

# 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



William A. Snoddy

For the last few years your Bar Association has endeavored to increase its outreach by partnering with community groups to provide citizens with access to justice or other support. Those efforts continued in May when we joined forces with the **NAACP, Prince George's County Chapter** and the **Monumental City Bar Foundation, Inc.** on two separate but equally successful occasions.

On May 21, JFB and the NAACP co-sponsored an "Ask a Lawyer" and estate planning forum at the First Baptist Church of Glenarden. JFB members and members of the church's Legal Ministry dispensed

free legal advice and answered questions of the many citizens who came out to the event. Prince George's County Council member **David Harrington** (Dist. 5) and newly-elected mayor of Glenarden **John W. Anderson** gave brief remarks. Many thanks to event organizers the **Honorable Herman C. Dawson, Yvonne Hefley** of the NAACP and **Bridgett Smith** of the First Baptist Church of Glenarden's Legal Ministry for their work in putting together such a successful program. Thank you to all of the lawyers who gave up a lovely spring Saturday to contribute to this event. If you missed it, hopefully you will participate in a future "Ask a Lawyer" program planned for the fall.

JFB closed the month with its *Scholarship Golf Classic* on May 31 at Queenstown Harbor Golf Links in Queenstown, Maryland.

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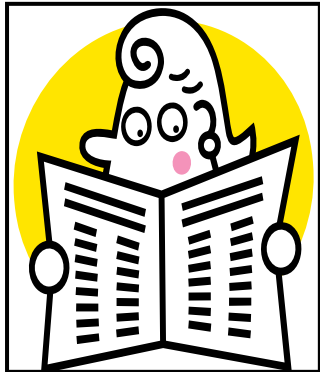
## SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT.



Tournament winners (l-r) Chris Watson, Robert Kim, Ed Savage and Hon. Herman Dawson.

**Robert Kim** and **Chris Watson** made a triumphant return to the J. Franklyn Bourne Scholarship Fund, Inc./Monumental City Bar Foundation, Inc. Scholarship Golf Classic. The team of **Kim, Watson, the Honorable Herman Dawson** and **Ed Savage** shot a 9 under par 63 to take top honors at the tournament held on May 31 at

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The **JFB Newsletter Committee** strives to insure that the *JFB Newsletter* provides a valuable resource to its members. But we need your help. The Newsletter Committee invites your participation as a Committee member or as a contributor. We welcome articles and information on topics of interest to JFB members. For further information, please contact **Sharon V. Burrell** or **Lloyd A. Johnson**. (See above.)

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK (Cont.)

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One hundred golfers came out to support the Bar Association's and the Monumental City Bar Foundation's scholarship fundraising efforts. The team of **Robert Kim**, the **Honorable Herman Dawson**, **Chris Watson** and **Ed Savage** took the first place trophy. [For more details on the tournament see below.] JFB's share of the proceeds will go to JFB's Scholarship Fund, which annually provides financial assistance to deserving high school students through its Oratorical Contest and to law school students at our Annual Scholarship Banquet. (Editor's note: See related article on page 3.)

Lest you think otherwise, we did not leave out the practitioners. During our monthly membership meeting, Immediate Past President **Debra Davis** and members **J. Wyn-**

**dal Gordon** and **Bruce Johnson, Jr.** gave a talk on the do's and don'ts of solo and small firm practice. The importance of fee integrity, bar participation and client selection was among advice doled out to an attentive audience. Thanks to all who attended. I hope you all will attend our June 16 general membership meeting. Refreshments will be served.

Next month, at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 23, 2005, JFB will once again hold its *New Admittees Reception* at the home of **Joseph and Shawn Wright**, 302 Tamarack Court in Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

There will be no newsletter in July. The next issue will appear in August. Until then, have a safe and relaxing summer.

William A. Snoddy, Esquire  
President, JFB Bar Assoc.

## SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT . (Cont.)

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Queenstown Harbor Golf Links in Queenstown, Maryland.

About 100 golfers participated in the tournament, which raised money to support the two organizations' scholarship award activities. The joint Golf Committee of JFB members **Garland Stillwell**, **Traci Scudder**, **Charles Byrd** and Monumental City Bar's **Ron Richardson** put on an event that was "classic." Golfers were divided into three flights – eagle, birdie and par – based upon final scores to give all participants an opportunity to win. The Kim, Watson, Dawson and Savage group won the top "eagle" flight.

This was the second time in three years that a team featuring Kim

and Watson won the tournament.

In 2003, Kim, a principal at the firm of *McNamee Hosea Jernigan Kim Greenan and Walker* and Watson, husband of Bourne member **Abigail Bruce Watson**, were joined by the **Honorable Eric Johnson** in winning the tournament held at Cattail Creek Country Club in Glenwood, Maryland.

Other winners at this year's tournament were the team of **Rod Womack**, **John Shay**, **Bob Manzi** and **Mike Kennedy**, which flew away with the first place Birdie Flight trophy with a 3 under par 69 and the team of **John Beamer**, **Noble Davis**, **Paul Leonard** and **William Snoddy**, which took home the first place Par Flight trophy with an even par 72.

