

## WLC Cites Lack of Impartiality and Bias in Judicial Complaint

The Women's Law Center and the House of Ruth Maryland recently filed a Judicial Disability Complaint against Judge G. Darrell Russell, Jr. in response to his March 10 decision to marry a defendant to an alleged victim, enabling the victim to invoke marital privilege.

The Defendant, Frederick Dewey Wood, was charged with second degree assault against the victim with whom he co-habitates and shares two children. In Judge Russell's courtroom Wood's lawyer asked the judge "for a postponement so he (Wood) can go out and get married, come back and resolve the case. His wife will then invoke her privilege." Judge Russell volunteered to marry the parties himself, which he did that afternoon after a marriage license was obtained. After the

Defendant was acquitted, Judge Russell stated: "Mr. Wood, I found you not guilty, so I can't sentence you as a defendant in any crimes, but earlier today, I sentenced you to life married to her."

The complaint requests that the Maryland Judicial Disabilities Commission review Judge Russell's performance of his judicial duties regarding lack of impartiality and demonstration of bias. The Women's Law Center believes Judge Russell inappropriately assisted the Defendant in avoiding criminal charges by offering to marry the two parties instead of fairly weighing the Defendant's request for postponement. The judge did not adequately explore the possibility that the victim had been subject to pre-trial coercion by the Defendant, demonstrating a lack of sensitivity

to the issues faced by victims of domestic violence. Lastly, Judge Russell's 'sentence' of a lifetime of marriage to the victim demonstrates gender bias in violation of the Judicial Code of Conduct.

"Judge Russell's behavior shows women continue to face real challenges in the courtroom. While progress has been made, advocates must continue to work to ensure a justice system that is fair and unbiased," said WLC Executive Director Tracy Brown.

Judge Russell has been temporarily removed from the bench until the Maryland Judicial Disabilities Commission makes a decision on the complaint.

## Court Holds Judges Can Use Alimony Guidelines

The Maryland Court of Appeals held that judges can refer to "legitimate and neutral" alimony guidelines to help determine awards as long as the usage does not supplant or frustrate statutory considerations. This decision was announced in *Boemio v. Boemio*, an appeal that challenged the appropriateness of a judge's use of the alimony guidelines in determining the amount and duration of an alimony award. The Court's opinion validates the use of the WLC's Kaufman Alimony Guidelines and other similar resources as tools that can be used to supplement statutory factors.

Judge Sally Adkins, writing for a unanimous court, stressed that alimony guidelines should be used to help translate qualitative factors into a dollar amount, not to replace judicial discretion. The opinion is consistent with arguments made by the WLC in the

amicus brief it submitted in the case.

While the guidelines utilized by the judge in this case predate WLC's tool, the Kaufman Alimony Guidelines are mentioned as a footnote in the decision as a set of guidelines "specifically tailored to address the twelve factors listed in FL Section 11-106(b)", the enumerated statutory considerations for alimony.

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The WLC hopes the Court of Appeals opinion will lead more legal professionals to utilize alimony guidelines in their negotiations, ultimately leading to equitable financial outcomes for families after divorce. If you are a judge, master or attorney interested in downloading the free Kaufman Alimony Guidelines, please email [admin@wlc.md.org](mailto:admin@wlc.md.org) with your name and the year you were admitted to the Bar to receive a password.

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Dear Members, Friends and Supporters:

As I come to the end of my term as President of the WLC Board, I have been thinking a lot about the meaning of service. We all get involved in issues and causes or with organizations that interest us - things we believe in and support. I came to the Women's Law Center Board right out of law school because my friend and mentor Tracy Brown who was the new Executive Director asked me to get involved and because the WLC's mission is something that I believe in fervently and support. I can remember treading cautiously onto the Board, feeling out my role and the level of involvement that would be required. (Those of you who know me, try to stifle the laugh. Yes, I actually can "tread cautiously.") I eventually found my place and have not looked back.

Whether I was involved with the Judicial Selections Committee or working on development and strategic planning (again those of you who know me, try to stifle the laugh), I have enjoyed the role that I

have played and have learned from every aspect of my work with this amazing organization in which I am privileged to be involved.



