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OPPORTUNITIES

Dec. 1 Double-header!

11:00-12:00 **Ethics** with Tony McLain, ASB Counsel

12:00-1:30 **Community Corrections and Offender Risk Assessment** with Paul Brown

You may register for either or both of these.

Dec. 3

11:00- 12:00 **Appellate Mediation** with Jim Rives

The above programs will be in the Jury Assembly Room at the Main Courthouse. Pre-register by calling 265-4793 or email dotrobinson@mc-ala.org

Dec. 8

8:30-4:45 **Civil and Criminal Law with the Alabama Attorney General's Office at the State Capitol Auditorium**— no charge—Call to pre-register –265-4793. See insert for Agenda and speakers.

Dec. 13

11:00-12:00 **Employment Law** with Julian McPhillips at the Courthouse.

Toys for Tots and Holiday Cheer

By Paul Clark, MCBA President

It doesn't take much to do real and lasting good in this life. It's easier, in fact, than you thought. For the last ten years our Association has pitched in to help the United States Marine Corps collect toys for their annual Toys for Tots drive. As we have in years past, we encourage each of you who come to the Annual Holiday Party to bring one unwrapped new toy and put it under the Christmas Tree. That's it...one easy and simple act that will undoubtedly have a lasting effect.

Most of us find ourselves at this time of year heading out into the clear, cool weather to join throngs of other shoppers. Under evergreen boughs strung with sparkling lights, we will hum along with festive tunes piped through

hidden speakers. We'll recall the holidays of our youth and smile at memories of gatherings of friends and family in days gone by. We will fill out our lists and cross off names, all in the hopes of savoring the joy on the faces of our loved ones when we hand over that perfect gift. All you have to do to know that you have put a smile on the face of a deserving child whom you may never even meet is to add one toy to your list. That's it...just one toy will help us help the Marines bring true holiday cheer to those who may otherwise not have any at all. It's not much, but it does so much good.

It seems that the holiday season becomes more jam-packed every year. There are certainly more than enough distractions and diversions to make



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it easy for any one of us to forget the true purpose of the season. I hope that you will take just one brief moment to join with the MCBA in spreading some holiday cheer by bringing a toy with you to the Annual Holiday Party on December 9 and by thanking the Marines who will be on hand to collect them.

I wish each of you joy and peace this holiday season.

Merry Christmas!

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Annual 2010 Distinguishable Lawyers Awards

Young Lawyers Section News

I would like to encourage any young lawyers (especially new admittees) who are new to the Montgomery County Bar Association (MCBA) to become active in the MCBA Young Lawyers Section.

Our membership consists of attorneys who are 35 years of age and under as well as attorneys who are over 35 and have been practicing law for five years or less. If you fall into one of these categories, you are automatically part of the YLS. Our membership spans all types of practices: large, medium, and small firms, in-house counsel, the non-profit sector, solo practitioners, and law students. The YLS allows its membership opportunities to serve the community, socialize, network, and enjoy recreational activities. The YLS also encourages the interest and participation of young lawyers in MCBA events, like the recent MCBA Fall Social at The Alley Bar on November 4.

To join the YLS mailing list, so that you can receive notices regarding upcoming YLS functions and other information, please contact the MCBA YLS President, Louis Calligas or the Secretary/Treasurer, Will Cunningham (wrc@chlaw.com).



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Welcome to New Members

MCBA welcomes two new members this month:

Meggan Huggins– Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis, & Miles, PC

Reed Williams– Holtsford, Gilliland, Higgins, & Hitson, PC

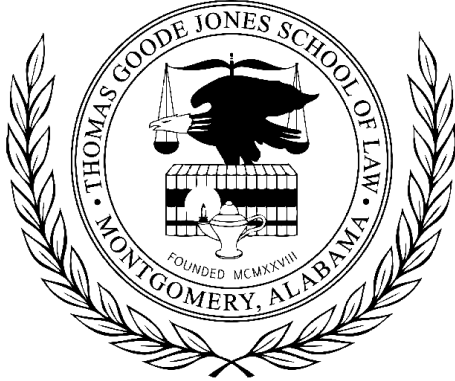
Word-wise

“Talk low, talk slow, and
don't say too much.”

John Wayne

JSL Corner

Submitted by Rose Metzger



Successories® publishes a motivational poster with a beautiful photo, captioned, “FOCUS. Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off your goals.” This could be posted in all law school classrooms at this time of year. Between Thanksgiving and the end of the semester, exams are the obstacles. Few eyes of law students are on anything else. However, after graduation and passing the bar, it is just as easy to let a law practice become an obstacle blocking our vision of other life goals. In fact, it is all too easy to focus on the obstacles rather than the goals throughout our lives. Obstacles present valid, important, and urgent demands on our time right now, while goals are more important, but don’t press us as urgently for completion. Though we all acknowledge readily that a life of misplaced priorities is a life out of focus, it is all too easy to allow valid labor to steal time that should be spent with our spouse, our children, or spiritual devotions. Sometime during the holiday season, as we gather with family, friends, and coworkers, let’s take a step back, look past all the obstacles, and refocus on our ultimate goals in life.

MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to **Bill and Leslie Robertson** upon the birth of a daughter, Lucille Beasley Robertson, born Oct. 1. Bill is an Associate with Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis, and Miles, P.C.

Also, congratulations to **Cole and Joy Portis** and **Andy and Tanya Birchfield** for being selected by the Family Guidance Center for Families of the Year. These families are chosen because of their spirit of teamwork as a family unit.

In October **Judge Jimmy Pool** was awarded the 2010 Howell Heflin Appreciation Award at the *Annual Conference of the Alabama Court Referral Program* in Orange Beach. The award was presented by Callie Dietz, Administrative Di-

rector of the Courts. This award is presented annually to the judge who is deemed to have best utilized the Court Referral Program to assist in rehabilitating offenders in Court. Dietz told the gathering that it was remarkable for Judge Pool to be nominated and chosen for the award, in light of the fact that he had been serving Montgomery County for less than two years. Shown below are Callie Dietz and Judge Jimmy Pool.



Save the date!

December 9

MCBA Holiday Party

At Wynlakes

6:30-9:30

**Bring a new unwrapped toy for
Toys for Tots!**

AGENDA
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL,
MONTGOMERY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION
CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION SEMINAR
Wednesday, December 8, 2010

(Total M.C.L.E. Hours: 6.0, including 1.5 hours of Ethics Credit)

State Capitol Auditorium

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| 8:30 | Registration Begins |
| 8:55 AM - 9:00 AM | Welcoming Remarks |
| 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM | With Justice For All (<u>Morris S. Dees, Jr., Esq.</u>) |
| 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM | The Alabama Ethics Act – Part 2 (<u>Melvin Cooper</u> , Alabama Ethics Commission, Retired) |
| 10:30 AM - 10:45 AM | BREAK |
| 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM | Enforcing Alabama’s Ethics Law (<u>Jimmy Evans</u> – Alabama Attorney General 1991-1995) |
| 11:45 AM - 1:00 PM | LUNCH (on your own) |

Afternoon Session

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| 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM | Attorney Client Privilege (<u>Joseph B. Mays, Jr.</u> , Bradley Arant Boulton Cummings) |
| 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM | Civil Procedure Update (<u>The Honorable John Wilkerson</u> , Clerk Alabama Court of Civil Appeals) |
| 2:30 PM - 2:45 PM | BREAK |
| 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM | Inside The Health South Investigation (<u>Gerry Kelly</u> , Special Agent, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Retired) |
| 3:45 PM - 4:45 PM | Appellate Practice (<u>Ed Haden</u> – Balch Bingham) |
| 4:45 PM - 4:50 PM | Closing Remarks and Evaluations |

