Special Events Enhance MCBA and VLP

by Ben Schoettker, President

The Young Lawyers' Section bore their arms at the very successful Skeet Shoot Fundraiser. The event raised $4,253 for the Montgomery County Volunteer Lawyers Program which provides pro bono legal representation to indigent residences of Montgomery County. On behalf of MCBA, I extend a special “thank you” to Allen Sheehan, President of the Young Lawyers Section, for leading the organization in this creative, enjoyable, and successful fundraiser. I am positive the skeet shoot will become a much anticipated annual fundraiser.

The MCBA is also extremely grateful to Montgomery attorney and DUI expert Pat Mahaney for teaching an advanced DUI seminar at Jones School of Law. The Advanced DUI CLE was informative, interesting, and raised $3,000 for the MCBA. If you or your firm would like to host a CLE please contact Suzanne or Dot at 265-4793.

In July the Alabama State Bar appointed a new Bar Commissioner to the 15th Judicial Circuit. I am pleased to announce that past MCBA president David Martin received the honor of this appointment. Congratulations to David and I am sure he will make an outstanding Bar Commissioner.

August means that it is time to go back to school. You may be asking what that has to do with the MCBA? I’m glad you asked. For the MCBA, the new school year is the perfect opportunity to include and connect with new law school students, as well as students returning to Montgomery for their 2L or 3L year. I contacted the administration at Jones School of Law to inquire on how we can encourage more law students to join our organization. I believe this is an area that MCBA needs to improve in order to promote a stronger bar in the future. The current MCBA leadership consists of former Jones graduates and it is likely that some of our future leaders will come from their ranks as well. Please contact me or any MCBA Board Member when you have ideas for events or fundraisers that will help include law school students in the MCBA.

In the 2014 spring semester, all of the students were emailed the Docket each month. We will continue sending the Docket to law school students this school year.

If you are a law student reading this issue we are excited you are reading the Docket. Please contact the MCBA to find out how you can join. Members enjoy networking with fellow Montgomery County attorneys and judges outside of the office and courtroom, organizing and participating in fundraisers, and helping each other improve the access to legal counsel in Montgomery County.

Ben
The Right Time to Do Right by Mike Martin

Time. To lawyers time is money, and billable hours the currency of our profession. Yet the way we spend our time doesn’t always have to result in credits to our bank account. For proof, ask the attorneys who are active participants in the Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program. They’ll tell you the time they spend assisting indigent clients through the MVLP yields a return in many ways far greater than that attainable from monetary fees.

Occasionally, we hear from attorneys contacted about accepting a case referral that, “I really don’t have the time right now.” Fortunately, we don’t hear that very often. For those of you who have been reluctant to take a referral, I’d like to point out that many of our cases take far less time than you might imagine. Simple will preparation, assistance with an advanced health directive, or even an uncontested divorce can take but a few hours of your time, yet mean so much in the life of the client. Often, particularly at our monthly counsel and advice clinic, clients are simply seeking advice on how to best proceed when they face legal obstacles.

For example, we were contacted by a young couple who were experiencing difficulty in getting a favorable response from their landlord about an existing and health-threatening insect infestation in their newly-occupied apartment. This situation was exacerbated by the fact they were the parents of young twins. Upon learning they had been assigned an MVLP attorney, the leasing agent quickly made arrangements for extermination services.

You are welcome to join us at our monthly clinic or at any of our special events during the year. Most recently, we participated in the River Region Connects Resource Fair, sponsored by the Mid-Alabama Coalition for the Homeless, where hundreds of our community’s needy sought assistance and service from a variety of providers, including some who needed legal advice in addressing their issues. A special thanks to Kelly McTear (Faulkner-Jones School of Law), Laura Eubank (Law Offices of Troy King, LLC), Mike Winter (Winter Legal Strategies), and Laurel Farrar (Legal Services-Alabama) who gave of their Saturday to provide legal services to these clients.

In June, we were ably assisted at the monthly clinic by Kelly McTear, Royal Dumas (Hill Hill Carter Franco Carter & Black), Stephanie Monplaisir (Beasley Allen Crow Methvin Cole Portis & Miles, PC), Melissa Bowen (Legal Services-Alabama), and Matt Matthews (The Anderson Law Firm, LLC). In July, our volunteers included Brent Hargrett (Sasser Sefton & Brown, PC), Leigh Haynie (Legal Services-Alabama), Heath Loftin (Reynolds Reynolds & Little, LLC), and Matt Matthews. As always, we are most appreciative of those individuals and firms who support our clinics and other efforts through their willingness to volunteer.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once noted that “the time is always right to do what’s right.” I ask that you consider giving of your time ‘to render service’ to those less fortunate Montgomery County residents by volunteering to take a case referral or help one afternoon a month at a legal clinic. Give us a call at 265-0222 – we’d love to hear from you.

