



# BARRISTER

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*Madeleine, who graciously and humbly served as the BCBA's Executive Director for more than 31 years, passed on March 10, 2021. We will miss her and cherish her commitment and dedication to all of us, and she will always be remembered.*

Madeleine's husband, Russell, often quoted Shakespeare to her. At her request (aka her saying "No more Shakespeare!"), Russell wrote this poem to celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, last year:

Madeleine 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Card  
March 29, 1970 – March 29, 2020  
"My Greatest Day" Easter Sunday 1970

Many milestones,  
Some planned – most not.  
All recalled with ease,

You, radiant in white, with veil  
Gentle snowflakes,  
Beauty – youth – full of love.  
A promise of adventure.

Perfect that day  
And today  
I love you – Russell

(No more Shakespeare. Just thoughts of 50 years and you.)

Dear Members,

This President's Message is dedicated to our beloved Madeleine Delorey, who passed away on March 10, 2021. Our tireless Executive Director for 31+ years, Madeleine was the quiet driving force behind the Barnstable County Bar Association. Over time, and unbeknownst to many of us, her job description grew pages long, and she rose to every challenge. From responding to urgent daily requests from those in need of legal services, to ensuring volunteer attorneys were scheduled to assist the court, to organizing meetings and events down to the last detail, Madeleine was always there. She was a vital liaison, connecting those in crisis with important legal resources. And she never took enough credit (or allowed us to take enough pictures of her!). Humble and generous with her time, Madeleine was a gift to this community. She was a font of historical

knowledge – always ready to answer our questions about how the BCBA operated in years' past and helping us to make it a better organization each year.

I recently met with Madeleine's husband of 51 years, Russell Delorey, who shared with me the following: "When I asked Madeleine why she was so committed and with such enthusiasm for each day at the office, she said she found encouragement in the members and officers of the Bar that volunteered their time to support the important activities of this Association. She enjoyed being a resource to this Bar." Madeleine encouraged and inspired us all. We are so grateful to have known her and to have benefited from her wisdom and kindness all these years.

Ingrid Epperly  
President 2020-2021

All of us here at Barnstable Superior Court are saddened to hear of the passing of Madeleine. As we all know, she definitely was the heart and soul of the Barnstable County Bar Association. She was very nice to me as a new lawyer back in 1985 and a pleasure to work with since I became

Barnstable County Clerk of Courts in January of 2001. She always let the Bar know of what was going on in Superior Court and assisted in getting any news out to the members. She will be deeply missed by all of us and is a great loss to our local legal community.

Scott Nickerson, Clerk of Courts

### ***Memories of Madeleine Delorey***

No matter how good or bad a day I was having at the Barnstable Superior Courthouse, my day got much better when I had a chance encounter with Madeline Delorey who consistently walked around Barnstable Village at lunchtime. While she was the extremely shy and retiring type, Madeleine was a radiant ray of sunshine no matter what the weather conditions were at the time. She had the best smile, and, although our conversations were brief, she always inquired how I was doing and how everything was at the court. I would ask how her day was going and her constant response was that everything was "wonderful." As others have mentioned, undeniably, she was the heart and soul of the Barnstable Bar Association. Her presence at the Bench-Bar dinners and other bar functions ensured that the planned event would be most successful. There were countless times that her "behind the scene" efforts assisted me and the Superior Court in innumerable ways. I remember her getting deeply involved in the

Superior Court's year-long Sesquicentennial celebration in 2009, helping me with Judge Gary Nickerson's retirement celebration at Cummaquid, and coordinating Bench-Bar meetings at the courthouse. Most recently, the Supreme Judicial Court's visit on October 2, 2019 was a huge success due to Madeleine's attention to detail on the day's activities which included the Bar Association-sponsored luncheon at the Tavern. Chief Justice Gants and the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court remarked that the Barnstable full court session was one of the best remote court location experiences they had experienced since inaugurating the practice of off-site sittings.

Madeleine's passing was a huge loss for the Barnstable legal community; however, our fond memories of her will remain with me and the members of the Barnstable Bar Association in the months and years ahead.

Robert C. Rufo

## **HELP THE BCBA LAWYER OF THE DAY PROGRAM**

### ***Lawyer of the Day is Conducted Virtually***

Clients call the Court and calls are then distributed to the **LOD** for response. Please consider helping people in these difficult times.

**FOR MORE INFO,  
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**Barnstablecountybarassociation@gmail.com.**



## ***In Memory of Madeleine Delorey***

I first met Madeleine when I started practicing law on the Cape in 1989. She called me to reach out to me and welcome me as a new lawyer on the Cape. Naturally, she asked me if I wanted to join the Barnstable County Bar Association. As a new attorney, it was one of the best decisions that I made.

I quickly became involved in the Barnstable County Bar Association and became the person in charge of working with Madeleine to set up the Barnstable County Bar Association social events. In those days, we had holiday parties. I remember one holiday party that was held at the Ocean House in Dennis Port. We had a nice dinner and we had a great band. Everyone was dancing. Well into the night, I remember looking out into the middle of the dance floor to see Madeleine and several attorneys out dancing and having a great time! When the holiday party was over, we all walked out of the restaurant into a raging blizzard!

