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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BY JENNIFER S. FAIRFAX



I hope you are having an enjoyable summer and finding time to do things you love now that the weather is warmer, and you can be outside. I know I am!

One of the challenges I have come to appreciate in preparing a monthly newsletter for our membership that it is best for me to start writing it two months before it is published! Accordingly, I began drafting this article in May, which is National Mental Health Awareness month. I

wanted to spotlight this topic as it is important that we talk about mental health issues, validate those suffering, open a dialogue and create a pathway for those who need support.

But before doing so, I want to thank all the specialty bars for collaborating with our Association to convene the first annual Family Fun Day on June 3. It was beautiful weather at Lake Needwood, and attorneys brought their spouses, kids, dogs, and a new puppy. There was Italian ice, face painting, pedal boats, a photo booth, pizza, desserts for all to enjoy, truly a wonderful day with games and great conversation. I am hopeful this becomes an annual event where we can all bring our families and get to know each other in a warm and welcoming setting.

I also had the privilege of attending the Summer Scholars welcome reception on June 1 at the courthouse and met many future attorneys from a variety of law schools. What an impressive and diverse group of emerging legal professionals. The law firms that have participated in this program have greatly benefited from their involvement, and I hope more chose to join in the future.

Now back to the focus of this newsletter! Mental health is a fundamental aspect of our overall health and quality of life, yet it has too often been overlooked and stigmatized. Mental illnesses, such as depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, and schizophrenia, are common and can affect anyone, regardless of age, gender, education, profession, or background. In recent years, thankfully, the importance of mental health awareness has gained significant recognition.

One of the biggest barriers to addressing mental health challenges is the persistent stigma attached to them. Misconceptions and prejudices contribute to the shame and discrimination individuals with mental health conditions often experience, which in turn prevents people from seeking help. I am hopeful that by being more vocal and exposing the prevalence and impact of mental health issues in our own lives, we will create more opportunities for compassion, empathy, and care for those who are struggling.

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RESPONDING TO THE COURT'S REQUEST FOR CASE STATUS

Due to the Court's backlog, it is imperative for the court to obtain an accurate assessment of the status of your case prior to trial. Surprisingly, emails from chambers or court staff have gone unanswered. Please respond as soon as possible to any emails received.

You will receive an email from Family Division Services at mccfamilycasestatus@mdcourts.gov or the Civil/Criminal Case Managers (Nicole Pulliam - nicole.pulliam@mdcourts.gov and Annalese Bell annalese.bell@mdcourts.gov) approximately three weeks prior to your scheduled trial. Thereafter, you may receive emails from the chambers of the assigned judge. You must respond to these emails to advise as to the posture of your case and provide the information requested.

Please note the following changes in judicial rotations:

JUDGE ROTATION – July 5, 2023, THROUGH July 8, 2024

ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE:
Judge Bonifant

FAMILY CALENDAR ROTATION:

Judge Acosta replaces Judge Chernosky

Judge Boynton's Replacement replaces Judge Cho

Judge Fogelman replaces Judge Dumais

Judge Hessler replaces Judge Ryon

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Judge McCullough remains in Family Rotation

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Judge Dwyer replaces Judge Hessler

Judge McGuckian replaces Judge McAuliffe

Judge Storm replaces Judge Smith

Judge McCally remains in criminal rotation

JUVENILE ROTATION:

Judge Dumais: Delinquent/Juvenile Duty – Replaced Judge Acosta

BOND REVIEW HEARINGS

Due to scheduling and staffing concerns with the jail and Pre-Trial Services Unit (PTSU), bond review hearings for incarcerated defendants have been decreased from 6 to 4 hearings per week. Bond review hearings (incarcerated Defendants only) will continue to occur on Friday's at 11:30 AM. The hearing date will not be cleared with the parties. The Court will send out hearing notices to the parties once a date is scheduled. Bond Review Motions filed by a Defendant who is not incarcerated will continue to be heard on Thursday and Friday

at 9:30 AM on the Criminal Motions docket.

INTERPRETER REQUEST

The need for Court interpreters is on the rise. This includes the Court's staff interpreters and contract interpreters. Attorneys must notify the Court when they know an interpreter is needed. It is equally important that attorneys notify the Court when there is no longer a need for an interpreter.

If an interpreter is needed for a scheduled Court hearing and/or trial, please complete and submit a Request-for-Interpreter form (CC-DC-041) as soon as possible. Requests for interpreters should be submitted to the Court no less than thirty (30) days before the proceeding for which the interpreter is needed. The sooner the Court is aware that an interpreter is needed, the Court will be in a better position to accommodate the request and avoid a possible postponement.

Additionally, notify the Court at once when you learn an interpreter is no longer needed. Staff interpreters are often needed for more than one hearing occurring at the same time. The Court needs to avoid the expense of contract interpreters who are compensated when they report whether they are needed, or not.

Interpreters provide a valuable and needed service to the Court. Their work is demanding and too often overlooked by those who rely upon their assistance. Please keep the Court informed of the need for an interpreter and when they are no longer needed. More im-

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Speaking of which, our profession is certainly not immune from mental health challenges and can contribute to our own stress and anxiety as we must stay up to date with changing laws, new cases, and regulations – both in the general practice but also in areas of specialty. Our jobs are very demanding; it takes a tremendous amount of mental energy to work long hours, prepare legal documents, try cases (for our litigators), communicate with each other, and fulfill our social commitments, not to mention balancing all of this with our personal lives! Frankly, it can be overwhelming. In fact, a recent study in the journal *Healthcare* found that lawyers are twice as likely to have suicidal thoughts than other working adults. The research found that high levels of work overcommitment, perceived stress and loneliness were all significantly associated with an increased risk of mental health issues. We are fortunate that our Bar Association has a Lawyer Assistance Committee (aka Lawyer to Lawyer) to help if you are struggling, led by William Hewitt, Jr., Esquire (billhewittjr@verizon.com) and Alisha Jacobson, Esquire (alisha@jacobsesnattorney.com). If you or an attorney you know is overwhelmed or dealing with stress, anxiety, family issues and/or addiction, you can contact either of them for confidential assistance. I also encourage you to reach out to a licensed therapist for support. Remember, you are not alone.

Sometimes I believe that sharing our own lived experiences with others helps to destigmatize and normalize what too often gets pushed under the carpet. Accordingly, I want to share a family story and welcome you to talk with me openly regarding your own experiences with mental illness. Our daughter was 15 when they began having difficulty in social settings. Within a few months, we were able to

CLERK'S CORNER

Karen A. Bushell, Clerk of the Circuit Court

I hope that you are enjoying your Summer and beginning to enjoy the harvest from your vegetable gardens. That is one of the best parts of the Summer, reaping the benefits of all the work you have put into your garden in the Spring and early Summer. Enjoy it while you can.

For this edition I have a few bits of information that will help processes run smoothly for attorneys, their staff, and the Clerk's staff. Court staff have recently seen attorneys adding new defendants to their File & Serve envelopes when there is already a defendant on a criminal case. This causes delays in processing the envelopes. There can only be one defendant on each criminal case.

Court staff cannot remove Service Contacts from a case in File & Serve. Please follow these instructions on how to do that, for instance, if a staff member leaves your office.

