

# NEWSLETTER

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INCREASED MINORITY PARTICIPATION IN THE PRACTICE OF LAW

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



**J. Franklyn Bourne**  
Bar Association

### "LITTLE ACORNS BECOME BIG TREES"

As we approach our 30th Anniversary Banquet, I can't help but reflect on the idea that on May 6, 1977 a meeting was held at the Law Offices of Attorney Joseph L.

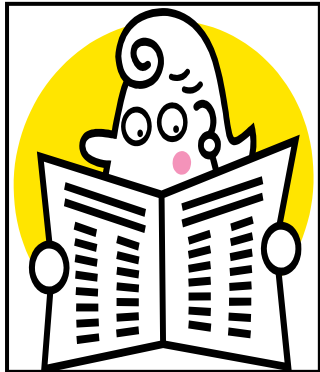
Finlayson to form our association. How many of us I wonder would have attended if such a meeting was being called today? Would we have been too bogged down with work and family obligations to squeeze yet another meeting into our day? Thankfully, the Black Attorneys admitted in Maryland, who were called to attend our inaugural meeting, did so. They went about the business of official naming our club, developing by-laws, objectives, and electing officers. Who would have thought that such a simple idea of getting together to compare notes and to support one another would give rise to the J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association of today. It is truly a remarkable achievement and everyone who has had a hand in shepherding the course of our Association over the years should be proud of this milestone.

On Thursday, November 1, 2007, we will celebrate the foresight of our Founding Members. As we do so, however, I challenge each of you to come up with the next small idea that can move

us all in a positive direction. Please show your support for the **Boycott Prison Initiative** and the **3rd Grade Reading Program** that our **Community Service and Education Committees** will be implementing in the coming months. Can you imagine the impact we could have on the life of a young person if we are able to touch them in a positive manner? We could literally change the course of someone's life by just reading to them for one (1) hour or by educating them about the staggering statistics, which places more African-American males in prison than in the class rooms. No idea is too small if people are willing to put actions behind those thoughts.

JFB continues to embrace the simple idea that yields big results and nowhere was that more evident than at the launch party of the **Young Lawyer's Section of JFB. Partying with a purpose**, the YLD section raised money for the **JFB Scholarship Fund** while solidifying friendships among their contemporaries. Thanks to committee members: **Letoria Knight, Joseph Wright, JaCina Stanton, Allison Green, Derron Parks, Mia-Len Wooddard, and Rachael Stafford**. Special thanks also to **Bill and Gail Murray** for hosting this event at their home. Since a good time was had by all, the **YLD Decades Party** may become an annual fundraiser. Good work everyone!!!

In collaboration with seven (7)



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

other Bar Associations, JFB partied around the world in celebration of our collective diversity at the Woman's Club of Chevy Chase on October 18, 2007. Kudos to Marylin Pierre, Esquire for acting as JFB liaison on the Planning Committee for this event and for doing an outstanding job. See the article below for more details about the festivities.

With our anniversary banquet upon us, I encourage everyone to attend as the evening promises to be unforgettable. With an expected record turnout, please be sure to contact Flora Davis at (301) 731-0005 or Sharon Christmas-DeBerry at

(301) 883-8616 for further information.

Lastly, our next general membership meeting on Thursday, November 15, 2007 will be my last one as your President. Please plan to attend as JFB Elections will be held for the new 2007/2008 Slate of Officers.

I look forward to seeing everyone on November 1, 2007.

**Regards,**  
**Abigale Bruce-Watson**  
**President**  
**J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association**

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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 **Joel Braithwaite**. (See above.)