Mike Martin, Director, Montgomery County VLP
THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

The following attorneys accepted cases in June & July 2014.

Richard Franklin Matthews Jr. The Anderson Firm, LLC
Anthony Dow Birchfield Jr. Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis & Miles, P.C.
Benjamin L. Locklar Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis & Miles, P.C.
William R. Blanchard Blanchard Law Offices
Mark N. Chambless Chambless Math Carr, PC
Ashley Penhale (3) Copeland, Franco, Screws, & Gill, P.A.
John Craft (5) Faulkner University - Jones School of Law
Kelly McTear (5) Faulkner University - Jones School of Law
Michael Guy Holton Fuller, Taylor, & Holton, PC
William Henry Fuller Jr. Fuller, Taylor, & Holton, PC
Carla Cole Gilmore Gilpin Givhan, PC
David W. Henderson Hill Hill Carter Franco Cole & Black
Juraldine Battle-Hodge The Law Office of Juraldine Battle-Hodge
Kasey M. Robinson The Law Office of Kasey M. Robinson
Sandra Lewis The Law Office Of Sandra Lewis, P.C. and Karen Mastin Laneaux
Tamika Miller (5) Miller Smith, LLC
Vania Hosea (2) Shahid & Hosea, LLC
William Zachary Messer Varley & Messer LLP
Mike Winter Winter Legal Strategies, LLC

The Following Attorneys Have Closed Cases in June & July of 2014

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Thank you to Mark A. Franco of Copeland, Franco, Screws & Gill, PA for assisting with a case.
Women’s Section Sizzling Summer

by Laura Eubank, Vice President

With temperatures almost at their summer peak, the MCBA Women’s Section decided to take some time together and cool off! Our fearless leader, Roianne Conner, was generous enough to open her home to us once again for our second annual MCBA Women’s Section Family BBQ and Pool Party. Members left their worries at work and brought their families together to have some fun. The food was fabulous and the company even better. The kids enjoyed the bouncy house, pool and giant waterslide. Some of our members even took a turn on the waterslide to channel their inner child. Thank you to everyone that came out to have some fun. And a special thank you to Roianne for welcoming us into her home and allowing us to take over her yard!

We are having our next General Membership Meeting September 18, 2014, at the Capital City Club, in the Cellar Room at 5:00p.m. The year seems to be flying by, and it is almost time to elect new officers and board members. If you would like to run for the position of President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, or one of the four (4) Board of Directors positions, please send your letter of intent to run to Connie Murray at cmurray@conniemurrayesq.com, by September 1, 2014. We will vote for our 2015 officers and Board of Directors at the General Membership Meeting, so make sure you are there! This will also be the perfect time to share your thoughts and ideas on how to improve our organization, or suggest any ideas for educational opportunities, social events, and community involvement opportunities that we can be a part of in 2015.

Please attend this meeting if you are able. We will also be discussing our involvement in the biggest and most anticipated event of the year, the 2014 MCBA Annual Charity Event and the Roast of the Honorable Judge Price! We are pairing together with the Young Lawyers Section and will need all hands on deck to start getting ready for this momentous event!

Watch your emails for our last summer social event. We will be gathering one last time before Labor Day to pamper ourselves at Anthony Vince Nail Spa at EastChase. The event is scheduled for the morning of Saturday, August 23, 2014, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Members will receive a discount on a manicure and pedicure package purchase. This event will require an RSVP, so check your email for details. Come join us to get ready for the holiday weekend, and enjoy some breakfast and fellowship time with your fellow lady lawyers! And if that isn’t enough for you, we have our first official MCBA Women’s Section T-shirt design ready to go! An email will be sent to all members early next week with the details. Don’t miss your chance to be a part of the biggest fashion statement of the year! All proceeds will go to support our organization. We look forward to seeing all of our members August 23rd and again on September 18th!

Laura Eubank
The Women’s Section Family Barbecue and Swim Party on June 21 was a time for relaxing, enjoying good food, and beating the heat in the pool.

Pictured above left: Lynn Granger and Kelly McTear.

Pictured above right: James Eubank and daughter Sara.

Pictured right are Ashley Penhale, Sara Eubank and mom, Laura Eubank, and Kelly McTear.
YLS Donates to Montgomery VLP
by Alison Hawthorne, guest contributor

The Young Lawyers Section of the Montgomery County Bar Association presented a check recently in the amount of $4,253 to the Montgomery Volunteer Lawyer’s Program. This donation was raised from the proceeds of the Young Lawyers Section’s first annual charity clay shoot.

On the afternoon of Friday, June 27, the Montgomery County Young Lawyers hosted its inaugural Charity Sporting Clays Tournament at the Lower Wetumpka Shotgun Sports Club. The clay shoot was followed by a celebration that included the presentation of top team and individual shooter awards, as well as food and beverages provided by Midtown Pizza Kitchen and Pine Bar.