2010 Distinguishable Lawyers

by Bobby Segall

2010 has been a riotous (see Greenetrack) kind of year. But as the first twelve months of the (no longer) new decade draw to a tumultuous, and even revolutionary, close, only Republicans (e.g., Al Agricola, Will Sellers and Chris Weller) are laughing. For the first time in 136 years, and I suspect for the next 136, the elephants will control (every bit of) the Alabama Legislature, and Montgomery's tea partying lawyers will party on. (Those who don't like tea parties will either become crumpets or move to Gitmo.) So powerful have the elephants become that they're fighting each another. The Governor and Troy King played "mine is bigger than yours" throughout 2010 (turns out the Governor's is bigger), and Martha Roby had to fight through a ton of tusks to face, and defeat, DINO Bobby Bright for Congress. In the meantime, the world (well, Alabama) turned topsy-turvy. BP proved oil gushers are not all they're cracked up to be, and semi-sane politicians, including our own R&B combo (i.e., Roby & Bright), proclaimed that healthcare was the wrong prescription for our ailments and that the Bush-Obama stimulus was not the kind of arousal they preferred. But through all the bluster and blather, Montgomery lawyers remained true. No matter the gravity nor the moment of the dispute, Montgomery's finest (that's us) sued, and defended, and all the while maintained their civility, professionalism, and senses of humor. And, as always, Montgomery lawyers remained entirely Distinguishable –two among us, especially so.

Our first honoree is Attorney General Troy King. The good news for him is that he survived (albeit barely) this raucous year. Even better for him, a long running federal investigation folded, finding no basis for indictment. The bad news is the Republicans found no basis for re-election. (Rampant and unreliable - although somewhat entertaining - rumors didn't help.) In between, Troy fought the Law (i.e., the Governor), and the Law won. It won because our staunchly anti-activist Supreme Court undid twenty years of precedent to preserve the (powerful) Life of Riley. Still, Troy persisted. He wiped out (what he felt to be) "frivolous" consumer litigation against drug companies by asserting his supremacy over local DAs, further widening the gulf within law enforcement. But Troy also mitigated (problems in) the Gulf by suing BP when the Governor wouldn't. As an encore, he forced an excellent settlement of the State Personnel Board's lawsuit against the Alabama State Employees Association and others. Because he did, Troy can leave office with a song in his heart (but blessedly not on a recording), with his faith in tact, and with hope that the future may bring him a brighter political day.

Our second honoree is Robert Huffaker. With all the history - and hysteria - permeating 2010, the most shocking (and tragic) event is Robert's death. Forget "Only the Good Die Young", Robert is proof that the good die at all ages. While not young, 65 was too damn young for us to lose Robert, a man who, according to his secretary, never got sick before he got sick - just 6 short weeks before his death. But Robert left a lot for us to remember. He was a smart guy, a lot smarter than you, but he never tried to make you feel that way, not even when he was quietly, politely and (oh so) painfully decimating your points in court. Although I only had one case on the same side as Robert (we lost, and he learned his lesson), I had many cases against him. It was always (mostly) a pleasure. He was such a gentleman. Even when he stole my secretary 14 years ago, he asked nicely before doing it. My old (I mean, former) secretary, Veronique Andrews, still thanks me for giving Robert my blessing.

No thanks necessary. Who could say "no" to Robert? He was an unfailingly, genuinely nice person. And, he was such a giving person. No one ever contributed more to lawyers and the legal profession. If you can imagine, he edited the *Alabama Lawyer* for over 27 years. He persisted even after his childhood friend, Wade Baxley, at an event honoring Robert, proclaimed that the *Alabama Lawyer* worked better on him than Ambien. Robert, who, like all (likable) Montgomery lawyers, had a wonderful sense of humor, laughed and mentioned he knew of many law books that had the same effect on Wade.

I'll leave to others the details of Robert's (innumerable) other contributions - and his many honors - except one. Over the last 12 years (i.e., over the life of my computer), Robert has received 22 Distinguishable Lawyer Awards, not one of which he paid for (Robert, of course, would never end a sentence with a preposition). That's the most anyone has received, but that's not what makes Robert "Most" Distinguishable. This is. Robert's essential essence was his grace and charm and kindness. Because of that, he was truly and sincerely loved by almost everyone who knew him - even people in his own law firm, i.e., by people who *really* knew him. I know that I loved him and will miss him, and that he richly deserves recognition as 2010's Co-Most Distinguishable Lawyer.

Now, kick back with your favorite non-alcoholic beverage, put it down, pick up a grown-up drink (after all, you are a Montgomery lawyer) and pay homage to those among us who in 2010 became, for better or worse, Distinguishable.

1. "Best Self Concept" Award - - Judge Charles Price (Although Judge Price joined other legends, Morris Dees and Jere Beasley, as winner of the March of Dimes Citizen of the Year Award, he's offended that his award was not "Citizen of the Millennium".)
2. "Martha's Place" Award - - Martha Roby (Martha's place is now in our nation's capital - where she already has been selected to serve on the Republican Majority's Transition Team.)
3. "AKA" Award - - Judge Joel Dubina (The presiding judge of the 11 Circuit Court of Appeals the will hereafter be Also Known As "Martha Roby's Dad".)
4. "Repo Man" Award - - George Beck (After two years of the Obama administration, George may be the person who will repossess the United States Attorney's position.)
5. "Gideon's Trumpet" Award - - Tom Methvin (As State Bar President, he did more to help poor folks get lawyers than anyone since Gideon.)
6. "The Hangover" Award - - Chief Justice Sue Bell Cobb (When she awoke the morning after the election, she went from the headache of being the only Democrat on the Supreme Court to the migraine of being the only Democrat in Statewide office.)
7. "The Biggest Losers" Award - - James Anderson (The biggest losers are lawyers in Montgomery who lost the chance of having one of their best serve as Atty General.)
8. "Eat Pray Love" Award - - Justice Tom Parker (He won by a lot despite his opponent's saying he needed to add a little more work to his routine of eating, praying and loving.)
9. "Spit in the Wind" Award - Ellen Brooks (Running against our long time District Attorney is like pulling on Superman's cape and spitting in the wind.)
10. "Most Likely to Be Indicted" Award - - Russell Duraski and Pat Mahaney (Made the mistake of running - unsuccessfully - against the incumbent District Attorney)
11. "Katrina" Award - Bobby Bright (Our now former Mayor and Congressman served well, but could not overcome the Republican hurricane that swept across Alabama.)
12. "We Shall Overcome" Award - - Judge Pat Warner (She overcame heavy opposition in her own party and from the Ala. Demo Conference, unfounded Judicial Inquiry Commission complaints, and tough Republican opposition to win re-election.)
13. "Mt. Olympus" Award - - Gibson Vance (Gibson reached for the stars and caught hold as National president of the American Association of Justice.)
14. "A Family Affair" Award - - Lister and Joe Hubbard (Lister held the Bible used by his grandfather, Senator Lister Hill, for Joe's swearing in by the Chief Justice as a member of the Alabama Legislature.)
15. "You Can't Hurry Love" Award - - Joe Seawell Moore (Joe Seawell continued this year his long-standing relationship with a lovely, and very understanding, young woman.)
16. "Every Dog Has His Century" Award - - Will Sellers, Greg Griffin, Al Agricola, Jim Wilson, Leura Canary, Chip Nix, Mark Montiel, Arthur Ray, Chris Weller, Jeremy Walker, Will Barfoot, Julie Weller, Keith Miller, Wade Hope and other Montgomery Republican Lawyers (On the State Level, they plan to be in charge for at least the next century.)
17. "Priorities" Award - - Judge Vanzetta McPherson (Judge wrote in her column, on the eve of Alabama's national championship game, that "some things are more important than football." Judge needs to get her priorities straight.)
18. "Least Likely to Win an Argument (at home)" Award - - David Byrne, the elder (He's married to Alice Ann.)
19. "Fruit of the Poisonous Tree" Award - - Al Agricola (Because poisonous Al was general counsel to the Bentley campaign, his gifted lawyer daughter was not given a free ticket to see Pres. Clinton at a Sparks event.)
20. "The Grateful Dead" Award - - Judge Les Hayes, Jason Paulk, and Steve Nesmith (In a case prosecuted by Jason, and despite Steve's excellent defense, Judge Hayes directed Steve's client to either go to jail or properly maintain the cemetery he owns.)