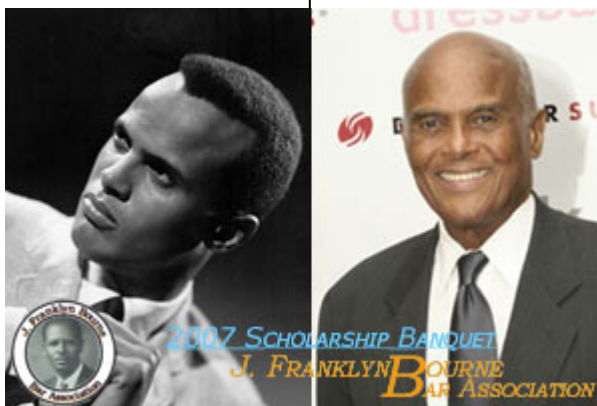
**JFB 30th ANNIVERSARY BANQUET IS UPON US!!!**

The JFB 23rd Annual Scholarship Awards/ 30th Anniversary Banquet will be held this Thursday, November 1st at 6:30 p.m. at Martin's Crosswinds, in Greenbelt, Maryland.

The Keynote speaker will be Mr. Harry Belafonte, the internationally acclaimed entertainer and human rights activist. Tickets are \$65.00 per person. To purchase tickets, contact

Sharon Christmas-DeBerry, Esq. at (301) 883-8616. Tickets are also available at the door.

A V.I.P. Reception allows Members "up close and personal" contact with Mr. Belafonte. The cost of this VIP Reception is \$100 per person, in addition to the modest ticket price of \$65 per seat or \$600 per table for the Banquet.



**BOURNE ELECTIONS**

At JFB's Annual Meeting on Thursday, November 15th we will elect our officers for 2008. Elections will be held for the following officer positions: president-elect, vice president, treasurer, recording secretary and corresponding secretary.

Only members in good standing are eligible to be officers. To serve as president-elect or treasurer, a member must have the additional qualifications of three consecutive years of active membership and have served on a standing committee for at least two years. JFB's officers and two appointed executive officers make up the Association's Executive Committee.

## DID YOU KNOW?



The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Solo and Small Firm Conference is scheduled for Friday, **November 2, 2007** from 8:00-1:00pm and on Saturday, **November 3**, from 8:00-4:00 pm at the BWI Marriott, 1743 West Nursery Road, Linthicum, MD. Please visit [www.msba.org](http://www.msba.org) if you are interested in registering for this event.

**Juan Williams of National Public Radio** will join the Lawyer's Literary Circle to discuss his book: **Thurgood Marshall - American Revolutionary** on **Thursday, December, 13<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 p.m.** The location is Miles & Stockbridge P.C., 11 North Washington Street, Suite 700, Rockville, Maryland 20850. There is no fee for this event. Please call **Jim Demma** at (301) 762-1600 or **Marylin Pierre** at (301) 279-9020 to RSVP.

On November 14, 2007 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m., the documentary, **"Race To Execution,"** and Death Penalty panel discussion will take place at **Rennie Forum, Prince George's Community College.** It is open to the public, the legal community, students, staff and faculty. "Race to Execution" presents the portrait of two Death Row inmates, Robert Traver of Russell County, Alabama, and Madison Hobley of Chicago, Illinois. It explores how race infects America's death penalty system. The film is by Rachel Lyon, produced by Jim Lopes and Rachel Lyon, and narrated by **Professor Charles Ogletree**, Director of the **Charles Hamilton Institute** at Harvard University. The event is sponsored by the Prince George's Community College Legal Studies Program, Administration of Justice Collegian Center, Maryland Citizens Against State Executions (CASE) and the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute at Harvard University.

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The *JFB Newsletter* invites letters and articles. Submissions should be sent by E-mail, in MS Word format, to [joel.braithwaite@gmail.com](mailto:joel.braithwaite@gmail.com). Editor reserves the right to shorten any submissions to meet space limitations. Deadline is the 29th of each month.

