



# CITY BAR REPORT

News from the Bar Association of Baltimore City

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## The President’s Message Fall is Here!



The Honorable  
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Greetings! Fall is here! I was so happy to see many members of the Bar at the Annual Crab Feast. If you were unable to attend, you were missed! Thank you to all who donated for the teachers at The Historic Cherry Hill Elementary / Middle School. Throughout the bar year, we will continue to support teachers around the city with donated school supplies. The next school we support will be Waverly Elementary/Middle

School – details on when and where to drop off donations will be announced in the next couple of months, but you can drop off supplies at the Bar Office at any time.

There’s still time to become involved with the BABC. The Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs are in the process of scheduling orientation meetings to plan for the bar year. If you want to join a committee, now is the time! If you cannot join a Committee, please be sure to show your support by attending one of their events this year.

The Bar Association of Baltimore City is currently accepting nominations

for the 2022 Presidential (presented to both a BABC member and a YLD member), Paul A. Dorf ADR, and Charles H. Dorsey, Jr. Mentor Awards. All nominations must be submitted to the BABC by Monday, October 10.

On October 20, Senior Legal Services will hold its annual fundraiser and volunteer recognition event, *Cabaret & Cabernet*. Proceeds from the *Cabaret & Cabernet* directly support SLS programs, including Law Day for Seniors, which is attended by over 200 local seniors and their caregivers.

Lastly, Monday, October 31 is the deadline to sign-up for the BABC/YLD

Mentorship Program. The Program matches attorneys with more than seven years’ experience to those with less experience. Mentors and mentees meet on their own schedule to discuss the practice of law. This is a valuable program for any new lawyer who needs a helping hand. Keep in mind, you must be a BABC member to participate, so sign up to be a member today (new admittees are FREE to join). To apply, go to [www.baltimorebar.org/young-lawyers-division/babcylld-mentorship-program/](http://www.baltimorebar.org/young-lawyers-division/babcylld-mentorship-program/).

I look forward to seeing you at the next event and thank you for your continued support of the BABC!

## Young Lawyers’ Division Update No Rest for the Weary



James P. Robinson

I don’t know what it is about the month of September, but it is always busy. Perhaps it’s because it’s the official end of summer. Or maybe people want to get the ball rolling on tasks that need to be completed before the end of the year. Whatever the reason, this September was no different.

I mention this not because my circumstances are unique. On the contrary, I know that my fellow young lawyers are just as busy. Which is why I am extremely thankful for the hard work and dedication of the young lawyers, which comprise of the Executive Council of the BABC’s Young Lawyers’ Division, and the many members of the YLD’s various committees. The YLD’s service and net-

working endeavors are successful only because we have members who devote what little free time they have to the YLD. Because of their efforts, the YLD is able to advance its commitment to public service, camaraderie, and the betterment of the legal profession.

I particularly want to thank Lauren Lake and Sarah Belardi, the co-chairs of the YLD Membership Committee. Over the past few weeks, they spent hours organizing the YLD’s Meet & Mingle event on September 20 at Hotel Indigo. The event was a resounding success. Attendance exceeded expectations, and both new and familiar faces had the opportunity to meet and socialize with the YLD’s leaders and co-chairs of the YLD’s various committees. I am excited to see those attend become active in the committees they found interesting. The more YLD members get involved, the more im-

pact the YLD has as a whole within the organization and the community at large.

In the coming weeks, the YLD will be hosting or participating in several other events. For all the early risers, on Thursday, October 13, the YLD will host a Rise & Shine Morning Mingle at Au Bon Pain from 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m., located at One South Street in Baltimore. The event will include free coffee, juice and breakfast pastries. The perfect way to start your day! On Saturday, November 5 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., YLD members will be planting trees in the Mt. Vernon neighborhood with the Mt. Vernon Belvedere Association. This a great way to give back to the local community! Finally, on Thursday, November 17 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. the YLD will host a Networking Happy Hour in Fells Point (915 S. Ann Street). The event will be sponsored by The W Home Group of Next Step Realty

and feature food and drinks from V-No Wine Bar & Shop.

