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## Message from the President

In the past few weeks, many have commented that with the outbreak of COVID-19, life as we know it has changed. Some say these necessary changes to keep us healthy and safe will be for days, others say for months, still others say for years.

The legal landscape in response to COVID-19 is likewise changing rapidly. The FBA Maryland Chapter remains committed to providing important information to our members and the federal bar more broadly.

All current information on Court operations may be found at <https://www.mdd.uscourts.gov/>.

The most recent Amended Standing Order concerning general Court operations related to COVID-19 changes may be found at <https://www.mdd.uscourts.gov/sites/mdd/files/2020-03%20Second%20Amended.pdf>. This Standing Order includes important guidance regarding the postponement of jury trials and other regularly scheduled in-court proceedings. The Standing Orders may be amended as needed, so after today, please be sure to check the Court website for the most recent, operative Order.

By separate Standing Order found at: <https://www.mdd.uscourts.gov/sites/mdd/files/COVID-19-Order-Greenbelt.pdf>.

Emergency criminal, civil and bankruptcy hearings related to public health, public safety and welfare, or personal liberty for **Greenbelt Division** cases will be conducted in the **Baltimore Courthouse**. The Greenbelt Courthouse dropbox **remains open** from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. daily.

If you need to enter the courthouse in person, please first consult the pertinent Amended Standing Order, <https://www.mdd.uscourts.gov/sites/mdd/files/2020-02-Amended.pdf>, which provides critical criteria and screening for physical entry into the buildings.

Finally, our programs originally scheduled for April will be deferred but not denied! Please see this newsletter as well as our website for all rescheduled programming. We have many new dates already reserved for the fall, so mark your calendars. We look forward to seeing you there, in healthier and happier times.

Until then, stay safe.

The Hon. Paula Xinis  
FBA Chapter President

## Maryland Chapter Event Postponements

**Consistent with Governor Hogan’s Executive Orders and recommendations from the Center for Disease Control, the following events have been postponed:**

### Annual Judges Luncheon

In honor of The Honorable Stephanie A. Gallagher on her investiture as United States District Judge and The Honorable Deborah L. Boardman on her appointment as United States Magistrate Judge, and in remembrance of The Honorable Wendelin I. Lipp, Chief Judge of the United States Bankruptcy Court.

Formerly set for April 3, the luncheon will be held at 12 p.m. on Friday, **September 25, 2020**, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 300 Light Street Baltimore, Maryland.

### Introduction to Federal Practice Program and Admission Ceremony

Featuring panels of judges and top practitioners discussing pleading, jurisdiction, venue and removal, mediation, evidence, criminal practice, and motions practice in the District of Maryland.

Formerly set for April 17, the ceremony will be held from 12 to 5 p.m. at the U.S. Courthouse, 6500 Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt, Maryland, with a reception to follow, on a **date to be determined**.

### Employment Law Seminar

Featuring panels of judges and top practitioners discussing issues arising in federal employment cases in motions to dismiss, motions for summary judgment, and discovery motions.

Formerly set for April 2, this seminar will be held from 1 to 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, **October 1, 2020**, at the U.S. Courthouse, 6500 Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt, Maryland, with a reception to follow.

### Current Issues in Government Investigations

Featuring panels of judges and top practitioners from the District of Columbia and District of Maryland reviewing current issues in government investigations.

Formerly set for April 29, this seminar will be held from 8:30 to 4 p.m. (continental breakfast and lunch provided) at the U.S. District Courthouse, 333 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., on a **date to be determined**.