## PARTY AROUND THE WORLD

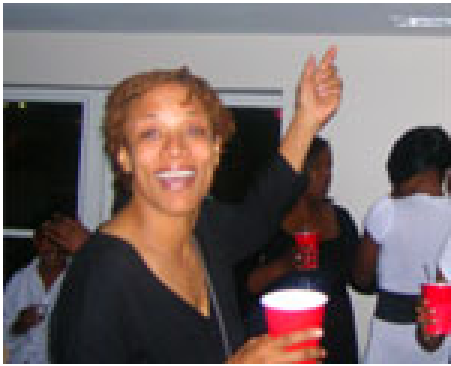
The J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association, in conjunction with seven (7) local specialty bar associations -- the Bar Association of Montgomery County, the Maryland Hispanic Bar Association, the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Maryland, the Maryland Gay/Lesbian Bar Association, the Daniel O'Connor Irish Law Society, the Montgomery County Chapter of the Women's Bar Association, and the Simon E. Sobeloff Jewish Law Society -- sponsored a "Party Around the World" on Thursday, October 18, 2007 at the Women's Club of Chevy Chase. The evening reception was the first time ever that a bar association event of this cooperative nature has taken place.

**Abigale Bruce Watson, President**, **The Honorable Hassan El-Amin, President**, **Sharon Burrell, Immediate Past President**, **Marylin Pierre**, Montgomery County Committee liaison and representative in the Party Around the World Committee, **Donna Clemons-Sachs, Wayne Cooper, and Pauline Johnson** were among those who attended the Party Around the World.

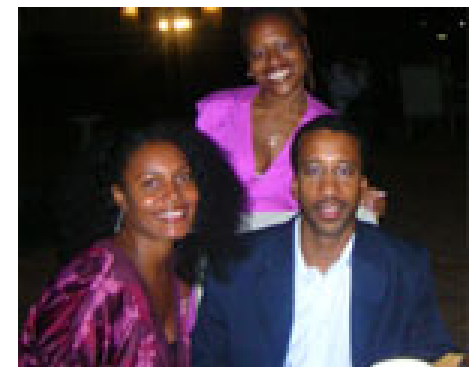


The planning of this party alone has brought together this group of bar presidents and has facilitated cooperative work by the various bar associations on more serious tasks, such as recommending appointees to Governor (Martin) O'Malley's Trial Courts Judicial Nominating Commission and to other committees to better reflect our diverse population.

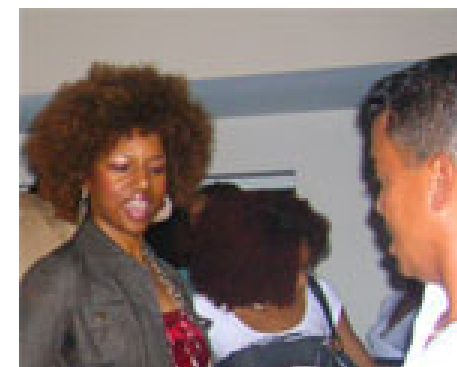
## YOUNG LAWYERS DIVISION LAUNCH PARTY



Congratulations to the Young Lawyers Section (YLD) of the J. Frankly Bourne Bar Association for the successful launch of their new section. Thank you to everyone that attended the 2007 Launch Party. A special "thank you" goes out to Bill and Gail Murray for graciously opening their home to host this event. The purpose of the party was to support the ongoing fundraising efforts for the J. Franklyn Bourne Scholarship Fund. To that end, we are pleased to report that the party was a great success and raised much needed capital. Way to go YLD Section!!! You should be proud of your efforts. Rumor has it that we maybe able to make this a yearly event. Good Work!



If you are interested in joining the Young Lawyers Section, please contact **Letoria Knight** for more information. If you missed the event, please be sure to visit our photo gallery for great pics.



**J. FRANKLYN BOURNE BAR ASSOCIATION, INC.**

P.O. Box 1121

***Important Dates to Remember***

**2007 J. Franklyn Bourne 23rd Annual  
Scholarship Awards / 30th Anniversary  
Banquet featuring Harry Belafonte**

**\$65.00 per person**

Thurs., Nov. 1st, 6:30 p.m.  
Martins Crosswinds

**VIP Reception 5:30 p.m.**

**\$100.00 per person**

***Be there or be Square!***

**JFB's Montgomery County Committee**

Sat., Nov. 3, 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
Montgomery County Bar Association  
27 West Jefferson Street, Rockville, MD  
Holly Reed (301) 587