In addition to being fun-loving with a great sense of humor, Madeleine was a kind, compassionate person. I worked very closely with her in my time on the Executive Board of the Bar Association and as

Bar Association President 2007-2008. She was always concerned about the Lawyer of the Day Program at the Court. She always made sure there were enough volunteer lawyers to serve some of the Court's most vulnerable, unrepresented litigants. In my capacity as Register, I continued to work closely with Madeleine on the Lawyer of the Day Program until right before she retired. We talked regularly. Occasionally, Madeleine and Attorney Kathleen Snow and I would have lunch. Although we could not solve the world's problems during those lunches, we always had a great time and I will remember her friendship.

While I know Madeleine is in a better place, I am thinking of her family and Madeleine's dear friend, Attorney Kathleen Snow. Madeleine will be missed, but those of us in the legal community will not forget her dedication and love for her work as Executive Director of the Barnstable County Bar Association.

*Anastasia Welsh Perrino*

*Register of Probate*

*Barnstable Probate and Family Court*

## **POCKET PARTS**

*An Update from the Barnstable Law Library*

## **Greetings from the Barnstable Law Library:**

It is our sincerest hope that this will be the last "pandemic update" from the Law Library. Although our administrative office has not yet announced resumption of in-person service, we are predicting that that will happen on Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>. The number of people allowed in at one time is going to be determined based on the Trial Court's plan for access at that time.

Both of us have been working to assist lawyers, judges and members of the general public with their legal research needs. Every day, one of us

is available at the library from 8:30 – noon & 1:00 – 3:30 to answer questions, lend books and provide litigation support. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you need any assistance.

In addition to daily requests for cases, divorce and eviction information, we have helped folks with some interesting questions such as:

\*Can an ability of an administrative agency independently investigate facts in a case?

\*Can I sell my house even if I didn't get a building for an addition built in 2013?

\*Is it legal to put a re-built engine in my car if the engine computer

does not match the VIN?

\*How do I renew my hoisting license? Believe it or not, that is a very popular question!

As always, most library materials are available for loan with a 2-week loan period. Borrowers are encouraged to return materials in a timely fashion as all materials are quarantined for 72 hours before being made available for other users.

Please let us know if there is anything we can do to save you a trip to the courthouse!

Suzanne & Mitzi  
Barnstable Law Library  
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## REMEMBERING MADELEINE

I don't have one story about Madeleine, I have a history, starting in the late 1990s, when I worked with Madeleine as BCBA's Treasurer. At that point, the BCBA's finances were kept on a Lotus 1-2-3 spreadsheet (*how many of you remember what that was?!*) and communications with the membership were snail-mailed. Madeleine and I worked to transition BCBA to QuickBooks and to collect email addresses from the membership so that communications could go digital. A few years later, when I was to become BCBA's President, I told Madeleine that I would only do it she promised not to retire before the end of my term--no one but Madeleine knew all there was to know about BCBA's finances, its IOLTA grant, the running of the Probate Court

"Lawyer of the Day" Program, the lawyer referral program, running social events, and on and on. She promised! Over the next fifteen years or so, Madeleine would reach out on occasion when QuickBooks (or an upgrade thereto) had stumped her, and the two of us would sit in her little office until we figured it out. She was supremely organized and, even though working through a software problem can bring out the worst in anyone, she was always her unruffled, quietly funny self. One of a kind --

The Honorable Jennifer S.D. Roberts

Associate Justice, Land Court

*Madeleine was very helpful to me while I was on the Bar Association's Board (newsletter and membership committees). As my office was across the street from her office, she witnessed many estate planning documents for me. She never accepted my repeated payment offers. Madeleine will surely be missed by many. It was a pleasure to know her.*

Robert J. Reddy, Esq.

I have just learned that our beloved Madeleine passed away today. I am profoundly and deeply saddened by this very sad news. Madeleine was the heart and soul of the Barnstable Bar Association for as long as I remember. She was, and will always be, loved by all of us. I will personally miss her very much!! Everyone associated with the Bar Association relied upon Madeleine for advice, assistance, help and even companionship. When I served as President of the Bar Association years ago, I quickly learned that Madeleine was in charge of everything!! She was the face of the Bar Association, and did an amazing job day in and day out. This is a very sad day indeed. My thoughts, prayers and condolences go out to Madeleine's family and to her dear friend, and our colleague, Attorney Kathleen Snow. God Bless.

Judge Arthur C. Ryley

## ONE OF A KIND

It seems as if Madeleine has been with us forever. It will be hard to imagine our Bar without her. Anytime I needed something concerning the Bar, Madeleine was there to steer me in the right direction. She had a sly and subtle sense of humor which appeared when you least expected it. She was kind and smart and dedicated to the Bar.

I will miss her.

District Attorney Michael O'Keefe

We are heartbroken over the passing of Madeleine.

Pierre and I have loved spending holidays with Madeleine and Russell.

At Thanksgiving, she was known to serve approx. 8 vegetables with our turkey dinner. We had so much fun, and enjoyed many vacations to Florida, Myrtle Beach, and Canada.