But I also I know that just because my time as Board President has ended, my service will not. The WLC is facing challenging times, as is every other non-profit. Funding is shrinking while the need for services is only increasing. I know the WLC will need every member, Board member and the amazing, incredible staff that we are so fortunate to have in order to continue to be the vital and necessary presence that it is in Maryland. I look forward to continuing to be a part of this organization in any capacity that is needed.

Best,

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## Custody Decision Upheld in Impact Case

In January, WLC Legal Director Laure Ruth and Luanne McKenna, Director of Legal Services at the Domestic Violence Center of Howard County (DVC), joined forces to successfully argue before the Maryland Court of Special Appeals on behalf of a former WLC Protective Order Advocacy & Representation Project (POARP) client in *Wardle v. Wardle*.

Ms. Wardle sought help from POARP in 2007 after suffering severe, permanent damage to her left ear at her husband's hands. In a subsequent divorce proceeding where she was represented by private counsel, a trial judge granted Ms. Wardle indefinite alimony, sole physical and legal custody of their three young children, a marital property award and payment of Ms. Wardle's COBRA insurance cost. Mr.

Wardle appealed the trial judge's ruling as well as the judge's injunction against him abusing Ms. Wardle in the future.

The Maryland Court of Special Appeals demonstrated a clear understanding of the dynamics of domestic violence by upholding the lower court's decision that granted sole custody of three minor children to a mother who was the victim of an abusive spouse. Financial issues associated with the case were remanded to circuit court.

"The Court adopted our reasoning that his history of abuse merited the permanent injunction. It used strong language to characterize the husband's abusive treatment of his wife," said Ms. Ruth.

## Kudos

The Women's Law Center applauds its members for their recent accomplishments and community contributions.

WLC Executive Director L. Tracy Brown and member Deborah Weimer received the Maryland Legal Services Corporation's Benjamin L. Cardin Distinguished Service Award.

Lynn Sassin was named as one of The Daily Record's Maryland's Top 100 Women.

C. Christopher Brown and Mary T. Keating received Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service's Ten Year Award

Board member Reena K. Shah joined the University of Maryland School of Law Alumni Board.

Maryland Super Lawyers include:

- C. Christopher Brown
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## On the Scene: Outreach & Events

Pictures from a few of the recent outreach activities and events involving Women's Law Center staff:



WLC Director and Benjamin L. Cardin Distinguished Service Award recipient L. Tracy Brown (bottom right) poses with other awardees, MLSC Board President F. Vernon Boozer and Chief Judge Bell.



Board member Becca Caldwell, POARP attorney Alicia Bickoff and Aaron Bickoff at the WLC's Little Havana Happy Hour.



WLC Attorney Suzanne Bailey talked to students at Cherry Hill ES/MS about being an attorney at their Career Day.



Lt. Gov. Anthony Brown, Glendora Hughes, WLC President Alex Strubing Paradise, Louise Carwell and WLC Director L. Tracy Brown at the WLC's Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony. Brown, Hughes and Carwell were honored at the event.

Special kudos and thanks to Chief Operating Officer Jessica Morgan and Data Entry Clerk Donna Pasko for ten years with the Women's Law Center of Maryland

## 2010 Legislative Wrap Up

Established to promote and protect the legal rights of women, the Women's Law Center actively engages in advocacy work with the General Assembly to increase justice and fairness for women and their families in Maryland. During the 2010 legislative session our staff and volunteers championed women's rights and found opportunities to educate legislators about the specific impact bills could have on women. Legal Director Laure Ruth was a significant presence in Annapolis providing the majority of our oral testimony and serving as a key member of advocacy groups in the areas of domestic violence, reproductive rights and protections for same-sex couples. In addition, volunteers increased our impact by providing testimony on several bills.

