

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

It has been quite a year. Although we witnessed the swearing in of our first African American President, we have also been given a grim reminder by way of senseless acts of violence and recent court decisions that our civil rights continue to be dwindled away. Yes, "we've come a long way!", but as the audience at the NAACP Freedom Fund Dinner was reminded by NAACP President and CEO, **Benjamin Jealous**, the fight must continue. Achieving equality will not occur unless good people are prepared to fight for it on a daily basis. By actively carrying out our mission statement to be committed to the principles of legal excellence, community service, and increased minority participation in the practice of law, we can aid in the fight for civil rights.

I urge you to get involved. We have nearly 200 dues paying members, but only a handful are actively participating members. Our long-time members continue to be at the forefront of the Association. If we are to continue to be an effective voice and leader in our community, our young members must become more involved. As this year comes to a close, it is time to elect a new Board. If you have ever thought about

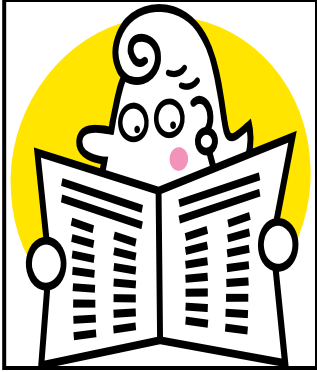


servicing, I encourage you to consider lending your time and talents to us. Information concerning offices and elections are addressed later in this issue.

On November 5, 2009, we will hold our 25th Annual Scholarship Awards Banquet. The Scholarship Committee, chaired by **ShaRon M. Kelsey**, Esquire, will be hard at work within the coming weeks to determine the award recipients for this year's banquet. Any one interested in assisting on this committee should contact Ms. Kelsey at skelsey@kelsey.com. Please contact **Derron Parks** or **Bridgett A. Greer**, Co-Chairs of the Banquet Committee or myself if you need tickets for this year's banquet. For those of you who have not purchased your tickets, please do so ASAP and join us for a great evening of fun and fellowship.

Sharon Y. Christmas-DeBerry
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.)

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.

ITS ALMOST ELECTION TIME AGAIN

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 interest 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

After years of discussion and planning for an annual national celebration of pro bono, the American Bar Association Standing Committee on Pro Bono and Public Service chose 2009 to launch this important initiative. The Committee is sponsoring this pro bono recognition from October 25th through the 31st. The celebration is a coordinated national effort to showcase the great difference that pro bono lawyers make to the nation, its system of justice, its communities and, most of all, to the clients they serve. The week is also dedicated to the quest for more pro bono volunteers to meet the ever-growing legal needs of this country's most vulnerable citizens. The Standing Committee has emphasized that "although national in breadth, this celebration provides an opportunity for local legal associations across the country to collaboratively commemorate the contributions of America's lawyers and to recruit additional volunteers to meet the growing need."

To that end, **The J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association** will host a legal clinic 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, landlord/tenant law, wills and estate planning, real estate, 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.

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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.

ELECTRONIC DISCOVERY CLE RECAP

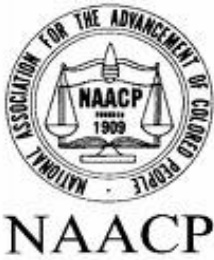
At our General Membership Meeting on September 17, 2009, The **Honorable Paul Grimm** presented a seminar on discovery and admissibility of electronically stored information. He discussed the problems that civil litigators encounter most frequently in pretrial discovery as they relate to electronic discovery and offered suggestions and strategies for solving them. Judge Grimm highlighted the five "P's" -- preservation, processing, privilege review, production and proportionality -- as they relate to electronic discovery. If you weren't there, you missed out on a great discussion on a growing issue in the practice of law! If you would like a copy of Judge Grimm's handout, please let me know. Many thanks to **Linda Thatcher, Esq.** for her recommendation to have Judge Grimm present the topic and to The **Honorable Michele D. Hotten** for once again organizing a great CLE!

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

NAACP ANNUAL FREEDOM FUND DINNER



The **Prince George's County Chapter of the NAACP** held its **Annual Freedom Fund Dinner** on Friday, September 18, 2009 at the Camelot. NAACP President and CEO, **Benjamin Jealous**, was the keynote speaker. Mr. Jealous reminded us that the struggle is not over and urged us to continue to fight for civil rights. Civil rights are being violated on a daily basis and there is still unequal justice. He encouraged us to take big bold dreams of equality and accomplish them by chiseling away at them over time with little steps until they are achieved. He urged us to get reinvigorated and get back into the fight. The black-tie event was well-attended by many state and federal elected officials. Kudos to **June White-Dillard**, President and **Earl Adams, Jr.**, 1st Vice President of the Prince George's County Chapter of the NAACP, and the members of their Committee for a wonderful evening.

PHOTO GALLERY: NAACP ANNUAL FREEDOM FUND DINNER



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Important Dates to Remember

JFB's Montgomery County Committee
Sat., October 3, 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 General Meeting

*You are cordially invited to attend
On October 15, 2009*

General Body Meeting

Radisson Hotel
9100 Basil Court
Largo, MD 20774

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!*

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.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

JFB PRO BONO LEGAL CLINICS

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**

deberry4law@aol.com
(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

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**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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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
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301-952-4501



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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP, 2008-2009

MEMBERSHIP CLASS: ___ Active (less than 5 years) \$50 ___ Active (more than 5 years) \$100
 ___ Associate (less than 5 years) \$50 ___ Associate (more than 5 years) \$100
 ___ Student (\$10) ___ New Admittee (Dues waived first year)

NAME: (Last Name, First Name, MI.) _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS:

Firm/Organization: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

PHONE: Business: _____ Home: _____ FAX: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

HOME ADDRESS:

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP Code: _____

EDUCATION:

Undergraduate: _____ Degree: _____ Year: _____
Law School: _____ Degree: _____ Year: _____
Other Education: _____ Degree: _____ Year: _____

BAR ADMISSIONS:

Date of Admission to Maryland Bar: _____
Admission to Other Bar(s):
Jurisdiction: _____ Date: _____
Jurisdiction: _____ Date: _____

PRACTICE EMPHASIS (Please check *no more than three* areas):

Administrative Law: ___	Bankruptcy: ___	Corporate/Business: ___
Criminal Defense: ___	Criminal Prosecution: ___	Domestic Relations: ___
Employment: ___	Estate Planning: ___	General Practice: ___
Land Use/Zoning: ___	Legal Education: ___	Personal Injury: ___
Real Estate: ___	Other: _____	Other: _____

I am interested in serving on the following committees.

Banquet: _____	Membership: _____	Cont. Legal Education: ___
JFB Nominations: _____	Judicial Nomination: _____	Legislation: _____
Speakers: _____	Scholarship: _____	Community Service: _____
Bourne Pages _____	Golf Tourn. _____	Other _____

I hereby apply for membership in the **J. Franklyn Bourne Bar Association, Inc.** I subscribe to its purposes, am familiar with its membership classes, and believe that I am qualified for the requested membership. I agree to abide by the organization's by-laws.

Signature: _____ Date: _____