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Support Your Bar Association by Ben Schoettker, Pres.

Last month's annual Bench and Bar Conference and Golf Tournament was a great success. Over 75 bar members participated.

On behalf of the Montgomery County Bar Association, I extend an enormous thank you to the members of the Bench that were generous enough to present at the conference, namely: Keith Watkins, William R. Sawyer, Terry Moorner, Greg Shaw, William C. Thompson, Anita L. Kelly, Calvin Williams, Robert Bailey, and Stephen L. Reed. We had over 60 lawyers attend the conference, as well as, 40 golfers who came out and had a fantastic day of golf. The winning golf team consisted of Richard Ball, Miland Simpler, John Marsh, and Chris Waller. I would like to personally thank Cowin Knowles, Frank Snowden, and the MCBA Board Members and Staff that made this year's event a success. Many law firms, attorneys, and businesses sponsored the event. The MCBA is extremely thankful for your continued support.

The MCBA Board and I encourage all members to continue attending events like the Bench and Bar Conference and Golf Tournament in support of the MCBA. These events offer many opportunities to learn about the practice of law, meet new colleagues, and relax with friends.

In the spirit of relaxing and having fun, the Young Lawyers Section of the MCBA will host a Skeet Shoot Fundraiser for the MCBF on June 27th. Mark June 5th on your calendars also to join the MCBA at the ballpark to watch our hometown Biscuits. Contact Allen Sheehan about the skeet shoot and Cowin Knowles to attend the Biscuits game.

The Montgomery County Bar Foundation has asked that we get the word out to our membership about contacting the Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers program with referrals of indigent clients seeking Pro Bono services. The next time you speak with a client that you or your firm are not able to help have them contact the MVLP. Additionally the MVLP holds monthly legal clinics for those who need legal help but can't afford it. If you have never served at one of these clinics please consider doing so in 2014. You can contact Mike Martin about referring clients and serving at the next legal clinic.

Our 2014 Annual Charity Event is fast approaching. This year we will be roasting the Honorable Judge Charles Price, you won't want to miss this event. It will be one of a kind. If you would like to help in sponsoring the event or planning please contact our Event Chairwoman, Felicia Long. All the proceeds raised will go to funding Mary Ellen's Hearth at Nellie Burge Community Center, Medical Outreach Ministries, and the Montgomery County Bar Foundation VLP. These organizations need our support, and Judge Price is taking roll.



VLP Serves Needs of the Community by Mike Martin

Summertime and the livin' is easy. At least for most of us. Family vacations, weekends at the lake or beach, maybe even a conference at a desirable locale, they offer a respite from the daily grind. For many low-income Montgomery County residents, however, summer brings little relief, from the heat or from the legal problems they face. For them, the pro bono legal assistance offered by the Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program is one of few positives they'll know through the summer months ahead. Give us a call and let us know if you've got a few hours to give to those less fortunate facing a legal obstacle. Often all that is needed is advice and counsel, or maybe some forms for, say, an uncontested divorce or a simple will. Our number is 265-0222 and we'd be most grateful to hear from you.

Nearly 40 attendees were on hand for our most recent CLE offering on Family Law: Handling an Uncontested Divorce. Special thanks are in order for **Judge Robert Bailey**, attorney **Mickey McDermott**, our own **Kelly McTear** and **Laurel Crawford** for making this a great event. Thanks, too, to Jones School of Law for providing a nice facility. It was an excellent opportunity to brush up on family law issues, designed to enable participants to feel comfortable taking an assigned case from MVLP. Early plans are for another CLE this fall, during Pro Bono Week celebrations, so keep an eye out for the details.

As you may know, in addition to direct intake and judicial referral, we take a number of case referrals each month from Legal Services Alabama. They are one of our funding partners, and we appreciate the chance to work with them to broaden our reach throughout the county. Lawyers accepting referrals from LSA via MVLP are covered by LSA's professional liability insurance. In addition, all attorneys accepting case referrals from MVLP are also now covered under our blanket policy. So, in addition to the warm fuzzies that come from helping a less fortunate individual through their legal problem, you can rest assured that you are covered in the event of an unlikely claim.