Remove a Service Contact:

1. Click on the orange "Actions" button at the top right of the screen.
2. Click on "File Into An Existing Case".
3. Select the location your case is in.
4. Enter your case number.
5. Click "Search".
6. Click on the black "Actions" button.
7. Click on "View Service Contacts".
8. Find the service contact you want to remove.
9. Click on the corresponding black "Actions" button and click on "Remove Contact".

Note: If there is no Actions button to the right of the contact, this means you did not add the contact and you will be unable to remove it. In this situation, you will need to contact JIS for further guidance.

One last item that I would like to share is that attorneys must update any changes in their name or other identifying information, such as address, email, and attorney numbers by completing the MDEC Address Change Form and emailing the completed form to mdecourts@service-now.com for processing. The Clerk's Office is unable to accept a Line to change this information. This is especially important for attorneys specially admitted on cases who later become fully licensed to practice in the State of Maryland.

If you have any topic that you would like me to cover in a future article, please let me know. My door is always open, and I would love to hear from you. My direct line is 240-777-9464 and my email is karen.bushell@mdecourts.gov.

get help and determine that they had generalized anxiety disorder. (This happens to be the same disorder that Carson Daly recently disclosed he has in his ongoing effort to manage his own mental health.) It was a shocking revelation as there had been no apparent signs; they were then (and remain now) a straight A student and an incredibly accomplished ballerina. However, they were suffering, and as parents, we were initially lost. Through a combination of interventions, we all learned to listen and to talk openly about mental health issues. I learned to empower my daughter to work with professionals to understand the diagnosis and

how they could treat it. And I watched my daughter work through their struggling to eventually take control of their mental illness and take control of their life. Nearly eight years since their original diagnosis, they remain vigilant about both their mental and physical health because we chose to engage in a process that showed no shame; and we openly discussed mental health with family, friends, and teachers. As much as we wish our daughter did not have mental health challenges—a lifelong journey—we are not ashamed (in the least). Rather, we are incredibly proud of their decision to embrace their diagnosis, to talk about it freely and

to encourage me to share our story. It has changed our lives in positive ways and opened our eyes to the pervasive need to help destigmatize and normalize mental health issues.

I hope sharing my personal experience will empower others to do the same. We are all touched by mental health challenges and only by embracing and naming it can we ever hope to move the dial. I also hope that any of us struggling will know we have a compassionate, supportive, and inclusive association poised to be of help to one another.

Stay connected, stay informed, and above all, take care of yourselves.

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 portantly, take a moment and thank the interpreters for their help when you get a chance.

RESTRICTED INFORMATION IN COURT FILINGS

It has come to the Court's attention that personal identifying information such as social security numbers, medical reports, financial statements/information, etc. are being submitted through File & Serve and placed in the Court file without a completed Notice Regarding Restricted Information form (MDJ-008). Please remember that if a submission contains restricted information pursuant to MD Rule 20-201.1, it shall be accompanied by a completed Notice Regarding Restricted Information form (MDJ-008). This will help the Clerk of the Court identify which document submission is restricted, confidential, and whether the filing is subject to public inspection.

FAMILY MEDIATION

If you believe that your case may benefit from facilitation or mediation services at any point during its pendency, please call Anne Hurwitz at 240-777-9076 or Marianne Hendrik at 240-777-9343.

Please Note

Please check the Circuit Court website for up-to-date information on the status of court operations. www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cct/

DISTRICT COURT NOTES

**Sherri D. Koch,
 Administrative Judge**

I hope that everyone is having an enjoyable and relaxing summer. I also hope you were able to take some time off to rejuvenate. We have some exciting news coming. Our DUI Treatment Court application was submitted to the Supreme Court of Maryland for approval. I hope that my next newsletter will have an official announcement.

July 1 has passed so please remember that many new laws are now in effect. I would encourage you to review the laws regarding proof of rental licensure and the changes in the cannabis laws.

Beginning Monday, September 11, 2023, there will be a change in the docket structure. Rockville Courtroom 411 and Silver Spring Courtroom 401 will become Traffic courtrooms. They are currently criminal courtrooms. We are currently caught up on criminal cases but still have a backlog on incarcerable traffic cases. Adding these two traffic dockets allows us to work through the backlog.

There has been an increase in requests for HG §8-505 evaluations. Although this is not generally a district court practice, we do entertain them. There are a number of forms which must be submitted at the time the §8-505 evaluation is ordered: the Consent to Treatment Form (Form #CC-DC-CR-109 (rev. 07/2021)) and the Consent to Disclose protected Health Information form (Form #CC-DC-CR-110 (rev. 09/2014)). Both forms can be found on the Maryland Courts website.

As I indicated in my last newsletter, we are currently working through our 3-507 dismissals so you should expect to see an increase in those. If you know you have one pending and plan on requesting a reissue, please do so. Many of you are filing motions to vacate these dismissals. Please be prepared for a denial in these motions if there is no evidence that there have been diligent efforts to prosecute the case. We have made great progress on these. A large number of the cases we have left are older cases.

As a reminder, computer use is not allowed in the courtrooms other than the well at counsel table for trial. I have also received many questions about our internet access. The judiciary is rolling out better internet access throughout the jurisdictions and Montgomery County will be soon.



What One Improvement In Your Practice Would Make It Better, Increase Your Income or Reduce Your Stress?

September is coming. Now is the perfect time to make a significant strategic improvement in your practice. It's a time when smart lawyers plan a change that will benefit their practices in the long run.

You could simply go back to work after Labor Day and take a one-day-at-a-time approach where you tend to the cases that need action and put out fires as they come up. It's easier.

Attorneys who think strategically, though, whether they are solos or work at small, medium or large firms, use the period between September and December to implement a change that will help their practice.

When I brainstorm with attorneys who want to make a change, we develop a strategy with specific, practical steps that have been proven to result in effective change. Then, we course correct when necessary. Where we start: we think beyond the day-to-day work to identify the strategic outcome the attorney wants.

Examples of the outcomes our attorneys want are increasing income by setting and achieving daily billable hour goals, getting more clients, growing staff, reducing stress, handling difficult clients better, or changing billing practices to reduce or eliminate overdue balances in the practice.

What is the strategic change you want to make to improve your practice?

When filing motions to continue in civil cases, please put available dates for trial in your motions. Preferably these will be dates you have cleared with opposing counsel so that cases can be resolved as soon as possible. Any motion that does not include possible trial dates will be denied. All motions to continue should be filed as soon as counsel becomes aware of a conflict.

There are many requests for remote hearings that either do not have a reason or do not fall into the Judiciary guidelines for a remote hearing. Each one

of these motions is decided on a case-by-case basis. Any information that you think the court should consider should be in the motions. A reminder that all court filings must be done through MDEC and all motions must include an order.

Every month is a District Court Bench Bar meeting. It is on Zoom, and all are welcome to attend. It is the best way to get updates from the judges and clerk's office and ask those questions you have been waiting to ask. We will resume these meetings in August and they are on the
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CIRCUIT COURT LAW LIBRARY

Sue Wagner, Morning Law Librarian

New Psychiatric and Psychological Resources in the Law Library



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Psychiatric and psychological issues are a factor in many legal interactions including criminal cases, estate planning, guardianship, and custody matters. The Law Library has recently added some new titles from the American Psychiatric Association to aid in contextualizing these issues and understanding current research.

Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (2022)

First, the familiar and important reference work, the DSM. The most current version is the DSM V-TR which was released in 2022 and contains text revisions to the 2013 DSM V. The DSM is the authoritative classification of mental health diagnoses and is used by many including clinicians, researchers, and insurance companies.

Behavioral and Psychological Symptoms of Dementia by Art Walaszek (2020)

Due to the lack of geriatric specialists in many areas of the

country, this book is meant to be a guide for the general primary care physician and describes the range of behavioral and psychological symptoms of dementia, its diagnosis and treatment options. It also covers important legal and ethical concerns related to dementia patients including reporting elder abuse, creating advance directives and power of attorney arrangements, safety planning, and caregiver support.

Black Mental Health Patients, Providers, and Systems edited by Ezra E.H. Griffith, M.D, et al. (2019)

This book describes the challenges of integrated approaches to mental health care to and by nondominant groups. Specifically, it includes the accounts of five senior black psychiatrists who navigated racism and discrimination in their academic and professional careers. It also describes the complexities and inequities of accessing mental health care among various subsets of the African American population and describes methods for improving access to effective treatment. The education and training of black mental health providers, particularly in psychiatry, and the expansion of research that relates to the care of the black population are also analyzed.

Tipping the Scales: Ethical and Legal Dilemmas in Managing Severe Eating Disorders by Patricia Westmoreland (2021)

This book highlights the medical and ethical challenges of treating patients with severe eating disorders (“EDs”), which require both a mental health and a medical treatment plan and have a very high mortality rate. A great deal of progress has been made in the treatment of EDs in recent years; however this book examines the resulting legal and ethical considerations, particularly when patients resist treatment and are subject to repeated involuntary hospitalizations.

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Know My Name by Chanel Miller

Better the Blood by Michael Bennett

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Passwords May be Extinct Sooner Than You Think

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Lawyers Hate Passwords

Lawyers have hated passwords since passwords first made their appearance. They resisted having them until their employer (or cyberinsurance company) compelled them. Then they constructed simple, too short passwords – 123456 and the like – easy to guess or crack. They used the names of their pets, their children, their favorite sports teams, etc. They set themselves up for failure at every point.

They left post-it notes on their monitors, under keyboards and in their desk drawers. They reused their passwords all over the internet. They shared their passwords with colleagues at their law firms. Even those who agreed, after much gnashing of teeth, to use a password manager, hated them – and they still reused and shared passwords.

The misery of data breaches is also a compelling argument to get rid of passwords. According to Verizon's 2022 Data Breach Investigations Report, 61% of all breaches were traced to compromised credentials. Combine that statistic with IBM's estimate that the average cost of a successful phishing attack was about \$4.9 million in 2022 and bad news for your firm is just over the horizon.

Along Came AI to Make Cracking Passwords Easier

At this point, AI can crack the majority of passwords in under a minute. Seven letter passwords can be cracked in under six minutes despite having numbers, upper and lowercase letters, and symbols. If you are still using passwords in your law firm, you should have passwords with at least 15 characters and make mandatory the use of lower and upper-case letters, numbers and symbols.

Security fatigue is real – and, in

the era of mandated two-factor authentication, worsening. But wait – there is a growing movement to ditch passwords forever.

Going Passwordless

We aren't going passwordless overnight, but it is on the horizon and lawyers should be embracing it. Quite a stir occurred in May 2023 when Google began allowing you to log into Google websites using passkeys.

It has been a long time coming, but Apple, Microsoft, Google and others have been working toward going passwordless using passkeys instead of passwords. Passkeys typically use biometrics – fingerprints or facial recognition being the most common.

There was already passkey support by Google for its Android phone and Chrome browser, but Google websites have been added. Not convinced? No problem. In a very smart move, Google made its passkeys work but retained your ability to use other login methods so you can take a test drive and reassure yourself that this new technology is great – which it is.

Ultimately, you will see passwords disappear as more systems support passkeys. Not all at once, but when enough folks have seen how easy it is to use passkeys, and understand the monumental increase in security, the days of passwords will be numbered.

Law Firms are Warming to Passwordless

Law firms have begun to feel comfortable with the cryptographic standards that underlie passkeys. Law firms are bedeviled by data breaches, notably those pesky phishing emails/texts that try to get you to share your credentials or other confidential information.

Firms are especially delighted

that some password managers (like Dashlane) can store passkeys – Dashlane even allows you to log in with a passkey instead of a password- Huzzah! Other password managers are following suit.

Another boon is that passkeys are pretty easy to understand. Your phone or your laptop creates a private and unique cryptographic key which is tied to the device. In the case of Google, your account will issue a "digital challenge" that the passkey can sign, unlocking access. Then you only need a fingerprint scan or screenlock PIN to make sure it is you that's logging in. A point to note is that the passkey stays on the device and is not transmitted as part of the authentication process. In other words, it is not sent to Google.

Let's try another way of thinking about passkeys. You sign into your device just as you always did, using a PIN or biometrics (facial or fingerprint recognition). You set your accounts to trust your computer or phone. This is what makes it so safe. A cybercriminal would have to physically possess your device AND have a way to sign into it.

What if you lose your phone? Good question. Your passkey can be stored securely in the cloud with your phone's other data, which (no doubt you've guessed it) can be restored to a new phone.

Bad guys are outwitted and the good guys have a simpler means of secure access. Now that's a win-win for the lawyer and law firm.

Final Words:

There's a reason why you can go to Amazon and buy a tee shirt that says "I f***ing hate passwords."

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On behalf of the Administrative Law Section, we would like to thank you for your support in making this past year a success. We hope you will continue to participate in the section's programs in the upcoming year. Next season, the section will be offering social events and CLEs on MVA and involuntary civil commitment hearings. Below, please find the schedule for next season's programs:

8/2/2023	Regular Meeting
9/6/2023	Regular Meeting
10/4/2023	MVA CLE Class
11/1/2023	Regular Meeting
12/6/2023	Regular Meeting
1/3/2024	Regular Meeting
2/7/2024	IVA CLE Class
3/6/2024	Regular Meeting
4/3/2024	Regular Meeting
5/1/2024	(Law Day Month) Regular Meeting

As always, the meetings will take place virtually on Zoom at 5:30 PM.

Please mark your calendars for the retirement party of our very own **Reginald W. Bours, III**, a regular contributor to the section's programming, on **Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 5:30 PM at World of Beer** in downtown Rockville. By his own count, he will have been in practice for 54 years, 7 months, and 23 days by the time of his retirement party. Regi is loved by many in the community and will surely be missed in the District Court. Please join the section as we send him off on his anticipated retirement.

If you have any ideas for interesting speakers or trainings, please contact us at john.henderson@maryland.gov or jpourkarim@hprplaw.org. We would love to hear from you with your ideas and requests for useful trainings/sessions. Our section is growing,

and we pride ourselves in our diversity and inclusion. Please encourage your friends to join.

