First and foremost, thank you to all the members who attended our most recent annual meeting. Your continued support for this organization is truly appreciated.

At our meeting, the attendees elected Royal Dumas to serve as Secretary/Treasurer. Larry Golston and Frank Snowden were re-elected to serve a second term on the Board of Directors. Additionally, Ashley Penhale was elected to begin her first term as a member of the Board.

I am also pleased to report that the hard work of James Eubanks paid off. James spearheaded the re-writing of the MCBA by-laws that we adopted at the meeting. MCBA members agreed the bylaws required this redrafting and they are now immensely improved.

The MCBA Board also presented the 2013 Award for Outstanding Service and Achievement. Each year the award is presented to a deserving lawyer for his or her community service and legal success. This year the honor goes to Charles Stakely for his service to our community and his success as an attorney. Charles Stakely serves our community through his involvement with the YMCA and First Baptist Church of Montgomery. He has also been listed in the Best Lawyers of America every year since the list’s inception. I also want to thank Lee Copeland for his help in bestowing this honor on our recipient.

The MCBA recognized Richard Marlon Jordan and John Ray Warren for achieving 50 years of dedication to the practice of law. I want to thank Judge Charles Price, Bobby Segall, David Martin and Richard Lawrence for their contributions in conducting our meeting.

I am excited to announce that beginning with this issue the Docket will be distributed to the student body at Thomas Goode Jones School of Law. The MCBA encourages all Jones students to join the MCBA as a student member at the discounted rate of just $25 annually.

Thanks to the efforts of the Student Bar President Tyler Evans and Vice President Matthew Ward, I have the opportunity to address the Jones students on campus and to answer their questions about the MCBA. This February, Cowin Knowles, Suzanne Duffey, and I had the opportunity to meet with Jones’ Director of Career Services and Public Interest Program, Mr. Allen Howell. We had a productive exchange of ideas on building a strong and lasting relationship between MCBA and Jones School of Law.

In order to involve Jones Students in our organization, a mentoring program will begin this August. It is important for all MCBA members to sign up to mentor the Jones students so that the students are introduced to our legal community and feel welcome in our organization. Sign up information will be available soon.

This month we will offer more CLE opportunities. On March 6th, Bill Abell is presenting a CLE titled: “Nuts and Bolts of Workman’s Compensation Law.” There will be free lunch sponsored by Morris, Cary, Andrews, Talmadge, & Driggers. Tripp Vickers is presenting “Ethics Reminders” on March 27th. Please contact Dot Robinson at 265-4793 or dotrobinson@mc-ala.org to pre-register.
VLP Looks to Increase Community Outreach

By Mike Martin, Director, Montgomery County Bar Foundation

As I write this, temperatures have begun to moderate from what has been a rather adventurous winter to the climate to which we are a little more accustomed. While I’m sure we have not seen the last of the cold temps, we can rest assured that the warmer weather of spring is not far away.

The activity level of your Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program is also heating up in 2014. Our goals for the year include doubling the number of clients seen in 2013, so we are looking to expand our outreach. Naturally, we will need to expand participation by our volunteers as well. Please favorably consider requests you may receive from our office to assist a client, help at a clinic or otherwise enable us to serve the poor in our community.

Client participation at our monthly counsel and advice clinics is picking up and, of course, we are most appreciative of our volunteers who turn out on the first Tuesday afternoon of each month to render legal advice to those clients. I must give a great thanks to those volunteer attorneys who were present at the February clinic: Vania Hosea, Laurel Crawford, Ashley Penhale and Preston Presley. We couldn’t do what we do without our volunteers, and we thank them. And, we invite you to give us a call at 265-0222 if you can find a couple of hours (3-5:30 p.m.) on the first Tuesday of any month to help out.

We are also looking ahead to the introduction of several additional clinics, focusing on specific problem areas. You may receive a call or email request for assistance for planned clinics dealing with family law and/or landlord/tenant issues. Watch for the announcement of these programs in the coming weeks. I have also initiated discussions with Judge Pamela Higgins about instituting a District Court help desk for those individuals needing assistance with their pro se appearances at the lower court level. These help desks can be particularly helpful to a low-income client facing a legal problem with no idea how to proceed.

