Happy New Year!

By Mike Winter, President

Early December was a fun time in my house. My son, like the Roman god Janus, was looking back at his birthday presents from November, and forward to his Chanukah/Christmas presents later that month. Like Adam, the members of the Montgomery County Bar Association (MCBA) should celebrate all that we achieved in 2011 with pride. We should anticipate all that we will achieve in 2012 with pleasure.

My most profound responsibility—and my most important obligation—is to thank our colleague, Kendall Dunson, for his spectacular leadership last year. Kendall may well have been the best President that the MCBA has ever had.

My second most profound responsibility is to recognize our Executive Director, Suzanne Duffey, who is both a treasure and a pleasure for all of us in the MCBA.

As we announced a couple of months ago, our charity beneficiary this year will be the Central Alabama chapter of the American Red Cross. Many people are already working to ensure that this is a fun and successful event.

We have 4 goals for the MCBA in 2012:

1. **Mentoring**
2. **Community Service**
3. **Bar Fun**
4. **Attorney Advancement**

Consistent with Judge Tracy McCooey’s suggestion, the MCBA will initiate a mentoring program for new/young lawyers. We will further expand our commitments of time and talent for our Volunteer Lawyer Program, thanks to the able leadership of Royal Dumas, and to the inspirational guidance of Tom Methvin. We will also focus on raising needed funds for the Red Cross and other worthy charities.

The MCBA will make membership more fun with a number of receptions, parties, and issue debates. We will also continue to offer a substantial number of CLE opportunities, with interesting speakers on meaningful and diverse practice topics.

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MCBA Annual Meeting 2012

The 2012 Annual Meeting of the Montgomery County Bar Association was held on January 27 at the Alabama Activity Center. Outgoing President, Kendall Dunson, passed the gavel to incoming President, Mike Winter. With a strong attendance, the membership elected Ben Schoettker as Secretary/Treasurer, James Eubank as a Board member, and reelected Karen Chambless Phillips to the Board of Directors. Congratulations to all! During the meeting, attorneys who passed away in 2011 were remembered and family members were given memorial certificates. Deceased attorneys remembered were: Joseph T. (Jody) Booth, IV; James Wesley Cameron; Woodley Clark Campbell, Sr.; Hon. Ira DeMent; Craig Alan Donley; Thomas Gray; George Pierce Howard; Alto Loftin Jackson; Robert Blake Lazenby; Cephas Knox McLaney, III; Sebrena Moten-Fortson; Mark Mullins; Thomas Drake Samford, IV; Carol Jean Smith; Janice Spears Turk; Eugene Paul Whitt; Lynda Knight Woodall; and Tom Wright.

One of the highlights of the meeting was honoring four attorneys who are celebrating their fiftieth year of law practice this year: Hon. Walter Mark Anderson, III; Richard A. Ball, Jr.; Jere Locke Beasley; and William Inge Hill, II. Presenting their commemorative gifts from the MCBA was Dean Ken Randall, Dean of the University of Alabama School of Law. Interestingly, all four honorees are graduates of the University of Alabama School of Law, so Dean Randall’s participation in the program and recognition of these four men’s achievements was very special.

The membership voted on and passed two amendments to the MCBA by-laws:

ARTICLE 3 – GOVERNANCE

The affairs of the Association shall be governed by the Board of Directors. The Board shall consist of the Officers of the Association, the immediate past President of the Association, the President of the Young Lawyers Section (during his term of office), and six nine active members of the Association. (As amended on 01/27/2012)

ARTICLE 4 – ELECTIONS

(C.) Vacancies. When vacancies occur in any of the offices of the Association, the vacancy shall be filled by the automatic progression set forth in (A.) Officers and by the Board of Directors. For example, if there is a vacancy in the Presidency, the vacancy shall be immediately filled by the Vice-President, and that vacancy will be immediately filled by the Secretary-Treasurer. The vacancy thereby created by the Secretary-Treasurer shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Directors to serve until the next annual meeting. A vacancy on the Board of Directors shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Directors to serve until the next Annual Meeting, the balance of the term of the Board Member replaced. There will be no special election to fill any vacancy in officers or directors. (As amended on 01/27/2112)

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The MCBA is our organization. Please do not hesitate to call me at 263-5787, or to E-mail me at MikeWinter@WinterLegal.net with any suggestions, feedback, compliments, or criticism.