When the entire Giard family get together, it is a wonderful thing.

We will miss her very much.

Pierre Giard (brother) & Martha Giard (sister-in-law)

## *Thank You*

It is important for me and our children, Russell & Suzanne, to try to express how grateful we are of the members of the BCBA and the Court. Thoughtful, sincere, and kind words by each member. How they met, and the impact Madeleine made on them. She enjoyed her work with the Association; it is plain to see she enjoyed her colleagues as well.

Thank you,

The Delorey Family

(Russell, Russell and Suzanne)



## **BARNSTABLE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE**

<https://barnstablebar.org/referrals>

The BCBA receives calls from prospective clients in need of a lawyer specializing in a particular area. Our service brings together the client with a participating attorney of the Lawyer Referral Service.

To fully implement our goal of providing a full range and diversity of legal services within the pool of participating lawyers, a reciprocal commitment to the Lawyer Referral Service is a prerequisite. As such, we kindly invite members of the Barnstable County Bar Association to participate in the Lawyer Referral Service.

Go to <https://barnstablebar.org/referrals> for additional information and to become a part of our Lawyer Referral Service.

## FOR MADELEINE

We all know that Kathleen Snow was a dear and close companion of Madeleine, and the two of them together was just the best. Kathleen and I played a bit of phone tag but she kindly left a few voicemails to share some thoughts:

*Our friendship actually began in 1985 when I was working in an office above the Tavern, and little by little, our friendship bloomed and she became my best friend. It's hard to capture something in one thing.*

*Madeleine and I got to know each other and each other's lives very deeply. I knew her family—her husband and her two children, and even her family from Canada. Together, we got to know not just the lawyers of the Association but also the community of the Barnstable Village. One time, JC was short-staffed at the Tavern and Madeleine and I offered to help out. Madeleine had done some waitressing in the past, so she took to the floor and I was a host!*

*Madeleine and I had many great laughs and tears. Whenever we disagreed, Madeleine was so patient and quiet about it (and no one would say that about me!), but all-in-all, Madeleine had a wonderful way of never making you feel bad. Everyone who met Madeleine really loved Madeleine. She had a kindness and a generosity.*

*Madeleine was there for me when I had cancer, and when Madeleine was first diagnosed, we made a plan on how to move forward. We were a team— and Russell was part of that team. Made-*

*leine had a way of keeping things compartmentalized—she was so deeply involved in each part. If she was at work, she was at work; if she was at home with her family, that was everything. We would go all over the place getting things ready for events and got to know everyone as we whooped and whirled around the Village. In fact, we once picked up a gift certificate for an auction at a local shop, and while there, we decided, let's browse! Well, not too long after, we had both picked up so many things and brought them to the counter. The very nice man there asked us, "Can I give you some advice? If you are going around for these certificates, it might be a good idea to leave and come back at a later time, because you both are spending much more than the certificate is even worth!"*

*We got to know the neighbors in the Village, including Mrs. Ellis, who has the house with the beautiful flowers (if you don't know it, it's worth seeing). I went and told Mrs. Ellis and she was devastated to learn of Madeleine's passing. We sat on the porch and talked a while about how dear Madeleine was to the neighborhood.*

*Once, something very bad happened to a member of the legal community. He and the law firm were able to get through it eventually, but we knew he was very, very upset, and Madeleine and I wanted to do something for him without interfering. Madeleine said, "there's one thing we can do that would never hurt anyone, and that is to get something warm and fuzzy." So we went shopping, and low and behold, Madeleine spotted this beautiful bear. It wasn't a child's toy; there was some-*

*thing about it that made you just want to pick it up and hold it. We wrapped it up and Madeleine wrote a letter letting him know that we were always there for him. Now, he thanked us and years went by and he made it through and so did the law firm. One day, he invited us to supper with his wife, and we did that — socialized sometimes with attorneys. Russell was there. We were sitting at this nice restaurant and next to the lawyer was a brown paper bag. He really wasn't a brown paper bag kind of guy but we carried on and reminisced throughout dinner. At the end of the dinner, he picked up the brown paper bag and opened it and pulled out the bear; it was the teddy bear. Madeleine and I looked at each other and laughed; and he told us that this was the reason for supper. He explained, "You have no idea what this bear meant to me, and the letter (that Madeleine wrote), what that meant to me." He thanked us and he said, "Sometimes, you never know how the small things you do in life...how important they are to other people."*

*And that, was what Madeleine was about. It wasn't the awards, or who did this or who was better at that. It was the small, everyday things that she made very special. Whether it was the law day or an affair for attorneys, or always her garden — she had to get it done, or her family. It was something she incorporated into everything: where somebody knows you do truly care about them. It's more than just a job; it's more than just anything; it's about really caring, really caring about other people, and she certainly did.*

Kathleen Snow



## THE BCBA SCHOLARSHIP

The BCBA scholarship program has been revived by a kind donation from a former recipient and BCBA member. The BCBA plans to grant at least one scholarship and asks its members to consider making a donation to this scholarship in Madeleine Delorey's name so that the award can continue for future years.

