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## CINA Bill Passes in General Assembly

The Maryland Judiciary's Foster Care Court Improvement Project (FCCIP) Implementation Committee succeeded in obtaining the passage of the Child In Need of Assistance (CINA) statute, Senate Bill 660, by the 2001 General Assembly. For the third year, the FCCIP Implementation Committee, through the Maryland Judicial Conference, has submitted this comprehensive bill, which separated the CINA provisions from the delinquency and Child In Need of Supervision (CINS) provisions.

The passage of the CINA bill is the result of a collaborative effort among the Judiciary, legislators, and others involved in child welfare cases. "It is indeed a victory for children who are involved in the court system. Not only will we have a new statute that will clearly improve the processing of these cases, but the camaraderie and collaboration that was fostered among the stakeholders in the process has already proven to be beneficial," said Althea Stewart Jones, Director of Maryland's FCCIP.

An Advisory Committee was established in 1994, to assess how Maryland's juvenile courts were handling child welfare cases, and to make recommendations for improvement. The AOC completed its assessment of the Judiciary's processing of abuse and neglect cases in 1997. One of the findings was that its CINA statute, which was formerly combined with the delinquency and CINS provisions



The signing of the CINA bill.

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### Statute Highlights

- Empowers the juvenile court to hear guardianship review proceedings arising after a termination of parental rights proceeding;
- Gives the juvenile court concurrent jurisdiction over custody, visitation, child support, and paternity cases over a child where a CINA petition has been filed;
- Requires that a separate petition be filed for each child;
- Upon removal of a child, clarifies that a hearing shall be held the next day that court is in session, instead of scheduling shelter care proceedings only once or twice a week;
- Specifies times for delivery of certain evaluations, studies and reports; and
- Specifies procedures for transferring CINA cases between counties.

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# Expanded Public Access Committee Named

As part of the Judiciary's continuing efforts to facilitate public access to court records, Chief Judge Robert M. Bell appointed an expanded task force to provide the courts with divergent perspectives on this hotly-debated issue as recommended by the *ad hoc* committee he appointed originally. They met for the first time on April 23.

"I commend the members of the *ad hoc* committee for their diligence in thoroughly reviewing the attendant issues," Chief Judge Bell said. "I have accepted their recommendation to appoint a special committee to further study the electronic access contemplated by the recommended policy and order. Further, I will not act upon the policy or the order until I have gotten input from this expanded task force."



The new committee, chaired by retired Court of Special Appeals Judge Paul Alpert, includes broad representation from organizations and interests as diverse as the American Civil Liberties Union, financial services, housing, business, private investigators/security, privacy, the media, the Public Justice Center, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, the Maryland General Assembly, and the Maryland State Bar Association.

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- Identifying interests and values associated with privacy and access;
- Legal framework, including definition of terms;
- Technological aspects of current databases, their availability and use, and problems created by this access; and
- Comparisons with other state and federal courts.

The *ad hoc* committee's recommendations, as well the expanded committee membership, can be viewed on our website at [www.courts.state.md.us](http://www.courts.state.md.us). You can check our site periodically for further information about this committee's work and progress, such as meeting dates and locations.

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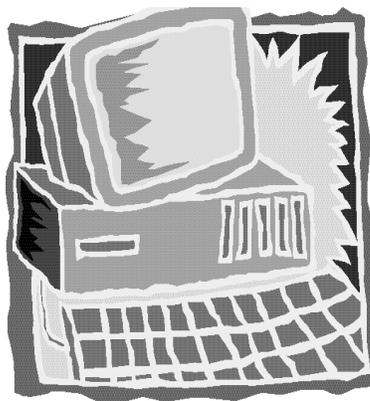
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## Calling all Public Speakers

The Maryland Judiciary Speakers Bureau is renewing its efforts to engage in greater public outreach to enhance understanding of the justice system. Over the next several months, the Speakers Bureau will engage in a campaign to encourage local groups and organizations to utilize the services offered.