Attendance at our monthly counsel and advice clinics is beginning to pick up and, as a result, our need for volunteer attorneys to participate is increasing as well. We hold the clinic on the first Tuesday of every month, 3:00-5:30 p.m., in the Head Start/Community Action offices at 1100 Adams Avenue. If you can see your way to help out, please give us a call. Each clinic presents a wide variety of clients with unique legal needs who could benefit from your pro bono service. In May, our volunteers were **Ashley Penhale** (Copeland Franco), **Robert Stroud** (LSA), and **Clinton Richardson** (Capell & Howard). We sincerely appreciate their willingness to give of their time and expertise.

Attorneys Who Closed Cases in May

Ashley Penhale-2 (Copeland Franco Screws & Gill, PA)

John Craft -4 (Faulkner Univ. Jones School of Law)

Kelly McTear-3 (Faulkner Univ. Jones School of Law)

Effie Moore (Law Office of Jeffrey Duffey)

Jeffrey C. Duffey (Law Office of Jeffrey Duffey)

Vania Hosea (Shahid & Hosea, LLC)

William Z. Messer (Varley & Messer LLP)

Debora Ellen Palmer (Clenney and Palmer, LLC)

David Martin (Copeland Franco Screws & Gill, PA)

Attorneys Who Accepted Cases in May

Ashley Penhale (Copeland Franco Screws & Gill. PA)

John Craft -3 (Faulkner Univ. Jones School of Law)

Kelly McTear (Faulkner Univ. Jones School of Law)

Karen Laneaux -2(Law Office of Sandra Lewis and Karen Laneaux)

Paul Brantley (Law Office of Paul C. Brantley)

Vania Hosea—3 (Shahid & Hosea, LLC)

William Z. Messer (Varley & Messer, LLP)

Thank you to **James E. Edwards** at Balch & Bingham, LLP for serving as a mentor in a case.

SAVE THE DATE!



Montgomery County Bar Association
presents its 9th Annual Charity Event

THE DISTINGUISHABLE JUDGE ROAST

honoring

Judge Charles Price

to benefit the

*Mary Ellen's Hearth at
Nellie Burge Community Center,
Medical Outreach Ministries, &
Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers
Program*



Friday, November 14, 2014

Renaissance Montgomery Hotel & Spa
at the Convention Center

5:15p.m.- Reception & Silent Auction

7:00p.m.- Dinner & Roast

***If your firm would like to be a Lead Sponsor for this notable and memorable event, please call the MCBA office today (265-4793). First come, first served (best seats in the house and firm recognition):**

- Title Sponsor- \$12,000
- Presenting Sponsor- \$7,000
- Signature Sponsor- \$5,000

You're invited to the
MCBA Women's Section
Family Barbecue

Saturday, June 21st

2:00-5:00 p.m.

At Roianne Conner's home

Food, fellowship, swimming, fun!



Rsvp to Roianne by 6/16
215-1988 or email
mrsrhconner@yahoo.com

**DRIVING INSTRUCTIONS TO 895
KERINGTON LANE, PIKE ROAD**

From Montgomery – take Interstate 85 North towards Atlanta and exit at the Exit 11 onto Chantilly Parkway/Alabama 110 East. Travel towards Vaughn Road which is approximately 2.7 miles from the Exit. Turn left on Vaughn Road and travel approximately .5 of a mile to the first intersection which is Pike Road, turn right onto Pike Road. Travel approximately 5.3 miles to Old Pike Road and turn left. (There will be a sign at the intersection that states Bartlett International Airport). Travel then 2.9 miles to Mathews Road where you turn left onto Mathews Road. Travel approximately one mile and the Kerington Subdivision is on the right. Turn into the subdivision on Kerington Lane and travel approximately one mile staying on Kerington Lane to 895.

Bench and Bar Conference a Success



Sixty-five members attended the Bench and Bar Conference. Following a buffet breakfast, local, state, and federal judges spoke and had question and answer periods. Many participants commented that this was one of the best Bench and Bar programs in recent years.



2014 Bench and Bar Conference



Among the speakers, top left, Montgomery County District Family Court Judges Kelly, Williams, and Bailey; top right, Judge Keith Watkins, U.S. District Court; above, Judge Terry Moorner, U.S. District Court Magistrate and his daughter, Suzannah Moorner, who is an Assistant District Attorney in Montgomery; bottom left, Probate Judge Steven Reed, Montgomery County.



