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## And in the End....

Ok, it's not really the end of anything other than my term as AABA President. It was an honor to lead such a great organization, and the future looks bright for the Anne Arundel County Bar. We have a great new President in Stacey Rice, and the next several years will see many personable, driven, inclusive, intelligent, thoughtful, and hard-working members of our Association become the next leaders of this organization. For now, a very brief look back at my year, and then a longer look back to sign off.

It was my hope this past year to keep our county and state's veterans on everyone's minds now and moving forward. I have tried to mention our new Veterans Court docket in the District Court at every opportunity. It meets normally on the first Tuesday of the month and is headed up by Judge Miller. Please try and stop by to see how a docket works, and if you yourself are a vet and want to help out by becoming a veteran mentor, contact me and I'll invite you to our next mentor training session. We had a great night at the Barrister's Ball at Navy-Marine Corps Stadium, raising over \$6000 for Warrior Events and Warrior Canine Connections, as well as the Veterans Court docket. The



*AABA Past Presidents at the Inaugural Past Presidents' Lunch on May 30, 2018*

end of a vet's service should not be the end of our caring about them.

We did a couple of new things as a Board. We held a Board of Trustees wine tasting at the wonderful Dodon Winery in Davidsonville back in August. It was so popular we have opened up the event as a Young Lawyers Committee event this summer. In May, we had what I believe was our first-ever Past President's lunch, and it was great to see old friends, meet new ones, and to better understand why we have such

### President's Message by Steve Wrobel

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# Practice Notes...

Compiled by Hon. Philip Caroom

**Family law – death of custodial parent - child support transferred to grandparent:** 1) Court possessed the authority to release escrowed child support payments to grandmother upon custodial mother’s death, even before any order awarded grandmother custody because “the...obligation is to the child”, and 2) the father was required to petition the Child Support Enforcement Agency (CSEA) in order to eliminate or reduce the child support arrearages that he had accumulated prior to bringing his motion to modify his child support obligation. *P.G.- O.C.S.E. v. Brown*, -- Md. – (4/5/18).

**Torts – new precedent - damages cap:** Facts- One prison inmate murdered another while being transported in prison van. Jury found driver grossly negligent. Holding- Court of Appeals holds statutory cap on noneconomic damages applies in “any” action for damages for wrongful death or personal injury, regardless of whether acts that gave rise to cause of action were intentional or grossly negligent, abrogating *Cole v. Sullivan*, 110 Md. App. 79 (1996). *Rodriguez v. Cooper*, -- Md. – (4/12/18).

**Orphans Court (OC) – transmission to Circuit Court of fact issues:** Per E&T Art., sec. 2-105(b), caveator made oral request for OC to transmit factual issues for decision by Circuit Court and it was reversible error not to grant this request. *Shealer v. Straka*, -- Md.—(4/26/18).

**Criminal evidence – missing witness rule – revisions!:** 1)The Court of Appeals rules that the missing witness instruction should “rarely if ever” be given against the defense in a criminal jury trial as the defendant has not constitutional obligation to provide corroboration of an alibi or other defense. 2) In dictum, the CA also says that a witness is not “peculiarly available” to a party merely because of a family relationship. *Harris v. State*, -- Md. – (4/12/18).

**Criminal evidence – warrantless search of trunk in light of passenger’s behavior:** During traffic stop in high-crime area, police had probable

cause to believe drugs or contraband were located somewhere within defendant’s vehicle, and thus were authorized to search trunk of vehicle when: 1) officer observed defendant and vehicle passenger engage in simultaneous furtive movements inside vehicle when officer activated emergency equipment, 2) defendant and passengers appeared unusually nervous, 3) defendant provided evasive answers to officer’s questions, 4) passengers had prior convictions, 5) defendant was evasive when asked about a possible canine search, and 6) consent search of passenger revealed over thirteen grams of marijuana and an odor of PCP on his breath. *State v. Johnson*, -- Md. – (4/12/18).

**Criminal evidence – expert witnesses:** “[D]ifferential diagnosis of abusive head trauma [—f/k/a “shaken baby syndrome “- is] generally accepted as a legitimate and reliably-made diagnosis in the relevant scientific communities for purposes of *Frye-Reed*.” *Sissoko v. State*, -- Md.App.—(4/9/18).

