

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



Bridgette A. Greer

Due to the destruction caused by Hurricane Isabel and the loss of electricity experienced by many, we had to cancel our September General Membership Meeting/Autumn Reception at Safari Restaurant. in Lanham, MD. However, we are now ready to move full speed ahead and focus our efforts on our **Nineteenth Annual Scholarship Banquet** at Martin's Crosswinds on November 6th. You should be receiving your invitations in the mail shortly. Please consider purchasing a table or being a sponsor for this event. We always have a great time. Contact JFB Vice-President, **William**

A. Snoddy, Banquet Committee Chair for additional information or assisting with the Banquet. (Telephone: 301.952-5249 or by e-mail at wasnoddy@co.pg.md.us) We need your help!

Our next General Membership meeting will be held on Thursday, October 16th at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD. (Telephone (301) 397-2208) A representative from **Senator Barbara Mikulski's** office will attend this meeting to discuss the Senator's involvement in civil rights, recent judicial appointments and developing a partnership with our Bar Association. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated.

See you on the 16th.

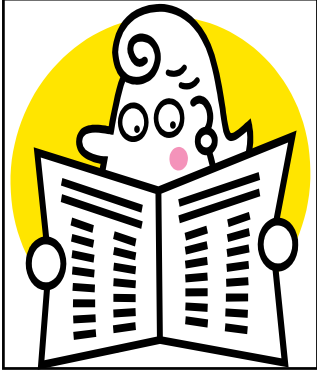
Bridgette A. Greer,
President, JFB Bar Assoc., Inc.

JFB ELECTIONS

Hon. Charles B. Day, Chair of JFB's Nominations and Elections Committee, reminds JFB members that election of officers for 2004 will be held at the General Membership meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, November 20th at the Greenbelt Community Center. Nominations will be accepted for the positions of **President-Elect, Vice President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary**, and **Recording Secretary**.

Please continue to think NOW about your service to JFB and how as an organization we can better help our community.

This year, in a departure from past practices, the Committee has recommended that ballots be electronically transmitted to JFB members who have valid and operating e-mail addresses.



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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.)

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS.

JFB President, Bridgette A. Greer, reminds JFB members that the deadline for submission of nominees and supporting documentation for the JFB **Community Service Award** to be presented at the 19th Annual Scholarship Banquet on November 6th at Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt, MD is October 15, 2003. Nominees may be individuals or organizations that have demonstrated service and commitment to Prince George's and/or Montgomery Counties and will be considered

ton the nature and duration of their activities or projects. For further information, contact Bridgette Greer at 9201 Basil Court, Largo, MD 20785 or fax to (301) 883-7636 or by e-mail at bagreer@co.pg.md.us.

Last year's Community Service Award recipients were **Linda Plummer**, former President of the Montgomery County NACCP and **Jacqueline Brown Woody**, a Prince George's County community activist involved in programs benefiting HIV/AIDS patients.

JFB ATTORNEY RESOURCE DIRECTORY

The **JFB Attorney Resource Directory** is tentatively scheduled for publication in December 2003. To ensure that we have your correct data, please provide your current firm name and address, phone number(s), email address, law school and practice area.

If you know other African American attorneys who practice and/or live in Montgomery or Prince George's County and who would like to be included in the directory,

please ask them to submit their information. Directory cost for listed non-members will be \$55.00 — equivalent to annual JFB membership dues.

Also, if you would like to advertise or know of other such interested parties, please forward all information and questions to **Belinda Bell** at (202) 832-4708 or by e-mail at atybbell@msn.com by no later than October 24, 2003.

Belinda Bell, Esquire

RECENT MARYLAND APPELLATE CASES.

In a reported opinion, Maryland's Court of Special Appeals has held that the trial court did not err when it admitted the prior tape recorded statement of a victim/witness identifying the defendant as the perpetrator - notwithstanding that his trial testimony was that his earlier identification was a mistake and someone else actually shot him. **Belton v. State of Maryland** (10/6/03) The Court stated that "recognition or acknowledgement

by the witness of the inconsistency in the prior statement, and explanation of it, does not render the prior statement consistent with the present testimony." The court also held that the prior identification was admissible under the prior extrajudicial identification rule (5-802.1). See full opinion <http://courts.state.md.us/opinions/cosa/2003/2078s02.pdf>.

