The classic slogan for 4-H is to “take the best and make it better.” The MCBA has been blessed with a number of great leaders over the years who have laid a foundation for excellence.

Thanks to a huge amount of hard and talented work by the MCBA Officers and Directors, October will be the inflection point for achieving the critical mass for achieving our goal for a vastly better MCBA. In terms of service, celebration, and recognition of our members, we will surpass the goals that we outlined earlier this year. In terms of utilizing our talents and character to help our community, we will surpass the goals that the MCBA has sought for four decades.

I am, therefore, focusing my column this month on 4 main events this month:

First, I have authorized a Special Meeting for the end of this month to consider the report that our Long-Range Planning Committee is in the process of developing. I have asked them to consider a dues increase, the establishment of an MCBA Hall of Fame, and the addition of a Women’s Law Section (Roianne Conner has already hosted two very successful preliminary meetings.)

Relative to our dues, I have asked the committee to consider that we have substantially expanded our Volunteer Lawyer Program (VLP), significantly increased the number of hours and practice areas for CLEs (with more to come), boosted the number of social events, and begun mentoring and member recognition initiatives. We have not raised our dues ($100/year) in 9 years. Mobile and Huntsville currently charge $150 per year. Birmingham charges $175. A modest adjustment will enable the MCBA to fund a stronger VLP and to provide even more benefits for our members. The MCBA will e-mail the date and time of this meeting soon. Please attend.

Second, again thanks to an enormous amount of hard work, our VLP has earned a grant from the Alabama Civil Justice Foundation, and our first local law firm sponsor. As a result, the MCBA will be hiring a full-time Executive Director for our new Foundation to lead the further expansion of our VLP. Please look for the MCBA’s e-mail soliciting applications for this position. Please consider applying if you are interested.

Third, thanks to many people, particularly our chairman, Felicia Long, the MCBA’s annual fundraiser will be on October 25th. All net proceeds will benefit the American Red Cross of Central Alabama. I hope that each of you will purchase tickets and that your firm will consider being one of the sponsors for this exciting event!

Fourth, thanks to many other people, particularly Royal Dumas and Tim Gallagher, the MCBA will celebrate Pro Bono Week from October 21-27. We will host a party to thank our current VLP members and to recruit even more members to join this great program that rewards volunteers with tangible and intangible benefits—for a minimal amount of time (1-2 clients per year, a maximum of 10 hours per case with insurance from the State Bar.)
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.- Seated 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)

We invite each law office to partner with the MCBA and be a sponsor of this year’s charity event to benefit the American Red Cross of Central Alabama. Our goal is to raise enough money to meet the Red Cross’s need for a truck to assist with disaster relief efforts in our community and the surrounding areas. The sponsorship application form is included with this Docket. Please fill out and return the form today to ensure your tickets to this great event!
Sponsorship Application Form
Montgomery County Bar Association’s 8th Annual Charity Event
to benefit the American Red Cross of Central Alabama

☐ Yes, I want to partner with the MCBA and be a sponsor of the 8th Annual Charity Event to benefit the American Red Cross of Central Alabama.

Company/Firm/Donor name________________________________________________________________________

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Sponsorship Amount

☐ Title Sponsor  $15,000 ☐ Presenting Sponsor $8,000 ☐ Signature Sponsor $5,000
(20 complementary tickets) (16 complementary tickets) (14 complementary tickets)

☐ Gold Sponsor $4,000 ☐ Silver Sponsor $2,000 ☐ Bronze Sponsor $1,000
(12 complementary tickets) (10 complementary tickets) (6 complementary tickets)

☐ Supporter $500 ☐ Friend of the Red Cross $250
(4 complementary tickets) (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
(334) 265-4793

Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________
MCBA WOMEN’S SECTION BECOMING A REALITY
By Roianne H. Conner

The proposed Women’s Section for the Montgomery County Bar Association had a second social sponsored by Talbot’s in Eastchase in Montgomery. The event was entitled “Dress For Success,” at which time approximately thirty of our lady members were treated to refreshments as well as a fashion show featuring suggested, appropriate attire for Court appearances. Mary Oliver, a member of our Bar, was the lucky recipient of the gift card drawing which was held after the fashion show.

On September 19, 2012, the Montgomery County Bar Association Board of Directors voted and approved the proposed by-laws for the said Section. However, before the proposed Women’s Section becomes a reality, a vote of the general membership has to result in the approval of the said creation of the Section. There will be a specially called membership meeting, at which time the creation of the Women’s Section and other issues will be placed before the general membership of the Montgomery County Bar Association. Until such vote approving the said creation of the Section, the proposed Section cannot move forward with the election of officers or any other official activities. We encourage each and every member of the Montgomery County Bar Association to be present at the specially called meeting and to vote to approve the Montgomery County Bar Association’s Women’s Section, so that this section may move forward and become a vital Section of the said Bar.

Pictured left: Emily Marks models a suit that marries fashion and professionalism

Pictured right: Roianne Conner models separates that go from courtroom to social occasions
Pictured: Tamika Miller sports a classic look with separates.

MCBA members enjoy the Dress for Success fashion show.

**KICK OFF PRO BONO WEEK PARTY**

October 18, 2012
5:00-6:30 p.m.
At The Pine Bar (501 Cloverdale Rd.)
ALL MCBA MEMBERS INVITED!