**Maritime - sunken boats - littering:** Facts- A waterfront homeowner kept a sunken houseboat tied to his dock. Holdings- 1) DNR properly considered the boat “unattended” and “abandoned” although it was tied to the dock, 2) leaving the boat “in a body of water” in this condition also constituted the offense of littering, and 3) the abandonment merged into the littering for sentencing, as the former had no additional elements and the latter had a greater penalty. *Roes v. State*, -- Md.App. -- (4/12/18). *NOTE: This item suggested by Jesse Iliff, Esq.*

**All bar association members are invited to contribute Practice Notes as to any legal points or information which might be useful to other attorneys. These should be sent to: Attn.- Hon. P. Caroom, Court House, c/o AABA, P.O. Box 161, Annapolis, Md. 21404, or by email to pcaroom@gmail.com.**

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## President's message, continued

a great organization. We have been very blessed with our past bar leaders, and the high standard they each set in their own way. I look forward to attending many more of these lunches in the future. I think the thing I will remember most about the Past President's Lunch in May were the gentlemen who were truly retired appeared to be in the best shape and having the most fun!

It seems like I have enjoyed reminiscing in these articles, and maybe that's just a function of time and space to reflect. For my closing thoughts, I am including a never-finished essay I started writing 22 months ago, to get a jump on all those articles I was going to have to write, and maybe I can close it out now...

*So I am writing this on August 26, 2016, nearly a full year before I begin my own term as AABA President. And I am feeling a bit depressed. Not because I lost a case, or had a client go to jail for decades (both of which have happened and which do cause some depression), but because I just finished a truly awesome, bucket-list-check-off vacation with my family to Alaska! It is post-vacation depression that will surely ebb in the days ahead, and I have already begun my own therapy of getting back into work and watching cable news in the evening to relax me. But I will continue to look back fondly on our trip which began with the most unlikely of motivations....death.*

*Back in January of 2016, I came home late one night after some marketing and/or legal and/or charity event that take up it seems at least an evening a week. My wife seemed very somber and told me to sit down. Naturally, I remained standing and asked her what was going on. The possibilities I was cataloging in my mind are too numerous to mention here, but none of them covered what followed.*

*"I don't know how to tell you this, so I'm just going to say it. Peter Tremblay is dead." Peter was my housemate while stationed in Mildenhall, England in 1995*

*and 1996. A fellow Captain in the United States Air Force, I met Pete in 1994, and we became fast friends, despite his proclivities (as a Bostonian native) towards the Patriots and Red Sox. We saw each other a few times after I rotated back to the States from England, once in North Carolina, and then at my 40th birthday party in Baltimore. That party was in 2005. I hadn't seen Peter in over 10 years, but I always felt like our next meeting was right around the corner. But now he was gone.*

*I processed the words the same way I process discovery, and motions, and jury instructions and judge's rulings: methodically. It is the unfortunate by-product of 26 years as a litigator. I think I first said something to my wife like "what are you talking about?" with more than a hint of exasperation. Of course I knew she wouldn't make that up, or joke about it, but I felt obligated to say it all the same.....*

...It's now June 26, 2018, 22 months after I wrote the four paragraphs above. I am not sure why I stopped that essay so abruptly, other than it was just getting more difficult to write, and so I moved on. I think the point of that essay was to not wait too long to take that big trip, or to tell your best buddy that you love him (that's from a John Mellencamp song), because no one can ever be sure when things will be at an end. Much has occurred in the interim. My entire term as AABA president has come and gone, more or less in the blink of an eye. My final meeting as president on June 11, 2018 came as I was approaching the end of a six-week civil trial, and being fairly exhausted with work, I didn't have a whole lot of time to reflect on the year that has just finished.

