



CITY BAR REPORT

News from the Bar Association of Baltimore City

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Law Day for Seniors



Hon. Evelyn Lombardo Cusson, BABC President

On Saturday, April 25th, 2026 the Bar Association of Baltimore City and Senior Legal Services will host the 33rd annual Law Day for Seniors.

Law Day features a full day of valuable legal information, resources, and community connection. Experts will offer substantive presentations on preventing tax sale, bankruptcy, foreclosure prevention, estate planning basics, Medicaid and Social Security benefits, estate administration, and resources for identifying and reporting abuse, neglect and exploitation of older adults, and financial fraud schemes

targeting older adults. The program also features a popular question and answer session with attorneys on topics including planning, benefits, housing, and consumer protection.

Senior Legal Services Director Nicholas Pycha and I, along with Debby Chenoweth, with the Baltimore County Police Department, will reprise our program on prevalent scams, to include investment scams, tech support scams, romance and imposter schemes, and will also share strategies for safeguarding your personal information. Fraudsters continue to leverage technology including social media, and the program aims to arm participants with the tools to spot and avoid financial fraud schemes.

Vendors specializing in legal services, financial planning, geriatric care, community service organizations, Adult Protective Services, and local

offices on aging will be present on site with representatives to provide resources and answer questions. In addition, service providers from Baltimore City including Baltimore City 311, Baltimore City Community Action Partnership, the Eating Together Program for Baltimore City, and the Register of Wills will have points of contact and share information at the program.

Maryland State Delegate Elizabeth Embry is the keynote speaker and will give welcoming remarks. Breakfast and lunch sponsored by Meals on Wheels will also be served.

Kudos to Senior Legal Services Director Nicholas Pycha and BABC Elected Member Viola Woolums, who were interviewed on WJZ to raise awareness of issues affecting older adults and resources available at Law Day.

Law Day will take place at the Middle Branch Fitness & Wellness Center, located at 201 Reedbird Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21225. Admission is free and free onsite parking is available. Doors open at 8:00 a.m.

Please register with Senior Legal Services at (410) 369-1322 or email slsinfo@baltimorebar.org. Volunteers are needed to usher visitors between presentations, assist with set up and clean up, hand out lunches, check in attendees, and introduce

presenters and panelists. To volunteer, please contact Nicholas Pycha at npycha@baltimorebar.org.

I hope you will consider supporting Senior Legal Services and the Bar Association of Baltimore City at what is sure to be an informative and inspiring day.

Service, Fellowship, and Learning this Spring



Derek Van De Walle, YLD Chair

The Young Lawyers' Division continues to make good on the profession's highest callings this spring: service to the community, cultivation of collegiality, and investment in legal education and mentorship.

To serve our immigrant community during a time of heightened immigration

concerns and uncertainty for many families, our members will partner with Catholic Charities and the Esperanza Center on April 18 for a Naturalization Consultation Volunteer Event.

There is no substitute for hearing directly from those who sit on the bench. Accordingly, on April 20, we will gather for Tips on Tap, where members of our District Court bench will share practical insights on both civil and criminal practice. Then, on April 21, we shift from the courtroom to the canvas with a YLD Paint Night.

Looking ahead, on May 14, the YLD Spring Social will bring us together to

celebrate and recognize those young lawyers who have gone above and beyond in service to the profession and the community. Members should also take a moment to consider whether there is a deserving colleague whose work ought not go unnoticed by submitting a nomination for one of the YLD's spring awards: Rising Star, Public Service, or Sustained Leadership. Nominations can be submitted on the awards tab of the BABC website.

On May 20, we turn our attention forward with Leading the Bar: Mentorship, Leadership, and the Next Generation of Bar Leaders. If the future

of the bar is in good hands, it is because members of this profession took the time to place it there.

And on June 24, we round things out with the YLD Ice Cream Social. This is an open invitation to young lawyers, including summer associates, interns, and law clerks, to join the fold.

Overall, the YLD continues to advance its core mission through service to the community, meaningful professional engagement, and investment in legal education and mentorship.

RAISE THE BAR BY ATTENDING BAR EVENTS

Find and register for events at www.baltimorebar.org/ecalendar





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GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC INTEREST COMMITTEE
CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO THE

19TH ANNUAL
GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC INTEREST
LAWYERS' RECEPTION

TUESDAY, MAY 7, 2026

SPEAKER:

MARYLAND ATTORNEY GENERAL
ANTHONY G. BROWN

AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT WITH FELLOW
PROFESSIONALS DEDICATED TO PUBLIC SERVICE AND LEGAL ADVOCACY.

5:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.
MARYLAND LEGAL AID
500 E. LEXINGTON ST BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21202

WINE AND HORS D'OEUVRES WILL BE SERVED

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THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF BALTIMORE CITY,
CIRCUIT COURT FOR BALTIMORE CITY,
AND BALTIMORE COURTHOUSE AND LAW MUSEUM FOUNDATION

Tuesday, May 12, 2026
4:00 p.m.

TOUR OF THE MUSEUM OF BALTIMORE LEGAL HISTORY
Clarence M. Mitchell Jr. Courthouse, Room 243
Baltimore, Maryland



2026 TERM OF COURT CEREMONY
AND STATED MEETING
4:30 p.m.
Clarence M. Mitchell, Jr. Courthouse
Ceremonial Courtroom 400

Program
Presentation of Colors
Baltimore City Sheriff's Office

Greetings
The Honorable Audrey J.S. Carrión
Administrative Judge of the Circuit Court

Remarks
The Honorable Evelyn Lombardo Cusson
President, Bar Association of Baltimore City

Remarks
Diane C. Bristow, Esq.
President, Baltimore Courthouse and Law Museum Foundation, Inc.
Recognition of the Docents

Introduction of New Members of the Bar Association of Baltimore City
Divya Yost Potdar Esq.
Membership Chair, Bar Association of Baltimore City,

State of the Court Report
Introduction of Circuit Court Law Clerks
Administrative and Chief Judge Audrey J.S. Carrión

Meet the Judges of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City Reception
Kaplan Court on the 2nd Floor

Admission is free. Advanced registration required.
Register: www.baltimorebar.org/calendar
For more information contact Natalie Foster at nfoster@baltimorebar.org.

BALTIMORE BAR FOUNDATION

GOLF OUTING

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2026
EAGLE'S NEST COUNTRY CLUB
12301 STONE HILL RD PHOENIX, MD 21131



\$200/PLAYER

REGISTRATION - 11 A.M.
SHOTGUN START - 1 P.M.

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THE BAR ASSOCIATION OF BALTIMORE CITY WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS WHO HAVE JOINED FROM MARCH 1-31, 2026

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BALTIMORE BAR FOUNDATION SPRING GRANT CYCLE ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS NOW

DUE DATE: May 31, 2026

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:

- the improvement of the administration of justice
- the provision of legal services through staff attorneys or unpaid volunteers to persons who find it difficult to obtain legal services through normal channels
- the education of the general public, including primary and secondary school students, regarding law and the legal system
- 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.

**For applications go to the Baltimore Bar Foundation
at www.baltimorebar.org, or e-mail nfoster@baltimorebar.org.**

BABC End of Year President's Reception



Welcoming Executive Director Natalie Foster
and celebrating President Evelyn Lombardo Cusson
and the 2025-2026 Executive Council for their
outstanding year of service to the BABC



JUNE
FRIDAY **26** 2026
5-7:30 PM

Guilford Hall Brewery
1611 Guilford Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202

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