21. "Attica! Attica!" Award - - Jimmy Walter, Robert Black, Wendell Cauley, Joe Guillot, Richard Lawrence, Allen Sheehan, Frank Wilson, Rob Reynolds, and Charlie Turnipseed (They were jailed for Muscular Dystrophy and demanded that you buy their freedom.)
22. "Don Imus" Award - - Mark Montiel (Popular radio talk show host was removed from the air - could it have been something he said? No one knows.)
23. "Happily Ever After" Award - - Judge Gene Reese (He's been glowing as a result of his marriage this year.)
24. "Friendliest Lawyer" Award - - David Martin, Lee Copeland, Joe Espy, Greg Davis, Jimmy Hawthorne, and Joshua Segall
25. "Most Loquacious" Award - - Red Bell (He beat out Espy by a syllable.)
26. "Nicest Lawyer" Award - - Wendell Cauley and Archie Grubb (Wendell's the permanent recipient - he oozes kindness, and Archie is the early favorite to one day join him.)
27. "Tom Sawyer" Award - - Judge Mark Fuller (He looks like Tom as an adult.)
28. "Most Modest" Award - - Jeff Blitz (He has plenty to brag about, but doesn't.)
29. "Best Memory" Award - - Von Memory
30. "Next Best Memory" Award - - Nick Parnell, Mark Chambless, Richard Moxley, Leo Math and other creditors' lawyers (What you've heard is true: Creditors really do have better memories than debtors.)
31. "One Giant Leap" Award - - Kelli Wise (She made the big leap from the Court of Criminal Appeals to the Supreme Court.)
32. "The Great Emancipator" Award - - Greg Griffin (In a letter to the Editor, Greg urged "conservative-thinking black people to come home to the Republican Party - the Party of Lincoln.")
33. "Give It a Rest" Award - - Ken Wallis (Serial Legal Advisor to Governors retired this year from position with Gov. Riley.)
34. "Slice of Life" Award - - Sonny Reagan (After serving admirably as the Governor's Assistant Legal Advisor, he became The Legal Advisor, and tasted the power of the office, in Gov. Riley's last year.)
35. "Definitely, Maybe" Award - - Al Agricola (If Gov. Bentley is smart enough to ask Al to serve as his legal advisor, Al definitely might accept.)
36. "Billy Joel Innocent Man" Award - - Bobby Poundstone, George Parker, Cole Portis, Judge Jimmy Pool, John Henig, Wally Walker, Frank Hawthorne, David Martin, Judge Les Hayes, Corky Hawthorne, Rhon Jones, Joe Seawell Moore, Gunter Guy, Jim Williams, Beverly Howard, Joel Connally, and Clay Crenshaw. (They're all willing to testify under oath that Cam Newton is an Innocent Man.)
37. "Dancing with the Stars" Award - - Mark Sabel (Representing Civil Rights Legends Judge UW Clemon, Rev. Robert Graetz, Solomon Seay, Jr., Fred Shuttlesworth, Andrew Young, Dorothy Cotton and Joseph Lowery on amicus brief in racial discrimination suit against Tyson Foods, Inc.)
38. "Dancing With the Stars II" Award - - Brent Wills (Brent dated the original April O'Neil in "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles" - it ended poorly.)
39. "The Actual Stars" Award - - Christine Freeman, Kevin Butler, Leslie Smith, and Don Bethel (They led the Federal Defenders to a truly successful year - both in and out of the courtroom.)
40. "Rammer Jammer" Award - - Charles Law (Charles was such a die hard Alabama fan that at the conclusion of his funeral "Rammer Jammer Yellow Hammer" blasted through the sound system, followed by a replay of the closing seconds of Alabama's win in the 1986 Iron Bowl.)
41. "Perry Mason" Award - - Christine Freeman, Bill Blanchard, Bill Whatley, Jay Taylor, Richard Keith, and Patrick Mahaney (All won prestigious awards presented by the Ala Criminal Defense Lawyers Association.)
42. "Most Colorful Simile" Award - - Tommy Gallion (In urging people to join the organization "Enough is Enough", Tommy said in a newspaper column that the governor "threw around no-bid contracts to his friends like feeding pigeons in the park".)
43. "King Kong and his Court" Award - - David Bronner, Marc Reynolds, Bill Stephens, Bill Kelley, Amy Connally, Lindy Beale, Hunter Harrell, and Don Yancey (The Behemoth Bronner strides over a vast empire, but the other lawyers on his staff run the daily show.)

44. "Hardball" Award - - Terry Davis, Mark Montiel and Frank Snowden (While Terry represented the Mtgy Bd of Education in Mark's Open Meetings lawsuit, Terry's client threatened criminal charges against Frank Snowden for representing his Bd member wife without Bd authority.)
45. "Cheers" Award - - Bryan Morgan (Bryan is a former Alabama cheerleader and a huge Bama fan.)
46. "Ray Perkins" Award - - Joana Ellis (Replaced a legend, Ed Livingston, as Executive Director of the Ala Defense Lawyers Association)
47. "Paranoia" Award - - Mays Jemison (Mays says in today's climate, he's so paranoid that when Auburn goes into a huddle, he thinks they are talking about him.)
48. "Cat Fight" Award - - Bill Blanchard, Nicholas Jones, Ed Parrish, Judge Charles Price, and Judge Les Hayes (Ed prosecuted cat for destroying property, but with the able representation of Bill and Nicholas, and despite initial finding of guilt by Judge Hayes, the Cat's record was cleared by Judge Price's version of feline pretrial diversion.)
49. "Who Needs Friends" Award - - Lewis Gillis (In response to a claim that the Gov. did not pay because the firm was black, the Governor's press secretary said the firm had been paid over \$8 million during Riley's administration. With enemies like that, who needs friends?)
50. "Fountain of Youth" Award - - Judge Harold Albritton, John Bowman, Morris Dees, Henry Harper, Charles Miller, Jim Solomon, and Charles Stakely (These 50 year lawyers and judge obviously have discovered the age defying Fountain as they continue to contribute to our profession.)
51. "Most Intelligent" Award - - Richard Cohen, Stan Gregory, Judges Delores Boyd and Vanzetta McPherson.
52. "Son of a Preacher Man" Award - - Alfred Norris (The son of a former preacher for First Methodist Church does his preaching with the McPhillips firm.)
53. "The Golden Compass" Award - - Judge Sharon Yates (This role model, who is a golden compass for anyone willing to follow her path, was honored this year as a Girl Scout Woman of Distinction. She attributed her success to, among others, Chief Justice Sue Bell Cobb.)
54. "Charles Barkley I AM a Role Model" Award - - Doug McElvy (This year's recipient of the Chief Justice's Professionalism Award)
55. "I Love You Man" Award - - Dave Boyd (His Montgomery office had a surprise party for his 60th birthday with a lot of toasting and a lot of sentiment.)
56. "I Love You (Wo)man" Award - - Shirley Howell (Shirley became the first full-time professor at Jones Law School in 1986 and is, by all accounts, the most beloved professor on staff.)
57. "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" Award - - Bryan Taylor (This former policy director for Gov. Riley defeated the venerable Wendell Mitchell to win a seat in the Alabama Senate.)
58. "Sarah Palin Going Rogue" Award - - Kathy Brown and Julie Weller (Two worthy candidates ran against a sitting judge.)
59. "The Untouchables" Award - - Judges Truman Hobbs, Jr., Anita Kelly, Tracy McCooey, Gene Reese and Billy Shashy (The quality of their service - and their party affiliation - resulted in re-election without opposition.)
60. "My Soul To Take" Award - - Calvin Williams (He defeated a good judge, but will bring his heart and soul to his new office.)
61. "Don't Mess With Bill" Award - - Judge Billy Shashy (After the good judge joined up, the Democratic Party told everyone to "Leave my Billy Alone".)
62. "The Tudors" Award - Royal Dumas (His Royal Highness coordinated Mtgy's VLP and helped organize free legal clinics held the 1st Tuesday of each month.)
63. "Cutest Couple Of (Married) Lawyers" Award - - Monet and J.R. Gaines, Bill and Anne Elizabeth McGowin, Amy and Joel Connally, Clarke Morris and Todd Brown, Alyce and Billy Addison, and Stephanie and Bill Azar
64. "Cutest (New to Montgomery) Couple of (Married) Lawyers" Award - - Alexia and Gray Borden (Gray is going with the US Attorney's office, and Alexia is with Balch & Bingham.)
65. "Obama Post-Partisanship" Award - - Trey Granger (Big Ala fan said his hiring of Auburn football star, Tommy Trott, showed the nonpartisanship of his Election Center office.)