In case you hadn't gathered yet from any of my other messages is that I love music. So far, I have managed to cite less often to the Court of Appeals than to Bruce, the Four Seasons, John Fogerty, and Portugal the Man. One thing that sticks out to me about my time with Pete Tremblay back in the mid-90s is how much certain songs will immediately take me back to those

wonderful years of living in Europe. Not only was I lucky enough to share a house with Pete for a year (actually an old converted Railway Station), but I met Natasha during that same timeframe and we got married in September 1995. About 20 of us young officers made a trip into the heart of England for a music festival featuring the Cranberries, Blur, Radiohead and R.E.M. So it's hard not to hear any 90's alternative music and not think of my time in Europe. Sheryl Crow was just hitting the charts with "All I wanna do is have some fun" and Oasis released "Wonderwall" and really was looking like the next Beatles. It was such a wonderful, exciting time. I think in 20 more years, I will reflect on my time as president of the AABA, and working as a sole practitioner in West Annapolis, as another wonderful, exciting time.

After learning of Pete's untimely passing, I made my way to San Antonio for his funeral. He and his beautiful, loving wife Michele had just settled there after Pete's retirement from active duty. As terrible as the reason was for our gathering, I saw folks I hadn't seen in 20 years, and I think many of us almost felt guilty for having such a wonderful time catching up. But Pete was always our leader in Europe, always the guy to go to for where our motley bunch was headed next, and I don't think he would've wanted our gathering to be anything other than joy for reconnecting with each other again.

Maybe the point of my unfinished essay was just to remind myself at the time (and now) that life is indeed fleeting and we need to make the most of every day we have, even if we do have to engage in the occasional multi-week trial, or

protracted closing, or close-to-never-ending custody dispute. I do think our bar association helps us treat our colleagues with more respect than contempt, it creates new relationships that may create new memories, and it generally serves to remind us of our shared passion for the law, and living our lives immersed in it and surrounded by it. I have represented people from quite literally all walks of life, from an Air Force General to a special needs student, from gang members in Baltimore to well-healed lawyers in D.C., and many, many people in between, and you know what, the Beatles (of course) sum it up quite succinctly.

*And in the end, the love you take is equal to the love you make.*

God Bless our County, our State, our Country, and our wonderful local Bar Association. See you all around the Courthouse, or maybe the karaoke bar.

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## This Year's Essay Contest Was No Piece of Cake

Is a wedding cake a form of protected expression or just a cake? This was just one of the complex questions that local high school students had to consider for the Anne Arundel Bar County Bar Foundation's annual High School Essay Contest. This year, students were challenged to present their views on how the U.S. Supreme Court should rule in the case of *Masterpiece Cakeshop, Ltd. v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission*.

The case in question was before the U.S. Supreme Court at the time that students were writing and submitting their essays for the essay contest. *Masterpiece Cakeshop* involved a Colorado baker who declined to make a cake for a celebration of a same-sex marriage and was subsequently found to be in violation of the state's anti-discrimination laws. In writing their essays, students had to consider some tough constitutional questions, such as can state laws compel individuals to create expression that is contrary to their religious beliefs?

The contest was open to all Anne Arundel County public, private and home-schooled high school students, grades 9-12, and more than 70



*Samantha Taylor, Kevin Tang, Rebecca Klebaner, Lisa Stevens, Hon. Glenn Klavans, Hon. Tim Meredith and Molly McQueeney.*

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students submitted essays. Usually, first, second, and third-place prizes are awarded, but due to the outstanding quality of the entries and the challenging nature of this case, the panel of judges agreed on a three-way tie for second place—a first for this competition! The winners are:

**1st Place** (\$500): Kevin Tang, rising junior, South River High School

**2nd Place-tie** (\$250): Rebecca Klebaner, 2018 graduate, Broadneck High School

**2nd Place-tie** (\$250): Molly McQueeney, rising junior, South River High School


**2nd Place-tie** (\$250): Samantha Taylor, rising sophomore, Annapolis Area Christian School

The essays were judged by five members of the Anne Arundel Bar Association (AABA): Hon. Timothy Meredith (Maryland Court of Special Appeals), Hon Glenn Klavans (Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County), Chris Brown (Brown & Getka, PA), Bill Roessler (retired deputy state's attorney for

Anne Arundel County) and Lisa Stevens (Yumkas, Vidmar, Sweeney & Mulrenin, LLC).