**General Membership Meeting**

**ELECTIONS!**

Thurs., Nov. 15, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Prince George's Community College  
Largo Student Center, Room 232A  
301 Largo Road, Largo, Maryland

**SAVE THE DATE(S)**

**JFB Christmas Party (TBD)**

***JUDGE BEARD'S RETIREMENT***

You are cordially invited to a retirement party of

***The Honorable DeLawrence Beard***  
***Chief Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit***  
***For the State of Maryland***

On Thursday, January 17, 2008 at 6 p.m. at the  
Bethesda North Marriot Hotel and Conference Center,  
Grand Ballroom, at 5701 Marinelli Road, Bethesda,  
Maryland.

Enjoy a *Maryland Eastern Shore Seafood Buffet*.

\$100 per Guest; Cocktails until 7 p.m.; Business Attire.

RSVP by December 1, 2007 to The Retirement Committee  
for The Honorable DeLawrence Beard, c/o David Modell,  
Treasurer, 7700 Old Georgetown Rd, Suite 500, Bethesda,  
MD 20814.

***DEFENDANT'S ATTIRE CIR. CT.***

On August 24, 2005, Administrative Judge William D. Missouri, 7th Judicial Circuit, issued an order requiring that persons detained in the care and custody of the Prince George's County Detention Center be dressed in appropriate, non-detainee clothing (court attire, civilian clothing) when appearing before a Judge of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County Maryland as a defendant, respondent, plaintiff, or witness in a civil or criminal jury trial. Since the original order, two amendments have been adopted and a copy of the most recent amendment follows.

***MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION — DUES NOW BEING ACCEPTED.***



**JFB** 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  
Janelle Jordan & Judge Herman C. Dawson.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

**SECOND AMENDED ORDER OF COURT REGARDING CLOTHING  
FOR PRISONERS APPEARING IN COURT**

It having come to the court's attention that it is necessary to implement procedures to ensure that prisoners are appropriately dressed for court appearances, it is on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of October, 2007, by the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland,

**ORDERED**, that the Sheriff for Prince George's County and/or his designee shall not accept any clothing for prisoners that are in the care and custody of any Federal, State, County, or Municipal agency charged with the duties of maintaining custody of individuals detained and/or committed to their respective custody, and it is further,

**ORDERED**, that the attorney for any person detained under proper commitment who is scheduled to appear before a Judge of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County as a defendant, respondent, plaintiff, or witness in a civil or criminal jury trial shall, when requested to do so, provide proper attire for their client, by delivering all clothing to the proper place of confinement no less than forty-eight (48) hours of the scheduled trial date, **unless the proper place of confinement is the Prince George's County Detention Center, in which event the below paragraph controls** and it is further,

**ORDERED**, that the Director of the Prince George's County Detention Center, and/or his designee shall accept any and all clothing provided for persons in the care and custody of the Prince George's County Detention Center, so long as the clothing is presented on Tuesdays or Thursdays between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., or between 9:00 am. and 1:00 p.m. on weekends, and it is further,

**ORDERED**, that those persons detained in the care and custody of the Prince George's County Detention Center shall be dressed in appropriate, non-detainee clothing (court attire, civilian clothing) when they appear before a Judge of the Circuit Court for Prince George's County, Maryland as a defendant, respondent, plaintiff, or witness in a civil or criminal jury trial, provided the clothing for the party has been delivered as directed pursuant to paragraph 2 or 3 above; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that neither the Sheriff for Prince Georges County nor anyone in the Sheriff's employment shall accept clothing for a defendant, respondent, plaintiff, or witness on the morning that a civil or criminal case is scheduled for an event or jury trial before the Circuit Court.

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WILLIAM D. MISSOURI  
Administrative Judge  
7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit

cc: Resident Judges  
Hon. Peggy A. Magee, Clerk of Court  
Hon. Glenn F. Ivey, State's Attorney  
Hon. Michael A. Jackson, Sheriff  
Brian Denton, District Public Defender  
Alfred J. McMurray, Director, Department of Corrections  
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