The November 17 event will also be our first mentor/mentee mingle of the bar year. If you’re interested in being part of the mentorship program, there’s still time to sign up! For those of you who aren’t familiar, the BABC/YLD Mentor Program matches attorneys with more than seven years’ experience to those with less experience. Mentors and mentees meet on their own schedule (and are encouraged to attend BABC/YLD events together) to discuss the practice of law. Signing up is easy; simply go to [www.baltimorebar.org/young-lawyers-division/babcylld-mentorship-program/](http://www.baltimorebar.org/young-lawyers-division/babcylld-mentorship-program/) to fill out the application form.

I know that we are all busy but just a little bit of your time can go a long way!



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**Once your application is processed, you will be interviewed by a member of the LRIS Committee.**



**Once approved, you will be referred to clients matching the panel(s) chosen by you.**



## Grow Your Practice with LRIS

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Joining LRIS provides an excellent opportunity for not only solo and small firm practitioners, but newly admitted attorneys to grow their clientele and practice.

For more information: **E-MAIL MEGAN NALLY AT [MNALLY@BALTIMOREBAR.ORG](mailto:MNALLY@BALTIMOREBAR.ORG)**

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CITY BAR BRIEFS

Sign up for the BABC/YLD Mentorship Application

The YLD Mentoring program matches attorneys barred for fewer than seven years with attorneys who have been barred for seven or more years. Participants are paired based on background, interests, and goals. The relationship between a mentor and a mentee is intended to benefit both parties because both will grow their network and learn from sharing their experiences.

In order to facilitate the mentor-mentee relationship, the BABC hosts a series of social, professional, and charitable events throughout the year, with the goal that a mentor and mentee will attend at least one event together. Participants are also encouraged to meet one-on-one in a meaningful and productive way that fits their schedules. To apply, go to [www.baltimorebar.org](http://www.baltimorebar.org). Application deadline is **October 31, 2022**. For more information, e-mail [babc.yldmentoring@gmail.com](mailto:babc.yldmentoring@gmail.com).

YLD seeking Donations for BABC’s Annual Holiday Auction

While the holidays may be a few months away, the Young Lawyers’ Division is gearing up for its Annual Holiday Party for Children Living in Shelters and are in need of donations for the Annual Holiday Party’s Silent Auction. Donations can include, but are not limited to gift baskets, certificates, concert tickets, hotel stays, and more. If you wish to make a tax-deductible donation, you can do so by going to [www.baltimorebar.org/donate](http://www.baltimorebar.org/donate), and indicate your donation is for the

“Children’s Holiday Party.” Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law and will support charitable programs for children in Baltimore City, sponsored by the Young Lawyers’ Division of the Bar Association of Baltimore City, including, but not limited to, the Holiday Party for Children in Shelters. Donations for the silent auction should be received at BABC Headquarters by **November 4, 2022**.

Are You Hiring?

Is your firm, agency, or 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 and on our Employment Opportunities page.

Volunteers needed for Mock Trial Program

MYLAW is helping a national mock trial program (called Empire) come to Baltimore this fall, with high school students traveling from 17 states. On behalf of 300 remarkable high school students (including some Marylanders), you are invited to serve as a judge or juror at Empire Baltimore: The Camden Yards Classic on September 23-25 at the Hilton Baltimore Inner Harbor. Volunteers are provided with free parking and a free meal before their trial. First 50 attorneys or judges that sign-up to volunteer will be eligible to receive a free pair of baseball tickets to the September 25 Orioles v. Astros game at Camden Yards (note: non-lawyers are not eligible to receive tickets). For more

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OCTOBER 13

YLD’s Rise & Shine Morning Mingle

OCTOBER 20

Senior Legal Services’ Cabaret & Cabernet

OCTOBER 31

Deadline for BABC/YLD Mentorship application

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BABC Supreme Court Group Admission Trip - **SOLD OUT!**

NOVEMBER 5

YLD Public Service Project: Tree Planting  
w/ the Mt. Vernon Belvedere Association

NOVEMBER 17

YLD Networking Happy Hour

NOVEMBER 19

National Adoption Day

NOVEMBER 22

The 27th Annual Past Presidents’ Luncheon

NOVEMBER 30

Deadline for the Baltimore Bar Foundation  
Grant Applications

DECEMBER 14

BABC Annual Holiday Party


DECEMBER 20

YLD Annual Holiday Party for Children Living in Shelters

LETTERS AND COMMENTARY

The Daily Record welcomes letters to the editor and opinion columns on public policy issues that affect Maryland businesses and the legal community. Letters to the editor should be 300 words or less. Columns can be up to 800 words. All are subject to editing for length or clarity. Submissions must include the writer’s name, address and a daytime phone number for confirmation. They can be sent to Editor Thomas Baden Jr. at [tbaden@thedailyrecord.com](mailto:tbaden@thedailyrecord.com).





