A Distinguishable Lawyer Roast
By David Martin, MCBA President

For several years now, Bobby Segall has entertained and enlightened us with his end of the year “Distinguishable Lawyer” Awards. On October 24th, we will have an opportunity to return the favor, as the MCBA’s annual charity fundraiser will feature a roast of Montgomery’s most Distinguishable Lawyer (at least in appearance). More details will be forthcoming, but make plans to be with your colleagues for an enjoyable dinner, a few laughs at Bobby’s expense, and the opportunity to purchase valuable items at the silent and live auction. The beneficiary of this year’s event is our own Montgomery County Bar Foundation. The proceeds will be used to fund the provision of pro bono legal services to the less fortunate in Montgomery County. I am looking forward to a great event. Be thinking of what “Award” you want to give Bobby.

In case you missed the news, Montgomery County is now one step closer to having a public defender’s office. The State has officially committed $2.2 million for the program and the County Commission has given the Indigent Defense Advisory Committee the authority to move forward with hiring a full-time director. The position will be advertised soon with the goal of having a director hired in time to start work in October or November. The largest remaining hurdle is locating a building to house the public defender’s office, an office which will also include sixteen attorneys, four secretaries and three investigators.

As an MCBA member, don’t miss the opportunity to receive some free CLE credits this month with our two excellent programs:

September 13 from 11:00 to 12:00 – How to Determine if ERISA Applies to Your Client’s Long-term Disability Claims by Clay Williams

September 25 from 11:00 to 12:00 - Advising Corporate Clients in Employment Practices by Pat Sefton.

Also, be sure to attend our Fall Social which will be held on September 26 at the Railyard Brewing Company. I hope to see you there.
On Joining the Women’s Section…

By Kelly McTear, guest contributor

I have heard objections to the formation of a Women’s Law Section; among them, that forming one diminishes our role in the “Big Bar,” or that a Women’s Section is superfluous. I have even held some of these opinions. And now, I sit on the Board of Directors. Proudly.

At Women’s Section events this year, I have had the opportunity to converse with judges, hear war stories and get advice from attorneys more practiced than I, share a few of my own stories, and make connections with women in government, judicial, private, and public interest law. I have gotten and given advice on a range of issues, from drafting, to courtroom decorum, firm management, and a whole host of other topics. And, yes, I’ve been able to commiserate with other attorneys who have young children, bonding over a shared drink and the trials of working-motherhood.

I think I’ve managed to do all that without setting women in the law back 50 years. In fact, I think the opposite is true. I found that, by acknowledging a group of people with common interests and goals and gathering to share with one another, we strengthen one another. When we part, we do so refreshed and rejuvenated, to go forth once more and change the world.

As a new organization, we have no traditions, no real rubric for what we can or can’t do. Our section will succeed or fail by the involvement of its members. We can try on fancy jewelry, provide advice at the monthly Pro Bono clinic, have drinks downtown, enjoy a family barbeque, walk for cancer, build a Habitat for Humanity home…the possibilities are endless. And that openness of purpose, the idea that no doors are closed and no ceilings exist is possible because of the trailblazers. The women who sat in law school classes as the only woman, who endured being called “sweetie” and “honey” in a courtroom, and who went into solo practice because of some big firm’s refusal to make a partner anyone who might have to take…gasp…6 whole weeks(!) of maternity leave. Our section is not a detriment to women in the law. We are a tribute.

The Women’s Section Annual Meeting will be held in September, and I encourage ALL women members of the Montgomery County Bar Association to attend the meeting and consider joining our section. Add your ideas to the collective. Any dues-paid member of the Women’s Section can run for a board or officer position by submitting a letter of intent to do so. We can take on any project, except the one that never gets proposed.

I hope to see you…but more importantly…hear you in September!

Kelly McTear is an adjunct professor at Thomas Goode Jones School of Law. She previously served at the One Place Family Justice Center. Her husband, Sean McTear, is an Assistant District Attorney in Montgomery County.
MCBA Fall Social
Thursday, Sept. 26th
5:00—7:00
Railyard Brewing Co.

14 W. Jefferson St.
(no charge to MCBA members)

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The Montgomery County Bar Association presents its
9th Annual Charity Event
to benefit the
Montgomery County Bar Foundation’s
Volunteer Lawyers Program

THE DISTINGUISHABLE LAWYER ROAST

Now it's your turn! After years of reading the annual Distinguishable Lawyer list, you have the
opportunity this year to bestow an 'award' on the author of the list, Bobby Segall. Submit your
award (and even photos) online prior to the roast, and then come to the dinner, sit back, and be
entertained as Judge Truman Hobbs, Lee Copeland and others, toast and roast this year's honoree.

Thursday, October 24, 2013
Wynlakes Golf & Country Club
6:00p.m.- Reception & Silent Auction
7:00p.m.- Dinner & Roast

Tickets & sponsorships are on sale now!
$50 per person
(includes dinner & 2 drink tickets)

Please visit the MCBA website (www.mcbar.org), MCBA office, or
call 265-4793 to purchase your ticket and/or a sponsorship.
Checks should be made payable to MCBF.
VLP Corner

By Mike Martin, Executive Director MCBF

Activity with the VLP is beginning to pick up as we head into Fall. Fortunately, we have enjoyed a tremendous response from our volunteers when asked about accepting a pro bono case referral. Thank you to all who have ‘answered the call’ and rendered much-needed service to our clients. I am confident that as we move forward and program growth continues, so too will the commitment of the Montgomery County Bar.

