Dates to Keep In Mind

- March 3 – Employee Appreciation Day
- March 13 – Daylight Savings Time begins
- April 24-30 – Administrative Professionals Week

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On the Move…

By Kendall Dunson, President, MCBA

This month we bring good news to our membership. I recently received word that through the efforts of Judge Charles Price, we will have wireless access in the Montgomery County Courthouse. Initially we will have the service on a trial sixty-day term. After the initial sixty day term, we will assess any issues before determining what will be necessary to make the service permanent. I hope this service will benefit our membership. We are all indebted to Judge Price and those working behind the scenes to make this service a reality. More details will follow as information becomes available.

Next, MCBA’s 6th Annual Charity Event organizing committee benefitting One Place Family Justice Center is hard at work planning this year’s event. The official flyer detailing the event and sponsorship levels is included in this month’s newsletter. In addition to requesting sponsorships from our members, the organizing committee is also soliciting your help. If any member is aware of potential corporate sponsors, please contact me so we can formally request their support.

Our goal is to have the legal community leading the way; however, we want the entire River Region to participate in this event. Any assistance any member can provide in making contact with potential corporate sponsors will be greatly appreciated.

In addition to contacting and soliciting sponsors, the organizing committee is also planning the silent auction for the event. Many of our past silent auction contributors have already committed to donating items to our event again this year. We are encouraging the organizing committee to think “outside the box” in selecting silent auction items. Our goal is to offer a broad variety of items to raise as much money as possible for this very deserving charity. We will gladly accept any auction ideas or items for this event. Finally, we humbly request that our ENTIRE MCBA membership support this event with your presence on May 5, 2011 at Wynlakes Country Club from 6:00-9:00 p.m. See you there!

Kendall
Volunteers Needed to Judge Local Competitions

Jones School of Law is hosting a regional tournament for this year’s AAJ Student Trial Advocacy Competition March 3–6. Eighteen teams from eleven law schools around the Southeast will be in Montgomery to compete in this mock trial tournament. Jones’ Board of Advocates is in need of approximately 150 local attorneys to volunteer to judge various rounds of this competition.

Each trial will have a panel of 3-5 judges that will be seated in the jury box. Judges will be given evaluation sheets and general instructions on how to judge the advocates. After each round, judges will have an opportunity to make comments and critique the advocates. Each round will last about 2-3 hours, which includes the trial, the judges’ discussion and score tallying, and the comment/critique period.

The Thursday, Friday, and Saturday rounds will take place at the Montgomery County Courthouse, and the final round on Sunday will be held at Jones School of Law. The rounds for which volunteers are needed are scheduled as follows:

Thursday, March 3 at 5:30 pm
Friday, March 4 at 5:30 pm
Saturday, March 5, 9:00 am and 1:30 pm

Please contact Joseph VanZandt to volunteer your services for this event. Joseph.vsnzandt@faulkner.edu or call 334-791-2022.

The YMCA Collegiate Judicial Conference will be held in Montgomery April 8-9 at the Federal Courthouse. This conference focuses on ethics and statesmanship in the area of law. Attendees will have the opportunity to break down a case in prosecution/plaintiff or defense teams with each team consisting of at least 3 attorneys and 3 witnesses. Attendees are judged based on their presentation of the case and demonstrated knowledge of trial procedure.

If you wish to volunteer as a judge for this conference, please contact Alan Waugh (251) 404-9393 for the registration form.

Mark your Calendar for Law Day 2011

MCBA and Jones School of Law will host a special CLE event on April 29 to kick off Law Day events. You will not want to miss this.

