

MDC UNSUNG HEROES



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Running a non-profit legal association takes the work of many unsung heroes. I would like to take this opportunity to highlight one of those hard-working people who help to make MDC successful:

Christopher Lyon of Simms/Showers serves as Chair of the MDC Sponsorship Committee. He does a fantastic job communicating with our sponsors and coordinating their active participation in our activities. Chris is always willing to follow leads to develop new relationships with potential sponsors. The support of our sponsors is critical to MDC's operations and Chris is vital to our sponsorship program's success.

Chris is a Partner in the Baltimore Office of Simms/Showers. In his practice, he represents businesses and professionals in the areas of intellectual property protection and employment law. His practice includes counseling clients on the protection of trademarks, copyrights and trade secrets. He also prosecutes, and defends, infringement actions involving the unauthorized and unlawful use of intellectual property as well as other claims involving unfair or deceptive trade practices and complex business disputes.

— John T. Sly, *President MDC*

SPOTLIGHTS



Neal Brown of **Waranch & Brown** was recently elected to the American College of Trial Lawyers.



Andrew Gaudreau, formerly of **Leder & Hale**, recently joined the Maryland Attorney General Office.



Thomas Cullen with **Goodell, DeVries, Leech & Dann, L.L.P.** was inducted into the American College of Trial Lawyers.



Peggy Fonshell Ward of **Ward & Herzog** achieved a defense verdict for a custom home builder in the Circuit Court for Prince George's County in September 2018. The plaintiff homeowners waited until the end of the one year warranty period to claim that there were multiple defects in their new home, with a proposed repair cost of \$380,000, more than one half the original cost of the home.

The complaint made claims of breach of contract, negligence, fraud, negligent misrepresentation, and breach of the Consumer Protection Act. The builder's expert conceded that there were four areas of work, within the warranty, that needed attention, with a cost value of approximately \$25,000. During the course of trial, the court granted motions for judgment on all but the breach of contract claim. The builder asserted that he had met the contract to build the house and that he had tried to honor the warranty but the homeowners would not let him. The jury returned a defense verdict that the builder had not breached the contract.



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