Bench and Bar Golf Tournament Highlights

Congratulations!

Top right:

First Place Gross Score Team: Miland Simpler, Richard Ball, John Marsh, and Chris Waller of Ball, Ball, Matthews, and Novak, P.A.

Second right:

First Place Net Score Team: Brian Robbins, Larry Golston, Braxton Bridgers, and Frank Snowden

Longest Drive: Joe Howard

Straightest Drive: Bill Renfroe

Closest to Pin #2: Brian Robbins

Closest to Pin #7: Charlie Hawthorne

Closest to Pin #11: Paul James

Closest to Pin #16: Paul Thompson



Above: Richard Ball, Steadman Sheely, John Marsh, And Charlie Trotman.

Thanks, Steadman, for being part of the tournament!

Right: The President's Team: Joe Howard, Ben Schoettker, Labarron Boone, JR Gaines.



Bench and Bar 2014 Golf Tournament



We would be remiss if we did not recognize John Sadie, the golf pro and general manager at Arrowhead Country Club. His assistance in making the golf tournament a fun event for everyone and the hospitality of the Club made the event a success.



Steadman Shealy and team discovered that the Putt & Pitch contest was more difficult than it looked, although Steadman won it.

Did you know we have a GQ model in our membership? Labarron Boone gets the prize for best golf attire and after-golf attire. If you need help with your wardrobe, give him a call for advice.





Cowin Knowles, second from left, was the chairman for the Bench and Bar event this year. He planned an excellent program for the conference, and then put together an exciting afternoon of golf, with the help of Frank Snowden. We appreciate all of the work these men did to make this a great experience.

Following the golf, participants were treated to hors d'oeuvres and beverages as the scores were posted and the trophies were awarded.



Below, Charlie Trotman and team scramble. **Thanks for being part of the event, Charlie!**



Stevie, Meggan, and Suzanne on the beverage cart





Advanced DUI Seminar

Friday, June 13

8:30-4:30

At Jones School of Law, Faulkner University

\$275.00 includes CLE, continental breakfast, lunch

YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER AND PAY BY JUNE 10!

Call Suzanne or Dot at 265-4793 to pre-register.

This seminar has been approved for 6 hrs. CLE by the Alabama Commission on Continuing Legal Education.

Topics and speakers:

Alabama's New 2014 DUI Act—Patrick Mahaney

Breath Testing— the Science and Theory Behind the Draeger 7110—Hon. Evan Levow

The Science of DUI Drugs—Dr. Jimmie L. Valentine

Defense of DUI –Drug Cases—Allen Trapp

This seminar is being presented collaboratively by The Law Office of Patrick Mahaney and the Montgomery County Bar Association. All proceeds will benefit the MCBA and the Law Library.

Important Notice to Members

BAR COMMISSIONER VACANCY

The Montgomery County Bar is aware that a vacancy will be created for a State Bar Commissioner's place in the 15th Judicial Circuit due to Lee Copeland assuming the position of President-Elect status. The MCBA Executive Board request that any person interested in this position notify the MCBA Board in writing by June 9, 2014. Notification should include a letter of intent as well as the potential candidate's qualifications to serve as a State Bar Commissioner. All request for consideration should be addressed to the Executive Director, Suzanne Duffey, at suzanneduffey@mc-ala.org.

You're invited to the

Women's Section Family

Cookout and Swim Party

June 21 2-5 p.m.

Roianne Conner's home

895 Kerington Lane, Pike Road

RSVP by June 16 to

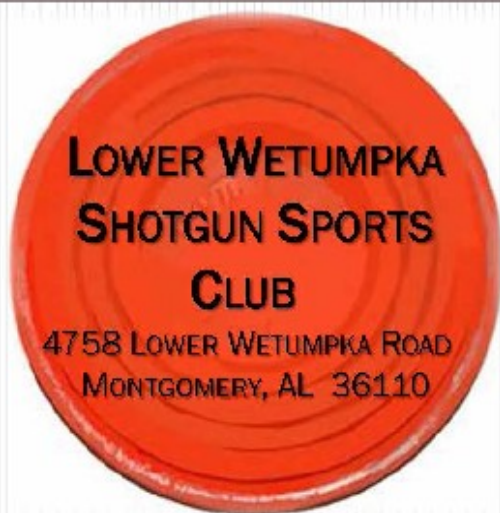
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MONTGOMERY COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION

