



# CITY BAR REPORT

News from the Bar Association of Baltimore City

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## The President’s Message Serving Baltimore City



The Honorable  
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Incorporated in BABC’s mission is the commitment to advance the public image of the profession and provide law-related services and education to the public. BABC members provide pro bono legal ser-

vices, teach classes at the law schools, participate in Law Day, and serve their communities.

This year, I am asking BABC members to do more. Let’s serve Baltimore City. Many citizens throughout Baltimore City are struggling and as members of the community, BABC can do its part to help. This year, I would like for each member to serve Baltimore City

in some way. For the remainder of the summer, please take some time to reflect on how you would like to serve the citizens of Baltimore. There are many organizations we can partner with – Habitat for Humanity, Our Daily Bread, My Sister’s Place, Meals on Wheels, and the Maryland Food Bank just to name a few. I will ask for you to keep track of your hours and the person with the most volunteer hours at the end of the

Bar year will be recognized and rewarded!

**“Without community service, we would not have a strong quality of life. It’s important to the person who serves as well as the recipient. It’s the way in which we ourselves grow and develop.” – Dorothy Height**

## Young Lawyers’ Division Update It’s Time to See What You’ve Been Missing



James P. Robinson

Mark your calendars! The new bar year is about to get into full swing and the YLD has some fantastic events on the horizon. The first event is a joint Welcome Back Happy Hour with the Maryland State Bar Association’s Young Lawyers Section on Wednesday, August 31, 2022 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at The Maryland Club in Mt. Vernon. Come and connect with lawyers from Baltimore City and across Maryland. The second event is the YLD’s annual “Meet & Mingle” event on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Hotel Indigo in Mt. Vernon. Attendees will include the co-chairs of the YLD’s various committees. It is the perfect opportunity to learn about the YLD’s committees and figure out which ones you may want to join this coming bar year.

If you’re on the fence about getting involved in the YLD, I can relate. In the not-too-distant past, I was a full-time law student and during the weekends I worked as a bartender and server at Mustang Alley’s, a bowling bistro in Little Italy (although you wouldn’t know it from my bowling skills). After graduating from law school, I was fortunate enough to work for two years as a trial law clerk, and then appellate law clerk. I finally had my nights and weekends back and I simply wasn’t interested in spending my free time going to events that I assumed would just be awkward small talk with other lawyers.

Eventually, I wised up. After months of ignoring BABC email blasts, I finally read the emails and realized that the YLD was organizing interesting events beyond networking happy hours. I dug a little deeper into the YLD’s leadership and recognized the names of former classmates and law clerks. I sent an

email to one of the people I knew and asked about their experiences with the YLD and whether getting more involved would be worthwhile. This person had only good things to say about the YLD and encouraged me to get more involved. And the rest, as they say, is history. Within a couple of weeks, I started attending YLD events and within a few months, I was the co-chair of a YLD committee.

Looking back, I held many pre-conceived notions about the YLD (and bar associations in general) that likely dissuaded me from becoming involved in the YLD sooner. However, none of these perceptions were proven true. I assumed that the YLD was an insular group who would be skeptical of new members. But what I found was a welcoming organization comprised of lawyers from diverse backgrounds and legal fields. I assumed that the YLD’s events were just happy hours. But

what I found was an organization that planned public service events at food banks, public parks and community gardens, and other charitable organizations; organized continuing legal education seminars featuring local judges and lawyers; and fostered mentorship opportunities. I assumed that YLD networking events would be dull affairs where lawyers would just exchange business cards. But what I found was engaging conversation and the opportunity to establish professional relationships with local attorneys. Indeed, on numerous occasions, I have utilized my fellow YLD members for referrals or assistance with legal matters that are outside my wheelhouse.

But don’t just take my word for it. Come to the Welcome Back Happy Hour on August 31 and the Meet & Mingle on September 20 and see what you’ve been missing!



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The BABC is always looking for articles to publish in the Barrister and, as a committee member, you can submit articles for publication. To learn more, or to download a Committee Interest form, go to [www.baltimorebar.org](http://www.baltimorebar.org).

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

AUGUST 19

Deadline to submit BABC and/or YLD Committee Interest forms

AUGUST 31

Local Bar Associations' Welcome Back Happy Hour

SEPTEMBER 20

YLD Meet & Mingle

SEPTEMBER 29

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for the Young Lawyers' Division's  
Meet & Mingle  
September 20, 2022

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Baltimore, MD 21201



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Featuring Members & Friends of the Bar

Thursday, October 20

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law

Westminster Hall, 519 W. Fayette Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

6:00-6:45 Registration & Reception

6:45-7:00 Awards Presentation

7:00-8:00 Cabaret

Early Bird special: \$40 until August 29.

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The Bar Association of Baltimore City invites you to its Annual

CRAB FEAST @



6526 HOLABIRD AVENUE  
BALTIMORE, MD 21224

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29  
5:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

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WELCOME BACK HAPPY HOUR!

The Maryland Club  
1 East Eager Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202

Wednesday, August 31, 2022  
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Join your local bar associations to celebrate the new bar year and network with your fellow colleagues and friends. Parking for attendees will be available on a first come first serve basis at the Club lot directly adjacent to the building. Entrance for the parking lot is on Charles Street.

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