CIRCUIT COURT BENCH BAR COMMITTEE

Heather Collier, Co-Chair
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MEETING DATES

Sept. 6, 2023	Feb. 7, 2024
Oct. 4, 2023	Mar. 6, 2024
Nov. 1, 2023	Apr. 3, 2024
Dec. 6, 2023	May 1, 2024
Jan. 3, 2024	June 5, 2024

Meetings are held at 8a.m. on the 1st Wednesday of the month. The location (in-person vs. Zoom) of meetings will be determined in advance of each meeting date and circulated to the Committee on the listserv.

Our last meeting took place on June 7, 2023, in the Judicial Conference Room 3240. Attendance is not limited to Committee members. All attorneys in good standing are welcome and en-

couraged to attend the Bench Bar Committee meetings. If you are not on the Committee, please contact either of us for the location of the specific meeting you wish to attend.

Court Status

The Court is working diligently to clear the backlog of cases. Please carefully monitor the court's website and email blasts to the Bar Association from the Court and Judge Bonifant, particularly in criminal and family law matters, as the Court is implementing several policies and procedures to prioritize the settlement and/or adjudication of matters set on these dockets.

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If you have questions or concerns to bring to our attention, please contact us at:

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- Megan: (301) 656-1177 or mrosan@bulmandunie.com

CRIMINAL LAW SECTION

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The Criminal Law Section is planning a busy schedule this coming year! Starting in September, we will have an **Appellate Update from the 2022-2023 Term** by **Judge Rosalyn Tang** of the Appellate Court of Maryland and **Judge Johnson** of the Circuit Court, followed by a **Happy Hour** (exact date to be confirmed shortly). On **October 25, 2023**, the Criminal Law section along with the Legal Ethics Section will offer a **joint training with special guests on the Top 3 Ethical Considerations for Prosecutors and Defense Attorneys**. A training all criminal law practitioners should attend!

DISTRICT COURT BENCH BAR COMMITTEE

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MEETING DATES

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| Aug. 16, 2023 | Feb. 21, 2024 |
| Sept. 20, 2023 | Mar. 20, 2024 |
| Oct. 18, 2023 | Apr. 17, 2024 |
| Nov. 29, 2023 | May 15, 2024 |

Dec. 20, 2023 June 19, 2024
Jan. 17, 2024
Meetings will be held at 8:00 a.m. on the 4th Wednesday of the month via Zoom.

FAMILY LAW SECTION

Morgan Appel, Co-Chair
Bianca Pinnock, Co-Chair

We hope you all are enjoying the summer weather! We, as your Family Law Section Co-chairs, want to hear from you about how we can support you and your practice of family law. We encourage you to contact us, and we will share comments with your permission and do our best to accommodate your requests. Please address all comments, questions, or concerns to either of us at:

- appel@mhwfamilylawyers.com
- bpinnock@shulmanrogers.com

All Family Law Section meetings are approximately 1 hour long and will take place at 5:30 p.m., unless otherwise noted. All meetings will take place via Zoom until further notice.

2023 Section Meeting Dates

- **Thursday, September 21, 2023, at 5:30 pm.**
- **Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 5:00 pm.** Annual Magistrates' Roundtable.
- **Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 5:30 pm.**
- **Thursday, December 21, 2023, at 5:30 pm.**

CLE's

The Family Law Section's CLE Chair, John Weaver, is working on family law CLEs for the upcoming year.

September/October Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS) and asylum law. Kids in Need of Defense (KIND) 2-hour presentation and training on how Montgomery County attorneys can provide pro bono representation for vulnerable immigrant children.

October 18, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Guardianships: From Basics to Fine Points

Location: IN-PERSON, BAMC CLE Classroom (Joint Program with CLE Committee)

Description: This presentation will cover the basics of filing for guardianship of an alleged disabled person and will go into more advanced topics. It will address the differences between guardianship of a person and guardianship of property, qualifications of a proposed guardian, and third-party custody versus guardianship of a minor.

Panelists: Hon. Patrick L. Woodward, Ret., former Chief Judge, Court of Special Appeals, E. Angela Yoo, Specialty Case Manager, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Emily Russell, Partner, McCabe Russell, P.A., and Moderator, John S. Weaver, Of Counsel, Z Family Law, LLC

November Two 3-hour Session: Rita Rosenkrantz Basic Family Law Training

This practical six-hour training covers the nuts and bolts of family law, including: (1) Initial Interview/Retainer Agreements; (2) Pleadings & Divorce Grounds, Scheduling Hearings, Uncontested Divorce Hearings; (3) Discovery, Financial Statements, and Marital Property Statements; (4) Pendente Lite Financial Issues, Obtaining Attorneys' Fees, Voluntary Impoverishment, Child Support, Taking Exceptions to a Magistrate's Recommendations; (5) Litigating a Child Custody Case and Parenting Plans; and (6) Marital Settlement Agreements, and Ethical Considerations.

The programs below are in the planning stages, with dates to be determined.

***Presenting an Effective Pendente Lite Hearing in 3 hours – with Family Magistrates**

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***FLUP (Family Law Update), May/June 2024.**

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Please contact John Weaver (john@zfamilylaw.com) if you have any additional ideas for a Family Law CLE.

IMMIGRATION LAW SECTION

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Raju Mahajan, Co-Chair

Please join us for a social **Meet-and-Greet** at **All Set Restaurant and Bar in Silver Spring from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 9** - please RSVP to the organizers at info@rajulaw.com.

We have a continuing lineup planned for our monthly meetings, held via Zoom at 12 noon, on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Attorneys interested in hosting a Lunchtime Seminar and sharing their field of experience are very welcome, and are encouraged to contact us at benjamin.hu@bhulaw.com or raju@rajulaw.com. We look forward to a year of engagement and events with the Immigration Section and its partner sections!

Meeting Dates

• **July 19; noon: Seminar on EB-2 National Interest Waivers** by Zoom

• **Aug. 9; 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.: Meet and Greet** at All Set Restaurant and Bar in Silver Spring - please RSVP to the organizers by email at info@rajulaw.com.

• **Aug. 16; noon: Seminar on Federal Immigration Litigation**

• **Sept. 20; noon: Seminar on Physician J-waivers**

• **Oct. 18; noon: EB-5 Seminar investment immigration**

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY & TECHNOLOGY LAW SECTION

Michael Greenberg, Co-Chair
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MEETING DATES

Sept. 12, 2023	Feb. 13, 2024
Oct. 10, 2023	Mar. 12, 2024
Nov. 14, 2023	Apr. 9, 2024

Dec. 12, 2023 May 14, 2024
Jan. 9, 2024

Meetings will be held from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the upstairs conference room of BAMC headquarters, unless otherwise noted.

JUVENILE LAW SECTION

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Thank you to everyone who came to our meet and greet with Judges' Cummins and Dumais; they are currently assigned to the juvenile rotation and hearing CINA and delinquency matters, respectively. The contact information for both their chambers is below:

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We look forward to seeing you in the Fall when we resume our section meetings. We will publish the schedule in the next newsletter and provide updates via the listserv. As always, if you have any ideas for a topic or speaker you would like us to invite to a meeting please let us know as we strive to find topics of interest to our members.