With the anticipated increase in demand, the Speakers Bureau is requesting that judges, retired judges, and court officials please donate their time to speak on justice-related topics at community events. Whether you are a past participant or a new speaker, please contact Todd Silver at the Court Information Office (410) 260-1488 so we can update our panel of available speakers. Thank you for your support.





# E-filing for Asbestos

E-filing is coming to the Judiciary! A pilot program for electronic, or e-filing will soon be launched in Baltimore City Circuit Court for asbestos cases.

Baltimore City Circuit Judge William D. Quarles, who has coordinated this project, said, “The Court of Appeals recently authorized the beginning of this pilot program, and we are looking forward to it. Although the program is limited initially to asbestos cases, we will be considering the suitability of electronic filing for other mass tort litigation in the future.”

The Court of Appeals’ order, which defines the parameters of the project to cover only asbestos cases, also states that participation in the program is “voluntary” for involved parties, and that the pilot will operate for a period not to exceed two years.

“While there are still many issues to be resolved before e-filing can become the standard in Maryland’s courts, I am enthusiastic about this pilot program, and believe it will have positive implications for the future,” said Administrative Judge Heller. “E-filing will eliminate the voluminous and wasteful paper that is generated by these cases. Now a judge will be able to review an asbestos filing from a laptop computer, whether at home or at the court.”

## 2001 Legislative Wrap-Up

*As another legislative session draws to a close, here is our annual re-cap of bills that passed—and failed—in 2001.*



### Bills that Passed

SB 660 - Juvenile Causes -This bill separates the statutory provisions relating to children in need of assistance (CINA) from the statutory provisions relating to delinquent children and children in need of supervision (CINS); stating the purposes and providing for the construction of the provisions relating to children in need of assistance; altering the jurisdiction of the juvenile court. [See article, page 1.]

HB 716 - Circuit Courts - Funding of Law Clerks & Rental of Space for Clerks of Court, by APP Chair (Judicial Conference) Cf: SB 656. This bill will provide for State employment of one law clerk per circuit court judge as of July 1, 2002. In FY03-10, counties and Baltimore City must report to DBM on expenditure of cost savings. Notwithstanding title, no longer provides for rental.

SB 659 - Juvenile Court - Montgomery County. Effective March 1, 2002, this bill shall: create three circuit court judgeships in Montgomery County; eliminate two District Court judgeships in Montgomery County; and transfer juvenile causes jurisdiction.

HB 546 - District Court -Small Claims Court -This bill changes the exclusive jurisdiction in District Court for Small Claims from \$2,500 to \$5,000.

### Bills that Failed

SB 519/HB 658 - Judgeships - Circuit and District Courts

SB 655/HB 765 - Clerks of Courts - Auditor’s Report & Bonds - Recording & Indexing

SB 658/HB 763 -Interim Domestic Violence Orders & Interim Peace Orders-Issuance by District Court Commissioners

SB 657/HB 764 - District Court Commissioners - Powers & Duties

SB 78/HB 703 - Public Defender - Bail Review Hearings - Representation of Indigent Defendants

SB 165/HB 1091 - Baltimore City Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

SB 632/HB 62 - Sentencing - Revisory Power of Courts-Limitations

SB 671 - Christopher’s Law IV - Revisory Power of Courts -Limitations

HB 831 - Criminal Procedure - Sentencing Court - Revisory Power & Control Over Criminal Sentence

HB 135 - Family Law - Marriage Ceremonies - Judges

HB 862 - Courts - Access to Justice System - Language Barriers

Kelley O’Connor contributed to this story

# Dignitaries Wield Shovels in Carroll County



*photo courtesy of the Office of the Governor*

Pictured, left to right: Westminster City Council President Damian Halstad; District Court Chief Judge Martha Rasin; Maryland Department of General Services Secretary Peta Richkus; Governor Parris Glendening; Maryland Treasurer Richard Dixon; Court of Appeals Chief Judge Robert Bell; Carroll County Board of County Commissioners President Julia Gouge; and District 10 Administrative Judge James Vaughn.

