Over the last several years, our Association has embarked on many new projects and initiatives. Some of these are still growing, some have been around long enough to become annual events. I have previously written in this column about the Annual Charity Event, the Bench & Bar Seminar, the full slate of MCBA CLEs (most of which are free to members), and the various socials, parties, and miscellaneous gatherings which are intended to foster fellowship amongst our membership. I hope you have been encouraged to attend some or all of these events by my monthly ramblings. For those of you who have turned out in support of one or more MCBA events this year, I would like to offer my sincere thanks. But, I also have a favor to ask of you.

Don’t worry– this one won’t hurt. At least it won’t hurt you (I’ll explain that one in a second). If you’ve been one of the dedicated MCBA members who have participated in one of the Association’s planned events, we would love to hear from you about your experience. Good, bad, or indifferent, we want to hear it all. While it would be great to hear what we on the MCBA Board have been doing right in planning and putting on these events, we’d like to hear what each of you have to say about how we can improve and what we can do better in the future (even if it stings for a second). The officers and directors of the MCBA are dedicated to ensuring that our Association’s programs and events are beneficial and worthwhile. We can only do that job effectively when we hear from you.

So, if you’ve got a rant or a rave you’d like to share, please do so. You can pick up the phone, fire off an e-mail, break out the pen and paper, or—if you’re Bill Britton— pull out the hammer and chisel to draft a short stone tablet or two. We hope to hear from you, and I promise that we will listen to what you have to say.

Paul Clark, MCBA President
The Young Lawyers’ Section of the Montgomery County Bar Association held its elections for its 2010-2012 officers and board members on September 23, 2010. The elections results are as follows:

Executive Officers:
Louis Calligas—President
W. Allen Sheehan—Vice-President
William R. Cunningham, Jr.—Secretary/Treasurer

Board of Directors:
James B. Eubank
John W. Marsh
Danielle W. Mason
Mark B. Moody
Kyle Weidman

We would like to thank all of our members and leadership for a great past two years, especially our outgoing President, Bill Robertson. In looking to the future, we are expecting another successful year in the YLS. We plan to have numerous socials, a trip to an Atlanta Braves game, and, of course, our annual Charity Golf Tournament. We welcome any input from our members regarding ideas or suggestions for the YLS. Please join the YLS in making 2010-2011 a wonderful year.

Louis Calligas, YLS President
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Jones School of Law Corner
Contributed by Rose Metzger

Someone once asked Mike McConnell, former Navy Vice Admiral and former U.S. Director of Nation Intelligence, about the difference between a diplomat and an intelligence officer. Mr. McConnell explained it this way: a diplomat can tell you to go to hell and make you look forward to it. An intelligence officer can tell you to go to hell, and has the means to deliver you to that track.

According to those definitions, an attorney needs to be a diplomat and an intelligence officer of the court. As a diplomat, a lawyer needs to be the professional par excellence. She needs to exude a sense of confidence so her client is assured he’s in good hands as he moves into legal waters which, for him, are uncharted territories. It’s easy for an attorney to convey that sense of confidence to a client when she knows the law and her craft. She starts amassing that knowledge in law school, first mastering black letter law, then getting experience through clinics and part-time work, maybe participating in a school mentoring program. After passing the Bar, legal education continues through CLEs and the day to day practice of law.

Does the combination of diplomacy and legal intelligence guarantee an easy, stress-free, high paying, and predictable future? Far from it! But hopefully, individuals who want those kind of guarantees don’t choose to go to law school.

In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity. Albert Einstein
MCBA Fall Social
November 4th
5:30—7:30 p.m.
At The Alley Bar

Unwind and forget the stresses of the day with us.

Free hors d’oeuvres and beverages for MCBA members and new State Bar admittees.

If you know someone who has recently passed the Bar, please pass this invitation to them.
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Bench and Bar Conference Provides Respite from Daily Grind

If we could have bottled and sold the beautiful fall weather that the MCBA had for its 2010 Bench and Bar CLE and Golf Scramble, we would be millionaires. Sunny and slightly cool (which after a summer of over 90 degree weather) was such a treat. Last year the weather was “cool and blustery” - this year was absolutely perfect. Okay enough about the weather. Because we have had a tradition of cool weather around this time of year, MCBA again had the seminar portion inside. This year we switched to a Montgomery location at the ballroom at Wynlakes Golf and Country Club. We had a delicious breakfast of bacon and egg Panini, fresh fruit, pastries, grits, and hot coffee. The presentations included remarks on the state of the 15th Circuit by Presiding Judge Charles Price, and the state of the U.S. Middle District Courts of Alabama from Presiding Judge Mark Fuller. Presentations were also made by Tony McLain, General Counsel for the Alabama State Bar on “Maintaining the Legal Profession’s Integrity”, and James Anderson who talked about the process of running for Attorney General of Alabama.