Please enjoy the rest of summer and we'll see you in September!

LAW FIRM MANAGEMENT SECTION

Amy Strent, Chair

MEETING DATES

Aug. 24, 2023	Feb. 22, 2024
Sept. 21, 2023	Mar. 21, 2024
Oct. 19, 2023	Apr. 18, 2024
Dec. 21, 2023	May 23, 2024
Jan. 18, 2024	June 20, 2024
	July 18, 2024

Meetings will be held at 8:00 a.m. via Zoom.

NEW PRACTITIONER SECTION

Elizabeth Farley, Co-Chair
Alley Mussler, Co-Chair

We would like to thank Paul Havenstein for all his great work as co-chair of the New Practitioners Section for the last two years. Along with Paul, we also want to express our gratitude for the support we received from the Bar Association as a whole in planning and executing successful New Practitioners events over the last bar year.

I am pleased to introduce Liz Farley as the section's new co-chair. We are currently working on some new ideas for New Practitioners Section events for the upcoming year and will be sending out a schedule of such events in the coming weeks. While we are in this planning phase, we welcome your input. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us if you have ideas or suggestions you would like us to pursue. We would love to hear from you about the types of experiences you would find most valuable as a member of our section. I'm also pleased to announce that Megan Bell will continue to serve as host of Chamber Chats this year and we will be working closely with her to maximize opportunities for our members to get to know the members of the bench.

Notifications for events and opportunities for New Practitioners will be sent out through

our listserv. If you have not already done so, please join our section listserv. Any member of the BAMC can add themselves to the New Practitioners Section by logging into their member portal on the BAMC website. The BAMC staff will receive a notification that you joined the New Practitioners Section and will then add you to the corresponding email listserv.

If you have any questions, comments, concerns, or simply want to get more involved, please contact either of us at:

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We look forward to a great year ahead.

REAL ESTATE LAW SECTION

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MEETING DATES

Sept. 12, 2023	Feb. 13, 2024
Oct. 10, 2023	Mar. 12, 2024
Nov. 14, 2023	Apr. 9, 2024
Dec. 12, 2023	May 14, 2024
Jan. 9, 2024	

Meetings will be held at 8:00 a.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of the month via Zoom, unless otherwise noted.

Our speaker for the **September 12th** meeting will be **William A. O'Connell, Maryland State Counsel for First American Title Insurance Company**. Bill will give us the **annual legislative update**, summarizing new laws affecting real estate from the 2023 legislative session.

TAXATION LAW SECTION

Chaya Kundra, Chair

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Judge Jill R. Cummins and Benjamin Vaughan, Co-Chairs

The Diversity Committee of the Bar Foundation of Montgomery County has sponsored the Summer Scholars program for the past thirteen years. In so doing, we have confirmed our commitment to the goal of true diversity within our legal community. We hope that the Summer Scholars will make Montgomery County their professional home in the future.

In a partnership with the Asian Pacific American Bar Association, J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association, Maryland Hispanic Bar Association, LGBTQ+ Bar Association, and the law schools in Maryland and Washington, D.C., we seek to match exceptional and gifted students of all colors, ethnicities, genders and identities with participating law firms for a 10-week summer associate position. The Summer Scholars program has served as the model for similar programs now underway in Anne Arundel and Baltimore Counties. For more information on how your firm can participate in the 2024 program, please email Tricia@BarFoundationMC.org.

Congratulations to the 2023 Summer Scholars and Thank You to their Sponsoring Law Firms:

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of business component may satisfy process of experimentation test under Code Sec. 41(d) (1)(C) if taxpayer undertook activities for both qualified and non-qualified purposes under Code Sec. 41(d)(3), if substantially all of research activities for business component constituted elements of process of experimentation for qualified purpose under Code Sec. 41(d) (3)(A). (PLR 202327015 (TAM))

IRC § 163 & Interest Deductions and Pass-Through Certificates. Interests in LLC/partnership are “similar evidence of interest in similar pooled fund” under Reg. § 1.163-5T(d)(1), and if Reg. § 5f.103-1(c)(1) requirements are satisfied, interests in LLC will be considered obligations in registered form. (PLR 202327003, PLR 202327004)

IRC §501 & Adverse Determination. IRS revokes §501(c)(3) org.'s exempt status, effective as to its; stated date, where org failed to demonstrate that it was organized and operated exclusively for exempt purposes and that no part of its net earnings inured to benefit of private shareholders or individuals. Org. failed to respond to IRS' repeated requests to examine its records as required by Code Sec. 6001, Code Sec. 6033 and Rev Rul 59-95, 1959-1 CB 627. (PLR 202327020)

IRC §2010 & Estate Tax: Portability Election. Estate granted 120-day extension to make §2010(c)(5)(A) portability election, allowing surviving spouse

account for DSUE where taxpayer acted reasonably and in good faith & the granting of relief wouldn't prejudice govt.'s interests. (PLR 202327002, PLR 202327013)

IRC § 3401: Wages & CNC. For withholding purposes, “wages” were defined under Code Sec. 3401(a) and regs as all remuneration for services performed by employee for his employer, including remuneration for personal services performed by U.S. citizen or U.S. resident as employee of foreign corp. Accordingly, in situation where U.S. corp. had CFCs, and granted restricted stock units (RSU) to its common law employees, who were either U.S. citizens or U.S. residents, full amount of RSU income paid to each worker as common law employee for personal services performed within U.S. and RSU income paid to each worker as common law employee for personal services performed outside U.S. as employee of CFC were wages for withholding purposes. (Chief Counsel Advice 202327014)

IRC 4052: Excise Taxes & Attorney Client Privilege. Magistrate judge denied LLC's motion to compel deposition of former IRS associate chief counsel related to excise tax on “glider” tractor sales. LLC failed to articulate a basis where attorney-client privilege wouldn't apply. (Fitzgerald Truck Parts & Sales, LLC v. U.S., DC TN, 131 AFTR 2d ¶2023-785)

IRC §7411 & Actions Against the IRS: Magistrate judge recommended dismissing taxpayer's amended complaint against IRS; taxpayer raised 5th Amendment due process claims which were barred; 8th Amendment claims would also fail because factual premise regarding failure to receive funds wasn't viable. Where taxpayer was seeking a refund, the claims failed for failure to allege he filed prerequisite administrative claim; even though TP said he submitted Form 3911 to IRS, he didn't allege any facts or offer any documents showing completed Form 3911 or that he verified by written declaration that his administrative claim was submitted under penalty of perjury. Magistrate did recommend TP be given one more opportunity to amend insofar as concerned refund claim. (Perez v. IRS, et al., DC NV, 131 AFTR 2d ¶2023-787)

income, and didn't list bank accounts which were associated with his corps. and used to pay personal expenses, was affirmed holding that a rational juror could conclude from overall evidence that taxpayer knew his true income was considerably higher than disclosed on the Form 433-A and that his actions were willful. Taxpayer's alternate argument that he should have been granted mistrial due to improper prosecution questions about taxes post-dating years at issue also failed as there was no “significant possibility” that subject questions, to which taxpayer didn't provide answer and which jury was instructed to disregard, had substantial impact on verdict. (U.S. v. Crandell, CA 5, 131 AFTR 2d ¶2023-786).