The four winners received their awards on June 7 during a special ceremony in the Historic Courtroom of the Circuit Court in Annapolis. The Honorable Timothy Meredith of the Court of Special Appeals presented the awards. Judge Meredith and his wife, attorney Kathleen Meredith, founded the contest and have sponsored it for the past 19 years. During that time, nearly 3,000 county students have participated in the competition.

In the end, three of the winning students argued in favor of the Colorado Civil Rights Commission and one argued in favor of the Masterpiece Cakeshop baker. On June 4, a few days before the essay contest ceremony, the Supreme Court decided 7-2 in favor of Masterpiece Cakeshop, issuing a narrow ruling based on the anti-religious bias the baker experienced during his Civil Rights Commission hearing. However, the Court's opinion on this case left open many questions for another day—and another essay contest.



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# Estates and Trusts Matters

By Fred Franke, Jr.

Many see the law of estates and trusts as a sleepy and perhaps polite backwater in the otherwise contentious practice of law. Not so declares the U.S. Supreme Court: “All good trust—and—estate lawyers know that [d]eath is not the end; there remains the litigation over the estate.” (Ambrose Bierce (1911)). The case that prompted this observation was *Sveen v. Melin*, 584 US \_\_\_ (June 11, 2018). The *Sveen* court held that a recent Minnesota statute would operate to terminate a former spouse’s rights as the named beneficiary to a life insurance contract entered into by her former husband. The Minnesota statute provided that all beneficiary designations naming a spouse terminate upon an absolute divorce. Such a termination of beneficiary status would apply to a life insurance policy entered into before the effective date of the statute but where the death occurred after the effective date.

The federal question was whether this retroactive application of the statute would violate the U.S. Constitution’s Contracts Clause. That clause restricts the powers of states to disrupt contractual arrangements as a general proposition but permits existing contractual relationships to be changed by law by a subsequent state law provided the state law does not interfere with a party’s reasonable expectations under a contractual bargain and does not prevent the party from safeguarding or reinstating those rights.

Maryland does not have such a global statute. There are, however, provisions that cause termination of status in very specific situations. Md. Code Ann., Estates & Trusts (“E&T”) § 4-105 holds that all provisions in a Will relating to the spouse shall be revoked upon an absolute divorce or annulment as long as the event occurs subsequent to the execution of the will. E&T § 14.5-604 likewise revokes all distributions from a trust to or for the benefit of a former spouse and removes such spouse as trustee or advisor as of the date of the divorce or annulment. Similarly, upon divorce, E&T § 17-112 removes a former spouse as agent under a power of attorney. These revocations/removals are not universal and do not affect other beneficiary designations.

Under Maryland law, there is no statute that automatically revokes a beneficiary designation

naming a spouse upon divorce or annulment. *PaineWebber Inc. v. East*, 363 Md. 408 (2001). In *PaineWebber*, the Court of Appeals determined that a separation agreement that becomes incorporated into the divorce decree did not trigger revocation of the former spouse’s status as a beneficiary. This was because the language of the separation agreement only *permitted* the former spouses to change the designations upon divorce. That separation agreement was held not to have, by itself, effectuated the change. Because Maryland does not have a global revocation statute applying to all beneficiary designations, lawyers must review all designations upon a client’s divorce to avoid unintended consequences.

The *Sveen* decision means that if Maryland adopts a statute like Minnesota’s, it will disrupt beneficiary designations made prior to the enactment of the statute (if the statute is made retroactive). The Maryland Trust Act, of course, does have such a retroactive impact, which per this new ruling does not offend the Contracts Clause.

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# The Wheelhouse

Sports Commentary by Jonathan Pasterick

## Finally... A Championship

The DC sports drought is over. After 25 years of sports futility, Washington finally got a title under its belt when the Washington Capitals won the Stanley Cup, disposing of the upstart (literally upstart, like they didn't have a team last year), Las Vegas Golden Knights, in five games.

Washington has been a title starved town for years. It's not just that the town hadn't won a title since 1992, it's that they hadn't even come all that close. The Capitals made one finals appearance in 1998, and got swept. That's it for the city. The Wizards have ranged from awful to respectable. The Nationals have been good in the regular season, but have disappointed in the postseason, and very much helped lend DC the reputation it had for not being a "clutch" sports town. And the Redskins ..... well that's a whole 'nother article.

