



## RECEPTION IN HONOR OF MELVIN J. SYKES

The Board of Directors and staff of the Library Company of the Baltimore Bar would like to invite all of you to join us on Wednesday, September 13 at 5:00 P.M., in the Main Reading Room of the Baltimore Bar Library, for a reception honoring the life of a true legend of the Baltimore legal community, Melvin J. Sykes, Esquire. He was the nice man with the Disney tie. He was the unassuming gentleman with a mind as brilliant as any individual we are ever going to know. He was a husband, a father a grandfather. His was a life well lived.

The evening will include remarks by Mrs. Judy Sykes, Mel's wife of sixty-six years; Honorable Alan M. Wilner, who served on the Court of Appeals of Maryland from 1996-2007; Andrew D. Levy, Esquire of Brown, Goldstein & Levy, LLP, where Mel was Of Counsel; Paul Mark Sandler, Esquire of Shapiro Sher; Shale D. Stiller, Esquire of DLA Piper; and George W. Liebmann, Esquire of Liebmann & Shively, P.A., President of the Library's Board of Directors. Mr. Sykes served on the Library's Board of Directors from 1957-1966 and again from 2009-2016, in the capacity of President from 1962-1964.

"To me and many who knew Mel Sykes, he was the real granite of the bar. He had brilliance and humility and a unique style that was all his own." – Paul Mark Sandler

"I'm not given to hyperbole, but there is no question in my mind that Mel Sykes has been for the last 50 years the premier lawyer in the state of Maryland." - Shale D. Stiller

"He was never flamboyant in the courtroom, and it was all about civility. He never got accusative and could present his case without being argumentative. He was never obsequious and always handled himself so well. No one did it any better than he did." - Honorable Joseph F. Murphy, Jr.

The food that evening will be provided by Catering by Yaffa, the wine by Spirits of Mt Vernon, the reminisces by our speakers and by all of us who knew Mr. Sykes. Please join us as we share a little food, a little wine and a great many memories.

**Place:** The Main Reading Room of the Baltimore Bar Library (Mitchell Courthouse – 100 N. Calvert Street - Room 618 – Baltimore, Maryland 21202).

**Time:** 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 13, 2017.

**R.S.V.P.:** If you would like to attend telephone the Library at 410-727-0280 or reply by e-mail to [jwbennett@barlib.org](mailto:jwbennett@barlib.org).