This fiscal year, our section is planning to present on Tax Issues 101. If you are interested in presenting, participating and offering your thoughts, kindly contact me directly and join us at our monthly meetings that will resume this September.

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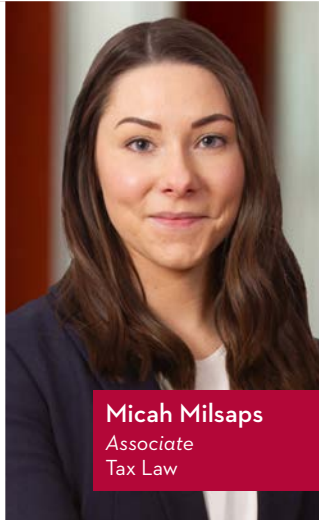
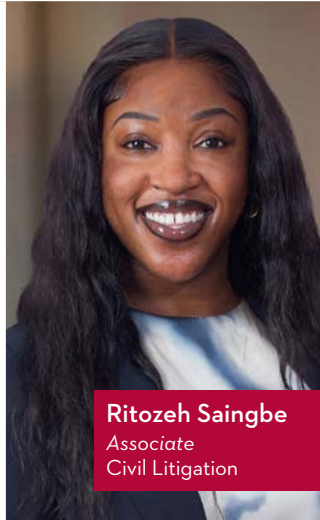
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PRO BONO PROGRAM

By Debbie Craven,
Program Coordinator

The Healthcare Initiative Foundation (HIF's Community Summit) was held on June 20, 2023, at the Universities at Shady Grove. In addition to being present as a resource provider, the Pro Bono program was selected to participate in a discussion regarding the delivery of Legal Services. The event was very well attended with close to 100 participants from different partner agencies and organizations, with concurrent break-out sessions. Among the panelists: Health & Behavioral Health; Food Security; Education & Workforce. We were greeted by Ms. Crystal Carr Townsend, President & CEO of Healthcare Initiative Foundation, and Dr. James Bridgers, Director, Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services.

Another special event that the entire Pro Bono staff was able to attend was the The Partners for Justice Conference. It takes place annually and presents a unique opportunity for legal services program staff, the public and private bar, members of the judiciary, human services agencies, elected officials, and others to discuss critical issues facing people in poverty and the underrepresented across the

mid-Atlantic region and how we can improve access to justice. We are honored that Wanda Claiborne was asked again to be a panelist, representing her dual role as Executive Director, to both the Bar Association and Bar Foundation. If you wish to attend, **SAVE THE DATE:** Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at the Baltimore Convention Center!

We are always more than willing to accept these wonderful opportunities. Resource Fairs, Health Events, Forums, and the like, are always great ways to offer the community valuable services and information. The purpose of these events is to reach community members who could benefit from not only our services but the services of our partner organizations. It is also a great occasion to bring the people we serve together in person, in a welcoming and collaborative environment.

The Pro Bono Program provides FREE LEGAL TRAINING to attorney volunteers. The Rita Rosenkrantz Family Law Training was another success this year! The course is free to attorneys who agree to take a pro bono case at the time of the training. You actually have one year to complete your commitment. It was scheduled for two evenings: November 29th & 30th, 2022. Please contact Tricia Rust, our Seminar and Events Coordinator, at Tricia@BarFoundationMC.org,

if you are interested in obtaining the current webcast.

In response to the need to assure the administration of justice for low-income litigants, so that they may have suitable representation in divorce, custody, visitation and other contested family law matters, the Maryland Legal Services Corporation (MLSC) in partnership with the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) provides funds to MLSC grantees to administer the Judicare program, which uses private lawyers paid reduced fees, to serve low-income persons who could not otherwise obtain civil legal services. *If you are interested, please contact the staff of the Pro Bono Program!*

Attorneys should be licensed and have a minimum of two years of family law experience. Less experienced attorneys may participate in the program only if more experienced family law attorneys are available for mentoring. Attorneys can seek reimbursement of \$120 per hour with a cap of 35 hours per case. (\$4,200.00). Judicare cases are reportable as pro bono hours.

The Pro Bono Resource Center (PBRC) coordinates live and webcast training programs for volunteer lawyers and other advocates in a variety of substantive law areas in exchange for a pro bono commitment. For additional information, please check the PRBC website at www.probonomd.org.



Cheers to our Volunteers!

Thank you to following attorneys for their time, dedication, and service for the months of May & June 2023. We thank all our respected volunteer attorneys.

Bedoya, Emily Ann
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The Montgomery County Committee meetings are on the 1st Saturday of the month from 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. unless otherwise indicated. The next meeting will take place on **Saturday, September 2, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.** For more information, you may contact our Co-Chairs, Raynna A. Nkwanyo, Esq. or Sara E. Furlow, Esq. at mococommittee@bournebar.org.

The Montgomery County Committee meetings are open to all attorneys and law students interested in being part of the J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association.

Upcoming Events:

J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association's General Body Meetings are on the 3rd Thursday of the month. The next General Body Meeting will be **Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 6 p.m.** Location TBD. For more information, you may contact President Bradley Farrar at president@bournebar.org

J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association 39th Scholarship Banquet will take place on **November 2, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** Further event details will appear in the J. Franklyn Bourne Weekly Blast, which is distributed on Tuesdays. For more information contact President-Elect Chandra Walker Holloway at president-elect@bournebar.org.

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY WOMEN'S BAR ASSOCIATION

Sarah Malik, President

The Montgomery County Chapter of the WBA thanks Jessica Hall for her leadership during another fabulous bar year. Also, thank you to all that volunteered and attended the Auction in May 2023 at Strathmore. It was a huge success. Please join us for our monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of every month. The first meeting will be on **September 12, 2023 at 12:30pm via zoom.** Please join us if you are looking for ways to get involved!

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Richard E. Schimel,
Program Chairperson

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McMillan Metro is proud to announce the addition of our newest associate attorney, **Christopher Azuoma**. With his expertise in real estate law, commercial leasing, and affordable housing transactions, he will be a valuable asset to our firm. Christopher graduated with his J.D. in 2018 from Howard University School of Law and has since built an impressive career as a real estate attorney. His dedication to his clients and passion for the law has earned him numerous accolades, including a place on The National Black Lawyers Top 40 Under 40 list in 2022. Christopher will focus on representing clients in real estate transactions, including acquisitions, financing, development, commercial leasing, and more. He can be reached at 240-778-2301 or cazuoma@mcmillanmetro.com.

Miles & Stockbridge is pleased to announce that veteran real estate litigation lawyers **Christopher B. Bowman**, **Catherine B. Harrington** and **Katherine**

A. Wilson have joined the firm's Rockville office. Bowman and Harrington are principals in the Litigation Practice Group, while Wilson is counsel. Chris and Kate both represent commercial property owners and landowners in litigation throughout the lifespan of a lease. They also offer counsel on day-to-day legal issues for their real estate clients, many of which are local outlets of companies with national footprints. Chris advises clients on lease interpretations, the negotiation of commercial lease modifications, workouts and amendments. He can be reached at cbowman@milesstockbridge.com. Kate drafts and negotiates commercial leases, assignments and amendments and property management agreements. She can be reached at charrington@milesstockbridge.com. Katie helps clients negotiate commercial lease modifications, workouts and amendments. She also provides general business advice and advises on property rights, mechanics' liens, leasing rights and other day-to-day legal issues. She can be reached at kawilson@milesstockbridge.com.