Gov. Parris Glendening and other state and local dignitaries, including Chief Judge Robert M. Bell and District Court Chief Judge Martha F. Rasin, were on hand for the April 17<sup>th</sup> groundbreaking ceremony for Carroll County's new, \$6.9 million district court building, which will be located in downtown Westminster.

Scheduled to open in Fall 2002, the three-story, 41,926 square-foot courthouse will be traditionally-styled, housing two courtrooms and judges' chambers, as well as juvenile justice, commissioner, probation, and parole offices.

## Case Time Management Standards Underway

As part of its ongoing commitment to improving the quality of justice, the Maryland Judiciary has established case processing time standards for the Circuit Courts and District Court. These standards, which were adopted by the Judicial Council at its February 15, 2001 meeting, set forth specific time parameters for case processing, while also tracking the various steps and parties involved.

The standards are intended not only to help the Judiciary monitor its case processing performance, but also to identify areas needing improvement, so obstacles can be eliminated and resources made available to improve case management.

"A 1998 Maryland opinion survey indicated that there is a strong perception among the public that the justice process takes too long," Chief Judge Bell said. "To address this perception, the Judiciary has adopted expedition and timeliness as its top priority. The implementation of these standards will enable us to quantitatively assess our current performance, while also evaluating how the various components of the system work. We are hoping to find that we already meet or exceed the guidelines we have set, and that we are achieving the optimal balance between quality and efficiency."

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Chief Judge Robert M. Bell

# Holocaust Museum Displays Dramatic Effect of a 'Politicized' Judiciary

Imagine living in a world where personal freedoms have eroded, and the judicial system looks the other way as people are tortured and killed because of their race, religion, disability, or political ideology. It is easy to forget how recently this took place in our history, as Adolph Hitler cast a specter of horror over Germany and much of Europe, systemically dismantling all of the societal protections that were taken for granted.

**“The program reinforced how important it is for judges, of all people, to be sensitive to the rights of everyone, and how important a truly independent judiciary is. The [judges] did not lose the effect of the German judges being part of the problem rather than part of the resistance.”**

**Hon. Alan M. Wilner,  
Court of Appeals**

On April 27, more than 270 Maryland judges visited the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. as part of the two-day annual Judicial Conference. The museum provided judges with a thought-provoking exhibit about the consequences of a politicized court system, which also served to underscore and emphasize the essential value of an independent judiciary.

“It’s important to see how the judicial establishment was manipulated and abused to serve a political

end in Nazi Germany,” said Andres Abril, program officer at the museum. “Our judiciary must remain a bulwark against the erosion of the democratic freedoms and ideals this nation treasures. Nazi Germany represents the most extreme outcome of what can happen when this goal is abandoned.”

The program began with an orientation by Museum Director Sara Bloomfield, and remarks by Court of Appeals Chief Judge Robert M. Bell and Bunny Weinstein—wife of Montgomery County Circuit Court Judge Paul H. Weinstein and longtime volunteer at the museum. Judges then took a self-guided tour, followed by discussion with historians Dr. Patricia Heberer and Dr. Peter Black.

“Amidst the senseless slaughter and suffering of human lives, we cannot forget the role the judicial system played,” said a somber Chief Judge Bell after walking through the museum. “It is everyone’s responsibility to make sure that we do not fail to act as we are mandated under our Constitution.”

Several judges were taken aback by the role judges and lawyers played during one of the most dreadful times the world has ever seen. They questioned where judges and lawyers were during the Nazi regime, and why they abdicated their duties to uphold the German Constitution. Judge Weinstein said that the program was important because it emphasized what can happen to a society in a very short time.

The Maryland Judiciary is the first group of judges to tour the museum; federal judges will participate in a similar program this summer. FBI officials and law enforcement personnel now routinely visit the museum as part of a special law enforcement program.