If you wish to make a donation and contribute to this scholarship program in honor of Madeleine Delorey, please contact Bruce Blackwell at [barnstablecountybarassociation@gmail.com](mailto:barnstablecountybarassociation@gmail.com).



Madeleine had a passion for helping people. She was there for everyone, the Executive Board, the present and former Officers, and all the *pro se* litigants needing assistance through the various programs she spearheaded.

Madeleine was the heart and soul of the Barnstable Count Bar Association.

Her memory will always be in our hearts.

- Ashton G. Pouliot, Esq.

When I stopped in to see Madeleine one last time at the Funeral Home, I picked up one of those cards that help to summarize a person's *being* and life so simply and yet, so beautifully. Her family I assume, had chosen the final message:

*"We leave unsaid those things that do not have to be said."*

At the top of the card, in French, was "Cher Madeleine, c'est a ton tour, de te laisser parler d'amour..." Now my high school French is rusty, but I believe, and through Google translation, it roughly means, "Our dear Madeleine, it's your turn to let yourself talk about love." Her life seemed to compose the meaning of love; *this*, from an outsider of her personal life. But, in her quiet presence and calm guidance within our legal community, her love didn't need words to tell; it was always there. She welcomed me - perhaps as a fellow French-Canadian on Cape Cod. Her utter openness and friendliness with me at the first Bar Association event I attended helped me feel a sense of belonging, even though I showed up alone, brand-spanking new, to a room full of judges, practicing and

well-seasoned lawyers and the DA's Office. She put my nerves to ease and smiled like we knew what we were each feeling in that moment, a desire for a bigger purpose and community. Madeleine was the epitome of support in our community because she made each of us feel special and she recognized our part in the greater good, even with a quiet smile. When I put this newsletter together, reading through everyone's memories came with teary-eyed pauses. I wasn't sure what to write. But it was Madeleine's endless guidance again, because it is true: "we leave unsaid those things that do not have to be said." On behalf of the BCBA and the community that Madeleine helped to grow, we will cherish our memories, her smile, and her dedication, but most importantly, we will act as she did and include those looking for community among the Bar. We will smile and welcome each other and we will remember it is the relationships we form within our Association and beyond that matter and grant us our turn to let ourselves talk about love.

Nicole Ouellette, Esq.  
Editor, BCBA Newsletter



## ***FRIENDS OF MADELEINE, A LEAGUE OF LADIES ON THE GREEN***

Madeleine had many roles in her life: wife, mother, secretary of the Barnstable Bar Association for over 30 years, and others. Judy, Carol, and I came to know her through our shared interest in golf. The four of us played together for many years at a local golf course. We played in the Nine and Dine league—nine holes of golf and then, dinner. Madeleine was our Captain and scorekeeper. We never officially gave her that title; it just evolved naturally. She was the best golfer, the most organized, and the calmest of the four of us. It didn't matter if Madeleine played well or poorly, which she hardly ever did. Her demeanor was always the same, gracious and even-tempered. If someone was having

a bad golfing day, surprisingly, when Madeleine announced the results, that person's score wasn't quite as bad as she thought it would be. Nothing was ever said, but the player in question left the course with her step a little lighter, and a smile on her face. After dinner and a drink or two, Judy, who for a quiet, law-abiding person, seemed to get herself in more precarious situations than most, would tell us funny stories about her many misadventures. Madeleine had a great sense of humor, and she would laugh at Judy's stories until the tears rolled down the cheeks. When Madeleine became too sick to golf, we stopped playing in the league. Judy and I still get together for golf and a bite to eat. Every time we walk back to the clubhouse from the ninth hole, I can hear Madeleine in my head, counting up our scores in French. She had a presence, our friend, Madeleine, quiet but confident, and she is greatly missed.

Nancy Names, Judy Connolly, and Carol Quill

### ***Madeleine: A Genuine Smile***

I first met Madeleine many moons ago when she greeted everyone checking in for Barnstable County Bar Association social events. Kathleen Snow her ever-present side kick at all of these events, the 2 of them made quite the pair. Kathleen always with her quick-witted funny commentary and Madeleine the quieter one, always smiling and happy to meet and greet people. Everyone knew who Madeleine was- all one ever had to say was "Madeleine" and we all knew who was being referred to. There was after all, (and will likely only ever be) the one Madeleine within our ranks of the Barnstable Bar Association.

Thereafter, I often met Madeleine in the courthouse as she would invariably be there picking up or dropping some documents and she always found the time to stop and chat, (and of course smile) no matter how busy

she was.

Then when I joined the BCBA Executive Board, I quickly learned that Madeleine was the force behind it all. The glue that kept it all going. She prepared all the reports, kept track of everything, and because she had been doing it for so long, she knew instinctively how things should be handled. The Board would have been completely lost without her and all her institutional knowledge regarding IOLTA grant applications, which Judges were retiring, and how the social events were supposed to run. How she packed it all in with such good humor I will never know.