During the Session, we monitored 87 bills, submitted written testimony on 57 bills, testified before legislative committees on 42 bills and sent alerts on 43 bills to encourage members and supporters to contact their legislators. Several important bills passed that will expand protections for victims of domestic violence. Outdated child support guidelines were updated. While bills supporting same sex marriage and other rights and protections for the LGBT community did not pass, other bills to limit expansions of these rights also failed. Similarly, there were no changes regarding reproductive rights. Below is a synopsis of key bills.

### Domestic Violence

#### *PASSED*

Bills supported by WLC

- HB 534/SB 329 - Domestic Violence - Protective Order - Extension allows a court to extend a protective order for up to two years if the respondent commits a subsequent act of abuse while the protective order is still in effect.
- HB 1382/SB 554 - Rental Housing - Protection for Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault provides protections for victims regarding their landlord/tenant relationships. The law provides that if the victim/tenant has obtained a final protective order or peace order, the victim may terminate the lease in order to relocate and the landlord must change the locks upon request of the victim at the victim's expense. It creates a rebuttable presumption that the victim is not in breach of the lease if the landlord attempts to evict the victim for the behavior of the abuser.
- HB 1149/SB 935 - Denial or Dismissal of Peace Order or Protective Order Petition - Shielding of Records allows a respondent in a protective order or peace order case that has been dismissed or denied to request the court to remove from judiciary case search and other public access all records relating to the proceeding. Domestic violence advocates, judges and law enforcement officials will have access to the shielded records. Although the Women's Law Center opposed the expungement of domestic violence records, the final version of this bill included important protections for victims.
- HB 661 - Arrest - Violation of Protective Order provides that an officer shall arrest with or without a warrant for a violation of a protective order.
- HB 905/SB 22 - Criminal Law - Prohibitions on Wearing, Carrying or Transporting Firearms - Exception establishes an exception to the prohibition against transporting a firearm for a respondent who is surrendering a weapon.
- HB 60/SB 618 - Criminal Procedure - Violation by Child Sexual Offender of Pretrial and Posttrial Release No Contact Order ("Alexis's Law") allows the police to make a

warrantless arrest if they have probable cause to believe the person has violated a no contact order in a crime against a minor.

- HB 665- Prince George's County - Domestic Violence - GPS Tracking System Pilot Program for Offenders and HB 1336- Washington County - Domestic Violence - GPS Tracking System Pilot Program for Offenders authorize pilot projects in Prince George's and Washington Counties that will monitor domestic violence criminal offenders using GPS tracking systems.
- HB 625 - Domestic Violence - Domestic Violence Central Repository requires the creation of a Domestic Violence Central Repository to store civil domestic violence orders.



#### *FAILED*

Bills supported by WLC

- An effort to change the burden of proof in protective orders from clear and convincing evidence to preponderance of evidence (HB 700/SB 823).
- Compensation to victims for temporary lodging through the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (SB 123).
- A requirement for an expedited hearing on violations of peace or protective orders (HB 662).

Bills opposed by WLC

- A bill intended to make it easier for victims to get handgun permits (HB 893).
- A requirement of a judge to advise a respondent of the consequences of a final protective order (HB 48/SB 329).
- An annual report of domestic violence orders (HB 1047).
- The GPS monitoring of respondents in civil protective orders (HB 331).

## Family Law

### PASSED

Bill supported by WLC

HB 500/SB 252 - Child Support Guidelines - Revision updates the child support guidelines for the first time in more than 20 years. The new guidelines more appropriately reflect the actual costs of raising a child. The bill extends the guidelines to families with joint adjusted incomes of \$15,000 per month.

### FAILED

Bills supported by WLC

- Divorce: Several ambitious efforts to change the grounds for divorce making it less onerous to obtain a divorce (HB 336/SB 578, SB 577 and SB 714).
- Custody: Efforts to codify the existing Maryland case law regarding custody determinations into a statute that continues to rely on the best interest of the child standard (HB 1139) and to recognize de facto parents (HB 1241/SB 600).

Bills opposed by WLC

Multiple bills sought to create a presumption of joint custody and parenting time (HB 925/SB 1047 and HB 959).