**“One of the salient issues was that even though we’re called to make tough decisions, some unpopular, we must emphasize the independence of the judiciary in interpreting the laws.”**

**Hon. Paul H. Weinstein  
Circuit Court,  
Montgomery County**

## Inns of Court

On March 21st, two intriguing oral arguments were presented in the Court of Appeals courtroom. Not so unusual, you say — until you consider that the case being argued took place in 1936. Two pupils of the Montgomery County Inns of Court were given the rare opportunity to reargue the famous case of *University v. Murray* before a panel that included Chief Judge Robert M. Bell, Court of Appeals Judges Irma Raker and Lynne Battaglia, and Montgomery County Circuit Judge Michael Mason. The case, originally argued by Thurgood Marshall, helped pave the way for university desegregation. This moot court exercise provided valuable experience to the pupils of the Inns of Court, and was enjoyed by all.

Doris Tamanini contributed to the article



Gwen DeSouza, Esq. argues the case.

*photo courtesy of the Office of the  
Montgomery County Inns of Court*

# Diane Pawlowicz Brings New Dimension to District Court



*photo by Maria Smiroldo*

The District Court Headquarters welcomes Diane Pawlowicz as the new Assistant Chief of Administrative Services, assuming a newly-created position that will focus on external communications and customer relations. Adding a public outreach angle to District Court operations will be among her key challenges and responsibilities. "It is exciting to be part of the dynamic leadership team of the District Court," Pawlowicz said. "I look forward to translating some of the goals and priorities of Chief Judge Rasin and Chief Clerk Platt into reality."

Initial projects to accomplish some of Pawlowicz' goals are already underway, with statewide workgroups convening in May to look at ways to make courts more customer-friendly and inviting. One aspect of their mission is to enhance public information materials in order to communicate more effectively with users of the Court system, and to increase public knowledge about the work of the District Court.

While new to the Judiciary, Pawlowicz is not new to state government, having worked for 17 years with the Maryland Department of Education's Division of Rehabilitation Services. As Director of Program and Community Support, Pawlowicz gained extensive experience in public information, community outreach and program evaluation, which will prove valuable as she takes on similar responsibilities within the District Court. She will also serve as primary liaison between the District Court and the Court Information Office.

Submitted by District Court staff

## Around the Judiciary

- ◆ The Orphans Court for Prince George's County welcomes **Judge Wendy Cartwright**. On April 20 she was sworn in and presented by Retired Court of Appeals Judge Howard S. Chasanow, for whom she clerked.
- ◆ **Hon. L. Edgar Brown**, District Court for Caroline County and **Hon. Kenneth Lavon Johnson**, Circuit Court for Baltimore City, recently retired.
- ◆ As part of Baltimore County's Law Day festivities, two of our most illustrious retired judges were honored for their significant contributions to their community. **Retired Court of Special Appeals Judge Paul E. Alpert** received the Baltimore County Bar Association's Law Day Award. Retired **Judge Barbara Kerr Howe** was recognized by the Baltimore County Commission for Women as the first woman to serve on the county's circuit court.
- ◆ Maryland State Law Librarian **Michael Miller** was elected vice-chair of the State, Court, County Law Libraries Special Interests Section of the American Association of Law Libraries for 2002 - 2003 term.

# Judiciary joins forces with schools to fight drunk driving

On April 11, over 100 ninth-graders from North Arundel High School witnessed first-hand the consequences of drinking and driving, when Anne Arundel District Judge Vincent Mulieri invited them to his courtroom for a “School in the Courts” program. “We’re trying to be proactive,” Judge Mulieri said. “Usually the courts listen to the case and react, but with ‘School in the Courts,’ students can see the consequences of drinking and driving, which could deter them from such conduct.”

The program began with a real-life DWI trial. Students watched as Judge Mulieri heard the facts of the case, discussed the charge with the defendant, his attorney and the prosecutor, sentenced the defendant, and had him handcuffed and taken into custody.