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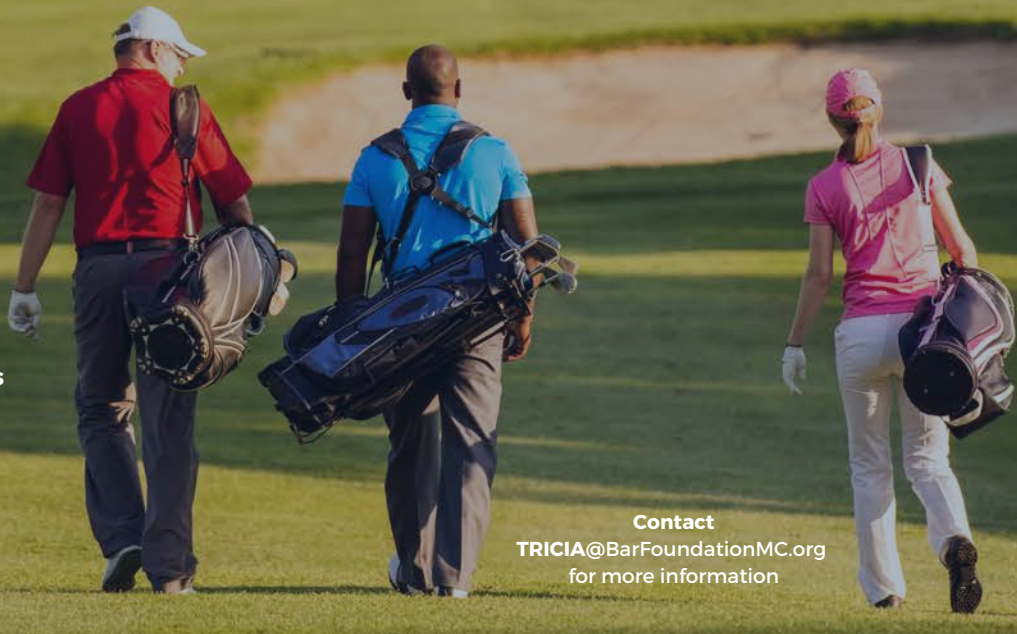
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DISTRICT COURT SCHEDULE: AUGUST 2023**

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 1	7	8	9	10	11
C-411	Wesnidge/Ameri	Orion (T)		Hanson/Varunok	Orion/Wenzel
C-412				MHC – Rowedder	
T-413	Hanson	Ameri		Robier (Spitzer tr.)	Wesnidge
T-414	Varunok	Rowedder			
Nolle/513					Kramer
T-612 (CD)		Burrowes			THOMAS/BOWINS
SS-301	Kramer	Tripp			
SS-302				THOMAS/BOWINS	
SS-401	Chung/Robier (Spitzer tr.)	Frechter (T)		Frechter/Kramer	Tripp/Chung
8:30 DKT	Forest	Murphy	Forest		Murphy
WEEK 2	14	15	16	17	18
C-411	Ameri/Rowedder	Miller (T)		Tripp/Dombroski	Miller/Wenzel
C-412				MHC – Rowedder	
T-413	Wesnidge	Orion		Robier (Spitzer tr.)	Dombroski
T-414	Wenzel	Hanson			
Nolle/513					Frechter
T-612 (CD)		Rowedder			THOMAS/BOWINS
SS-301	Kramer	Varunok			
SS-302				THOMAS/BOWINS	
SS-401	Varunok/Robier (Spitzer tr.)	Chung (T)		Kramer/Hanson	Chung/Varunok
8:30 Dkt	Forest	Murphy	Forest		Murphy
WEEK 3	21	22	23	24	25
C-411	Tripp/Rowedder	Wesnidge (T)		Wenzel/Wesnidge	Miller/Orion
C-412				MHC – Burrowes/Rowedder	
T-413	Wenzel	Dombroski		Ameri	Chung
T-414	Miller	Tripp			
Nolle/513					Robier (Spitzer tr.)
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SS-401	Robier (Spitzer tr.)/Kramer	Rowedder (T)		Chung/Frechter	Kramer/Dombroski
8:30 Dkt	Forest	Forest	Murphy		Murphy
WEEK 4	28	29	30	31	9/1
C-411	Rowedder/Ameri	Miller (T)		Varunok/Dombroski	Wesnidge/Tripp
C-412				MHC – Rowedder	
T-413	Orion	Hanson		Robier (Spitzer tr.)	Ameri
T-414	Dombroski	Tripp			
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8:30 Dkt	Murphy	Forest	Murphy		Forest

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District Court Judges Schedule — August

DATE		RV411	RV412	RV413	RV414	RV512 DV's/PO's	RV513 Duty/Bonds	RV514	RV612	SS401	SS402	SS301	SS302	SS303
Tuesday	1	Ferretti	Moffett *	Del Pino	Reed	Mays	Williams	Gelber	Bills	Sabett	Oliver	VJ	CLOSED	CLOSED
Wednesday	2	Gelber	Reed	Williams	Ferretti	Sabett	Koch	Del Pino *	VJ	Moffett	Bills	Mays	VJ	CLOSED
Thursday	3	Del Pino	Reed	Glynn	CLOSED	Moffett	Ferretti	Sabett	VJ	Koch	Gelber	Williams	Oliver	CLOSED
Friday	4	Gelber	CLOSED	Oliver	Williams	Glynn	Moffett	CLOSED	Del Pino	Ferretti	Reed	VJ	Sabett	CLOSED
Monday	7	Glynn	Sabett	VJ	Nee	Ferretti	Moffett	Del Pino	VJ	Reed	Oliver	Mays	CLOSED	CLOSED
Tuesday	8	Mays	(Ferretti)	Oliver	Glynn	Koch	Williams	Del Pino	Sabett	Nee	Moffett	Gelber	(Reed)	CLOSED
Wednesday	9	Moffett	Williams	Ferretti	Del Pino	Mays	Nee	CLOSED	Glynn	Gelber	VJ	Oliver	Sabett	CLOSED
Thursday	10	Moffett	Sabett	VJ	CLOSED	Glynn	Gelber	Mays	Nee	Oliver	Del Pino	Williams	Ferretti	CLOSED
Friday	11	Nee	CLOSED	Ferretti	Gelber	Sabett	Del Pino	CLOSED	Oliver	Glynn	VJ	Williams	Moffett	CLOSED
Monday	14	Oliver	Ferretti	Williams	Sabett	Moffett	Del Pino	Gelber	CLOSED	Mays	Nee	VJ	CLOSED	CLOSED
Tuesday	15	Williams	CLOSED	Nee	VJ	Gelber	Mays	Moffett	Sabett	Del Pino	Oliver	Ferretti	CLOSED	CLOSED
Wednesday	16	Gelber	VJ	Moffett	Del Pino	Mays	Ferretti	CLOSED	Nee	Williams	Sabett	VJ	Oliver	CLOSED
Thursday	17	Ferretti	Reed	VJ	CLOSED	Del Pino	Sabett	Gelber	Williams	Moffett	VJ	Nee	Oliver	CLOSED
Friday	18	Reed	(Sabett)	VJ	Moffett	Gelber	Oliver	CLOSED	Del Pino	Williams	Ferretti	VJ	CLOSED	CLOSED
Monday	21	Bills	Williams	Moffett	Nee	Reed	Gelber	Ferretti	CLOSED	Sabett	Del Pino	Glynn	CLOSED	CLOSED
Tuesday	22	Sabett	CLOSED	Glynn	Gelber	Moffett	Del Pino	Williams	Bills	Reed	Ferretti	Nee	CLOSED	CLOSED
Wednesday	23	Bills	VJ	Gelber	Williams	Sabett	Reed	CLOSED	Ferretti	Del Pino	Glynn	Moffett	Nee	CLOSED
Thursday	24	Williams	Sabett	VJ	CLOSED	Nee	Del Pino	Gelber	Reed	Bills	Moffett	Glynn	Mays	CLOSED
Friday	25	Del Pino	CLOSED	Sabett	Gelber	Mays	Koch	CLOSED	Bills	Nee	Reed	Glynn	Williams	CLOSED
Monday	28	Gelber	Nee	Sabett	VJ	Reed	Bills	Oliver	CLOSED	Del Pino	Glynn	Mays	CLOSED	CLOSED
Tuesday	29	Bills	CLOSED	Glynn	Nee	Del Pino	Williams	Gelber	Sabett	Oliver	Mays	Reed	CLOSED	CLOSED
Wednesday	30	Williams	Reed	Bills	Del Pino	Gelber	Mays	CLOSED	Glynn	Oliver	Sabett	VJ	Nee	CLOSED
Thursday	31	Koch	Bills	Glynn	CLOSED	Oliver	Sabett	Del Pino	Reed	Gelber	Nee	Williams	Mays	CLOSED

