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Team Work Pays Off!

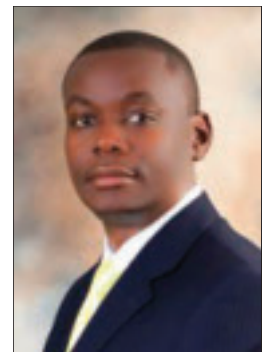
The 2011 Spring Charity Event was a huge success! Our membership, as well as various community leaders, enjoyed a fun-filled Cinco de Mayo celebration. As many as two hundred attendees were entertained by the Fountain City band, ate great food and enjoyed friends and colleagues, all while raising money to benefit a deserving local charity. One Place Family Justice Center, the recipient of the charity proceeds, is an important intervention tool in our community's commitment to servicing victims of domestic violence, and elder and child abuse. With the help of our very generous sponsors, we raised over \$35,000.00 to assist One Place in providing a vital support network. Please see a list of the sponsors on pages 2-4.

While our bar association is proud of the success of our spring charity, we also remember Alabamians who fell victim to the state's

recent devastating storms. While financial contributions are important, you also have the ability to provide pro bono services as our neighbors attempt to put the pieces back together. If you would like to volunteer your time and services, please contact the Alabama State Bar's Volunteer Lawyer Program at 334-269-1515.

On May 4, 1961 the Freedom Riders left Washington, D.C. to desegregate buses and bus terminals across the South, beginning the mission that would change the country and impact the world. This year marks the 50th anniversary of their historic experiences. In recognition and celebration of their courage, MCBA will co-host a program on June 8 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. The featured speaker will be Jack Bass, author of *Unlikely Heroes* and *Taming the Storm*. His books feature judicial decisions that af-

firmed desegregation and other anti-discrimination orders. *Taming the Storm* is about the life of Judge Frank M. Johnson, Jr., former presiding judge of the Middle District of Alabama. Judge Johnson was noted for his civil rights decisions, including all of Alabama's desegregation cases. Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis was the editor. The program has been tentatively approved for 1 ½ hours of CLE credit. More information will follow soon. Finally, please don't forget to take advantage of our regularly scheduled, complimentary CLE opportunities.



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Cinco de Mayo! A Great Success!

The Montgomery County Bar Association's 6th Annual Spring Charity Auction was held May 5th at Wyn-lakes Country Club. With a Cinco de Mayo theme, the elaborate decorations of Creative Events set the tone for a high-energy fun evening. The traditional silent auction offered a plethora of quality items including sports memorabilia, spa packages, and antiques. J.M. Wood and Co. gave their time and talent to conduct the live auction portion of the evening, which was immensely entertaining for all. The Fountain City Players provided the best dance music which inspired even the District Attorney to get up and line dance! The energy of the evening was only surpassed by the generosity of those present bidding on items to raise approximately \$35,000 for the One Place Family Justice Center. We appreciate everyone who supported this event.



Senorita Ellen Brooks was in a festive mood, shown with Wes Shaw and Jon Moody.



Matador Sean Mc Tear took the bull by the horns.

Upper right:
Guests were
greeted with a
volcano and pi-
ñatas upon arri-
val.

Lower right: Jock
Smith and event
decorator Chris
Donaldson enjoy
the festivities.



Presiding Judge Rules in Favor of OPFJC

When Ellen Brooks was trying to raise money for Flip Flop Friday* benefiting the One Place Family Justice Center, she called on Presiding Judge Charles Price to pave the way. Judge Price challenged the District Attorney's Office by agreeing to wear flip flops and blue jeans on Friday May 13th if the Office could raise at least \$500 to see this impossibility.

Now you may not think this is such a big deal, but for Judge Price it is monumental. Judge Price holds the court in such high esteem that in his 28 years on the bench he has never entered the courthouse in casual clothes. In fact he has issued administrative orders ensuring appropriate attire is worn in the courthouse by everyone.

Determined to see this one time only occasion, members of the DA staff more than met the goal and collected over \$1100 for the FJC. Good to his word, Judge Price joined Ellen and donned the attire of the day!

Thank you Judge Price for helping us help others!

* Flip Flop Friday is an annual fundraiser sponsored by Wilson Price Connections. This year Connections presented to One Place a check for \$12,000. Their support is deeply appreciated.