When I became Board President, my day wasn't complete without an email from Madeleine with something that needed attention- a letter to respond to (that she would typically have prepared, and all I had to do was sign), or a notice that had to go out to our members about an upcoming event or seminar.

She kept a keen eye on the reve-

nue and membership dues and sent her reminders when necessary. She was always the first in attendance at our monthly board meetings and always had the pizza booked and made sure the table was set and we were in our proper corner of Barnstable Tavern. She brought the cookies, water and treats to seminars in the courthouse. She made sure sufficient copies of all of the board materials were at everyone's seat or available for all seminar participants. She quietly worked efficiently in the background of every Bar event, never making a fuss and then slipping away when her job was done. She never wanted or took credit for anything, though we on the Board knew it all happened because of her efforts.

I never heard a harsh word from her or a word of complaint ever, despite the fact that she worked in such cramped quarters. She truly was a delight to be around and she did her job flawlessly for so many years.

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## IN HONOR OF MADELEINE

I served as the Barnstable County Bar Association President for the 2018-2019 year, and I cannot imagine what I would have done without Madeleine. I used to joke that she was my regular coffee date to start the week, as every Monday morning she would have sent me several emails directing my attention to the important tasks at hand for that week and the upcoming monthly meeting.

She was my godsend!

I remember that the year prior to my term, she began discussing the idea of retirement. As a Board, we had no idea what we would do without her. Now that she is really gone, the hole that she left is so apparent in our Association. She was the glue that held everyone (and everything) together for the Bar Association. I am sure that all of the past presidents who had the privilege and pleasure of working with her feel her

loss on a regular basis. She was an invaluable resource, and a great person who was always willing to go the extra mile to help in any way she could. While we may all band together to try and fill the void as best as we can, it will be a Band-Aid, as we may never fill her shoes or the hole she left.

Very truly yours,  
*Kristen A.  
Menard, Esq.*

*"She truly was a delight to be around and she did her job flawlessly for so many years."*

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I remember one year we almost had to force her to take a month away in the cold winter and to retreat to Florida with her husband while we assured her we could manage (just about!) without her. We gathered funds for a gift certificate to help her enjoy her vacation and she was so appreciative of it.

Madeleine might have been little in size but she was large in life with her big, generous, kind and gentle smile and manner, even when she wasn't feeling well.

I will miss that genuine smile of happiness to greet me any time we crossed paths after my stint as President was done. I told her every time I met her that I missed seeing her at the meetings -- and I truly did. She made my job as President SO much easier and her shoes surely will be large to fill.

Rest in Peace Madeleine- a job well done on earth here helping keep our Bar Association alive and well- we are all the better for having had our Madeleine in our lives.

Attorney Sarah Manning

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ABOUT YOUR  
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NEW ATTORNEY OR  
STAFF MEMBER  
BY PLACING AN  
ANNOUNCEMENT  
IN THE BCBA  
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ATTORNEY/FIRM  
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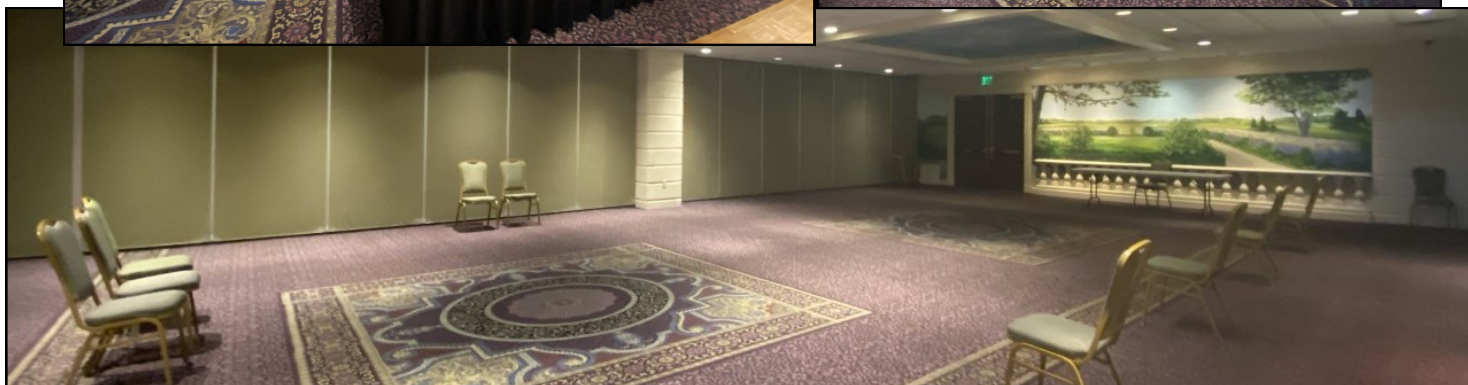
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## **BCBA'S ZOOM SESSION WITH THE JUDGES OF THE DISTRICT COURT ON MAY 18, 2021**