## Criminal Law

### PASSED

Bill supported by WLC

HB 283/SB 261 - Criminal Law - Human Trafficking - Prohibitions will enhance the enforcement of and penalties for human trafficking law.

### FAILED

Bills supported by WLC

- Prohibition against knowingly committing a crime of violence in the presence of a minor (HB 650).
- Broadening the definition of a sexual act to include penetration with a body part (SB 1310/SB 667).
- An Anti-Human Trafficking Fund established from forfeited property (HB 514/SB 463).

## Employment Law

### PASSED

Bill supported by WLC

SB 107 - Unemployment Insurance - Tax Deferment, Trust Fund Solvency, and Cost-Neutral Modernization Act will provide that unemployment insurance benefits are based on the four most recently completed calendar quarters. This change allows a worker's most recent earnings to be taken into account when determining unemployment eligibility and benefits. This bill is particularly beneficial for low-income and part-time workers, many of whom are women.

### FAILED

Bills supported by WLC

- The establishment of a cause of action for discrimination based on family responsibilities (HB 463).
- The expansion of Maryland's Family and Medical Leave Act to include care for domestic partners, children of domestic partners and close family members (HB 1272).
- The repeal of a restriction on the amount of compensation that a lawyer may charge to assist a claimant for unemployment insurance claim proceedings (SB 500/HB 1082).

## Funding

### PASSED

Bill supported by WLC

HB 106/SB 248 - Civil Cases - Maryland Legal Services Corporation Fund was approved by the General Assembly. It increases the filing fee in civil cases to provide funding to Maryland Legal Services Corporation (MLSC). MLSC provides grants to civil legal service programs for low-income Marylanders. The bill is estimated to generate approximately \$6.1 million.



*Legal Director Laure Ruth and Board Member Professor Margaret Johnson attended the signing of HB 1382/SB 554 which will enable victims of domestic violence to break a lease in order to relocate without penalty.*

## Reproductive Rights

### FAILED

Bill opposed by the WLC

- A bill that would have defined personhood from the beginning of biological development (HB 1078).
- A requirement that facilities provide patients the opportunity to view a sonogram before performing an abortion (SB 250).

## LGBT Rights

### FAILED

Bills supported by the WLC

- Marriage equality for same sex couples (HB 808/SB 582).
- Prohibition against discrimination based on gender identity and expression (HB 1022/SB 583).

Bills opposed by the WLC

- A Constitutional Amendment to limit marriage to a man and a woman (HB 1079/SB 1097).
- Prohibition of the recognition of out-of-state same-sex marriages (HB 90/SB 852).
- A bill that would have blocked the implementation of any changes based on the opinion from the Attorney General that out-of-state same-sex marriages may be recognized (HB 1532/SB 1120).

## The Roving Reporter

In this column we ask experts to answer a different law-related question each issue. This time we asked: "What advice do you give someone who is subjected to sexual harassment or discrimination but can't risk the chance of losing her job if she complains?"



"Although I'm not a psychologist, I like to explain that a worker has to weigh her physical and mental health in the

balance, and make sure he or she is not sticking with the status quo for fear of change. Though retaliation is illegal, it's common enough, and until the worker has another job lined up she could face sudden unemployment as a result of sticking up for her rights."

Mary T. Keating  
Law Office of Mary T. Keating



"The fear of retaliation is a reasonable one, but being subjected to harassment that interferes with your job is also intolerable and probably will not stop unless reported. It is illegal for employers to retaliate against employees who report harassment or discrimination, so if you do get fired you would have a right to sue the employer to either get your job back (called "reinstatement") or to get money damages. If you decide to report, take a few steps to help protect yourself. First, submit your report in writing, make sure it is dated, and be sure to keep a copy at home. Second, if you have any verbal discussions with the employer about your complaint, try to have a witness present. Finally, if you experience retaliation after reporting discrimination, be sure to consult with legal counsel immediately. You may also apply for unemployment benefits if you are terminated through no fault of your own."