It's tough for a town with four major franchises to go that long without a title. EVEN CLEVELAND

WON A TITLE IN THAT TIME! And the Caps, for sure, were the most deserving of all the Washington teams to break the streak. The Caps have been consistently good for a long time. They've had some down years, but for the most part they've been strong—in the regular season. And that added to the frustration that Washington fans have of, can any team around here get it done when it counts?

Last season was probably the apex of that frustration. Again, the Caps were really good in the regular season. They won the President's Cup. And then ... they lost in the second round of the playoffs—again—to their archnemeses, the Pittsburgh Penguins. Even the most ardent Caps fans I knew became resigned to the notion the Caps don't have whatever it takes to win the Cup.

Maybe that type of disappointment was what they needed. Perhaps they needed a new mentality, a what the ---- attitude of we have nothing to lose. For as long as the Caps have had Alex Ovechkin, they've had a chance. It's tough, as Ovie would put it, to "be suck" when you have arguably the best



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player in the NHL on your team. But they needed more, more from him and more from others.

But to start the playoffs, it looked like every other year. They lost the first two games at home to Columbus. And the “here we go again” started. But then something clicked. I don’t know if it happened then or if it was already happening, but they dug deeper. They took the next four from Columbus. Then they faced off against the hated Penguins, taking them in six games with an overtime win on the road. Then they took on Tampa Bay, and took the series to seven games before demolishing Tampa on the road in Game 7. And all along, especially after the Pittsburgh series, something felt different. Every big goal was scored by the Caps. They got gritty, unglamorous goals, the type they didn’t used to get in the postseason. And every time it felt like the game was in the balance, the Caps made the big play.

In the Finals, let’s be honest, they kinda crushed Vegas. All I heard was what a great story it was that the Golden Knights made the Finals in their first year. I’m not sure that’s such a great story. To me, it seems odd that you could throw a team together in one season and almost win a title, but whatever.

Vegas got them in Game 1, a back-and-forth, high scoring contest. It was All Caps after that.

They took the next three, and in Game 5 in Vegas, they looked like they were headed back to DC for Game 6. They fell behind in the third period on the road after allowing two goals, then tied it up. And when they tied it up, unlike so many past years when other teams would come back against the Caps, and you would think uh-oh, this time you thought, Vegas is in trouble. And they were. The Caps scored the go-ahead goal and never looked back.

And DC went nuts. As the postseason progressed, fans got more and more into the whole thing. And by the time they won it all, DC exploded. The area around Xfinity Center looked like Times Square on New Year’s. The victory parade on the Mall was—well—not Trumpesque in attendance. Whenever this article runs, Alex Ovechkin will still be drunk. And though I don’t believe in the osmosis of success on other local teams, I don’t think it will be another 25 years before DC celebrates another title. It just won’t be the Redskins.



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# AABA Winery Tour & Tasting

Thursday, July 26, 6:45–9:00 p.m.

The Vineyards at Dodon

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Hosted by the AABA New Lawyers Committee  
Open to all AABA members and their guests!

Please join the New Lawyers Committee and your fellow members for a one-of-a-kind experience at The Vineyards at Dodon. This event includes:

- A tour of the Dodon vineyards and cellar;
- A discussion and seated tasting of three vintages: Dodon Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, and South Slope;
- And a social hour with light hors d'oeuvres and up to two additional glasses of wine.

Cost: \$50 per person; Please RSVP by July 20

The winery is located at 391 Dodon Road in Davidsonville, MD. Learn more at [www.dodonvineyards.com](http://www.dodonvineyards.com)



Register online at [www.aabar.org](http://www.aabar.org) or use form below

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## AABA Annual Meeting Celebrates Future and Past

As is tradition this time of year, the AABA celebrated the beginning of a new chapter in our association with the installment of 2018-19 President Stacey Rice at the Annual Meeting on June 11.

Outgoing President Steve Wrobel opened the meeting with words of welcome for about 110 members and guests who were gathered in Courtroom 4C of the Circuit Court. He then asked for a moment of silence for the AABA members who passed away during the year: Mel Hirshman, Past President Hon. Eugene Lerner, Past President Basil Moore, Past President Roger Perkins, Julian B. Stevens, Bill Turc and Bob Zarbin.