Finally, we want to recognize those individuals and organizations who assist us by their monetary contributions. Of course, you are at the top of the list by virtue of your dues to MCBA and your participation in MCBA fundraising activities. In addition, this year we will be receiving grant funding from Legal Services Alabama, Alabama Civil Justice Foundation, Alabama Law Foundation, the City of Montgomery and the Beasley Allen law firm. Please take the time, if you have any interaction with folks from any of these groups, to say thank you for their continued support.

Mike Martin
Women’s Section Paying it Forward

By Connie Murray, WLS Secretary/Treasurer

With the New Year brings New Year’s resolutions. How are yours coming? In January, Laura Eubanks shared with you the Women’s Section’s resolutions, which included becoming more involved in the community and providing networking and social events for our members.

We are kicking our efforts off by collecting gently used dress clothes for participants of the Job Fair Orientation that will be held on May 15th. The clothing drive will begin March 17, 2014 and end on April 30th. The participants of the Job Fair Orientation most often do not have the resources to purchase these items themselves and are grateful for the donations. The Job Fair Orientation is a program that prepares the participants for the job fair that will follow the next day. During the program, participants will learn proper interview skills, grooming and how to dress for an interview. In addition to collecting clothes we are seeking volunteers to assist with the set up of the Job Fair Orientation. If you are interested in volunteering please contact LaShandra Warren at lashandra.warren@alacourt.gov.

“The chance of a woman having invasive breast cancer during her life is about 1 in 8. The chance of dying from breast cancer is about 1 in 36. Breast cancer death rates have been going down. This is probably the result of finding the cancer earlier and better treatment. Right now there are more than 2.8 million breast cancer survivors in the United States.” www.cancer.org

With these statics it is impossible not to know someone whose life has been affected by breast cancer. This year the Women’s Section is creating a team to participate in the Joy to Life Foundation Walk of Life. The proceeds from the fundraiser will provide mammograms for women who would otherwise be unable to afford the service. The Walk is April 26th downtown in front of the Marriott Renaissance Hotel. If you are interested in joining our team, contact Connie Murray at cmurray@themurraylawgroup.com by April 10th.

The weather has been crazy and we are ready for some warmer weather. To bring spring in right we are planning a social event at Anthony’s Vinci salon for pedicures and refreshments in April. Be sure to watch your emails and our Facebook page for more information. Speaking of emails, if you are not receiving emails from our section please email me at cmurray@themurraylawgroup.com so that I can make sure that we have your correct address.

Finally, if you have not renewed your membership for the 2014 year or would like to become a member, please send your dues for the WLS ($30) to The Murray Law Group, LLC, P.O. Box 210818, Montgomery, AL 36121, and make them payable to MCBA Women’s Section. Membership forms are available online at www.mcbar.org.

Connie Murray
MCBA Annual Meeting 2014

Incoming MCBA, President Ben Schoettker, presents David Martin, 2013 President, with a drawing of the Montgomery County Courthouse.

Frank Stakely stands with his father, Charles Stakely, the recipient of the 2013 Service and Achievement Award.

Bobby Segall presents Richard Jordan (left) and Ray Warren (right) with their 50-year honors. Both of them were licensed to practice law in 1964.

Hon. Charles Price gives a challenge for the 2014 MCBA Fundraiser at which he will be the honoree and be roasted by friends and colleagues. Mark your calendars for November 14th! You won’t want to miss this event!
Annual Meeting 2014 continued

A check for $24,000.00 was presented to the Montgomery Volunteer Lawyer Program. This amount was raised at the MCBA Annual Charity Fundraiser. Pictured are (L-R) Joe Guillot, Tim Gallagher, Tom Methvin, Felicia Long, and David Martin.

CLE Opportunities Spring 2014

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All of the above CLEs have been approved for credits by the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Commission of Alabama.

Unless otherwise noted, there is no charge to MCBA members for CLEs.

