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President's Message

by Hon. Pamila J. Brown



*Two Roads Diverged
In A Wood, And I took
The One Less Traveled
By, And That Has
Made All The
Difference.*
- Robert Frost

The "snowmageddon" is finally behind us as we approach the last months of winter. The unprecedented storms wreaked havoc on all systems, businesses and our even institutions including our Courts as well as the practice of law. Never before have we seen the magnitude of multiple snow storms that effectively shut down our transportation system for days. Throughout the ordeal however, little acts of kindness mostly unreported continued to be displayed and is a testament to the general good will of the people. That feeling of goodwill continues as we watch the Olympic Games in that we are constantly reminded that we part of a global community and that our humanity knows no boundaries.

One of the joys of serving as President is the opportunity to welcome the newest members of the Bar to our Association. Several of you had the pleasure of meeting many of them last month but I want to again extend our collective best wishes to each of them as they begin their legal careers. They are: Steve Adler, Vinita Ananth, Biola Bakare, Songeeta Biswas, Henry Boyd, III, Kaiser H. Chowdhry, Frederic Cook, III, Brett Dieck, Ryan Dymek, Marie Fox, Richard Gibson, Erin Gloth, Julie Grufferman, Fani Kantartzis, Mojgan Katouzian, Stephane LaTour, Kellie Lego, Kevin Mattingly, Carolyn Mech, Jacob Mueller, Sarah Novak, Kristina Newcomb, Jumoke Oladapo, Michael Ostroff, Pamela K. Riewerts, Lisa Staeven, Audrey Wallace, Amos Whitney, Mark Wisniewski, and Christiana Yunkunis.

Indeed for some of us it has been decades and others just a few years or months since we were sworn in and recited our Oath. You

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Upcoming Events

- March 9**
HCBA Board of Directors Meeting
- March 10**
Howard County Pro Bono Committee Mtg
- March 12**
HCBA Family Law Section Meeting
- March 16 - HCCP Luncheon Meeting**
- March 17**
HCBA Luncheon Meeting
- March 24**
HCWBA Luncheon Meeting
- March 25**
HCBA Estates & Trust Section Meeting
- Retirement Dinner in Honor of
The Honorable Alice P. Clark
- April 13**
HCBA Board of Directors Meeting
- April 16**
HCBA Family Law Section Meeting
- April 22**
HCBA Chamber Chat
- HCBA Estates & Trust Section Meeting
- April 27**
HCWBA Network Event
- May 5**
HCWBA Annual Legislative Review Lunch
- May 6**
HCCP End of Year Party
- May 7**
HCBA Annual Meeting and
Election of Officers
- May 11**
HCBA Board of Directors Meeting
- May 12**
Howard County Pro Bono Committee Mtg
- May 14**
HCBA Family Law Section Meeting
- May 19**
Drug/DUI Court Graduation
- May 20**
HCBA Estates & Trust Section Meeting

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS HOWARD COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2010-2011

The Annual Meeting of the Howard County Bar Association, will take place on Friday, May 7, 2010, Location TBA. Pursuant to Article VIII of the By-Laws of the Howard County Bar Association, notice is hereby given that the election of Officers and HCBA's Board of Directors for 2010-2011 shall take place by confidential ballot at this Meeting.

2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 2010

Tuesday, March 9, 7:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 10, 8:00 a.m.

Friday, March 12, 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 16, 11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, March 17, 11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 24, 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 25, 9:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 25, 6:00 p.m.

HCBA Executive Board Meeting
 Howard County Pro Bono Committee Meeting
 HCBA Family Law Section Luncheon Meeting
 HCCP Luncheon Meeting @ The Bombay Peacock Grill
 HCBA Luncheon Meeting @ Bare Bones Grill and Brewery
 Guest Speaker: The Hon. Dennis Sweeney; Topic: Social Media
 HCWBA Luncheon; Location TBA
 HCBA Estates & Trust Meeting; Speaker: Megan Wallace, Esq. who will discuss "estate planning for domestic partners"
 Retirement Dinner in Honor of The Honorable Alice P. Clark
 Columbia Hilton; Cost is \$55.00 per person

APRIL 2010

Tuesday, April 13, 7:30 a.m.

Friday, April 16, 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 22, 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 22, 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, April 27

HCBA Executive Board Meeting
 HCBA Family Law Section Luncheon Meeting
 HCBA Chamber Chat with the District Court Judges with a Happy Hour event immediately following at LaPalapa's
 HCBA Estates & Trust Section Meeting; Guest Speaker: Matthew A. Mace, Esq. of Ober, Kale, Grimes & Shriver
 HCWBA co-sponsored event with Business Women's Network @ Union Jack's; detailed information will be forthcoming

MAY 2010

Wednesday, May 5, 11:30 a.m.

Friday, May 7, 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, May 11, 7:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 12, 8:00 a.m.

Friday, May 14, 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, May 20, 9:00 a.m.

HCWBA Annual Legislative Review with Liz Bobo; Location TBA
 HCBA Annual Meeting and Election of Officers; Location TBA
 HCBA Executive Board Meeting
 Howard County Pro Bono Committee Meeting
 HCBA Family Law Section Luncheon Meeting
 HCBA Estates & Trust Section Meeting

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



JUNE 2010

Wednesday, June 9, 11:30 a.m.

June 9-12, 2010

HCWBA End of Year Luncheon at Tersiquel's
 MSBA Annual Meeting, Ocean City, Maryland

JULY 2010

July 24, 2010

MSBA Crab Feast - Details will be forthcoming

The Howard County Bar Association would like to extend its sincere appreciation for the great food and drinks they provided for our Annual New Admittees Reception.

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