



# ***COUNTDOWN TO 175***

## **FOOD \* JAZZ \* WINE**

*We are honored that the Honorable Mary Ellen Barbera, Chief Judge of our Court of Appeals will join the festivities & will speak to us about the state of things judicial.*

**Launching of Library's "Brady v. Maryland" Commemorative Volume (E. Clinton Bamberger, Jr., Esquire, counsel for Brady will be in attendance to answer questions about the case and sign books)**

**As We Approach 2015 And The 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Bar Library's Founding In 1840, Join Us As We Celebrate The History Of The Bar Library By Honoring Five Of Its Most Outstanding Members**

*George William Brown – Arthur W. Machen, Sr.*

*Jeannette Rosner Wolman – Charles H. Dorsey, Jr.*

**& YOU**

***Thursday, November 6, 2014 – 5:00 P.M.***

***Main Reading Room – Baltimore Bar Library***

Tickets are \$30.00 with all proceeds going to the Library's Honorable Harry A. Cole Self-Help Center for pro se litigants. To order tickets, or for more information, telephone 410-727-0280 or e-mail the Library at [jwbennett@barlib.org](mailto:jwbennett@barlib.org).

**Honorable George William Brown** was Mayor of Baltimore City from 1860 to 1861; a Representative from Baltimore City to the 1867 Maryland Constitutional Convention; and Chief Judge of the Supreme Bench of Baltimore City from 1872 to 1888. During the course of his career, Brown engaged in the private practice of law with his Partner, Frederick W. Brune; was a Member of the first Board of Trustees of the Peabody Institute; one of the founders of the Maryland Historical Society; Trustee of the Johns Hopkins University; Compiler of the first Digest of Decisions of the Court of Appeals of Maryland; and Founder and President of the Library Company of the Baltimore Bar. A hero of the Union on April 19, 1861, during the confrontation between Federal troops from Massachusetts and a group of pro-Southern Baltimoreans that would result in the first bloodshed and casualties of the Civil War, Brown would subsequently be arrested and imprisoned by the Union Army.

**Arthur W. Machen, Sr., Esquire** was born in 1827 and lived in Virginia until he left to attend Harvard Law School. When he finished law school he decided to practice in Baltimore. He did so against the advice of William H. Seward who warned that "In Baltimore, he would be under the privations and inconveniences of a great city as largely as New York, and yet would be in a provincial position-- a thing to be avoided." Mr. Machen instead "made up my mind to settle in Baltimore. I prefer a Southern climate -- Southern people-- more than all, I desire to be near home." A Charter Member of the Bar Association of Baltimore City as well as its 15<sup>th</sup> President from 1897 to 1898, Mr. Machen served on the Bar Library's Board of Directors from 1856 to 1862 and 1866 to 1915, serving as President of the Board from 1874 until his death in 1915.

**Jeanette Rosner Wolman** was born in New York City in 1902. After attending Goucher College, she was a member of the second class to graduate women from the University of Maryland School of Law. Founder of the Women's Bar Association, she became the first woman accepted as a member of the Bar Association of Baltimore City. In 1965, Ms. Wolman was appointed the first Chair of the Maryland Commission on the Status of Women, a commission that was created by Governor J. Millard Tawes as a result of Ms. Wolman's efforts. During her career she served as the first legal advisor to the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars; Director of the Jewish Family and Children's Bureau of Baltimore; President of the Business and Professional Women's Clubs; and served on the Maryland Commission for Employment of the Handicapped. We are quite proud that this pioneering woman was a member of the Bar Library.

**Charles H. Dorsey, Jr., Esquire** received his law degree from the University of Maryland in 1961 and entered private practice with the firm of Brown, Allen, Russell and Watts. During the late 1960s, he was a member of the Baltimore Welfare Commission and was an assistant City Solicitor under George L. Russell Jr. Mr. Dorsey was the first African American undergraduate at Loyola College in Baltimore, and the first African American named to the state Board of Law Examiners. Mr. Dorsey joined the Legal Aid Bureau in 1969 as deputy director, and was named executive director in 1974. The Bureau at that time had just two offices outside Baltimore. Under his leadership, it grew to have a network of offices across the state, with several hundred lawyers, clerks and staff. In addition to being a member of the Bar Library, Mr. Dorsey served on the Bar Library's Board of Directors from 1978 until to his death in 1995.

**You** are the reason for the Library Company of the Baltimore Bar. It could not exist without you, and, in point of fact, there would be no reason for it to exist without you. The Library was founded in 1840 by the Bench and Bar to serve the legal research needs of its users, and during the course of what is now almost 175 years, has done so with a commitment to excellence and to serve its most important member