“Our inaugural charity clay shoot went very well,” said Ali Hawthorne, who serves on the Board of Directors for the Young Lawyers Section. “Everyone had a great time, all for a great cause. We are honored to be able to raise this money for the Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program in support of the selfless work they do for our citizens.”

The Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program provides free legal consultations in civil matters to low-income and indigent individuals in Montgomery County. Montgomery-area lawyers can volunteer their time and service with the Montgomery Volunteer Lawyer’s Program and represent those unable to afford legal services.

The Young Lawyers Section would like to give special recognition and thanks to the following sponsors of the charity clay shoot:

- Bain & Associates Court Reporting
- Ball, Ball, Mathews & Novak, P.A.
- Beasley, Allen, Crow, Methvin, Portis, & Miles, P.C.
- Discover E Partners
- Jackson, Anderson & Patty, P.C.
- John Hall & Co.
- Lowder New Homes, Inc.
- Midtown Pizza Kitchen
- National Land Realty
- Partners Realty
- Pine Bar
- PrimeSouth Bank
- Sasser, Sefton & Brown, P.C.
- The Vance Law Firm, P.C.
- TTL, Inc.

For more information about the Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program, including how you can donate, call the MVLP at 265-0222.

Pictured right, YLS members of MCBA went to Birmingham for Biscuits v. Barons game and social with the Birmingham YLS.
Young Lawyers Section Raises Funds for VLP

With a Clay Shoot

Pictured left: Judge Joel Dubina takes aim.
Above: Beau Darley, Jake Jeter, Evan Allen, and Billy Philippi
Below right: Louis Calligas and John Marsh

Young Lawyers Skeet Shoot (continued)

MCBA Past President David Martin took his son to the Skeet Shoot.

Jesse Anderson takes aim at the clay.

Members of the MCBA Young Lawyers’ Section Board of Directors presented a check for $4,253.00 to the Montgomery County Bar Foundation Volunteer Lawyers Program. Pictured below center, Tim Gallagher, MBF President accepted the check from Alison Hawthorne of the YLS. Also pictured, front row: Cowin Knowles, Vania Hosea, Mike Winter, Laurel Crawford, Mike Martin, Shawn Wilson; back row: Ted Hosp, Tom Methvin, Will Cunningham, John Marsh, Brannan Reaves, Ben Schoettker, Kelly McTear.
Wanted:

The MCBA staff needs the names of our members and judiciary who have served or are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces active duty, National Guard, or Reserves by Sept. 19th. We need your name, rank, branch of service, and the years served. Also, let us know which conflicts you served in.

Please contact Dot Robinson at 265-4793 or dotrobinson@mc-ala.org
The Montgomery County Bar Association presents its 9th Annual Charity Event

THE DISTINGUISHABLE JUDGE ROAST

honoring

Judge Charles Price

for 31 years of service as a circuit judge in Montgomery County

All proceeds will benefit

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

5:30 p.m.- Reception & Silent Auction

7:00 p.m.- Dinner & Roast
☐ Yes, I want to partner with the MCBA and be a sponsor of the 9th Annual Charity Event, honoring Judge Charles Price.

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Sponsorship Amount

☐ Title Sponsor $12,000 ☐ Presenting Sponsor $7,000 ☐ Signature Sponsor $5,000

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(12 complimentary tickets) (10 complimentary tickets) (6 complimentary tickets)

☐ Supporter $500 ☐ Friend of Judge Price $250

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Payment Options

☐ Credit Card payments can be made online at: www.seacritterwebservices.com/donations.jsp

☐ Checks should be made payable to: Alabama Civil Justice Foundation

Please mail check and this form to:

Montgomery County Bar Association
P.O. Box 72
Montgomery, AL 36101-0072

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Signature Date
2014 Charity Recipients Named

The Montgomery County Bar Association Board of Directors has selected three charities this year to whom the proceeds of the 2014 Charity Event will be given. Each of these organizations provides a valuable service to our community improving the quality of life for those who need a hand up. Please plan to support the charity event by being a sponsor, donating to the silent auction, and/or buying tickets.

Mary Ellen’s Hearth at Nellie Burge Community Center
1226 Clay Street
Montgomery, AL 36104
(334) 264-4108
http://www.nellieburge.org/

Mary Ellen’s Hearth is a transitional home for mothers and their children who are homeless due to economic hardship, family crisis, divorce, eviction, and severe shortage of safe, affordable housing. We eventually plan to house 9-15 families which could be up to 60 full time residents. The average stay will be six to eight months, although they may stay as long as two years.

