

NEWSLETTER

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

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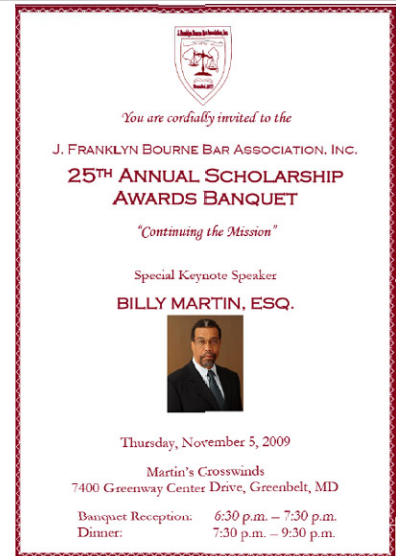
FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK




Sharon Y. Christmas-DeBerry

On Thursday, November 5, 2009, the Association will sponsor its **25th Annual Scholarship Awards Banquet** at Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt, Maryland, and your support is very much needed. If you are unable to be a sponsor or purchase a table, please purchase a ticket. Your purchase of a ticket truly makes a difference. There is much to be said for the old adage, "every little bit helps". As former law students, most of us are aware first hand the expense associated with going to law school. The banquet is our opportunity to raise funds to support our future colleagues. Our theme this year is "Continuing the Mission." The awarding of scholarships furthers our mission of promoting increased minority participation in the practice of law. Please help support this worthwhile event.

Our upcoming participation in the **National Pro Bono Week Celebration** is our last opportunity this term to show our commitment to community service. Our **Legal Clinic/Ask-a-Lawyer** event scheduled for **Saturday October 31, 2009**, has now been officially recognized by the Maryland State Bar Association and is on the MSBA official calendar of

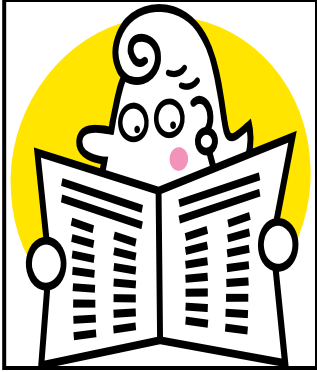


events. In these very difficult economic times, let's dispel some of the negative myths about lawyers by taking a few hours of our day to answer a few questions for those who might not otherwise have an opportunity to get legal advice. Let's show that lawyers have a heart. 

Our next **general membership meeting**, which will be held on **November 19, 2009**, will be my last as your President. At that time, we will hold **elections for 2009-2010 Bourne Officers**. Election forms can be found on our website, www.bournebar.org. **The deadline for nominations is Monday, November 2, 2009.**

I hope to see all of you at the banquet on November 5th.

Sharon Y. Christmas-DeBerry



BILLY MARTIN AT SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET

On **November 5, 2009**, we will have our **Annual Scholarship Awards Banquet** at Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt, MD. **Billy R. Martin, Esq.** will be our keynote speaker. Mr. Martin is a partner in the firm Howrey, LLP's global litigation practice, focusing on white collar criminal defense. His diverse practice includes substantial jury trial experience and representation of individuals and corporations in connection with federal and state criminal investigations, as well as in civil disputes, including financial fraud, improper employment practices, professional liability, civil rights violations and complex commercial disputes. Mr. Martin also maintains an active sports and entertainment practice.



He is consistently recognized as an established legal authority and is frequently invited to offer commentary and legal analysis on major television networks such as ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, Court TV and BET. His list of celebrity clients include former and present NBA players Jayson Williams, Allen Iverson, Juwan Howard, and Rod Strickland, former heavyweight boxing champion Riddick Bowe and NFL Quarterback Michael Vick. Mr. Martin also represented White House intern Monica Lewinsky, the parents of slain Capitol Hill intern Chandra Levy, actor Wesley Snipes, and U.S. Senator Larry Craig.

Sam Ford of ABC News 7 will serve as Master of Ceremonies. Sam has been a general assignment reporter for ABC since 1987. Previously, Sam spent nine years as a correspondent for CBS in New York, Atlanta, and Washington.

