



# CITY BAR REPORT

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## The President’s Message

### Greetings from the President



The Honorable  
Myshala E.  
Middleton

Hello BABC members. It was wonderful to bring you greetings in-person during this year’s annual meeting. I especially enjoyed honoring the double class of 50-year bar admittees, spending time with all of the attendees, and hearing from our keynote speaker, Alicia L. Wilson. I hope that we can continue this back to the bar momentum throughout

the coming year. After a COVID-19 hiatus, we are excited to move applicants for admission to the United States Supreme Court on October 31, 2022. Additionally, we will hold both the End of Summer Reception, and the Crab Feast in September, the Past President’s Luncheon in November, the BABC Holiday Party, and the YLD Annual Holiday Party for Children Living in Shelters in December. All of these events are scheduled to be in person. Please be sure to be mark your calendars as event dates are

published. Please consider bringing a newly barred lawyer or a reclaimed lawyer who took a break from BABC to our events. As a member of the Bar Association of Baltimore City, you know the value of membership, whether the educational programs we provide or the numerous networking events we plan. We need your help to introduce the bar to new attorneys just as you were when you began your career. Newly admitted attorneys are even given a complimentary membership!

Finally, please note that if you receive an email “from me” asking you to purchase gift cards, or to buy something, immediately delete the email, as I would never send such messages to our members. Every year upon installation of the new President of BABC, someone or some organization attempts to scam members. Hopefully, we can figure out how to stop this from happening. I hope you all have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you throughout the upcoming bar year.

## Young Lawyers’ Division Update

### How to Get Involved in the YLD



James P. Robinson

In the coming weeks, the BABC will send out the 2022-23 YLD Committee Interest Form. This form will allow young lawyers and law students to sign up for the YLD’s open committees for the upcoming bar year, which runs from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. These committees are the lifeblood of the YLD as they are the driving force behind nearly all of the YLD’s events. Each committee has a specific focus, which provides the perfect opportunity to contribute to the legal profession and Baltimore community in a way that best suits your interests. I would like to take this opportunity to provide a brief overview the YLD’s committees.

**Continuing Legal Education:** The CLE Committee organizes presentations, seminars, and panel discussions on various legal topics. These events

typically feature local judges and lawyers. Some of last year’s CLE events included a presentation by The Honorable Shirley Watts of the Court of Appeals on Maryland’s recent adoption of the Daubert standard; a presentation by The Honorable Brynja Booth of the Court of Appeals on the underutilization of Maryland’s Constitution; and a panel webinar on virtual pretrial civil litigation.

**Diversity and Inclusion:** The Diversity and Inclusion Committee is a new YLD committee. It is anticipated that the Committee will plan events that promote and support diversity, equality and inclusion in the legal profession and the YLD.

**Events:** The Events Committee organizes events and activities both as a standalone committee and in conjunction with other YLD committees. These events include the Annual Holiday Party, Spring Social and Awards Reception, and other social and networking events organized by the YLD.

**Life and the Law:** The Life and the Law Committee promotes mental health and wellness. The Committee’s past events have included a panel discussion on mental health; group fitness activities; and family-friendly events.

**Mentorship:** The Mentorship Committee facilitates mentorship opportunities between young lawyers/law students and more experienced attorneys within the BABC. In the fall, the Committee will pair interested mentees with mentors and organize events for mentees/mentors during the bar year.

**Public Education:** The Public Education Committee provides outreach, programming and information designed to educate the public about the law, the legal system and the profession. Specific activities of the Committee include organizing mock trials at local schools, sponsoring educational projects and excursions, and planning activities for Law Day in May.

**Public Relations:** The Public Relations Committee promotes all YLD pro-

grams and events through social media and provides submissions to BABC publications, including The Baltimore Barrister, City Bar Report, and Weekly Bar Review. The YLD is active on both Facebook and Instagram and I encourage everyone to follow these accounts to keep up to date on upcoming YLD events.

**Public Service:** The Public Service Committee organizes public service activities in the community. These activities include the planning of the Annual Holiday Party for Children Living in Shelters, park cleanups, and volunteering at various charitable organizations such as the Maryland Food Bank.

What if you’re interested in more than one committee? Not a problem; you can join more than one! I would also recommend attending the YLD’s annual Meet & Greet in August/September. It is a great opportunity to meet the YLD council and committee chairs and to learn more about the YLD’s various committees.

## BABC’S 142ND ANNUAL MEETING – JUNE 14, 2022

For the first time in two years, over 120 members of the Bench and Bar attended in-person the 142nd Annual Meeting of the Bar Association of Baltimore City on June 14 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at the Inner Harbor.



Headtable 1: (l-r) The Honorable Anthony F. Vittoria, Outgoing BABC President 2021-22; The Honorable Myshala E. Middleton, Incoming BABC President, 2022-23, Alicia L. Wilson, Guest Speaker; and Kerri L. Smith, BABC Events Committee Chair.



Headtable 2: (from far left) James P. Robinson, Incoming YLD Chair 2022-23; Samuel R. Pulver, Outgoing YLD Chair 2021-22; James Astrachan, Incoming BBF President 2022-23; and Damien Banks, Outgoing BBF President 2021-22.



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2022-23 BABC President, The Honorable Myshala E. Middleton (left), presents plaque to outgoing President, The Honorable Anthony F. Vittoria (right).



Robert L. Ferguson, Jr. presents remarks on behalf of the 50-year honorees.



BABC President, The Honorable Myshala Middleton (pictured left), presents gift to Annual Meeting guest speaker, Alicia L. Wilson (right).



Incoming BBF President, James Astrachan (right), presents plaque to outgoing BBF President, Damien Banks (left).



Outgoing BABC President, The Honorable Anthony F. Vittoria (right), presents the Barri award to YLD Elected Member and YLD Mentorship Co-Chair, Derek Van De Walle (left).



Outgoing BABC President, The Honorable Anthony F. Vittoria (right), presents the Membee award to BABC Membership Committee Chair, Divya Potdar (left).



YLD Chair, James Robinson (right), presents plaque to outgoing YLD Chair, Samuel Pulver (left).



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