



THE BAR FOUNDATION FOR HOWARD COUNTY, MARYLAND, INC.

ANNUAL REPORT

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“Lawyers dedicated to excellence in law, justice, and community.”

July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007

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The Bar Foundation

The Bar Foundation for Howard County, Maryland Inc was incorporated in March, 2001 as a non-profit 501(c)(3) qualified foundation for the purpose of improving the public's knowledge of the law, to improve the administration of justice in Howard County and to enhance and improve the image of attorneys and the legal system in Howard County. Among its goals as set forth in the Bar Foundation's Articles of Incorporation are:

1. to promote the better understanding of the law and legal system among members of the public;
2. to institute programs to improve the legal system and court systems in order to better serve the public;

3. to improve relations between the bench, the bar and the public;
4. to create better access to the legal system for low to moderate income individuals;
5. to foster and maintain the honor and integrity of legal education and legal practice; and
6. to make distribution to the non-profit organizations and governmental agencies in furtherance of the Foundation's purposes.

The Fellows of the Bar Foundation consist of practicing attorneys, active and retired District and Circuit Court judges in Howard County, Masters in Chancery, and numerous appellate and United States District Court Judges. The Honorable Robert M. Bell, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals, has been granted the status of an honorary member.

According to the Constitution of the Bar Foundation: "Being a Fellow shall be deemed a professional honor and distinction, and a recognition of outstanding dedication and contribution to maintaining the honor and integrity of the legal profession, the improvement and facilitation of the administration of justice, the work of The Howard County Bar Association, Inc. (the "Bar Association") and/or the organized Bar of the State of Maryland and civic leadership."

During this past year, the Bar Foundation elected the following individuals to be Fellows: Ava Lias Booker, Esquire, Lisa Broten, Esquire, Ann Kelly Laynor, Esquire, and Louis Jay Ulman, Esquire. The officers and Trustees elected to serve for the 2007-2008 year are:

President:	David S. Harvis, Esquire
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Bar Foundation Programs & Initiatives: July 1, 2006—June 30, 2007

Financial Investments and FY07 Grants: The Foundation began the year by becoming a designated Fund of the Columbia Foundation. The establishment of this Fund affords our Foundation with sound investment management and strategies to help

ensure our continued financial stability. This partnership with the Columbia Foundation greatly assists the Bar Foundation because it provides a vehicle to grow the Foundation funds and increase the amount of funds available for distribution as grants each year, and at the same time give us access to the experience and expertise of one of the leading charitable organizations in the country.

Shoot the Bull Fundraiser to Benefit Grassroots: The Bar Foundation staged a highly successful and highly visible fundraiser, *Shoot the Bull*, to raise needed funds for the expansion of Grassroots, Howard County's only crisis intervention center. The stated mission of Grassroots is "to create opportunity for people in crisis and in need to make positive, empowering changes in their lives by being a 24-hour resource, responding helpfully and professionally, while recognizing each person's individuality and dignity." *Shoot the Bull* raised \$25,000 for Grassroots, and over \$9,000 for the Bar Foundation. The event also helped to highlight the wonderful work done by the entire legal community in making significant monetary and non-monetary contributions to the community.

Community Education Project: With the assistance of the Office of the Attorney General, the Foundation held a community education program to help educate the public about the newly revised Advanced Directives drafted by the Attorney General's Office. In addition, a parallel program was held sponsored for members of the Bar to address issues such as estate planning, Advanced Directives and other related matters.

Community Education and Partnerships: The Bar Foundation continued its work with the Howard County school system to better educate Howard County students about the legal system. In the spring of 2007 the Bar Foundation in conjunction with the Howard County Bar Association sponsored a program known as "We the Jury" in all of the Howard County High Schools in which Bar Foundation fellows and Bar Association members supervised Howard County High School students in a program designed to teach about the importance of juries in our civil and criminal justice system. In addition, in collaboration with other Bar Associations, Bar Foundation fellows, and Bar Association members served as members of congressional committees in numerous elementary schools as part of the school system's "Simulated Congressional Hearings Program." The Simulated Congressional Hearing Program is a project funded by the U.S. Department of Education and is a valuable part of the fifth grade social studies curriculum. The Bar Foundation's continued participation in these two programs is in furtherance of its goal to help promote the better understanding of the law and legal system among members of the public.

