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Farewell, but not good bye

Reality sets in. You mean I really have to write an article every month? Why didn't somebody warn me before I decided to accept this position? So began my first month in office last July. Up to this point I had one of the better positions on the AABA Board, President-Elect. My main job was to show up at Board meetings and gaze adoringly at our then President, Tim Sheridan.

Now that I have reached the end of my term I am faced with my final article. I get to say farewell but certainly not goodbye.

Much the same way as I began this year I want to thank all of our Officers, Board members, Division Chairs and committee members who lent their time and effort to create a successful year. A special thank you goes out to our Executive Director, **Fran Czajka** and her staff who made this year so enjoyable for me. Switching from one administration to the next is a seamless transition because of their talent and hard work.

Looking back on the year we were able to continue to offer our wide variety of CLE's, Social programs and charitable ventures. We had our first weekend trip to New Orleans, first overnight Broadway adventure and a highly successful inaugural Community Law Forum. It was a busy and satisfying year.

Last year at the annual meeting I called upon the membership to step up to the plate to volunteer their time and participate in Bar activities. We had excellent turnouts at our programs and whenever I asked people to help,

they willingly responded. For that, I thank you all.

I want to welcome Jonathan Kagan as our incoming President. He has been working hard the past several months to put together his Board and Division Chairs and I am certain we are in for an excellent year. We had a phenomenal turnout for his reception at the Yacht Club on what turned out to be a perfect evening. A positive start to kickoff his new year. Personally, I relish the thought of assuming the best position on the Board, that of Past-President. Not only do I not have any responsibility but I don't even have to gaze adoringly at anyone.

While thinking about how I wanted to approach this final article, I thought it would be interesting to hear from some former AABA Presidents about

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Jessica Daigle accepts the Trustees Award from President Saul McCormick at the Annual Meeting, June 26.

President's Message by Saul McCormick

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Practice Notes...

Compiled by Hon. Philip Caroom

Evidence - "state of mind exception": Under Rule 5-803(b)(3), a statement of plan or intent is admissible only to show that the declarant, not the hearer, subsequently acted in accord with stated intent. *Figgins v. Cochrane*, 403 Md. 392 (2008).

Family law - paternity - prerequisite for genetic testing: Where father had been married to mother, held self out as father & litigated child-related issues for more than 12 years, the trial court erred in ordering genetic testing without preliminary consideration of whether this was in child's best interests. *DHR, ex rel. Duckworth v. Kamp*, -- Md. App. -- (5/30/08).

Crimes - sex offenses - 1) rape - revoked consent to intercourse ; 2) sex abuse - consent of minor: 1) a) Reversing prior dictum, the CA here holds that, when defendant allegedly continued intercourse for approximately 5 seconds with adult woman who withdrew her consent after penetration, evidence potentially was sufficient for rape and trial judge erred by not responding to jury question as to withdrawn consent. b) Previously unrecognized "rape trauma syndrome" (as opposed to well-recognized "post traumatic stress disorder") required

Frye-Reed approval before it could be admitted. *State v. Baby*, 404 Md. 220 (2008).

2) The CA holds that "sexual molestation or exploitation of a minor" within meaning of child abuse statute may include contacts which are consensual and do not otherwise amount to a prohibited sexual contact. For example, in this case, coach "rubbed [student's] butt and inner thighs" and rubbed her genital area through her pants. *Tribbitt v. State*, 403 Md. 638 (2008).

Crimes - extortion - frivolous claims: Threat of "wrongful" litigation, within meaning of extortion statute, does not include meritless or frivolous actions. The latter are sanctioned only by civil means. *State v. Rendelman*, 404 Md. 500 (2008).

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. Philip Caroom, Court House, P.O. Box 2395, Annapolis, Md. 21404 or by email to ctcaro44@aaccounty.org. ☐

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AABA salutes long-standing members

By Dick Duden, AABA Historian

The Anne Arundel Bar Association paid tribute to several of its veteran members at its annual meeting on June 24, 2008 for reaching 35-year and 50-year membership milestones.

Fifty-year member **George “Bucky” Woelfel, Jr.** followed in the footsteps of his father, George Woelfel Sr., as a well-known criminal defense attorney based in Annapolis. Bucky grew up in the Bestgate Road area on his father’s farm. He obtained his high school diploma from Mt. St. Joseph. After a stint in the Army where he served in Japan, he obtained a degree from Loyola College and then went through the University of Baltimore Law School on the GI Bill. Upon his graduation Bucky entered the law practice of his father, whose partner at the time was Thomas Curley. Their offices were located at 15 School Street, just across

from the Governor’s Mansion.