Editor's Note: Thanks to **Laura Gwinn** of the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office who researched this case. L.A.J.

DID YOU KNOW...

Congratulations to JFB member **John Gwynn** and his wife Coriece Perkins Gwynn (publisher and owners of “Homes of Color” magazine) on sponsoring and constructing a 4900 square foot- seven room, dual-garage show house designed, built and decorated by African-Americans at the Congressional Black Caucus this past weekend.

Kudos to **Judge Hassan El-Amin**, founder and inventor of Tru-Clean America, LLC, makers of “America’s Bidet,” a hypo-allergic high quality personal cleansing system designed to improve the overall health of an increasingly health conscious society. Judge El-Amin launched his new product on Saturday, September 27th at the Comfort Inn in Bowie. Over 250 guests and distributors attended the event. If you would like more information about this product and independent marketing opportunities, please visit the Internet web site www.tru-cleanamerica.com.

The **Worcester County Bar Association** cordially invites JFB members to the Fifth Annual Autumn Afternoon of Continuing Legal Education on Friday, November 7, 2003 beginning at 12:00 noon at Fager’s Island in the Bay at Ocean City. For more information, please call 410-289-6667.

Photographs by JFB’s Newsletter editor, **Lloyd Johnson**, were recently published in the U.S. Department of State’s in-house magazine, “State Magazine”. Lloyd’s photo-journalistic and sports photographs regularly appear in the “Bowie Blade”. In January, 2004, he will present a photographic exhibit, “People of Zimbabwe and Digital Photojournalism” at the Episcopal Church of Our Saviour at New Hampshire Ave. and Powder Mill Road in Silver Spring, MD. Visit Lloyd’s Internet web site at www.johnsoncommunications.net.

Special Request for Pro Bono Bankruptcy Assistance from **CASA of Maryland**:

Five immigrant construction workers are owed approximately \$16,000 in hourly wages earned in the construction of new homes in Baltimore and Carroll County in May and June 2002. CASA has initiated litigation seeking recovery of these wages. The employers were working as an unincorporated business registered as such with the State of Maryland and have filed for bankruptcy. CASA seeks a bankruptcy attorney to either represent these individuals or assist in a co-counsel capacity. For further information contact Jill Wrigley at (410) 732-7777 or by e-mail at jwrigley@casamd.org.

Keep your **e-mail addresses** current: Periodically JFB members have notified us that they have not received this Newsletter electronically. While we don’t claim to be without fault from time to time — each month, a significant number of JFB Newsletters are returned to us by ISP’s (Internet Service Providers) with such notations as “... unknown person, ... account closed, mailbox full, etc. We have even received a message that an attorney member “is no longer accepting e-mail.” Please be sure to notify us of any changes in your address—especially e-mail addresses.

As we become increasingly reliant upon electronic mail for communication with our membership, it is increasingly imperative that we have your correct—and operating—e-mail address.

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The *JFB Newsletter* invites letters and articles. Submissions should be sent by FAX to (301) 809-0921 or by E-mail, in MS Word format, to lloydajohnson@comcast.net. Editor reserves the right to shorten any submissions to meet space limitations. Deadline is the 29th of each month.

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Important Dates to Remember

General Membership Meeting

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

19th Annual Scholarship Banquet

Thursday, November 6th; 6:00 p.m..
Martin's Crosswinds
Greenbelt, MD

***General Membership Meeting
and Election of 2004 Officers***

Thurs., November 20th, 6:30 p.m..
Greenbelt Community Center
15 Crescent Road
Greenbelt, MD

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.

For membership applications, contact **Bridgette A. Greer** at (301) 883-7640 or by e-mail at bagreer@co.pg.md.us

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