66. "Let Them Eat Lobster" Award - - Ben Baxley, Bill Lisenby, Will Barfoot, and Ben Schoettker (Ben and Bill prosecuted, and Will and Ben defended, former jail warden charged with using jail account to buy lobster - convicted, but only of a misdemeanor.)
67. "Throw the Rascals Out" Award - - Paul Clark, Kendall Dunson and Adrian Johnson (Despite excellent service as president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer respectively, I recommend replacing them all in the upcoming Bar elections", although I do endorse Kendall for president and Adrian for Vice-President)
68. "Bored To Death" Award - Karen Chambless, Kim Fehl, Rhon Jones, Ben Schoettker, Jayne Harrell Williams, and Mike Winter (Our Bar's 2010 Bored members)
69. "Silence is Golden" Award - - Wallace Mills (As Deputy City Atty, Wallace drafted distracted driver ordinance providing that one talking on a hand-held cell phone while driving may lose some gold.)
70. "Lance Armstrong" Award - - McDowell Crook (Mtg Bar's chief (non-steroid using) cyclist took to task a newspaper letter writer who claimed cyclists had no right to use the public streets.)
71. "I Don't Believe I'da Told That" Award - - Joe Hubbard (In his victory comments to WSFA, Joe confessed that his grandmother dated Big Jim Folsom.)
72. "To Die For" Award - - Bobby Bright (Our former congressman received national press for saying he might not have to vote to reelect Nancy Pelosi Speaker because she could "get sick and die". Turns out the whole Party got sick and died.)
73. "Quid Pro Quo" Award - - Brian Taylor (In his successful campaign for the Alabama Senate, Brian promised school teachers that if they elected him, he would give \$20,000 in salary increases passed since 2006 to school teachers and schools in his district.)
74. "Vengeance is Mine Sayeth Paul Hubbert" Award - - Susan Kennedy (Susan, a tireless advocate for AEA, went in-house this year and helped Hubbert dismantle the Bradley Byrne bid for Governor.)
75. "Parting Shot" Award - - Troy King (For his swan song, Troy took a hands-on approach in winning a settlement of \$16 million for a State employee Supplemental Retirement Fund.)
76. "Cooperstown" Award - - Justice Lyn Stuart (Elected to the Atmore Hall of Fame - it's not Cooperstown, but still pretty good).
77. "Eye on the Prize" Award - - Pat Harris (As long time Assistant Secretary of the Alabama Senate, his eye is on replacing legend McDowell Lee in the next session.)
78. "The Immortals" Award - - Greg Allen (Immortalized by the Allen Law Center - named after Greg - at the Jones School of Law.)
79. "The Mortals" Award - - Donald Jackson (Unsuccessfully represented Joe Reed in an effort to enforce a Legislative Resolution directing that Dr. Reed's name be restored to the ASU Acadome.)
80. "Plagiarism" Award - - Mose Stuart (Mose sounded like Moses telling the newspaper that after wandering in the desert, his church congregation had now crossed the Jordan and, with its new building, was looking over to the promised land.)
81. "The Fantastic Mr. Fox" Award - - Peck Fox (Peck's pretty fantastic, but had very little competition in Montgomery for this award.)
82. "Eve's Rib" Award - - Riley Roby (Martha's husband provides ongoing support.)
83. "Most Handsome (Male) Lawyer" Award - - Anthony Bush
84. "Most Handsome (Male) Lawyer Over (or around) 50" Award - - David Vickers and Dean Mooty
85. "Most Handsome (Male) Lawyer Over 60" Award - - Chuck Volz, Bruce Downey, and Marvin Campbell
86. "Most Handsome (Male) Lawyer Over 70" Award - - Jere Beasley
87. "Most Handsome (Male) Lawyer Over 80" Award - - Walter Byers
88. "Most Handsome (Male) Lawyer Approaching 90" Award - - Truman Hobbs, Sr. (Great looking at any age!)