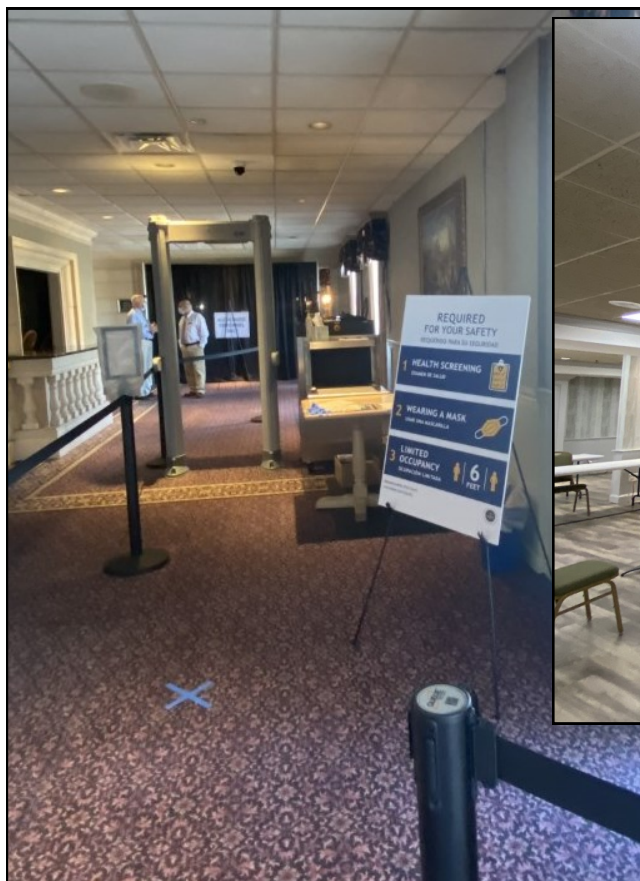
Thank you to Judge Edmonds, Judge Julian, Judge Lynch, and Judge Welsh for speaking to the members of the BCBA, CPCS/Bar Advocates, the DA's Office, and the Private Bar about upcoming Jury Trials for the District Court. It was a great chance for all of us to see each other, albeit on Zoom, and to discuss the available dates, protocols, and space for anticipated jury trials this summer.



Courtroom 1 on Main Floor (to be used for Superior Court trials), Above left: jury seats, microphone stands. Above right: Defense counsel table. Below left: Judge's bench on left, witness box on right, and Clerk's table in front. Below right: Prosecution/Plaintiff table. Far below: Adjacent, Public Waiting Room.

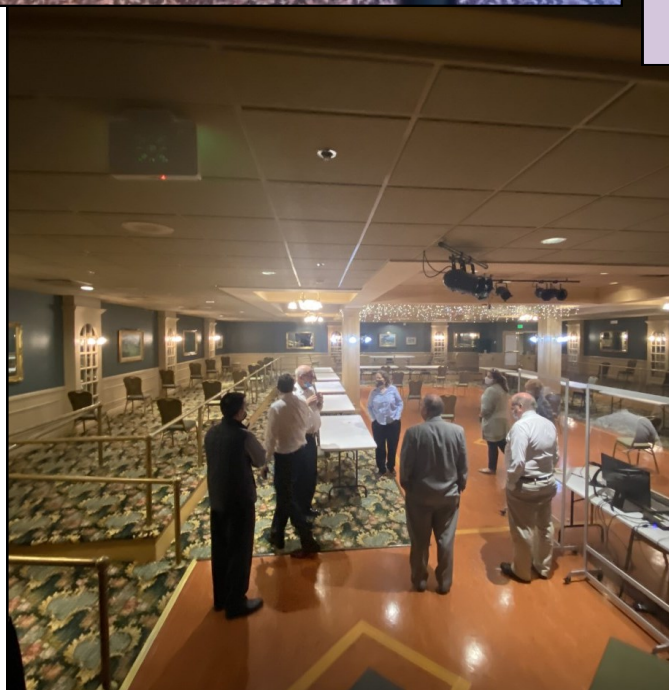






Above left: Security on Main Level upon entrance.  
Above right: Courtroom 2 for District Court Trials.

Below left: Jury Pool Room on below level.  
Below right: Multi-purpose room for Court Staff.



For those who could not attend, the recorded session will be available. The Judges were kind to also hold a Q&A for the lawyers that is part of the recording. Check out our website for the latest information at [www.barnstablebar.org](http://www.barnstablebar.org).

A walk-thru for attorneys was held on May 14, 2021. If attorneys missed it and are interested in one, please contact [nouvellette@publiccounsel.net](mailto:nouvellette@publiccounsel.net) or [barnstablecountybarassociation@gmail.com](mailto:barnstablecountybarassociation@gmail.com).





*After much negotiation and pleading, Madeleine joined the Executive Board for a rare photo and we captured that wonderful smile. Thank you, Madeleine, for so many great memories and for capturing our hearts.*

### ***In honor of Madeleine:***

In a year that has been full of loss, the loss of our dear Madeleine is truly a loss that has hit hard for our small bar association. Madeleine was truly a kind, giving soul that shined in every way. Her dedication to the Bar even while experiencing the fight of her life, was so deeply appreciated and her love of our members was clear. While serving as the President of the Bar, I enjoyed my meetings with Madeleine and the many updates she was able to provide. She truly was the Bar

Association, and it was obvious how well loved she was with all the members and the community in the Courts. To see her smiling face in the halls of the Courts when she was delivering messages or helping to organize the Lawyer of the Day Program always made me happy and put a comfort in me that she was taking care of things. Though gone, Madeleine will never be forgotten. I am forever grateful to have known her.