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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.)

STEP UP & SERVE—JFB ELECTIONS ARE HERE!

Its getting to be that time again! The Nominations and Elections committee is now accepting nominations of candidates for office for the positions of **President-Elect, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary**. If you are interested in serving as an officer of the J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association, you must be a current dues paying member. The Bylaws provide:

*any member who has not paid his or her dues is a member not in good standing. Only members who have paid their annual dues and any late fee, if applicable, on or before **November 1** of the calendar year are members in good standing and entitled to vote on Association matters.*

Additionally, only members in good standing are eligible for election to office. The President-Elect and Treasurer must each be an active member in good standing for at least three (3) consecutive years and have served on a standing committee for at least two (2) years. The deadline for all nominations is the close of business on **Monday, November 2, 2009**. Elections will be held at our November 19, 2009 meeting. Election winners and any candidate who is unopposed by the close of business on **November 2, 2009**, will assume office beginning December 1, 2009. Candidates for office should submit an application to Committee Chair M. **Andree Green Checkley** at andree.green@ppd.mncppc.org. Please contact Ms. Checkley at 301-952-4501 if you have questions.

NATIONAL PRO BONO CELEBRATION

The week of October 25 through October 31 has been declared National Pro Bono Week by the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service. The J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association will host a legal clinic/ask-a-lawyer program for the Prince George's and Montgomery County communities on Saturday, October 31, 2009 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. We are in need of volunteers practicing in the areas of family law, bankruptcy, foreclosures/loan modifications, criminal law, personal injury, wills and estate planning, and employment law. The Prince George's County event will be held at the Bowie Gymnasium located at 4100 Northview Drive, Bowie, MD 20716 and the Montgomery County event will be held at the Takoma Park Community Center located at 7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912. If you are willing to donate a few hours of your time, please contact Sharon Y. Christmas-DeBerry via telephone or email at deberry4law@aol.com or (301) 883-8616 or John Walker-Turner at jwt2law@juno.com or (301) 474-9020. Remember, we have an obligation to give back.

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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. Editor reserves the right to shorten any submissions to meet space limitations. Deadline is the 29th of each month.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **JFB 25th Annual Scholarship Awards Banquet** Thursday, **November 5, 2009** at Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt, MD.
- MSBA 11th Annual Solo and Small Firm Conference, Friday and Saturday, November 6 and 7, 2009 at the BWI Hilton in Linthicum Heights, MD.
- Women's Bar Association of Maryland Rita C. Davidson Award Dinner, Tuesday, **November 17, 2009** at the Sheraton Washington North in Beltsville, Maryland. Past President, the **Honorable Toni E. Clarke** and Commissioner Cynthia Miraglia are this year's recipients.
- **General Membership Meeting and JFB Elections**, Thursday, **November 19, 2009** at the Radisson Hotel in Largo, MD
- Montgomery County Women's Bar Foundation's 9th Annual Preparing for Success Fall Forum, a seminar aimed at high school girls who plan to attend college or enter the workplace. November 21, 2009 at the Montgomery College Rockville Campus. (See attached for details.)

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

The J. Franklyn Bourne Newsletter is happy to announce that we will now be accepting advertisements. Line ads start at \$15 for two lines, \$19 for three lines, \$23 for four lines and \$4 for each additional line. Display Ads rates are displayed below. "PRINT READY" ads must be received by the 10th of the month before publication.

DISPLAY AD SIZE	1 TIME	3 TIMES	6 TIMES
Business Card	\$40	\$30	\$25
Quarter Page	\$90	\$80	\$70
Half Page	\$120	\$105	\$90
Full Page	\$220	\$200	\$180

Important Dates to Remember

JFB PRO BONO LEGAL CLINICS

Saturday, October 31, 2009
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

JFB's Montgomery County Committee

Sat., November 7, 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.

JFB Annual Scholarship Awards Banquet

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

Special Guest: *Billy Martin, Esq.*
GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!