District Court Chief Judge Martha Rasin then explained the compounding effects of a DWI arrest. The students were briefed on Maryland’s Drinking Driver Monitor Program, and later, breakout groups discussed underage drinking and driving with representatives of the juvenile court, the Offices of the Public Defender and States’ Attorney, and Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD).

Judge Mulieri created “School in the Courts” after learning about the nationally-recognized Critical Life Choices™ program, which turns school auditoriums into courtrooms. He tailored the program to drunk driving after reading last year’s report from the Center for Substance Abuse at the University of Maryland, which showed a steady increase in teen DUIs. “I thought this would be a valuable outreach program to engage in,” he said. “We want the students to consider the serious consequences of drunk driving, and to make the commitment to never drink and drive.”



Above: Judge Mulieri, Chief Judge Rasin speak with a North Arundel High School teacher.

Right: Master Erica Wolfe addresses somber students.

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*photos by Ron White*

“The success of the program was dependent on the cooperation between the courts and the public school system,” said Judge Mulieri, adding that the two parties will meet in June to plan similar programs for the future. He wishes to thank the following people for their cooperation in making the program a success: Dr. Carol Parham, Anne Arundel County Schools (AACS) Superintendent; Lisa Kissinger, Acting Coordinator of Social Studies for AACS; Sue Barnes Hannahs, Teacher Specialist for Student Advocacy; Sharon Stratton, Assistant Principal at North County High School; B. Darren Burns, Attorney for the County Superintendent of Schools; Harold Rohrback, Jr.; Head of the Drinking Driving Monitor Program; Officer T.J. Bathras, Anne Arundel County Police Department; Laura Chester and Darren Douglass, from the Office of the Public Defender; Michael Cogan, from the State’s Attorney’s Office; Leslie Thomas and Brenda Barnes, from MADD; Gayle Siegel, from the Anne Arundel County Health Department; and Erica Wolfe, Master in Chancery at Juvenile Causes.

## MOCK TRIALS

Court of Appeals Judge Glenn T. Harrell, Jr. presided over the Annual Mock Trial Competition sponsored by the Maryland Citizenship Law-Related Education program, on April 27. The finals of this high-school competition were held in the Court of Appeals courtroom.

On April 24, Montgomery County Circuit Judge Paul McGuckian presided over a mock trial sponsored by that county’s Human Relations Commission. More than 160 people attended the mock trial, which is used as a teaching device by the Commission to familiarize real estate agents, realtors, and property managers with the county’s discrimination laws. This is the second year that Judge McGuckian participated in the event.

# We've Got the Answers

The Maryland Judiciary has added a “frequently asked questions” (FAQ) page to its web site at [www.courts.state.md.us/faq.html](http://www.courts.state.md.us/faq.html). The FAQ page answers commonly-asked queries about attorney information, bankruptcy, birth/death certificates, child support, court fees, courtroom demeanor, criminal history, landlord/tenant disputes, marriage information, name change, naturalization/immigration, small claims court, statutory rape/sexual consent, traffic court, and wills/probate.

“The FAQ page is an excellent tool for Maryland residents to have their questions about the court system answered quickly and conveniently,” said Chief Judge Robert M. Bell. “This new service is a valuable addition to our comprehensive, user-friendly web site.” The FAQ page will be updated quarterly, or as new information becomes available. We welcome suggestions from judges and staff. Please contact F Todd Silver at 410.260.1563.

## District Court Hosts Alternative Dispute Resolution Conference

Mediation was in the spotlight on March 30<sup>th</sup>, as the District Court presented its second annual conference on ADR, with a focus on training judges and staff on its use in civil cases. The lively day at the Sheraton Barcelo Hotel in Annapolis combined a great deal of information and training—including presentations by District Court Chief Judge Martha F. Rasin and University of Maryland Law Professor and Mediation Clinic Director Roger Wolf, Esq.—with some interactive fun. Not only did Dr. Lorig Charkoudian bring her trademark humor and energy to a session on community mediation, but the participants also enjoyed a trivia contest (with prizes!) for their knowledge of ADR and Maryland history.