As a special treat, Sam Rumore who is past president of the Alabama State Bar and his wife, Pat Boyd Rumore, were in attendance to promote Pat’s book, From Power to Service. The publication of this book was co-sponsored by the History and Archives Committee of the Alabama State Bar and the Alabama Bench and Bar Historical Society. The book contains rare photos of Alabama scenes and personalities. Proceeds from the sale of this book go to the Alabama Law Foundation and the Bench and Bar Historical Society. MCBA has purchased an copy that was autographed for us by Pat Rumore. You can purchase these beautiful books through the State Bar.

After the Seminar, six teams of MCBA members had lunch overlooking the golf course before playing 18 holes of golf. At the conclusion of the day, prizes and trophies were awarded to the first place team consisting of LaBarron Boone, Kendall Dunson, Reginald Hawkins, and Jeff Hunter. Gift certificates were given to the second place team (Al Agricola, James Hampton, and Jeff Smith) and the third place team (Britt Booth, Larry Sasser, Richard White, and Ron Wise). Rob Davis won the prize for the longest drive on Hole 16, and Britt Booth won the Closest-to-the-pin prize.

The MCBA deeply appreciates the sponsors for this year’s event. Beasley Allen sponsored the breakfast buffet. Jackson Thornton and Forge Consulting sponsored lunch for the golfers. MetLife agent Thomas Hampton provided the prizes for the golfers. Freedom Court Reporters provided the beverage cart on the golf course and golfers’ gifts.
James Anderson addressed the participants about the political and legal issues involved in running for office.

Tony McLain gave an interesting presentation, "Maintaining the Legal Profession’s Integrity."

Forge Consulting LLC and Jackson Thornton sponsored the golfers’ luncheon. Thank you!
Lucky Ducks? The fowl at Wynlakes greeted the golfers.

1st Place Scramble Team: Reginald Hawkins, Labarron Boone, Jeff Hunter, and Kendall Dunson

Thank you to Freedom Court Reporting for the Beverage Cart. And the goodie bags. Pictured are Jackie Parham and Meradith Dunn

Pat and Sam Rumore were available to sell and autograph her new book, *From Power to Service.*
Recently George Schrader, one of our fifty-year members, was inducted into the Alabama Senior Citizens Hall of Fame for his work with seniors and programs that support the state’s aging population. George is a an active member of many area organizations.

George Schrader served in the Air Force until 1976. Since then, he has served on the board of directors of the Montgomery Council on Aging. Using his legal training, he helps seniors understand the laws that pertained to them. He has also served as the program chairman for the Senior Advantage Program at Baptist Hospital. He is also an active member of the Montgomery chapter of the Military Officers Association of America.

Larry A. Golston, a shareholder in the Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis & Miles, P.C., has been elected to lead the Alabama Lawyers Association as president. Golston, works in Beasley Allen’s Consumer Fraud section. He assumed the leadership role at the organization’s annual meeting September 18. Congratulations, Larry!

The Alabama Lawyers Association is the oldest and largest bar association of predominately African-American attorneys in the state.

William A. Kirkland, II has accepted an opportunity with the U.S. Department of Defense/Department of the Air Force in Systems Acquisitions. He is presently supporting the Warfighter at Maxwell AFB, Gunter Annex.

Capell & Howard, P.C. received several honors in the 2011 The Best Lawyers in America. The individual attorneys who were listed are Shap Ashley; Henry C. Barnett, Jr.; George Beck; William D. Coleman; Bruce Downey, III; J Lister Hubbard; Henry H. Hutchinson; D. Kyle Johnson; R. Brooke Lawson, III; William K. Martin; Frank H. McFadden; Robert R. Meadows, III; Robert Northcutt; K. Palmer Smith; Debra D. Spain; James N. Walter, Jr.; M. Courtney Williams. Overall, Capell & Howard ranked first in Montgomery in Alternative Dispute Resolution, Construction Law, Corporate Law, Criminal Defense, White Collar; Employee Benefits Law, Employment Law-Management, General Commercial Litigation, Labor Law–Management, Real Estate Law, Tax Law, and Trusts and Estates Law. Congratulations to all!

If you have honors and news to share with the legal community, please email it to dotrobinson@mc-ala.org or call 265-4793.

**WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS**

MCBA welcomes four members:
Christopher Colee—Attorney at Law
Nicholas Hines—McArdle & Whitman, P.C.
Beverly Maderra—Paralegal, Law office of Thomas J. Azar
Amanda Staton—Attorney at Law

Larry Golston, President, Alabama Lawyers Assoc.
William A. Kirkland, II
Julian McPhillips
Fall Into a Great CLE Seminar! They’re FREE!

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