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President's Message

by Angela Grau



On Friday, August 27, 2010, I had the privilege of speaking at the investiture of the Honorable Ricardo D. Zwaig the newest member to the District Court of Maryland for Howard County. I am honored to hold this position at this time so that I was able to participate in marking his historic appointment to the bench. The HCBA is celebrating its 70th anniversary in the Spring of 2011 and I can think of no better testament to the growth of the organization over that time than the appointment of Howard County's first Hispanic judge.

Fortunately, Judge Zwaig has a well-developed sense of humor, and took my remarks in the spirit in which they were intended! For all of you that were not able to attend the investiture, I bring you:

“Top 10 things the Bar Association wants you to remember as you become a judge”

10. Affidavit judgments are a good thing.

9. When awarding attorneys fees, construe “reasonable” in the manner in which you would yesterday.

8. “0/4 on the one-leg stand is grounds for immediate dismissal.”

7. Don't be offended when we still call you “Ricardo” when we see you at Home Depot on Saturday.

6. “I got no money” is not a meritorious defense that even meets the minimal standards of rule 3-307.

5. But sometimes “the flow of traffic” is a meritorious defense to a moving violation.

4. No trials Friday afternoons (especially before a 3 day weekend).

3. Just like you have learned from your your kids (and I know that you are a proud and devoted father), sometimes when a criminal defendant says “I didn't do it”, they really didn't.

2. If you are a working parent (especially of teenagers), sometimes you DO have to text while driving.

1. Your colleagues in the HCBA are honored to have you among our members, and look forward to continuing the close, collegial relationship that we have already developed over these many years.

Congratulations Judge Zwaig!

Angela Grau
President, HCBA

Upcoming Events

- September 14**
HCBA Board of Directors Meeting
- September 21**
HCCP Members Meeting
- September 23**
HCBA Estates & Trust Section Meeting
- September 28**
WBA Joint Event

- October 11**
COLUMBUS DAY - COURTS CLOSED
- October 12**
HCBA Board of Directors Meeting
- October 13**
Howard County Pro Bono Committee Mtg
- October 20**
HCBA Luncheon Meeting - Bare Bones
- October 19**
HCCP Members Meeting
- October 28**
HCBA Estates & Trust Section Meeting

- November 2**
ELECTION DAY - COURTS CLOSED
- November 9**
HCBA Board of Directors Meeting
- November 11**
HCBA Estates and Trust Section Mtg
- November 16**
VETERAN'S DAY - COURTS CLOSED
- November 17**
HCCP Members Meeting
- November 25 & 26**
THANKSGIVING DAY & DAY AFTER COURTS CLOSED

- December 14**
HCBA Board of Directors Meeting
- December 23 & 30**
Service Reduction Days - COURTS CLOSED
- December 24**
CHRISTMAS - COURTS CLOSED

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HCBA DUES 2010-2011

The 2nd notice for the HCBA and Lawyer Referral Service annual dues for 2010-2011 have been mailed to all members. In order to keep your membership current, please complete and return the dues invoice to:

District Court Multi-Service Center
ATTN: HCBA Office, Kim Wharton
3451 Courthouse Drive
Ellicott City, MD 21043

2010 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2010

- Tuesday, September 14, 7:30 a.m. HCBA Executive Board Meeting
 Tuesday, September 21, 11:45 a.m. HCCP Membership Luncheon Meeting, CoHo Grill
 Thursday, September 23, 9:00 a.m. HCBA Estates and Trust Section Meeting
 Tuesday, September 28, 6:00 p.m. WBA Joint Event; Networking Event with Susan Smith Blakely, Esq. Author of "Best Friends at the Bar: What Women Need to Know About a Career in the Law"

OCTOBER 2010

- Monday, October 11, 2010 **COLUMBUS DAY - COURTS CLOSED**
 Tuesday, October 12, 7:30 a.m. HCBA Executive Board Meeting
 Wednesday, October 13, 8:00 a.m. Howard County Pro Bono Committee Meeting
 Tuesday, October 19, 8:00 a.m. HCCP Membership Breakfast Meeting, Mimi's Cafe
 Wednesday, October 20, 2010 HCBA Monthly Membership Meeting; Location: Bare Bones
 Guest Speaker: Maroon PR; Cost is \$15.00 per person
 Thursday, October 28, 9:00 a.m. HCBA Estates and Trust Section Meeting

NOVEMBER 2010

- Tuesday, November 2, 2010 **ELECTION DAY - COURTS CLOSED**
 Tuesday, November 9, 7:30 a.m. HCBA Executive Board Meeting
 Thursday, November 11, 2010 **VETERAN'S DAY - COURTS CLOSED**
 Thursday, November 11, 9:00 a.m. HCBA Estates and Trust Section Meeting
 Tuesday, November 16, 11:45 a.m. HCCP Membership Luncheon Meeting, CoHo Grill
 Wednesday, November 17, 2010 HCBA Monthly Membership Meeting; Location: Crab Shanty
 Guest Speaker: Hon. Lynne Battaglia; Cost is \$15.00 per person
 November 25 & 26, 2010 **THANKSGIVING DAY & DAY AFTER - COURTS CLOSED**

DECEMBER 2010

- Tuesday, December 14, 7:30 a.m. HCBA Executive Board Meeting
 Tuesday, December 21, 8:00 a.m. HCCP Membership Breakfast Meeting, Mimi's Cafe
 Thursday, December 23, 2010 **Service Reduction Day- COURTS CLOSED**
 Friday, December 24, 2010 **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY - COURTS CLOSED**
 Thursday, December 30, 2010 **Service Reduction Day- COURTS CLOSED**

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2010 COURT HOLIDAYS

- Columbus Day - **October 11, 2010**
 Election Day - **November 2, 2010**
 Veteran's Day - **November 11, 2010**
 Labor Day - **September 6, 2010**
 Veteran's Day - **November 11, 2010**
 Thanksgiving & Day After - **Nov. 25 & 26**
 Service Reduction Day - **December 23, 2010**
 Christmas Day - **December 24, 2010**
 Service Reduction Day - **December 30, 2010**