The first half of this year has been very successful for MCBA. I define success as serving our members and using our members to serve the greater community. MCBA has a host of events scheduled for the remainder of this year designed to serve its members. The annual Bench & Bar is scheduled for October 14, 2011. We are looking forward to entertaining and educating the membership with engaging speakers. The Bench & Bar also allows the membership the opportunity to interact with judges and counsel from the river region. Future Docket articles will provide specifics for this year’s Bench & Bar.

I would like to reiterate that your membership dues include access to MCBA’s continuing legal education presentations. MCBA offers a wide range of topics to satisfy our entire membership from civil and criminal practice issues to ethics. It is possible to satisfy your CLE requirements without leaving Montgomery County. Please take advantage of these opportunities. While we publish the CLE schedule in the Docket, you may also refer to MCBA website at www.mcbar.org under the “Continuing Legal Education” tab.

MCBA continues to encourage its members to register for the Volunteer Lawyer Program ("VLP") with the Alabama State Bar. The VLP has been a huge success. Anyone interested in registering for the VLP need only contact MCBA or the Alabama State Bar. We will continue to have registration information at MCBA events. In addition to the VLP, MCBA is partnering with other voluntary attorney assistance programs in the county. MCBA is partnering with local charities and churches for the purpose of identifying situations where free legal services are needed and determining the best possible means of delivering those services. Whether it is with the VLP or other programs we are always in need of attorneys looking to serve the community. We look forward to seeing you at a future MCBA event.

2011 Bench and Bar Conference Plans Underway

Montgomery County Bar Association’s Bench and Bar Conference and Golf Tournament plans are taking shape quickly. Mike Winter is organizing the CLE program. Guy Holton, who has helped organize many golf tournaments, has volunteered to organize the golf tournament this year. Watch for more information from Guy in the form of e-mail soon that will detail the event.
MCBA Presents $37,500 to One Place Family Justice Center

MCBA President, Kendall Dunson, presented the check for $37,500 to Montgomery County District Attorney Ellen Brooks and One Place Family Justice Center Director, Steve Searcy on June 15. Pictured left to right: Ellen Brooks, Mike Winter (MCBA Vice President), Kendall Dunson, Steve Searcy, Ben Schoettker (MCBA Board member), Cowin Knowles (MCBA Board member), and Allen Sheehan (Young Lawyer’s Section, MCBA)

The Cinco de Mayo Charity Auction was the most successful fundraiser the MCBA has hosted. We appreciate all the sponsors and those who attended the event.

Left, Kendall Dunson accepts the plaque of appreciation for Beasley Allen, our Diamond Sponsor.

Right, Melissa Isaak and Jamie Johnston accept the appreciation plaque for Frank M. Wilson, our Sapphire Sponsor.

Bottom left, Felicia Long accepts the appreciation plaque for Haskell Slaughter, our Platinum Sponsor.

Right, Samarria and Kendall Dunson, Suzanne Duffey, and Allen Sheehan accept plaques recognizing their contributions to the successful benefit.
Thank You, MCBA!

July 13, 2011

Dear MCBA Members:

It is with an enormous amount of gratitude that I write this letter to you on behalf of the One Place Board of Directors, partner agencies and especially the clients. Your generous efforts, time, talents and financial gift help make the mission of One Place Family Justice Center a reality. Every contribution is important and needed. Your gift of technology will allow our partners to connect and enhance the services to the victims we serve. We will obtain software, a phone system and language line services. This digital thread will connect the civil attorneys and the prosecuting attorneys to their clients. The thread you provided is the size of a rope that will bring hope to hundreds for years to come.

One Place Family Justice Center is all about hope, help and healing. We opened our doors on October 29, 2010 and saw our first client that afternoon after all the grand opening festivities. We have served over 531 victims. We know there are many more victims to be served, lives to be saved, pain to ease and ways to make a difference. Through your support and the support of our community we are making victims feel they are not alone. Thank you for caring.

Sincerely,

Steve Searcy

Steve Searcy
Executive Director
One Place Family Justice Center

MCBA Membership Perks

Did you know that MCBA members may reserve a conference room in the Law Library for depositions or to use a “home base” during trials? You may reserve a room by emailing Dot (dotrobinson@mc-ala.org) or calling 265-4793. We are happy for you to use the rooms, but you do need to make a reservation.

Also, the MCBA Administrative Assistant, Dot Robinson, is a Notary Public. There is no charge for notarizing papers for our members and their clients.

The MCBA Staff can copy documents for you; the cost is $0.25 per page.

We also offer free coffee to our members. Drop by the Law Library and have a cup with us.
Helping Montgomery Families Initiative (HMFI)- Making a Difference 
One Child At A Time—by Sandra Edwards, Executive Director

Steve

Steve was a 10 year old student in the 3rd grade at the time of the referral during the 2009-2010 school term. He had three suspensions, two for fighting, and one for harassment at the time of the assessment. After the assessment, he received two additional suspensions, for a total of five. Steve’s case was presented to our Multi-Disciplinary Team (MDT) and an Individualized Intervention Plan (IIP) was prescribed to link him to services that may address his inappropriate behaviors.

The IIP included a behavioral assessment/evaluation and individual counseling with a partner agency for Steve. In addition, he was also linked to supportive services within Montgomery Public Schools that could work with him on managing his behaviors within the classroom and appropriate peer interactions.

The family completed the interventions prescribed by the MDT. As a result, Steve was promoted to the next grade level and is currently in the 4th grade.