JFB General Meeting

You are cordially invited to attend
On Thursday, November 19, 2009

General Body Meeting

ELECTIONS!

Radisson Hotel | 9100 Basil Court | Largo, MD 20774

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.**

PRO BONO LEGAL CLINICS

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Saturday, October 31, 2009
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Prince George's County

Bowie Gymnasium
4100 Northview Drive, Bowie, MD 20716

Montgomery County

Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912.

Contact **Sharon Y. Christmas-DeBerry**

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(301) 883-8616

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION — DUES NOW BEING ACCEPTED.



Membership classes are:

Active: An "active member" shall be any attorney who is a member in good standing and is licensed to engage in the practice of law in the State of Maryland. **Dues:**

admitted to the Bar for less than 5 years — \$50; 5 years or more \$100.

Associate: An "associate member" shall be any professor of law or person who is a member in good standing and is licensed to practice law in any jurisdiction other than Maryland and who

lives in either Montgomery or Prince George's County. **Dues: admitted to the Bar for less than 5 years — \$50; 5 years or more \$100.**

Student: A "student member" shall be any student matriculating at any accredited school of law located in Maryland or Washington Metropolitan Area who supports the principles and objectives of the Association and who, upon application and approval of the Board of Directors, pays the applicable membership fee. **Dues: \$10.**

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



You are cordially invited to the

J. FRANKLYN BOURNE BAR ASSOCIATION, INC.

**25TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP
AWARDS BANQUET**

"Continuing the Mission"

Special Keynote Speaker

BILLY MARTIN, ESQ.



Thursday, November 5, 2009

Martin's Crosswinds

7400 Greenway Center Drive, Greenbelt, MD

Banquet Reception: 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Dinner: 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION

Admission is \$75.00 per person

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

Phone & Fax: _____

Number of Guests: _____

Date & Signature: _____

SPONSORSHIP & ADVERTISING

(Please see sponsor packages on reverse)

Sponsor Name: _____

**Sponsor Package
Or Ad Size Chosen:** _____

Please Note: (1) Only Tables and Sponsors paid in full by October 9, 2009 will be guaranteed reserved table assignments, (2) all Sponsorship, Table and Advertising submissions must be received no later than the October 9, 2009 deadline, and (3) all submissions must include camera ready ads.

**Please make all checks payable to:
"J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association, Inc."**
Contact Sharon Christmas-DeBerry (301) 883-8616
Mail to: Sharon Christmas-DeBerry
Kelsey & DeBerry, LLC
9200 Basil Court, Suite 314, Largo, MD 20774

\$2,000 Platinum Level Patron

A center ad (2 full pages) in souvenir program, Ten (10) tickets to the Banquet, Reserved Seating, Table listing in program, and Special acknowledgement during the Banquet

\$1,750 Gold Level Patron

Back cover full-page ad in souvenir program, Ten (10) tickets to the Banquet, Reserved Seating, Table listing in program, and Special acknowledgement during the Banquet

\$1,500 Silver Level Patron

Inside front or inside back full-page ad in souvenir program, Ten (10) tickets to the Banquet, Reserved Seating, Table listing in program, and Special acknowledgement during the Banquet

\$1,250 Bronze Level Patron

Full page ad in souvenir program and Ten (10) tickets to the Banquet, and Reserved Seating

\$1,000 Sponsor

Half page ad in souvenir program and Ten (10) tickets to the Banquet, and Reserved Seating

\$700 Tables

Ten (10) tickets to the Banquet, Reserved Seating, and Table Listing in the program

Full page ad* -- \$750.00

Half page ad* -- \$500.00

1/4 page ad* -- \$250.00

1/8 page ad* -- \$150.00

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J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association, Inc

Presents:

J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association, Inc.

Ask-A-Lawyer

Answers to your legal questions for FREE!!!!

Saturday, October 31, 2009

10:00a.m. – 2:00p.m.

Two Locations:

Prince George's County:
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Montgomery County:
Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Takoma Park, MD 20912

For more information contact Sharon Y. Christmas-DeBerry
(301) 883-8616 or email at deberry4law@aol.com or John Walker-
Turner (301) 474-9020 or email at jwtlaw2@juno.com



J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association, Inc.

