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Congratulations Todd Pounds

A&C Attorney Elected President-Elect of the Prince George's County Bar Association

Alexander & Cleaver is very proud to announce that **Attorney Todd K. Pounds** was elected President-Elect of the Prince George's County Bar Association on June 9. Todd has been with A&C for 19 years, since his graduation from the University of Baltimore School of Law. He really got an education before his graduation with some hands-on legal and political experience as a law clerk with the firm and also as an aide to the 27th Legislative District (Senate President **Mike Miller** and Delegate **Joe Vallario**).

"It has been wonderful to watch Todd's growth as an attorney, including all phases of civil litigation, personal injury, contract litigation, administrative law and zoning and development practice issues," states Gary Alexander. Todd also defends our business clients in employment dispute litigation before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and local Human Relations Commissions.

Todd has been a member of the Prince George's County Bar Board of Directors, as well as Treasurer, and is expected to become President after serving a year as President-Elect. Todd is married to Patty, who works in Upper Marlboro for the Chairman of the Prince George's County Council, and has two sons. He and his family live in Edgewater, in Anne Arundel County.

This is a great honor for Todd and all of us at Alexander & Cleaver.

In addition, our newest associate, **Jennifer Simpson**, was elected to the Board of Directors of the Prince George's County Bar Association. We knew she would do well because her father, **Dave Simpson**, is a criminal defense lawyer in the county and former Assistant State's Attorney. Jennifer concentrates her practice in all phases of litigation and already has several favorable client verdicts notched in her belt.

Congratulations to both Todd and Jennifer.



*Circuit Court Judges **C. Philip Nichols, Jr.** (l) and **Richard H. Sorothon, Jr.** (r) were on hand to congratulate A&C attorney **Todd K. Pounds** on his election as President-Elect of the Prince George's County Bar Association.*

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Welcome New Clients

Consolidated Credit Counseling Services Inc. is a national company that offers debt counseling and management services; we provide them with regulatory and legal work.

Discovery Communications Inc., the leading global real-world media and entertainment company located in Silver Spring, receives government relations services from A&C.

Extra Space of Lanham provides a safe and convenient place for your valued possessions. A&C represents them in legal matters.

Giant Food, for whom we provide license and administrative law permit services in Allegany County, is a national grocery chain headquartered in Landover.

Re/Max Colonial Homes is a residential real estate brokerage firm servicing Southern Maryland. We provide legal services and represent them before the Real Estate Commission.

Quality Elevator Company services, maintains, and modernizes elevators through private and government contracts. We represent them in procurement and legal matters.

U.S. Windforce is the fastest growing wind energy developer in the United States and uses A&C's expertise in the area of government relations and procurement.

A&C Works with Nonprofits

Are you a board member, officer or do you volunteer for a nonprofit organization?

Alexander & Cleaver's long-time experience with nonprofits could save the organization time and money. We represent a variety of nonprofits in court proceedings, development of governance, property acquisition and permitting, maintenance of tax-exempt status as well as government relations and state and local procurement.

We represent nursing homes and alternative living facilities, hospices, hospitals and health care systems; trade and professional associations; private schools, organizations and institutions for special populations; community colleges; homeowners associations; and other charitable organizations. To talk with a staff member about how we can help, call Kelley Ray at 410.974.9000 or Denise Bowman at 301.292.3300.



*In early June, Governor Robert R. Ehrlich, Jr. visited Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Rockville. The Governor was given a tour of the facility and met with patients. Shown here are (l to r) **Gary Alexander**, **Bill Robertson**, President and CEO of Adventist Healthcare, **Deborah Yancer**, President of Shady Grove, and **Governor Ehrlich**.*

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Stay in Touch with Alexander & Cleaver

It's time to clean up our act and update your information in our database. Please complete the information below and mail this upper part of the newsletter to: *Alexander & Cleaver News, 54 State Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401*. If there are others from your organization who should receive a copy of our newsletters, please feel free to photocopy this page.

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Alexander & Cleaver is a full service law firm with attorneys practicing and licensed in Maryland, Washington D.C., and Virginia. We have offices in Fort Washington, Annapolis, Cumberland, Waldorf, and Alexandria.

Practice areas include:

- Personal injury including motor vehicle accidents, wrongful death, and maritime accidents
- Administrative law and hearings before Boards and Commissions
- Government relations, lobbying, and procurement
- Adoption and guardianship
- Business and corporate representation
- Contracts and grants
- Corporate/business legal matters
- Criminal and traffic defense
- Domestic and family law
- DWI / DUI
- Ethics and campaign finance compliance
- Litigation in all area state and federal courts
- Living wills
- Municipal representation
- Powers of Attorney
- Procurement
- Real estate practice
- Regulatory law
- Wills
- Zoning and development law



A&C attorneys, (l to r) **Denise Bowman, Joe Hart, James Cleaver, Jennifer Simpson, and Robin Stiles** (seated r), who is the manager of our personal injury department, discuss the facts of a personal injury case before going to trial. The collaborative team approach is our hallmark in preparation of each and every legal case. We are on call 24/7 to immediately assist you after an accident. Call the A&C HOTLINE at 1.800.292.LAWS.

More Kudos for A&C

Alexander & Cleaver's ethics attorney **Denise Bowman** was selected as a Peer Review Committee Member of the Attorney Grievance Commission of Maryland.

Robin Shaivitz was named for the second time to the *Daily Record* Maryland Top 100 Women.

The **Law Offices of Alexander & Cleaver** was included in the 2004 edition of the *Martindale-Hubbell Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers*. Our firm carried the highest rating—AV.

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The Alexander & Cleaver Government Relations Team wraps up the 2004 General Assembly with the final bill signing of the year.



First row (l to r) Lt. Gov. Michael Steele, Senate President Thomas V. "Mike" Miller, Governor Robert R. Ehrlich, Jr., Speaker of the House Michael E. Busch; second row Gary Alexander, Chantel Ornstein, Kenny Battle, Lyle Fowlkes, Casper R. Taylor Jr., Robin Shaivitz and Kelley Ray, all of Alexander & Cleaver.

What are Clients Saying about Alexander & Cleaver?

Michael Blain, Drug Policy Alliance. I would like to publicly thank our lobbyists for going the extra yard on this one. This has got to be the best money we've ever spent.

Lisa Johnson, Mirant Mid-Atlantic. Thanks to the entire A&C team for your efforts and partnership with Mirant during this year's session. I appreciate your tenacity, and I look forward to tackling new challenges and opportunities in the future.

Tyler Gearhart, Preservation Maryland. Thanks Robin [Shaivitz], and all of the members of the A&C team. Given the obstacles and complicated policies, you gave us invaluable lobby advice, strategy, and presence. And as always, you were professional, responsive, and fun to work with too. I greatly appreciate the "A&C Advantage" that you deliver. Thanks again for all of your hard work.

Denis O'Donovan. I can't tell you how pleased I am that Jim Cleaver is representing me in my personal injury case as a result of the injury I received from an automobile accident. In particular, Robin Stiles has been extremely efficient and helpful in compiling useful data for the case. You certainly have a first rate law firm!