Underlying the lighter side was the very serious message that ADR works. Last year’s conference focused on the value of alternative dispute resolution in resolving criminal cases. As a result, several counties are now using mediation to resolve neighborhood disputes that would otherwise have ended up in criminal court.

“The District Court is continuing to develop new ADR programs in partnership with local volunteer mediators,” said Chief Judge Rasin, who hosted the conference. “Mediation is particularly effective for addressing the underlying conflicts so often found in civil cases. When a case is resolved through mediation, both sides win. Last year’s session proved so valuable that we decided to host a similar program this year and focus on civil cases.”



Above: ADR Executive Director Rachel Wohl (right) arm-wrestles a program participant for candy kisses during an interactive session.

Right: Dr. Lorig Charkoudian stirs up the crowd with her energetic commitment to community mediation.



*photos by Maria Smirolto*

# County Law Libraries Suffer from Underfunding and other Ills

The Maryland Circuit Court Libraries Study Committee has completed a groundbreaking report on the condition and future of county law libraries. To prepare the report, the 17-member Committee, established in March 2000 by Chief Judge Robert M. Bell and co-chaired by Worcester County Circuit Judge Theodore Eschenburg and State Law Librarian Michael Miller, split into three subcommittees, each focusing on a separate issue facing these libraries: establishing uniform standards, utilization of appropriate information technologies; and developing predictable and adequate funding sources. After analyzing current trends (which included focus group discussions, extensive research, and a survey of nearly 300 county law libraries in 14 states), the committee made realistic recommendations for the future. The full report can be accessed on the website of the Maryland State Law Library, at [www.lawlib.state.md.us/screens/clscript.html](http://www.lawlib.state.md.us/screens/clscript.html).

The report uncovered some disturbing findings. For example, 58% of county law libraries in Maryland lack the financial support to maintain even a bare minimum legal collection, and 70% are unstaffed. Exacerbating this problem is unstable funding, derived from a “hodgepodge” of legislative sources. In many counties, law libraries are funded by court appearance fees and a percentage of general fines, which are often reduced or waived, or go uncollected. Meanwhile, the cost of



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(l-r) Baltimore City District Judge Theodore Oshrine; Worcester County Circuit Judge Theodore Eschenburg, Maryland State Law Librarian Mike Miller.

legal publications continues to rise dramatically, and libraries are finding it more difficult to provide access to resources in either print or digital formats. Also, as the number of *pro se* cases increase, most law libraries are unable to meet the

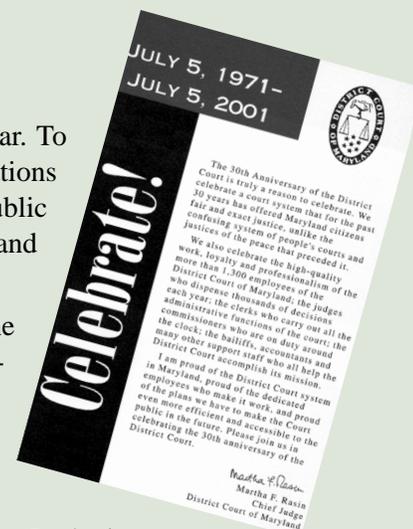
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## District Court Kicks-off 30th Anniversary Events

The District Court of Maryland celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on July 5 of this year. To celebrate, activities are planned throughout the year. The “kick-off” to these celebrations occurred on May 1, when many of the courthouses held an “Open House” inviting the public for light refreshments, offering tours and talks about the District Court jurisdiction, and inviting people to watch a trial in action.