Deborah Thompson Eisenberg  
University of Maryland School of Law

## Wine & Chocolate—Our Sweetest Event Yet

The 4th annual Wine & Chocolate proved to be as popular and delicious as ever. Featuring an array of treats courtesy of some of the area's most delectable



businesses, over 150 guests gathered at Bikram Yoga Hampden to enjoy an evening of decadence. The Wine Source generously donated wines perfectly paired for chocolates. A former POARP client and local comedienne Ms. Maybelle spoke of her experience with domestic violence and the ongoing support provided by WLC staff.

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Hope to see you at our 5th Wine & Chocolate in 2011!



## Wealth, Health & Well-being

*Wealth, Health and Well-being*, the WLC's three-part roundtable discussion series recently concluded after examining an array of issues important to women and families. Designed to open an intergenerational dialogue on feminist issues, the series employed different formats including a panel discussion, a film viewing and a discussion guided by expert participants.

Launched in spring 2009 with *Women and Wealth*, participants analyzed the meaning of wealth, how it impacts women's roles in family, how women have been affected by the foreclosure crisis, and how the economic climate impacts women small business owners. *Women and Health*, held in fall 2009, explored whether women's health is taken

seriously. In April 2010 *Women and Well-being* examined issues women face in achieving a healthy work life balance.

"The discussions were lively, insightful and inspiring, covering such topics as women's roles in families, women's roles in law jobs, and women's roles in societies, and covered not only issues of gender but also race and class," said Discussion Series Planning Committee Chair and Board member Professor Margaret Johnson.

Special thanks to *Wealth, Health and Well-being* sponsor Ober Kaler. We will continue to look for new ways to inform and involve our supporters. Please share any ideas that would be of interest to you. We'd love to hear from you!

# Thank You

## Volunteers Find Hotlines Flexible & Rewarding

Beginning as an all-volunteer membership organization in the early 1970s, the WLC continues to offer pro bono opportunities to help supporters deepen their engagement with our mission. A core group of volunteers consists of family law and employment law practitioners who share their expertise with callers across Maryland on our hotlines.

The Family Law Hotline operates seven hours per day every weekday. Volunteer and contractual attorneys answer basic family law questions most commonly involving matters of child custody and divorce. The all volunteer Employment Law Hotline answers nearly nonstop calls during its weekly Tuesday morning shift and monthly Thursday evening shift. Calls cover a broad range of employment issues such as discrimination, family leave and unemployment.

WLC hotlines offer convenient and flexible pro bono opportunities. Attorneys are asked to commit to as little as two shifts per year. A call forwarding system allows volunteers to answer calls from their home or office.

"I became a WLC volunteer because I wanted to give a few hours of time to help the many people who cannot find an attorney to give them simple, or sometimes complicated, advice concerning their employment problems, and I thought it would expose me to every type of employment law issue," explained Hotline volunteer Andrew Dansicker.

While all Hotline attorneys donate their time for various reasons, a common motivation mentioned by volunteers is the ability to make a lasting and positive impact on callers during a brief conversation.

"The hotline allows for a person to make a quick phone call and get their situation assessed without needing to take two buses to get to a clinic or take off from work. It is a convenient and efficient way of providing brief advice to many people," said Hope Tipton, Hotline volunteer.

The Women's Law Center is very grateful to Hotlines volunteers for the valuable services they provide to Marylanders in need.

### Hotline Volunteers

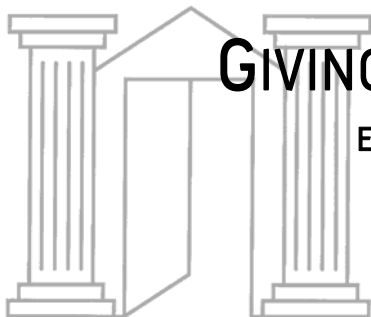
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**Employment Law Hotline:** Answer basic employment law questions from your office or the WLC on Tuesday mornings or the first Thursday evening of each month. Callers with viable cases are referred to hotline volunteers for (paid) representation.

**Judicare Project:** Through an MLSC grant, the WLC pays attorneys a reduced fee to handle divorce and custody cases for low-income clients in Baltimore County.

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