



# CITY BAR REPORT

News from the Bar Association of Baltimore City

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## Collaboration, Education & Elevation - Hon. La Zette C. Ringgold-Kirksey, BABC President



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As I reflect upon the world we live in and my legal community, I find that some wonderful things can be accomplished when we collaborate with others. Music comes to mind as some of the greatest contributions to the art have come from uncommon collaborations such as “Walk This Way” by RUN-DMC and Aerosmith, “Ain’t No Mountain High

Enough by Marvin Gaye and Tammi Terrell, and “The Girl is Mine” by Michael Jackson and Paul McCartney. In the legal realm, many brilliant legal minds such as Alexander Hamilton, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, George Washington, James Madison and John Jay, came together to bring to life the Declaration of Independence and collaborated with others in springing forth The United States Constitution. This elaborate collaboration help construct and form the evolution of our society today.

It is my goal to continue the mission of this bar by collaborating, educating and

elevating. For example, in the fall we will have a Bench Bar Conference with our Baltimore County neighbors of The Baltimore County Bar Association. Throughout the entire year we will continue to network and make connections with the neighboring law students at University of Baltimore School of Law and University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law. BABC has supported and contributed to the professional experiences of many successful lawyers, judges, magistrates, and other legal political figures. As we collaborate with one another, we get to know more about each other on a

personal note and connect. We are then able to have meaningful discussions, inspire questions, foster new ideas, and help each other to elevate and reach our next level professionally. As the legal landscape continues to evolve through technology and legal analysis .... what should remain the same is the old school thought of good lawyering, civility and court decorum at its core. To do this, we must engage the professionally seasoned with the new and incoming rising stars. I am looking forward to what BABC will accomplish this year. I hope all will get involved, get activated, and bring in a new member to join in this endeavor.

## Strong Start, Big Year: YLD Orientation 2026 - Jacob Dorfman, Esq., YLD Chair



Jacob Dorfman, Esq. YLD Chair

Our YLD orientation meeting was a wonderful success and a great way to kick off the year. The meeting gave us an opportunity to get to know one another, share ideas, discuss our goals, and begin building the foundation for what I expect will be a fantastic year. I was incredibly encouraged by the energy in the room and by the genuine excitement everyone showed for serving our YLD community.

I am truly excited to work with

this year’s YLD family. We have an outstanding group of leaders, and I know that each person will bring unique ideas, talents, and perspectives to the table. I am grateful for their commitment and look forward to seeing what this YLD family will accomplish together this year. Please join me in welcoming the **2026–2027 BABC YLD Officers and Committee Leadership:**

- **YLD Chair:** Jacob Dorfman
- **YLD Chair-Elect:** Viola Woolums
- **YLD Secretary:** Steven Kappen
- **YLD Treasurer:** Stephen Craig
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- Spanos
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- **University of Maryland Liaison:** Marcos Lopez

This orientation was just the beginning, and I could not be more excited about the year ahead. Thank you to everyone who took time out of their summer to be there and to commit themselves to making the YLD stronger and more connected. I look forward to seeing what this incredible YLD family will do together this year!

# RAISE THE BAR BY ATTENDING BAR EVENTS

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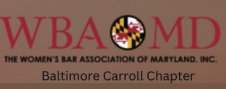
# JOINT BAR WELCOME BACK HAPPY HOUR

Thursday, September 10, 2026  
5:00 - 7:00 pm  
The Maryland Club  
1 East Eager Street, Baltimore

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September 18 at 8am  
Gallagher LLP  
650 S Exeter St Ste 1200,  
Baltimore, MD 21202

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## Bar Association of Baltimore City Annual Memorial Service

September 23 | 4 p.m.  
Ceremonial Courtroom 400  
Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr. Courthouse  
100 N. Calvert Street  
Baltimore, MD 21202

Join us as we celebrate and memorialize the lives of members of the Baltimore City bench and bar who passed away between January 1, 2025 and June 30, 2026.

Reception to follow  
This event is open to all who wish to attend.  
Register at [www.baltimorebar.org/ecalendar](https://www.baltimorebar.org/ecalendar)



# BABC ANNUAL CRAB FEAST



September 30  
6-8pm  
Baltimore Rowing & Water Resource Center  
3301 Waterview Ave,  
Baltimore, MD 21230

Members & non-members earlybird fee (through August 31) - \$90  
Regular fee (Starting September 1) - \$95  
Door fee - \$105  
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# RAVENS

## TAILGATE PARTY

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Get ready for the **Ravens vs. Titans** showdown by kicking off game day at our ANNUAL ultimate pre-game celebration! Enjoy complimentary food, drinks, & unbeatable energy!

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

10:00am – 1:00pm  
Lot H, M&T Bank Stadium

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME**  
**PLEASE BRING FRIENDS & FAMILY**

Tickets to the game not necessary to join the pre-game fun!

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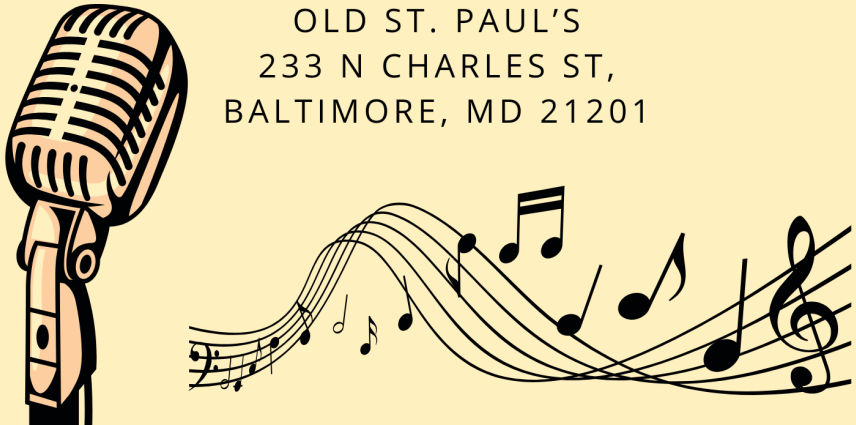
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## 12TH ANNUAL

# CABARET & CABERNET

OCTOBER 14, 2026  
OLD ST. PAUL'S  
233 N CHARLES ST,  
BALTIMORE, MD 21201



FEATURING MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF  
THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF BALTIMORE CITY



**Bench/Bar Conference**

## A MORE PERFECT UNION: The Bench and Bar at 250

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and  
Bar Association of Baltimore City

# SAVE THE DATE

Friday, October 16, 2026  
10:00am – 4:00pm  
CCBC Catonsville  
800 S Rolling Rd, Catonsville, MD 21228

**“Meet the Judges” Happy Hour to follow**  
4:00pm – 5:30pm

Registration & Details Available Soon

SAVE THE DATE!

SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER 24



## GREEN MOUNT CEMETERY TOUR

1501 GREENMOUNT AVENUE  
BALTIMORE, MD 21202

LED BY DEREK VAN DE WALLE,  
BABC HISTORICAL COMMITTEE CHAIR