In the fifties, Bucky served for three years as a Magistrate Court Judge, but failed to gain reappointment. “I was a Senator Phipps man”, Bucky recalled, “Tom Curley was a Joe Alton man, and Alton won the election”. Curley replaced Woelfel as Magistrate and went on to serve judicially for many years, while Bucky returned to his father’s law practice. He practiced with his Dad until the Senior Woelfel retired. Thereafter, the practice moved to 115 Cathedral Street, which was a property that Bucky purchased and built on.

Bucky has maintained a general district court and traffic court practice from the Cathedral Street location until winding down his practice a few years ago.

Vernon G. Frame was also recognized for 50 years of membership. He grew up in Sutton, WV



Vernon Frame

until moving north to live with a brother in Baltimore. During World War II he served as a Seabee in the Philippines with the U.S. Navy. Upon his return he worked as a book-keeper for The Baltimore Transit Company while attending night law school at Mt. Vernon School of Law which later became

the University of Baltimore Law School.

Vernon obtained his law degree in 1952. In

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President's Message...

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the things they remember from their year and what they took away from that year of service. Following are some of the responses I received:

Marty Lessans (1988)

"I have many fond memories of my year as president so many years ago. One of the best was Bar Weekend. Bar Weekend had only been held for three years before my term: twice in Easton and once in Alexandria. It would start Saturday at noon, with a dinner ending by 8:00 and then a Sunday brunch. I wanted to take it more upscale so arrangements were made to go to the Park Hyatt Hotel in Georgetown (we got a price of \$129). Since we were in a suite, Fran (my wife) wanted to have an intimate party for some of our friends after the dinner. We purchased some beverages and snacks to take up to the room and, at the luncheon, I made an announcement that, since I considered everyone as friends, they were all invited. We all had a wonderful time and many of our members

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Walter Childs, AABA President 1989

told me that we should do it again. After noticing that many people had stayed Friday night, the following year, **Walter Childs** and I decided to have a Past President's Cocktail Party on Friday night and a President's Cocktail Party on Saturday by renting a joint suite. Thus started the tradition of an upscale Bar Weekend going from Friday to Sunday. The event is still one of my favorites."

Walter Childs (1989)

"In my year as AABA president, we formed the Bar Foundation. It was during the time that Herb Garten as president of the MSBA was stressing Pro Bono Service extensively. As my term in office drew to an end, I was pleased to have had the honor to lead the Association into a new area where the Foundation was going to deal with providing legal services for the poor. This was before the Foundation became a fund-raising and grant-giving organization. The Association had just had its first Executive Director and we had just gotten into keeping membership lists on computer instead of on 3x5 cards (Imagine!). We even had a newsletter. Looking back, it is incredible how far the Association has evolved and all Presidents can be proud of their role in getting the Association to where it is today."

Jim Nolan (1990)

"I consider my year as president of AABA to have been an honor which provided me with great opportunities to meet wonderful people both in and outside of the legal profession while I attempted to give something back. It also provided me with a springboard into state and national bar association

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politics, and a means to advocate for lawyers and the legal profession at those levels where I am still very actively involved. But, what I really remember about my year is that it was really FUN! I hope that many others will get involved in AABA and experience the same personal and professional opportunities and rewards.”

John Greene (1991)

“In addition to observing first hand the incredible level of commitment of many in the association, I learned a personal lesson that I've never forgotten as a result of a particularly painful reception I once presided over. I learned never to allow a scheduled event have too many speakers since some will see their “brief” speaking rolls as being asked to deliver keynote speeches. Without a hook or turning off the microphone, it's nearly impossible to get “dignitaries” to stop speaking sometimes.....!”

Chris Beard (1992)

“A highlight of the year that I served as President was the celebration of shared local roots in Annapolis of the three presidents, Roger Perkins for the Maryland State Bar Association, J. Michael McWilliams for the American Bar Association and myself for the County Bar Association.”

Honorable Timothy Meredith (1993)

“During my term as president, the outstanding support I received from our former Executive Director Doug Hofstedt made it very plain that the likelihood of success of an organization of volunteers is greatly enhanced by the efforts of the organization's paid staff. Doug's successor, Fran Czajka, has similarly proven that a talented executive director can contribute greatly to the growth and success of an organization. I am grateful to have had the opportunity to work on bar association matters with Doug and Fran.”