## DID YOU KNOW?



It is with great sadness that we report the sudden death of **Elton Pierre**, a JFB member who recently completed his second year at Howard University's Law School. Elton was shot and killed on the night of June 2nd in Washington, DC. He was bright, affable and committed to serving his community.

Elton was recruited by his classmate and JFB webmaster, **Joel Braithwaite**, and had just joined JFB following our April membership meeting. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this writing.

**Lloyd Johnson's** photograph of Native Americans marching on The National Mall to the

opening of the Smithsonian Museum of Native American History was awarded honorable mention by the Episcopal Communicators in Salt Lake City, UT.

**Administrative Law Judge:** The Office of Administrative Hearings seeks candidates for ALJ. Requirements: five (5) years legal experience, current membership in the Maryland Bar, possess excellent writing, time management and computer skills. The starting salary is \$65,408. Applicants should send five copies of resume, three references, 15-page writing sample, and Certificate of Good Standing from the Maryland Court of Appeals to: John McDermott, Personnel Director, Office of Administrative Hearings, 1101 Gilroy Road, Hunt Valley, MD 21031 by June 17, 2005.

## JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS.

Applications are being received until June 6<sup>th</sup> for three (3) vacancies on the Circuit Court for Montgomery County, created by (i) the elevation of **Judge Patrick L. Woodward** to the Court of Special Appeals, (ii) the retirement of **Judge Dennis McHugh**, and (iii) a newly-created judgeship as a result of recent action by the General Assembly. **JFB's Judicial Nominating Committee**, chaired by **Michael Banks** and **Debra Davis**, will interview applicants well before the **Montgomery County Trial Courts Nominating Commission** meets on July 18, 2005.

The Prince George's Trial Courts Nominating Commission met on May 2, 2005 and has

nominated the following attorneys to **Gov. Robert Ehrlich** for appointment to fill the judicial vacancy created by the retirement of **Judge Josef B. Brown** from the District Court of Maryland for Prince George's County: **Krystal Quinn Alves**, **Patrick R. Duley**, **Crystal Dixon Mittelstaedt**, **Theresa L. Moore**, **Edmond B. O'Connell**, and **Garland H. Stillwell**. Gov. Ehrlich has begun interviewing the nominees and an announcement is expected shortly.

Gov. Ehrlich appointed **Hon. Patrick L. Woodward** to the Court of Special Appeals (7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit) to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of **Judge Andrew L. Sonner**.

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Ten years since she received a **JFB Scholarship Fund Award** in 1995, **Analisa Brooks** is a Legal Officer at the U.S. Embassy in the Netherlands. She's primarily responsible for liaison with the International Criminal Court for the former Yugoslavia. (The United States is a major supporter of the Court.) The ICTY tries suspects for war crimes, About 100crimes against humanity, and genocide committed in the Balkans from 1992 until 1995 and again in 1999 and 2000 in Kosovo, a province in Serbia. She'll be there for another year and a half. Analisa may be reached by e-mail at [brooksl@state.gov](mailto:brooksl@state.gov) or [annalisab@aol.com](mailto:annalisab@aol.com).

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***Important Date to Remember***

***General Membership Meeting***

Thurs., June 16, 6:30 p.m.  
Greenbelt Community Center  
15 Crescent Road  
Greenbelt, MD 20770

***New Admittees Reception***

Sat., July 23rd; 4:00 p.m.  
302 Tamarack Court  
Upper Marlboro, MD

***NEW ADMITTEES RECEPTION—SATURDAY, JULY 23rd.***

JFB's Annual New Admittees Reception will be held at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 23rd at the home of **Joseph and Shawn Wright**, 302 Tamarack Court in Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

This casual but important event recognizes our newly-admitted colleagues and affords them a unique opportunity to meet and network with JFB members, judges, and others. (First-year membership dues are also waived for these New Admittees.)

RSVP to **William A. Snoddy** via e-mail at [wasnoddy@hotmail.com](mailto:wasnoddy@hotmail.com).

**Directions:** Beltway to Exit 14 (Rte. 2145/Central Ave.); turn right on Rte. 214 to Rte. 193; left onto Keverton Dr.; right onto Ridgely St.; left onto Burleigh St.; right onto Clairborne St.; left onto Hillrod Ln.; left onto Tamarack Ct. Wright home is at the end on the street.

***MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION***



The **J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Assoc. Inc.** is committed to legal excellence, community service, and the advancement of African-American minorities in the legal profession. Our membership consists primarily of African-American attorneys who live and/or work in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties.

Membership classes are:

**Active:** Licensed to practice law in Maryland. Dues: admitted to the Bar for less than 5 years — \$25; all others — \$50.

**Associate:** Licensed in *any other jurisdiction*, who lives in Montgomery or Prince George's County. Dues: admitted to the Bar for less than 5 years — \$25; all others — \$50.

**Student:** Matriculated at a Washington metropolitan area law school *or* lives in Montgomery or Prince George's County and matriculated in any law school. Dues: \$5.

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

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