



CITY BAR REPORT

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The President's Message Welcome Back!



The Honorable
Myshala E.
Middleton

*Annual Meeting
Remarks from June
14, 2022*

Welcome Back!

I am excited and honored to serve as President of the Bar Association of Baltimore City (BABC)! I am Myshala E. Middleton (pronounced Me-Sha-La) and I serve as a Judge on the Circuit Court for Baltimore City – currently in the Family Division. It is truly joyous to be back together for our Annual Meeting, given that the last time we were able to meet together was in 2019. Despite being physically distanced for the past two and a half years, BABC has remained connected and thriving during a global pandemic, and we are still learning how to navigate during these ever-changing times. I do hope we are able to continue to gather in-person and we will try to hold as many events

as possible outside, weather permitting.

I am so proud to serve as President of the BABC because of the significant role it has served in my development as an attorney and public servant. I was first introduced to BABC while clerking for the Honorable Lynn Stewart Mays during her BABC presidency. I began my journey with the BABC by volunteering at the Holiday Party for Children Living in Shelters and attending various events. I slowly became more and more involved in the BABC by serving on various committees, the Judicial Selections Committee, Communications and News Journal, Diversity Committee, Technology, Chair of the YLD Public Education Committee, and on the Executive Council. The Bar Association for Baltimore City provided me with the opportunity to meet and develop friendships with many people I truly admire.

I would like to thank Judge Anthony F. Vittoria and the Executive Council for their steadfast leadership during a

major transitional year for the BABC. After over a combined ninety years of service, both Kathy Sanzone, Executive Director, and Patty DeGuilmi, Executive Assistant, retired from the BABC. Their leadership proved to be invaluable to the progress of the BABC and its members. Shortly after their retirement, we welcomed our new Executive Director, Karen Fast, who hit the ground running and brought new ideas to the BABC. I would also like to thank Sabina Mohan, Communications and Membership Manager, and Viola Woolums, Director of Senior Legal Services, for their unwavering commitment to the continued success of the BABC and Senior Legal Services.

The Bar Association of Baltimore City has the most devoted members, and this organization would not be here without your dedication. Over the past two years there were two classes of law students who had to complete their year in a virtual space. I challenge all

members to bring a young lawyer from your firm, or organization to a BABC event so they too can experience everything this wonderful organization and its members has to offer!

I would be remiss if I did not point out that the incoming officers for the 2022-2023 bar year is the most diverse group in the history of BABC. James Motsay (President-Elect) runs a small practice, Teresa Epps Cummings (Vice President) is as an Assistant City Solicitor, Evelyn Cussons (Treasurer) serves as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Baltimore Office, and the Honorable La Zette Ringgold-Kirksey (Secretary) prior to being appointed to the Circuit Court for Baltimore City served as an Assistant State's Attorney. In addition, three of the five incoming officers are Black and four of the five are women! I am looking forward to a very productive year celebrating all this organization has to offer along with all of you!

Young Lawyers' Division Update Taking on the Mantel



James P. Robinson

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On behalf of the entire YLD, I want to extend my sincerest thanks and gratitude to Sam Pulver for his leadership of the YLD

during the past bar year. He led with a calm and steady demeanor and was a passionate advocate for the YLD. These qualities were on full display as Sam faced the ebbs and flows of the COVID pandemic. Sam assumed the role as YLD Chair last summer when a return to "normal" seemed within reach. Then the Delta variant hit. And then Omicron. But during all of the upheaval and un-

certainty, Sam was unflinching.

Under his leadership, the YLD once again held its hallmark event, the Holiday Party for Children Living in Shelters, in-person at the Maryland Science Center. The YLD also planned numerous in-person public service events and organized several CLE seminars featuring prominent local attorneys and appellate and circuit court judges. In short, COVID was no match for Sam.

On a personal note, I want to thank Sam for his assistance and guidance during the past few months. He has been an invaluable source of insight and institutional knowledge and I am extremely grateful that he will continue to serve on the YLD Council during the upcoming bar year. Thank you, Sam.

The YLD has been fortunate to have a string of fantastic leaders in the recent past. I have been an active member of the YLD for six years and during this time I had pleasure of serving under YLD Chairs Josh Caplan, Kerri Smith, Divya Potdar, Joseph Pulver, Lauren Lake, and, of course, Sam Pulver. Each of these individuals were excellent stewards of the YLD and I want to thank all of them for their guidance and encouragement over the years.

I also want to thank my law firm, Goodell, DeVries, Leech & Dann, for supporting my involvement in the YLD. I particularly want to thank Kelly Hughes Iverson, who encouraged me to take on a leadership role in the YLD. She has been an vital resource on all

matters related to the BABC and I am grateful for her support and guidance.

I am honored and humbled to assume the role of YLD Chair. Year after year, the YLD has demonstrated its commitment to public service, promoting camaraderie in the legal community, and the overall betterment of the legal profession. I will work diligently to maintain and advance this legacy. But the YLD's success ultimately depends on its members. As we move out of the COVID era and transition to the new normal, it is my goal to introduce and promote the YLD to the new generation of young lawyers and actively recruit new members. I encourage all members of the Baltimore legal community to join me in this effort.

CITY BAR BRIEFS

BABC Accepting Names for 2023 Annual Memorial Services

Every year, the Bar Association of Baltimore City honors those who have departed from the Bench and Bar. If you or someone you know has passed since January 2021 and is either an attorney or Judge, please contact Sabina Mohan at smohan@baltimorebar.org. Please let us know who the member is, along with their obituary and contact information for next of kin. We will honor these members for our Memorial Service in the Spring of 2023. And in case you missed it, you can view the 2022 Annual Memorial Services on our website at www.baltimorebar.org.

BABC Webinars Available Online!

Missed a webinar from the BABC? No problem! The Bar Association of Baltimore City's webinars are available on our website on-demand at your convenience. To access them, go to www.baltimorebar.org, then go to the "Webinars" tab and click on the corresponding webinar section.

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Volunteer for Senior Legal Services!

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Pro Bono Attorney Needed

64-year-old Baltimore City senior seeking representation in an eviction matter. Client opened her home to a tenant with a verbal week-to-week lease agreement. Tenant stopped paying rent after April 8, 2022. A week later, tenant became inebriated and threatened client and her guest with a knife. Baltimore City Police responded and client moved out her home for safety. Given the tenant's violent behavior, 30-day notice was issued 5/16/2022. Volunteer with SLS to help this Client safely return home. Call 410-396-1322, or email SLSinfo@baltimorebar.org.

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CAIR Coalition's Maryland SIJS Panel Discussion

CAIR Coalition will host a panel discussion on Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) cases and Maryland unaccompanied immigrant children on Thursday, June 23, 2022, from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. via Zoom. CAIR Coalition staff attorneys and pro bono attorneys from area law firms will discuss SIJS proceedings for unaccompanied immigrant children in Maryland who are in deportation proceedings. You will also understand the SIJS legal process, learn from expert CAIR coalition attorneys about their work with unaccompanied children in Maryland, and hear from pro bono attorneys about their experiences working with clients. To register, go to https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpceGvqDgiH9S_mhpBhoFsfq1WSHsuB2Bu.

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