89. "Most Beautiful (Female) Lawyer Over 21" Award¹ - - Misha Whitman, Schuyler Espy, Mahaley McInnes, Shannon Holliday, Anne Pearson, Jane Brannan, Leura Canary, Judge Vanzetta McPherson, Connie Barker, Jamie Johnston, Shawn Cole, Erika Tatum, Allison Ingram, Sandy Speakman, Samarria Dunson, Darnel Coley, Kristin Nelson, and Lindsey Clements (See footnote below - really, read it!)
90. "Best Judicial Assignment" Award - - Judge Truman Hobbs, Jr. (Judge set \$50 as the maximum contribution at his fund-raiser, demonstrating that he is the perfect judge to preside over the Mental Illness Court.)
91. "Best Lawyer" Award - - Frank Snowden (His school bd member wife said she wanted the best attorney in town representing her, but Beasley was unavailable, so she got Frank.)
92. "Best Lawyers" Award - - Tom Methvin, Julie Beasley, Lance Gould, Ted Meadows, Kendall Dunson, and Rhon Jones (Recognized this year as Beasley Allen's top lawyers of last year)
93. "Worst Lawyers" Award - - Jere Beasley, Tommy Keene, Tabor Novak, Joe Espy, Louis Franklin, Richard Gill, Lewis Gillis, Wally Walker, and Steve Feaga (They are Bad Bad Men - - in the courtroom.)
94. "Most Plain Spoken" Award - - Don Nolte (Don called BS on a nutty Alabama Voices column referring to President Obama as a "domestic enemy".)
95. "The Real Barack Obama Domestic Enemy" Award - - Daryl Bailey (Our Chief Dep DA also fights domestic violence as Co-Chair of the Montgomery County Task Force on Domestic Violence.)
96. "She's Out of My League" Award - - Russ Russell (He's a handsome guy, but not in the same league as his Tuskegee lawyer wife, Valerie.)
97. "AfterLife" Award - - Bill Coleman (After many years as an excellent litigating lawyer, Bill has earned a national reputation as an outstanding arbitrator - selected this year to arbitrate a big case in Texas.)
98. "Perfect Storm" Award - - Morris Dees (In reporting on the rising number of hate groups in America, Morris said a bad economy, immigration issues, and the first black president have created the perfect storm for civil rights issues.)
99. "Where the Wild Things Are" Award - - Connie Barker (visiting from DC), Bill Coleman, Bob Northcutt, Debby Spain, Allison Ingram, Ham Wilson, Marvin Campbell, Jim Scott, Dan Morris, Angie Carroll, Congresswoman Martha and Riley Roby and Judge Joel Dubina (Lawyers who this year engaged in a (or the) Vintage Affair).
100. "Serendipity" Award - - Aaron, Rebecca, and Terry Luck (A lot of their lives involve Luck(s))
101. "Quantum of Solace" Award - - Judge Delores Boyd and Judge Joel Dubina (Their beautiful eulogies provided a quantum of solace to friends and family of the great Judge John Godbold, the only judge to preside over two circuits of the US Courts of Appeal.)
102. "United We Stand" Award - - Hank Hutchinson and Debby Spain (In charge this year of soliciting contributions from all professionals for the River Region's United Way Campaign)
103. "And Baby Makes 3" Award - - Katcha & Nelson Gill and Kristin Nelson & Andrew Turner (They had beautiful babies this year.)
104. "Subtle As a Flying Brick" Award - - Justice Tom Parker (Says "as long as a majority of our law schools produce jurists who think the judiciary is the supreme law of the land instead of the Constitution . . . , " judges should continue to be elected - could he be referring to his fellow Justices?)
105. "Dissenting Opinion" Award - - Bart Spung (Former federal district court law clerk replied to Justice Parker arguing, correctly, that money has great potential for influencing judges' decisions - "a judge's master should be the law, and not his contributors or constituents".)
106. "Madmen" Award - - Bill Butler (Rep. Alvin Holmes incited others on the Contract Review Committee to be mad at Bill, Gen. Counsel for Medicaid, for proposing a contingent fee contract to recoup Medicaid dollars from folks who had private insurance.)
107. "Madman" Award - - William Gill (William wrote an angry letter to the editor forcefully asserting that healthcare is not a constitutional right, and anyone who says otherwise has a Marxist/socialist/liberal position.)

¹ These are the most beautiful female lawyers who came immediately to my mind (this very second) as I work under intense deadline pressures. There are tons of other beautiful women lawyers in Montgomery.

108. "Man's Best Friend" Award - - James Dickens (James has two dogs named Arf and Bark.)
109. "Public Service" Award - - Matthew Shaddrix (Teaches CPR at an all girls prep school.)
110. "Most Likely to Fight for Their Clients" Award - - Rick Morrison and Clint Graves (Rick is an orange belt in Taekwondo, and Clint participated this year in an altercation involving a beer pong game.)
111. "Criminal Mastermind" Award - - George Beck (Worked historic civil rights murder case and boat homicide case into great settlements for his clients.)
112. "Gibson Vance Leadership" Award - - Joel Connally (The only Montgomery lawyer in 2010 to participate in the State Bar's Leadership Forum.)
113. "Most Effective President" Award - - Judge Terry Moorner (When, as president of the Inn of Court, the Judge calls the meeting to order, everyone rises and stops talking.)
114. "Stewart/Colbert Rally for Sanity" Award - - Suzanne Duffey (Whether you prefer to rally for the Tea Party, Glen Beck, or Eugene Debs, thanks to Suzanne our Bar is a home around which we can all rally.)
115. "Stewart/Colbert Rally to Restore Fear" Award - - Judge Hardwick (His intense, probing questioning strikes fear in the hearts of many lawyers.)
116. "You Can't Tell a Book By Its Cover" Award - - Flynn Mozingo (Our new Bar Commissioner looks like Clark Kent but has Superman's strength of character.)
117. "The Agony and the Ecstasy" Award - - Jim Wilson and Mark Montiel (Jim was devoted to Tim James and Mark to Bradley Byrne, but both pivoted in time to celebrate Bentley's victory with the insiders.)
118. "Great Minds Think Alike" Award - - Keith Norman, Ed Patterson, and Tony McLain (The Bar's Troika has been on the same page governing the State Bar longer than most folks have practiced law.)
119. "Rookie (Mediator) of the Year" Award - - Chip Nix
120. "Eight Days a Week" Award - - Fred Tyson (Between his busy practice and other activities, including serving this year as president of the Alabama chapter of ABOTA, Fred needs more time in the week.)
121. "Mini-Me" Award - - Vernon Barnett (Assistant Corrections Commissioner worked out, lost a good bit of weight, and is looking like a smaller, more handsome version of himself.)
122. "He Who Hesitates Is Saved" Award - - Joshua Segall (In the wake of unpopular national Democratic policies, Joshua hesitated in his desire to run for public office and was saved from the disaster that befell Democrats.)
123. "Family Guys" Award - - Cole Portis and Andy Birchfield (Their beautiful families were recipients of Family of the Year Awards given by the Family Guidance Center of Alabama.)
124. "Lipton" Award - Bobby Bright (Among his other problems, the Alabama Tea Party, whose candidate lost in the Republican primary, vigorously opposed Bobby in the general election.)
125. "Most Persistent" Award - - Alice Ann Byrne (Her persistence is legend and often pays off for her client, the State Personnel Board.)
126. "Volunteer Army" Award - - Bill Blanchard (Judge McCooney ordered his client, a Faulkner student charged with "making a terrorist threat" on Facebook, to "Volunteer" for the Military.)
127. "Teacher's Pet" Award - - Ron Wise (Ron represented a former school teacher who allegedly received a number of Post-Secondary Education contracts from his favorite student, Roy Johnson.)
128. "Best in Show" Award - - Jeremy Walker (Lost, but made a great showing in, his primary race for the Republican nomination for the Legislature against incumbent David Grimes)
129. "Adventureland" Award - - Mary Alexander-Oliver, Nick Hines and Baron Coleman (After law clerking for Judges Price and Hobbs respectively, Mary opened her own law office, and Nick joined McArdle & Whitman, while Baron also opened his own office.)