Date Prepared: June 23, 2023
Date Revised:
 Judges' Meeting: TBD
 Bench Bar Meeting: N/A

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ACTING ADMIN. JUDGE
 Moffett – 14, 15, 17
 Gelber – 16, 18

RV513
 Mon. – Interims / Bonds
 Tues. – Interims / Bonds
 Wed. – Interims / Bonds
 Thurs. – Interims / Bonds
 Fri. – NP / PH / Bonds

RV514
 Thurs. – PTSUs @ 1:30pm
 Fri. – DV Crim Helper (Except for the third Friday for the Expungement Docket or in the PM on the last Friday of the month when Oral Exams are heard)

RV611
 Mon. – PIs
 Tues. – PIs

RV612
 Mon. – ICC Tolls
 Tues. – Comp. Dkt./ Interims
 Wed. – Red Lights/ School Bus
 Thurs. – Parking Tickets/ Speed Cameras
 Fri. – DV Criminal

SS303
 Mon. – Fri. – CLOSED (unless special set case is assigned or need backup judge)

Circuit Court

2023		Criminal	Civil	Duty	Motions	Family	FamDuty	General	CINA	Juvenile	Drug Court	MH Court	EAP Duty
	August												
7/31/2023	31st-6th	Berry PT Dwyer CM	Cho Leibowitz Schweitzer Burrell Smith	Ayres	Storm	Acosta Boynton Hessler McCullough Lease Maloney McAuliffe Ryon	Fogleman	Chernosky McCally McGuckian	Cummins 8/2 - 8/4 Hessler	Dumais	Smith	Fogleman	McCullough
8/7/2023	7th-13th	McGuckian CM McCally PT	Burrell Cho Leibowitz Schweitzer Smith	Cummins	McCullough	Acosta Boynton Fogleman Lease McAuliffe Ayres	Hessler	Berry Chernosky Storm	Ryon	Dumais	N/A	Ryon	Cummins
8/14/2023	14th-20th	Dwyer PT McGuckian CM McCally CM 8/17	Burrell Cho Leibowitz Schweitzer Smith	Maloney	Chernosky	Acosta Boynton Fogleman Hessler McCullough McAuliffe Ayres Ryon	Storm 8/17 Berry	Berry McCally	Cummins 8/18 Hessler	Dumais	Dwyer	N/A	Chernosky
8/21/2023	21st-27th	Dwyer CM Cummins PT	Cho Leibowitz Schweitzer Smith	Storm	Berry 8/21 & 8/22 - Hessler	Acosta Boynton Hessler McCullough Lease Maloney McAuliffe Ayres Cummins Fogleman	Burrell	Chernosky McCally McGuckian	Ryon	Dumais	Smith	Ryon	McCally
8/28/2023	28th-3rd	McGuckian PT Ayres PT 9/1 Storm CM	Burrell Cho Schweitzer Smith	Berry	Acosta	Boynton Fogleman Hessler McCullough Lease Maloney Ryon Ayres McAuliffe	Leibowitz	Dwyer McCally Chernosky	Cummins	Dumais	Rupp Dwyer (W)	Fogleman	Berry

CM=Criminal Motions; PT=Criminal PreTrial Jury Demand/Appeal Docket

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CC - Conference Call | **CR** - Bar Office Conference Room | **LCR** - Lower Level BAMC Conference Room

C/S - See Committee/Section Pages or Listserve Messages for Location | **CLR** - CLE Classroom

CLE - CLE Seminar — Call Yesenia at 301-340-2534 for information | **ZOOM** - Remotely

AUGUST

2	5:30PM	Zoom	Administrative Law Section Meeting
9	5:30PM	C/S	Immigration Law Section Meet & Greet
16	8:00AM	Zoom	District Court Bench Bar Committee Meeting
	Noon	Zoom	Immigration Law Section Meeting
24	8:00AM	Zoom	Law Firm Management Section Meeting

SEPTEMBER

4			~ Bar Association/Bar Foundation Offices Closed ~
6	8:00AM	Zoom	Circuit Court Bench Bar Committee Meeting
	5:30PM	Zoom	Administrative Law Section Meeting
7	5:00PM	TBD	Bar Foundation Board of Directors Meeting
11	5:00PM	CR	Executive Committee Meeting
12	8:00AM	Zoom	Real Estate Law Section Meeting
	5:30PM	CR	Intellectual Property & Technology Law Section Meeting
20	8:00AM	Zoom	District Court Bench Bar Committee Meeting
	Noon	Zoom	Immigration Law Section Meeting
	5:30PM	TBD	Racial Justice Program: Environment
21	8:00AM	Zoom	Law Firm Management Section Meeting
	4:00PM	TBD	Senior Lawyer Society
	5:30PM	Zoom	Family Law Section Meeting

Information Regarding Scheduled Committee/Section Meetings

The 2023-2024 committee and section meetings are currently being scheduled both in-person and virtually at the preference of the Chair/Co-Chairs. Any change to the original schedule will be announced through the groups' listserve.

Please watch your email for listserve messages regarding your committee and/or section meetings.