Dave Simison (1994)

“While the memory of hosting the Greiber / Weathersbee debate ranks right up near the top, the lasting memories I took from my Presidency of the Bar were the meetings before the Historic District Com-

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the 1950s he worked out of his Margaret Avenue home in Pasadena, moving the practice to its own offices on Mountain Road in 1960.



AABA Historian Dick Duden presents certificate to Marvin Anderson.

By the early '80s Vernon had a busy practice with a partnership of Archie Hall, Weems Duvall, and Essom Ricks. After that partnership disbanded, his offices moved to Edwin Raynor Blvd. In 1996 Frame welcomed daughter Tara to his practice.

Although Vernon retired in 2002, the firm of Frame & Frame continues to provide a wide range of legal services including criminal defense, estate law, domestic, and personal injury law out of its current location

on Ft. Smallwood Road.

From 1984 to 2004 Vernon was also an owner of Rudy's Tavern, a very popular watering hole on Generals Highway often frequented by members of the Bar after lawyers' league softball games.

Marvin H. Anderson has enjoyed a long and distinguished legal career in Anne Arundel County. His father, Marvin I. Anderson, was appointed as an Anne Arundel Circuit Court Judge in 1948. Judge Anderson, however, did not enjoy life on the bench and within a year he had resigned and returned to private practice. There he was joined by his son, Marvin H., in the practice of law after young Marvin had graduated from Washington Lee Law School in 1955 and then served in the Army JAG Corp until 1958. Their offices were located at 20 West Street in downtown Annapolis on the second floor over top of the Calabrese

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mission, the meetings with the Architect and the eventual Groundbreaking Ceremony for our new Courthouse with Chief Judge Murphy and County Executive Neal. Okay, so maybe my greatest memory-take was attending the ABA's Annual Meeting in New Orleans that allowed me to bring some newly discovered Zydeco to our following Board Meeting."

Sara Arthur (1995)

"I was president from July 1995 to July 1996. My proudest moments were participating in the swearing in ceremonies for Clayton Greene, Jr. and Pamela North to the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County. Clayton Greene was the first African American judge on the bench and Pam North was the first woman judge on the bench. It was an honor to present them with their gavels."

Debbie Potter (1999)

"I took away that I am still the record holder on cancelled events due to weather!!! I had a blizzard, a hurricane... can't remember it all, just that if I planned the event it was a weather disaster!!"

Honorable Nancy Davis-Loomis (2000)

"I was a 'reluctant' Bar President because I knew it was going to be a LOT of work and I was concerned about the time commitment. Fortunately for me, Fran Czajka had been hired as executive director the year prior, during Deb Potter's presidency. Fran is the backbone of our organization. Everything ran smoothly my year in large part because of her efforts. We are so fortunate to have her."

Kevin Schaeffer (2002)

"In my year, the AABA instituted the Thanksgiving Dinner program for the needy and the Back to School Backpack program for area kids. The response of our local attorneys to two programs which were essentially "asks" for money was extraordinary and has remained so since the beginning. Gratefully, it confirmed to me that the stereotype of the greedy, self-centered lawyer just doesn't hold in this community."

Karen Cook (2004)

"During my presidency we had the highest number of new attendees ever at a Bar Weekend which was held in Charlottesville, Va. that year. We also instituted the concept of assigning "mentors" to each new attendee at Bar Weekend – to wel-

come them, make them feel part of the group and introduce them at the Sunday breakfast. That year also saw the creation of the AABA Law & Public Service Scholarship in the County's Scholarship for Scholars program."

Ted Staples (2005)

"What I appreciated the most (and felt most gratified by) was the tremendous effort put forth by the members of the BOT; their collegiality and their desire to improve the quality of the practice of law for all lawyers in the County. This would include the quality of "lawyering" and also the lifestyle quality (events, etc.). Further, it goes without saying that having Fran on your team makes for a great year."

Tim Sheridan (2006)


"It was a very good year." Frank Sinatra. "What I remember most looking back is that the Executive Director Fran Czajka was very capable and I was able to enjoy the ride without sweating the details, because Fran was on the job. The Board of Trustees and other key committee heads impressed me with their dedication to the advancement of the association. I left with a smile on my face, it was a very good year."

We have a wonderful organization. Let's keep working hard to enhance it. It has been a pleasure.

"Goodbye, Farewell and Amen."
(M*A*S*H*)

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Karen Cook, AABA
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Public service was the hallmark of Anderson's early career. In 1959 he became an Assistant County Solicitor in an office that included Jerry Connell as another assistant. In 1962 he ran for the office of the State's Attorney for Anne Arundel County as a Democrat and won, defeating Bruce Williams. During the course of his four-year term, his staff included Joe Stevens, Ed Lechowicz, Dick Hambleton, and Chester Goudy.