130. "The Pride and the Passion" Award - - Rob Reynolds (Rob has nothing but pride for the passion of his wife and daughter for their work on behalf of the victims of the Haiti earthquake.)
131. "Special Place in Hell" Award - - Kevin Davidson and Michele Gooslin (Assistant District Attorney successfully prosecuted a man for raping his 12 and 13 year old nieces.)
132. "Twenty-four/Seven Lawyer" Award - - John Bolton and Charlanna Spencer (They lawyered through the night respectively at Victory Land and Greenetrack to legally rebuff planned raids by the Gov's task force.)
133. "Weathergeddon" Award - - Clay Benson (Clay said folks in Mtgy treated its worst snow in forever like it was Armageddon—when, according to Clay, it was only an excuse to miss work.)
134. "Ziegfeld Impresario" Award - - Morris Dees (Morris and his wife, Susan, conceived, and have raised money for, the Cloverdale Playhouse.)
135. "Discretion is the Better Part of Valor" Award - - Tommy Gallion (After Tommy sued the State for Thomas, Means & Gillis on a claim for atty fees, the Governor, following long resistance, exercised wise discretion in caving just before Gallion was to take his deposition.)
136. "Diary of a Mad Police Wife" Award - - Tyrone Means (Represented the County in connection with the discipline of a Community Corrections employee who Tased her husband)
137. "Creativity" Award - - Richard Allen (Upgraded prison maintenance with money from energy cost savings.)
138. "Father of the Bride" Award - - Paul DeLaitsch, Lanier Branch and Lewis Gillis (Business was so bad this year, real estate lawyers Paul and Lanier had to marry off their lovely daughters for reverse doweries, but no dowry was required for Lewis' doctor daughter.)
139. "Bonnie and Clyde" Award - - Susan James and Jeff Duffey (They roam the State helping the wrongfully charged escape the overreaching grasp of law enforcement.)
140. "Wild Thing" Award - - Bill Espy (Heads home after work, puts on his PJs, and watches his shows)
141. "Here Comes the Sun" Award - - Chief Justice Sue Bell Cobb (The quality of her service and the force of her personality and charm fan the flickering hopes of Democrats statewide.)
142. "Cutest (Male) Lawyer" Award - - Matt Beam, Bill Robertson, Judge Will O'Rear, and Josh Mandell
143. "Cutest (Male) Lawyer Over 40" Award - - Louis Franklin
144. "Cutest (Male) Lawyer Over 50" Award - - Lee Copeland, Randy James, and Judge Truman Hobbs, Jr.
145. "Cutest (Male) Lawyer Over 60" Award - - Judge Myron Thompson, Joe Espy, and Dave Boyd
146. "Cutest (Male) Lawyer Over 70" Award - - Jim Scott, Richard Gill, Dickie Ball, and Alan Rothfeder
147. "Cutest (Male) Lawyer Over 80" Award - - Red Bell
148. "Cutest (Female) Lawyers Over 21" Award² - - Brooke Emfinger Reid, Judge Tracy McCooey, Judge Delores Boyd, Joana Ellis, Suzie Edwards, Quin Segall, Mary Pat Crook, Alyce Robertson, Judge Pam Higgins, Joi Montiel, Johnnie Smith, Kelly Pate, Julie Beasley, Tiffany McCord, JoClaudia Moore, Rachel Sanders-Cochran, Susan Kennedy, Bari Levin, and Clark Morris
149. "I am Woman" Award - - Judges Tracy McCooey, Pat Warner, Anita Kelly, Sharon Yates, and Pam Higgins (They are dominating Montgomery County Courts)
150. "Only the Lonely" Award - - Judge Susan Russ Walker (The only female judge serving on the Middle District Court.)
151. "The Candy Man Can" Award - - Jay Lewis (Jay represents the car salesman known as "Dan Dan, the Nissan Man" in a lawsuit against his former employer.)
152. "The Incredible Hulk" Award - - Larry Golston (Elected this year as president, Larry has become a hulking presence within the Alabama Lawyers Association.)

² See footnote number 1.

153. "Alice In Wonderland" Award - - Alice Ann Byrne, Alice Maples Henley, and Alice Skinner (You decide which Alice lives in Wonderland.)
154. "Can't Buy Me Love" Award - - Justice Tom Parker (Overcame opposition from members of his own Court to win re-election.)
155. "One Life To Live" Award - - Kevin Davidson and William Whatley (That life will be spent in prison without chance for parole. A father Kevin prosecuted, and William defended, was convicted of the capital murder of his 3 year old son.)
156. "2010 Tiger Woods" Award - - Jo (Over)Parr
157. "Billy Bob" Award - - Mary Pat Crook, Betty Bobbitt Byrne, Joe Seawell Moore, Alice Ann Byrne, George Tough Guy Azar, and other lawyers called by double (or triple) names.
158. "Patience is a Virtue" Award - - Jim Sumner and Hugh Evans (As Ethics Commission Director and General Counsel, they've patiently waited for subpoena, and other investigatory, power - - and now they are likely to receive it.)
159. "Ship Ahoy" Award - - Ben Farrow (Before his move to Mtgy, Ben was an Admiralty lawyer in New Orleans.)
160. "Double Dipping (in a good way)" Award - - Kelly Adams (Judge Terry Moorers's permanent staff attorney is also a Captain in the National Guard.)
161. "A Bomb" Award - - Al Agricola (Defended Gov. Riley's effort to kill Democratic Party by ending 27 year practice of deducting AEA and Ala. State Employees Association voluntary pac contributions from employees' pay check.)
162. "Thirty Rock" Award - - David Martin, Ben Espy, McDowell Crook, Kelly Pate, Austin Huffaker, Ben Schoettker, Emily Marks, Karen Laneaux, Charlanna Spencer, Saxon Main, Alan Hargrove, Jay Tuley, Matt Beam, Kendall Dunson, Roman Shaul, Bobby Poundstone, George Parker, Paul Clark, Grant Sexton, JoClaudia Moore, Matthew Shaddrix, Clay Barnett, Navan Ward, and Sabra Barnett. (Lawyers in their thirties who rock at their profession.)
163. "Twenty Bops" Award - - Quin Segall, Allen Sheehan, Misty Fairbanks, Jamie Hill, Will Parker, Morgan Goodwin Arrington, Ashley Penhale, Bill Espy, Steve Frisby, Katie Langer, Nick Jones, Matt Griffith, Parker Miller, and Neal Farmer (Lawyers in their twenties with great potential.)
164. "Sweet Caroline" Award - - Dennis Nabors and Tabor Novak (Dennis' daughter, Caroline, got married this year, and Tabor and his wonderful wife, Caroline, celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary.)
165. "But Baby Won't You Look at Me Now" Award - - Aimee Smith (After an inauspicious beginning as Tommy Gallion's legal assistant, she has developed into a successful lawyer on her own.)
166. "The Wolfman" Award - - John Scott, John Weiss, Bill Blanchard, Jeff Duffey, Flynn Mazingo, Judge Gene Reese, Jim Smith, Eddie Parker, Gary Atchison, Judge Bill Gordon, Lister Hubbard and other lawyers who have, or had, (all kinds of) beards.
167. "Eating for Three" Award - - Kelly Pate (She's doubling her fun by eating for herself and the twins she'll give birth to later this year or early next year.)
168. "Most Eligible Bachelor" Award - - John Marsh and Will Cunningham
169. "Warren Buffet" Award - - Allen Sheehan (Allen perfected an old investment strategy - "a penny saved" - by living with his parents (maybe a little too long), saving his money, and, this year, buying a home.)
170. "Horse and Carriage" Award - - Grant Sexton and Anne Adams (Love and marriage - They got married this year - but not to each other.)
171. "Got To Get You Into My Life" Award - - (Former) Justice Mark Kennedy (Many Democrats are hoping Justice Kennedy will become the next Chair of the Alabama Democratic Party.)
172. "You Will Meet a Tall Dark Stranger" Award - - Laurel Crawford ("But no one said he would be pointing a gun at me." Laurel happily escaped an armed hold up this year.)
173. "Donald Trump" Award - - Michael Fritz (Just as the Donald once started a football league, Michael successfully started an Ultimate Frisbee League - and with all due modesty, named his team "Fritzbee".)