Attorney Holly Harney

## **BCBA ANNUAL MEETING**

**JUNE 3, 2021 AT 5 PM**

**ZOOM - LINK TO FOLLOW BY EMAIL**

WE ASK THAT YOU ATTEND OUR ANNUAL MEETING.  
THE BRIEF MEETING REQUIRES QUORUM AND ALLOWS FOR  
THE ELECTION OF THE 2021-2022  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND ITS OFFICERS.

## *Please welcome*

### ***Bruce Blackwell, our Executive Director***

When my wife and I moved to Cape Cod from New York this past Fall, the last thing I expected to do was to take a new job here. Go kayaking, play tennis, seek out the perfect quahog and rum punch maybe yes, but getting a *job*? No way! I was going to sunset my 29-year-old practice and spend time at the beach. You know what they say about the best-laid plans...

As it has turned out, I am privileged and excited to be selected as your new Executive Director. Madeleine Delorey did an amazing job during her three decades at the helm, and will certainly be missed. She will be a tough act to follow, but I will bring in a fresh perspective and some new ideas to build on what she has done here. My goal is to make the Bar Association even better for both its members and for the community on Cape Cod. There is a great deal of work to do, but there are some great people here to do it with.

I have been impressed by the dedication of the BCBA's Board of Directors and how willing they are to give of their time. I am also extremely impressed at the selflessness of the members, and of how generous so many have been in donating their time as Lawyers of the Day, as Guardian & Probate Lawyers of the Day, and on various committees.

I was floored recently when I spoke to one of the attorneys in our Lawyer Referral Service. I had a call from a down-on-her luck resident about an unemployment claim. Explaining to the lawyer she couldn't pay him even a dime for his advice, he said, "That's OK. Part of my duty as an attorney is to help people in need, even if they can't pay me."

My reaction to this was -- to paraphrase the Wizard of Oz -- "I don't think we're in New York anymore, Toto!"

The culture, attitude and energy of the Barnstable County Bar Association is a tremendous asset and will enable us to do some wonderful things as an Association.

The Board and membership have been outstanding in how well they have served the Bar. My Number One challenge as your new Executive Director is to see how well the Bar can serve you, the members.

There are a series of challenges I need to address to make this happen:

**Number 1** is to upgrade our technology so that we can improve communications to, and among the members, and to make our various community services more responsive and efficient. We are taking a big first step this week by upgrading to a high speed internet connection. The DSL we are using at the moment is the internet speed equivalent of a quill pen.

**Number 2** is to make the Lawyer Referral Service more profitable and more equitable, so the BCBA and the members can improve their revenue streams. One of the hardest things about being a lawyer is finding new clients. Run properly, the LRS program can help take some of that burden off your shoulders.

**Number 3** is to increase our membership roles. I drive around the Cape and see lots of law offices for attorneys who are not part of this Association. I plan to bring as many as possible aboard.



**Number 4** is to look at new grant opportunities to help underwrite the Association and its work.

**Number 5** is to provide more educational programs for the members. Laws are constantly changing and there are many "nuanced" situations that can be hard for a lawyer to keep on top of and master. I won't be shy about finding guest speakers to help keep us on the top of our game. By the way, if you have any ideas for panels and discussions, please let me know.

**Number 6** – but not necessarily last – is to provide more social opportunities and events that are just plain fun. We are coming out of a period of "virtual" meetings, mask-wearing and social isolation. We can't do it yet, but planning some fun get-togethers is definitely in the cards.

There will be more things on this list, more priorities and opportunities, but from the perspective of only being here for a few weeks, these are my thoughts at the present time. I am always open to suggestion, and want suggestions – this is your Bar Association, and your input is essential.

I look forward to working with you all.

Bruce Blackwell  
Executive Director, BCBA

**Interested in learning about the  
Southeastern Housing Court?**

**Want to take on contract work through  
South Coastal Counties Legal Services?**

**Looking to expand your practice to  
housing issues and evictions?**

**Curious about the COVID Eviction Moratorium?**

Ray Yox of South Coastal Counties Legal Services of  
Cape Cod, Attorney Michael Pierce, and the BCBA

Present a “How-To” on  
Taking Cases in Housing Court

*ZOOM INFO AND TRAINING MATERIALS TO BE  
DISTRIBUTED VIA EMAIL.*

**DATE: TBD/MID-JUNE**

**Look out for email with info and RSVP to Follow!**



# SOUTH COASTAL COUNTIES LEGAL SERVICES, INC.

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

### Compensated and Pro Bono Case Opportunities for Private Bar

#### SCCLS Needs Your Help

##### **Compensated Eviction Defense Cases**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic many residents of the Commonwealth are facing housing instability due to infection, job loss, and other factors. While legal aid organizations across the Commonwealth are working to increase staff capacity to aid these families in crisis, the need is greater than our staff can meet. With your help, we can alter the course of the so-called eviction tsunami through our COVID Eviction Legal Help Project.

