. Applications may be made by anyone who is a young lawyer and

a member of the BABC. Any member of the BABC may recommend the name of any Division member for consideration by the Nominating Committee. If you are interested in being considered for any of the above positions, please write to Joseph Pulver, Chair, YLD Nominating Committee, c/o Bar Association of Baltimore City, 111 N. Calvert Street, Suite 627, Baltimore, Maryland 21202, or email to [info@baltimorebar.org](mailto:info@baltimorebar.org) (preferred). **Your letter and resume must be received by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2021. All applicants or recommended persons must be available for an interview by the Nominating Committee between February 2 and February 9.**

### Assisting Domestic Violence Survivors

On January 26, 2021, from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., the Young Lawyers' Division Public Service Committee, in conjunction with Maryland Legal Aid, will host a domestic violence pro-bono training via Zoom. The past year has seen an increase in domestic violence cases and the need for volunteer lawyers is great. Come join in our training and learn more about this type of case. Although attending requires no commitment to take on pro-bono cases, it is the Committee's hope that attendees will feel empowered to take on these types of cases on a pro-bono basis. Program will be presented by Bobbie Steyer, Esq., Director of Advocacy for Family Law at

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Maryland Legal Aid. Training is FREE for BABC members and non-members. To register, e-mail [yldpublicservice@gmail.com](mailto:yldpublicservice@gmail.com). After registering, you will receive an email of the link to the webinar prior to the training.

### Are You Hiring?

Is your firm, agency organization hiring? If so, please let us know so that we can share the opportunities with members of the Bar Association of Baltimore City. Please send information to [info@baltimorebar.org](mailto:info@baltimorebar.org). We will advertise the position(s), free of charge, in our Weekly Bar Review.

### Volunteer for Senior Legal Services!

Senior Legal Services (SLS), a joint program of the Bar Association of Baltimore City and Baltimore Bar Foundation, needs your support! Volunteers are needed to represent/advise, in the following areas: Landlord/Tenant Matters, including Eviction/Tenant Holding Over District Court Cases; Consumer Debt Matters (During this time of financial uncertainty, many seniors are unable to make ends meet. They need legal advice in a variety of areas, including having a judgment entered against them, defending against harassing collections efforts, negotiating a settlement with their creditors, and bankruptcy); Housing (Foreclosure due to unpaid taxes and environmental control liens); Preparation of Life Estate Deeds and Ground Rent Deeds to allow seniors to age in place; and Estate Planning: Prepare Simple Estate Plans to include Wills, Advanced Medical Directives/and/or Financial Power of Attorney Documents. If you are interested in volunteering for SLS or have any questions, please contact Jacqueline A. Jones, Paralegal, [jjones@baltimorebar.org](mailto:jjones@baltimorebar.org), 410-396-1322.

### MYLaw Mock Trial Competition Looking for Volunteer Judges

Maryland Youth and the Law (MYLaw) is holding its statewide high school Mock Trial Competition completely virtually this year! Beginning on January 12 and running through mid-March, competitions will take place every Tuesday and Thursday evening on Zoom, Google Meets, and Microsoft Teams. Choose the date(s) and platform that work best for you. It's easy to sign up, and easy to make a difference in the lives of Maryland students – all from the comfort of your own home! To sign up, visit [www.mylaw.org](http://www.mylaw.org).

### Maryland Lawyers Assistance Program

The Lawyer Assistance Program is available to all lawyers in Maryland and is committed to providing free, confidential assistance to lawyers, judges, and law school students by offering virtual or in-person assessment, referral, short-term counseling, and continued support to ensure long term success. The Program offers a network of counselors that can assist you no matter what state you are living in. Everyone experiences personal problems, and early intervention is the key to resolving these concerns. If you are concerned about another lawyer you can make an anonymous referral to the Lawyer Assistance Program. The Lawyer Assistance Program offers financial assistance for Mental Health and Substance Abuse treatment. For Toll-Free Confidential Help, call 1-888-388-5459.

