

# NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Bridgette A. Greer

During the week of August 2-9, 2003, the National Bar Association held its 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and Exhibits at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside. Nearly 1,000 African American attorneys from across the country participated in the many educational seminars and events that were offered throughout the week. Everyone had a great time. Congratulations to our very own JFB member, **Kim Keenan**, who was elected NBA President-Elect.

Please note that our September General Membership meeting on Thursday, September 18th will feature a brief business meeting - from 6:00 p.m. *sharp* until 6:30 p.m. - followed immediately afterward by our "*Autumn Reception*". Light refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Bring a friend and/or a new member to help us reach our membership goal.

To reach The Safari Steakhouse, exit the Beltway at Rte. 450 (Annapolis Rd.) and continue east toward Lanham. After passing Carter Ave., you will see The Safari Steakhouse on the left.

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## JFB ELECTIONS ARE COMING!

### *An Important JFB Election Notice*

The J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association ("JFB") Nominations and Elections Committee is now accepting nominations of candidates for office for the positions of **President-Elect, Vice President, Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, and Recording Secretary**. The **deadline** for all applications to be submitted is the close of business on Monday, **September 22, 2003**.

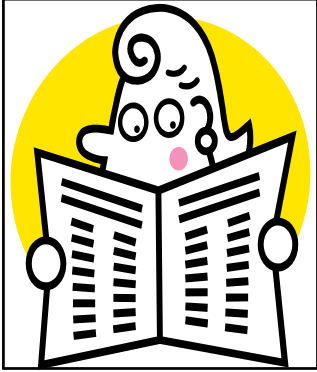
Candidates for office should complete the attached application

and provide supporting biographical information to the Nominations Committee Chair.

The timely submissions of qualified candidates will be published in the next edition of the Newsletter. Thereafter, the names of said candidates will appear on a certified ballot for voting by the membership.

Any candidate who is unopposed by the close of business

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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.)

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And – if you haven't done so already - mark your calendar for Thursday, November 6th, for JFB's 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Awards Banquet at Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt, MD. We are still in the process of confirming our keynote speaker. For the next several months, all of our efforts

will be concentrated on making the Banquet a huge success. If you are interested in working on this committee, please contact our Vice-President, **William A. Snoddy**, at (301) 952-4874 or by e-mail at [wasnoddy@co.pg.md.us](mailto:wasnoddy@co.pg.md.us)

See you on September 18<sup>th</sup>

Bridgette A. Greer, Esquire  
JFB President

## JFB ELECTIONS ARE COMING! (Cont.)

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on September 22, 2003, will assume office beginning December 1, 2003. More details will follow.

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

Hon. Charles B. Day  
Chair, JFB Nominations and Elections  
Committee

## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

**Garland Stillwell** reports that the JFB Scholarship Committee is receiving applications for JFB scholarships of up to \$1,000 per student. Selection criteria include (i) academic achievements, (ii) quality of required essay, (iii) community service, (iv) strength of recommendations, and (v) financial need.

The one to two page essay, requires applicants to describe the importance of their legal education, their future legal aspirations and how they would expect to contribute to the community and society after graduation.

Applicants must be students in good standing at an accredited law school. Deadline for receipt of completed applications is the close of business on Monday, **October 6th**.

Following the initial review of applications and supporting documentation, the Committee may invite finalists for an interview with the Committee. Winners are notified beforehand and announced at the **19th Annual JFB Scholarship Awards Banquet on November 6th** at Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt, MD.

Scholarship applications are attached to this newsletter in MS Word and Adobe Acrobat PDF format. Hard copies of the Scholarship Application may be requested from **Garland H. Stillwell, Esquire, Chair JFB Scholarship Committee, Linowes and Blocher, LLP, 7200 Wisconsin Avenue, 8th Floor, Bethesda, MD 20814** or by calling (301) 645-2801 or by e-mail at [ghs@linowes-law.com](mailto:ghs@linowes-law.com).

## NOMINATIONS FOR JFB COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

JFB invites nominations for its **Community Service Award** to be presented at the Annual Scholarship Banquet. Nominees may be individuals or organizations that have demonstrated service and commitment to Prince George's and/or Montgomery Counties. Nominees will be considered based on the nature and duration of their activities or projects.

Please submit the application (attached to transmittal message) and any supporting documentation by October 15, 2003 to Bridgette Greer at 9201 Basil Court, Largo, MD 20785 or fax to (301) 883-7636. Our 2002 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.]

### Did You Know?



Longtime JFB member, **Gabriel Christian** has co-authored "*In Search of Eden: Essays on Dominican History*" with the Honorable Justice Irving W. André and invites JFB members and friends to a book signing at the Law Offices of Gabriel J. Christian &

Associates, LLC, at 3060 Mitchellville Road, Bowie, Maryland 20716 on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Please RSVP to **Karen Gooden** Esquire, (301) 218-9400 or by e-mail at [cbaptiste@gclawfirm.com](mailto:cbaptiste@gclawfirm.com) or [kgooden@gclawfirm.com](mailto:kgooden@gclawfirm.com). A reception will immediately follow the book signing.

Please join the Law Offices of Jack H. Olender & Associates, P.C. and the Washington Bar Association as they celebrate JFB's **Kim Keenan**, as the newly elected President-Elect of the National Bar Association. A reception will be held in Kim's honor on Friday September 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Ortanique, 730 - 11<sup>th</sup> Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. (across from Grand Hyatt).

The **Montgomery County Commission for Women's Legal Call Back Program** matches pro bono attorneys willing to give advice to clients seeking help with one specific legal question within the attorney's area of expertise.

Clients contact the Commission and their questions are documented on an intake form. Questions are reviewed weekly and then faxed to the volunteer panel attorneys based upon their expertise and prior service. Attorneys typically receive one or two questions a month. Questions usually involve domestic, employment, debt, criminal, contract, landlord/tenant, personal injury, trust and estates, and real estate law. If you are interested, please contact **Sharon Zissman**, at (240) 777-8358.

The Maryland State Bar Association's **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Solo and Small Firm Conference** will be held on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at the Columbia Sheraton Hotel at 10207 Wincopin Circle, Columbia, MD (410) 730-3900. For additional information, please contact Pat Yevics at (410) 685-7878 or by e-mail at [pyevics@msba.org](mailto:pyevics@msba.org).

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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](mailto:lloydajohnson@comcast.net). Editor reserves the right to shorten any submissions to meet space limitations. Deadline is the 29<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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### ***Important Dates to Remember***

#### ***General Membership Meeting Autumn Reception***

Thurs., September 18th, 6:00 p.m..  
Safari Steakhouse & Sports Bar  
9430 Annapolis Road  
Lanham, MD

#### ***19th Annual Scholarship Banquet***

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

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## ***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](mailto:bagreer@co.pg.md.us)

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