At the conclusion of one term as State's Attorney, Marvin ran for the House of Delegates and won, serving his district with fellow delegates Aris T. Allen and Werner Fornos. "I was definitely the centrist in that group", Anderson remembers.

In 1970 at the conclusion of his term, Anderson was ready to return to full-time private practice and rejoined his father's firm. The elder Anderson retired in 1982 and the junior Anderson carried

on the estate, probate and real estate practice solo until, in 1999, his daughter Julia Reinhart joined the firm. Marvin is now winding down his own practice as his daughter takes over the helm. Anderson and Rinehart is located just beside the county courthouse at 92 Franklin Street location, where Marvin and his father first relocated in 1966.

Anderson recently celebrated a somewhat more important anniversary, as he and wife Mildred married 50 years ago on June 21, 1958.

The Bar Association also recognized the following practitioners on the occasion of their 35th year of membership: **Allen W. Bernstein, James A. McGuire, Joseph H. Rouse, William L. Corbin, Stephen J. Britz, P. Tyson Bennett, William Turc, Sr., Earl G. Schaffer, Charles W. Ayres, Jr., Wayne T. Kosmerl, Richard L. Kovelant, The Honorable Joseph P. Manck, and Carl J. Tenner.** 

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AABA elects new president, officers at Annual Meeting

Jonathan Kagan was elected President of the AABA at its Annual Membership Meeting on June 26 held at the Circuit Court for Anne Arundel County. Outgoing President Saul McCormick requested a moment of silence to remember Hon. Ted Bloom who passed away during the previous year.

AABA Historian Dick Duden recognized the Bucky Woefel, Marvin Anderson and Vernon Frame for 50 years of membership in the association (see article on page 3). Among the other officers elected were: President-Elect Hon. Danielle Mosley, Secretary John Gardner, and Treasurer Katy Bryne. The elected Trustees were: Hon. Nancy Davis-Loomis, Karen Cook, Tom Fleckenstein, Hon. Tim Meredith, Stacey Rice, Greg Jimeno, Dave Putzi and Gene Whissel. Below is the complete list of the AABA Board of Trustees.

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AABA softball goes to wood bats

by Tim Sheridan, Softball Commissioner

Judge Wachs, Jenn Shuck Baldwin, Stephen Krohn and rookie Greg Kirby share some post game analysis after a tough loss. It is a warm June evening with low humidity and a nice little Bay breeze blowing across the field. The conversation quickly turns to law, music trivia and weekend plans. The second game on field #2 is concluding and it is a close one. The game is tied.

Tom Fleckenstein is on first. Frank Gray is on second base, poised to score, with two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning. Team mate Dave Putzi steps confidently to the plate. The pitcher starts his motion, and delivers the ball over the outside half of the plate. Putzi patiently waits for the precise moment, steps into the pitch, and swings. CRACK!!!! The distinct sound of a wood bat connecting with the ball resonates through the Annapolis night and Putzi has driven home Gray for the winning run. Debbie Potter slaps a high five with the other victorious Red Herrings, the league's newest team. Off to the Roadhouse, for pizza go the Red Herrings, to kick back and swap tales with some of the other squads.

The 12 teams in the AABA softball league elected to use wood bats this season as opposed to aluminum bats.. Ash wood has been used by major leaguers, since the days of Honus Wagner, thru the Babe Ruth and Jackie Robinson eras, and ash wood is still popular with today's big leaguers. Technically, only men are required to use wood bats in the AABA league. Women may still use single wall aluminum bats.

The reasoning for the change was simple; slow the game down. Players of 25 years play on the same field with 50- something youngsters. There

is a wide range of softball talent and experience among the 150 players in the league. The core purpose of the league is social. Games are played on Thursdays and lawyers are blowing off steam from a mostly-over work week. They are enjoying the company of colleagues and the warm summer evenings that Annapolis has to offer.

Batted balls off of a wood bat are slower than off of an aluminum bat. At least that is what the science tells us. Slower hits equate to a safer softball experience. It seems to be working. The 12 teams in the league agreed to try the wood bats for six games. After six games the teams voted overwhelmingly to stay with the wood bats for the season.

The Courthouse team is in sole possession of first place with a record of 8 wins and 0 losses. Circuit Court Family Law paralegal Jim Kafcinski

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