APPLICATION FOR ELECTED TERM OF OFFICE 2009 - 2010

NAME: _____

Seeking Election to Position of: _____

Office Address: _____

Office Phone: _____ **Fax Phone:** _____

Bar Admissions: _____

Areas of Practice: _____

Law School: _____ **Year of First Admit:** _____

Past JFB Committees or Positions (and year(s) of service.

Position Statement (Your reason for seeking elected office -250 words or less. Please type or submit an attachment. Where suitable, this statement shall be edited for publication to the JFB membership.)

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return to:
Committee Chair M. Andree Green Checkley
andree.green@ppd.mncppc.org
301-952-4501



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November 21, 2009

10:00 am - 4:30 pm

Montgomery College

51 Mannakee Street, Rockville, MD 20850

Registration is in the Theatre Arts Building.

Directions are on the back of this sheet.

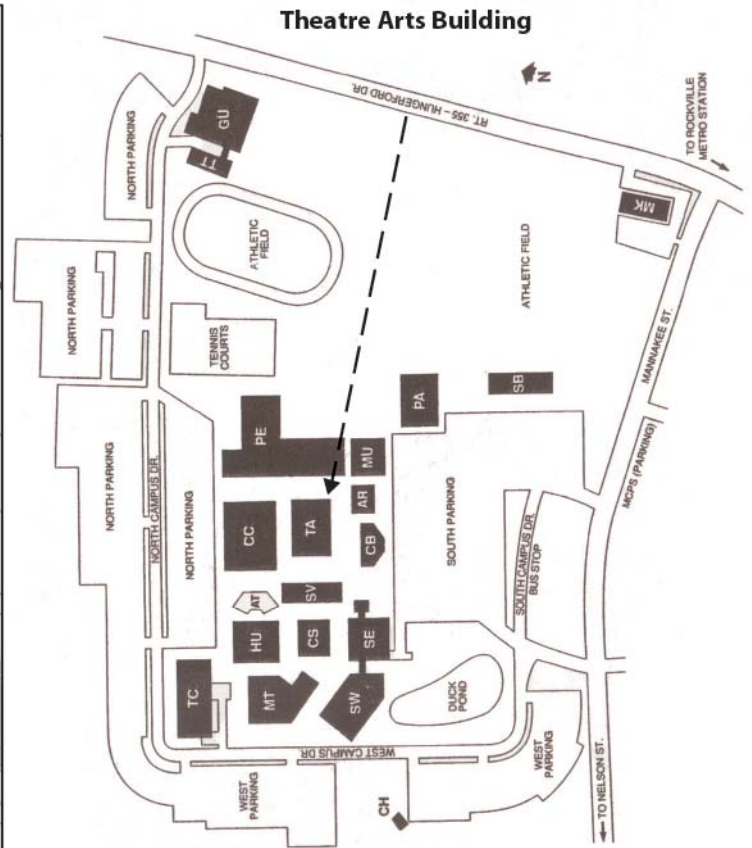
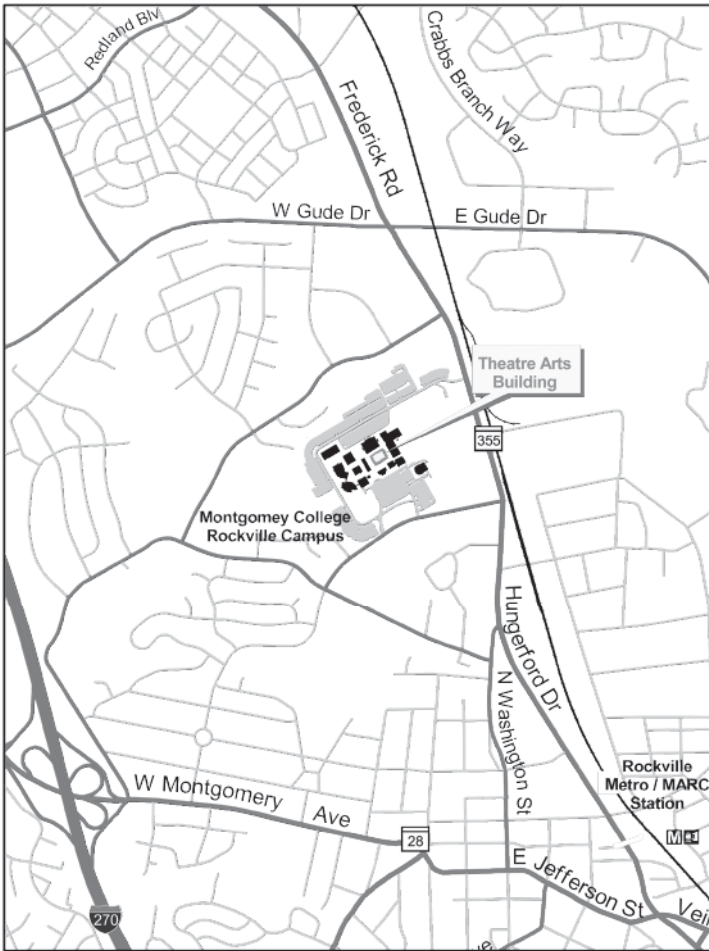
FREE BUS SERVICE from these pick-up points:

- 9:00 Watkins Mill HS
- 9:15 Gaithersburg HS
- 9:30 Quince Orchard HS
- 9:15 Montgomery Blair HS
- 9:30 Einstein HS
- 9:15 Paint Branch HS
- 9:30 Blake HS

For more information, please call
Louise H. Preble Schwartz, Esq., 301-654-4345
patregnani@aol.com

Mail-in registration form is on the back
or you may register on-line at

www.preparingforsuccess.org



Sponsored by: Montgomery County Women's Bar Foundation, Montgomery County Public Schools, Montgomery College, Montgomery County Commission for Women, J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association, Maryland Hispanic Bar Association.

To Rockville Campus . . .

From the north - Take I-270 South to Exit 6, Route 28, W. Montgomery Avenue, Rockville. Take Exit 6A, Route 28 East. Turn left at the first traffic light onto Nelson Street. Go to the first traffic light at Mannakee Street; turn left. The campus is 1 1/2 blocks on the left.

From the south - Take I-495 to I-270 North/Frederick. Take Exit 6A, Route 28 East, West Montgomery Avenue, Rockville (1/4 mile north of Montrose Road exit). Follow Montgomery College sign through traffic light (road becomes Nelson Street). Go to the first traffic light at Mannakee Street; turn left. The campus is 1 1/2 blocks on the left.

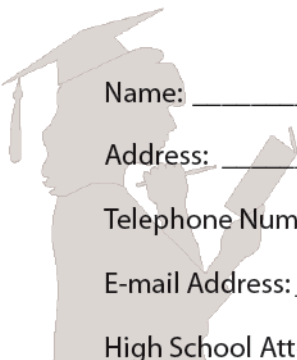
By Metro - Take the Red Line train to Rockville station, then transfer to Metrobus #Q2 (Viers Mill Road Line) to campus stop at corner of Hungerford Drive and Mannakee Street.

By Bus - Take Metrobus #Q2 (Viers Mill Road Line) which runs between Silver Spring and Shady Grove Metro stations) direct to campus stop at corner of Hungerford Drive and Mannakee Street.

- At the Rockville Metro Station on the Red Line , take Metrobus #Q2 (Shady Grove) or Ride-On buses #46 or #55.
- At the Shady Grove Metro Station, take Metrobus #Q2 (Silver Spring) or Ride-On bus #55. The bus routes stop on campus.

To register, please complete the Pre-Registration Form below, and mail to:

Louise H. Preble Schwartz, Esq.,
 4938 Hampden Lane, PMD No. 437, Bethesda, Maryland 20814
 or go to: www.preparingforsuccess.org For more information, please email: patregnani@aol.com



Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____

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High School Attending: _____ Grade Level: _____