He had one suspension at the beginning of the current school year, 2010-2011. Since that suspension, he continued to make tremendous improvement with his behavior. Steve received an award for good conduct at his school’s honor assembly.

He is also an exceptional athlete. He played football for a local youth program this past year, where his team won the championship. Steve’s mother reported that the services that were prescribed have had an enormous impact on the success he has had in and out of school.

HMFI is making a significant impact in the lives of suspended students and their families. The program has served over 900 families. HMFI serves as the primary referral source for linking students to services within the Montgomery Public Schools and in the community. During the first full two full school years suspensions dropped by 21%. Within the last few years, HMFI has made over 2900 community referrals on the behalf of students and families.

During the 2010-2011 school term, the DA–HMFI in partnership with MPS implemented a pilot to determine specific processes and procedures that may enhance opportunities to intervene earlier in the truancy process and to find ways to reduce or eliminate barriers to intervention and prosecution when needed.

**Truancy Intervention Program (TIP)**

During the 2010-2011 school term, a Truancy Intervention Program (TIP) was implemented in partnership with MPS and piloted in three schools, Bellingrath Middle, Davis Elementary and E.D. Nixon Elementary. Our primary focus was to identify barriers to early intervention in the truancy cycle and develop processes/procedures that may address these issues, link students and families to services as needed and pursue prosecution when necessary.

**Program Activities**

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MCBA 2011
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& GOLF TOURNAMENT

October 14 at the Marriott Hotel and Conference Center
At Capitol Hill, Prattville
8:30—11:30 A.M.
Breakfast buffet 8:00-8:30
Keynote Speaker: Luther Strange, Attorney General
Panel Discussion:
What Most Attorneys Don’t Know, But Need to Know
Lunch Buffet for Golfers 12:00                    Golf Tournament 1:00

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MCBA MEMBER NEWS

MCBA welcomes several new members this month:

Gray Borden: U.S. Attorney’s Office
Andrew Brashier: Beasley Allen
Carly Brown: Law Office of Daniel Hamm
Brandon Collins: Attorney at Law
Alison Douillard: Beasley Allen
Allen Howell: Jones School of Law, Director of Career Services
Brannan Reeves: Beers Anderson

Thomas Allen Wheat (Thad): Law Offices of Aimee C. Smith (Auburn)

Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis, and Miles, P.C. recently announced the addition of two new associates. Andrew Brashier practices in the firm’s Consumer Fraud section, focusing primarily on class action work involving consumer fraud. Alison Leigh Douillard also practices in the firm’s Consumer Fraud section. She has focused her practice primarily on the Average Whole Price (AWP) litigation, which seeks to recover millions of dollars lost by state Medicaid agencies as a result of fraudulent price reporting by the nation’s largest drug manufacturers.

Beasley Allen also announced the addition of William E. Hopkins, Jr. and Chad E. Stewart in the firm’s Consumer Fraud Section. Hopkins focuses primarily on class action litigation. Stewart has focused primarily on Medicaid Fraud Litigation, Toyota Multi-district Litigation regarding Sudden Unintended Acceleration, Ford/Navistar, and other commercial fraud cases.

Congratulations to Clay Barnett who was recently made a shareholder in Beasley Allen.

Andrew Brashier  Alison Douillard  Bill Hopkins  Chad Stewart  Clay Barnett

Alabama Super Lawyers is an annual publication of Thomson Reuters that identifies attorneys reaching high levels of peer recognition and professional achievement. This prestigious honor is bestowed upon no more than five percent of the lawyers in the state. Montgomery claims quite a few attorneys who have been named in the 2011 magazine for their professional accomplishments. We congratulate all of the honorees.

Hill, Hill, Carter, Franco, Cole & Black announced that Robert W. Bradford, Jr. and W. Inge Hill, Jr. were named by the Alabama Super Lawyers magazine as two of the top attorneys in Alabama for 2011. Bradford was recognized for his work in Business Litigation and Hill for his expertise in Real Estate. In addition, managing shareholder, David W. Henderson was named a “Rising Star” in the 2011 Alabama Super Lawyers in the field of Civil Litigation Defense.

Copeland, Franco, Screws, and Gill, P.A. announced that five of their attorneys are also included in the Alabama Super Lawyers 2011. Richard Gill, consumer law; Robert D. Segall, business litigation; John A. Henig, Jr., business litigation; Lee H. Copeland, business litigation; and Alan Rothfeder, taxation, were recognized.
Copeland Franco also announced that six of their attorneys have been included in *Best Lawyers in America 2011*. Those attorneys are Richard Gill, Alan Rothfeder, Robert Segall, John Henig, Lee Copeland, and David Martin.

Alex L. Holtsford, Jr. has also been named to the 2011 *Super Lawyers*. He is the managing partner of Holtsford, Gilliland Higgins Hitson & Howard, PC. He is a former president of MCBA and Alabama Defense Lawyers Association.

Congratulations to Larry E. Craven, who has been named Interim Superintendent of Education for Alabama. Larry Craven serves as the General Counsel for the Alabama State Dept. of Education since 1997 and as an Assistant Attorney General. He has practiced law since 1977, previously serving as Assistant District Attorney for Montgomery County from 1979-1981. He served as Staff Judge Advocate for the Alabama National Guard until his retirement as Colonel from active military service in 1997. He is a former helicopter pilot, having served as a Standardization Instructor Pilot for the 101st Airborne Division in Vietnam. He and his wife, Sheila, have been married 42 years.

Congratulations and best wishes to Perry Roquemore as he retires from the Alabama League of Municipalities.

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