After this reverent moment, the celebration continued with the presentation of the 35- and 50-Year Certificates of Recognition by AABA Historian, Judge Dick Duden. Judge Duden shared the accomplishments of these long-time members, as well as some entertaining anecdotes. Both 50-year recipients, Richard May and Michael Roblyer, were



*Steve Wrobel presents the Presidential Gavel to Stacey Rice*



*Front L to R: Karen Rice, Jackson Rice, Ella Rice. Back: Warren Rice, Chris Rice, Stacey Rice, Hannah Green and Jonathan Allmond*

present to receive their certificates and the applause of the gathering. A 30-year certificate was presented to Lauren Parker, but Judge Duden also recognized three other 30-year members who were not in attendance: Gloria Barnstorf, William F. Flood, III, and Sherie Libber.

Wrobel returned to the podium to present the 2018 President's Award to Suzanne Burnett, praising her leadership as Co-Chair of the Social Programs Division, as well as Co-Chair of the Barrister's Ball Committee. He then invited Martin Lessans to the podium present the 2018 Trustees Award posthumously to Bill Turc, Sr. A 43-year member of the

AABA, Bill's remarkable, consistent donation of his time, talent and infectious joy for life played an integral role in making the AABA what it is today. Bill's wife Lynn and his sons Michael and Billy Jr. were there to accept the Trustees Award in his name.

Following the award presentations, Wrobel turned to the business of the meeting and called for a vote on the slate of officers and trustees for



*Michael Turc, Lynn Turc and Billy Jr. Turc*



*Elizabeth Adams and Jonathan Pasterick*



*Liz Morris, Stacey Rice, Hannah Green, Marla Zide and Sara Arthur*

2018-2019. The membership approved the slate as presented (see box at right for list of 2018-19 Officers, Trustees and Division Chairs). The membership also approved the leadership for the Anne Arundel County Bar Foundation (see box at right).

New President Stacey Rice joined Wrobel at the podium and presented him with a plaque to commemorate his year as president and thanked him for his leadership, service and teamwork.



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| <b>Assistant Secretary</b>    | Suzanne Burnett |
| <b>Past President</b>         | Steve Wrobel    |
| <b>MSBA BOG</b>               | Anne Leitess    |
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|                                 |                           |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
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| <b>Division Co-Chairs</b>       | Susan Stobbart Shapiro    |
| <b>Community Service</b>        | Kunle Adeyemo             |
| <b>Division Co-Chairs</b>       | Hon. Glenn                |
| <b>Development</b>              | Glen Frost                |
| <b>Division Co-Chairs</b>       | Jay Walsh                 |
| <b>Members Services</b>         | Hon. Tracey Parker Warren |
| <b>Division Co-Chairs</b>       | Jessica Wisner            |
| <b>Professional Development</b> | Michael Marinello         |
| <b>Division Co-Chairs</b>       | Jason Steinhardt          |
| <b>Social Programs</b>          | Christine Pham            |
| <b>Division Co-Chairs</b>       | Lisa Stevens              |

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Karen Cook, Hon. Mark Crooks, John Gardner  
Greg Jimeno, Saul McCormick,  
Hon. Timothy Meredith, Josh Ortega, Michelle Smith

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|------------------------|--------------|
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### Directors

Saul McCormick, John Gardner, Greg Jimeno  
Martin B. Lessans, Hon. Timothy E. Meredith  
Stacey Rice, Dennis Sysko

Wrobel then presented Rice with the president's gavel and congratulated her on her new position in the bar association. The meeting continued with remarks by Rice's 15-year old-daughter, Hannah Green, who introduced her mother to the membership, followed by Rice's address to the membership. In her remarks, Rice said that her year as president would focus on encouraging members to get to know their fellow bar members beyond their roles as lawyers and learn about their families, backgrounds, and more. As the meeting concluded, Rice was congratulated by the members and guests, including her husband Chris Rice, her daughters Hannah and Ella, her son Jackson, and her in-laws Warren and Karen Rice. The gathering then moved to Fado Irish Pub for the President's Reception. Guests enjoyed a spread of delicious hors d'oeuvres and offered the new AABA Board their best wishes for a successful year.