South Coastal Counties Legal Services and volunteer attorneys will be working virtually with tenants to provide pro bono advice and assistance completing answer and discovery forms in their private eviction cases.

For those attorneys ready to dive into Summary Process cases, we will be referring cases for **compensated** full representation at the rate of \$50/hour.

##### **Compensated Family Law Cases**

While this pandemic has had a massive effect, it is not the only factor leading to evictions and other legal problems faced by our communities. SCCLS receives ongoing requests for aid in consumer, estate planning and many other types of issues, especially family law. We have many cases available which are eligible for reduced fee **compensated** referral at the rate of \$50/hr. under the Civil Legal Aid for Victims of Crime grant.

For more information on joining our pro bono and compensated attorney panels, please contact:

**Victoria Gautney, PAI Coordinator**

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## **SOUTH COASTAL COUNTIES LEGAL SERVICES, INC. (SCCLS) SEEKING TEMPORARY STAFF ATTORNEYS – COVID Eviction Legal Help Project**

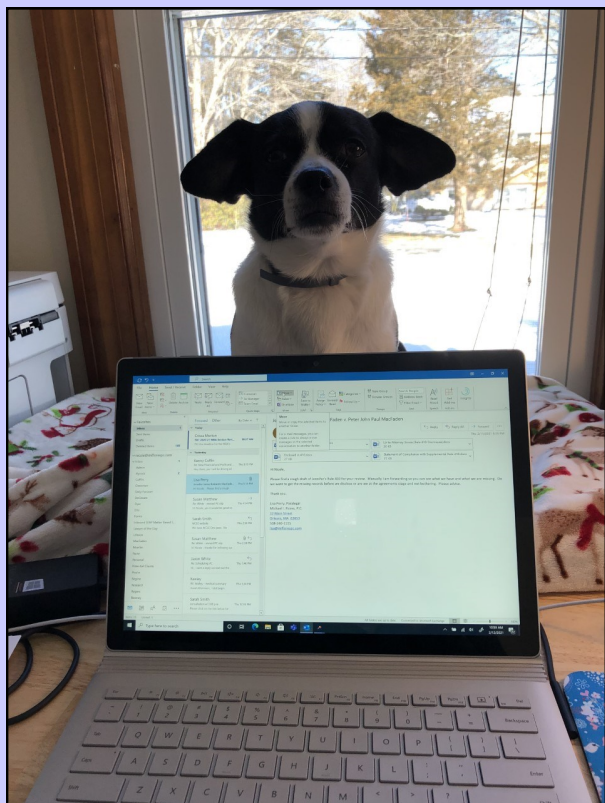
South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc. (SCCLS), a non-profit legal services program providing free civil legal assistance to eligible low-income and elder residents seeks to hire temporary Staff Attorneys with a range of experience for **up to 1 year to join the COVID Eviction Legal Help Project** funded to address housing matters resulting from the cessation of the statewide pandemic eviction moratorium. The project will focus on legal representation and housing stability support for the region's most vulnerable residents, many of whom are elderly, disabled, of limited English proficiency and who face numerous barriers to navigating the court process effectively, especially with virtual formats.

**Duties Include:** Attorneys and paralegals will work collaboratively across SCCLS and JCSM offices to provide high-volume eviction defense legal representation, community outreach and education and impact advocacy in sessions of the Metro South and Southeast Housing Courts. Due to Covid-19, it is expected that much of the project will be implemented remotely.

**COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS:** SCCLS offers competitive compensation based on comparable public interest salaries and commensurate with experience. Multi-lingual annual increment to base salary may be added for demonstrated language skills. Generous benefits and leave offered.

**APPLY:** Submit letter of interest and resume to: [jmarcotte@sccls.org](mailto:jmarcotte@sccls.org) with Subject Line: COVID Staff Attorney

# LAWYERS WITH DOGS



Attorney Nicole Barrasso, who recently joined Michael Flores, PC, is often cross-examined by her vigilant counterpart, Daisy. Daisy tends to demand attention.



Dewey is the close-up (left), Beaufort in his tie.

Attorney Harrison Barrow, III. shares photos of his co-workers taking over his home office.

*The BCBA would like to wish Attorney Barrow and his fiancée, Corey Mastin, Esq., congratulations and cheers to a beautiful wedding in June.*



\*The BCBA does not exclude other pets such as cats, horses, or pigs, etc.

To submit your photo, contact [nouvellette@publiccounsel.net](mailto:nouvellette@publiccounsel.net).

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[www.barnstablebar.org](http://www.barnstablebar.org)

## FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 OFFICERS:

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## Not a member of the BCBA?

**Membership: <https://barnstablebar.org/membership>**

**Admitted 2019/2020: \$0**

**Admitted 2016-2018: \$50**

**Admitted Prior to 2016: \$100**

**Government or Public Defender: \$25**

**Bar Advocate and Legal Aid Attorneys: \$25**

**Retired or over 70 years of age: \$0**