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➔ **What is the best advice you have received from someone in the legal profession?**

Example is stronger than advice, and there are so many whom I admire in the Maryland bar for their excellent character and admirable careers. Jim and Paul, my coauthors of *Pleading Causes of Action in Maryland*, never stop learning and following their curiosity. Paul observes the night sky from a university-grade telescope in his yard, and Jim is learning Hawaiian outrigger canoeing. They teach me that there is room in the busy life of an attorney for learning for pleasure.

The Hon. Andrea Leahy, for whom I clerked, folds her clerks and interns into the legal community and always has time for advice. Her generosity teaches me to lift others up however I can. In fact, here is a tangible piece of advice she gave me, which has served me well: when you are starting out, and it's a bit hard to get oral arguments, ask to argue the rebuttal.

➔ **Tell us a little about your biggest project or passion project related to your professional career right now.**

My biggest passion project is the Seventh Edition of *Pleading Causes of Action in Maryland*. In addition to adding the last four years' worth of case law affecting pleadings, Paul Sandler, Jim Archibald, and I updated the book to reflect the

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modern Maryland bar; the attorneys in the example pleadings are diverse: women, and people from different national, ethnic, and religious backgrounds. I hope that readers see themselves in the attorneys in the sample pleadings. Longtime readers may rest assured that important attributes of the sample pleadings have not changed. The "main characters," plaintiff John Smith and defendant George Harris, remain, allowing readers to quickly eyeball a model complaint and distinguish the parties.

I feel a bit in awe, and am greatly honored, to have contributed to a book that is so useful. There really is nothing like it. No other treatise offers such up-to-date case law, with accurate explanation as to how the law got to be the way it is.

➔ **How do you spend your free time?**

I spend my time exploring our great state, "America in miniature." This weekend, we visited historic Fort Frederick—built during the time when Maryland was the frontier. We are very lucky to live here, where there is so much variety outdoors, and so much of historical interest.

➔ **Describe a memorable MSBA product that impacted you personally or professionally.**

Forgive me, but there are a couple of ABA titles mixed in here. The books are too good not to mention.

When I was a law clerk, to prepare for the practice of law, I attended Neil Dilloff's Civil Pre-Trial Practice CLE. It's *What to Expect When You're Expecting* for lawyers. My first couple of years of practice—and even now—there are moments of "well, what happens now?" That CLE, and the book by the same name, has the answers.

I also can't praise enough Paul Sandler's new book, *The Fine Art of Trial Advocacy: A Young Lawyer's Resource for Success*.

A very inspiring section discusses some of the giants on whose shoulders we're standing, from early Roman attorneys, to 19th century Maryland attorneys, to modern attorneys. The book also has a very amusing "bloopers" section, where Paul talks about some of the gaffs he's made, and how he corrected them. I love a good war story, but learning how a respected attorney corrected course is priceless.

I often turn to *Discovery Problems and Their Solutions*, by Hon. Paul W. Grimm, Charles S. Fax, and Paul Sandler, and *Finality of Judgments and Other Appellate Trigger Issues*, by Hon. Kevin F. Arthur.

If a martian were dropped in Baltimore with these books, along with *Pleading Causes of Action in Maryland*, it'd be a half-way decent lawyer in no time at all.

