

NEWSLETTER

COMMITTED TO THE PRINCIPLES OF LEGAL EXCELLENCE, COMMUNITY SERVICE, AND
INCREASED MINORITY PARTICIPATION IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Sharon Y. Christmas-DeBerry

I can't believe it's been seven months since I took office. The time has passed so quickly. To all of you who have helped me get through thus far, I say thank you.

Through your efforts, we had a great Christmas party, a fabulous joint meeting/black history program with the Prince George's County Bar Association, an informative Legislative Reception, brightened the home and life of an elderly homeowner with our participation in Christmas in April, and raised monies for scholarships at our Golf Classic which was co-sponsored by the Prince George's County Bar Association. However, there is still a lot to be done.

On July 25, 2009, we will have a reception for some of the newest members of the Maryland State Bar Association. The reception will be hosted by past-president and long-time Bourne member, **Andree Green Checkley**, who has graciously

opened her home to us for this event.

Our Annual Scholarship Awards Banquet is also fastly approaching. We will need members to assist us in preparing for the banquet and selecting scholarship recipients. To that end, if you are interested in being on the Banquet Committee, please contact me or the Banquet Co-Chairs, **Derron Parks and Bridgett Greer**. If you would like to help on the Scholarship Committee, please contact **ShaRon M. Kelsey**, Chair. I also hope to have in place at the start of the upcoming school year, the third grade reading program which was the initial brain child of past-president **Abigale Bruce-Watson**.

If you are a current dues paying member, join in – there's still work to be done! If you are not current, there's no time like the present to pay your dues. Join today and get involved – we need you!

Sharon Y. Christmas-DeBerry
President
J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association

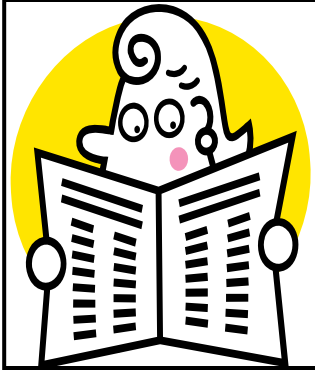
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NEW ADMITTEES RECEPTION

On July 25, 2009, the J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association will host a New Admittees Reception at the home of **Past-President Andree Green Checkley**. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP by calling the **Chambers of The Honorable Sheila Tillerson-Adams** on (301) 952-3766 no later than July 21, 2009. The turnout from the bench is always impressive, with every level of the Maryland judiciary represented. Each new admittee usually introduces herself/himself to those assembled. The membership does an excellent job of educating the new admittees on the benefits of networking and joining JFB, as well as offering a lot of good advice for new practitioners. See you there.

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP GOLF CLASSIC

On June 2, 2009 we held our joint Golf Classic with the Prince George's County Bar Association. A good time was held by all. Proceeds from the event will go to Operation Home Front and the J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association Scholarship Fund. Congrats to all the winners, and many thanks to the **Honorable Toni E. Clarke, Joseph Wright** and their committee members for organizing and making the event a success! A special thank you to State Farm Insurance Co. for sponsoring the event and the Outback Steakhouse for donating the food.

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SAVE THE DATE

On July 23, 2009 The Alliance of Black Women Attorneys' will hold its New Admittee Reception. They will also celebrate their 30th Anniversary on Friday, September 18, 2009, at the Historic Oakland Manor from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

BOURNE CLE's: WHAT YOU'VE BEEN MISSING

At our last general meeting on June 16, 2009, we were treated to a very animated and well-presented CLE: Cross Examination of Expert Witnesses, presented by **Joseph Wright**. Joe presented an actual case, which required the participation of members. **Judge Hotten** provided the members with a helpful hand-out on cross-examination. If you would like a copy please let me know. On September 17, 2009, The **Honorable Paul Grimm**, U.S. Magistrate Judge, from the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, will present a seminar on electronic discovery. You won't want to miss this one!

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INVESTITURE OF KENNETH AUGHTRY TALLEY



Hon. Hassan El-Amin

In La Plata, Maryland last month, we witnessed the kind of historic development that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. must have contemplated when he said, "The arc of the universe is long but it bends toward Justice." It took 350 years for the citizens of Charles County, Maryland, to install an African-American judge, but on May 29, 2009 the District Court of Maryland hosted a magnificent investiture for **KENNETH AUGHTRY TALLEY** as Associate Judge of the District Court of Maryland for the Fourth District.

Maryland District Court Chief Judge Ben C. Clyburn oversaw the ceremony, which was held in the spacious auditorium of the Charles County Government Building next to the Courthouse. **Judge Talley's** remarkable career was highlighted by numerous presenters, including Reuben B. Collins III, Esquire, Charles County Commissioner. Among the many distinguished guests in attendance were Maryland Senate President Thomas V. "Mike" Miller, Jr., the **Honorable Herman Dawson** (who hired **Judge Talley** as his very first law clerk), the **Honorable Hassan El-Amin** and the **Honorable Larry Hill**.

Clearly, the demographics of Charles County are changing. According to Judge Talley and County Executive Collins, the African-American members of the Charles County Bar are ready to form an associate chapter or committee of the J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association. How about it, readers? Are we ready to branch out to Charles County? Shouldn't Calvert, Anne Arundel and St. Mary's Counties also be a part of our march toward "legal excellence, community service and increased minority participation in the practice of law"?



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Important Dates to Remember

JFB's Montgomery County Committee
Sat., September 5, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Montgomery County Bar Association
27 West Jefferson Street, Rockville, MD
Holly Reed (301) 587-9480
Breakfast will be served.

New Admittees Reception

On July 25, 2009, Home of
Past President Andree Green Checkley
Please RSVP to the Chambers of
The Honorable **Sheila Tillerson-Adams**
(301) 952-3766 by July 21, 2009.

JFB General Meeting

You are cordially invited to attend
On September 17, 2009
CLE: "Electronic Discovery in Federal Court"
Guest: Hon. Paul Grimm, US Magistrate Judge
Organized by the Honorable Michele D. Hotten
Radisson Hotel, 9100 Basil Court, Largo, MD 20774

JFB Annual Scholarship Awards Banquet

On November 5, 2009, we will have our Annual
Scholarship Awards Banquet at Martin's Crosswinds in
Greenbelt, MD. More info to come!

SCHOLARSHIP DONATIONS

In November of each year, we hold our **Annual Scholarship Awards Banquet**. Proceeds from the banquet are used to award scholarships to law students to help defray the cost of law school tuition. However, contributions can be made to the fund year round.

In keeping with JFB's commitment to increased minority participation in the practice of law, please join with us in those efforts by making a donation to the Scholarship fund. Donations are tax deductible and any amount would be appreciated. Checks should be made payable to **J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association Scholarship Fund, Inc. and mailed to P.O. Box 1121, Upper Marlboro, MD 20773.**

MEMBERSHIP DUES

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paid your dues. Please
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and return it immediately.
The Association needs
your support!*

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION — DUES NOW BEING ACCEPTED.



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New Admittees: Admitted to practice in Maryland in the last 12 months. **Dues waived for the first year.**



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Signature: _____

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