

## LIBRARY NEWS AND NOTES from Mary Rice, Circuit Court Law Library, May 2010

**MANY THANKS** to the Bar Association for the Liberty Bell Award, and the very generous check for the library. I cannot tell you how much I appreciate this honor.

**Maryland Sentencing Guidelines**----On May 1, 2010, the Maryland State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy (MSCCSP) released an updated Maryland Sentencing Guidelines Manual and Offense Table. Download a print-friendly version of the updated Manual and Guidelines Offense Table via the MSCCSP website at: <http://www.msccsp.org/Files/Guidelines/guidelinesmanual.pdf>

There are two hard copies in the law library, one with Michie's Annotated Code and the other with the Maryland treatises.

**PBJ and Maryland Commercial Driver's License**—On April 6, 2010, the Court of Appeals held that Section 6-812(a)(1)(I) of the Transportation Article requires that the Motor Vehicle Administration "disqualify" the holder of a Commercial Driver's License "from driving a commercial motor vehicle for a period of 1 year" if he or she receives a probation before judgment for a violation of § 21-902 of the Transportation Article. See *Motor Vehicle Administration v. Jaigobin*, no. 89, September Term, 2009, on the Maryland Judiciary's Appellate Court Opinions page: <http://www.courts.state.md.us/opinions.html>  
Search by party name or date of opinion. It is also available in the law library on Lexis.com at 2010 Md. LEXIS 111.

### SELECTED NEW ACQUISITIONS

**Annotated Code of Maryland**, 2010 replacement volumes:

Business Regulation

Real Property

**Maryland Evidence Handbook** by Joseph F. Murphy, Jr., 4<sup>th</sup> ed., 2010.

### ONLINE RESOURCES

**Legal Guide for the Seriously Ill Released by the ABA**—"The onset of a serious illness or injury can affect much more than a person's health. Knowing what steps to take to get one's financial and legal affairs in order is often vitally important not only to the affected individual, but to his or her loved ones as well.

The 'Legal Guide for the Seriously Ill'-- a project by the American Bar Association Commission on Law and Aging commissioned by the National Hospice and

Palliative Care Organization -- was designed for both the seriously ill individual and those caring for someone who is seriously ill." Read the entire news release with a link to the Guide in PDF at:

[http://www.abanet.org/abanet/media/release/news\\_release.cfm?releaseid=849](http://www.abanet.org/abanet/media/release/news_release.cfm?releaseid=849)  
<http://tinyurl.com/yqu5495>

There is also a hard copy of the Guide on the telephone table in the Xerox room.

**Supreme Court Nominations Research Guide** ----With the upcoming retirement of Associate Justice John Paul Stevens, some of you might be interested in the process involved in choosing and confirming a new member of the Court. The Georgetown University Law Library has put together an excellent resource on this topic " . . . designed to explain the nomination process and to suggest resources for further research in the nomination process."

[http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/guides/supreme\\_court\\_nominations.cfm](http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/guides/supreme_court_nominations.cfm)  
<http://tinyurl.com/qyyybo>

**N.B.** I'm sorry to scold on the heels of receiving the Liberty Bell Award, but PLEASE sign books out if you need to take them to a courtroom or judge's chambers for the day. I often wait several weeks or even months for a missing book to be returned, only to find it back on the shelf soon after I receive the replacement which I have ordered at some expense. This happened most recently in late April with volume 11A of the Maryland Digest. Books do not circulate, but if you need a book for more extensive use than in the courthouse, please see me and I will try to accommodate you.

## **JUST FOR FUN**

**The Consumerist**—This site is "a leading online resource for consumer-driven advice about dealing with everything from nonexistent customer service to onerous cell-phone contracts to ever-shrinking (and ever-more-expensive) grocery products. The Consumerist is published by Consumer Media LLC, a not-for-profit subsidiary of Consumers Union, and takes no outside advertising." Recent topics include florist deliveries, Amazon returns, tax refunds, and top ten consumer scams of 2009.

<http://consumerist.com/>

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