

# Notes From the Chair: Maryland Legislative Update

An important function of the Maryland State Bar Association's Estates and Trust Law Section is identifying legislative opportunities to clarify, simplify or improve Maryland law so as to better enable individuals to preserve and plan the disposition of their assets.

Promoting efficient and easier administration of estates and trusts is another high priority. Each year, the Estates and Trust Law Section works with legislators to achieve these goals through promoting the Section's own legislative and assisting legislators in developing their legislative ideas in a manner consistent with the Section's legal priorities.

Mary Beth Beattie, Chair-Elect of the Estates and Trust Law Section through June, 2013, and Jonathan G. Lasley, a member of the Section Council, spearheaded the Estates and Trust Law Section's legislative efforts in 2012-2013 and deserve our special gratitude.

This column highlights some legislative victories and efforts, starting with those bills that were enacted and, as of the time of submission of this column, await the Governor's signature.

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