Non-members are charged $50/hour.
Montgomery County Bar Association

Annual Bench and Bar Conference

Friday, May 2nd
@ 129 Coosa Street
7:30-11:30 a.m.

7:30-8:30 Breakfast Buffet

8:30-11:30 Conference

Speakers:
Federal Court: Hon. Keith Watkins, Chief District Judge, Middle District of AL; Hon. William R. Sawyer, Chief Bankruptcy Judge; Hon. Terry Moorer, Federal Magistrate Judge
State Appellate Courts: Justice Greg Shaw, AL Supreme Court; Presiding Judge William C. Thompson, AL Court of Civil Appeals; Judge Scott Donaldson, AL Court of Civil Appeals; Hon. Julia Weller, Clerk of the Supreme Court of AL
Montgomery Circuit Court Domestic Judges: Hon. Anita L. Kelly, Circuit Judge; Hon. Calvin Williams, Circuit Judge; Hon. Robert Bailey, Circuit Judge; Montgomery County Probate Judge Steven Reed.

Cost per person: $75.00  3 hrs. CLE credit
MCBA Bench and Bar Conference and Golf Tournament
May 2, 2014

129 Coosa Street
7:30-11:30
7:30-8:30 Buffet Breakfast
8:30-11:30 CLE panel discussions and presentations by local, state, and federal jurists*

12:00 Lunch for golfers at Arrowhead Country Club
1:00 Golf tournament
5:00 Social hour and awards at Arrowhead

*Bench and Bar Conference and Golf Tournament
REGISTRATION FORM

Name________________________
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Conference CLE fee: $75.00
Golf Tournament fee: $75.00
Non-members: $125 for CLE
Non-members: $125 for Golf
(golf tournament includes lunch and social afterwards)
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If you do not have a foursome, you will be assigned to a team.

*The CLE has been approved for 3 hours credit by the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Commission of Alabama.
Welcome to our newest members:

Autumn Albright—Office of David E. Belser, Esq.
Alex Caudell—Attorney at Law
Samuel Ford—Montgomery County District Attorney’s Office
Michael Kelley—Michael W. Kelley, II, Attorney at Law
Jeff Patterson—Jeff Patterson, LLC
Mandy Lynn Pinkard—Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis, and Miles, P.C.

Eighteen Rushton Stakely attorneys have been named in Best Lawyers 2014. The selected attorneys are Dennis R. Bailey, Jeffrey W. Blitz, L. Peyton Chapman, Ronald G. Davenport, William I. Eskridge, James W. Garrett, Jr., Richard B. Garrett, William S. Haynes, Theodore Jackson, Jr., Paul M. James, Jr., Thomas H. Keene, Daniel L. Lindsey, Patrick M. Shegon, Christopher S. Simmons, Frank J. Stakely, Fred W. Tyson, Robert C. Ward, Jr., and Helen Crump Wells. Congratulations to all! Corporate Counsel magazine has called Best Lawyers “the most respected referral list of attorneys in practice.”

Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP has been named 2014 Firm of the Year for Alabama and Tennessee by Benchmark Litigation. This is the third year in a row that Bradley Arant has received Benchmark Litigation awards.

Two shareholders of Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis, and Miles, P.C. have been included in the 2013-2014 Lawdragon 500 Leading Lawyers in America, the most elite guide in the legal profession. Those honored by Lawdragon are W. Daniel “Dee” Miles, III and Rhon E. Jones.

Congratulations to the Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis, and Miles, P.C. firm for 35 years of service in Montgomery. Beasley Allen started in Montgomery on January 15, 1979 with one lawyer, Jere Beasley, one secretary, one legal assistant, and no clients. Mr. Beasley says, “It was a pretty simple life in those days. God has truly blessed us over the years and in the process we have helped a lot of folks who badly needed help. We have also been responsible for bringing about change for the better in a number of areas of concern.” Today Beasley Allen has more than 70 lawyers and 250 support staff. “Helping those who need it most” is the firm’s motto and the heart of what they strive to do every day.

If your firm has news to share, please send it to Dot Robinson at dotrobinson@mc-ala.org by the 20th of the month for it to be in the next month’s issue of The Docket.