8:00-12:00 in the Rotunda Auditorium at Faulkner University

Speakers: Kareem Crayton, Professor of Law, University of NC “Voting Rights”, plus another speaker TBA

You must pre-register! Call 265-4793 or email dotrobinson@mc-ala.org.
Haskell, Slaughter, Young, and Rediker, LLC has named Felicia A. Long as one of three new members of the firm. Felicia is with the firm’s Montgomery office, Haskell Slaughter Young and Gallion, LLC. She was previously an associate with the firm as a member of their Litigation Practice Group in civil litigation, representing clients in a variety of litigation matters. Before joining the firm, she served as Law Clerk to Associate Justice Champ Lyons, Jr., Supreme Court of Alabama. Felicia is a graduate of Auburn University and the Thomas Goode Jones School of Law, where she served as Editor-in-Chief of the Jones Law Review. She is on the Board of Directors of the Britton YMCA in Montgomery, and she currently serves as 2nd Vice President of the Jimmy Hitchcock Memorial Award Program. She also volunteers with the Junior League of Montgomery. Congratulations, Felicia!

JSL CORNER—Debates

Submitted by Rose Metzger

Resolved: A government’s legitimacy is determined more by its respect for popular sovereignty than individual rights. The start of a Con Law or Public Policy discussion? Not Quite. For the last six years, about 200 homeschooled students from Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Tennessee have converged on Montgomery early in the year for the National Christian Forensics and Communications Association’s (NCFCA) Debate and Speech Regional Qualifying Tournament. Several years ago, one of Montgomery’s own, David Mc Croskey, went on to win the national speaker’s title for his top finishes in several speaking events. This January, I and other Jones Law students had the pleasure of judging some of the Lincoln-Douglas debates. I encourage law students and attorneys to take advantage of the opportunity next year. It was easy to project a few years into the future and envision many of these business-attired, middle and high school students stepping to the podium as law students to present oral arguments. Maybe I missed it, but I haven’t seen any newspaper reports or TV clips about the tournament or these outstanding students. This is most unfortunate, and hopefully, next year’s tournament will receive coverage. With all the negative news generated by some of today’s youth, these young people deserve public kudos, and Montgomery has a right to be proud!
2011 MCBA Annual Meeting Draws Large Attendance

Having an exceptional slate of candidates for the MCBA Board of Directors this year seemed to draw one of the largest crowds ever for the 2011 Annual Meeting. With over 175 members and guests present, the Alabama Activity Center was nearly at capacity. Immediate Past President, Paul Clark, presented certificates in memory of those attorneys in the Montgomery area who had passed away in 2010: Bob Allen, Richard Brooks, Jeffery Foshee, Pope Gordon, Robert Huffaker, Charles Law, Anne Levin, Harry Lyles, Frank Riggs, Thad Salmon, Charles Wampold, and Jesse Williams. Mike Winter introduced the lawyers who are celebrating fifty years of law practice: Sterling Culpepper, James Pons, and James Scott.

The newly elected Board of Directors members are Cowin Knowles of Ball, Ball, Matthews, and Novak, P.A., and David Martin with Copeland, Franco, Screws, and Gill, P.A. Congratulations to Cowin and David! Kendall Dunson became MCBA’s first African American President in the history of the organization. Mike Winter was elected Secretary/Treasurer.

Left: 2010 President, Paul Clark calls the meeting to order.

Above, members applaud James Pons, James Scott, and Sterling Culpepper for their fifty years of law practice.

Left, 2011 President, Kendall Dunson addresses the members.
The Montgomery County Bar Association
6th Annual Charity Event
Benefitting
The One Place Family Justice Center
May 5, 2011
6:00-9:00 p.m.
Wynlakes Country Club
Sponsor Levels
Platinum Sponsor: $2,000 (12 complimentary tickets)
Gold Sponsor: $1,000 (8 complimentary tickets)
Silver Sponsor: $500 (4 complimentary tickets)
Bronze Sponsor: $250 (2 complimentary tickets)

Please complete this form and mail with your sponsor check to MCBA, P.O. Box 72,
Montgomery, AL 36101-0072

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Make sponsor checks to Alabama Civil Justice Foundation for tax deduction purposes.
It’s All About Saving Lives

The Montgomery County District Attorney’s Role in the One Place Family Justice Center

By Ellen Brooks, Montgomery County District Attorney, & Daryl Bailey, Chief Deputy District Attorney

-Susan and her two children have been repeatedly abused by her husband. They need immediate protection, access to the family home and bank account, information on a shelter, counseling, and legal advice, but she doesn’t know where to begin or how to pay for these services.

