

"I'm Not Really Guilty"

On Tuesday, October 4, 2016, Anton J.S. Keating, Esquire will join us to discuss his book "I'm Not Really Guilty." Mr. Keating, a one time Assistant State's Attorney for Baltimore City, Assistant Public Defender and Chief Counsel of the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit has been in the private practice of law since 1981. Of Mr. Keating "The City Paper" said he "May know more about Baltimore's criminal justice system than anyone else." Join us for what should be a fascinating "walk on the dark side."

Even though she was still married to her fifth husband, Tina, an ex-prostitute from Las Vegas, rehearsed for her sixth wedding to a wealthy Maryland businessman, Robert Myers. Myers wanted his wife killed. Divorce was too expensive. Tina had proposed a blood vow. "You marry me and take care of my kids, and I'll have your wife murdered for you." He agreed. This is the story of the brutal 1979 contract murder of Mary Ruth Myers, the 27-month long investigation of that murder, and the prosecution of the three co-conspirators. It led to the longest murder trial in the history of Maryland. The only plea offer was death in the gas chamber or by lethal injection. After something less than a stellar defense by Myers' original attorney, his new attorney, Anton J.S. Keating is left to try to salvage a defense and save him from the gas chamber. Myers had actually confessed his guilt to Keating, so avoiding the death penalty was even more complicated. Mr. Keating will share his insights into the tactics, strategies, thought processes and personalities of the participants in the Myers case, and the criminal justice system in Maryland.

Place: Mitchell Courthouse – 100 North Calvert Street – Main Reading Room of the Bar Library (Room 618, Mitchell Courthouse).

Time: 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 4, 2016, with a wine & cheese reception immediately following.

Invitees: Members of the Library Company of the Baltimore Bar and their guests, judges, employees of Baltimore City and its courts, courthouse employees, government lawyers, public interest lawyers, law librarians, law and college faculty and students. For all others there is a \$20.00 charge which will be waived upon subscribing to a Bar Library membership.

R.S.V.P.: If you would like to attend telephone the Library at 410-727-0280 or reply by email to jwbennett@barlib.org.