The District Court was created by a constitutional amendment that was ratified in the general election of 1970. It replaced a system of local courts that had inconsistent practices and politically driven policies. The District Court system was designed to provide the citizens of Maryland a judicial system that deserves their full trust and confidence. It is the commitment of the District Court today to provide equal and exact justice for all who are involved in litigation before the Court.

submitted by Diane Pawlowicz



Above: The front cover of the brochure developed for Open House festivities on May 1, and other events planned to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

# Take-Your-Kids-to-Work-Day Judiciously Observed



On April 26, more than 40 children and teens assembled in the Court of Appeals courtroom to learn more about what their parents do all day, as part of the "Take Your Kids to Work Day."

Retired Court of Appeals Judge Rosalyn Bell garnered the rapt attention of the children, as she talked about the role of a judge. The rest of the day included courthouse tours, games and a pizza lunch, as well as exposure to the workings of the court system.



*photos by Ron White*

## CINA Bill Passes

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were interpreted and applied in different ways throughout the state. These differing policies and procedures among jurisdictions caused disparate treatment of litigants and confusion for practitioners and agencies. To correct these problems, FCCIP committee members recommended that a separate and distinct CINA statute be written.

The FCCIP CINA Subcommittee, comprised of judges, masters, and various stakeholders in the child welfare arena, and chaired by Anne Arundel Circuit Judge Pamela North, was asked

to draft the statute. The subcommittee's work was to develop a separate "best practice" CINA statute that is clear, precise and comprehensive. According to Harford County Circuit Judge William O. Carr of the CINA Subcommittee, this is the first time that the AOC has sponsored a complete statutory revision from beginning to end. "We hope this is something we can do again and again."

Althea Stewart Jones contributed to this article

# Libraries (cont. from p. 9)

growing demand for resources and informational assistance for the non-lawyer.

In the report, the Committee made a number of recommendations, including:

- Amending current statutes for appearance fees and fines/forfeitures (the main source of funding for most county law libraries);
- Exploring the possibility of having the State assume at least a percentage of the cost of maintaining these libraries, and lobbying for increased contributions from local entities;
- Creating an “Outreach Librarian” program, based at the State Law Library, to provide consulting assistance and technical support to smaller and unstaffed libraries; and
- Ultimately, drafting a new county public law library enabling statute to address all aspects of law library organization, service, governance, funding, management and networking, based upon model legislation being developed nationally by the American Association of Law Libraries.

Mike Miller contributed to this story

## Montgomery County Circuit Court Hosts Bench-Media Forum

On March 6, Montgomery County’s circuit court judges hosted a casual forum to meet their local media. In attendance were representatives of the *Montgomery Journal and Gazette*, as well as the *Washington Post*.

This meeting is part of a series of regional events designed to bring together jurists and journalists, to help foster understanding and cooperation between these two often-adversarial groups. More of these forums are being planned throughout the state.



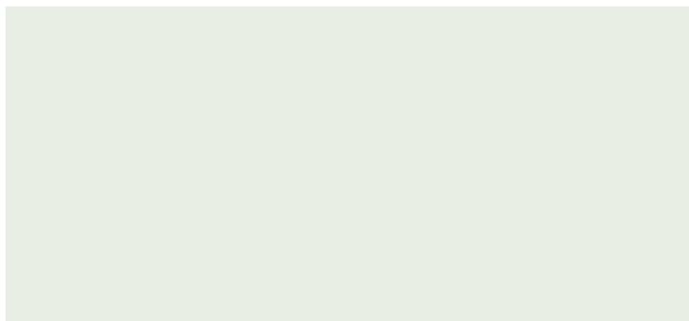
# International Visitors

On May 4, the judges of the Court of Appeals hosted a breakfast reception for a delegation of visiting judges from the Henan Province in China.



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# Calendar

## June

13-16 Maryland State Bar Association Annual Meeting, Ocean City

## July

27 District Court Administrative Judges Committee

## August

14-16 National Center for State Courts Court Technology Conference, Baltimore

## September



9-14 New Trial Judge Orientation, Judicial Institute  
12 Law Clerk Orientation  
17 Conference of Circuit Court Judges  
18 Conference of Circuit Court Clerks  
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Domestic Violence\*  
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21 Actions Against Public Officials and Employees\*  
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