One way you can help us is to come out and support the Montgomery County Bar Association’s charity event scheduled for October 24. This year the MCBA has designated the Montgomery VLP as the beneficiary of funds raised. An outstanding program is planned, full of laughter and good food, as MCBA presents The Distinguishable Lawyer Roast. Plus, the silent auction is always a great place to get a head start on holiday shopping. So, please, mark the date on your calendar now and plan to have a great evening of dining and entertainment.

Remember, too, that National Pro Bono Week is upcoming October 20-26. We’re formulating special activities to celebrate all of you who actively participate in our volunteer program. We have a special interest clinic planned during that time, in addition to our regular monthly clinic. Please be willing to give of your time to help staff the clinic(s) if called upon to do so.

Speaking of our monthly clinic, special thanks go out to those who were on hand for our Aug. 6 clinic: Megan McCarthy (Holtsford Gilliland), Connie Murray, Elliott Lipinsky, Clinton Richardson (Capell Howard), Dee Garrett (Legal Services Alabama) and Ashley Penhale (Copeland Franco). Obviously, our clinics would not be possible without our volunteer lawyers, and we appreciate those who help out. In addition, we now have several Jones Law students who are helping at the clinic and are very excited to be able to work with and observe the lawyers in action. You are great examples of what a difference a volunteer can make in a client’s life, and I suspect a motivator for these students to become volunteers once they become practicing attorneys.

Come join us. Call me at 265-0222 to volunteer to help at the clinic and/or to enroll in the program. Your willingness to give of your time and expertise will make a huge difference in the life of someone less fortunate.
Young Lawyers Section

By Allen Sheehan, YLS President

On July 29th, the YLS teamed up with Brantwood Children’s Home for a golf tournament at Wynlakes. The golf tournament was a great success, and the YLS was able to raise $8,700 for Brantwood. This is the most money that the YLS has ever raised with its charity event. We would like to thank all of the sponsors and all of the golfers for participating and helping this worthy cause; we look forward to raising even more money next year.

For those who are not familiar with Brantwood Children’s Home, they have been providing a safe, stable, structured environment for abused, neglected, and other “at-risk” children since 1917. Currently, Brantwood serves children and youth ages 10-21. Brantwood offers programs which are designed to help these young people cope and succeed in society.

THE BIG NEWS: On September 12th the YLS will be hosting its “Twelfth Semi-Bi-Annual End of Summer Low County Boil” in the Courtyard of the A&P Lofts behind the Pinebar on Cloverdale Road. The party will start at 5:30. There will be food, drinks, giveaways, and a cornhole tournament with a cash prize. If you are a young lawyer, please come and bring your family for this fun event. If you aren’t a young lawyer, please try to get adopted by a young lawyer—you won’t want to miss this.

YLS Golfers at the Brantwood Children’s Home
Golf Tournament

Allen Sheehan, YLS President
**Member news**

**WELCOME TO NEW MCBA MEMBERS:**

**Lindzy Mehan McQueen**— Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis, and & Miles, P.C.

**Suzannah R. Moorer**— Montgomery County District Attorney’s Office

**Taylor R. Nichols**— Office of the Lt. Governor, Deputy Chief of Staff

**Brian T. Robbins**— Gilpin Givhan, PC

**Wells Robinson**— J.Wells Robinson, P.C.

**In Memoriam:**

**Wendell Cauley** passed away August 20, 2013.

**Attorneys Named in 2014 Best Lawyers**

Seventeen attorneys with Beasley Allen were selected for inclusion in *Best Lawyers 2014* with two being named best in their specializations. Selected this year are: Jere Beasley (Best Montgomery Personal Injury Litigation, Plaintiff’s Lawyer of the Year), Greg Allen, Mike Crow, Tom Methvin (Best Montgomery Mass Tort Litigation, Plaintiff’s Lawyer of the Year), Dee Miles, Andy Birchfield, Rhon Jones, Benjamin Baker, Julia Beasley, LaBarron Boone, David Byrne, Graham Esdale, Leigh O’Dell, Roman Shaul, Roger Smith, and Gibson Vance.

Seventeen attorneys with Capell & Howard, P.C. were also selected for *Best Lawyers*. William Coleman (Best Litigation-Environmental and Mediation), Henry Hutchinson (Best Litigation & Controversy-Tax), Kyle Johnson (Best Corporate Law), William Martin (Best Real Estate Law), Frank McFadden, Bruce Downey, Henry C. Barnett, K. Palmer Smith, Robert Meadows, Shap Ashley, Robert Northcutt, J.Lister Hubbard, James Walter, Debby Spain, Brooke Lawson, Courtney Williams, and James Scott.

Congratulations to all of these attorneys!

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**Young Lawyers’ Section Social**

**Thursday, Sept. 12**

**5:30 til**

**A&P Lofts Courtyard**

**Cloverdale Road**

Food, drinks, games, giveaways!
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(Each of these courses has been approved by the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Commission of Alabama for one credit hour.)

To preregister for a CLE, call 265-4793 or email dotrobinson@mc-ala.org
You are cordially invited to attend the Unveiling of the Portraits of Judge Joseph D. Phelps and Judge Charles N. Price at The Phelps-Price Judicial Building 251 S. Lawrence Street Third Floor Jury Assembly Room October 9, 2013 3:00 p.m.

Reception following at Haskell, Slaughter, Young, and Gallion Law Office