174. "David Bronner" Award - - Jamie Durham (As president of the Capri Community Film Society, she led the Capri's successful effort to buy its own building.)
175. "Vanzetta McPherson Columnist" Award - - Justice Tom Parker, Tommy Gallion, Mary Bauer, Anita Archie, Don Nolte, Bart Spung, Jim Smith and other Lawyers who shared their many views in Alabama Voices columns this year
176. "Please Mr. Postman" Award - - Win Johnson, Grif Sikes, Greg Griffin, McDowell Crook, William Gill, Mark Chambless, Boyd Campbell and other Lawyers who espoused their views through letters to the editor (Chris Weller mostly restrained himself probably due to Julie's race for the Court.)
177. "Should Have Been a Judge" Award - - Fairley McDonald, Anne Pearson, Rachel Sanders, and Susan Copeland (General Counsel of the Insurance Department and long time present and past appellate court staff attorneys would, and perhaps will, make good appellate judges.)
178. "Workaholics Anonymous" Award - - Bob Thorington (And, he's been addicted for a pretty long time)
179. "Biggest Heels" Award - - Judge Truman Hobbs, Sr., Judge Truman Hobbs, Jr., David Martin, Bruce Downey, Katherine Luders, Scott Pierce and other graduates of UNC Chapel Hill
180. "Colonial Bank Toxic Assets" Award - - Anita Archie (As Chair of the Ala. Environmental Management Commission, she regulated toxic assets.)
181. "Best Actor" Award - - John Hagood (This executive legal counsel to ADEM gave a great performance as the Department's Acting Director before a permanent Dir. was named.)
182. "Finding Martha's Place" Award - - Terry Davis (Terry bought several copies of "Finding Martha's Place", an autobiography about how the owner of Martha's Place Restaurant, Terry's close friend, overcame depression.)
183. "Equal Opportunity Critic" Award - - Judge Vanzetta McPherson (In one column, she lambasted the Governor, the Democratic majority in the Alabama Legislature, and the Alabama Supreme Court for Hypocrisy.)
184. "Sly As a Fox" Award - - Greg Davis and Dan Taliaferro (During trial, they reached a high-low settlement agreement, so that their ensuing jury verdict of \$2.5 million - which was lower than the high in the settlement - could not be appealed.)
185. "For Whom the Bell Tolls" Award - Tom Azar and Jon Taylor (Despite their gallant efforts, their client was convicted of capital murder and sentenced to death.)
186. "College Boy" Award - - Jim Beck (Jim just bought a house this year on College Street.)
187. "E is for Effort" Award - - Stephen Dees (Stephen once tried out as quarterback for Montgomery's now defunct semipro football team.)
188. "Soul Survivor" Award - - Phil Butler (He represents the Poarch Creek Indians, the last souls in Alabama who can operate a gaming facility.)
189. "A House Divided" Award - Kenny Mendelsohn and Tyrone Means (Kenny represents our DA in a dispute with Tyrone's - and Gallion's - client, the County Commission, over whether the DA is part of law enforcement and, thus, not subject to the County's hiring freeze.)
190. "Limited Return Engagement" Award - - Mark Englehart (Working with his former firm, Thomas, Means & Gillis, in the defense of Senator Quinton Ross)
191. "Best All Around Lawyer" Award - - Doyle Fuller and Susan Copeland (Working together, they're really good at civil and criminal cases, and, if pressed, can do transactional work.)
192. "Extraordinary Measures" Award - - Jimmy Fry, Larry Gardella, Debra Hansen, Jim Smith, Eileen Harris and other Legal Services Alabama lawyers (They go to extraordinary lengths, and take extraordinary measures, to help their low income clients.)
193. "Alpha Males" Award - - Al Scott, Tommy Treadwell, Jeff Bradwell, Terry McCollum and other male lawyers who work for Alfa. (The most Alpha of all Alfa males, Thad Salmon, sadly died this year.)
194. "Alpha Female" Award - - Angela Cooner (The Alpha, and only, female lawyer working for Alfa.)
195. "Alfa In-Law" Award - - Ed Parrish (Ed's wife, Julie, is in charge of Re-insurance for Alfa.)

196. "Extreme Makeover" Award - - Eddie Parker and Don Jones (Two former Balch lawyers have been made over: Eddie from a defense lawyer to a plaintiffs' lawyer, and Don from a civil lawyer to a civil-criminal lawyer.)
197. "Leap Year" Award - - Rick Neal and Chris Smith (Rick leaped this year from General Counsel at Hyundai to the overseer of many departments including legal, and Chris leaped to the head of the legal department.)
198. "Burning Bridges" Award - - Julian McPhillips and Alfred Norris (They weren't trying to make friends when they sued the City alleging that the Montgomery Police Department had abused 3 disabled people.)
199. "Party Down" Award - - Bob Hill (General Counsel for the ABC Board helped negotiate an agreement between the Board and the City to create a "Party District" downtown.)
200. "The Sands of Time" Award - - John Wilkerson (A walking history book, our Clerk of the Court of Civil Appeals since 1975 wrote an *Alabama Lawyer* Article on the history of Jones Law School where he taught as an adjunct from 1972 - 2001.)
201. "Charity Begins at Home" Award - - Inge Hill, Tyrone Means, Milton Davis, John Henig, and Samarria Dunson (They serve on the Bd of the Central Alabama Community Foundation attempting to provide for the needs of folks in our community.)
202. "Flirting With Forty" Award - - McDowell and Mary Pat Crook (McDowell was so intent on acclimating himself to becoming 40 in the future that he accidentally added a year to his age. When young Mary Pat discovered the error, McDowell's depression transformed into birthday party time.)
203. "Blame It on Rio (or Reed)" Award - - Kenny Thomas (Ala. State University lawyer blamed 5 employment lawsuits against ASU on Joe Reed.)
204. "Nostradamus" Award - - Dennis Baily (When the Open Meetings Act passed in 2005, Dennis, the great prognosticator, predicted officials would get around the Act by holding serial meetings - - Bingo!)
205. "Sleight Of Hand" Award - - Carrie Gray (Assistant DA prosecuted rapist who pled guilty to raping 3 women and got 180 years- what would he have received if convicted?)
206. "Win-Win" Award - - John Kachelman and Mickey McDermott (John prosecuted, and Mickey defended, a charge of capital murder for a shooting at the Rose Supper Club. The felony murder conviction, even with life without, was a victory for both lawyers.)
207. "Majority Rules" Award - - Grif Sikes (In a letter to the newspaper, Grif said "not always". In a representative govt, Grif wrote, legislators are not a proxy for the majority, but rather a check on majority's excesses.)
208. "I Feel Fine" Award - - Julie Weller (Now that her well-fought, but ultimately unsuccessful, campaign for Circuit Judge is over, she feels Weller than before.)
209. "People's Choice" Award - - Ham Wilson (Ran unopposed for County Commissioner and returned 25% of his discretionary money because, he said, County employees had not received a raise in 3 years - sounds like Ham wants to be re-elected.)
210. "(Likely Not the) People's Choice" Award - - Mary Bauer (Legal Director of the Southern Poverty Law Center wrote a column saying Arizona's new immigration statute is "brazenly" unconstitutional - probably would not run unopposed for political office in Alabama.)
211. "Life Begins at 65" Award - - Judge Bill Gordon (In his new life as Volunteer Extra ordinaire, Judge Gordon this year received the "Senior Volunteer of the Year" award from the Junior League.)
212. "Hope Springs Eternal" Award - - John Olszewski (John's daughter, Hope, organized sports events to raise money for the Humane Society and was named "Junior Volunteer of the Year" by the Junior League.)
213. "Federal Case" Award - - Dr. Jim Vickrey (He made a "federal case" out of a speeding ticket by appealing to the Ala. Court of Criminal Appeals and attacking the constitutionality of a conviction based on a radar read out.)
214. "Flattery (hopefully) Will Get You Everywhere" Award - - Greg Griffin, LaBarron Boone and Justice Mark Kennedy (In a letter to the Editor, Greg proposed that CJ Sue Bell Cobb be appointed to replace Justice Stevens on the US Supreme Ct; while La Barron and Justice Kennedy toasted Judge Price at the March of Dimes Banquet.)
215. "Hooked" Award - - Craig Cornwell (To support Alabama rivers and clean water and to memorialize a young man who loved fishing, Craig led an effort to redesign a large fishing lure as a permanent display for Mtgy's Riverfront.)