-Joe is 89 years old and has been physically abused by his grandson who also steals his money. Joe doesn’t know where to go for help. He is embarrassed by this whole situation and afraid they will force him into a nursing home.

-Rachael has just been raped by her boyfriend. She needs a sexual assault exam to collect important evidence, a shower, change of clothes and counseling.

Susan, Susan’s children, Joe and Rachael are facing problems common to victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and elder abuse; their needs are not being adequately met by the criminal justice system. Their stories are played out in Montgomery almost every day. We are losing too many lives to violence and incarceration. It’s all about saving lives.

Montgomery is blessed to have a number of effective community agencies offering services. However, too many victims never fully benefit because they give up trying to determine what is available, where, how to get there and how to pay for help. But there is a better way – a Family Justice Center.

One Place Family Justice Center, the first in Alabama, is a “one-stop shop” in Montgomery serving victims of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual assault and the exploited elderly. One Place co-locates existing agency services to provide the emergency, medical, counseling, advocate and legal needs of victims. More than twenty state and local agencies partner with One Place to make it a truly collaborative project.

At the opening in October of 2010, One Place was the only Family Justice Center in the nation that began without a federal grant. One Place was able to open, and is now able to operate, only because of the generosity of its funders and supporters, including the Montgomery County Commission, City of Montgomery, and Montgomery County Bar Association.

A wide range of legal services are provided to victims through the Montgomery County District Attorney’s Office, Legal Services of Alabama, and the Family Violence Clinic of Jones School of Law. The Montgomery County District Attorney’s Office houses its Family Justice Unit on-site at One Place. The Family Justice Unit is comprised of two Deputy District Attorneys, Kevin Davidson, and Carrie Gray, who specialize in vertical prosecution of crimes of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse and exploitation of elderly. The prosecutors and victims are supported by Administrative Assistant Yolonda Debardelaben and Victim Services Officer Crystal Taylor (VSO) who assists the victim throughout the legal process by providing information on prosecution immediately after the crime occurs, attending court with the victim, and coordinating regular meetings between the victim and the prosecutor.

By easing the burden on victims and enabling them to access many resources at one time, at one location, we have increased communication and coordination among prosecutors and other on-site partners, including law enforcement, sexual assault forensic nurse examiners, civil attorneys, and other advocates. Communication occurs face-to-face on a daily basis, and collaboration can commence earlier. Prosecutors meet victims at the time of reporting the crime and are able to talk to the officers and nurses immediately to learn about the case and to provide guidance.

For the victim who frequently is in need of legal counsel to petition family courts for protection from abuse, divorce, and child custody and/or child support, attorneys from Legal Services of Alabama are located down the hall. Jones School of Law students from the Family Violence Law Clinic are also available to assist with protection from abuse petitions. Even if a victim is not ready to report the crime, she or he may obtain the help of the partners, such as applying for a protection from abuse order or responding to an eviction notice. The idea is to envelop the victim with services and resources to increase safety, stop the cycle of violence and get the victim and family all the assistance needed.

On behalf of all those who will benefit from One Place Family Justice Center, thank you, fellow members of the Montgomery County Bar Association, for supporting One Place and helping serve victims of crime in a better and more efficient manner. It’s all about saving lives.

One Place Family Justice Center is located at 530 South Lawrence Street Montgomery, Alabama 36104. The telephone number is (334)262-7378.
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The 2011 Annual Meeting and luncheon at the Alabama Activity Center was well attended.

Below, Paul Clark accepts a plaque of appreciation from Incoming President, Kendall Dunson.

Left, Members turned out in record numbers to cast their votes for the two open positions on the MCBA Board of Directors.
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