2012 is going to be great!
The MCBA Annual Meeting

Pictured above, Mike Winter presents crystal plaque to 2011 President, Kendall Dunson.

Pictured above, Kendall Dunson presents a memorial certificate to Britt Booth, brother of Jody Booth.

Pictured above, Allen Sheehan, David Martin, and Dean Ken Randall.

Pictured above, Mike Winter, Rev. Jiles Williams, and Col. John Eidsmoe.
The Montgomery County Bar Association
Award for Service and Achievement

The MCBA Award for Service and Achievement annually recognizes a Montgomery Lawyer who has distinguished him or herself through service to the bar and the community. The Award honors a lawyer who demonstrates the highest standard of professionalism and is respected by his or her peers for their outstanding legal ability.

Nominee: __________________________
Nominating Attorney: __________________________

Name                                    Phone Number

Description of Nominee’s Qualifications for Award

Please attach additional pages if needed.

Deadline for Nominations: February 29, 2012

Mail Nominations to:  Suzanne Duffey
                        c/o Montgomery County Bar Association
                        P.O Box 72
                        Montgomery, AL 36104
MCBA MEMBER NEWS

Congratulations to Bob Bailey, the Fifteenth Judicial Circuit’s newest judge. Judge Bailey joins Judge Anita Kelly and Judge Calvin Williams on our Family Court Bench. Congratulations also go to Vicki Toles, who is now the Family Court Referee. Both were sworn into office in December.

We welcome these new members to MCBA:

Leura Canary—Retirement Systems of Alabama
Kayla Frisby—Webster, Henry, Lyons, White, Bradwell, & Black, P.C.
Justin Gifford—Alabama National Guard
Joyce Guthrie-Smith—The Law Office of Mark E. Smith
Anita Hamlett—Faulkner University, Jones School of Law
Daniel Hamm—Daniel G. Hamm, P.C.
Jamie Hill—Webb & Eley, P.C.
Robert Mooty—Mooty and Associates
Hyun Gi (Allen) Ryu—Ball, Ball, Matthews, and Novak, P.A.
John Sanders—The Gary Backus Law Group
Amanda Senn—Alabama Securities Commission
Kyle Shirley—Parnell and Crum

Perry C. Roquemore, Jr., the former executive director of the Alabama League of Municipalities, is the newest associate at the governmental affairs firm, The Bloom Group, Inc.

Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis, & Miles, P.C. recently added four shareholders. They are Christopher Boutwell (Toxic Torts section); Archie Grubb, II (Consumer Fraud section); William Hopkins, Jr. (Consumer Fraud section); and William H. Robertson, V. (Consumer Fraud section).

CLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MCBA MEMBERS

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Programs will be offered at the Montgomery County Courthouse, 3rd floor, Jury Assembly Room. There is no charge for MCBA members. Non-members are charged $50 per hour. Preregister by email: dotrobinson@mc-ala.org or call
Your Thoughts Count

You, the MCBA members, are important. Your input and involvement in the affairs of the association is critical to the effectiveness of MCBA. If you have ideas for CLE programs, speakers for CLE programs, or ideas for ways we can serve you better, please email us or call us. Also, if you are interested in helping with the organization of the 2012 Charity Fundraiser, please let us know. Call the MCBA office at 265-4793. You may email Suzanne Duffey or Dot Robinson with your ideas.

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TRIVIA CONTEST

This issue of The Docket initiates a new feature from our President. The first MCBA member who calls our office (265-4793) with the correct answers will win a prize.

This month’s questions are:

1. Who was the only Supreme Court Justice to be born in both Maine and in Minnesota? How was that possible?

2. How many justices did the United States Supreme Court originally have?

3. How many justices on the current Alabama Supreme Court were appointed before they were elected to that Court?

4. Who is the only person to ever serve as the Chief Judge of 2 separate federal appellate courts in the U.S.?

The MCBA wishes to give a special thanks to Samarria Dunson, wife of 2011 President, Kendall Dunson, for the many ways she supported Kendall and the MCBA by being actively involved in so many of the Bar’s endeavors last year.