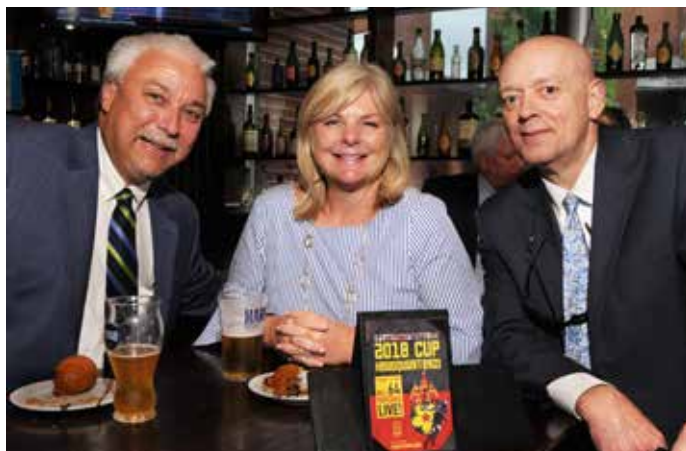
*Steve Wrobel presents the 2018 President's Award to Suzanne Burnett*



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AABA members are hereby notified of a vacancy for the third at-large seat for Anne Arundel County on the Maryland State Bar Association's Board of Governors (MSBA B.O.G.). Two seats for Anne Arundel County are currently filled by the AABA President and immediate Past President. The third at-large spot was occupied by Debbie Potter, who was recently elected as MSBA Secretary thereby creating the vacancy.

Members interested in filling out the remainder of the term (September 2018 - May 2019) for the at-large seat should submit a letter and resume to **Steve Wrobel, Chair, B.O.G.-Nominating Committee via e-mail: [info@aabar.org](mailto:info@aabar.org)**. To be considered, applicants must be an MSBA member with an address in Anne Arundel County.

**Resumes must be received by no later than 4:30 p.m. on July 16, 2018.**

The MSBA B.O.G.-Nominating Committee consists of AABA President Stacey Rice, President-elect Brian Marsh and immediate Past President Steve Wrobel. The immediate Past-President serves as chair of the committee.

Nominations for the at-large position on the MSBA B.O.G., other than the individual nominated by the B.O.G.-Nominating Committee, will be made in accordance with the procedures of the Maryland State Bar Association.

Marla Zide  
Secretary  
Anne Arundel Bar Association

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# 2018 CRAB FEAST

**Friday, September 28 • 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**WHERE?** Sandy Point State Park  
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## 2018 CRAB FEAST GUEST REGISTRATION FORM

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for my guests at the AABA Crab Feast

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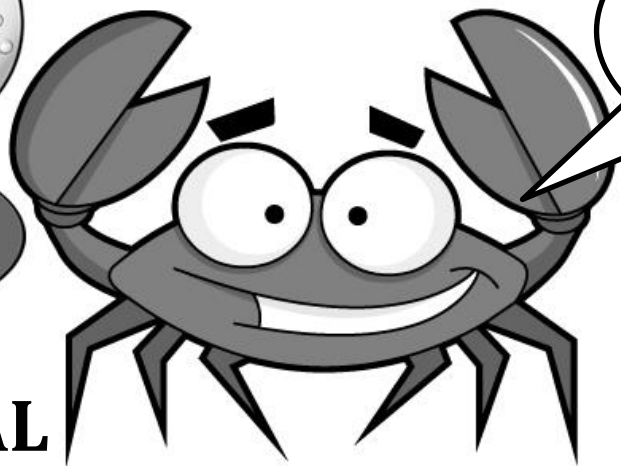
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**Navy - Marine Corps Memorial Stadium**

Each package includes one ticket to the Navy vs. Memphis game and the tailgate party. The party includes sandwiches, beer, soft drinks and more.

The New Lawyers' Committee invites all AABA members and their guests to join us in cheering on the Midshipmen as they take on the Memphis Tigers. We hope you can join us for a Navy game and tailgate party on September 8.

If you already have a game ticket or are not planning to attend the game, but would like to join us for the tailgate party, you can register for the tailgate party only. Complete and mail the form below, or register online at [www.aabar.org](http://www.aabar.org).