216. "And The Winner Is" Award - - David Martin and Felicia Long (As President, and Chair of the Selection Committee, respectively, of the Jimmy Hitchcock Memorial Awards, they got to announce the winners this year)
217. "Easter" Award - - Charles Edmondson (In connection with representing the owner of several properties on lower Dexter Ave., Charles said he prays for Downtown Montgomery to "come back to life".)
218. "The A-Team" Award - - Dan Morris, Rosa Davis, Pat Roberts, Margaret Fleming, Clay Crenshaw, David Bjurberg, Robert Tambling, Julie Weller, Bill Garrett, Bruce Lieberman, Brenda Smith, Bill Lisenby, and (still after all these years) Don Valeska (They provide day to day leadership within the AG's office.)
219. "High Society" Award - Anne Pearson, Judge Mark Fuller, Dennis Bailey, Dee Miles, Kent Garrett, Tim Lewis, Eddie Parker (These - except for Anne and the Judge - reprobates are the parents of debutantes.)
220. "The Greatest Form of Flattery" Award - - Dave Boyd (His representation of Exxon against the State resulted in his firm's being asked - but declining - to represent the State against BP.)
221. "Mother Earth" Award - - Angie Rogers (Had her fourth child this year, and then left her partner's position at Bradley Arant to open her own firm in Greenville where she grew up.)
222. "Geek" Award - - Lynn Mokray (A civilian attorney at Maxwell, Lynn won an award for using technology to save money and increase efficiency.)
223. "Term Limits" Award - - Bill Robertson (As Alabama's Young Lawyers' Section President for the last two years, Bill is expected at some point to age out of his position.)
224. "Tongue Twister" Award - Robert Sasser and Pat Sefton (Honored for challenging Montgomery's Bar to pronounce their firm's name, Sasser Sefton, three times without faltering.)
225. "Rookie" Award - - Heather Baxley, Laura Betts, Laura Clemons, Chris Colee, Mark Griffin, Leigh Haynie, Safiya Ingram, Katie Langer, Beverly Maderra, Leslie Pittman, Jennifer Smith, Reed Williams, See Soek Yang and other new members of the Montgomery County Bar Association
226. "Sticks and Stones" Award - - Joe Hubbard (In connection with Joe's successful run for the State House of Representatives, the Republican party ran a "push-poll" falsely stating that Joe represented corrupt public officials and (horror of horrors) sued local businesses.)
227. "The Beatles' Come Together" Award - - Richard Garrett and Doyle Fuller (They attended their 45th anniversary reunion from Lee High School where Richard reflected on 43 classmates who have died since graduation.)
228. "Aphrodisiac" Award - - Anne Elizabeth McGowin (As coordinator of the State Recovery Office, she oversees the implementation of the Stimulus legislation.)
229. "Never Let Me Go" Award - - Judges Les Hayes, Darron Hendley, and Karen Knight(They happily retained their positions as Municipal Judges after a committee headed by Judge Vanzetta McPherson, and including Charlie Paterson, recommended going from 4 part-time to 2 full-time city judges.)
230. "We Support Our Friends" Award - - Charlie Paterson and Robin Laurie (Charlie, Robin, and their Balch & Bingham partners took Troy King's AND the Governor's side in the dispute over suing BP for its oil spill.)
231. "Brother's Keeper" Award - - Todd Brown (Since a tragic accident resulted in a severe injury to his brother, police officer David Brown, Todd has been his brother's advocate and spokesperson.)
232. "A Match Made in Heaven" Award - - Sarah Bell (Sarah met her fiancé at a Bible study group.)
233. "Child Prodigy" Award - - Scott Mitchell (Staff Atty for Chief Justice Sue Bell Cobb is the youngest Chairman of the Bd of Trustees in the history of Erskine College. He's 84 - kidding!)
234. "Children On My Mind" Award - - Jim Edwards (Became a first time grandfather, and as President of the Trinity Bd of Trustees, he broke ground on a new lower school building.)
235. "Thoughts and Prayers" Award - - Robert Ward and Kent Garrett (Our thoughts and prayers are with them as they continue their wonderful recoveries from serious illnesses.)

236. “J.R. Ewing Oil Man” Award - - Rhon Jones (Selected by federal judge as part of Plaintiffs’ Steering Committee to oversee consolidated litigation against BP.)³

237. “Queen Maker” Award - - Joe Reed (When winning Democratic candidate for Jefferson County Circuit Judge withdrew, Joe led successful effort to secure the position for Elizabeth French over the incumbent Nikki Still.)

238. “Solitary Man” Award - - Marvin Campbell, Larry Menefee, Ron Wise, Tommy Goggans, Frank Wilson, Knox Argo, Roy Goldfinger, Wiley Hartley, Pete Yates, and other excellent (male) solo practitioners.

239. “Solitary Woman” Award - - Brenda Vann, Pam Cook, Judy Barganier, Virginia Lucci, Valerie Smedley, and other excellent (female) solo practitioners.

240. “Transformers” Award - - John Pickens, Shay Farley, Vaughan Branch and Jim Vickrey (Three Applesseed lawyers and a Troy University professor seeking to transform our outdated constitution into one that is consumer friendly.)

241. “The Transporter” Award - - Clay Crenshaw, Richard Anderson, Kevin Blackburn, Jon Hayden, Beth Hughes, Henry Johnson and Stephanie Reiland (Lawyers in the Capital Litigation Section of the AG’s office; their job is to transport the capitally accused to the Other Side.)

242. “The Edge of Darkness” Award - - Brian Stevenson, Kristin Nelson and other lawyers at the Equal Justice Initiative (Their job is to transport the capitally accused back from the brink.)

243. “Home is Where the Heart Is” Award - - Marion Chartoff, Judge Truman Hobbs, Jr., and Judge Tracy McCooley (The Ct of Criminal Appeals affirmed Marion’s case, and the decisions reached by Judges Hobbs and McCooley when it held invalid that part of the Community Notification Act that left folks in jail who had no money to find a place to live within the Act’s severe restrictions.)

244. “Gee, We’re Going to Miss You” Award³ - - Richard Brooks; Judge Charles Conley; ³ Jeff Foshee; Judge John Godbold; Judge Pope Gordon, Robert Huffaker; Charles Law; Anne Levin; Harry Lyles; Frank Riggs, III; Thad Salmon; Charlie Wampole; and Jesse Williams

³ The title of this award comes from a song memorializing Buddy Holly, Richie Valens and the Big Bopper written shortly after their deaths in a plane crash in 1959. The song is about their transformation into three new stars in the sky. The principal lyric in the song is “Gee we’re going to miss you. Everybody sends their love.”

The MCBA staff awards “The Woman of the Year Award” to Della Bryan, Bobby Segall’s assistant, who has helped prepare this article for publication. It is no small task to do this for a perfectionist.



Wishing you and yours holiday blessings

From your MCBA staff

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Is Your Information

Current?

Many of our members have changed firms, moved, changed names, etc. this year. As we prepare for 2011, we would appreciate your help in updating your records with the Bar. If you have had any changes in contact information, name changes, etc. please provide that to us. You can email it to suzanneduffey@mc-ala.org or dotrobinson@mc-ala.org or call 265-4793.

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1. The letter should be addressed to :

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c/o Parnell & Crum, P.A.

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2. A copy of intent to run and a short biography and photograph must be sent before December 15 to:

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