

## **ANNUAL REPORT (2009-2010)**

The 21-member Section Council launched a newsletter through the MSBA website and provided support for a court filing fee bill in the state legislature to help address the funding crisis for civil legal aid to the poor. With the University of Maryland Clinical Law Program, the Section has updated and will soon publish a Guardianship Handbook for the public. The Section continues to promote participation of legal services attorneys on other relevant section councils and standing committees. The Judicare Family Law Pilot project, which the Council helped launch through the Administrative Office of the Courts and the Maryland Legal Services Corporation, completed its second year and is undergoing a formal evaluation by researchers at University of Maryland School of Social Work and Bowie State University. The Section has representatives on the Maryland Access to Justice Commission, the People's Law Library Content Advisory Committee, and the MSBA Planning Committee's Access to Justice Subcommittee. Other achievements are the co-sponsorship of the 11th Maryland Partners for Justice Conference, the National Lawyer Referral Conference and the nomination of three winners of MLSC annual awards.

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