YOUNG LAWYERS SECTION CHARITY SKEET SHOOT

Friday, June 27, 2014 at 2:00pm



- COST IS \$75 PER SHOOTER*
- REGISTER INDIVIDUALLY OR AS A TEAM OF 4
- FOR FURTHER REGISTRATION OR SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION, CONTACT ALISON HAWTHORNE AT ALISON.HAWTHORNE@BEASLEYALLEN.COM

*All proceeds from this charity event shall benefit the Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program and their efforts to provide free legal services to low-income Alabamaans in civil matters.

All MCBA members are invited. Bring your clients with you!

Young Lawyers Section Road Trip to Baseball Game

The YLS is having a "swap" with the Birmingham Young Lawyers for the Biscuits/Barrons baseball game on June 11th. We will have a bus drive us to Birmingham that afternoon. Please RSVP to Will Cunningham at wcunningham@sasserlawfirm.com to reserve your spot. There is no charge for the first 25 people to RSVP.



Montgomery County Bar Association Young Lawyers Charity Skeet Shoot



Team Sponsor \$500

Includes:

- * Complimentary team of 4 shooters with 100 clays per shooter
- * Corporate signage at a designated skeet shoot station
- * Sponsor recognition at awards ceremony

Station Sponsor \$250

Includes:

- * Corporate signage at a designated skeet shoot station
- * Option to have corporate representative at designated station
- * Sponsor recognition at awards ceremony

Ceremony Sponsor Contribution

Includes:

- * Corporate signage at the pavilion during the awards ceremony and social
- * Sponsor recognition at awards ceremony

Name/Company: _____

Level of Sponsorship: _____

If Ceremony Sponsor, please provide a description of the donation (i.e. beverages, food, cookies, goody-bags, etc.) _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Payment: (select payment type) ☐ Cash ☐ Check

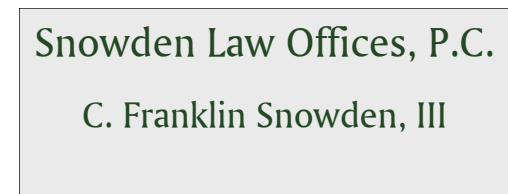
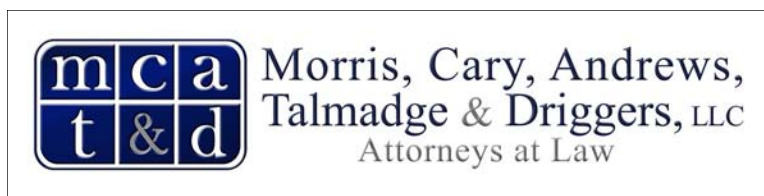
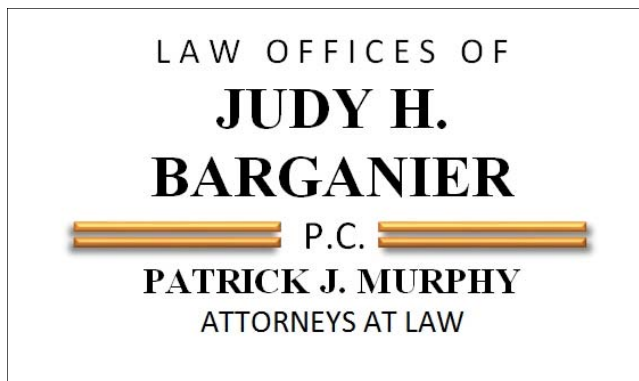
Please make checks payable to **Montgomery County Bar Association Young Lawyers Section**. Please remit payment to Will Cunningham at 445 Dexter Avenue, Suite 8050, Montgomery, AL 36104 on or before **June 13, 2014**.

Thank you, 2014

Bench & Bar Sponsors!

Breakfast Sponsor

Lunch Sponsor



Women's Section Has Busy Spring

Joy to Life "Show Me Your Torts" Team

April 26th



Part of our great team of 19 walkers and runners gather prior to the start of the race. The group raise over \$1,000 for Joy to Life which provides free mammograms to indigent women.