**MCBA Members:**

Please submit nominations for the **MCBA Volunteer Lawyer of the Year award**. Nominees should be attorneys who have given selflessly to pro bono clients over the past 12 months and exhibited leadership in recruiting fellow attorneys to become volunteer lawyers. The VLP of the Year will be recognized at the MCBA Charity Event on October 25.

Submit nominations by Oct. 20 to:
Royal Dumas
Hill, Hill, Carter, Franco, Cole, & Black
P.O. Box 116
Montgomery, AL 36101-0116
Or email rdumas@hillhillcarter.com
The Young Lawyers’ Section held their biennial election at The Pine Bar on September 11th. Kyle Weidman was rewarded for all of his hard work that went into organizing the Charity Golf Tournament (which raised over $7,000 for Brantwood Children’s Home) being elected Vice-President. The Young Lawyers are blessed with two more years of Will Cunningham’s wit as he is returning as the Section’s Secretary/Treasurer. Filling out the rest of the board are John Marsh (returning for a second term), Reed Williams, Alison Hawthorne, Jesse Anderson, and Brannan Reaves.

I would like to thank Louis Calligas for all of his hard work as President the last two years. The Young Lawyers’ Section had wonderful participation and many exciting events under Louis’ reign, including two successful charity golf tournaments, an event with Jones School of Law, a trip to a Braves Game, and many socials.

We will miss Danielle Mason, James Eubank, Mark Moody, and Bill Robertson at our board meetings, but I am excited about what the Young Lawyers’ Section will accomplish over the next two years with this new board. If you are 36 or younger or have been practicing for less than three years, please come out to our events and enjoy socializing and networking with other young lawyers in the area.

Allen Sheehan, YLS President 2012-2014

Pictured right:
Will Cunningham, Louis Calligas (outgoing YLS President), Kyle Weidman (background), and John Marsh at The Pine Bar social.
This month we celebrate **Pro Bono Week** October 22-27. This year, MCBA and the State Bar have planned numerous outreach events, and here they are:

1. We will have a Pro Bono Week Kickoff party on October 18 at The Pine Bar. (see p. 5) This event is to celebrate all that you do to help those in need. ALL MCBA MEMBERS ARE INVITED! We will be giving away an iPad II as a door prize to anyone who is signed up for the Volunteer Lawyer Program.
2. We will have a telephone drive for the VLP on Oct. 23 at Beasley Allen.
3. While the phone drive is going on, we will have lawyers man phones and give legal advice.
4. As an extension of the Pro Bono Clinic, we will go to a local homeless shelter (date and location TBA) and be available to give legal advice to the shelter clients.
5. Thanks to Flynn Mozingo, Mayor Todd Strange and the Montgomery County Commission will issue proclamations recognizing both the need for more Pro Bono services and recognizing those who volunteer their time.
6. As always, the legal clinic will take place the first Tuesday of each month from 3:00-5:30.

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**2012 Criminal Law CLE**

You are invited to attend the 2012 MCBA Criminal Law CLE, co-sponsored by the Montgomery County Local Indigent Defense Advisory Board. Last year we had 75 attorneys in attendance. This year we have planned a seminar that is both shorter and better. It will be December 7, 8:30-1:00 in the Jury Assembly Room at the courthouse. **Attendance is mandatory for all contract counsels.** The cost is $40.00 to cover cost of printed materials. Call 265-4793 or email dotrobinson@mc-ala.org to pre-register.

- **8:30-9:00** Continental breakfast and welcoming remarks
- **9:00-10:00** Presenting Opening Arguments—Bobby Segall
- **10:00-11:00** Direct Examinations—Lewis Gillis
- **11:00-12:00** Cross-Examination—Bill Baxley
- **12:00-1:00** Presenting Closing Arguments—Richard Jaffe

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**MCBA Member News**

Welcome to our newest members!

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Congratulations to member **Amanda Staton Johnson** and husband, Derek, in the birth of a son, Colson Vaughn.

Congratulations to former MCBA Sec/Treas., **Adrian Johnson** and wife, Mandi, in the birth of a daughter, Harper Cauthen. Adrian is now a District Judge in Lowndes County.
**MCBA Holiday Gala**

*December 6th, 6:30-9:30*

Wynlakes Country Club

**CLE Opportunities for MCBA Members**

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Presented by the 15th Circuit Indigent Defense Fund and Richard Jaffe ($40 fee)

**YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER FOR THIS CLE! MANDATORY FOR ALL CONTRACT COUNSELS!**

Please pre-register by calling 265-4793 or emailing dotrobinson@mc-ala.org. All programs will be presented at the Montgomery County Courthouse in the Jury Assembly Room on the 3rd floor unless otherwise noted.

Non-members are charged $50 per credit hour to attend these programs.

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**“An Evening With Coach Gene Stallings” presented by JSL Student Bar Association October 5th**

The Student Bar Association of Faulkner University’s Thomas Goode Jones School of Law invites you to an evening with the legendary Coach Gene Stallings. Proceeds will benefit the Easter Seals Camp ASCCA which serves adults and children with mental and physical disabilities. Call 386-7495 to reserve tickets.

**$100 VIP Pass (doors open at 5:30 to visit with Coach Stallings)**

**$75 Standard Pass (doors open at 6:30 for dinner at 7:00)**

Table reservations may be made by phone.