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The Bar Association of Baltimore City will be processing Courthouse ID cards for attorneys on **Mondays by appointment only**. Appointments will be scheduled between the hours of **9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.** Please bring one color photo measuring 1 1/4" (h) x 1" (w) with you to your appointment. Visitors at Bar Headquarters must wear a mask. To schedule an appointment, or to verify that we have your ID card, e-mail us at [info@baltimorebar.org](mailto:info@baltimorebar.org).

### Courting Art Baltimore

Courting Art Baltimore is an art contest for Baltimore City public high school students. After having to cancel our 2020 contest, Courting Art Baltimore is back for 2021 and looking forward to our fifth year. The theme this year is "Baltimore Rising." In 2019, we awarded \$20,000 in scholarships to the contest winners. Please consider donating to Courting Art Baltimore and help us provide scholarships to the deserving young artists of Baltimore. For more details please visit our website: [www.CourtingArtBaltimore.com](http://www.CourtingArtBaltimore.com) or contact Carrie Williams at [cwilliams@oag.state.md.us](mailto:cwilliams@oag.state.md.us) or Brian Katzenberg at [bk Katzenberg@cosek law.com](mailto:bk Katzenberg@cosek law.com).



### NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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James W. Motsay  
Secretary  
The Bar Association of Baltimore City

*\* Due to recent concerns about the timeliness of USPS mail delivery, it is recommended that you follow up via email to [ksanzone@baltimorebar.org](mailto:ksanzone@baltimorebar.org) prior to the application deadline to confirm that your letter of interest was received.*

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### JANUARY 14

District Court Civil Division E-Signing and Other  
Procedures During COVID and Emotional Resilience  
During COVID-19 — **FREE WEBINAR!**

### JANUARY 15

Deadline for Application for 2021-22 BABC Positions

### JANUARY 26

CLE — Assisting Domestic Violence Survivors  
— **FREE WEBINAR!**

### FEBRUARY 1

Deadline for Application for 2021-22 YLD Positions

### FEBRUARY 22-26

Member Appreciation Week  
— **More Details Coming Soon!**

### MARCH 3

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### MARCH 16

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TO: MEMBERS OF THE YOUNG LAWYERS' DIVISION  
FROM: JOSEPH PULVER, CHAIR, NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
RE: APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee of the Young Lawyers' Division (Joseph Pulver, Chair, Sarah Belardi, Alan Dunklow, Letam Duson, Natalie Krajinovic, Divya Potdar, and Kerri Smith) is soliciting applications for the following YLD positions for the 2021-22 Bar year:

**Chair Elect**

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**Secretary**

**3 Members-At-Large**

**1 Elected Member**

Applications may be made by anyone who is a young lawyer and a member of the BABC. Any member of the BABC may recommend the name of any Division member for consideration by the Nominating Committee.

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The Bar Association of Baltimore City  
Family Law Committee  
Barbara Greene, Esq., and Alice G. Pinderhughes, Esq., Co-Chairs

Present

**The Clerk's Office  
Let's Dialogue Over Lunch**

Tuesday, January 12, 2021  
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Via Zoom

**Speaker**

**Marilyn Bentley**  
Clerk of Court, Circuit Court for Baltimore City

**Moderator**

**Alice G. Pinderhughes, Esq.**  
Alice G. Pinderhughes, P.A.

Please send all questions in advance to Alice Pinderhughes at [alice@pinderhughes.com](mailto:alice@pinderhughes.com) by **Friday, January 8.**

Program is **FREE** for BABC members and non-members. Register at [www.baltimorebar.org](http://www.baltimorebar.org). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.



The Bar Association of Baltimore City's  
Solo/Small Firm Practitioner Committee  
Andrew C. Cooper, Esq., Chair

Presents

**District Court Civil Division E-Signing  
& Other Procedures During COVID and  
Emotional Resilience During  
These Uncertain Times**

Thursday, January 14, 2021  
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Via Zoom

This program will help guide you through E-Signing and other procedures during COVID, as well as provide you with practical tips on how to manage stress, anxiety and continue to maintain your wellbeing during these challenging times.

**Speaker**

**The Honorable L. Robert Cooper**  
Associate Judge, District Court of Maryland for Baltimore City

**Lisa Caplan, LCSW-C**  
Director, Lawyer Assistance Program  
Maryland State Bar Association

**Moderator**

**Andrew C. Cooper, Esq.**  
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