Month 8 Will Be Great

August is notable for 4 reasons.

First, please take advantage of the 4 separate CLE programs that the MCBA is presenting. Our first will be on Thursday, August 2nd, from 11:00-12:00, in the Jury Assembly Room on the 3rd Floor. Stephen Storey and Richard Jones, two of the leading experts on bail bonds in Alabama, will provide a wealth of information on how to best navigate a process about which most of us can better serve our clients, if we know more. Our second CLE will feature Ben DuPre speaking from 12:00-1:00 on Tuesday, August 7th, in Courtroom 2-A. Ben is one of the leading national experts on religious liberty issues in general, and the legal/political conflicts between the IRS and religious groups (frequently in election years) in particular.

Second, we have achieved tremendous progress expanding our VLP. After more than 35 years of work, and thanks to many – particularly Jim Pool of Maynard, Cooper, & Gale – the Montgomery County Bar Foundation should be established by the time that you read this. This will enable the MCBA to substantially increase the number of citizens that we help rescue from their legal nightmares, boost the number of participating attorneys, and also improve our annual fundraising efforts.

Third, we already all owe a debt of gratitude to Felicia Long, who is doing a great job organizing what will be a completely original annual fundraiser for October 25th. This event is not to be missed!

Fourth, thanks to James Eubank and Suzanne Duffey, our website should be new and very much improved shortly. It will be both more accurate, and have more opportunities for recognizing the accomplishments and the skills of all of our members.

Finally, I need to recognize the talented work by our Officers and our Board of Directors. In the past few months; Karen Chambless Phillips, Kendall Dunson, David Martin, Cowin Knowles, Felicia Long, and our irreplaceable Executive Director Suzanne Duffey have worked hard, long, and well to accomplish a great deal to make the MCBA much better for all of us.

Mike Winter, MCBA Pres.
Our Volunteer Lawyer Program By Tom Methvin

As most lawyers are aware, Alabama lags in its access to justice efforts. In fact, Alabama spends the least amount on access to justice of any state in the country. Even Puerto Rico spends more than we do. That is why Alabama’s Volunteer Lawyer Program (VLP) is much more important than such programs in other states.

There are several VLPs in Alabama. The Huntsville, Birmingham, and Mobile Bars each have their own separate program. Ours is handled through the Alabama State Bar. Unfortunately, our program has not done as well as those in the rest of the state.

The major indicator of how a program is doing is how many people that its lawyers help each year. You can see from the chart below that our VLP lags the rest of the state’s VLPs in this regard. The program most similar to ours is the one in Huntsville since it has a similar poverty population to us. In 2011, it helped 310 people, while we only helped 202.

At the very least, we should be able to help the same number of people that the Huntsville program helps on a yearly basis.

We are asking for your help in two ways. First, sign up for our VLP by contacting the Montgomery County Bar Association office. Lawyers have several reasons why they refuse to join our VLP. I will address some of them below.

“It takes too much time.” Actually, lawyers spend about five hours on the average case they accept through the VLP.

“I might get sued.” Our VLP provides malpractice coverage for case accepted through our program.

“I’m just not a joiner.” We aren’t really asking you to “join” something, but to make a commitment to fulfill one of the core values of our profession – service to the public.

We have a monopoly on legal representation; if we don’t help people in need, who will?

Secondly, if you know any client who may be eligible for a free lawyer, please refer them to our program by contacting Linda Lund at the Alabama State Bar 269-1515. (Generally speaking, people qualify for this program if they live below the Federal Poverty Level. Example: Family of four, $23,050 per year).

In closing, if you are not already a member of our VLP, will you join?

If you have a low income client that needs our help, will you send them to our program?

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Tom Methvin, Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis, and Miles, P.C.
The Young Lawyers Section of the MCBA would like to thank everyone who participated, sponsored, or donated to The Brantwood Children’s Home 2012 Golf Tournament. This year the YLS teamed up with Brantwood to make efforts to have a bigger and better golf tournament for Brantwood. In past years the YLS has had its own individual tournament with the proceeds going to Brantwood. This year the YLS, with help from generous sponsors, were able to unite with Brantwood to have one tournament to help raise more money than ever before for the children of Brantwood.

The tournament was on July 30th and was a huge success, with close to 200 participants and over 35 sponsors; the YLS was able to help Brantwood raise a very significant amount of money to help with the everyday operating costs and new programs being started for the children at Brantwood. (The total amount of proceeds raised was not known at the time of publication.)

Although many sponsors were involved in the tournament, the YLS would like to extend a special thank you to the sponsors and teams gained through the involvement of the YLS with the tournament:

- Beasley Allen Crow Methvin Portis & Miles, P.C.
- Balch and Bingham, LLP
- Ball, Ball, Mathews & Novak
- Forge Consulting
- Capital City Bar Association
- Freedom Court Reporting
- Jones Lang LaSalle
- Cathead Vodka
- AHEPA Charities of Montgomery
- The Vance Law Firm
- Sasser, Sefton, Brown, Tipton & Davis
- Capell & Howard, PC
- Dixie Electric
- Alabama Lawyers Association
- Bain & Associates
- Rehab Associates
- AKD
- Gilmore Ford

The MCBA Young Lawyers Section is dedicated to being involved in the community and is proud of our involvement with Brantwood Children’s Home in this golf tournament and encourages all attorneys be involved with giving back to the community.

The YLS would like to again thank everyone who participated, sponsored, and donated to this golf tournament and great cause; we look forward to a continued relationship with the great employees and volunteers of Brantwood because without them none of this could be possible.

