



CITY BAR REPORT

News from the Bar Association of Baltimore City

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“So long, Farewell”



Hon. Evelyn Lombardo Cusson, BABC President

As the saying goes, time flies when you’re having fun – and working with our amazing members and professional staff. I would like to highlight some of the work of the Executive Council and Committees over the past twelve months. You organized and attended twenty-eight CLEs on topics spanning trial practice, mindfulness, depositions, appellate procedure, Artificial Intelligence, dog bite cases, developments in family

law, co-parenting, neurodivergence, the Appointments Clause, and ethics. You engaged with the association and its members at eighteen networking events including many events featuring members of the District, Circuit, and Appellate Courts. You volunteered at the first ever estate planning clinic with Senior Legal Services and Johns Hopkins University. You served nearly 200 older adults at Law Day for Seniors. You reinvigorated our mentorship program with the Young Lawyers’ Division. All the while you worked seamlessly with our new Executive Director Natalie Foster. At last year’s annual meeting, Judge Battaglia remarked that bar association membership is self-care. Through the BABC, I’ve made wonderful friendships,

had opportunities to learn outside of my specific practice, and found ways to be of service. I hope that you find acceptance here, build relationships, discover new areas for learning, and are of service in a way that gives meaning and purpose. As I finish this chapter, I am fortunate to be continuing as the steward of our mentorship program which endeavors to pair new and more experienced lawyers with similar interests and practice areas and provides special emphasis on how to become a leader of the BABC. I hope you will consider participating as a mentor or mentee. You can express interest by checking the box when you renew your membership. Finally, we are very fortunate to have Judge La Zette Ringgold-Kirksey

as our new President. Judge Ringgold-Kirksey’s strong work ethic, thoughtful temperament, and perseverance will serve our members well, along with the incredibly talented and hard-working Executive Council and Young Lawyers’ Division led by Jacob Dorfman. The bar year is not over quite yet. I hope to see you at our programs this month. SLS hosts a second estate planning clinic with Johns Hopkins University, the YLD ice cream social is a treat, and at the end of the month we celebrate the Executive Council and welcome Natalie Foster at our end of year reception. As always, I am grateful to you.

Reflecting on a Year of Service and Community



Derek Van De Walle, YLD Chair

As the bar year comes to a close, I want to reflect on all the Young Lawyers’ Division has accomplished and, more importantly, what those accomplishments say about the future of our local bar. The YLD was everywhere it should be this year. We were at the University of Baltimore and University of Maryland law student activities fairs to meet and welcome students into the broader legal community, while increasing the visibility of the Bar Association of

Baltimore City. We hosted our annual Mix & Mingle to bring new and familiar members together. We gathered for wine tasting, a cocktail-making class, Yappy Hour, Paint Night, our Spring Social, and other events that brought members together in a more relaxed setting. We also continued the important work of helping young lawyers grow in the profession. Through our mentorship program, newer attorneys had the opportunity to connect with more experienced lawyers and judges. Through CLEs like Breakfast with the Bench and Tips on Tap, we created spaces for practical learning and candid advice. Just as importantly, the YLD remained committed to serving the community. We collected food for Baltimore City students. We staffed a naturalization clinic. And, of course, we continued

one of our longest and most meaningful traditions: the annual holiday party for children living in shelters. These efforts reflect the best of the YLD. I am proud not only of the programs themselves, but of the people who made them possible. None of this happens by accident; it happens because young lawyers volunteer their time after long workdays, plan events between hearings and deadlines, show up to events, invite others in, and believe that this profession is better when we build it together. That gives me the most hope for the future. The next generation of Baltimore lawyers is talented, generous, creative, and deeply committed to this City and the legal profession. They understand that our work includes mentorship, collegiality, and service, and that building institutions for the future matters.

It has been a privilege to be part of this year with the YLD. I am grateful to everyone who planned an event, attended a program, mentored a young lawyer, donated to a service project, welcomed a law student, or simply showed up. Each act, large or small, helped strengthen our bar and our City. The work of the YLD will continue, as it always has, because there will always be new lawyers to welcome, new leaders to encourage, and new ways to serve Baltimore City. I am confident that the future of the YLD is bright because of the community we continue to build together. Thank you for making this year meaningful. I look forward to seeing what the YLD does next.

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BAR ASSOCIATION OF BALTIMORE CITY'S
YOUNG LAWYERS' DIVISION PRESENTS:

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

BEN & JERRY'S
2450 RYE ST SUITE 105,
BALTIMORE, MD 21230

WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 24, 2026
5:30-7PM

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FREE TO ALL ATTENDEES!
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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



Hon. Evelyn Lombardo Cusson,
President

Natalie Foster,
Executive Director

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

Guilford Hall Brewery
1611 Guilford Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21202

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This event is free to 50 participants and will have a cash bar

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SENIOR ESTATE PLANNING CLINIC – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Baltimore City seniors age **60+** are invited to the **Turner Concourse** (720 Rutland Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21205) at **Johns Hopkins University** on **Saturday June 20** from **11 a.m. – 4 p.m.** for a day of free legal services

Volunteers needed to help clients with:

- Crafting a **will** to allow next of kin to handle passing smoothly
- Organizing an **advance medical directive file** which tells healthcare providers what end of life medical treatment is best for clients
- Creating a **Financial Power of Attorney** document to name a financial agent to make decisions if clients are not able to make them on their own

Volunteers of all experience levels are welcome! Comprehensive training will be provided prior to the start of the clinic, and support staff will be available to assist throughout the event.

Questions? Interested in volunteering? Contact Nicholas Pycha at npycha@baltimorebar.org or 410-396-1322.

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JOINT BAR WELCOME BACK HAPPY HOUR

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 2026
5-7PM



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1 EAST EAGER ST.
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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





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
Register at www.baltimorebar.org/ecalendar