The primary goal is to foster independence and help the residents gain the life skills necessary to prevent future chronic homelessness, and do this in a loving Christian setting. This training will include courses in finance, parenting, nutrition, and adult education as needed on a case by case basis. Families may stay at the shelter until they are able to find permanent housing as long as they follow the rules, are actively seeking housing, working, and taking part in the programs and services. Our outreach case worker will help these families maintain their independence.

Board of Directors: Kim Bullard (President), Guy Davis, George Mingledorff, Harriet Allison, Amelia Barnes, Rev. John Blount, Alan Brewer, Susan Hunt, Scott Key, Paul Klein, Joi Montiel, Theresa Patterson, Julie Weller

2. Medical Outreach Ministries (M.O.M.)

1401 East South Boulevard
Montgomery, AL 36116
momclinic.org

MOM serves over 6,000 patients, age 19 to 64, each year who have no insurance, Medicare, Medicaid or V.A. benefits. Here, patients have a medical home where they receive medications at no cost and quality medical care largely provided by local physicians who volunteer their time and services. Without our clinic, many of our patients would turn to emergency rooms for primary care, or worse, go without the care they need because of financial hardship.

MOM provides care with the consistent support of nearly 70 on-site volunteers, including RNs, pharmaceutical workers, clerical volunteers, and nine amazing doctors, who volunteer their services each week to care for our patients. Along with our in-house doctors, many area physicians donate their specialty services as well.

Board of Directors: Chris Anderson (President), Ben Kelley, Lee Parks, Linda Thornbury, Jack Galassini, LaBarron Boone, Richard Cyrus, MD, Jack Evans, MD, Hope Hicks, Billy Irvin, Angier Johnson, Lee Parks, Charles “Mac” Porter, MD, Roger Teel, Linda Thornbury, Jefferson Underwood, MD, Braxton Weimer, Tommy West, Nancy Hogan
Charity Recipients continued

Montgomery County Bar Foundation- VLP
251 S. Lawrence St., Fourth Floor
Montgomery, AL 36104
(334) 265-0222

The VLP was established in April 2013 by the Montgomery County Bar Association to provide free legal advice and representation to qualifying low-income residents of Montgomery County in certain civil matters such as adoption, domestic relations, probate, landlord/tenant disputes, guardianships and other life-impacting situations that the county’s poor face far too often without the financial wherewithal to employ adequate legal representation. Whether it’s a relatively simple matter like preparing a will or having a deceased parent’s estate probated, securing child support for a single parent, or protecting one’s rights in a housing dispute, over 400 Montgomery County attorneys have enrolled in the Montgomery Volunteer Lawyers Program to freely give of their time and skills to assist in these and other legal matters.

Board Members: Tim Gallagher, President; Mike Winter, Vice-President; Kelly McTear, Secretary; Laurel Crawford, Treasurer; Vania Hosea; Ted Hosp; Cowin Knowles; Karen Laneaux; Tom Methvin; Ashley Penhale; Ben Schoettker; Allen Sheehan; Shawn Wilson, Student Advisory Member.

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Unless otherwise noted, the CLEs are held at the Montgomery County Courthouse Jury Assembly Room, Third Floor and are free to our MCBA members. Non-members are charged $50 per CLE hour.

To pre-register, email dotrobinson@mc-ala.org or call 265-4793.

The above CLEs have been approved by the Mandatory Continuing Legal Education Commission of Alabama.

8/21-22: There will be a 12 hour CLE by the Eleventh Circuit Appellate Practice Institute featuring U.S. Solicitor Gen. Verrilli. For more information and cost, go to www.clealabama.com. It will be at the Montgomery Renaissance Hotel.
In Memoriam
Our deepest sympathies are extended to the families and friends of attorneys
Patrick Murphy (6-1-14) and Richard Heinzman (6-30-14).

Member News
Welcome to our new members, Linda Braye, Assistant Public Defender, Montgomery County; Chase Estes, McPhillips,Shinbaum, LLP; Ralph Clements, III, Alabama Dept. of Revenue.
Jayne Harrell Williams has been named General Counsel and Director of Legal Advocacy for the Alabama Association of School Boards. She will remain of counsel with Hill, Hill, Carter, Franco, Cole, & Black, P.C.
Dee Miles, Head of Beasley Allen’s Consumer Fraud section, will serve on the Financial Institution Cases Steering Committee for multidistrict litigation (MDL) involving the Target data breach. He was appointed by U.S. District Court Judge Paul A. Magnuson, who is overseeing the MDL in United States District Court, District of Minnesota.
Lee Copeland of Copeland, Franco, Screws & Gill is the newly named President-Elect of the Alabama State Bar. Congratulations, Lee!
Hill, Hill, Carter, Franco, Cole, and Black announces that Felicia Long has joined their firm as a shareholder.
The Vance Law Firm announces that Kyle D. Weidman is now a partner in the firm.