Job Posting: Director of Pre-Trial Diversion Program

The Montgomery County District Attorney's Office seeks a person with the requisite experience and qualifications to fill the position of **Director of Pre-Trial Diversion** (PTD). The Director will represent, manage and coordinate the activities of the PTD program. The Director will work with the Citizens Advisory Committee on Prosecution and coordinate with judges, attorneys, law enforcement, social service agencies, counselors, and victims. A Bachelors degree in Criminal Justice, Psychology, Social Work, Management or a closely related field is required. A J.D. or Masters Degree is preferred or equivalent knowledge and skill gained through at least 3 years of administrative and investigative experience in a related field such as criminal justice, social work, probation or counseling. Knowledge or experience in law enforcement is beneficial. This is a non-merit County position with benefits. Starting salary is \$71,500. For a detailed job description please visit our website at www.mc-ala.org/da.

Please send resume along with a cover letter via mail, fax or email by June 17, 2011 to: Montgomery County District Attorney
Attn: Rhonda Cape, P.O. Box 1667, Montgomery, Alabama 36102

Email: rhondacape@mc-ala.org

Fax: (334) 832-7703

2011 LAW DAY SEMINAR ENLIGHTENING

On April 29 MCBA and Jones School of Law sponsored a Law Day Seminar at Faulkner University. Dr. Kareem Crayton, Associate Professor of Law at the University of North Carolina, gave a very enlightening presentation, "Race, Politics, and Voting: Current Issues in Redistricting and the Voting Rights Act". Joe Van Heest, former Montgomery Attorney and current chief of the Tuscaloosa County Public Defenders office, presented the Law Day theme address, "Rights of the Accused: From John Adams to Guantanamo Bay." We appreciate both of these men coming to speak for our seminar. We appreciate Jones School of Law and Faulkner University partnering with us and providing an outstanding facility for us to use.

Pictured top right: Jim and Gail Hampton, Shirley Brown, and Holly Sharp listen to the speaker.

Center: Jayne H. Williams greets former classmate, Dr. Kareem Crayton.

Pictured bottom: Joe Van Heest



SPECIAL THANKS TO SPECIAL PEOPLE

The adage "many hands make light work" surely rang true in regards to our Cinco de Mayo fundraiser. Our president, Kendall Dunson, and his wife, Samarria, poured their hearts into this event. Their involvement made a tremendous difference. Vice President Mike Winter also was instrumental in securing some donations and in planning.

Allen Sheehan was at the forefront

leading the Young Lawyers in their involvement. John Marsh, Kyle Weidman, Mark Moody, Will Cunningham, James and Laura Eubank, and Danielle Mason all contributed their time, talents, and efforts to make things go well.

Legal secretaries Wendy Thornton, Angela Talley, and Trudi Letchworth from Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis, and Miles, P.C. and Kelley

Tracy from Holtsford, Gilliland, Higgins, and Hitson, P.C. volunteered their time to help with the registration process at the event. Also, thanks to Meredith Dunn from Freedom Court Reporting.

We also thank Lashandra Warren and Tamika Miller, both assistants to Judge Price, for their hard work in securing many of the auction items and door prizes.



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UPCOMING CLE OPPORTUNITIES

Below are listed the CLE seminars for this summer. For seminars scheduled for the fall, check our website, www.mcbar.org. There are no seminars in July, and there will not be a Docket published for July.

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| 6/3 | 11:00-12:00 | "Issues Involving Pardons and Paroles: Privileges, Pardon Questions, Revocation, etc." - Dana Pittman, Asst. Attorney General, Board of Pardons and Paroles |
| 6/17 | 11:00-12:00 | "Civil Procedure: Personal Jurisdiction after <u>Goodyear</u> and <u>Nicastro</u> " - Prof. Charles Campbell, Jones School of Law |
| 8/12 | 11:00-12:00 | "Domestic Relations- Case Law Update" - Kathleen Brown |
| 8/26 | 11:00-12:00 | "The Basics of Filing Criminal Appeals" - Aimee C. Smith |

To preregister, email Dot Robinson (dotrobinson@mc-ala.org) or call 265-4793.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

MCBA welcomes two new members. **Michael Caddell** is now with the Montgomery County District Attorney's Office. **William Reid Strickland** is serving as of counsel to Mitchell D. Dobbs, Attorney and Counselor at Law.

Congratulations to **R. Brett Garrett**! Brett is a new shareholder at Rushton, Stakely, Johnston, & Garrett, P.A. he joined the firm as an associate in 2004. As a member of the litigation practice group, he handles a wide range of litigation matters, with his primary focus on professional liability and general casualty insurance defense.