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Alexander & Cleaver has attorneys licensed in Maryland, Washington D.C., and Virginia.

## Congratulations to Attorney Matthew J. Youssef Recipient of The Daily Record's 2011 "20 in Their Twenties" Award

**20 IN THEIR TWENTIES**

*The Daily Record* recently created the 20 in Their Twenties awards, to recognize young professionals in their 20s who are already contributing to a new energy in Maryland with their creativity and entrepreneurial spirit. Winners were selected on the basis of their professional accomplishments, community involvement and the impact of their achievements. Alexander & Cleaver is proud to announce that attorney Matthew Youssef was selected as one such honoree.

"**Matthew J. Youssef** is an amazing individual who stands out as a leader now and is well on his way to one day lead Maryland companies and organizations to new heights. Matthew's commitment to making a difference and leaving



L. to r.: Executive Editor of *The Daily Record* **Tom Linthicum**, **Robin Shaivitz**, **Matthew Youssef**, Publisher of *The Daily Record* **Suzanne Fischer-Huettner** and **Denise Bowman**.

his mark not just professionally but socially is very impressive. We celebrate Matthew's accomplishments and hope that by telling his story, other young professionals will be inspired," said **Suzanne Fischer-Huettner**, publisher of *The Daily Record*.



## Attorneys Cleaver and Bowman Accepted into the Million Dollar Advocates Forum

Senior Partner **Jim Cleaver** and Managing Partner **Denise Bowman** were both accepted into the Million Dollar Advocates Forum, a prestigious group of trial lawyers in the United



**Jim Cleaver** and **Denise Bowman** celebrate their admission to the distinguished Million Dollar Advocates Forum.

States. Membership in the Million Dollar Advocates Forum is limited to attorneys who have won million and multimillion dollar verdicts and settlements. Less than 1% of attorneys throughout the nation are members.

Achieving this high honor is a testament to the success of A&C's Personal Injury Department in advocating for our clients. Led by Senior Partner **Jim Cleaver**, our Personal Injury Department has more than four decades of experience representing clients in all types of claims including major truck, boat and automobile accidents. The hallmark of that representation is an immediate response by lawyers and investigators and an experienced and dedicated staff protecting and informing our clients.

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# Upcoming Events

A&C attorneys and government relations consultants attend events with our clients, as well as assist with strategic event planning, networking, introductions and exhibits. For more information or to participate, please contact **Lyle Fowlkes** at **410-974-9000** or by email at *lfowlkes@alexander-cleaver.com*.

**Democratic Governors Association Summer Conference**, July 29–31 in Aspen. Hosted by Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper. Dedicated to electing Democratic governors and candidates. Governor O'Malley chairs the Democratic Governors Association.

**National Conference of State Legislatures Annual Meeting & Exhibition**, August 8–11 in San Antonio. Legislators from all 50 states attend.



**Maryland Association of Counties Summer Conference**, August 17–20  
Roland Powell Convention Center,  
Ocean City. The annual conference draws nearly 2,500 local, state and federal government official attendees and



## Join Us Alexander & Cleaver Annual Client Appreciation Barbecue

September 15, 4:00–7:00, Fort Washington Office. Clients and friends enjoy meeting and networking with our whole team at our annual picnic.

## A&C Attorneys and Government Relations Consultants Attend MML



Each June our lawyers and lobbyists attend the Maryland Municipal League Summer Conference with our clients. The conference provides excellent opportunities for networking with federal, state, county and municipal officials. If you missed MML you may want to attend the Maryland Association of Counties Summer Conference in Ocean City in August.

L. to r.: **John Lupo**, Senior Manager of Community and Government Affairs for Kaiser Permanente, A&C Attorney **Jason DeLoach**, Town Attorney for Brentwood, Lt. Gov. **Anthony Brown**, and A&C Lobbyist **Lyle Fowlkes**.

## A&C Notes and News



The Prince George's County Bar Association elected Managing Partner **Denise M. Bowman** as its Secretary. Attorney **Todd K. Pounds** was again rated by Martindale Hubbell as a preeminent lawyer for both legal ability and ethical standards. He was also selected to continue his service on the Program Committee of the Maryland Bar Association. Attorney **Shara Hendler** was appointed to the Charles County Ethics Commission.



▲ **LeadershipMontgomery**  
Government Relations Consultant **Ashlie Bagwell** (shown at left with State Senator **Robert Garagiola**) graduated from Leadership Montgomery. Leadership Montgomery educates, connects and inspires leaders to improve our community.



**Gary Alexander**, **Denise Bowman**, **Jim Cleaver** and **Robin Shaivitz** celebrate the one year anniversary of Gary Alexander passing the firm gavel and Managing Partner position to **Denise Bowman** and the Chief Operating Officer position of the Government Relations Division to **Robin Shaivitz**. The firm strives to carry on the standards of legal and government relations excellence established by Gary Alexander.

# A&C Means Business

Throughout the year A&C holds policymaker events to give clients a chance to meet Maryland leaders from federal, state and local governments. Most recently A&C hosted newly appointed Maryland Department of the Environment Secretary **Bob Summers** and Howard County Executive **Ken Ulman**. Ken revealed that he is throwing his hat in the ring for Governor.



Top right photo, l. to r.: **Isaac Meyer**, Baltimore Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America CEO **Ethan Draddy**, **Cas Taylor**, Secretary **Bob Summers** and **Lorenzo Bellamy**.



Bottom right photo, l. to r.: **Lorenzo Bellamy**, **Emilio Chiodo** of Navarro and Wright, **Ken Ulman**, **Herb Jenkins** of Xerox, **Lara Fuenmayer** of University of Maryland School of Public Policy, **Steve Newhouse** of Manekin and **Lyle Fowlkes**.



In addition to policymaker events, A&C attorneys and Government Relations Consultants attend client events and celebrations.

**Governor Martin O'Malley** cut the ribbon at our client Gantech's new super tech office opening. The company, a minority business enterprise, is a systems integrator specializing in optimizing data center services while reducing the environmental impact through the use of virtualization technology.

L. to r.: **Gantech VP Mia Millette**, **Lorenzo Bellamy**, **Lyle Fowlkes**, **Rajan Natarajan** (formerly of Gantech and recently appointed as Maryland's Deputy Secretary of State), **Governor O'Malley**, **Robin Shavit** and **Gantech President Thomas Laskowski**.



A&C and Morningside Town Attorney **Todd K. Pounds** participated in the Independence Day Parade with his sons **Michael** and **Kevin**. A&C attorneys represent cities and towns around the State.

Call Todd at **301-292-3300** to discuss representation of your city/town.



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## 2011 General Assembly Shortens Time for Divorce

During the 2011 Legislative Session, the Maryland General Assembly made a major change to Maryland’s divorce law. Prior to the law change, a couple whose separation was not “mutual and voluntary,” meaning one spouse wants to stay married, must live separate and apart for two years before they are eligible for an absolute divorce. Effective October 1, 2011, the law reduces this waiting period to one year, placing it on

equal footing with separations which are “mutual and voluntary.”

If you are contemplating getting divorced, concerned about child custody/support issues, or have any questions about any family law matter, please contact **Shara Hendler** at **301-292-3300**, or at [shendler@alexander-cleaver.com](mailto:shendler@alexander-cleaver.com).