



CITY BAR REPORT

News from the Bar Association of Baltimore City

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The President’s Message The Impact of Service



The Honorable
Myshala E.
Middleton

The first time I truly understood the impact of volunteer work was during my first year of college. My aunt decided that we (my three cousins and I) needed to do some service during the week of Thanksgiving. We spent the better part of the afternoon delivering meals to people in need with Meals on Wheels in Queens, NY. Most of the people who we delivered meals to on that

day were elderly. One woman whose face I can see to this day cried when we delivered her meals. She was so happy to see us, and I quickly realized that her happiness was not for the meals but for the company. We talked with her for just a little while, and she gave us the warmest hugs and kissed our hands in gratitude when we left. That day has stayed with me these twenty-eight years later. It reminds me that volunteering is not only about what you can do for someone, but more importantly, the impact you have on someone’s life, if only for a moment.

Each year we see numerous back-to-school drives for students. To kick off this year’s theme, “Serving Baltimore City,” we will have a back-to-school drive for teachers. Each quarter we will support a different school. The first will be The Historic Cherry Hill Elementary/Middle School. Teachers at this school need the following supplies: HDMI Cords, Personal Planners, Expo Dry Erase Markers, Post-Its, Command Hooks and/or Command Tape, Copy Paper, Chart Paper, Kleenex, Pencil Sharpener, Pencils, and Colored Pencils. Please bring your donation to the Crab Feast on Sep-

tember 29th or drop off your donation at BABC’s headquarters by Friday, October 7th. Please email me the names of other schools you would like to support this year, and we will try to include them in our efforts.

Don’t forget to keep track of your volunteer hours. The BABC member with the most volunteer hours at the end of the Bar year will have their dues waived for the following year. I look forward to seeing you at the End of Summer Members’ Reception on September 14th and the Crab Feast on September 29!

Young Lawyers’ Division Update Hitting the Ground Running



James P. Robinson

The new bar year is in full swing! In August, BABC Executive Director Karen Fast and YLD members Lauren Lake (Co-Chair of the Membership Committee) and Derek Van De Walle (Elected Member) attended the student organization fairs at The University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law and the University of Baltimore School of Law to promote the BABC /YLD and recruit new members. Through their efforts, the BABC and YLD gained over 30 new members! Thank you, Karen, Lauren, and Derek! As a reminder, BABC membership is absolutely free for law students and newly admitted lawyers. All attorneys aged 37 or younger or attorneys admitted to the Bar less than 5 years regardless of

age are automatically members of the YLD. The BABC also offers reduced membership rates to lawyers admitted to the Bar less than 10 years, as well as to government and public interest lawyers. You join (or renew your membership) at any time by visiting the BABC’s website at www.baltimorebar.org. Additionally, on August 31, the MS-BA’s Young Lawyers Section hosted its Welcome Back Happy Hour at the Maryland Club at Mt. Vernon. The YLD, along with The Alliance of Black Women Attorneys of Maryland, Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Maryland, The Maryland Hispanic Bar Association, and Minnesota Lawyers Mutual sponsored the event. Numerous YLD members were in attendance. Special thanks to YLD member, Divya Potdar, for organizing the event. As a former resident of the Mt. Vernon neighborhood, I passed by the Maryland Club nearly every day and always

wanted to see inside the historic building, particularly the second-floor terrace where the Welcome Back Happy Hour was held, and it did not disappoint. Just another benefit of joining the YLD; you get to visit and explore new and interesting spots across the city. In the weeks ahead, the BABC will host its End of Summer Members’ Reception on September 14 from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Skybar of the Lord Baltimore Hotel. And on September 20, the YLD will host its Meet & Mingle Happy Hour from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. at the Poets Library at the Hotel Indigo. The Meet & Mingle is the prefect event to meet the Co-Chairs of the YLD’s committees while seeing which committees you may be interested in joining. Both events are free, but please RSVP to info@baltimorebar.org. Finally, the YLD Mentoring Committee is accepting applications for

mentors/mentees for the YLD Mentoring Program. The 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. Mentors and mentees are encouraged to meet one-on-one and attend events hosted by the BABC throughout the year. The link to the application can be found on the BABC’s website at <https://www.baltimorebar.org/young-lawyers-division/babcylld-mentorship-program/> and the YLD Mentoring Committee can answer any additional questions via email at babc.yldmentoring@gmail.com. Many more YLD events are currently being planned. Please make sure to look out for the BABC’s weekly email blasts every Friday and/or BABC’s website calendar to stay up to date on our upcoming events!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

SEPTEMBER 14

BABC End of Summer Members’ Reception

SEPTEMBER 20

YLD Meet & Mingle

SEPTEMBER 29

BABC Crab Feast

OCTOBER 3

Deadline to submit Nominations for the Presidential, Dorf, and Dorsey Awards

OCTOBER 20

Senior Legal Services Cabaret & Cabernet

OCTOBER 31

Deadline for BABC/YLD Mentorship application

OCTOBER 31

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

NOVEMBER 22

27th Annual Past Presidents’ Luncheon

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CITY BAR BRIEFS

BABC Back to School Supply Drive

To kick off BABC President, The Honorable Myshala E. Middleton’s theme, “Serving Baltimore City,” we will be organizing a series of back-to-school drives for teachers. This quarter, we are collecting school supplies for Cherry Hill Elementary/Middle School. Teachers at this school need the following supplies:

- **HDMI Cords**
- **Personal Planners**
- **Expo Dry Erase Markers**
- **Post-It Notes**
- **Command Hooks and/or Command Tape**
- **Copy Paper**
- **Chart Paper**
- **Facial Tissue**
- **Pencil Sharpeners**
- **Pencils**
- **Colored Pencils**

Please bring your donation to the Crab Feast on September 29 or drop off your donation at BABC’s headquarters by Friday, October 7.

BABC Accepting Nominations for the 2022 Presidential, Dorf, and Dorsey Awards

The Bar Association of Baltimore City is currently accepting nominations for the 2022 **Presidential, Paul A. Dorf ADR, and Charles H. Dorsey, Jr. Mentor Awards**. All nominations must be submitted to the BABC by **Monday, October 3**. Awards will be presented at the Past Presidents’ Luncheon, to be held on November 22, 2022 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Lord Baltimore Hotel. For more information, call 410-539-5936, or e-mail info@baltimorebar.org.

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. Application deadline is October 31, 2022. For more information, e-mail 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 items for the Annual Holiday Party’s Silent Auction. Items can include, but are not limited to gift baskets, certificates, concert tickets, hotel stays, and more. If you wish to make a monetary donation, you can do so by going to 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.

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invites you to its Annual

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SIGN UP FOR THE BABC/YLD MENTOR PROGRAM

Taking applications for Mentors and Mentees.





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 to discuss the practice of law. We suggest attending BABC & YLD functions together so mentors can assist mentees with growing their network. All participants must be registered members of the Bar Association of Baltimore City.

For more information, or to apply, visit
www.baltimorebar.org/young-lawyers-division/babcyld-mentorship-program/

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THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

THE PAUL A. DORF ADR
AWARD

&

THE CHARLES H. DORSEY, JR.
MENTOR AWARD

Awards to be presented at the Past Presidents’ Luncheon,
to be held on November 22, 2022
from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Lord Baltimore Hotel.

For more information on each award, to download and
complete nomination form(s), or a list of past award
recipients, go to www.baltimorebar.org/awards.

All nomination forms
are due by **October 3, 2022**



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invites all it's members to the

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

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Francis King Carey School of Law
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6:45-7:00 Awards Presentation
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September 20, 2022
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

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