WLS President, Roianne Conner and Board Member, Lashandra Warren rest after the 5K walk for Breast Cancer.

Connie Murray's whole family participated in the event.



Montgomery County Court Referral Jobs Fair

The MCBA Women's Section collected gently used professional clothing for the Jobs Fair participants. Many do not have appropriate attire for job interviews. There were over 350 participants and 50 vendors at this year's fair. The event had gone to the Armory Learning Arts Center this year because they had outgrown the previous location. They will need a larger venue for next year's fair. Thanks for all the members who donated clothing to help the participants present themselves appropriately at the Job Fair. Board member Lashandra Warren was instrumental in organizing this effort.



Coffee with the Judges—May 13, 2014

A large turnout helped make The Coffee with the Judges a great success. We appreciate the sponsors—Judge Charles Price, MALS (Montgomery Association of Legal Secretaries), Freedom Court Reporting, Roianne Conner, and the MCBA Women's Section.





The Scoop on Members

Assistant U.S. Attorney **Todd A. Brown** was awarded the Attorney General's Award for Fraud Prevention by the U.S. Justice Department. Todd is employed with the Federal Courts, Middle District of Alabama.

Chris Colee is now employed with the Administrative Office of The Courts as a staff attorney.

Doy Leale McCall, III is now a staff attorney for the Alabama Supreme Court Clerk's office.

2014 Super Lawyers

Fourteen **Beasley Allen** attorneys were selected for inclusion on the *2014 Super Lawyers* list. Included on the list are the firm's founding shareholder, **Jere L. Beasley**, as well as shareholders **J. Greg Allen**, **Michael J. Crow**, **Thomas J. Methvin**, **J. Cole Portis**, **Daniel W. "Dee" Miles**, **Andy D. Birchfield, Jr.**, **Rhon E. Jones**, **Benjamin E. Baker, Jr.**, **Julia A. Beasley**, **Kendall C. Dunson**, **Ted G. Meadows**, **Roman A. Shaul**, and **C. Gibson Vance**. Four Beasley Allen attorneys were also included in the Super Lawyers Rising Stars list, which recognizes the top up-and-coming attorneys who are 40 years old or younger, or who have been practicing 10 years or less. Beasley Allen's Rising Stars are **Christopher D. Boutwell**, **Christopher d. Glover**, **Danielle Ward Mason**, and **J. Parker Miller**.

Bradley Arant Boult Cummings LLP proudly announces that four of the firm's Montgomery attorneys have been selected as *2014 Alabama Super Lawyers*: **Phil Butler**, Business Litigation; **William C. McGowin**, General Litigation; **George R. Parker**, General Litigation; and **Charles Stewart**, Business Litigation.

Super Lawyers annually ranks attorneys who have attained a significant level of peer recognition and professional achievement. In each state or designated region, only the top 5 percent of lawyers are named Super Lawyers. Encompassing more than 70 practice areas, the multiphase selection process includes independent research, peer nominations, and peer evaluations. Attorneys cannot buy their way onto the lists.

Chambers USA honors Beasley Allen

The law firm of **Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis, and Miles, P.C.**, as well as founding shareholder **Jere Beasley**, was given the highest honor awarded to Alabama law firms and attorneys, ranking in Band 1 in the Litigation practice area. Shareholder **Andy D. Birchfield** was ranked in Band 3 nationwide in the Products Liability practice area. The rankings were included in the 2014 edition of *Chambers USA* guide.



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Continuing Legal Education Opportunities

June 13 8:30-4:30 Advanced DUI Seminar Guest Speakers 6 hr

See ad on Page 6 for more info.

June 27 11:00-12:00 Securities Law 101– Avoiding Fraud in the Suites– by Joe Borg 1 hr

Aug. 14 8:30-12:00 Central Records: What You Need to Know for Your Clients– Mark Bruton, DOC 3 hr

Sept. 4 11:00-12:00 What to Do When Your Client Has a Tax Problem–Jeff Patterson 1hr

To preregister for a CLE program, email dotrobinson@mc-ala.org or call 265-4793.

We welcome your ideas for CLE programs. Please call Dot Robinson 265-4793 or email dotrobinson@mc-ala.org.

In Memoriam

Our condolences go to the family & friends of Chad Stewart (Beasley Allen) who passed away unexpectedly April 26.