Annual Meeting of Fellows and Recognition Awards Luncheon: This year's Annual Meeting of Fellows took the form of a luncheon meeting, at which the Bar Foundation publicly recognized and honored the many contributions made by Richard B. Talkin, Esquire, and Carol A. Hanson, Esquire. Mr. Talkin was recognized for his service to the legal community, his professionalism and civility, his long-term commitment to community involvement that has vastly improved the quality of life for Howard County residents, and his role as a reflective leader and community catalyst. Ms.

Hanson was recognized for her outstanding service, leadership and professionalism in the legal community, and her efforts to provide legal representation to indigent defendants in Howard and Carroll Counties to safeguard their Constitutional rights to counsel, due process and a fair trial.

Awarding of Grants: The Bar Foundation authorized the award of grant funding to help provide seed money for the establishment of a supervised child visitation center in Howard County. Unfortunately, the project was placed on hold and the award was not issued. This was perhaps the one disappointment experienced by the Foundation this year in that the Foundation did not provide any financial assistance to a worthy project in accordance with the Foundation's purposes. The Foundation will continue to work in the future to seek out individuals and organizations and award grants and other financial support consistent with the goals and objectives of the Foundation.

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY
For the Year Ended June 30, 2007**

Revenues	
Dues	\$ 4,500.00
HCBA Dues Check off	\$ 780.00
<i>Shoot the Bull</i> Fundraiser-net	\$ 4,941.00
Interest & Fund Appreciation	<u>\$ 2,128.50</u>
Total Revenue	\$12,349.50
Expenses	
Insurance	\$ 218.00
Special Projects	\$ 370.00
Annual Meeting	\$ 497.22
Investment Management Fees	\$ 150.00
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>\$ 169.88</u>
Total Expenses	\$ 1,255.10
Net Revenue	\$11,094.40

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
As of June 30, 2007**

Assets	
Checking Account – Susquehanna Bank	\$ 8,752.73
Columbia Foundation Funds	\$29,610.00
Liabilities	
None	

FELLOWS OF THE BAR FOUNDATION

Charter Fellows

Tobey G. Brehm, Esq.
Honorable J. Thomas Nissel
Honorable Pamela Brown
David A. Carney, Esq.
Ronald M. Cherry, Esq.
Michael W. Davis, Esq.
James K. Eagan, Esq. (deceased)
Robert D. Earle, Esq.
M. Albert Figinski, Esq.
Honorable Robert Fischer
Alan Fishbein, Esq.
Honorable Lenore R. Gelfman
Robert W. Guth, Esq.
Honorable Raymond J. Kane, Jr.
Jeffrey A. Krew, Esq.
Honorable Diane O. Leasure
Jonathan Z. May, Esq.
Sang W. Oh, Esq.
Gerald M. Richman, Esq.
Honorable R. Russell Sadler
Honorable Donna Hill Staton
Kerry D. Staton, Esq.
Honorable James N. Vaughan

Life Fellows

Ann Balcerzak, Esq.
Lisa Broten, Esquire
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Charles Fuller, Esq.
Master Mary Kramer
Master Elaine Patrick
Honorable Mary C. Reese
Lillie Price Wesley, Esq.

Associate Fellows

Honorable Neil Edward Axel
Honorable Mary Ellen Barbera
Honorable Lynn Battaglia
Honorable Louis A. Becker
Honorable Richard Bernhardt
Ava Lias Booker, Esq.
Lisa Broten, Esq.
Honorable Wayne Brooks
Alan C. Cason, Esq.
Honorable Alice P. Clark
Bernard Cook, Esq.
Honorable Sue Ellen Hantman
David S. Harvis, Esq.
Richard M. Karceski, Esq.
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Andrew Levy, Esq.
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