Kyle D. Weidman
YLS Board Member
YLS Golf Tournament Chair
Montgomery County Bar Association presents its 8th Annual Charity Event

**Mystery Dinner Theatre**
Thursday, October 25, 2012
Wynlakes Golf & Country Club
6:00p.m. - Reception & Silent Auction
7:00p.m. - Mystery Dinner & Live Auction

to benefit the
American Red Cross of Central Alabama

*Can you solve one of the most shocking mysteries in Montgomery?* Dress up, dine in style, bid on unique silent and live auctions items, and solve the mystery while you are entertained by an all-star cast including our Presiding Judge Charles Price, Justice Kelli Wise, Bill Blanchard, Joe Espy, Bobby Segall, Lisa Weil and others!!!

Tickets are on sale now!
$75.00 per person
Please visit the MCBA office or call 265-4793 to purchase your ticket(s).
Checks should be made payable to MCBA.
*(seating is limited)*
MCBA 8th Annual Charity Event
to benefit the American Red Cross of Central Alabama

SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Company/Firm/Donor name

Contact ____________________ Title ____________________

Address ____________________________________________

City________________________ State________ Zip________________________

Phone (___) ______-_________ Ext_____ E-mail __________________________

Sponsorship Amount

☐ Title Sponsor $15,000 (20 complementary tickets)

☐ Presenting Sponsor $8,000 (16 complementary tickets)

☐ Signature Sponsor $5,000 (14 complementary tickets)

☐ Gold Sponsor $4,000 (12 complementary tickets)

☐ Silver Sponsor $2,000 (8 complementary tickets)

☐ Bronze Sponsor $1,000 (4 complementary tickets)

☐ Supporter $500 (2 complementary tickets)

Donation/Other Amount: ______

Please make checks payable to: Alabama Civil Justice Association

Please mail check and this form to: Montgomery County Bar Association
P.O. Box 72
Montgomery, AL 36101

Signature ____________________ Date ____________________
MCBA 8th Annual Charity Event
to benefit the American Red Cross of Central Alabama

Why are we raising money for the Red Cross? See letter below from Jacqueline C. Buck, C.E.O. of the American Red Cross of Central Alabama.

AFTER A DISASTER – WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

In May, 2012 the American Red Cross celebrated 91 years of service to the people of Central Alabama; we were chartered by Woodrow Wilson in 1917. Our Chapter has been built on a very strong foundation – generations of dedicated volunteers and employees and the incredible generosity of the American people. From rolling bandages for American soldiers fighting in World War I to providing measles vaccines to children in Africa today, we have weathered hurricanes, wars, health pandemics and human-caused disasters. And for a family that has lost everything in a house fire, tornado, flood or hurricane, we’re what happens next.

Today’s methods of response look very different from those of 90 years ago. Instead of written correspondence that took days to reach the worried family of military personnel, we use state-of-the-art emergency communications. Today, we can make better predictions and plan for future disasters. Back then, blood typing had not been discovered and blood transfusions were rare. Now, we test every unit of blood we process to ensure that it is as safe as possible.

While the Red Cross continues to progress, our mission remains the same, as does the emblem that symbolizes our volunteer spirit, dedicated to humanity, neutrality and universality. The kindness and generosity of the 1.1 million volunteers and 30,000 employees nationwide who embody the Red Cross principles enable us to save more lives, prepare more people and be there to help after any emergency. It is the human hand and the human heart that have always made the Red Cross the best at what it does.

We have District responsibility for 3 smaller Chapters, as well as 13 other counties in Central Alabama; we are not a government agency and receive no Federal funding – we raise our budget locally, with the help of United Way and generous companies and individuals in the area. We are mandated by Congress to provide disaster relief and emergency communication between military personnel and their families living in this area. We provide blood for 100 Alabama hospitals, including UAB and Children’s Hospital. We teach CPR, First Aid, AED, HIV/AIDS education, Babysitter’s Training, Nurse Assistant Training, Lifeguarding, and water safety. We administer funds for utilities for the elderly and handicapped through Project Share.

We are led by our Board of Directors; a dedicated paid staff of 10 and volunteer staff of 560 who are committed to helping those in need, and we are only able to help through the generosity of our partners and donors in the communities we serve.

For the victims of disaster, immediate, emergency needs like food, clothing, shelter and medication are a priority; our goal is to respond quickly to meet those needs in a consistent manner, giving each family the resources necessary to begin to recover. We respond with feeding vehicles to deliver water, coffee, snacks, tarps, clean-up kits and comfort kits. We have an air-conditioned trailer we can take on-site to begin the process of privately interviewing each client, but when the trailer is fully-loaded, we have no vehicle that can pull it. The acquisition of a truck will enable us to respond more quickly and in multiple locations where we have trailers pre-stocked with cots, blankets and supplies in case shelters must be opened or mass feeding is necessary.

On behalf of all those who will benefit, thanks to the Montgomery County Bar Association for helping Red Cross give dignity back to disaster victims who often have lost everything and don’t know where to turn. Our partnership in this effort will ensure that the people of Montgomery County can count on the Bar Association and the Red Cross to be at the right place, with the right stuff, at the right time, EVERY TIME.
MEMBERSHIP NEWS

The MCBA welcomes the following new members:

Michael Bunn—Of Counsel, Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis, and Miles, P.C.
Laurel Crawford—The Law Office of Laurel Crawford, LLC
Kenneth Gibbs—Office of the Montgomery County District Attorney
Amanda Hines—Rushton, Stakely, Johnston, and Garrett, P.C.
Susan James—James and Associates
Connie Murray—The Gaines Law Firm
Denise Simmons—James and Associates

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