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LMR = Judge Robinson

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| <b>GLEN BURNIE</b><br><b>ANNAPOLIS</b> | <b>3</b><br>HOLIDAY  | <b>4</b><br>1/4 2/2 4/1<br>VJ TVM SCPS<br>1/1 2/2 3/3 4/4 5/5<br>HRD LMR DMM TJP VJ            | <b>5</b><br>1/1 2/2 3/3 4/4<br>JPM SCPS VJ TVM<br>1/1 2/2 3/3 4/4<br>LMR HRD TJP DMM          | <b>6</b><br>1/4 2/2 3/3 4/1<br>TVM LMR VJ SCPS<br>1/1 2/0 3/3 4/4 0/2<br>HRD FA JPM TJP DMM | <b>7</b><br>1/1 2/2 3/3 4/4<br>SCPS TVM LMR VJ<br>1/1 2/2 4/4 5/5<br>TJP JPM VJ DMM                          |
| <b>GLEN BURNIE</b><br><b>ANNAPOLIS</b> | <b>10</b><br>1/4 2/2 3/3 4/1<br>DMM EAR SCPS LMR<br>1/1 2/2 3/3 5/5<br>HRD TJP TVM JPM | <b>11</b><br>1/4 2/2 3/3 4/1 SETT<br>SCPS JPM EAR LMR HRD<br>1/2 2/1 3/3 4/4<br>TVM VJ DMM TJP | <b>12</b><br>1/1 2/2 3/3 4/4<br>LMR SCPS JPM EAR<br>1/1 0/2 3/3 2/0 5/5<br>TJP HRD TVM FA DMM | <b>13</b><br>1/4 2/2 3/3 4/1<br>EAR LMR SCPS HRD<br>1/1 2/2 4/4 5/5<br>VJ TVM TJP JPM       | <b>14</b><br>1/1 2/2 3/3 4/4<br>DMM EAR LMR VJ<br>1/1 2/2 3/3 4/4* 5/5<br>TJP FA HRD *** VJ<br>***Moot Court |
| <b>GLEN BURNIE</b><br><b>ANNAPOLIS</b> | <b>17</b><br>1/4 2/2 3/3 4/1<br>EAR LMR DMM TVM<br>2/2 3/3 4/4 5/5<br>TJP VJ VJ SCPS   | <b>18</b><br>1/4 2/2 3/3 4/1<br>JPM LMR EAR TVM<br>1/1 2/2 3/3 4/4<br>SCPS VJ DMM TJP          | <b>19</b><br>1/1 2/2 3/3 4/4<br>LMR EAR VJ JPM<br>1/1 2/2 3/3 4/4<br>SCPS TVM DMM TJP         | <b>20</b><br>1/1 2/2 3/3 4/4<br>EAR DMM VJ LMR<br>1/1 2/2 4/4<br>JPM VJ TJP                 | <b>21</b><br>1/1 2/2 3/3 4/4<br>LMR VJ TVM EAR<br>1/1 2/2 4/4 5/5<br>VJ TJP DMM SCPS                         |
| <b>GLEN BURNIE</b><br><b>ANNAPOLIS</b> | <b>24</b><br>1/4 2/2 3/3 4/1<br>LMR TVM VJ EAR<br>1/1 2/2 3/3 4/4<br>DMM TJP VJ JPM    | <b>25</b><br>1/4 2/2 3/3 4/1<br>TVM EAR VJ SCPS<br>1/1 2/2 3/3 4/4 5/5<br>LMR VJ DMM TJP JPM   | <b>26</b><br>1/1 2/2 3/3 4/4<br>EAR JPM TVM LMR<br>1/1 0/2 3/3 4/4 2/0<br>VJ DMM TJP SCPS FA  | <b>27</b><br>1/4 2/2 3/3 4/1<br>LMR SCPS VJ TVM<br>1/1 2/2 3/3 4/4<br>VJ JPM EAR TJP        | <b>28</b><br>BENCH MTG/CRAB FEAST<br>2/0 3/0 4/0<br>LMR SCPS EAR<br>2/2 4/0<br>JPM TJP                       |

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