### Elder Justice Initiative Attorney Needed

**Job Description**

Senior Legal Services (SLS), a joint program of The Bar Association of Baltimore City and the Baltimore Bar Foundation, providing vital pro bono legal services to low-income seniors, aged 60 and over in Baltimore City, is seeking a full-time Elder Justice Initiative Attorney to serve seniors who are victims of abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation.


**Duties Include, but not limited to:**

- Provide high quality legal services to older adults who have been victims of elder abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation.
- Present “know your rights” sessions at senior centers, assisted living communities, and other community-based settings.
- Maintain relationships with referral partner organizations and departments.

**BENEFITS:**

- Annual salary of \$56,000/year
- Twelve (12) paid holidays/year, plus general Election Day
- Seven (7) paid personal days/year
- Life, Dental, Health and short-term and long-term disability insurance
- Eligible for simple IRA plan with 3% employer match after one year of employment
- Telework eligible after one year of employment

To Apply: Email a cover letter and resume to: [SLSinfo@baltimorebar.org](mailto:SLSinfo@baltimorebar.org), with the subject line: 'VOCA Attorney Application'. Applications will be reviewed as they are received, so candidates are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.



Senior Legal Services &  
The Baltimore Bar Foundation, Inc.

Presents its  
8<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraiser & Volunteer Recognition Event

## Cabaret & Cabernet

Produced & Directed by Jennifer Blades  
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

Price: \$45/person. \$55 at the door.  
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The Bar Association of Baltimore City's  
Young Lawyers' Division's  
Membership & Mentoring Committees



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## Networking Happy Hour



November 17, 2022  
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
915 S. Ann Street Baltimore, MD 21231

Food and drinks from V-no Wine Bar & Shop.  
FREE event, RSVP to [info@baltimorebar.org](mailto:info@baltimorebar.org).

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**YOUNG LAWYERS' DIVISION'S  
PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECT:**

**TREE PLANTING WITH MVBA**

NOVEMBER 5, 2022  
9:00 AM - NOON  
MVBA TREE PLANTING  
1010 MORTON STREET  
BALTIMORE, MD 21201

Join the YLD's Public Service Committee in planting trees in Mt. Vernon with the Mt. Vernon Belvedere Association. We will meet outside of Baby's On Fire. Refreshments will be provided afterwards from Diva Law, LLC.

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**Taking applications for  
Mentors and Mentees.**





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**BALTIMORE BAR FOUNDATION  
WINTER GRANT CYCLE IS  
ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS**

**DUE DATE: NOVEMBER 30, 2022**

The Baltimore Bar Foundation is a charitable organization, incorporated in 1970 to foster and maintain the honor and integrity of the profession of the law; to improve and to facilitate the administration of justice, to enhance and improve the image of lawyers, and to promote the study of the law and research therein and the diffusion of knowledge thereof.

In furtherance of those objectives, the Foundation provides financial support for non-profit programs and organizations that have a significant relation to the Baltimore City community and that may be expected to contribute to:

1. the improvement of the administration of justice
2. the provision of legal services through staff attorneys or unpaid volunteers to persons who find it difficult to obtain legal services through normal channels
3. the education of the general public, including primary and secondary school students, regarding law and the legal system
4. the improvement of the image of lawyers and of the legal profession through lawyer participation in community outreach programs and other good works

Although on occasion the Foundation will provide all of the funding necessary for the accomplishment of a given objective, in most cases only a portion of the projected budget will be underwritten, usually on the express condition that the balance of the funds be raised from other sources. Grants of "seed money" in this manner for a law-related project often provide help and confidence for foundations that wish to offer gifts for such projects but lack expertise in the legal field to make a judgement as to whether the project is worthy of support. Thus, the Foundation can act as a catalyst in bringing support from other donors to projects that require more funds than the Foundation can offer.

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