

**FEDERAL BAR ASSOCIATION
MARYLAND CHAPTER**

PRESENTS

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE FEDERAL COURTHOUSE

and

**SPECIAL ADMISSIONS CEREMONY TO THE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

(RECEPTION TO FOLLOW)

**Friday, March 13, 2009 in Baltimore
1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

**UNITED STATES COURTHOUSE, Courtroom 1-A
101 West Lombard Street, First Floor, Baltimore, Maryland 21201
(Registrants must be at the Courthouse by 1:00 p.m.)**

The Federal Bar Association, Maryland Chapter, is pleased to offer once again its popular Introduction to the Federal Courthouse Program for new members of the Maryland Bar. And, as in the past, the program will be followed by a Reception.

This program is designed to acquaint new lawyers with the operation and function of the various agencies associated with the Federal Courts. Speakers will include judges and magistrate judges of the United States District Court, the United States Bankruptcy Court, and representatives from the United States District Court Clerk's Office, the United States Probation Office, the Federal Public Defender's Office, the United States Attorney's Office, the United States Trustee's Office as well as an experienced litigator.

The program will conclude with a Special Admissions Ceremony for all those who wish to be admitted to practice before the United States District Court for the District of Maryland. The combined Introduction to the Federal Courthouse Program and Special Admissions Ceremony is held only once each year and is the only program which permits candidates for admission to the District Court to be sworn-in without the necessity of having their sponsors appear.

Important: A sponsor is still required, but need not appear with you. See Local Rule 701.

RESERVATION DEADLINE - FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2009

Seating is limited; and reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. (Seating capacity in the Baltimore facility is 230.)

Introduction to the Federal Courthouse Program: The registration fee is \$85.00 per participant (and a discounted \$55.00 per participant for government employees) and includes a special Federal Courthouse Handbook. Please make your check payable to “FBA-Maryland Chapter.” This \$85.00 program fee is non-refundable.

Special Admission Ceremony: The admission fee is \$175.00 per participant. Please make your check payable to “Clerk, U.S. District Court.” The Attorney Admission Packet containing the Application for Admission and Sponsor’s Motion may be found on the court’s website, **WWW.MDD.USCOURTS.GOV**. Please comply with the instructions set forth in the forms and mail the forms and check directly to the address below before the deadline:

Catherine M. N. Scaffidi
Attorney Admission Specialist
United States District Court for the District of Maryland
101 W Lombard Street, Fourth Floor
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

If you have questions about the admission process, please call either Ms. Scaffidi at (410) 962-3293 or Ms. Tina Stavrou at (410) 962-3552.

Federal Bar Association Membership: For an additional fee of \$75 (or \$60 for public sector lawyers), program participants may also enjoy the benefits of a year’s membership in the Federal Bar Association. If you wish to join the Federal Bar Association, please complete the form attached hereto and return it, along with the fee made payable to the Federal Bar Association, to: Federal Bar Association, Attn.: Membership Department, 2215 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037-1416. Please reflect on both your check and the form that you wish to join the “FBA - Maryland Chapter.”

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT MEMBERSHIP, PLEASE CONTACT
M. CELESTE BRUCE, ESQUIRE (301) 345-7700. cbruce@rlls.com**

Please note: Once you have registered for the program you may assume that you have been accepted unless you receive notice to the contrary.

REPLY FORM

To register for the program, please return this Reply Form before February 27, 2009, along with your check made payable to “FBA-Maryland Chapter,” to:

FBA Federal Courthouse Program
c/o Dawn M. B. Resh, Esq.
Laureate Education, Inc.
650 S. Exeter Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Daytime Telephone: _____

1. _____ I will attend the Introduction to the Federal Courthouse Program and am enclosing my check for \$85.00 (\$55.00 for government lawyers) made payable to “FBA-Maryland Chapter.” And, send this check to the address as listed above. (If you want to be sworn in to the United States District Court at the conclusion of the program, please check #2 also).

2. _____ I want to be sworn in to the United States District Court for Maryland in the Special Admissions Ceremony to be held following the Federal Courthouse Program. I understand that I cannot take part in the Special Admissions Ceremony unless I have signed up for and participate in the entire Federal Courthouse Program. (Upon receipt of your Program Registration Form, please download the Application and Sponsor’s Motion using the directions previously outlined on page 2) as follows:

- Return Admission Form, Sponsor’s Motion, and \$175 check payable to “Clerk, U.S. District Court” to the Court address (listed on page 2).

- Return FBA Program registration form with the \$85 check payable to “FBA-Maryland Chapter” to: Dawn M. B. Resh, Esq. on behalf of the FBA—address listed above.

3. _____ I have joined the Federal Bar Association- Maryland Chapter for one year. I have forwarded the \$75 fee to the FBA (\$60 for public sector lawyers)